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2025 Assessments

Important:

Homeowner Assessments are due the first month of each quarter - January, April, July and October.

Assessments for 2025* are \$684; or \$171 per quarter; broken down as follows:

Administrative functions: \$16 per quarter
For architectural control and covenant
enforcement, billing and collection, accounting
and finance and community events
Recreation Functions: \$155 per quarter
For operating and maintaining HRCA
recreation facilities and Backcountry
Wilderness Area

Annual 2025 Administrative Only Assessment*:

\$64 (due Wednesday, January 1).

Pertains to all commercial properties and the following subdivisions: Gleneagles Village, The Retreat, The Villages, and Palomino Park (Gold Peak and Silver Mesa).

*Approved by the Board of Directors Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Residents can now pay their quarterly assessments through Versapay, offering true autopay, where payment amounts adjust automatically with assessment changes.

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A Message From The GM

Dear Highlands Ranch residents,

As we welcome 2025, we're excited about the vibrant opportunities available for our residents at our recreation centers. Whether you're looking to kick-start a fitness journey, explore new activities, or give back to your community, there's something for everyone this year. Let's make 2025 a year of growth, connection and wellness!

Sports and Fitness

Our recreation centers are buzzing with energy and ready to support your health and wellness goals. From dynamic fitness classes to competitive sports leagues and state-of-theart equipment, we've got what you need to stay active and healthy.

Classes for All Interests and Ages

Pursue your passions or discover new ones with our wide range of classes. Whether it's art workshops, dance lessons, or educational seminars, there's always something exciting happening at the recreation centers for all ages and interests.

Make sure to reference HRCA's new January through April Activity Guide for all programming, classes and camps offered by Highlands Ranch Community Association.

Volunteer Opportunities

Make a difference in Highlands Ranch by sharing your talents through volunteer opportunities:

 Board and Delegate Positions: Help shape the future of our community by participating in governance. Elections for Delegates and Board members are coming in early 2025. Stay tuned for updates and candidate forums on our website.

- Architectural Review Committee: Play a key role in maintaining our community's aesthetic and functional standards by reviewing home improvement applications.
- Finance Committee: Provide financial oversight, including budget planning and assessments, to ensure the financial health of our association.

Volunteering is a meaningful way to connect with your neighbors and leave a lasting impact on our community.

Annual Assessment Update

In October 2024, the Delegate and Board meetings approved the 2025 budget, which includes an adjustment to annual assessments. This update ensures we can continue delivering exceptional services, maintaining our facilities and fund reserve accounts with the highest standards. You can find the full budget and details on the HRCA website or request a copy through the administrative offices at Eastridge. Please reference the assessments information on page 2.

As our centers come alive with members pursuing their resolutions, we invite you to join the momentum and make this your best year yet. Thank you for being an essential part of the Highlands Ranch community. Together, let's make 2025 a year to remember.

My best,



Mike Bailey HRCA General Manager



Frosty Fun in the Ranch

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Snow Day Scavenger Hunt

Wake up to a blanket of fresh snow, plan and embark on a scavenger hunt with a magical twist. Every item on the list can be found outside in a winter wonderland.

Finding a snowflake that doesn't melt
 Discovering a hidden ice cave or fort

This adventure is perfect for families who love the outdoors. Bring a thermos of hot cocoa and see how many scavenger hunt items you can find. You'll create memories to last a lifetime while exploring the beauty of Highlands Ranch in winter.

EnJOYing in Jammies (from an HRCA employee) My family loves getting hot chocolate from Starbucks and driving around in our pajamas to follow the holiday lights map!

For an added twist, we tune into festive holiday music on the radio while marveling at the twinkling lights. It's an easy, cozy way to celebrate the season and make the most of those crisp winter evenings.

Arts on Fire Board & Brush Creative Studio

On days where it's cold and snowy outside, our family loves to create by painting pottery or other crafts where it's nice and warm inside.





Arts and crafts are a fantastic way to spend time together while unleashing your creativity. Whether it's painting, stenciling, or designing your own masterpiece, the cozy environment makes it a perfect winter retreat.

