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December: NO CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 4, 2024: Civic Association Meeting

February 1, 2024: Civic Association Meeting

H460 Civic Association 2023 Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to those who joined the H460 Civic Association Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 2, at Metrum Community Credit Union with the option for members to join in person or online. The board reviewed association finances, events, communications, technology and committee activities for 2023 and discussed direction for 2024. With a quorum present, board elections were held with Stan Sudduth and Carrie Reger being re-elected to two-year terms and Shawn Gallego voted in to a new two-year term. The 2022 Annual Meeting minutes are now approved and available for viewing on the H460 website. Per board protocol, the 2023 minutes will be approved at the 2024 annual meeting. If you have specific questions about the 2023 Annual Meeting or related neighborhood business, please email Board@H460.org.



Message Line

Email is the best way to communicate with the civic association board, but if you prefer to leave a message, please call 720-644-6448.



President's Letter

As we wrap up 2023, I want to thank two members of H460 Civic Association Board who are concluding their two year commitment. A big thanks to Michelle Holbrook, who provided great leadership as board president in 2022, and in 2023, took on the role of secretary. Her leadership in both of these roles were key to helping the board do some rebuilding, providing the support expected from the H460 community. Also leaving is John Mudd, whose technology support for the past two years was critical in managing the technical aspects of the website and other technical tools needed to run the board. The board will truly miss both Michelle and John, and sincerely thank them for their contributions.

The 2024 board moves forward with myself, Carrie Reger, Allen Duet and Jasen Garret, and we welcome new board member Shawn Gallego. Since we have only five members currently for 2024, we would like to have two more members to fill our board at seven. If you are interested in serving the neighborhood as part of our Civic Association Board, you may contact us at Board@H460.org.

There will not be a community board meeting in December. However, the new board will meet in early December to elect board leadership roles for 2024. Our first community meeting will be held in January.

Finally, a big thanks to the community at large for the support, help and participation throughout 2023. With your support, H460 remains the great community it is. The best example of this is the number of new homeowners we see each month. Thanks for a GREAT 2023, and Happy 2024!

If you have any questions about serving, please reach out to Board@H460.org.

— Stan Sudduth,
President, H460 Civic Association

H460 Civic Association Meeting:

The monthly board meeting will be held the first Thursday of the month, on January 4th, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.

In person: Metrum Community Credit Union, 6980 S. Holly Cir., Centennial

Online: Google Meet link posted at <https://www.h460.org>

Find minutes from previous board meetings at:

<https://www.h460.org/documents/minutes>

For the most recent report of Civic Association finances, visit <https://www.h460.org/documents/financials> or email questions to treasurer@h460.org

Covenant Review Committee and Governance

2023 has been another busy year for the CRC. Thanks to everyone in the community for following the Covenants, so important to maintaining the community. While assessment prices have jumped for our homes in 2023, raising our property taxes, it is a reflection of the value of the neighborhood in general. While a shock to many, these values could not have increased as they have without maintenance you have provided to your homes.

Also, thanks to everyone for notifying the CRC with your home construction changes, such as new house painting, architecture changes, fencing, and of course the new roofs many needed due to the hail storms. We have tried to approve your requests as quickly as possible, and very much appreciate the notification of your projects.

We are still looking for more volunteers for the CRC. If you are interested in joining the committee, or just have questions about the CRC, you may reach us at CRC@H460.org.

Contact Information and Preferences: New and Updates

Our communications team would like to keep our resident records updated. If you are new to the neighborhood or have had a change in email address or phone number, email communication@h460.org, and we will update the database accordingly.

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering for the H460 Civic Association is a fun and easy way to do something for your community and meet great people in the neighborhood along the way. If you are interested in giving a few hours of your time, current interest areas include: events, governance, technology (website, database, general), and communication (newsletter, social media). If you have a specific interest you would like to lead and don't see listed here, we welcome suggestions. Contact us at board@460.org, and we will connect you with a role.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Highlands Highlights is published monthly by the Highlands 460 Civic Association, a non-profit homeowners association. The deadline for news articles and community related announcements is the 10th of the month before the following month's issue. Articles should be emailed to news@H460.org All articles must be approved by the editor for publication.

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Perimeter Landscaping & Entry Islands

Southern Metropolitan District (SMD) is a special taxing district that is responsible for the maintenance of the perimeter landscaping and the five entry islands for the original Highlands 460 subdivisions. For information about their public meetings, their plans for maintaining the H460 entrance island signs or information about their web site www.SouthernMetroDistrict.com contact SMD board chairman Ed Quinn, Ed@EdQuinnSite.com, 303-807-7688.

Contact the Covenant Review Committee

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Listen to City Council Meetings

We would like to encourage you to attend some upcoming City Council meetings. If you don't feel like coming to the City Offices you can listen to the meetings in real time through the City website. Here's what you need to know. City Council study sessions begin at 6 p.m. and the regular meetings start at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 East Arapahoe Rd. If you would like to listen to the live audio of the meeting visit www.centennialco.gov go to Online Services, Listen to Meetings under the Stay in Touch column. The live audio button appears next to the word 'agenda' when the meeting begins. You may need to refresh your screen if you do not immediately see the link.

Thank You, Michelle & John!

Michelle Holbrook and John Mudd will each complete two-year terms on the Civic Association Board in December. Michelle served as Board President in 2022, leading the efforts to reestablish proper board processes. In 2023, Michelle served as Board Secretary with a focus on record keeping and organization. Going forward you may see Michelle socializing in her cul-de-sac and taking the boat out with her husband and two daughters - one who is a junior at Auburn University and one graduating from high school in May. She will also continue serving the neighborhood as a member of the Welcome Committee.



