Located in central Highlands Ranch, the Mansion is open to the public for community and private events, business meetings, historic tours and cultural programs. Please call 303-791-0177 for information about renting the Mansion for your special occasion.

The Mansion offers open hours and historic tours throughout each month. Please visit the calendar at highlandsranchmansion.com to view the schedule.
Meet Your Local Government

The Highlands Ranch Metro District is responsible for:

- Water and sanitation services through an agreement with Centennial Water and Sanitation District
- Recreation programs and services
- Developing and caring for parks, trails and natural open space areas
- Building community infrastructure, including major roads, traffic signals, and storm drainage and stormwater management
- Managing and maintaining landscaping, fence and community entries along major roads
- Street lighting through Xcel Energy
- Community events and volunteer activities
- Managing the Highlands Ranch Mansion

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Active Aging Adult Facility planning moves forward

Over the past year, our board members and staff have been discussing, with the Active Aging Adult Work Group, the idea of developing an adult activity and resource center. The work group, comprised of representatives of partner organizations/service providers, seniors in our community and Metro District staff, has invested valuable time and ideas – and we appreciate their efforts. The work group recommended components of an adult activity and resource center. Final outcomes included proposed programming for adults 50+, with a focus on four areas:

- Socialization
- Fitness, wellness and recreation
- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Information and referrals to services

With the recommendation to develop a stand-alone activity center sent to the board of directors, the next steps will include further development of a potential partnership with Shea Properties on a site in Town Center.

I encourage you to read the related article on page 23 and look through the Active Adult Programs & Services (AAPS) insert in this Messenger. Pull it out for future reference. Our AAPS Coordinator, Jodie McCann, has a number of new activities planned.

For more information about this project, please contact Carolyn Peters, recreation and park services manager, at cpeters@highlandsranch.org.

Jim Worley
Chair, Highlands Ranch Metro District Board of Directors

Looking ahead and planning for 2019

The new year offers opportunities to continue to enhance our community. The Metro District board and staff have a plan of work to accomplish in 2019.

Our priority projects include:

- Planning and designing an Active Aging Adult Center for use by residents age 50 and older.
- Working with South Metro Fire Resue Authority to ensure a smooth transition to our community’s new fire and emergency services provider.
- Redesigning and launching a more user friendly website at highlandsranch.org.
- Introducing a parkway conversion plan to reduce water use and maintenance costs in landscaping along parkways around the community.

At 38 years old, our community’s infrastructure is aging. This year marks the eleventh year of our parkway fence replacement program. Through this program, we are replacing wooden fence with a long-lasting TREX product made from recycled materials. In addition to fence replacement, the Metro District replaces one park playground and one restroom each year.

We’re proud of Highlands Ranch and we strive to make our community a special place you’re proud to call home. If you have questions about these or other Metro District programs, projects or services, please contact me at tnolan@highlandsranch.org.

Terry Nolan
General Manager, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Mansion’s calendar features fun festivities

The historic Mansion has long been a place of celebration. Enjoy festive activities and celebrations at the Mansion this winter.

Valentines at the Mansion
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1-4 p.m.

Visit the Mansion and take in the history through self-guided tours, then enjoy refreshments at this free event, presented by the Metro District’s Active Adult Programs & Services (AAPS) and the Mansion. No reservations are needed.

Early bird Western Winter Gala tickets on sale
Saturday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

Eat, drink and enjoy the best of Colorado spirits and beer during this year’s Western Winter Gala. Join the Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation for this annual fundraiser and give back to the community.

Early bird tickets are on sale now until Jan. 23 for $45 and increase to $55 after that date. Tickets are $65 at the door and food only tickets are available for $25. Each ticket includes hearty appetizers catered by Footers Catering and Events, self-guided tours of the Mansion and tastings from:

- Stranahan’s
- Bear Creek Distillery
- Leopold Bros.
- Deerhammer
- Living The Dream Brewing
- Grist Brewing Company
- Lone Tree Brewing
- Breckenridge Brewery

Proceeds from the event will benefit the foundation, and historic preservation at the Mansion. Tickets are on sale now at hrprf.org and highlandsranchmansion.com.

Mansion history and mistaken identity

Many Mansion visitors ask about the portrait of the pretty young girl displayed in the west bedroom. There has been some confusion in the past as to whether the west bedroom portrait is actually Julia Kistler, Frank Kistler’s oldest daughter. This is not the case.

The girl’s name is Joan Phipps. She is the daughter of Lawrence Phipps, Jr. Joan is the only Phipps child to actually live in the Mansion, although she wasn’t quite a child at the time, having just finished college. Joan is also the bride seen in the photograph located in the living room. Historians know the wedding photo was taken in the Mansion’s living room because one of the Mansion’s unique sconces can be seen on a wall in the background.

To learn more about the Mansion’s rich history and to see historic photos, visit highlandsranchmansion.com.

Historic flash back

This aerial view of the Mansion from 1978 shows the early days of the Highlands Ranch community we know today. The Mansion was originally built in 1891 and owned by numerous families throughout its history. Learn more history of Highlands Ranch during free tours at the Mansion.
**Increase to 2019 water & wastewater rates**

Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, is announcing increases to water and wastewater rates for customers over the next four years. A typical single family household will see a six to seven percent increase per year over the next four years to fund infrastructure needs.

“To keep up with this necessary work, we are increasing the monthly fixed charges on your bill to help us even out our revenues over the year so we can renovate and upgrade our system,” explained Centennial Water & Sanitation District Finance Director Stephanie Stanley.

The table above provides a comparison of the 2018 and 2019 rates. The chart below features Highlands Ranch rates in comparison to other local communities 2018 rates. If you have questions, please contact finance@highlandsranch.org.

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**E-bikes allowed on Metro District trails**

After a six-month pilot program in 2018, the Metro District Board of Directors approved a new rule allowing Class I and Class II e-bikes on Metro District trails.

