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Save The Date

January 4, 2024: Civic Association Meeting
February 1, 2024: Civic Association Meeting
March 7, 2024: Civic Association Meeting

2024 Civic Association Dues Information

The annual dues drive for the H460 Civic Association begins on January 1. Dues for 2024 remain at \$75. For \$6.25 per month, Civic Association member benefits include:

Large Item Pickup: A designated day for curbside service from a professional trash removal company for items not accepted as part of regular trash service. Compared with \$300 for a dumpster rental, this event is the most popular event with H460 residents and many feel it is worth membership dues for this one event.

4th of July Parade & Carnival: H460 residents of all ages join together for a patriotic celebration beginning with a parade of bike riders and walkers through the neighborhood and culminating in a festive event featuring food, games and music.

Civic Association Member Events TBD: Neighborhood families gather in Arapaho Park to enjoy entertainment and the opportunity to socialize with each other. Previously the neighborhood picnic.

Garage Sale, Neighborhood Cleanup, Food Trucks & Welcome Committee: These events and committees are low-cost but do have budgets associated with signage, materials and advertising.

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President's Letter

With the start of the new year, I would like to call out a few key items discussed in our December planning meeting:

- If you were concerned about H460 dues, you can rest assured that there will not be any increase in dues for 2024. With adjustments made in certain areas last year, we are able to work within the dues received and support all H460 planned activities.
- While we did stay within budget for all activities, expenses for certain activities have increased dramatically over the years. Large Item Pickup (LIP) and the community picnic are the primary areas impacted. LIP remains in the schedule as planned. However, due to the increased expense of catering for the community picnic, the fact that we cannot use Arapahoe Park electricity, and the unpredictable turnout, we are considering other alternatives, such as movie nights at the park, and other family-oriented activities. Fourth of July activities are expected to remain the same.
- Finally, due to the difficulty in finding appropriate space for the recycling activity, we would like to tag-team with the Metrum Credit Union,

as we did last year, rather than plan a separate event. This allows us access to the same recycle processes, and removes any additional coordination and expense for the H460 community.

The H460 community remains a popular environment for current families and an attractive community for new families. As we start the new year, your Board will continue to work hard to ensure it remains that. As always, please reach out to us at Board@H460.org should you have any questions or concerns.

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

Dues Information, *continued from front page*

Communication & Technology: Tools allowing the Civic Association to operate the organization and communicate information to homeowners. These include Google Workspace (includes website & email), Sendgrid email communications, phone line, monthly newsletters, and accounting software

Insurance, Legal, & Administration: Fees associated with banking, equipment storage, PO Box, and insurance coverage required by the organization's bylaws.

In order to be eligible for all events, member dues must be paid by May 15. Payment options available include credit card via Stripe, Venmo and check. Visit h460.org or use the QR code linked directly to the membership page on the website.

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.

Stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be.

—Marsha Petrie Sue

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Perimeter Landscaping & Entry Islands

The Southern Metropolitan District (SMD) is a special taxing district responsible for the maintenance of the perimeter landscaping and the five entry islands to Highlands 460. Its website is www.SouthernMetroDistrict.com. For current information on upcoming meetings and other information please refer to the website. The Chairman of the Board is Ed Quinn who can be reached at Ed@EdQuinnSite.com and 303-807-7688.

Contact the Covenant Review Committee

Email: crc@h460.org
Postal address:
H460 Covenant Review Committee
P.O. Box 2252, Centennial, CO 80161

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.

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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

Carrie Reger news@h460.org

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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Covenant Review Committee and Governance

Winter months usually come with a slow-down in activities for the CRC. But we would like to remind everyone of a few things:

- Maintenance of yards and property in general remains important, particularly sidewalk snow removal. Please ensure sidewalks are clear within 24 hours after snow.
- If you are walking your dog, please pick-up after the dog and avoid leaving it in the snow.
- If you are planning any outdoor changes, remember to contact the CRC with your request before moving forward. While construction activity is lite in the winter months we would like to ensure all exterior changes remain approved within Covenant requirements

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.

