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Register now for the annual golf tournament.
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highlandsranch.org
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.

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Meet Your Local Government
The Highlands Ranch Metro District is responsible for:
• Fire and emergency services, currently through an agreement with the City of Littleton and the Littleton Fire Protection District
• 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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Fire & emergency services top priority
The Metro District Board of Directors decided back in late 2017 we would proceed with a unification plan that converts fire rescue and emergency service coverage from Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) to South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR), which currently provides fire and emergency services to more than 278,000 residents across Denver’s southern suburbs. In May voters in Highlands Ranch voted to include our community into SMFR, with services beginning in January 2019. Thank you for supporting this change in services.

I’d like to explain more about what will happen, based on the election. Under this new plan, funding will come directly from Highlands Ranch property owners, and citizens will be able to vote for SMFR’s board of directors or choose to run for a seat on the board. SMFR will begin assessing its tax of 9.25 mills on property in Highlands Ranch in 2019, which is the same rate applied across the entire South Metro service area. At the same time, the Metro District’s mill levy will be reduced.

Learn more about the next steps for our community’s fire and emergency services on page 23. If you have questions regarding this or any other topic relative to the Metro District, please send an inquiry to info@highlandsranch.org.

Staying active at all ages
Regardless of your age, it’s important to stay active. This can mean walking, being social with friends and family, or a variety of other activities available here in Highlands Ranch.

Our community’s outdoor recreation system is diverse and offers opportunities for people of all ages and experience levels to exercise and stay mobile.

Many residents enjoy walking, bicycling or running on more than 70 miles of trails in our parks and open space areas. In fact, in past surveys, trails have been consistently ranked as our community’s most popular amenity. Our community will soon have 26 parks, with the addition of Central Park. These parks feature amenities from tennis courts and a skate park at Redstone Park to dog parks and community gardens.

If you enjoy fishing, you can relax at the Fly’n B Park Pond, Redstone Pond or one of many ponds around the Ranch. It’s easy to find a wide variety of activities, regardless of the season.

I enjoy playing pickleball, which is available at Tanks Park. One of the fastest growing sports in the nation, pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a Wiffle Ball, over a net. It’s a great form of exercise and it’s fun to meet people on the court.

If you have questions about any of the Metro District’s programs, services, projects or events, please contact me at tnohan@highlandsranch.org or 720-540-4910.

Terry Nolan
General Manager, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Mansion drive improvements

The Highlands Ranch Mansion, at a stately 127 years old, continues to evolve. Work continues to enhance the Mansion and surrounding Historic Park grounds. This year, a new pavilion drive was added on the north side of the Mansion and the circle in front of the entrance has been expanded.

“The primary goal of the design was to be true to the historic landscape while improving the space for events and pedestrian circulation,” said Brittany White, Metro District park planner, who is the project designer.

The tree-covered driving lane leading to the Mansion’s entrance is a popular location for private events and wedding ceremonies. The addition of the pavilion drive will improve the surface for this purpose.

To learn more about the Mansion and Historic Park, please visit highlandsranchmansion.com

Plan to attend Plein Air at the Mansion

Join area fine artists at the Highlands Ranch Historic Park & Mansion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 for Plein Air at the Mansion. Artists will spread out around the grounds and pick the perfect spot to create paintings and drawings “in the open air.”

What does plein air mean? In plein air is a French expression used to describe the act of painting outdoors, popular with French impressionists including Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Working outside challenges artists to react to changing light, colors and weather conditions.

“We are excited to offer the community a unique experience at our one-of-a-kind location,” Mansion Manager Harlan Stritchko said. This event is free to attend and no reservations are required. Visitors will have the chance to wander the grounds, watch the plein air artists while they work, take a guided tour of the Mansion and enjoy the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Wine, beer and food will be available for purchase.

Artwork from the participating artists will also be available for purchase, and 20 percent of artwork sales will benefit the Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation. In addition to advocating for parks and recreation projects, the nonprofit foundation helps sustain Mansion enhancements, historic preservation and programs.