Burn Some Calories in Backcountry Snowshoeing on the Highlands Point Trails or the Discovery Trail at Base Camp is a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors while staying active. Follow BWA social media to determine when trails are open at @hrca_backcountry.

Snowshoeing offers a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the serene beauty of nature while getting your heart rate up. Don't forget to pack some water and dress in layers to stay warm during your snowy trek.

Highlands Ranch Super Sweet Sledding Spots Sledding is a must at Backcountry Base Camp! If there is snow, bring a sled and coast down the hill next to our chickens, ducks, goats and donkeys at our free Base Camp Exploration each Saturday morning.

- Westside of Spring Gulch Park 10380 Holly Hock Ct.
- Paintbrush Park –
 4901 Valleybrook Dr.
- Highland Heritage Regional Park 9650 Quebec St.

These sledding spots are sure to bring smiles and laughter to kids and adults alike. Pack your sleds, bundle up, and get ready for a day of downhill fun in the fresh snow!

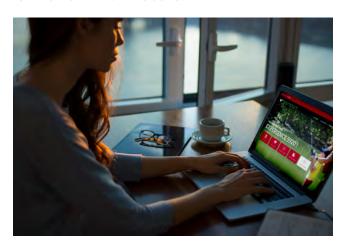


Live Well. Play Hard: EXPERIENCE the New HRCA Website

HRCA is thrilled to unveil the launch of its redesigned website later this month, bringing a host of new features aimed at improving the user experience. The new platform emphasizes accessibility and simplicity, making it easier than ever to explore the vibrant community opportunities available and encouraging everyone to Live Well, Play Hard, and EXPERIENCE 5920'!

With a focus on a digital and paperless future, the website features an enhanced mobile-friendly design, ensuring a seamless experience on both phones and tablets. This optimization allows community members to stay connected and engaged at their convenience, whether they're looking for information, signing up for classes and camps, reserving rooms for events or purchasing tickets.

Additionally, residents will enjoy the convenience of online dues payments, making the process more efficient and reducing paperwork. While the layout will be refreshed, all essential functionalities remain, ensuring that both members and non-members can easily access community services and information. Stay tuned for the exciting launch of the new HRCA website!





Go Digital with HRCA: Just a Click Away

HRCA communications and assessment payment systems are going digital! Get access to all the latest updates, events and information more conveniently than ever. Optin to digital news by subscribing to platforms that align with individual interests. Continue reading and learn about virtually staying connected to the community.

To receive monthly or tri-annual programming or event information via the internet, sign up for the paperless Activity Guide and Newsletter. Follow HRCA's social media platforms to receive the latest updates on upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Follow us at:

- f Highlands Ranch Community Association
- in Highlands Ranch Community Association
- @ @intheranch
- @newsintheranch

Read current information with ease by visiting the HRCA website. Details about classes, camps, events, facility reservations, sign-ups and more can be found online at HRCAonline.org.

Last, but not least, join a variety of e-news mailing lists to receive email blasts that are uniquely tailored to each resident or guest. In addition to communications, quarterly assessment payments can also be paid and processed online! Residents can now use Versapay (a self-serve portal) to access invoices, account statements and address outstanding balances 24/7. Sign-up today!





Community Information







STREETS

TRAILS & PARKWAY SIDEWALKS

REMOVALTIMELINE

Begins at snowfall

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Approximately **2,400 lane miles** including:

- * Major arterial roads
- * Collector roads
- Residential streets
- **☆** Cul-de-sacs

PRIORITIES

- Major arterial roads
- Collector roads (streets connecting major arterial roads to residential streets)
- Residential streets
- 4 Cul-de-sacs

REMOVAL TIMELINE

Three inches of snow has accumulated and/or it is likely to remain on the ground for more than 24 hours

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- **150 miles** of hard surface trails and sidewalks including:
- # 38 miles of hard surface trails
- # 112 miles of sidewalks along arterial roads
- ★ Metro District buildings

PRIORITIES

- Essential Metro District buildings
- Sidewalks and hard surface trails
- Parking lots at community and neighborhood parks



