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Save The Date

July 4: Independence Day Parade
July 10: Civic Association Board Meeting
(note date change)
July 14: Food Truck Night
August 7: Civic Association Board Meeting
August 11: Food Truck Night
at Arapaho Park

President's Letter

Happy July, neighbors! I hope you're all gearing up for one of our favorite annual traditions — the 4th of July Parade. It's always a highlight of summer. We'll kick off the morning with the parade and then head to the park for games, treats, and time with friends. To make it all happen, we're looking for volunteers to help with setup and teardown, traffic control, balloon duties (filling and tying), treat donations, and keeping the park activities running smoothly. If you can pitch in, even for a little while, we'd love to have your help — it's a great way to be part of the action.

July is also a perfect time to connect. Whether you've lived here for years or just moved in, take a walk, stop for a chat, or invite a neighbor to join you at food truck night or for lemonade from one of the popups stands the neighborhood kids put together. These small moments are what make our neighborhood feel like home. Let's keep building that strong, welcoming community we're all proud to be part of. Looking forward to seeing you on the 4th!

If you have any questions, please email board@h460.org or call our Message line, 720-644-6448.

— Sincerely, Carrie Reger, President,
H460 Civic Association

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Make the Magic Happen!

Independence Day Parade & Carnival: A Neighborhood Tradition

The 4th of July is around the corner, and we're firing up one of the best community events of the year—but we can't do it without *you*.

Family Walking Parade

Bring your red, white, and blue spirit! Deck out your bikes, scooters, strollers, and wagons, and join the Independence Day parade. We'll kick things off—fire truck and all—at the corner of S. Jackson Street & Nichols Avenue. Families walk together in a show of color and community down to Arapaho Park.

- Start Point: S. Jackson & Nichols
- Parade Begins: 9:30 a.m. Line Up: 8:45–9:15 a.m.

Not walking? Come out, grab your coffee, and cheer on your neighbors from the sidewalk!

Post-Parade Carnival at Arapaho Park

The fun doesn't stop at the finish line. Once we hit the park, it's game on—with carnival games, treats, and activities for all ages. It's a celebration you won't want to miss.

We Need YOU!

This event doesn't run itself. If you love this tradition, now's the time to step up. We're calling on neighbors, families, teens, scout troops—anyone who can pitch in for a couple hours.

We need help with:

- Running games and activities at the park
- Setup and/or teardown
- Traffic control
- Filling & tying balloons
- Donating cookies, donuts, or ice cream bars

Want to be part of the team that makes it happen?

Sign up now at h460.org/events. This day is all about community. Let's build it together.

H460 Civic Association Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 (note the date change)
from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Online Only: 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

As we enter the middle of summer, trees and bushes are in full spread. As a reminder, sidewalks, both within the community and sidewalks along arterial streets, i.e. Monroe, Mineral and Adams, need to stay clear for pedestrians. Tree branches, per Centennial guidelines, need to be cut at least six feet high. Additionally, bushes and weeds should be cleared from sidewalks as well, particularly on the arterial streets. Having neighbors walk around sidewalks impeded by these issues endangers walkers that need to step in the street to avoid them.

If you haven't driven through our neighborhood lately, other than driving straight home, take some time to do so. Over H460's nearly 50 year span, it is interesting to see the great things people are doing with their homes. Not just great paint combinations; you will see dramatic and stunning changes for yards and architecture. These changes enhance not only the home that has been updated, but improve the nature of the Highlands 460 community as a whole.

The CRC would like to thank those in the community for using the review guidelines and use of the Improvement Request form in the Covenants to create beautiful changes and we can all enjoy.

The CRC continues to ensure our community stays the great community it is. We appreciate the ongoing support from the neighborhood for all the support provided.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CRC, please contact us at CRC@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.

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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 SMDCentennial@gmail.com and 303-807-7688.

Contact the Covenant Review Committee

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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@h460.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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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.

Exciting News For Highlands 460!

The Highlands 460 Civic Association website has been revamped with a fresh, user-friendly design! Stay connected with community news, events, membership updates, and more – all in one easy-to-navigate place.

Find important neighborhood resources effortlessly. Get involved and volunteer for community events.

Visit the new site today: h460.org and explore everything Highlands 460 has to offer!

We'd love your feedback! Have thoughts on the new site? Let us know by emailing board@h460.org. Your input helps us continue improving!

Welcome New Board Member: Rob Horner!

In June, we welcomed a new board member: Rob Horner. Here is what Rob had to say about joining the Civic Association Board: I am enthusiastic about the chance to serve on the H460 board. My wife, Lynnette, and I have called this neighborhood home for 24 years, raising our four now-adult children and numerous pets here. I work as an engineer at Google, while Lynnette is a writer and editor for a publishing house.

