

HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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LIVE WELL, PLAY HARD... EXPERIENCE 5920'

Get ready to live well and play hard with the new HRCA gear! Freshen up your fall wardrobe with a variety of items available for purchase at all four recreation center Pro Shops. We currently have stock in both women's and men's styles, you can find active tanks, T-shirts, beanies, sunglasses, water bottles, drawstring bags, pool totes and more in various sizes and colors.

The inspiration behind the new HRCA design merges our classic golden eagle logo with a community map of Highlands Ranch neighborhoods. This sleek, fun design represents the amazing wildlife in our Backcountry Wilderness Area and its natural integration with the community.

These limited items won't be available in the Pro Shops for long, so visit your local HRCA recreation center to get your swag today!



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Sept. - Dec. Activity Guide

Be on the lookout for the most current
Activity Guide

The 2024 September - December Fall Activity Guide will arrive in Highlands Ranch mailboxes in early September. Activities, classes and camps fill up quickly, so be sure to sign up today!



Flu Shot Clinic

Flu Shots (free with most insurances) will be administered by Safeway pharmacists to the Highlands Ranch Community.

Date: Thursday, October 10

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Southridge Recreation Center - Wildcat Auditorium, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: Flu shot price without insurance - \$44



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A Message From The GM

Highlands Ranch is on the cusp of an exciting time with the completion and opening of the Highlands Ranch Senior Center. The Highlands Ranch Metro District (HRMD) is constructing its first stand-alone senior center to serve our community's growing senior population.

Over the summer, HRMD was gracious enough to grant me a hard hat tour of the construction site, and it is truly a sight to see. It's a magnificent building centrally located in Highlands Ranch, featuring a stunning A-frame roof with beautiful wooden beams and skylights throughout, allowing our amazing Colorado sunshine to light up the inside of the center all day long.

In 2017, the Metro District conducted a feasibility study to determine the needs and services of the Highlands Ranch senior population and how best to provide these services. The study concluded that a stand-alone property owned and operated by HRMD was needed to provide services for seniors and their families. These services include socialization opportunities; health, wellness, fitness and recreation opportunities; lifelong learning opportunities; and social services.

A building proposed on Highlands Ranch Parkway, east of Broadway, was approved in 2021. Construction began the following year and is estimated to be completed by early October 2024. The structure will also house satellite offices for the Douglas County Department of Human Services in the northwest corner.



The 22,000-square-foot building will provide the following for residents and non-residents ages 55 and over:

- Multipurpose room divisible into three smaller rooms with a portable stage and sound system
- Three activity rooms used for games, lectures, arts and crafts, etc.
- Fitness room with a wooden floor, mirrors and a ballet bar
- Kitchen suitable for catering and cooking classes with pass-through to the multipurpose room
- Lobby with a fireplace, three public-use computers, a coffee bar and a library
- Outdoor patio with seating areas, a fitness pad, two bocce ball courts and access to the Diamond K trail
- Offices and a small meeting room
- Resources for older adults and their families who may be uncertain where to find needed services

Inaugural memberships are available now for adults 55 years of age and older, as well as for their spouses. Memberships can be purchased on the HRMD website and at the Metro District Service Center located at 3280 Redstone Park Circle (next to Halftime Help Stadium) by cash, check or credit card. Proof of age will be required at registration.

Highlands Ranch is a community that cares about residents of all ages, and I commend the Metro District for recognizing and taking the lead in creating and constructing a facility that will serve the needs of our community's aging population. I can't wait for the doors to the Senior Center to open for everyone to enjoy!



Mike Bailey
HRCA General Manager



Northridge/Eastridge Facility Updates

Each year the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) takes time to close down and spruce up each of our four facilities in spring and summer to make sure that Highlands Ranch residents are enjoying safe, clean and updated recreation environments.

During the month of August, both Eastridge and Northridge were closed for one week to make unique improvements and perform standard yearly maintenance to the facilities. Please refer below for a list of renovation projects. The “general closure items” are standard, best practice projects completed each year at all four facilities. You will also find a list of completed projects unique to each location. We always appreciate the community’s patience as we perform annual maintenance!



