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Save The Date

October 2: Civic Association Board Meeting

October 25 - 31: Halloween Decoration Judging

November 6: Civic Association

Annual Meeting/Board Elections

December: No Civic Association Board Meeting

December 22 - 29: Holiday Decoration Judging

Join Us For The Highlands 460 Annual Meeting

Our homeowner's annual meeting will be held **Thursday, November 6**, at **Metrum Community Credit Union**. The meeting starts at **6:45 p.m.** and members can also join online – find the link at **h460.org**.

If you own a home in Highlands 460, this is your chance to help shape our neighborhood's future and stay connected with the community. We'll share updates on neighborhood projects, review the past year, and discuss plans for the year ahead.

This year, we will hold elections for **four open board seats**. Our Board of Directors has seven members total, so these elections are an important opportunity to bring fresh perspectives and energy to the table. Whether you're interested in serving or simply casting your vote, your participation matters.

The annual meeting will also include a discussion about a process to resolve legal nuisance and habitually non-compliant properties.

To conduct business at the meeting, we need to meet a quorum – **just 2% of members** – so every attendee counts. Make your voice heard, meet your neighbors, and be part of the decisions that make Highlands 460 a great place to live.

We look forward to seeing you – in person or online – on November 6!

*I have been younger in October
than in all the months of spring.*

–W.S. Merwin



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President's Letter

As the air turns crisp and pumpkins pop up on porches, October reminds us why we love living here. It's the neighbor who lends a ladder, the dog walker who waves every morning, the kids who turn sidewalks into chalk galleries, and the kind gesture of raking an extra yard's worth of leaves. Being a neighbor isn't just about proximity—it's about respecting each other and creating community.

That's where our Civic Association comes in. The Civic Association isn't some disinterested business or hired enforcement—it's us. It's your neighbors. It's people who care enough to maintain and protect the character and value of our community.

In November, we'll hold our annual Civic Association meeting, and we hope you'll be there. It's your chance to hear what's happening, ask questions, share ideas, and make your voice count. This is where decisions take root: about safety, events, improvements, and more. And

we're looking for new energy—new perspectives, new hands, and new hearts. If you've ever thought, "Someone should do something about that," maybe that someone is you.

We invite you to consider nominating yourself for a position on the Civic Association Board. You don't need to be a policy expert or a public speaker. You just need to care about this neighborhood and be willing to give a little time and effort to help it thrive. Serving on the Board is one of the most direct ways to make an impact, meet more neighbors, and get a deeper understanding of how our community works. Join us in person or online on November 6!

Of course, October also brings one of our favorite community traditions—the Halloween Home Decorating Contest! Whether you go full haunted house or keep it classic with a few well-placed skeletons, your creativity

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H460 Civic Association Meeting:

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025
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

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makes the season come alive. Judging will take place the week of Halloween, so get those cobwebs fluffed and those ghouls glowing. And once the pumpkins fade, the holiday lights come out. Our Holiday Home Decorating Contest kicks off in December, and it's always a dazzling display of neighborly spirit.

This season, let's lean into what it means to be part of a community. Let's keep waving, helping, decorating, and showing up. Let's take pride in where we live—and keep making it better together.

As always, feel free to reach out with questions, suggestions, or just to say hello by emailing board@h460.org or calling our message line at 720-644-6448.

See you around the neighborhood—and hopefully at the annual meeting.

— Sincerely, Carrie Reger, President, H460 Civic Association

Covenant Review Committee and Governance

Fall is here, and Highlands 460 is showing off its colors! As we enjoy the cooler weather, the Covenant Committee wants to remind everyone that now is the perfect time to prepare your home and yard for the coming winter.

- Trim back trees and shrubs, clear fallen leaves, and make sure gutters are free of debris to prevent ice and drainage issues
- Take advantage of the mild days to touch up paint, repair fences, and check roofs before snow arrives
- Ensure that all recreational boats, trailers and campers are moved to permanent storage.

By keeping up with these simple steps, we can help preserve the curb appeal and value of our neighborhood. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep Highlands 460 looking its best! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CRC, please contact us at CRC@H460.org.

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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

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@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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This Month: Halloween Decorating Contest!

It's time to turn our neighborhood into the spookiest, most spirited spot in town! We're inviting our **Civic Association member households (you must be a paid member to participate)** to join in our Halloween Decorating Contest—whether you go for eerie elegance, classic creepiness, or a full-on haunted spectacle, this is your chance to show off your creativity. Need inspiration? Try these ideas to wow trick-or-treaters and judges alike:

- **Pumpkin magic:** Carved jack-o'-lanterns glowing on porches.
- **Creepy touches:** Cobwebs draped across bushes and doorways, skeletons climbing out of the yard.
- **Rustic Halloween vibes:** Hay bales, cornstalks, and scarecrows guarding the lawn.
- **Haunting illusions:** Ghosts floating in windows, holographic projections of eerie figures.
- **Immersive effects:** Fog machines, laser lights, or projection mapping that transforms your home into a haunted mansion.
- **Interactive fun:** Motion-activated skeletons, spooky soundtracks, and displays that respond to visitors.

From simple pumpkins to high-tech haunted houses, every display adds to the neighborhood spirit. So gather your props, lights, and imagination—because this Halloween, the only thing scarier than the ghosts will be missing out on the fun.

Judging Criteria and Contest Details

You must register your home in order to participate in the competition! Your display needs to be complete by



October 24 at 11:59 p.m. Judging will take place from **October 25 to October 31**, with our panel of judges taking their time to evaluate each display during the week leading up to Halloween.