Hundreds of trail users provided feedback during the pilot program, with 74 percent in favor of allowing e-bikes. Park rangers also observed and logged e-bike interactions around the community. Many users surveyed on the trails could not tell the difference between e-bikes and regular bikes, and had misconceptions about how loud they would be.

“We have seen more and more older users enjoy the ability to get out and be active with their friends, kids and grandkids,” said Nick Adamson, natural resources manager. “E-bikes provide another opportunity for residents to enjoy our trails, parks and open space.”

The pilot program was triggered by House Bill 1151, which was signed into law by Gov. John Hickenlooper in 2017. The state law allows Class I or Class II electric-assist bicycles on bike or pedestrian paths unless a local jurisdiction prohibits them. Class I bikes are equipped with a motor that provides electrical assistance only when the rider is pedaling and only up to 20 mph. Class II bikes are equipped with a motor that provides electrical power whether or not the rider is pedaling but only up to 20 mph. E-bikes look like a regular bicycle and the motors are quiet.

Other motorized vehicles, including electric scooters and motorbikes, are still prohibited on Metro District trails.

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**The Metro District manages more than 70 miles of trails in Highlands Ranch parks and open space.**

» 43 miles paved trails
» 28 miles natural surface trails
» 1.5 miles single-track trails

The Metro District does not manage the Highlands Ranch Community Association’s Backcountry Wilderness Area.
Are you prepared?

Is your family prepared for an emergency? No one ever thinks it's going to happen to them, until it does.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) does a lot during an emergency, but ultimately, your safety, and the safety of your family, is up to you.

By planning now, all members of your family will be prepared to act, will know how to communicate with each other, and will know your safe meeting place.

The DCSO has put together a Disaster Preparedness Guide to help create a disaster kit and plan.

View this free guide on the DCSO website at dcsheriff.net/emergency-preparedness/have-a-plan/, or download it to your mobile device by following the instructions below:

**Step 1:** On your device, download the QuickSeries Mobile app

**Step 2:** Launch the QuickSeries Mobile app

**Step 3:** Once in Bookstore, select Access Web Account and enter code qfeyfar9

**CodeRED emergency notification system**

Sign up for CodeRED to receive emergency notifications via phone, email and text. The system allows public safety personnel to send messages directly to residents and provides instructions on what to do to protect yourself or your property. Any message regarding the safety of the community will be disseminated using CodeRED, with the exception of severe weather.

Examples of emergency notifications may include police activity in your area, lost children, wildfires, evacuation notices and more.

A CodeRED emergency message will have a caller ID number of 866-419-5000 and will be identified by the name Emergency Comm. If a call comes in and you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the last message sent again.

It is free to register and all information is kept confidential. Register online at DouglasCountyCodeRed.com to sign up or to update your contact information, including additional phone numbers and email addresses. Questions regarding the CodeRED system can be sent via email to public_notify@Douglas911.org.

**Mobile App**

CodeRED offers a mobile app for Android and iPhones. Douglas County residents and business owners who download the app will receive CodeRED alerts for the geolocation of the phone. The automated alerts are free for the first 30 days, but to continue use, the user must pay $4.99 annually.
South Metro Fire Rescue now serves Highlands Ranch

As of January 1, Highlands Ranch is now served by South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR). Overall, SMFR protects approximately 285 square miles in Douglas, Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. South Metro also provides emergency and prevention services to approximately 540,000 residents and thousands more who come into their communities to work.

Additionally, SMFR serves 12 municipalities including Aurora, Bow Mar, Castle Pines, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Columbine Valley, Foxfield, Greenwood Village, Lakewood, Littleton, Lone Tree, Parker, as well as Centennial Airport, the Denver Tech Center, Inverness, the Meridian Office Park, and unincorporated portions of Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

SMFR is governed by an elected board of directors, which oversees an annual budget of more than $127 million. Metro District board member Renee Anderson is now a member of the SMFR Authority Board, representing the interests of Highlands Ranch.

Learn more about SMFR at southmetro.org, on Facebook at facebook.com/SouthMetroFireRescue, or on Twitter at twitter.com/SouthMetroPIO.

Annual property taxes for a $500,000 home for both Metro District and fire and emergency services

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What’s your story?

Volunteer Connect wants to hear from you. Would you like to share an experience from volunteering at an event, for a class, or with a local non-profit? Many people have found meaningful volunteer opportunities that align with their skills and passions through Volunteer Connect Douglas County. Have you?

Share your story and help others discover how they can make a difference in their community. Contact Volunteer Connect at VolunteerConnectDC.org/contact-us/.

Volunteer spotlight: Boy Scout Troops 870 & 873

Volunteers are the backbone of every good community event. This behind-the-scenes crew helps serve your ice cream at the Metro District’s Annual Ice Cream Social in July, and helps kids play reindeer games such as Pin the Nose on Rudolph at the Holiday Celebration at the Mansion.

Two groups in particular go above and beyond each year and contribute numerous volunteer hours to give back to our community: Boy Scout Troops 870 and 873. They are responsible, reliable, professional, courteous – everything you hope for in a volunteer.

“Community service is a priority for Boy Scout Troop 873. The scouts always love to see everyone’s smiling faces while scooping at the Ice Cream Social or to display their loyalty to our great nation during the annual Veteran’s Day Celebration,” said Troop 873 Community Service Chair Susan Montgomery. “Giving back to our amazing community expresses several points of the Boy Scout Law including: helpful, friendly, courteous, kind and cheerful, to name a few. Volunteering helps the boys to further understand these important aspects of scouting, while making the world a better place.”

“While many think of scouting involving wilderness survival, first aid, and leadership skills, it is also deeply rooted in the concept of doing for others: ‘Do a good turn daily’ (scout motto); and ‘help others at all times’ (from scout oath),” said Monika Leaf, Troop 870 service project coordinator. “Scouting encourages young people to recognize and respond to the needs they see around them through such ways as volunteering in their communities.”

Thank you Scout Troops 870 and 873 for your dedication and your service to the Metro District and for volunteering in our community of Highlands Ranch.