More information is available at highlandsranchmansion.com or by calling 303-791-0177.

Did you know approximately 6,000 people visited the Highlands Ranch Mansion during open hours this past year? Free, guided tours are popular and bring the history of the property to life. Now, the Mansion’s website has an even easier way to find and schedule historic tours led by dedicated volunteer docents.

Visit highlandsranchmansion.com/open-hours-and-tours, to find a link to the current calendar of open hours and to submit a request for a historic guided tour. Requests can be made for any number of people… from one individual to a large group. Mansion staff will respond to all requests and confirm a reservation time during your selected open hours day.

“The Mansion’s docents are very passionate about history, and love to treat our visitors to a unique tour that covers not only the comings and goings of our former owners, but also the architectural highlights of this beautiful home,” said Susie Appleyard, Mansion administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator.

History can be intoxicating

Plan to join us at the Highlands Ranch Mansion on the evening of Monday, Nov. 11 as we drive into Colorado’s colorful and sometimes boozy history. Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel will present “Colorado: A Liquor History & Tavern Guide of the Highest State.”

During Denver’s wild ride from frontier mining town to twentieth-century metropolis, the city’s saloons, like those of many other western frontier towns, played a vital role in the development of the city. Cocktails and refreshments will be available. For ticket information, visit highlandsranchmansion.com

Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument a place to reflect

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument (HRVM) was dedicated July 1, 2009. The monument, located between Civic Green Park and the James H. Laffey Library, is the realization of a goal to honor the service and sacrifices of our nation’s veterans at a special location in Highlands Ranch. For more information, please contact highlandsranch.org

Show your support for a veteran who has made a difference in your life and purchase a tax-deductible dedication tile, which will be displayed at the HRVM. Learn more at hvrvm.org

Veterans Day Nov. 11

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Day event will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the delicious H. Laffey Library at Highlands Ranch. Look for details at highlandsranch.org

Veterans organizations serve our community

The Highlands Ranch American Legion Post 1260 and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1260 work together to serve Highlands Ranch in a variety of ways. Most recently, volunteers from the two local organizations supported the Highlands Ranch Memorial Day Service at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument. Members of both Posts also hand out poppies and red buckets at grocery stores over the Memorial Day weekend. Poppies are a symbol of remembrance of soldiers who have died during wartime, so it’s a priority of these groups to share this Memorial Day weekend to get the public and raise awareness of the ultimate sacrifice made by so many.

“I think we do a lot in terms of supporting veterans who need assistance. Nearly all of the money we receive from donations and fundraisers goes to support these programs. We are especially proud of the support we give to the HUD-VASH program, which helps homeless veterans find jobs and housing, the Bodhi Battalion whose social workers and psychologists help veterans with PTSD, and the Puppies for Vets program, which also helps veterans with PTSD,” said American Legion Post 1260 Commander Joe Langran.

The post’s color guard is very active in the Highlands Ranch community at events throughout the year. Post 1260 members also sponsor local high school junior boys for the Boys State program, and Unit 1260 members sponsor at least two junior girls to Cal’s State. Post 1260 members also sponsor an orienteering event, teach flag etiquette to youth, visit schools for Veterans Day and last year, sponsored a local Eagle Scout who performed a flag retirement ceremony.

American Legion membership is limited to veterans who served during U.S. military campaigns such as Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War/War on Terrorism, etc. Members do not have to actively participate in these campaigns, but only be active during the dates of those campaigns. For example, anyone active since August 2, 1990 would be eligible to join the American Legion because those dates fall under the Gulf War/Terrorism designation.

American Legion Auxiliary membership is limited to female relatives of veterans eligible for membership in the American Legion, and to female veterans who are eligible for dual membership. Veterans of the Highlands Ranch American Legion Post 1260 are passionate about supporting veterans who are less fortunate than they are. “We want to have a strong presence in the Highlands Ranch Community and be a good citizen,” said Langran. “We’d like to have a lot more members. People may not realize that the American Legion is for all veterans, both men and women. We really like to have more female veterans join the local post. Female veterans make up a big portion of the American Legion.