The judging panel will be scoring entries based on several key factors:

- **Creativity:** How original and innovative is the display?
- **Theme:** Does the display capture the spirit of Halloween?
- **Effort:** How much detail and work went into the decorations?
- **Cohesiveness:** Does the display work together as a whole to create a spooky or festive atmosphere?

It's important to note that while creativity and effort are key, **safety** is also a top priority. Be sure to secure all decorations and avoid any hazards that might impact trick-or-treaters or neighbors.

PRIZES

The best part of the contest? **Prizes!** We'll be awarding prizes to the top five entries:

- **First Place:** A \$150 gift card to a local business TBD
- **Second Place:** A \$100 gift card to a local business TBD
- **Third Place:** A \$75 gift card to a local business TBD
- **Fourth Place:** A \$50 gift card to a local business TBD
- **Fifth Place:** A \$25 gift card to a local business TBD

In addition to the prizes, all winners will receive the ultimate reward—bragging rights for having the spookiest or most impressive house on the block!

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HOW TO ENTER

Entering the contest is simple! Head over to h460.org and find the link to enter your name, address. The deadline to submit your entry is **October 19** - don't wait until the last minute to register!

Winners will be notified by email and also celebrated in the **December neighborhood newsletter**.

WANT TO BE A JUDGE?

If you're someone who loves Halloween but isn't planning to enter the contest, why not get involved by volunteering as a **judge**? We're looking for a few spirited individuals who can dedicate some time during the week of October 25-31 to visit and score displays.

As a judge, you'll be provided with a scorecard to help evaluate each entry based on the criteria mentioned above. You'll also have the chance to see some of the most creative and spooky displays up close. It's a fantastic way to participate in the Halloween fun without the pressure of decorating your own home!

If you're interested, send an email to events@h460.org with your contact information and availability during the week of Halloween.

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.

A HALLOWEEN TRADITION TO REMEMBER

This activity is not just about the decorations—it's about fostering a sense of neighborhood spirit and sharing in the fun and excitement of the Halloween season.

Whether you're competing in the traditional or electronic category, or helping out as a judge, your involvement makes our Halloween celebration one to remember. So start planning your displays, gather your materials, and get ready for the spookiest, most creative Halloween contest yet!

For any additional information or questions about the contest, please contact us at events@h460.org. Let's make this Halloween the best one yet!

Happy haunting!

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.

—John Sinor

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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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.

The Civic Association is still accepting dues to support the rest of this year's events and services. Member benefits include:

Civic Association Member Events Large Item Pickup and the 4th of July events have passed, but the Civic Association Member Appreciation event and the Halloween and Holiday decorating contests are still coming up.

- **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.



Contact Information and Preferences: News & 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.

Spooky Tales And BOOquets Banner

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.
5430 South Biscay Circle, 80015

Tweens, join Arapahoe Libraries during fall break to hear spine-tingling tales in the dark from traditional storyteller Rachel Ann Harding.

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Saturday and Sunday, October 18 - 19, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Treat Street is a family-friendly Halloween event held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center in Aurora, CO. Scheduled for October 18-19, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., it offers trick-or-treat booths (40+ local businesses), interactive inflatables, magic shows, a haunted maze, petting zoo, costume and pumpkin decorating contests, a pumpkin patch, food trucks, and more. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 day-of; children 2 and under are free. It's a rain-or-shine event, with food & drink sold separately and activities included with the ticket.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION

South Suburban has a full slate of fun fall activities for all ages. Check out their website for more information: <https://www.ssprd.org/News-And-Events>

South Suburban Community Tree Recycling:

Saturday, October 4

Need to get rid of large tree limbs? Residents are invited to bring materials for chipping on Saturday, October 4 from 8 am-12:30 pm at Willow Spring Service Center (7100 S. Holly St.). Bring in tree limbs, branches, firewood, logs, dead shrubs. Limbs/branches/logs must be no larger than 6' long and 24" diameter.

This event is for South Suburban Residents only. Residency will be checked at the gate. Questions? Contact Lisa Howell at lhowell@ssprd.org or 303-721-8478.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

News and events can be found at centennialco.gov.

Sip in Centennial: Saturday, October 25, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sip in Centennial" is an outdoor tasting festival at Centennial Center Park. The event celebrates Colorado's beverage scene, featuring tastings from local wineries, distilleries, and breweries, live music, food, and a festive fall afternoon atmosphere. More information and tickets can be found on the city's website.

STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

News and events can be found at: shopsouthglenn.com

Spooky Streets at Southglenn: Friday, October 24

A community tradition featuring live entertainment, candy, face painting and character meet and greets. For more information, visit the Streets at Southglenn website.

*October is the month of painted leaves.
Their rich glow now flashes round the world.
As fruits and leaves and the day itself
acquire a bright tint just before they fall,
so the year near its setting.
October is its sunset sky;
November the later twilight.*

—Henry David Thoreau



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Fall Into Fun

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Presented by the city of Aurora. This event will have live entertainment, food trucks, vendors, a large kids' area, a variety of fall-themed activities and much more. Cost: Free

Entertainment Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Darling Revival Trio (Fleetwood Mac Cover Band)
- 2:30 to 4 p.m., Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles

Special Features: a pumpkin patch with pumpkin decorating kits, petting farm, food trucks, craft vendors, hay-bale maze, live music, train rides, inflatable axe-throwing, and new this year, a trunk or treat.

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