Connect on local news & updates

Stay up to date on Highlands Ranch news, events and projects by connecting to the Metro District through social media.
Turf conversion pilot program

Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, is running a pilot program which may compensate you for turf conversion. A rebate of $1 per square foot, up to $1,000, is available for the removal of any high water use plant material and replacement with Xeric or drought tolerant vegetation.

The turf replacement program encourages residential customers to convert water-thirsty plant materials, such as Kentucky Bluegrass, into a water wise landscape. Replacement with other materials, such as artificial turf or hardscape, may be accepted, but requires further approval.

To receive a rebate, the turf conversion must receive approval prior to the start of the work. For more information, contact Centennial Water’s Water Efficiency & Conservation Coordinator Thomas Riggle at triggle@highlandsranch.org or 303-791-0430.

Don’t forget to water your trees this winter

During the winter, outdoor irrigation needs reduce dramatically in Colorado. Water budgets are adjusted to account for the reduced amount of outdoor watering. Lawns have gone into dormancy and don’t need any extra water, however, trees do.

Water budgets during the winter include 1,000 gallons of water for outdoor use bimonthly, specifically allocated for customers to water trees. It is suggested you water your trees once a month to ensure water reaches the tree roots. Water only when outdoor temperatures are above 40 degrees.

Furnace, insulation and water heater rebates

Xcel Energy offers up to $1,900 in rebates on high-efficiency furnaces, insulation upgrades and water heaters. The same things that keep you warm and comfortable this winter can keep cash in your pockets for winters to come. To learn more and find a participating contractor, visit xcelenergy.com/staywarm.

Snow removal in Highlands Ranch

STREETS

- **Removal Timeline**: 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
  - Cul-de-sacs

TRAILS & PARKWAY SIDEWALKS

- **Removal Timeline**: Three inches of snow has accumulated and 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
  - Fire stations
  - Metro District buildings
- **Priorities**:
  - Essential Metro District buildings
  - Sidewalks and hard surface trails
  - Parking lots at community and neighborhood parks

RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALKS

- **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
- **Priorities**:
  - Essential Metro District buildings
  - Sidewalks and hard surface trails
  - Parking lots at community and neighborhood parks
  - Fire stations
  - Metro District buildings

HOMEOWNER

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
Central Park offers new outdoor amenities

Central Park, a three-acre urban style park, is a partnership among the Metro District, Shea Properties and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO). Located in the Central Park development south of Lucent Boulevard and Plaza Drive and north of the UCHealth Hospital currently under construction, the park is recognizable by the reddish orange triple-prong DCSO communications tower that rises from the park. The park features several picnic shelters and event spaces, restrooms, decorative fountains, a grass maze and more. New recreational features of the park include:

- Slackline poles
- Cornhole boards
- Outdoor table tennis
- Interactive sound chimes sculpture

The Metro District began booking reservations for the park’s shelter facilities on Jan. 2. For information about how to reserve Central Park, please visit highlandsranch.org/reservations.

Enhancements coming to Johnny’s Pond

This spring the Metro District will add a fishing dock and shelter to Johnny’s pond, a two-acre pond tucked away among natural grasses and views of the foothills on the west side of Highlands Ranch.

Maintenance last fall included dredging one acre of the pond to a five-foot depth. This was completed to discourage future cattail growth and improve recreational opportunities such as birdwatching and fishing. More open water in the pond should invite a variety of shorebirds, shovelers and other water fowl.

Johnny’s Pond is located west of the intersection of S. Erickson Boulevard and Plaza Drive. Parking is not available at the pond, but visitors may park about a quarter mile east at Fly’n B Park, 2910 Plaza Drive. Project updates will be posted to highlandsranch.org.

Thin ice: Seemingly frozen ponds should always be avoided

It only takes a split second for seemingly frozen ice to crack under the weight of a person or animal. Keep yourself, your family and your pets safe this winter and stay off icy ponds.

Ponds ice over during the winter, but the constant freezing and thawing cycle creates unstable ice conditions that can quickly change. Ice that seems solid can fracture quickly and may result in tragedy.

- Children should always be supervised around lakes or ponds and educated about the dangers of walking or playing on icy ponds.
- Pets should always be kept on a leash in parks, open space areas, and around bodies of water.

If you see a person or animal fall through the ice, do not go out onto the ice to help them. People who try to help often become victims themselves. Instead, immediately call 911. You can try to reach the victim from the shore with a ladder, stick, pole or rope, or you can throw them something that floats.

Overnight camping banned without a permit

In November the Metro District Board of Directors approved a new rule prohibiting camping in parks and open spaces without a permit. The rule was made in response to reports of overnight youth camping and homeless encampments on Metro District property.

Metro District properties are closed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. This rule will help park rangers enforce the closure.

Metro District Rules and Regulations were originally adopted in 1982. They are revised periodically to address current trends and issues. To read the full document, visit highlandsranch.org.
Shiny new look for Foothills Park playground

Construction on the new playground at Foothills Park is ongoing and expected to be completed by late February, weather permitting. New equipment is being installed to provide a physically challenging and mentally stimulating inclusive play space that promotes social interaction.

The project is part of the Metro District’s Capital Improvement Plan that aims to replace one playground each year, pending budget approval and availability of funds.

Metro District staff sought user input on the new Foothills Park playground design and held an on-site meeting with users last August. Based on feedback, some of the new features of the playground will include:

- Swings, including a Konnection swing that allows adults and kids to swing at the same time
- Slides
- Sensory panels
- Climbing elements, including a standalone rotating net climber
- Sand and water play

The previous wooden playground equipment was installed when the park was built in 2002, and has sustained significant wear and tear during the last 16 years. Foothills Park is located at 1042 Riddlewood Road, in Highlands Ranch. Project updates will be posted to highlandsranch.org.

Playground safety

The Metro District inspects its 22 playgrounds weekly checking for any hazards and normal wear and tear. Safety is our top priority, and five staff members are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors. This nationally recognized certification ensures staff members have the most up-to-date training on playground safety issues including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods.