Post 1260 meetings are held at the Recreation Center at Northridge, 8801 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch 80126, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and refreshments are available at 6:30 p.m.

Unit 1260 meetings are held the third Thursday of each odd numbered month at 6:30 p.m. also at the Recreation Center at Northridge.

For more information about American Legion Post 1260, please contact Joe Langran at highlandsranch1260@gmail.com, and for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1260, please send a message to Auxiliary Unit 1260 President Helen Gutthofer at hrala2014@gmail.com
Hiring continues into fall for seasonal positions

The Metro District is currently hiring for seasonal positions that last through late fall. You can enjoy working in the beautiful, outdoor setting of Highlands Ranch while contributing to the high level of service the Metro District provides to the community. Positions are available in:
- Park services
- Parkways
- Park maintenance

For details about open positions, please visit highlandsranch.org/jobs.

Tips for reporting a streetlight outage

Streetlights in Highlands Ranch are maintained by Xcel Energy. Streetlights are billed through the Metro District’s utility bill for the convenience of customers. The streetlight charge is intended to recover the costs paid by the Metro District to Xcel Energy for streetlight electricity and maintenance. The residential fee applies to streetlights on both arterial and residential streets. The commercial fee is set to recover a portion of the cost of arterial streetlights only.

To report a streetlight outage, write down the pole number, cross streets and call the Xcel Energy Customer Service line at 1-800-895-1999. You may also visit Xcel’s website at xcelenergy.com/Outages, and_Emergencies/Outdoor_Lighting_Outages.

Active Aging Adult Work Group planning for the future

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A key topic of discussion has been focused on an active aging adult facility in Highlands Ranch. Three options are being explored:
1. Interim leased facility
2. Facility located to an existing recreation center
3. Stand-alone facility

To help gather information and learn from what is already in place, the work group has visited the Commerce City Eagle Point Active Adult Center. The group took a tour and spent time talking with Commerce City’s leadership about how their facility is set up, its operations, how it has charged to fit the changing needs of the community and more.

The work-group plans to visit the Castle Rock Senior Center and other facilities in the Denver metro area to continue to research and gather information to learn about programs and services that are offered and different types of facilities.

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Keep wildlife wild

Highlands Ranch is home to a diverse and ever-changing wildlife population, and as a community we should strive to keep wildlife wild. Always observe animals from a safe distance—safe for you and safe for the animals. You can get a close-up view by using binoculars, a spotting scope, or a camera with a telephoto lens. Also remember to never handle or feed wildlife or feed them intentionally or inadvertently, by leaving pet food, uncovered trash or water outside.

More information about wildlife in our area is available on the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website at cpw.state.co.us. If you have questions or concerns about wild animals in your neighborhood you can contact the Metro District at 303-791-2710 or info@highlandsranch.org.

Central Park, community’s 26th park, to open this fall

Central Park, a three-acre urban style park, is a partnership among the Metro District, Shea Homes and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO). Located in the new Central Park development south of Lucent Boulevard and Plaza Drive and north of the future LCH Health Hospital, the park is recognizable by the reddish-orange triple-prong (DCSO) communications tower that rises from the park.

The park will feature:
• The Patio, a larger group picnic and event space
• A smaller picnic shelter and 2 shade shelters
• Restrooms
• A water feature
• The great lawn
• A maze
• The grand staircase

Currently under construction, Central Park will open to the public in August. The Metro District will begin booking reservations for the park’s shelter facilities January 1, 2019. Look for information at highlandsranch.org about a grand opening event planned for this fall.