General Closure Items – Both Facilities:

- Facility deep clean
- Refinishing of wood floors
- Painting projects
- Parking lot repairs
- Sidewalk repairs
- Carpet cleaning
- Landscaping
- Testing of fire, boiler and elevator systems
- Staff safety training
- Preventative maintenance on machinery
- Cardio equipment replacement
- Waxing of floors
- Cleaning of the pool shells

Northridge:

- Racquetball court ceiling repairs
- Security system upgrade
- Ductwork repairs
- Pool UV system upgrades

Eastridge:

- Replacing carpet on lower level
- Elevator modernization
- Remodeling youth wing kitchens
- New scoreboard in the gymnasium
- Replacement of pool slide stairs



New HRCA Payment System

A new way to pay HRCA assessments (The switch from Zego by Paylease to Versapay)

We heard your concerns regarding difficulty paying your assessments and listened, beginning on Thursday, August 1, Highlands Ranch residents will have a new way to pay quarterly assessments.

In a continuous effort to enhance the way Highlands Ranch residents pay assessments, Zego by Paylease, will be replaced with Versapay. Versapay will significantly improve your experience with its easy-to-use platform, true autopay functionality (payment amounts automatically change when assessments change) and the ability to see real-time balances.

Other beneficial features include:

Invoice Display

- Single view of all invoices and supporting documents
- Access to all of your invoices and payment history
- Check your account statement, print your invoices and make payments safely and securely 24/7.

Payments

- Secure platform to make payments using multiple payment methods
- Sign up for AutoPay
- Pay one or multiple invoices, pay line items, short pay, overpay or apply credits

Customer Portal

- Self-serve portal allows you to view your invoices and payment history from the portal 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Mobile Customer Portal is automatically presented to you when you are using a mobile phone and tap on a link from an email notification or access a customer portal mobile-specific URL

Our assessment team is in the process of updating member email addresses to provide a seamless transition for our community. Please email our assessment team at assessments@HRCAonline.org to ensure your email address is up to date. The subject of your email should read, "Versapay email update".

Please note that if you utilize the autopay option in Zego, your autopay was canceled on Monday, July 29, 2024.

We are here to help! Please email assessments@HRCAonline.org with any questions regarding the transition.

Access to the prior payment system, Zego by Paylease, was terminated and all payments scheduled after Monday, July 29, were deleted.

Action will be needed

Users of the prior payment system will need to enroll with Versapay. More information is included on our website. To find out more about this upgrade, please scan the QR codes and visit HRCAonline.org.



Assessments & Covenants

Why are there two covenant compliance inspectors in the cars?

Accountability and verification: Two inspectors working together confirm each other's observations, reducing errors or biased assessments. Dual confirmation builds community trust, as residents are more likely to accept findings verified by multiple inspectors. Additionally, the presence of a second inspector deters potential misconduct, ensuring impartial and professional inspections. This approach fosters transparency and reliability.

Safety while driving: With two inspectors, one can focus on driving while the other handles inspection tasks such as taking notes, photographing violations and observing properties. This division of responsibilities prevents distracted driving and ensures thorough inspections. This setup allows real-time data recording and immediate cross-referencing, enhancing inspection quality. Moreover, having two inspectors increases security, as they can support each other in challenging situations, mitigating risks associated with solo inspections.

Efficiency and coverage: Two inspectors can divide tasks, making the process more streamlined. This division of labor ensures a thorough inspection, as two sets of eyes are more likely to catch violations. For instance, while one inspector checks front yard landscaping, the other can inspect side and backyards, ensuring comprehensive coverage. This method speeds up the inspection process, ensuring no area is overlooked and maximizing resource use. Enhanced efficiency allows more properties to be inspected within a given timeframe.

Consistent enforcement: Two inspectors can align on the interpretation of rules, ensuring uniform application across inspections.

This balanced judgment leads to fairer outcomes, less influenced by personal biases. Additionally, in emergencies, having a second person present means immediate assistance is available. Consistent enforcement strengthens the integrity of community rules, promoting a harmonious living environment.