If you spot anything unsafe in one of our parks, please call 303-791-2710 to report it.

Did you know

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, an estimated 40 percent of playground injuries are associated with a lack of supervision?

Parents and caregivers should observe children at play at all times to reduce the possibility of accidents.

Haze coyotes to minimize conflicts

Coyotes live throughout the Denver metro area year-round and sightings around Highlands Ranch are common. This is especially true this time of year when less vegetation and snowy open spaces make them easier to spot. During January, coyotes begin pairing up prior to the spring breeding season.

Our close proximity to wildlife makes it important to understand how to avoid conflicts with coyotes to keep your pets and family safe. We have a significant role in shaping animal behavior.

What should you do if you see a coyote on your property, or if one approaches too closely? You can help your local wildlife and your neighborhood by hazing coyotes to help prevent them from becoming habituated to people. Hazing methods include:

- Yelling and clapping
- Banging pots and pans together
- Throwing rocks, sticks or snowballs in the animal’s direction
- Spraying with garden hoses, water guns and sprinklers
- Using noise making devices, such as a whistle or air horn
- Using deterrent sprays
- Motion sensor lights

The goal of hazing is not to harm the coyote, but to make it feel uncomfortable and wary of humans.

Find more information about preventing conflicts with coyotes at highlandsranch.org/OSIC.

Who to call...

The Metro District is responsible for educating residents about coyotes, monitoring interactions between residents and coyotes and reporting encounters to the appropriate agencies. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) manages all of our state’s wildlife. CPW personnel respond to reports of dangerous coyotes and decide how to handle each situation based on the interest of public safety.

Highlands Ranch Metro District
303-540-2311 Park Rangers’ pager. If you have concerns or would like to report an encounter with a coyote, pages will typically receive a response within 15 minutes during normal business hours.

720-240-5924 Open Space Supervisor Scott Nelson. If you have questions about coyote behavior, or if you would like to schedule a coyote conflict prevention home audit.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
303-291-7227 If you have an incident or encounter with a coyote, or if a coyote is exhibiting dangerous behavior towards people such as raising its hackles, baring its teeth or growling.

911: If a person is injured or attacked by a coyote.
Park shelter reservations
Celebrate at a Highlands Ranch park
Graduations
Birthdays
Family reunions
Company picnics
End of season parties

How to reserve a park shelter
1. Visit highlandsranch.org/reservations to check the availability calendars. All reservations require a two hour minimum.
2. Make sure the park shelter you would like to reserve will accommodate the size of your party. An event of more than 100 does require special permitting.
3. Contact the Metro District at 303-791-2710 or submit an online request to Pam Moisey, reservations specialist, at highlandsranch.org/reservations

Prior to your park reservation, please review the park rules. Remember, glass bottles are not allowed.

Picnic Packs
Bring a bag of fun to your party
The Metro District’s Picnic Packs are a fun and convenient addition to enhance special occasions. From volleyball to cornhole, there is something for everyone. We offer daily rentals of fun-filled packages.

For the kids
• Field Day Fun
• Happy Kids

For the whole family
• Lawn Games
• Volleyball
• Croquet
• Lawn Tennis
• Corn Hole

Did you know
In 2018, the Metro District reserved 1,005 park shelters for events and celebrations. There were more than 27,000 hours of field reservations.

2019 fee schedule

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- Field Day Fun: $25
- Lawn Games: $25
- Happy Kids: $25
- Lawn Tennis: $25
- Volleyball: $42
- Bocce/Horseshoe: $10
- Corn Hole Toss: $35
- Croquet: $35

Damage deposit required.

Sports Fields
- $16/hr. Resident
- $24/hr. Nonresident

Bocce/Horseshoe Court
- $5/hr. Resident
- $8/hr. Nonresident

Pickleball Court
- $5/90 mins. Resident
- $8/90 mins. Nonresident

Community Gardens
For the green thumbs of Highlands Ranch, the Metro District has three community gardens with plots for local gardeners. On the east side of Highlands Ranch is the Cheese Ranch Historic and Natural Area with 32 plots, and a 20-plot garden in Dad Clark Park. On the west side, a 46-plot garden is located just east of Foothills Park. These gardens have amended soil, a water source, trash receptacle, an organic waste bin, and a fenced area in which to grow fruits, flowers and vegetables between May 1 and Oct. 30 each year.

Fee:
- $50 Resident
- $58 Nonresident

Previous year’s gardeners may reserve the same plot they had last year by Feb. 28. If you’re a new community gardener and would like a plot, please place your name on the waitlist now. You will be notified the first week of March if a plot is available.

Nonprofit groups wishing to garden for the purpose of enhancing education and/or donating crops to food banks, may be granted a garden plot at no charge.

For more information, or to add your name to the waitlist, please call the Metro District Parks, Recreation & Open Space staff at 303-791-2710.
Are you interested in a great job?
Working with Metro District recreation programs will take you outdoors in a sports environment. Each year the Metro District hires qualified individuals for these positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, please call the Metro District Recreation Services staff at 303-791-2710.

Adult softball supervisors & umpires (ages 18 & older)
Batting cage attendants (ages 16 & older)
Lacrosse instructors & officials (ages 16 & older)
Track & field coaches (ages 16 & older)
Youth baseball/softball supervisor (ages 18 & older)
Youth baseball/softball umpires (ages 14 & older)
Youth flag football supervisor (ages 18 & older)
Youth flag football officials (ages 14 & older)
Youth sports coaches (volunteers)

Online registration has a new look
Our new site is now mobile responsive and more customer friendly. If you have previously had an account with the Metro District, the same username and password will still work to register for recreation programs.
Check it out at highlandsranch.org/signmeup.

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
CARA Recreational 7 v 7 Lacrosse Leagues
Ages 6 – 14
Boys teams play in the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA). This league is designed for beginner lacrosse players or players looking for a more recreational league. Teams will travel for away games against other CARA teams. All teams are scheduled for seven games.