Revolitlizing the High Line Canal Tree Canopy

This summer marks the initiation of a multi-year tree maintenance program along the High Line Canal. The High Line Canal Conservancy, along with Denver Water and the adjacent jurisdictions, are collaboratively taking action to maintain and revitalize the tree canopy. The Metro District is proud to partner on this project and will utilize in-house specialists to perform tree pruning and removal under the objectives of the tree maintenance program.

Objectives of the Tree Canopy Care Project include:
• Maintaining a safe environment for trail users
• Preserving and enhancing the health and beauty of the tree canopy
• Supporting a healthy ecosystem for plants and wildlife

More than 40 percent of the canal’s tree canopy is made up of cottonwood trees, many over 100 years old and nearing the end of their natural lifespan. This, along with a growing population and limited water source, reinforces the need to act now and plan for the canal’s changing landscape.

Ongoing tree care beyond this initial maintenance program will be supported by the creation of landscape design guidelines currently being developed. These guidelines will provide recommendations for new trees and vegetation, focusing on drought-tolerant and native species, as well as other landscape enhancements.

Your patience is appreciated as there may be brief disruptions or closures along short segments of the trail during this time. For up-to-date information on closures and detours, visit highlinenecanal.org/tree-care.

Foothills Park playground equipment set for an upgrade

The playground at Foothills Park is scheduled for replacement beginning late this fall. The new design will be developed with vendors to provide a physically challenging and mentally-stimulating inclusive play space that promotes social interaction.

Originally built in 2002, the current wooden equipment needs to be replaced. The Metro District schedules one playground replacement each year to help renew aging equipment. These replacements are scheduled during the year of the newest voters and when the irrigation surrounding the playground is turned off.

A public input meeting will be scheduled this fall and will be held onsite at Foothills Park. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and provide suggestions for the new playground.

Foothills Park is located at 1042 Riddlewood Road, and can be accessed from parking lots off of Riddlewood Road or South Royal Eagle Lane. Project updates and public input meeting details will be posted at highlandsranch.org.

Fence replacement and staining refreshes parkways

Fence replacement along Highlands Ranch arterial roads that began last winter continues this summer. Approximately 27,830 feet of Metro District-owned fences have been replaced.

• Along Broadway between Northridge Road and Dad Clark Drive
• On the east side of Quebec Street from Timberline Road to the intersection of Austin and Dardanelle Street
• Along both sides of Lincoln Avenue from Queen City Street east to the intersection of Metro District property
• Along the west side of viscosity Boulevard from Dad Clark Drive to Venneford Ranch Road
• Along University Boulevard from the East Vista Trail to Colorado Boulevard

During this process the original, cedar wood fence is replaced with a more durable composite material called Trex, which is made of recycled plastic and reclaimed sawdust. The fence replacement schedule is typically set at the end of each calendar year.

Fence repair and staining

Earlier this year, fences sustained damage from hurricane force winds during spring storms. Staff identified 170 Metro District-owned fence posts that needed to be fixed, and repairs are expected to be completed by July. Additional routine fence maintenance will occur as needed. These efforts increase during the summer with the help of seasonal staff.

This spring approximately 3-4 miles of older, wood fence was power-washed and stained. In 2018 the Metro District Board of Directors approved a new stain color, Highlands Ranch fence brown, which more closely matches the color of the Trex parkway fences.

If you have questions about the Metro District’s fence program, visit highlandsranch.org/fence or send an email to info@highlandsranch.org.

The Metro District owns 42 miles of parkway fence along major two-, four- and six-lane roads in Highlands Ranch. For a list of Metro District-owned fence, visit highlandsranch.org/fence.

Parks seeing improvements throughout the Ranch

With 25 parks and more than 70 miles of trails in Highlands Ranch, it is a daily job to make sure they are well maintained and ready for visitors. Several 2018 projects that enhance our parks have been completed or are planned for this fall.