We have consistently found H460 to be a warm and inviting community where neighbors genuinely care for and connect with one another. It's truly a neighborhood anyone would be fortunate to live in, and I eagerly anticipate hearing your ideas on how we can continue to enhance it.

2025 Food Truck Calendar

Food truck nights are back at Arapahoe Park! Plan to join your friends and neighbors every second Monday from May to September and explore some fun local eats:

July 14: Dude Bro Taco + Sweet Truck TBD

August 11: Pink Tank & Happy Cones

September 8: Mile High Tikka Express

Contact Information and Preferences: New & 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.

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 Send articles and photos to the editor at news@h460.org.

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

–Bob Dylan



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2025 Civic Association Membership

Everyone in the community is encouraged to join the H460 Civic Association. Membership is voluntary, but it directly supports the activities and events that help make our neighborhood stronger and more connected. Dues for 2025 remain at \$75 – just \$6.25 per month. While the **deadline to participate in the Large Item Pickup event has passed**, the Civic Association is still accepting dues to support the rest of this year's events and services. Member benefits include:

4th of July Parade & Carnival

A highlight of summer: residents of all ages join together for a patriotic parade through the neighborhood, followed by food, games, music, and community celebration.

Civic Association Member Events

In 2024, these included a family movie night with food trucks, plus Halloween and Holiday decorating contests with prizes for the winners. More events are planned for 2025.

Garage Sale, Neighborhood Cleanup,

Food Trucks & Welcome Committee

These initiatives help keep the neighborhood vibrant and welcoming. Your dues help cover costs like signage, materials, and advertising.

Communication & Technology

Membership dues fund the tools that keep you informed – Google Workspace (website & email), Sendgrid email platform, monthly newsletters, accounting software, and a neighborhood phone line.

Insurance, Legal, & Administration

Dues also cover necessary organizational costs such as banking fees, equipment storage, insurance, and our PO Box.

Even if you missed the Large Item Pickup deadline, your support makes a real impact. Help us keep these community programs running strong.

Join today via credit card (Stripe), Venmo, or check. Visit h460.org or use the QR code below to access the membership page.



*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on
the grass under trees on a summer's day,
listening to the murmur of the water,
or watching the clouds float across the sky,
is by no means a waste of time.*

–John Lubbock

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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Pollinators have evolved to seek and find food from plants in their environment. They focus on certain colors, flower shapes, textures, and scents to find the nectar and pollen they need. Plants native to the Rocky Mountain west are naturally more attractive and important to the survival of our local pollinators.

Garden centers offer an amazing array of plants gathered from around the world and created by plant breeding facilities. Hybrids are constantly being created to offer different colors, different shapes, and different statures. Only some of these are important to the survival of key Colorado pollinators.

Pollinators require a constant supply of food, water, and shelter throughout their lifetime. A little advance planning will ensure that your yard provides these.

One key consideration is planting a mix of native plants that flower early, in the middle of the summer, and later in the fall. This provides season-long nourishment. Many plants, including penstemons, bee balm, black-eyed Susans, and blanket flowers, are popular perennials that regenerate yearly from their root system or seeds broadcast after the flowers have faded.

The same native plants that support pollinators also feed and support our local birds and animals. Birds rely on native plants including blanket flowers, black-eyed Susans, sand cherries, choke cherries, lupines, and common yarrow for insects, nutritious seeds, and berries throughout the spring and summer nesting seasons.

Learning more about the relationship between plants and native pollinators is rewarding and environmentally valuable.

– John Ashworth, CSU Extension,
Denver Master Gardener since 2014

Large Item Pickup Event Remains a Valuable Service

The recent Large Item Pickup event held on June 13 and 14 in our neighborhood was a success. Over the course of two days, the trash removal company picked up 36 truckloads of items not typically collected by regular trash service. This initiative allows residents to dispose of bulky items such as old furniture, branches, and other large items that had been cluttering their homes and yards. As labor and operations costs continue to rise, the Civic Association is committed to maintaining the Large Item Pickup event by working with the vendor to become more efficient while providing the curbside service valued by the community. This event is not possible without volunteer support. Thank you to the following volunteers who delivered 500 stickers to homes around the neighborhood: Jane Ahroon, Alison Holland, Leah Martland, and Amy Winans.

Spend A Day At The Beach

Many reservoirs throughout the state include spacious beach spots perfect for sunbathing, swimming, picnics, SCUBA diving, and more. Notable ones include Cherry Creek State Park, Chatfield State Park, Lake Dillon Reservoir, and the Boulder Reservoir. Pack a picnic, bring some towels and an umbrella, and soak in some sun.

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National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity.

The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

The summer night is like a perfection of thought.

