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Save The Date

September 7: Civic Association Board Meeting September 11: Food Truck Night at Arapaho Park October 5: Civic Association Board Meeting November 2: H460 Annual Meeting

2023 Food Truck Dates

Don't miss the final food truck night at Arapaho Park! Make plans to enjoy an evening out in the park on the second Monday of each month. Schedule a picnic with those you already know, or come out and meet new people. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Monday, September 11: Pierogies Factory & Hip Hops



Food trucks will be serving from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Follow us on social media for more immediate updates. A comprehensive list of food truck events is available on the Hand to Mouth website.

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



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President's Letter

With September here, we now look back to summer vacations, outside activities, kid's sports, yard work, and for this year, more rain than we have seen for many years. While Colorado doesn't have the variety of colors of the

east coast, it's always great to take some time to see the Aspens in fall colors! I have made that trip many times with my family, I hope you have time to do the same.

Activities for the H460 community are winding down, but it would be great to have a fall cleanup as a last activity. Driving through the neighborhood, weeds along perimeter fences on Adams, Monroe and Mineral need to be cut back, as well as weeds in corners not managed by

the SMD. If you would like to volunteer for this work effort, it is scheduled for September 30th. As with the Spring cleanup, we will meet at 9 a.m. for coffee, juice, and donuts, then take a few hours to work on weeds and other debris that has accumulated over the summer. I hope we have the same great turnout we had this Spring! See you there!

- Stan Sudduth, President, H460 Civic Association

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.

H460 Civic Association Meeting:

The monthly board meeting will be held the first Thursday of the month, on September 7th 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

We have had another busy summer with Covenant Reviews and Requests. As we move into the fall and winter months, some of the key areas to consider:

- Tree trimming: large trees and tree branches can be problems in Colorado's heavy snowstorms. With the advanced age of most of the trees in H460, keeping branches trimmed will help avoid destroying not only trees but possible damage to homes.
- Yard weeds and garden areas: fall cleanup of dead plants and weeds will help ensure our neighborhood remains as inviting in the fall and winter months as it is during the spring and summer.
- Trailers and Boats: Trailers and Boats cannot be stored in driveways or streets at any time, but even more so in the fall and winter months, and must be moved to other storage facilities.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the CRC at CRC@H460.org.

News from SMD

The Southern Metropolitan District, which provides maintenance services for the brick wall and landscaping along the boundaries and entryways of the Highland 460 subdivision, on Dry Creek and Colorado Boulevard, recently held a Board of Director election. The current Board members and officers are: Ed Quinn, Chair; Kirk Bast, Vice Chair; Sherry Kroeger, Secretary; Bob Colwell, Treasurer; and Leonard West, Assistant Secretary.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is November 15th, at 12:00 p.m., at Wild Basil on Holly and County Line when the Board will be considering the District's 2024 Budget.

For more information regarding the District, visit their website at: www.southernmetrodistrict.com, or contact Board members Leonard West at LenWestPE@ yahoo.com or Ed Quinn at ed@edquinnsite.com.

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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 repairing 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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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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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.

H460 Document Review Update

The covenant review committee has finished its review of various sections in the covenants draft and will be sharing the draft with the board at the 9/4 meeting. The committee has focused on a full read through of the draft document including topics such as trash cans, architectural approval, fencing, clearing of trees, landscaping, xeriscaping, roof mounted units, solar panels, and restrictions on pets. Once the board has reviewed the edits, the next step in the process is to work with Altitude Law to review and finalize the draft covenant document. Next, we will post the final draft including an overview of changes to the H460 website. We will then gather feedback from the neighborhood via a brief survey and with time allocated in the 10/5 board meeting for community discussion. Once we have collected feedback from the neighborhood and made any final edits, we will start the process of putting the final draft up for a vote. At least 2/3 of the neighborhood must vote to approve the document for it to move forward and will require engagement from each of us as neighbors. If you would like to provide early input or get involved in the draft revision process, please go to https://www.h460.org/covenants-review and let us know your thoughts on our current covenants document and if you would like to join the committee or provide feedback on the draft covenants document.

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



School News

Explore the latest information from the neighborhood public schools for H460.



Ford Elementary School:

https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/ford No school September 4 and September 29



Powell Middle School:

https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/ powell-middle-school No school September 4



Arapahoe High School:

https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/ arapahoe-high-school No school September 4

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.





Emerald Ash Borer

Arapahoe County has identified its first case of Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect that infests and kills North American species of ash trees. The case was detected in northeast Littleton and was confirmed by Arapahoe County agencies, Colorado State University Extension specialists, and experts from surrounding municipalities.

Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Colorado in Boulder County in 2013. Since then, the destructive wood boring beetles have been found in Broomfield, Larimer, Erie and Thornton. Littleton has not had a confirmed case of EAB until this June.

"EAB is the most destructive insect pest in trees that we have ever seen in North America. Homeowners and HOAs with ash trees will eventually have a significant financial decision to make whether they choose to treat their ash trees with insecticides or remove them." says Lisa Mason, Horticulture Specialist and Entomologist at Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County.

Emerald Ash Borer beetles target - and eventually kill - North American ash tree species including green and white varieties, and their cultivars such as "autumn purple ash," a popular white ash variety in Colorado. On average, 15% of urban trees are ash trees.

Residents can take steps to protect healthy ash trees, but certain options such as insecticide treatments depend on the size and health of each tree. Since Emerald Ash Borer kills trees over a period of several years, trees that are not candidates for insecticide treatments will eventually need to be removed.





Residents should follow available guidelines for properly disposing of any infested wood.

Arapahoe County municipalities are currently prioritizing ash tree insecticide treatment and removal. Other services and community programs may be available to residents to help subsidize

costs of treatment or removal and to mitigate the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer on private property.

For more information and resources, visit the City of Centennial resource page: https://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Health-Environment/Emerald-Ash-Borer

For questions about Emerald Ash Borer as well as possible diagnosis and treatment options, contact CSU Extension-Arapahoe county at mastergardener@arapahoegov.com or 303-730-1920.

— Source: arapahoegov.com





Colorado Wildlife Events and Festivals

FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT BARR LAKE Barr Lake State Park, Brighton

(early-September)

Fly over to Barr Lake State Park to celebrate the fall bird migration, an experience worth sharing with others. Be entertained at this festive community event filled with food, fun, and lore—something for everyone. Plan for a day packed with free food and activities. The Fall Birding Festival is free, but a valid parks pass is required for each vehicle that enters the park.

For more information about the Fall Birding Festival, call Barr Lake Nature Center at 303-659-6005 or send an e-mail to barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us.

LIVING HISTORY DAYS AT STAUNTON STATE PARK

(early-September)

Meet at the Group Picnic Area (10am-3pm) to view the local historic group's displays and try square dancing! From there, embark on a treasure hunt to find the Reynold's Gang's gold! The treasure hunt meanders through the historic Cabin District and ends at the original Staunton Cabin (35min. hike). Folks dressed in historic garb will greet visitors with cowboy music and Johnny cakes with lemonade. Enjoy demonstrations such as a Mountain Man campsite, trapping and hunting, medicinal and edible plants, as well as games, crafts and blacksmithing.

ANNUAL CELEBRATING BIRD MIGRATION Waneka Lake and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, Lafayette (late-September)

Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See a live hawk and other birds of prey up close and view birds in the wild through spotting scopes and binoculars. Learn about migration, marshes and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy art projects and a scavenger hunt.

The 1/3 mile walking path between the parking area and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will feature several local organizations with great activities and displays to offer! This free, public event is suitable for all ages and will also feature an array of fine door prizes.

This program begins at the Waneka Lake East parking lot, where Emma St. ends at Caria Drive in Lafayette. For more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com or 720-612-0506.

ESTES PARK ELK FESTIVAL - Estes Park

(late-September/early-October)

A two-day festival, as described on the event's website: "Elk Fest offers visitors a chance to view elk during the rutting season in the wild, as well as expand their knowledge of elk. Learn more about elk, their habitats, and how to observe them in the wild. Held in Bond Park, located in downtown Estes Park, Elk Fest will offer bugling competitions, educational areas, seminars, music by the Elktones, Mountain Man Rendezvous, Native American storytelling and music, guided elk viewing tours, and vendors that offer art from oils and pastels, hand made elk-ivory jewelry, scrimshawed antler knives, elk antler lamps and chandeliers, elk hide pillows, silver and gold jewelry, and elk antlers." Find out more from the Estes Park Elk Fest website, including schedules and costs (for elk viewing tours), or write to the event organizers.







Events & News From Our Community Outside of H460

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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

Pictures on the Plains:

Bring a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy a movie under the stars at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

September 7: Back to the Future September 14: Top Gun: Maverick

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

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

Centennial Day: Tuesday, September 12

Each September, the City invites residents, businesses and community partners to Celebrate Centennial and discover what makes our City great by supporting local businesses, engaging with the community and learning about Centennial programs and initiatives aligned with the City's vision, mission and values. Visit the City website for more information.