Red-tail Park

A new upper retaining wall and plantings were installed this spring on the west side of Red tail Park’s basketball court. The previous retaining wall was failing due to a safety concern for visitors and trail users. For the new design, boulders and other materials were carefully chosen to create a more natural transition to the open space beyond the park. New xeric plantings, including approximately 120 shrubs and perennial, and four trees, will continue to mature each year and enhance the area.

Toepfer Park

The ballfield at Toepfer Park was renovated this spring to improve safety for players. Before construction, the field only had a backstop fence. Covered dugouts and extended baseline fences were added to provide more separation from the field for teams and spectators. Additionally, a new field area was created for those watching games. Improved retaining walls for the seating leads behind the backstop were installed and a new concrete walkway was poured.

Restroom Replacements

This fall, seven restrooms in three Redstone Park buildings will be replaced. These include the restrooms near the playground, near the ballfields and at Lebsack Tennis Center. New flooring and updated fixtures will be installed in each. The 18-year-old restrooms were identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, and the new designs are compliant with ADA access guidelines. Construction will be staggered on the three locations to minimize impact to visitors.

The outdoor restrooms near the fields at Fox Creek and Trailblazer elementary schools will also be replaced. New concrete buildings will be constructed in place of the old, cedar vault restrooms. The new buildings will be more maintenance-friendly and will comply with ADA access guidelines. Construction is expected to be completed this winter.

Questions? Email info@highlandsranch.org.
Safe disposal of medications

Prescription drug abuse is on the rise, and according to the Drug Enforcement Agency, the majority of abused prescription drugs came from a home medicine cabinet. The Metro District partnered with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and Centennial Water and Sanitation District in April to host a drop-off site as part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. 86 drop-off sites in Colorado collected 17,156 pounds of over-the-counter and prescription medications.

If you missed the event and have half-empty medicine bottles sitting in your cabinet, you have more options for disposal than simply waiting for the next drug take-back event. Visit the DEA’s website at takebackday.dea.gov, enter your zip code and search for safe medication disposal sites near you. In Highlands Ranch, there are two Walgreens locations where you can take medications throughout the year. They are located at:
- 6650 Timbeline Rd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130
- 9141 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Accepted:
- Prescriptions, prescription and over-the-counter ointments and creams, aerosol cans, inhalers, liquids, lotions, pet medications, prescription patches, over-the-counter medications and vitamins

Not accepted:
- Hydrogen peroxide, illicit drugs, needles and thermometers

Resources:
For more information on preventing prescription drug abuse, visit any of the following websites:
- dea.gov
- getsmartaboutdrugs.com
- justthinktwice.com
- campusdrugprevention.gov

Save the date for the Household Chemical Roundup Aug. 11

Many common products found in the home, such as oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, motor oil, batteries, cleaning compounds, garden chemicals, and more may be hazardous and should be used and disposed of carefully. This is where the Household Chemical Roundup steps in. Tri-County Health Department in partnership with the Metro District and Centennial Water and Sanitation District host a Household Chemical Roundup event each year. This community event helps residents properly dispose of chemical waste, prevent pollution and protect the people handling your garbage. Proper disposal helps prevent the potential of accidental poisonings and fire hazards in the home.

Residents just drive up and volunteers unload the materials. Douglas County participants should bring proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill and $25 per vehicle to offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal. The Highlands Ranch event is taking place Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Shea Stadium at Redstone Park, 3270 Redstone Park Circle, Highlands Ranch.

Residents with latex paint and paint products can now drop off un-wanted paint for recycling year-round at many locations in the Denver Metro Area. There is no need to wait for this event to dispose of these products. The Paint Stewardship Program is operated by PaintCare and is a free option for paint recycling throughout the year at participating retailers. Visit paintcare.org for paint drop-off locations.

Park shelter reservations
Celebrate at a Highlands Ranch park

Graduation parties
Birthdays
Family reunions
Company picnics
End of season parties

How to reserve a park shelter
1. Visit highlandsranch.org/reservations to check 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 requires special permitting.
3. Contact the Metro District at 303-791-2770 or send an email to Pam Moisy, reservations specialist, at pmoisy@highlandsranch.org

Please include the following information: date, time, park location, event purpose, your name and address, and total number of guests. Reservations cannot be made online. Prior to your park reservation, please review the park rules. No glass bottles are 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 horseshoe, there is something for everyone.