*In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today!
Without the stairs of the past,
you cannot arrive at the future!*
-Mehmet Murat Ildan

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
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School January 16, 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>

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- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School January 16, 2024

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Free Entrance Days In The National Parks

Come experience the national parks! On six days in 2024, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates in 2024:

- January 15: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- April 20: First day of National Park Week
- June 19: Juneteenth National Independence Day
- August 4: Anniversary Great American Outdoors Act
- September 28: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veterans Day

—<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm>

Newsletter Contributions

Neighbors, we want to hear from YOU! We welcome articles and ideas for the Highlands Highlights newsletter. Tap into your inner author, and send us your thoughts, neighborhood news, pictures of the neighborhood, or something you would like to share with our neighbors. Note: the deadline for articles in the January newsletter is December 3. Send articles and photos to the editor at news@h460.org.

Trivia Night by Games & Trivia Entertainment (G.A.T.E.)

Alpha Charlie's is located on Peoria and Arapahoe Rd in the DTC area. Come join G.A.T.E. (Games and Trivia Entertainment) for some interactive trivia style games that build community and enjoyment through competition. With weekly game styles, one of the best and energetic hosts in Colorado, amazing drinks and drink specials, and some of the best food in the area. Come see what you've been missing with this Interactive Trivia Night.

Occasionally designated as a THEMED Trivia Night. These nights will be based on movies, books, shows, and other fan favorite subjects. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in theme and prepared for an interactive and fun evening!

Tickets are FREE and not required to participate the night of the Trivia. However pre-registering on Eventbrite will help guarantee your team has seating and it will enter your team for a chance to win a prize! Check in with the host upon arrival to get more information.

—<https://www.eventbrite.com>

Master Your Finances in 2024: A Quick Checklist for Financial Success

As we usher in the new year, it's crucial to take stock of our financial health and set the stage for a prosperous future. Here is a concise financial checklist to ensure you're on the right track in 2024:

- Review and Update Your Budget:** Assess your income, expenses, and savings goals. Make necessary adjustments to accommodate any changes in your financial situation.
- Evaluate and Adjust Investments:** Analyze your investment portfolio. Ensure it aligns with your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Consider consulting a qualified financial advisor to optimize your investment strategy.
- Use FSA Dollars and Make HSA Contributions:** If you have a high deductible health plan (HDHP), explore maximizing your health savings account (HSA) contributions. In 2024, the maximum contribution for an individual HSA is \$4,150, and the maximum for a family is \$8,300. If you are 55 or older, you can contribute an additional \$1,000.
- Emergency Fund Boost:** Aim to have at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund. It provides a financial safety net in case of unexpected events.
- Retirement Savings Reassessment:** Confirm you're contributing enough to meet your retirement goals. Take advantage of employer-sponsored plans and tax-advantaged accounts.
- Insurance Review:** Assess your insurance coverage, including health, life, and property. Adjust based on changes in your circumstances to ensure adequate protection.
- Debt Reduction Strategy:** Develop or refine a plan to reduce high-interest debt. Prioritize paying off debts to free up more money for saving and investing.

Remember, financial success is an ongoing process. Revisit this checklist throughout the year and adjust your financial strategy as needed. Rely on us as a resource. We are always available to assist you with deadlines or other issues. We are also happy to collaborate with your CPA, attorney, and other professionals you work with to help ensure that you are prepared for the coming year.

Start today to help secure a brighter financial future in 2024!



