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Autumn

#### **Save The Date**

**September 4:** Civic Association Board Meeting **September 8:** Food Truck Night at Arapaho Park

September 20: Member Appreciation

Tailgate Party

October 2: Civic Association Board Meeting

**November 6:** Civic Association Annual Meeting/Board Elections

# Final Food Truck Night of 2025 Plan to join your friends and neighbors on

Plan to join your friends and neighbors on Monday, September 8 and explore some fun local eats. This month, we're expecting the flavorful delights of **Mile High Tikka Express**. We'll see you there!

# It's Game Time, Highlands 460!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 20, 5:00–8:00 p.m. because we're turning The Varsity Inn (7500 S. University Blvd.) into the ultimate neighborhood tailgate!

The Highlands 460 Civic Association is throwing a Member Appreciation Tailgate Party to thank YOU for being part of our amazing community. We're talking free food, cold drinks, and plenty of games—all on us!

The Varsity will have college football on the big screens, so throw on your favorite team colors and bring your game-day spirit. Whether you're here for the touchdowns, the snacks, or just the laughs with neighbors, this is the place to be.

When: Saturday, September 20, 5:00–8:00 p.m. Where: The Varsity Inn, 7500 S. University Blvd.

RSVP now on the Events page at <a href="https://hatco.org">h460.org</a> to save your spot. Not a member yet? Join today so you don't miss out on the fun—and all the perks that come with being part of H460!

Food. Drinks. Games. Neighbors. Football. All we need is YOU.

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#### **President's Letter**

September is one of those months that makes us pause. The long, bright days of summer are winding down, the air is starting to shift, and we're reminded that change is just around the corner. For many of us, this means squeezing in the last backyard barbecues, walks in the evening sun, or trips before school and work routines take over again. But it also means we get to look forward to crisp mornings, the first splash of fall colors in the trees, and the sense of community that always seems to grow stronger as the seasons turn.

This September, we have a lot to celebrate together—and one date in particular should be marked on everyone's calendar. On Saturday, September 20, our Civic Association will host the Member Appreciation Party at the Varsity Inn. This annual event is our way of saying *thank you* to all of you—

neighbors who pitch in, show up, and care about making our community the kind of place people are proud to call home.

The party will be a relaxed, comeas-you-are gathering with food, drinks, and plenty of conversation. It's a chance to reconnect with old friends, welcome new families, and take a little time to enjoy ourselves outside the usual pace of daily life. Whether you've been here for decades or just moved in this summer, you'll find a warm seat waiting for you. Think of it as the neighborhood's unofficial way of wrapping up summer and ushering in autumn together.

While September is a season of celebrations, it's also a time to start thinking ahead—particularly about the changes that come with the colder months. Now is the perfect moment to do a quick check around your home before the temperatures drop. Make sure windows and doors are sealed, gutters are cleared, and outdoor faucets are winterized. A little preparation now saves a lot of stress (and sometimes continued on page 3

#### **H460 Civic Association Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Online Only: Google Meet link posted at <a href="https://www.h460.org">https://www.h460.org</a>

Find minutes from previous board meetings at: <a href="https://www.h460.org/documents/minutes">https://www.h460.org/documents/minutes</a>

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

#### Southern Metro District Refreshing Entryway Signs — Expect Temporary Removals Over the Next Few Weeks

Hello neighbors, the Southern Metropolitan District (SMD) is responsible for the maintenance of the perimeter landscaping, the wall, the signage on the 5 entry islands, the sign at Dry Creek and Colorado Blvd, and the one at County Line and Colorado Blvd. The current signs are 20+ years old and in need of repair. The company we hired to refurbish the signs will soon begin to remove them 1 or 2 at a time to work on them at their facility. Please be aware of the workers' safety as they remove and install signs on those busy locations. This process may take several weeks so don't be alarmed if a sign you are used to seeing has disappeared. We look forward to enjoying these "new" signs for at least another twenty years. I'm Ed Quinn, Chairman of the Board of the SMD. Thank you for your cooperation.

\*Note: There is an eighth sign at Otero Avenue & Phillips Drive, moved to that location from its original place at University & Otero Avenue, that is not managed by the SMD. In order to maintain continuity and aesthetic of the neighborhood, the SMD is granting the Civic Association half of the cost to paint the sign and the Civic Association is contributing the other half. This is a one-time grant that does not include maintenance of the space or a guarantee to maintain or care for the sign at any time in the future.

#### **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**

Email: crc@h460.org

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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 <u>news@h460.org</u>

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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.

#### President's Letter, continued from front page

costly repairs) when winter weather hits. For those with fireplaces, this is also a good month to schedule a chimney cleaning, and if you rely on snow removal services, it doesn't hurt to get those plans in place early.

As you flip the calendar to September, make sure you highlight Saturday, September 20. Come to the Varsity Inn ready to relax, connect, and enjoy an evening with the very people who make our neighborhood what it is. Let's say goodbye to summer, welcome fall, and set the tone for the months ahead—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.

Sincerely,

— Carrie Reger, President, H460 Civic Association

# Get Ready: Halloween & Holiday Decorating Contests Are Coming!

It's never too early to start planning your spookiest, sparkliest, or most over-the-top decorations—because this year's neighborhood Halloween and Holiday Decorating Contests are going to be bigger and better than ever!

We will award prizes to the most creative, eye-catching displays. Whether you're into creepy cobwebs, glowing ghosts, dazzling lights, or festive inflatables, this is your chance to show off your flair and bring joy to the Highlands 460.