For the kids:
- Field day fun
- Happy kids

For the whole family:
- Lawn games
- Corn Hole
- Volleyball
- Croquet

The fountains at Civic Green Park

These popular water features are an experience at Civic Green Park for people of all ages. The fountains run spring through mid-September each year. While the water and look stream and fountain operate 24 hours, the interactive fountain in the plaza area runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily unless shut off for one of the many special events held at Civic Green Park. For a list of events hosted at Civic Green Park, please see the calendar below or visit highlandsranch.org

2018 Civic Green Park Calendar of Events

Civic Green Park provides the ultimate park experience in Highlands Ranch. Concerts, festivals and free yoga classes are scheduled throughout the spring and summer months. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and join your neighbors for a wonderful outdoor experience. Here’s a preview of some of the exciting family events coming to Civic Green Park.

Note: Yoga in the Park is held each Saturday through Sept. 1. Pilates in the Park is held each Tuesday through Aug. 14.

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2018 fee schedule

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The 2018 fee schedule includes two-hour minimums.

Picnic Packs:
- Field Day Fun: $25
- Lawn Games: $25
- Happy Kids: $25
- Lawn Tennis: $25
- Volleyball: $42
- Croquet: $55
- Corn Hole Toss: $55
- Ornamental drain required: $10

Sports Fields:
- $16/hr
- $34/hr

Bocce/Horseshoe Court:
- $18/hr

Pickleball Court (includes use of nets/paddles):
- $50/hr
- $85/hr

2018 Civic Green Park

Cultural Affairs Association hrcouline.org

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Film in the Park presented by Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association hrcouline.org

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End of Summer Concert presented by Highlands Ranch Metro District and Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association highlandsranch.org

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Pililani Hawaiian Festival presented by Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Colorado pililani.org

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Film in the Park presented by Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association hrcouline.org

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Highlands Ranch Concert Band hrcouband.org
Youth Sports

Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps

Ages 4 – 12

Skyhawks provides fun, safe and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life. Since 1979, Skyhawks has taught more than one million boys and girls life lessons through sports.

Each camp includes quality instruction, a T-shirt and merit award. A sport-specific ball will be included with registration and participation in Skyhawks Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Mini-Hawk, and Multi-Sport Camps. Skyhawks participants should bring appropriate clothing, a water bottle, two snacks, running shoes and sunscreen to each camp. Please put your child’s name and phone number on all personal belongings. For more information about Skyhawks programs and additional equipment to bring, visit skyhawks.com.

Registration for Skyhawks programs are accepted until camp is full or seven days before the camp starts.

For descriptions, activity numbers and to register for a Skyhawks Sports Camp, visit highlandsranch.org.

New – Skyhawks Fall Break Camps

Ages 4 – 12

Make the most of fall break by signing up for one of these great camp offerings. All camps meet Oct. 8 – 12 from 9 a.m. – noon.

Fee: Resident: $130 Nonresident: $150

Registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 1

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*Mini Hawk includes soccer, basketball and volleyball
**Multi-Sport includes baseball and flag football

New – Skyhawks Fall
Thursday Evening Camps

Ages K – 5

Learn new athletic and life skills. All camps meet at Marcy Park, lower field.

Fee: Resident: $64 Nonresident: $74

Registration deadline: 1 week prior to class

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SuperTots Sports Academy

Ages 2 – 3

SuperTots offers a child physical development program that uses a variety of fun games to delight and engage kids in physical and mental learning through various sports. The curriculum is professionally designed to develop motor skills, promote physical fitness, create self-confidence and prepare young children for sports. It stresses a non-competitive environment and promotes fun above all else. All classes are held on Saturdays.