Chalk Art Festival: Saturday, September 16

Watch as local artists create sidewalk masterpieces using only chalk and their imaginations on September 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Streets of Southglenn. This event is free and includes 30+ chalk artists, live music, family activities and local vendors.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION

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

SSPRD Bingo: Now through October 17

Explore everything South Suburban has to offer! Complete a bingo card and turn it in for your chance to win a \$50 South Suburban gift card or 10 admission punch passes to your favorite rec center. Download and print your bingo card at https://www.ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/20092

STREETS OF SOUTHGLENN

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

Centennial Chalk Art Festival: Saturday, September 16 See City of Centennial above for more information.

Spooky Streets: Friday, October 20

Free family fun from 4:30 - 7:30pm! Enjoy an entertainment stage, face painting, balloon artists, jump houses, dance party and more!

Let's pumpkin spice things up a bit.

-Unknown



Palisade Fruits and Produce

Colorado peaches are most famously grown in the town of Palisade, and they are known for being extra juicy and extra sweet, thanks to the long sunny days and cool summer nights in Colorado, which help all those delicious fruity sugars develop. Palisade peaches have a long history as a Colorado classic, and it all starts with a man named John Harlow. After the Ute tribe were forcibly removed from their ancestral home in the Western Slope in 1881, colonizers began developing a town known as Palisade. The farmers there quickly realized just how rich and nutrient-filled the soil was, but while it was great for vegetables and grains, there wasn't nearly enough rainfall or water for fruit trees, which shriveled up and died very quickly. But John Harlow, who planted some of the area's earliest peach trees with his wife in 1882, was a determined man. He spearheaded a canal project to divert water from the Colorado River and irrigate the region, and though it took years for his project to come to fruition (pun intended!), it worked. By the beginning of the 20th century, more than twenty-five thousand pounds of peaches were being shipped from Palisade to regions across the country each year.

Once they figured out irrigation, farmers began planting more fruits, like apples, pears, grapes, apricots, and cherries, cementing Palisade and the surrounding area as Colorado's most famous and most productive agricultural hub. Today, Palisade is home to orchards, farms, and vineyards galore.

-https://www.coloradoinfo.com/blog/ palisade-peaches-delicious-colorado-history



Help Build Beds For Children

J&K Roofing is hosting a bed build day with non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), Denver chapter. This is a day to volunteer and have fun building beds for children in our community who don't have a bed to sleep in. Open to the public. No experience needed. Bring your family, neighbors, business acquaintances and friends. Saturday, September 16, at J&K Roofing headquarters,13000 W 43rd Drive, Golden. You can donate or register online at https://shpbeds.org/chapter/co-denver/. Come join us. It's going to be a great day! "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

Sept. 6: Fight Procrastination Day

This is an unofficial holiday that encourages people to take charge of their procrastination problem and to find ways to combat the never-ending urge to put off important tasks for another day.

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Local Corn Mazes

CHATFIELD FARMS

Fridays – Sundays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 29, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Chatfield Farms Location 8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Road Littleton, CO 80128

It's time to "seas" the day as you dive in to explore our seven-acre corn maze. This year's maze has a sea-creature theme for fun twists and tricky turns. The maze can be viewed from a 15-foot-tall bridge. Visitors under the age of 10 can explore the corn mini-maze.

In an effort to reduce waste, printed maps will not be available at Corn Maze. General admission tickets are not available Friday – Sunday during Corn Maze. Last entry is 5 p.m. Corn Maze events and our site close at 6 p.m. Halloween masks and costumes are not permitted on the premises. Tickets must be purchased in advance for a specific time. No onsite ticket sales.

ANDERSON FARMS

6728 County Rd 3 1/4, Erie, CO 80516

The maze at Anderson Farms is open day and night and is never haunted. The maze is divided into four sections; they will be indicated on your punch card. Do one section or complete all four! There are six checkpoints hidden in each of the three larger sections of the maze, totaling 18 checkpoints.

THE PATCH IN ELIZABETH

Opens September 23, 2023

39980 Fox Trot Cir, Elizabeth, CO 80107

Our maze is carved into a whopping 4 acres of tall corn stalks! We put activity stations along the paths with fun facts and quizzes to help you choose a direction for your exploration. Besides the large maze, we plant a mini-maze for younger guests.

COTTONWOOD FARMS

September 23 - October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

10600 Isabelle Rd. Lafavette, CO Corn Maze

Bring the whole family for a walk in the corn maze. Our two acre corn maze provides the real feel of being on the farm. Cut by hand, not by tractors, it allows our paths to be narrower, and the experience more personal. Listen to the corn rustling in the breeze as it dries down in preparation for harvest. Hear how the corn mutes the sounds of the outside world. Let your little ones lead the way as you try to find the exit. Many people value the experience so much that they turn around and go in again.

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