Conclusion: Two covenant control inspectors per car enhance fairness, safety and effectiveness in inspections. This practice benefits the entire community by ensuring thorough, reliable and equitable enforcement of standards. Residents can have greater confidence in a process carried out with precision, transparency and a commitment to fairness and safety. The collaborative efforts of two inspectors contribute to a well-regulated, cohesive community, ensuring a pleasant and well-maintained living environment for all.



ASSESSMENTS

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- | **Monday - Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Intro to Scuba and Snorkel



Interested in learning the proper techniques involved with snorkeling both on the surface and underwater? This class is perfect for the entire family!

Curious about scuba diving but not quite ready for open water or a certification course? Take the plunge and experience the thrill in a safe pool environment!

Classes are taught by certified PADI instructors. *All gear is provided.*

Date: Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, or Dec. 8*

Time: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (snorkel)

or 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (scuba)

Location: Eastridge (indoor lap pool)-
9568 University Blvd.

Details: Scan the QR code for more details.

**Class meets once - choose one date.*

SCUBA AND SNORKEL



Youth Swim Programs

Our September - December Learn to Swim and Coached Aquatics programs are available for registration! Don't miss out - classes are filling quickly! Sign up today and secure your spot.



SWIM LESSONS





The Science Says Everyone Should Be in Nature

Join us for a unique adventure in the Backcountry Wilderness Area to witness the enchanting call of bull elk. Our naturalists will provide fascinating insights into the elk species and the specific herd that inhabits this area. This hike ventures into conserved areas not accessible to the general-public for a one to three mile hike through moderate, off-trail terrain. Recommended for ages 10+.

For more information and registration, scan the QR code or visit the Community Nature Program page on HRCAonline.org/backcountry

Date: Friday, September 13 – Saturday, October 5
Time: 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund Receives Local Funding

This summer, the Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, received funding from two sources to expand its no- and low-cost nature programs for families in our community. The Douglas County Health Department awarded the nonprofit \$5,000 to promote early childhood and maternal wellness by connecting local youth to the outdoors. This funding will support programs like Sunshine & Storytime—for kids ages 0–6—and Base Camp Exploration for the entire family. Additionally, the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s Outdoor Fund granted \$2,500 for the Discovery Days program, where youth aged 7–13 can spend time in nature learning outdoor skills for just \$5 per child.

Generous partners like the Douglas County Health Department and the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s Outdoor Fund help drive our mission to improve wildlife habitat, inspire the next generation of nature stewards, and foster a lifelong love of the outdoors for all. For more information on programs funded through donations to the Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund, visit HRCAonline.org/backcountry.



Unleash Your Inner Virtuoso!



Are you ready to turn up the volume on fun and harmony? Join the 5280 Chorale and unleash your inner diva (or divo) with melodies that'll have you hitting those high notes in no time. Music Together brings families together in a symphony of giggles and grooves, perfect for bonding over tambourines and tiny maracas. For the little rock stars in training, Young Voices offers a stage to belt out tunes louder than a lion's roar. Whether you're a shower singer or a seasoned performer, our classes promise to strike all the right chords. Grab your tambourine, warm up those vocal cords and join the musical mayhem!

ARTS



Lights! Camera! Dance!

Broadway Jazz at HRCA is all about flair, precision and pure joy. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a curious audience member, prepare to be swept away by dazzling routines, infectious rhythms and the sheer exhilaration of this vibrant fusion. Let the music and movement transport you to a world where every step brings the magic of the stage to life!



EDUCATION



Farmers' Market



The Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market is in full swing! Join us each Sunday in Town Center for a plethora of items from a variety of vendors. Shop locally and enjoy the best of Colorado!

Date: Sunday thru October 27

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Town Center South -
9315 Dorchester St.

Details: Open to the public

Oktoberfest Celebration

Gather your family and friends for this fall cultural event with German food, music, and, of course, great beers from Paulaner. Children will enjoy balloons, face painters, live music, entertainment and games as well.