Fee: Resident: $52 Nonresident: $60

Registration deadline: 1 week prior to class

SoccerTots and 1st DownTots

Learn the basics of soccer and football in one fun class. All classes are held at Plum Creek Academy.

Fee: Resident: $64 Nonresident: $74

Registration deadline: 1 week prior to class

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HoospterTots

Learning basketball has never been more fun. HoospterTots classes focus on dribbling, shot technique, passing and teamwork. All classes are held at Plum Creek Academy. No class Oct. 13.

Fee: Resident: $64 Nonresident: $74

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Summer Baseball Camp

Age 7 – 14

The Metro District is proud to offer this camp 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. Diamond Club Baseball Camp directors are experienced instructors with years of coaching experience at the professional and/ or college level. They also supplement their staff with current college players and elite high school players who have come through their system.

The focus of this camp will be on the five trademark tools of baseball hitting for average, hitting for power, running, throwing and playing defense. Take the drills and skills we show you to improve your game.

Required equipment: glove, bat, helmet, hat and water bottle.

Players should wear clean and either shorts, sweats or baseball pants.

Fee: Resident: $120 Nonresident: $138

Registration deadline: Monday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Redstone Park Activity #101118-A

Fall Youth Flag Football Leagues

Age 4 – 14

Play in this fun, recreational, non-contact league with 5 v 5 games for boys and girls. Leagues focus on learning skills, game fundamentals, making friends and having fun. Games are played on a 40-yard field where the basics of football are learned and good sportsmanship is promoted. There will be one practice a week with a Saturday game.

Fee: Resident: $102 Nonresident: $117

Registration deadline: Monday, July 23 at 3 p.m. Redstone Park Activity #201401-A

Fall Youth Flag Basketball

Age 7 – 14

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Registration deadline: Monday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Redstone Park Activity #101118-A

Fall Competitive Youth Baseball

Team Registration Only

Age 7 – 14

This is a competitive baseball league for above average to advanced players (teens only). Games are played on Sundays. Practices are once a week on a shared field. Game ball are provided. Teams must provide their own uniforms. The eight-game season ends with a single elimination tournament.

Team Fee: 7-9 year olds - $1,575 per team
3-14 year olds - $2,100 per team

Practices begin the week of July 30.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Redstone Park Activity #101118-A

Fall Youth Flag Football Leagues

Age 4 – 14

Practices begin the week of Aug. 6. Games begin Saturday, Aug. 18.

Current Grade* Activity # Current Grade Activity #

4-5 year olds** 201401-1 Fourth 201405-1
Kindergarten 201401-1 Fifth 201406-1
First 201402-1 Sixth 201407-1
Second 201403-1 Seventh 201408-1
Third 201404-1 Eighth 201409-1

*Ages as of Aug. 6, 2018

*Must be 4-year-old by program start date

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Registration deadline: Monday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Redstone Park Activity #101118-A

Annual Fall Presession Flag Football Leagues

Age 4 – 14

The annual camp, led by former NFL quarterback TJ Ruby, is recommended for all participants of the Metro District Youth Flag Football leagues as well as individuals interested in learning more about flag football.

Fee: Resident: $30 Nonresident: $45

Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 3 at 3 p.m.

Spirit Team

Newell Skateboard Program

All lessons will be held at Redstone Skate Park.

SkateStart Level 1

Ages 5 – 12

Learn the basics of skateboarding with SkateStart. This fun program is for beginner skateboarders or those who have never tried the sport and want to test it out. You’ll ride SkateStart’s high quality skateboard (provided) with its patented teaching tool. Participants will learn how to push and roll the skateboard through proper technique and foot placement. You’ll build confidence and muscle memory with the tested curriculum and be ready for more advanced camps.