Mark your calendars and start collecting those skeletons and snowflakes. We'll share contest entry dates and judging details in next month's newsletter. Get ready to light up the neighborhood—literally!

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# **Covenant Review Committee and Governance**

Fall is here, and it's the perfect time to prepare your home and yard for the colder months ahead. Trim trees and shrubs away from roofs and sidewalks, clean gutters to prevent ice damage and disconnect and store garden hoses before winter sets in.

As a reminder, the covenants state that items such as patio furniture, planters, hoses and other outside items be stored when not in use, and that yards remain tidy year-round. Taking a little time now will help protect your home, maintain curb appeal, and make spring clean-up much easier.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CRC, please contact us at <a href="CRC@H460.org">CRC@H460.org</a>.

# Contact Information and Preferences: News 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.





#### 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.

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!

#### **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.

#### See Elk In Rocky **Mountain National Park**

The elk rut is in full swing at Rocky Mountain National. In late August and into September, the mating season for the Colorado elk begins. The town of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park are some of the best places in the state to witness this truly magnificent display of Mother Nature. The ritual begins with the male elk shedding their velvet to make their antlers nice and sharp to battle other male elk in the quest for a female companion.

The male elk can also be heard bugling for miles away as they make their call for a mate. Herds of elk can be seen in large grassy meadows within the park and even in downtown Estes Park. During "Elktober," it is almost impossible not to see an elk.

#### **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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#### 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.

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 <a href="https://hubble.com">h460.org</a> or use the QR code below to access the membership page.

#### **Excess Harvest**

Excess harvest can be handled in several ways: freezing, canning, drying, donating to food banks or charities, sharing with neighbors, making jams or jellies, or composting any unusable portions.

**Freezing:** Blanching and freezing vegetables like spinach, kale, and zucchini preserves their nutrients and texture for future use.

**Canning:** This allows for long-term storage of items like tomatoes, pickles, and jams.

**Drying:** Drying herbs, fruits, and some vegetables (like tomatoes) reduces their size and weight for easy storage.

**Pickling:** Pickling vegetables in vinegar and spices creates a flavorful and long-lasting preservation method.

**Fermenting:** Fermenting foods like sauerkraut and kimchi can be a great way to add probiotics to your diet.

**Donating:** Food banks and charities are often grateful for fresh produce donations.

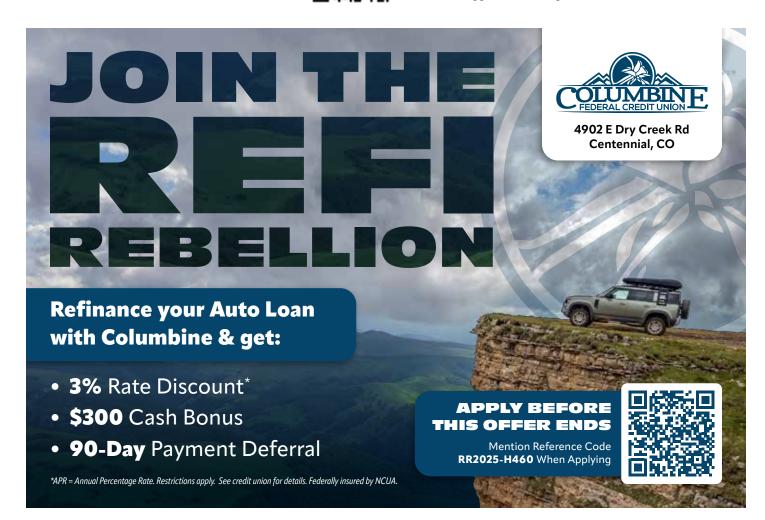
**Sharing with neighbors:** A simple act of sharing with those around you can build community and reduce waste.

**Selling:** If you have a surplus, consider selling at a farmers market or through a local co-op.

**Composting:** Composting is a great way to recycle any overripe, bruised, or unusable parts of the harvest back into the garden, creating nutrient-rich soil for next year.

**Creating a "harvest restaurant":** Host a dinner party featuring your excess produce.

**Donating to local nursing homes:** Some nursing homes appreciate fresh produce for their residents.



#### **Events & News From Our Community Outside of H460**

#### ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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

#### STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

News and events can be found at: shopsouthglenn.com

#### **SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION**

Visit ssprd.org for additional news and events.

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

September 5: Smugglers Union September 7: Centennial Band September 12: Secret Agent Band September 14: Mark May September 19: Ellie D & Soul

September 21: Outliers

September 26: 5 Minutes Late Band

September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn.

-Rowland E. Robinson

#### **CITY OF CENTENNIAL**

News and events can be found at centennialco.gov.

#### **Chalk Art Festival:**

#### Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit the annual Chalk Art Festival at the Streets at SouthGlenn! This festival brings together talented local artists and their sidewalk chalk masterpieces to life. Arrive early to spend the day browsing local businesses and vendors, listen to live music and grab a bit to eat. You will have the chance to vote for your favorite chalk art, too. Voting ends at 3 p.m. with winners announced on state at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Positive Thinking Day**

Positive Thinking Day is on September 13 on the National Day Calendar as a day to promote the power of positivity and the impact this simple act can have on your life. Join us as we explain why maintaining a positive mind benefits you and those around you.

Positive thinking is an emotional and mental practice that requires an optimistic outlook on life. It's about choosing to focus on the positive things that empower us despite our circumstances. A positive thinker doesn't ignore negative aspects of their life. Instead, they maintain a hopeful attitude to get them through the disruption.





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By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

-Helen Hunt Jackson



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