REMOVAL TIMELINE

Removal required within 24 hours after snow stops

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sidewalks in front of and along the sides of a home
- ☆ Adjacent mailboxes, where present
- Adjacent fire hydrants, where present



SNOW FACTS

- Highlands Ranch receives an average of 74 inches of snowfall compared to 64 inches in the Denver metro area
- March is, on average, our snowiest month of the year followed by November and April.
- The greatest daily snowfall amount in the United States was 6.3 feet, which fell in Silver Lake, Colo. on April 15, 1921.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT A PROBLEM

- Douglas County Public Works staff at 303-660-7480 or douglas.co.us/road-work/snow-and-ice-removal/
- The Highlands Ranch Metro District staff at 303-791-2710 or highlandsranch.org



The future of hydration is near

After months of inviting customers to follow the drip, Centennial Water and Sanitation District makes a splash in the new year announcing it is changing its name to Highlands Ranch Water and the launch of a new website.

The new name reflects the district's commitment to the communities it serves – Highlands Ranch and Solstice. It also signifies the interconnectedness of water and wastewater and the district's approach to managing all water as a valuable and essential resource.

Highlands Ranch Water's new website platform was also designed with a customer-focus. The user-friendly platform is ADA accessible, ensuring an inclusive experience for everyone. It features a simple design, intuitive navigation and enhanced functionality that creates a space that makes connecting with Highlands Ranch Water easier than ever.

Visit highlandsranchwater.org and explore the new site.





Daytime Private Swim Lessons

Looking for a flexible way to fit swim lessons into your busy life? Daytime private swim lessons are now available! These lessons are perfect for individuals with hectic after-school schedules or packed weekends. Take advantage of this convenient option to prioritize swim skills and water safety on your terms. Dive in today!

Scan the QR Code for more information.

Masters Programs



Swim Meets

The Seahawks Swim Team is thrilled to announce four upcoming swim meets with the CARA (Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics) Swim League this spring! These events provide a fantastic opportunity for swimmers to showcase their skills, compete for times and connect with neighboring teams.

Participants will receive event ribbons and commemorative buttons as part of this exciting experience.

Date: Sunday, January 26 Time: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Northridge - 8800 Broadway

Details: Scan the QR code for more information.



Join the Highlands Ranch USMS champion swimmers and coaches for an invigorating workout and the opportunity to build new friendships. Membership in USMS (U.S. Masters Swimming) is not required to participate in a workout group. Sessions are available for swimmers of all skill levels.

To join, you can purchase an Adult Coached Aquatics one-day pass or a 10-20-30 punch pass. New lap swimmers are invited to Swim 101 and Mastering Masters at Eastridge in January.

Location: Northridge - 8800 Broadway











Camp Backcountry Summer Registration Opens This Month

The countdown to summer at Camp Backcountry starts this month with early bird registration deals! In one week at Camp Backcountry, our kids get 40 hours of nature play, environmental education, connection to friends new and familiar, and close-to-home outdoor experiences they'll never forget!

Important Dates:

Wednesday, January 15:

Registration opens for HRCA members

Saturday, January 18:

Camp Backcountry FAQ:

Bring your registration and Camp Backcountry questions, meet the staff, and get recommendations for your camper to have the best week(s) of their summer. Crafts will be available for kids.

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Southridge (Auditorium)

Wednesday, January 22:

Registration opens for Non-HRCA members

Friday, January 31:

Final day to register with early bird discounts and get a free Camp Backcountry T-shirt

Scan the QR code for more information.





Backcountry Wilderness Area Hunting Registration Opens

HRCA homeowners have a unique opportunity to win a hunting opportunity in the Backcountry Wilderness Area. Our mission of responsible hunting and determined conservation is evident in habitat improvements and healthy game species! There are three ways to win a hunt: drawing (free & must be a homeowner), auction (must be a homeowner), and raffle (open to the public, but a non-resident must bring a HRCA homeowner as their buddy). Proceeds from the Auction and Raffle benefit the Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund.

Important Dates:

Friday, January 17:

Registration opens for hunt drawings

Monday, February 10:

Raffle tickets go on sale

Friday, February 21:

Registration closes for hunt drawings

Tuesday, March 4:

Hunt auction opens & raffle ticket sales end/winners drawn

Thursday, March 6:

Hunt auction closes

Scan the QR code for more information.