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Events & News from Our Community Outside of H460

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

News and events can be found at: arapahoe.gov.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

News and events can be found at: centennialco.gov.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION

Call for Art: Puma Park

The South Suburban Public Art Committee announced an opportunity for a new permanent art installation at Puma Park. Colorado artists are invited to submit proposals for projects by January 18, 2024. Art under consideration will be durable, safe, and harmonious with the surrounding natural and recreational spaces. Artwork will be selected by the Public Art Committee, a group of citizen volunteers with diverse interests in public art. The South Suburban Board of Directors provides final approval for art selections. Visit the Call to Art page on the SSPRD page to learn more and apply.

Additional news and events can be found at: ssprd.org

STREETS OF SOUTHGLENN

News and events can be found at: shopsouthglenn.com

January is my favorite month when the light is plainest, least colored. And I like the feeling of beginnings.

—Anne Truitt

Denver USA Gap Year Fair 2024

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 1 - 4 p.m.

Arapahoe High School, 2201 E Dry Creek Rd Centennial

Don't miss the opportunity to meet gap year program providers, counselors, and alumni from all over the world. Join us to get the most up-to-date information about exploring gap year options. Whether you're dreaming of Spanish language immersion in Costa Rica, rock climbing in the American Southwest, or pursuing a virtual internship from the comfort of your living room, there are so many gap year options to choose from!

Both gap year program providers and counselors will be available to speak with you directly and answer any questions you might have, like:

- Who takes a gap year?
- What gap year experiences might be the right fit for me?
- When should I start planning my gap year?
- Where can I go during my gap year?
- Why are so many students taking gap time now?
- Does taking a gap year before college affect your admission chances?
- How can I afford a gap year?

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Skiing

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Cross Country Skiing

Downhill isn't the only way to enjoy skiing in the Rocky Mountains. Nordic skiing, more often referred to as cross country skiing, is fantastic across the state. There are Nordic centers near all the favorite ski towns and resorts, plus endless miles of trails in the national forests to peruse on your own accord.

Snowshoeing

Most of the aforementioned Nordic centers in Colorado provide access to snowshoes on their multi-use trails. Many will even have snowshoe rentals available, as do many ski resorts. It's not uncommon for ski areas to allow snowshoeing on some of their cat trails (greens), or even have separate trails completely for these winter hikers.

Snowbiking

When written as one word, snowbiking technically implies no motor. A Snowbike® is a registered trademark that's used to glide down the slopes, similar to downhill skiing. You can rent snowbikes at a few places locally, and there are even some ski resorts that allow them on their chairlifts, such as Breckenridge Ski Resort. You then ride down the mountain as you would on your skis or snowboard, except your sitting down on a Snowbike®.

Snow Biking

When snow biking is written as two words, it implies it has a motor. These are sort of like snowmobiles and are used in a similar fashion. There are some snow biking competitions and you could use them in the backcountry (uphill, downhill, on the flats) the same as you would a snowmobile. This version is not a registered trademark and technically needs a space between them, snow bike, however, you still might see it improperly referred to as a snowbike with one word.

Fat Biking

These are bicycles with fat tires and thick treads that are suitable for riding on packed snow. They are becoming more popular in mountain towns, and you can often see someone riding along for fun or transportation. There are even competitions held. There are some shops in select towns that will rent you a fat bike to use for a fun day off the ski slopes.

Snowkiting

Snowkiting is very similar to kiteboarding on water. However, you'll use skis or a snowboard instead of a surfboard. It's simpler to master kiteboarding since snow supplies less friction than water. Do note that snowkiting lessons do require you already have a snow kite and harness available.

Many people attempt snowkiting on frozen lakes, such as Lake Dillon in Summit County. An advantage is that this skill can be later applied to kiteboarding on the water during the warmer, summer weather.

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“Just Do It” Day, January 24

National “Just Do It” Day is a day dedicated to taking action and getting things done. It encourages individuals to overcome procrastination, set goals, and be productive. It serves as a reminder to stop making excuses and start accomplishing tasks and achieving ones goals.

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-Rick and Beth M. (October 2023)



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-Greg B. (October 2023)



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-Vicki F. (August 2023)



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- Jan P. (May 2023)