—Wallace Stevens

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Arapahoe County Fair: Thursday, July 24 - Sunday, July 27

Bring on the fun at the Arapahoe county Fair. A family-favorite tradition now in its 119th year. Find more details at www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

News and events can be found at www.arapahoeco.gov/

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

News and events can be found at centennialco.gov.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION

Live Music at South Suburban Gold Course Bar & Grill

You're invited to Music at the Grill on Fridays at 6pm and Sundays from 3-6pm at the South Suburban Golf Course Bar and Grill! Enjoy music from local bands along with weekly food and beverage specials.

July 6: Ellie D & Soul July 18: Josh Blackburn

July 11: Hip Replacements July 25: Outliers

July 13 : Mark May July 27: Micrograss Band

These events are free, but space is limited. Tables will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit ssprd.org for additional news and events.

STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

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National Parents' Day

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives. In May we celebrated mothers, and in June we celebrated fathers. It follows that in July we can bring all our parents together and show them some appreciation all at once. Parents play a vital role in the lives of children. From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide, and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

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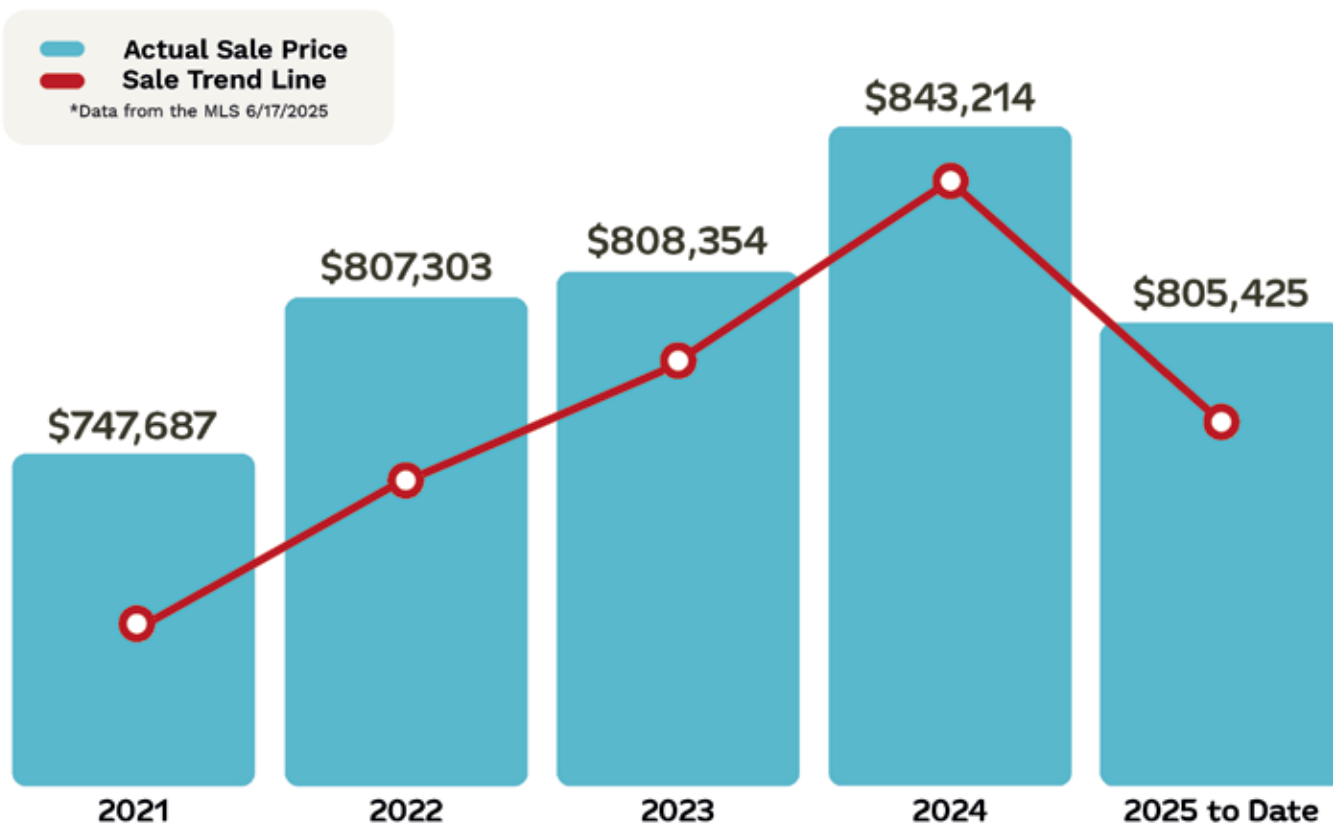
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