Dance For The Health Of It!



Youth Dance teaches children about music, rhythm and beat. Students also have a better understanding of spatial relationships and learn to think with both sides of their brain. All these skills enhance a child's academic performance, as well as their physical well-being.

Adult dance classes provide a welcoming and inclusive space where a variety of ages and dance abilities are welcome. Regardless of previous experience, adults are encouraged to explore various dance styles, from belly dance to tap, contemporary to ballroom, in a supportive environment that fosters growth and creativity.

Ready? Ok!

HRCA offers a cheer program by Shine that is designed to inspire children ages 5-12 to shine like a bright star. Providing opportunities for self-expression while experiencing the joy of being a part of a team. Being connected to a creative community of cheerleaders encourages a lifestyle of physical fitness.







Game Show Night



It might be dark and chilly outside, but we're ready to shake off the winter blues with a fun-filled night of entertainment! Join us for Game Show Night at HRCA, where host Rion Evans will guide the audience through exciting rounds of your favorite TV game shows like Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Press Your Luck. You'll have the chance to win fantastic prizes and enjoy a night of laughter and friendly competition. This event is perfect for the whole family, so don't miss out on the fun!

Date: Friday, January 17 **Time:** 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur

Ranch Rd. **Details:** \$15

Princess Tea

Don't be late for this very important date!
Join us for a whimsical morning with two
beloved characters, Alice and the Mad
Hatter, straight from Wonderland! Your little
royal will enjoy singing their favorite songs,
listening to magical stories, and a special
photo opportunity with Alice. Guests will be
treated to snacks, along with hot chocolate
or tea fit for a Wonderland tea party. Dressing
up in your favorite fairytale costume is highly
encouraged—whether it's a princess or anyone
else from a world of wonder!

Date: Saturday, January 25

Time:

Session 1: 10 - 11:30 a.m. Session 2: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$17





Chinese New Year



The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs
Association is collaborating with the Great
Wall Chinese Academy to commemorate
the Chinese New Year, welcoming the Year
of the Snake in 2025. Immerse yourself in the
festivities featuring traditional music, Chinese
Dragon and Lion dances, folk dances and
martial arts demonstrations. The performers
include a blend of skillful school-age
individuals and seasoned professionals.

In addition to the exciting performances, we invite you to explore the free Cultural Fair, spread throughout Southridge. The fair features a wide variety of booths, including unique shops, calligraphy demonstrations, stunning art displays, vibrant costumes and a selection of delicious food and refreshments available for purchase. It's a perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural experiences our community has to offer!

Date: Saturday, February 1

Time:

Cultural Fair (Free) 12 - 4 p.m. Performance (\$10) 2 - 3 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Father Daughter Sweetheart Ball

Join us for a winter wonderland evening at the Father Daughter Sweetheart Ball! Whether you're crafting a custom charm necklace, enjoying treats at the dessert table, or dancing the night away, magical moments await for dads and daughters. Capture the memories with a keepsake photo from our photo station to remember the night. Carriage rides will be available for an additional fee.

Date and Time:

Session 1:

Friday, February 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

Session 2:

Saturday, February 8, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Session 3:

Saturday, February 8, 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: Highlands Ranch Mansion,

9950 Gateway Dr.

Details: \$10





Splash into Fitness: Aqua Classes for all Levels!



Looking for a fun, low-impact workout that gets your heart pumping? Join us for Aqua Fitness classes at Eastridge, Southridge and Westridge! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fitness enthusiast, our water-based workouts are easy on the joints but tough on calories. Improve strength, endurance and flexibility while enjoying a refreshing splash! Come dive in today!

Kickstart Your Year with an InBody Scan!

Start the New Year with a clear picture of your health! The InBody 270 body composition test gives you a detailed snapshot of your muscle mass, body fat and overall fitness progress. This quick, non-invasive scan helps you set realistic goals and track improvements throughout the year. Make 2025 your healthiest year yet—schedule your InBody test today!



Tone, Strengthen, Sculpt!