Date: Saturday, September 14

Time: 1 - 9 p.m.

Location: Town Center South -
9315 Dorchester St.

Details: Open to the public



Fall Craft Show



This two-day show features handcrafted items that have been carefully created by local artists. Items exhibited include jewelry, bath products, pottery, wooden crafts, floral arrangements, wreaths, precious baby and children's articles, fused glass, hand-knit scarves, shawls and a multitude of other objects of art and apparel. The Fall Craft Show is the perfect place to find that unique, one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gift.

Date: Saturday, September 28 & Sunday,
September 29

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Eastridge - 9568 University Blvd.

Details: Open to the public



Wildcat Mountain Trail Races

The Wildcat Mountain Trail Races take place in the beautiful Backcountry Wilderness Area's Wildcat Mountain trail system. Runners will have the potential to view wildlife along the way as well as enjoy the amazing mountain views as they challenge themselves on our single-track and gravel trails. There is a race for everyone!

After you finish, join us for a pancake breakfast, post-race beer from our presenting sponsor Living the Dream Brewing and more.

Date: Saturday, September 28

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Rocky Heights Middle School - 11033 Monarch Blvd.

Details: Prices vary



Classical Music Series



The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association is proud to present the first of a three-part series of classical music at the historic Highlands Ranch Mansion. You will be treated to an evening of beautiful music from members of the Colorado Symphony. The doors will open each evening one hour before the performance for attendees to enjoy self-guided Mansion tours.

Date: Tuesday, October 8

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Location: Highlands Ranch Mansion - 9500 E. Gateway Dr.

Details: \$25

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 4:
Your Health Seminar

Friday, September 6 -
Saturday, September 7:
Highlands Ranch Pioneer Days

Saturday, September 7:
Doggie Splash

Friday, September 13:
5280 Senior Chorals at
Highlands Ranch

Saturday, September 14:
Oktoberfest 5K and
Oktoberfest Celebration

Saturday, September 28 -
Wildcat Mountain Trail Races

Saturday, September 28 -
Sunday, September 29:
Fall Craft Show

EVENTS

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Check the website for the most current event information and to purchase tickets.



Fitness Expo 2024!

Join us at HRCA's third annual Fitness Expo for a day of wellness and inspiration! Experience a variety of class demonstrations led by expert instructors, including yoga, cycling, The Zone circuit class and more. Meet and greet our nationally certified personal trainers to discuss your fitness goals and get personalized advice. Take advantage of a free body composition scan to track your progress and learn more about your overall health. Explore local health and wellness vendors offering products and services to support your fitness journey. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in a day of fitness, education and community! Email Hannah Yeager at hannah.yeager@hrcaonline.org with any questions.

Date: Saturday, September 21
Time: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Westridge -
9650 Foothills Canyon Blvd.
Details: \$20 member / \$25 guests



Back to School- Back to Fitness!

As the hustle and bustle of summer winds down and kids head back to school, it's the perfect time to refocus on your fitness journey. Whether you're a parent looking to reclaim some "me time" or simply aiming to boost your energy levels, getting back into a fitness routine can be invigorating. HRCA offers something for everyone no matter where you are in your fitness journey! We offer over 100 classes per week ranging from cardio, strength, yoga, cycling and more. Maybe you prefer a more personalized one-on-one approach, we have nationally certified personal trainers for that too!

With a renewed sense of dedication and a commitment to self-care, you'll not only improve your physical health but also set a positive example for your family. It's time to prioritize yourself and rediscover the joy of feeling strong and healthy.



Blood Cancer Awareness Week - FREE Zone Classes!



Workout to help fight blood cancer and raise money for the Light the Night event, sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Light The Night offers hope instead of helplessness, connection instead of loneliness and life-saving research and support at every step. Help bring light to the darkness of cancer by moving your body at The Zone!

If you are new to The Zone, scan the QR code below to learn more about this high-intensity, circuit-style workout.

Date: Monday, Sept. 9 - Saturday, Sept. 14

Location: Southridge (Fitness Studio) - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: The Zone classes are free. Donations are welcome to support Light the Night.