Required equipment: Lacrosse helmet, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, stick, protective cup and a mouthguard. Rib pads and throat protectors are recommended, but optional.

Fee: Resident: $135 Nonresident: $155

Registration deadline: Friday, Feb. 15

Learn from the Pros Lacrosse Clinic
Ages 6 – 14
Colorado Mammoth players and coaches will be conducting a two-hour coaches and players clinic. Customized to each age level, this up-tempo, high-energy, skills-based session will make coaches and players better prepared for the season. Included in the fee is a ticket to a Colorado Mammoth home game and T-shirt.

Featuring:
• Position-specific training
• Dynamic team drill integration
• Coaches training and manual from a professional coach

Required equipment: Shoulder pads, helmet, gloves, arm pads and a stick

Fee: $50

Spring Introductory Lacrosse Program
Ages 6 – 14
There’s no better way to learn the game and proper use of a lacrosse stick than an introductory lacrosse clinic for new players. This is a four-week introductory program. Lacrosse sticks are provided. No additional equipment is required.

Fee: Resident: $55 Nonresident: $63

Preseason Spring Flag Football Camp
Ages 4 – 14
This camp is recommended for all participants of the Metro District Youth Flag Football league, as well as individuals interested in learning more about flag football.

Fee: Resident: $30 Nonresident: $35

Spring Youth Flag Football League
Ages 4 – eighth grade
This is a recreational Saturday only league. There will be no practices allowed during the week for this program due to field availability. This league will give players and teams an early season to practice their flag football skills.

Three Saturday practices will be held March 9, 16 and 23. Games will be held March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4.

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Activity #401508-A
Activity #402400-A
April 6, 13, 20, 27 9 a.m. - noon Shea Stadium

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
The Metro District’s T-ball, baseball and softball programs are for recreation level play with a focus on learning skills, game fundamentals, rules, making friends and having fun. Waitlists will apply once leagues are full or after the registration deadline. Late fees: A $15 late fee will apply after the registration deadline. However, if leagues are full, late registrations will be placed on a waitlist.

Team rosters and team player registrations will be accepted from Saturday, Feb. 2 through Monday, April 1. Coaches must submit a team roster form to the Metro District office prior to players registering for their specific team.

Individual registrations will be accepted Saturday, Feb. 2 through Monday, April 1. Individual registration does not guarantee placement with friends. We encourage players to coordinate with neighbors or schoolmates and submit a team roster to ensure playing with friends.

Note: Teams conducting tryouts will be disqualified from playing in the Metro District’s leagues. Teams playing in two or more tournaments during the summer season are not eligible to play in the summer Metro District leagues.

### SPECIAL REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. – noon

Metro District Parks Recreation & Open Space Service Center

3280 Redstone Park Circle

- Players will hear from coaches after Tuesday, April 30.
- Practices will begin the week of May 13.
- Games will begin Saturday, June 1.
- Picture days are June 8 and 15. *The league fee does not include pictures.
- Games and practices will not be scheduled on the following dates: May 27 and July 4-6.
- The regular season is scheduled to end no later than Saturday, Aug. 3, weather dependent.
- Baseball leagues ages 7 and older and softball leagues ages 8 and older play on dirt fields. All other leagues play on grass fields.

Please choose the appropriate division for your child. If you have any questions on which division your child should be in, please call the Metro District at 303-791-2710.

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Baseball & Softball Clinics

The Metro District is proud to offer a skills and pitching clinic in association with Diamond Club Training. Diamond Club operates its own facility as a national affiliate of America's Baseball Camps and is the home of the Colorado Rockies fall scout team.

Required equipment: glove, bat, helmet, hat and water bottle. Players should wear shorts, sweats or baseball pants and cleats.

Registration deadline: Monday, April 22

Skills Clinic
Ages 6 – 14
Clinic features: Defense — outfield and infield play, catching fundamentals, footwork, balance, throwing mechanics, preparation and glove work. Hitting — balance, rhythm, timing, bat speed, power, mental approach and more.

Fee:
Resident: $55  Nonresident: $63

Baseball  Activity #401130-A
Sunday, April 28  9 a.m. - noon  Redstone Park

Softball  Activity #401131-A
Sunday, April 28  9 a.m. - noon  Redstone Park

Pitching Clinic
Ages 7 – 14
Clinic features: Developing a repeatable delivery, balance, grip, separation, direction, weight transfer, building arm strength and more.

Fee:
Resident: $40  Nonresident: $46

Baseball  Activity #401130-B
Sunday, April 28  1 - 3 p.m.  Redstone Park

Softball  Activity #401131-B
Sunday, April 28  1 - 3 p.m.  Redstone Park

Weekday T-ball League

Ages 4 – 6 (Age as of July 31, 2019)
If your busy schedule means you would like to know your T-ball schedule in advance, we have a great option for you. This T-ball league has no Saturday games. Registration is limited, so sign up early. Volunteer coaches are needed. Parent involvement during games and practices is highly encouraged. No games will be played July 3-4.

Fee: Resident: $78  Nonresident: $90
Registration deadline: Friday, May 10 or until leagues are full
*Leagues may be combined if necessary (you will be contacted to discuss options if this occurs)

Monday/Wednesday League
Practices begin June 3.
League meets every Monday/Wednesday for seven weeks, with a balanced mix of practices and games.

Ages 4/5 Activity #101120-A  5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  Redstone Park
Ages 4/5 Activity #101120-B  5:45 - 6:45 p.m.  Cougar Run Park

Tuesday/Thursday League
Practices begin June 4.
League meets every Tuesday/Thursday for seven weeks, with a balanced mix of practices and games.