Michelle Holbrook & Family

John served as an at-large member of the board in 2022 and 2023, evaluating and managing the Civic Association technology needs. In 2023, John co-chaired the 4th of July Parade and Park Party. John will use the time he gets back to enjoy time with his family, concerts and live performances, and the latest strategy board games. Thank you both for your time and effort in service of the neighborhood!



John Mudd

School News

Explore the latest info from the neighborhood public schools for H460:



Ford Elementary School:

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/ford>

- Winter Break: No School Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024
- Non-Student Day: Jan. 8, 2024



Powell Middle School:

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/powell-middle-school>

- Winter Break: No School Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024
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Arapahoe High School:

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/arapahoe-high-school>

- Winter Break - No School Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024
- Non-Student Day - Jan. 8, 2024

Get Social With Us

Social media is a great way to connect with neighbors and build community. Highlands 460 has social media pages that allow members to reach out in real time, and communicate with others in our neighborhood. The Civic Association Board will also post important information between monthly newsletters. Please consider joining our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/h460residentgroup>) and/or following our neighborhood on Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/thehighlands460--centennial--co>).



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Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

You don't have to hit the slopes to have some cold, wintery fun. Check out these rinks to get your ice skating fix.

RINK AT BELMAR, LAKEWOOD

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$8 for kids 12 and under; seniors and children two and under skate free) or \$6 if you bring your own skates. Park in the lot at Teller Street and West Virginia Avenue. Even in the daytime, the Rink at Belmar can get plenty of shade, so make sure you check the weather and bundle up. Extreme weather may close the rink, so check online or call ahead to make sure the rink is open as planned. Outdoor heaters and fire pits help friends or parents stay toasty.

SKATING IN THE SQUARE, ARVADA

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$7 for kids 12 and under). Take the G Line to Olde Town Arvada, and you'll find a cozy little skating rink in the square on 57th Avenue, between the library and the pedestrian mall. Pick up your skates at the nearby shed and take to the (synthetic) ice.

PARKER ICE TRAIL, PARKER

Admission: \$9 (\$7 for kids 10 and under). **Skate rental:** \$4. The ice circles a center grassy area and is fenced in on both the inside and outside, offering more space for beginners to hold on as they get accustomed to the ice. Located at the edge of downtown Parker in Discovery Park (behind the library), the ice trail offers concessions, skating aids for new skaters, and a handful of fire pits and seating for spectators to keep warm.

DOWNTOWN DENVER RINK, DENVER

Admission: Free. **Skate rental:** \$11 (\$9 for kids 12 and under; fourth graders skate free). The downtown rink sits in Skyline Park, in the shadow of the Daniels & Fisher clocktower between the 16th Street Mall and 17th on Arapahoe Street. Open late on holidays and weekends, the rink offers concessions and locker storage for your belongings. Fourth graders skate free, and double-bladed skates are available in children sizes.

EVERGREEN LAKE, EVERGREEN

Admission: \$14 (children four and under skate free); \$20 with skate rental included. **Skate rental:** \$10. Winning the prize for best views while skating, Evergreen Lake is open throughout the winter as weather permits. Learn to Skate classes are available for children, and athletes can sign up for hockey and broomball online. Regulars or families can purchase 10-punch skate cards for \$120 (\$30 savings). Park at Evergreen Lake House or take the shuttle from Stagecoach Park lower parking lot on weekends and holidays.



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Events & News from Our Community Outside of H460

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Visit the Village:

Sat., December 9, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday-themed family fun day at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Event Center. Come by to spend the day strolling through our local vendor village, making crafts, enjoying various children's activities, food, beverages, and more!

Additional news and events can be found at: arapahoegov.com.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

Holiday Celebration:

Sat., December 2, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy holiday songs provided by local youth choirs at Centennial Center Park. At this free event, you will be able to take photos with Santa, purchase snacks and beverages from local food trucks and vendors, and enjoy free cookies and cocoa with all the holiday cheer!

Additional news and events can be found at: centennialco.gov.

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News and events can be found at: shopsouthglenn.com

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION

Hudson Holidays & Light Up the New Year: Now through - January 28

Hudson Holidays runs from November 24 - December 31 with warmth and softer tones plus a Santa visit most nights. Light Up the New Year runs from January 2 - January 28 featuring an immersive light experience with vibrant displays and upbeat music.

36th Annual Craft Fair: Sat., December 2, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Goodson Recreation Center is the site to shop for unique gifts and browse work from local artists. A variety of handmade items will be featured including pottery, jewelry, sewing crafts, paintings, photography, holiday items and more from Colorado artisans. Admission and parking are free.

Polar Party: Fri., December 8, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Visit the Lone Tree Recreation Center to enjoy a family-friendly holiday outing with crafts and an opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa. Beverages and snacks will be served.

Active Adults Trip – Hudson Holiday Lights Show:

Fri., December 15, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adults 55+ can experience the dazzling light extravaganza at Hudson Gardens with warm refreshments on an evening of holiday wonder. Pick-up and drop-off at South Suburban Sports Complex.

Holidays On Ice Show & Skate at Sports Complex:

Fri., December 15, Ice Show 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Skate with Santa 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sat., December 16, Skate with Santa 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.; Ice Show 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Sun., December 17, Skate with Santa 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

Experience holiday magic at South Suburban ice events! Glide on the ice with Santa and his elves at Skate with Santa events. Enjoy free holiday figure skating ice shows at Sports Complex or Family Sports Center throughout the weekend.

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