Fall Break Sports Camps

Are you searching for a way to keep your child active and engaged over fall break? HRCA Sports offers a variety of camps to keep your child active and moving. From basketball to fencing to martial arts, we have it all! Basketball camps run in the morning for fundamentals and afternoon for shooting specific campers.

HRCA also offers individual sports. Fencing camps are taught by former Olympic gold medalist Maciej Czyzowicz and all equipment is provided! Martial Arts camps are also offered for the week to focus on discipline, self-defense and fun! Email Patrick Gojan at patrick.gojan@hrcaonline.org or call 303-471-8869 for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 21:
Fitness Expo

THE ZONE



FALL SPORTS CAMPS



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Pickleball League Tournament Wrap-up

Another exciting session of competitive pickleball leagues is wrapping up in October. HRCA's Pickleball Leagues at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels have been competing weekly on the Westridge courts. These skilled players are in the home stretch as they prepare to face off against their peers for bragging rights. Although the outdoor pickleball season is coming to an end, HRCA will continue to offer weekly pickleball lessons indoors at Southridge and Northridge for all who are ready to learn or improve their game! Scan the QR code for more information, check out our website or call the Pickleball Sports Desk at 303-471-8996.



Congratulations to HRCA's Junior Tennis Team Athletes!



HRCA's 2024 Junior Team Tennis season finished strong with a total of eight of twelve teams going to the state championship playoffs this year! These Junior Team players are from our community and the best of the best to be invited to participate in the Colorado State Championship. HRCA's teams began practicing twice a week in early June, with members between the ages of 10 to 18. Through their dedication, hard work and under a great coaching staff comprised of HRCA's tennis pros; these players accomplished goals many athletes only aspired to. Congratulations to our Junior Team Tennis athletes for a job well done!



Special Olympics Bowling

Special Olympics Bowling with HRCA Therapeutic Recreation is all about fun, friendship and competition. There is a place for you on our lanes whether you are a beginner or professional bowler. This season includes lane time, ten weeks of practice and optional regional and state competitions. Register today to be part of this incredible experience!

Date: Saturdays, September 7 - November 9

Time: 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Location: AMF Bowlero Littleton
2530 E. County Line Rd.

Details: \$160/\$184



Therapeutic Recreation Basketball



Athletes have a blast at this all-ability class. Meet new friends and have fun while learning to play basketball. Small group drills and skill practice are followed up with a high energy game. Athletes learn the rules of the game and focus on good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Date: Wednesdays, September 4 - September 25

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Southridge - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$100/\$115

Therapeutic Recreation Taekwondo

Improve balance, concentration, self-control and confidence in this Taekwondo class for people of all abilities (ages 5 - 20). In-class belt testing allows students to challenge themselves and earn recognition from their peers in a welcoming and friendly environment.

Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays September 3 - September 26

Time: 3:50 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Northridge (Martial Arts Studio)
8800 Broadway

Details: \$105/\$120



Facility Closures

Monday, September 2:

The HRCA Administrative Offices are closed in observance of Labor Day. All recreation centers will have modified hours, opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m.
The Batting Cages at Westridge close at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3:

All recreation center outdoor pools close for the season.

Saturday, September 14:

Northridge Recreation Center closes at 12 p.m. for Oktoberfest staffing.

Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29:

The Eastridge basketball courts and track will be closed for the Fall Craft Show.

Events

Sundays

Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

Wednesday, September 4:

Your Health Seminar

Friday, September 6 – Saturday, September 7:

Highlands Ranch Pioneer Days

Saturday, September 7:

Doggie Splash & Pet Expo

Monday, September 9:

Board Working Session

Friday, September 13:

5280 Senior Chorales at Highlands Ranch

Saturday, September 14:

Oktoberfest 5K
Oktoberfest Celebration

Tuesday, September 17:

Delegate & Board Meeting

Saturday, September 21:

Fitness Expo

Saturday, September 28:

Wildcat Mountain Trail Races

Saturday, September 28 – Sunday, September 29:

Fall Craft Show

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