Ages 4/5 Activity #101121-A  5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  Redstone Park
Age 6 Activity #101121-B  6:45 - 7:45 p.m.  Redstone Park

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
**Spirit Team**

Ages 4 - 14

Don’t just watch your favorite team from the bleachers, cheer them on from the sidelines. The Highlands Ranch Spirit Program gives your child an opportunity to support fellow athletes and their community by showing their spirit at flag football games. This recreational spirit program will focus on teaching participants the fundamentals of cheerleading and dance to use at games and halftime performances. Athletes will learn the values of hard work, team work and self-confidence. No experience needed. There will be practice once a week, with Saturday games and other performances. Games are held at various Highlands Ranch park locations.

**Registration deadline: Friday, March 1**

**Fee:**
- Resident: $130
- Nonresident: $150

**Team Fee:** $50, includes cheer bow, T-shirt, game day goodies and other extras; paid directly to Peak Athletics.

**Uniform Fee:** $75 (new athletes or those needing a new uniform only) includes cheer uniform and poms; paid directly to Peak Athletics.

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**SuperTots Sports**

Since 2002, SuperTots has engaged kids, ages 2-4, in physical activity in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment. SuperTots knows that kids are hardwired to learn through play. For that reason, we’ve designed an engaging, skill-building curriculum in which “tots” learn through a series of fun games. They will acquire athletic skills and fitness while developing a love of sports. Programs are 50 minutes and meet once a week for four weeks. All programs include a T-shirt and an award.

**All SuperTot programs are held indoors at Plum Creek Academy, 9340 Commerce Center St.**

**Registration deadline: Monday before each class begins**

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**HoopsterTots (Basketball)**

HoopsterTots classes focus on building fitness and muscle coordination, while also learning key basketball fundamentals like dribbling, shot technique, passing and teamwork. We use adjustable hoops and just the right size basketballs.

**Fee:**
- Resident: $54
- Nonresident: $62

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**SoccerTots (Soccer)**

SoccerTots is our flagship program. Our classes focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence while also learning balance, dribbling, foot-eye coordination and running control. We also introduce an element of light competition.

**Fee:**
- Resident: $54
- Nonresident: $62

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**BaseballTots (T-ball)**

BaseballTots classes focus on fine and gross motor skills as well as body control. We teach all the baseball basics, such as throwing, catching, hitting and running control. We are excited to help these little ones develop a love of the game.

**Fee:**
- Resident: $54
- Nonresident: $62

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Adult Sports

Adult Softball – Spring Season

Please visit our league website at quickscores.com/hrmd for detailed information. To register please contact Luke Ruter at 720-240-5912 or lruter@highlandsranch.org. Leagues begin week of March 17.

**Registration deadline: Thursday, March 7**

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FREE AGENT SIGN-UP

What if I am an individual player without a team?

If you are interested in joining a team for a particular sport, please visit the Metro District’s league website at quickscores.com/hrmd, or contact Luke Ruter at 720-240-5912 or lruter@highlandsranch.org.

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Pickleball

Programs will be held at Tanks Park, 10371 S. Broadway.

**Learn to Play**

So you’ve heard of Pickleball, but don’t know what the fuss is all about? This introductory class will teach you game rules and techniques to help you fall in love with this rapidly growing sport.

Fee: Resident: $15  Nonresident: $17

**Registration deadline: Friday, April 5**

**Activity #403713-A**

Thursday, April 11  9 - 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday Doubleheader League**

Sign up for our recreation-level doubles league as a team or as an individual. Single players will be matched with a partner. League games will start after 5 p.m. and doubleheaders will be played each week.

Fee: $45 per person (Five weeks, 10 matches, plus a tournament).

**Registration deadline: Friday, April 19**

**Activity #403714-A**

League begins Thursday, April 25.

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Bocce Ball

Programs will be held at Northridge Park, 8800 S. Broadway

**Learn to Play**

Ever wanted to learn bocce ball? Classes will teach rules and how to play. This will be a great introduction before leagues begin.

Fee: Resident: $15  Nonresident: $17

**Registration deadline: Friday, March 8**

**Activity #404214-A**

Wednesday, March 13  6 - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday Mixed Leagues**

Bocce ball is a league with two-player teams. Sign up as a team or individual. Single players will be matched with partners. League start time is 6 p.m.

Fee: $40 per person (Six weeks plus a tournament).

**Registration deadline: Friday, March 15**

**Activity #404216-A**

League begins Wednesday, March 20.

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WASA Coed Adult Kickball League

The Western Alternative Sports Association (WASA) brings the fun of kickball to Highlands Ranch. Join the thousands of adults around Denver reliving their playground days. WASA Kickball is fun, laid back and social. Team fees include an eight-week outdoor season, customized team T-shirts, equipment, great specials/post game giveaways and a playoff tournament.

Games will be played Thursday nights beginning April 18.

Registration begins in late February at wasasports.com.

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Youth Tennis Programs

Register for all tennis programs at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

Red Ball Classes Ages 4 - 7
Fee: 4 week sessions: $60
ABC's Agility, Balance and Coordination
Perfect for 4- to 5-year-old beginners
Wednesday 4 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Red 1 Learn to hit
45-minute classes for beginners
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
Red 2 Let's rally
Learning to rally on their court
Monday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Orange Ball Classes Ages 7 - 10
Fee: 4 week sessions: $72
Orange 1 Learn to play
Best for younger players and beginners
Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Orange 2 Learn to rally
Intermediate players and those preparing for team tennis next year
Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Green Ball Classes Ages 11 - 15
Fee: 6 week sessions: $72
Green 1 Learn to play
Have fun
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 3 - 4 p.m.
Green 2 Train to play
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Junior Development Ages 9 - 17
Development is best for players starting team tennis this year or with one year of team experience.
Ages 9 - 12 Monday/Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Ages 13 - 17 Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Ages 9 - 12 Saturday 1 - 2 p.m.
Ages 13 - 17 Saturday 2 - 3 p.m.

Junior Elite Ages 9 - 17
Elite is for players with two or more years of team tennis experience.
Ages 9 - 12 Monday/Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Ages 13 - 17 Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Spring Break Camps March 18 – 21
Join us during spring break week for four days of tennis and fun.
Ages 7 - 10 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Ages 10 - 13 2:30 - 4 p.m.

USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) AGES 8-18
Tennis is More Fun on a Team!
Plan to be part of the best youth tennis program. Learn about teams, practices, matches and costs at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

USTA JTT
USTA JTT registration date has been pushed forward to late April - all teams must be formed by April 20.

JTT ELITE TEAMS
In addition to our regular programs we will be offering a new JTT program for teams where the players are focusing much or most of their athletic talents on tennis.

PARENT MEETINGS Youth Tennis Leagues
Please plan to attend one of the following parent meetings at Lebsack Tennis Center if you would like for your child to participate in one of our junior tennis leagues this summer. These are the only two meetings before the new JTT deadline, so plan to attend rain, snow or shine.
Saturday, April 6 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13 3:30 - 4 p.m.
Adult Tennis Programs

Register for all tennis programs at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

DRILL CLASSES
All of our drill classes allow you to choose the classes and times each week that fit your schedule, with no long commitment. Register online for the days and times that fit your life.

Fee: 90-minute class: $28
Intermediate = 2.5 - 3.0 players
Advanced = 3.5 players and higher

TEAM PRACTICES
Top USPTA and USPTR pros are ready to help your teams to victory. Book your weekly reserved times now.

ADULT SOCIALS
Friday night socials are back! Our adult socials are legendary—watch for them to start in early May. Details can be found at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

COURT FEES
Reserved court fees $7/hour
Ball machine rental $18/hour
(Includes balls and a reserved court.)

PRIVATE LESSONS
1 and a Pro $65/hour
2 and a Pro $35/hour per player
3 and a Pro $25/hour per player
4 and a Pro $20/hour per player
The above rates are for Highlands Ranch residents. Nonresident fees are slightly higher.

TNT (Tennis in No Time)
Our adult beginner and intermediate classes are a great way to learn a new sport, rekindle an old passion or simply have fun and meet new friends.

Wednesday (Beginner) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Beginner) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday (Adv. Beg.) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday (Adv. Beg.) 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Drills and Skills
Drills and Skills combine cardio style drills with situational games and lots of fun.

Saturday (Intermediate) 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday (Advanced) 10:30 a.m. - noon

Drill and Play
Instructional drill class designed to work on a new skill set each week followed by another 45 minutes of round robin match play with the pro on court to work on tactics and strategies.

Wednesday (Advanced) 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday (Intermediate) 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Friday (Intermediate) 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Live Ball
Drills with instruction and every point counts.

Tuesday (Intermediate) 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Thursday (Intermediate) 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Monday (Advanced) 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Friday (Advanced) 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Doubles Strategy
You know how to play—now let’s get you in the right position with the right tools to make the best possible shot.

Wednesday (Intermediate) 10:30 a.m. - noon

Futures Drills
Drills and games set up for players not yet ready for league play. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

Tuesday (Beginner) 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday (Beginner) 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Nature EdVentures

The registration deadline is one week prior to the class start date.

Fee for all programs unless otherwise noted: 
- Resident: $10
- Nonresident: $12

Group Rate Programs (3 or more per registration):
- Resident: $6/person
- Nonresident: $7/person

Children 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Class maximums are 20.

Winter Coverings
All Ages/Families
Do you ever wonder how wild animals keep warm in the winter with snow and cold temperatures? Discover how our furry and feathered friends survive in Highlands Ranch during Colorado winters. Dress appropriately for a short stroll outside.

Activity #305103-A
Monday, Jan. 21  2 - 3 p.m.
Metro District Service Center
at Redstone Park
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #305103-B

Shelter Building
All Ages/Families
Brush up on your survival skills with us. You will learn how to collect the proper limbs and construct shelters while learning more fun survival skills. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring gloves.

Activity #305202-A
Wednesday, Feb. 27  4:30 - 6 p.m.
Fly’n B Park shelter
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #305202-B

Full Moon Hike – Nocturnal Wildlife
All Ages/Families
Hike by the light of the moon around Fly’n B Park to look and listen for sights and sounds from animals of the night. Feel pelts, observe skulls and learn fun facts about local wildlife. Bring your flashlight and dress appropriately for the weather.

Activity #305315-A
Thursday, March 21  6 - 7:30 p.m.
Fly’n B Park shelter
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #305315-B

Nesting Owls
All Ages/Families
Whoooo is calling from a nest in the tree tops? Great-Horned Owls. Learn about our local owls and watch a nest up close with a spotting scope. Binoculars are provided, or bring your own.

Activity #305104-A
Saturday, March 30  10:30 a.m. - noon
Fly’n B Park shelter
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #305104-B

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Horseback Riding Lessons

*Ride at the Ranch*

All lessons will be held at Stockton’s Plum Creek Stables, 7479 W. Titan Road.

**The registration deadline is one week prior to the class start date.**

**Required Equipment and Clothing**

Helmets are mandatory. Stockton’s provides ASTM/SEI approved riding helmets in all sizes. Wear jeans (pants), close-toed shoes or boots to protect feet from hooves. Bring a water bottle, weather-appropriate jacket, sunscreen and bug spray.

**Liability and Emergency Release Forms**

Stockton’s requires a parent/guardian to complete a liability release and emergency contact form. Please arrive 15 minutes early on the first day in order to complete these forms.

**Saturday Intro to Horses**

*Ages 8 – Adult*

This is a great introductory class for those new to the horse world. Each day students will get a demonstration of grooming, saddling and bridling and will finish the day with a riding lesson.

**Fee:**  
- Resident: $130  
- Nonresident: $140

**Dates**  
Feb. 2, 9, 16  
March 2, 9, 16

**Time**  
10 – 11 a.m.

**Activity #**  
407306-A  
407306-B

**Kiddie Corral I**

*Ages 5 – 7*

Learn about horse behavior, grooming, feeding and balanced-centered riding. The focus of this class is on safety while building confidence. All classes meet daily Monday through Thursday.