AOUA

FITNESS

Get ready to tone, strengthen and sculpt your body with Barre Sculpt! This high-energy class combines ballet-inspired moves, pilates and strength training to target key muscle groups, improve flexibility and boost endurance. Whether you're looking to build lean muscle or enhance posture, Barre Sculpt is a fun and effective way to achieve your fitness goals. Join us and feel the burn!







Soccer Shots at HRCA



Soccer Shots is the perfect way to introduce your little one to the world of soccer! Our engaging, age-appropriate programs are designed for children ages 2-7 and run yearround. Classes are held at either Westridge on our indoor turf or at Southridge in the gym. Through fun games and interactive activities, we teach kids the fundamentals of soccer while fostering a love for this lifelong sport. With options available on weekdays, weeknights and Sundays, there's a class to fit every schedule!

Tennis Pavillion Awards and Recognitions

Frank Adams, HRCA's Head Tennis/Pickleball Professional, is being recognized by the Racquet Sports Industry as of one of the 2024 Champions of Tennis for the Intermountain region as the "Grassroots Tennis Champion of the Year." This recognition acknowledges individuals and organizations who go above and beyond in helping to make a difference in the industry and positively impacting the lives of millions throughout the U.S. Frank's passions include coaching wheelchair tennis, the Special Olympics, high school tennis, Adult League players and everyone in between. Frank is an International Master Professional for the Professional Tennis Registry and wasinducted into the Black Tennis Hall of Fame in 2021.



Pickleball lessons, Skills & Drills, Socials, & Indoor Leagues

TENNIS



SOCCER

SHOTS

HRCA will continue offering indoor pickleball lessons, leagues, socials, and skills & drills at Southridge and Northridge for players of all levels who want to learn or improve their game! In addition to group lessons, private and semi-private lessons are also available. Scan the QR Code for more information.









Therapeutic Recreation Flower Fundraiser



Brighten your summer with stunning potted flowers and hanging baskets! Place your order by Valentine's Day to secure your favorite arrangements, available in a variety of colors and options for sun or shade.

Your purchase supports HRCA's Therapeutic Recreation Program, benefiting individuals with disabilities—a beautiful win-win!

Pick up: Saturday, May 3 Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Westridge, 9650 Foothills Canyon

Blvd.

Details: Scan the QR code for more

information.

Therapeutic Recreation Sweetheart Dance

Join us for an enchanting evening at the Therapeutic Recreation Sweetheart Dance! Enjoy music, dancing, a DJ, live entertainment, door prizes, a photographer and refreshments.

Open to participants 16+ with an Individualized Service Plan (ISP).

Date: Friday, February 21

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Location: Southridge (Auditorium),

4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$17/\$20



Therapeutic Recreation Thrilling Thursdays



Adults 16+ with disabilities can enjoy three hours of weekly fun and friendship with three engaging activities. Monthly registration includes gym sports, arts and crafts, cooking, games, fitness classes and more.

Date: Thursdays, January 2 - January 30

Time: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$206/\$237



Community Partners

HRCA continuously strives to enhance property values and quality of life through recreation, community events and leadership. In line with our commitment to fostering stronger connections within our community, we would be delighted to partner with you in making your business successful.

If you are interested in learning more, please scan the QR code at the bottom of the page and begin partnering with us today!



























































































Children's Hospital Colorado cares for more kids than any other hospital in the region, offering advanced, less invasive treatments that reduce stress for children and families. Their team of pediatric experts provides family-centered care, recognizing parents as partners in every step. With a mission to improve children's health, they lead the way in patient care, education, research and advocacy.



Events

Wednesday, January 8: Your Health with UCHealth Webinar

Monday, January 13: **Board Working Session**

Friday, January 17: Game Show Night

Tuesday, January 21: Delegate & Board Meeting

Saturday, January 25: Princess Tea Party

Facility Closures

Wednesday, January 1: All Recreation Centers and Administrative offices are closed for New Year's day.

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Postmaster: Time Sensitive Material. Please deliver by Monday, December 30.

Check the website for the most up-to-date closure information. For event details, visit HRCAonline.org.