**Fee:**  
- Resident: $99  
- Nonresident: $109

**Dates**  
March 4 – 7  
March 11 – 14  
March 18 – 21  
March 25 – 28

**Time**  
5 - 6 p.m.  
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1 - 2 p.m.  
1 - 2 p.m.

**Activity #**  
407301-A  
407301-B  
407301-C  
407301-D

**Beginning Horsemanship**

*Ages 8 – 15*

This hands-on class is an introduction to western horsemanship for beginners, emphasizing horse/rider communication, grooming and handling skills.

**Fee:**  
- Resident: $195  
- Nonresident: $210

**Dates**  
March 18 – 22  
March 25 – 29

**Time**  
10 a.m. – noon  
10 a.m. – noon

**Activity #**  
407303-A  
407303-B

The Stockton’s western experience doesn’t stop with horseback riding lessons - Stockton’s Plum Creek Stables also offers group hayrides, pony rides, birthday parties, western theme parties and picnics and private horseback riding lessons. Experience the ol’ west. Contact Stockton’s at 303-791-1966 or stocktonsplumcreek.com.

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Winter work continues at Chatfield State Park

Work continues at Chatfield State Park as part of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project. The reservoir was built by the Army Corps of Engineers to serve multiple functions including flood control, water supply and recreation. The Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project will increase the non-flood period storage capacity for water supply at Chatfield Reservoir by 20,600 acre feet.

The project’s construction work started in the fall of 2017. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the spring of 2019, covering two construction seasons.

Season one construction projects have almost been completed. Due to conflicts related to the relocation of Xcel Energy’s gas line, the completion of the swim beach, Catfish Flats, Fox Run and recreational trails from Deer Creek to Fox Run have been delayed. At this time, it is anticipated these areas will reopen no later than Memorial Day weekend 2019.

As these final season one projects are completed, the Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company looks ahead to the work of season two. Impacted construction areas include:

- Marina, docks and landside
- South boat ramp
- Roxborough Cove
- Plum Creek day use area
- Kingfisher and Gravel ponds
- Portion of the perimeter road from Jamison day use area to the park headquarters, including the bridge over the South Platte River

Along with the final season one projects impacted by the delay, all of the areas impacted by season two projects are anticipated to reopen by Memorial Day weekend 2019.

Additional information can be found at chatfieldreallocation.org.

C-470 Express Lanes project continues into 2019

The C-470 Express Lanes Project has been under construction over the last year. It has added time to commutes and brought with it the added challenge of navigating the lane changes throughout the construction process. However, the end result is intended to improve travel along this busy highway.

The project spans 12.5 miles of C-470 between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. Once complete, the Colorado Department of Transportation projects up to 18 minutes in travel time savings for a westbound trip from I-25 to Wadsworth Boulevard during peak and evening commute times.

The project will keep the same number of general purpose lanes at two, but will add express lanes in both directions. There will not be free HOV lanes. Drivers will get a choice of using the existing lanes or paying a toll to use the new express lanes.

All tolls will be collected by license plate toll or with an ExpressToll account through a transponder. License plate toll customers will be billed the ExpressToll rate plus a surcharge. The most efficient and least expensive way to pay tolls is by using an ExpressToll transponder. To get a transponder, visit codot.gov/programs/expresslanes/get-a-pass, or call 303-537-3470.

In addition to the new express lanes, the project has made numerous enhancements to the C-470 corridor along Highlands Ranch, which will improve driver’s commutes. To learn more about the project, visit codot.gov/projects/C470ExpressLanes.

The Express Lanes Project is expected to be complete by fall 2019.
Active Aging Adult Center planning continues

The Metro District Board of Directors has given staff approval to move forward with developing a potential partnership with Shea Properties on a Town Center site for the development of an Active Aging Adult Center. Metro District staff will begin working with Shea Properties this year to enter into an agreement to build a new center, which would be owned and operated by the Metro District. An attached affordable senior housing facility would be owned by Shea Properties.

Four potential sites for the future center were reviewed last year, and staff recommended moving forward with further research of the Town Center site, located immediately west of Civic Green Park. The two-acre site is owned by Shea Properties.

Preliminary concept plans for the center estimate a 22,000-square-foot facility with underground parking, an outdoor patio space and attached affordable senior housing developed by Shea Properties. The proposed facility would be planned and built in partnership with Shea Properties. The concept plans were developed based on input from the community, the Metro District Board of Directors, a citizen work group and Metro District staff.

Identified in the Metro District’s 2019 budget are funds for the next steps in planning, which include finalizing the building plans, budget and preparing construction documents.

“The planning continues to progress toward the ultimate goal of having a dynamic resource center to serve our 50 plus population,” said Parks, Recreation & Open Space Director Carrie Ward. “We’re looking forward to continued collaboration with our partners in the community to make the center a reality.”

For more information about the center and the process, please contact Metro District Recreation Manager Carolyn Peters at cpeters@highlandsranch.org.
The historic Mansion is open to the public for tours throughout the year. Private parties and events can also be held at the Mansion throughout the year. Learn more at highlandsranchmansion.com.

Attend a board meeting

Metro District board meetings are held at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month (with rare exceptions due to holiday schedules) at the John D. Hendrick Office Building, 62 Plaza Drive. The public is encouraged to attend. Visit highlandsranch.org and click on the Local Government link for a meeting schedule.

Centennial Water and Sanitation District board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month (with rare exceptions due to holiday schedules) at the John D. Hendrick Office Building, 62 Plaza Drive. Visit centennialwater.org to view a meeting schedule.

Sign up for eMessengers

Looking for local news and updates, water conservation tips, facts about the historic Mansion, active adult programs or recreation program information? Take a peek at all the eNewsletters offered by the Metro District. Sign up, based on your interests, at highlandsranch.org.

New recreation registration page

Check out the Metro District’s newly redesigned recreation registration page at highlandsranch.org/signmeup.

Residential Customer

Look for active adult programs in the enclosed insert.