Required equipment: Helmet and closed-toe shoes

Fee: Resident: $60 Nonresident: $75

Registration deadline: Friday before class start date

SkateStart Skatecamps

Ages 6 – 14

Look forward to mastering drop ins, carving the bowls, allies, games of SKATE, skate trivia, scavenger hunts, prizes and more! This summer we are offering a half-day camp. Find out why everyone is talking about SkateStart and join the fun! If you are a beginner, it is highly recommended you attend the SkateStart Level 1 program first.

Required equipment: Helmet and closed-toe shoes

Fee: Resident: $155 Nonresident: $170

Registration deadline: Friday before class start date

CARA Fall Lacrosse

Age 6 – 14

Recreational 7 v 7 Lacrosse Leagues

Teams play in the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA) league. It is designed for beginner lacrosse players that are 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 optional, but recommended.

Fee: Resident: $135 Nonresident: $155

Practices begin the week of Aug. 20.

Games begin Sept. 8 and end Oct. 20 (depending on weather).

Registration deadline: Monday, Aug. 5 at 3 p.m.

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 will be provided. No other equipment is needed.

Fee: Resident: $55 Nonresident: $63

Registration deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 3 p.m.

Football League

Newell Skateboard Program

Ages 6 – 14

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Required equipment: Helmet and closed-toe shoes

Fee: Resident: $60 Nonresident: $75

Registration deadline: Friday before class start date

Half Day Camp

Fee: Resident: $60 Nonresident: $69

Registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Youth Sports cont.

Fall CARA Youth Cross Country
 Ages 7 – 14
This program provides a recreational distance running experience in a fun, age-appropriate environment focused on skill development.

Teams will compete in five meets during the season (Saturdays or Sundays) starting Sept. 8 through Oct. 7. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Aug. 14, from 6–7 p.m. at Redstone Park. Meet host sites, dates and distances for events have not yet been determined. Events will be offered to boys and girls ages 7–14 (age as of Oct. 31, 2018). Boys and girls will compete in separate gender and age divisions (8 and younger, 9–10, 11–12 and 13–14).

Fee: Resident: $56 Nonresident: $78
Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 10
Activity #206100-1

New – Fall Youth Rugby
Ages 8 – 12
Rugby leagues are offered for both boys and girls. Teams play as a part of the Flag Talk Rugby Rugby Youth 7’s (TRY) rugby program. This is a six-game season with Saturday games. New player fee includes jersey and Colorado Youth Rugby membership. The season runs September through October.

Required equipment: Mouthguard; classes are recommended, however they must be soccer or rugby cleats with no front spike.

Fee: $170 new player $115 returning TRY player
Some age groups have weight limitations. Please visit hIGHLANDSRanch.org or rugbyrugby.org for details.

Registration deadline: Monday, August 27
Activity #209610-1

WASA Coed Adult Kickball Leagues
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, fast, 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 July 19 at Plum Valley Park.

Registration is underway at wasasports.com.

Golf Lessons – Get Out and Play
Ages 18 & older
Are you interested in learning to play golf but are too intimidated to try it? The Get Out and Play introductory class may be just right for you. The Metro District and The Links Golf Course have teamed up to offer you a way to learn or improve your game in a fun setting. You will learn the fundamentals of the game, from chipping and putting to a full swing with all the clubs. The last part of each class will be spent applying your golf course experience, teaching you the rules and etiquette while competing in a casual environment. Classes are held at The Links Golf Course, 5815 S. Glenn Eagles Village Parkway.

Fee: Resident: $165 Nonresident: $190
Space is limited to 6 per class.

Tuesday
Aug. 7-28 6:15–7:30 p.m. Activity #102501-C
Wednesday Aug. 15–Sept. 5 6:15–7:30 p.m. Activity #102501-D

End of Summer Adult Softball Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 18 at Redstone Park
One-day, double-elimination tournament
Open to Men’s D-Rec and Coed D-Rec teams
Fee: $100 per team
Registration deadline: Thursday, Aug. 9
Contact Luke Ruter at 720-240-5912 or ruter@highlandsranch.org to register your team for the tournament.
Lebsack Tennis Center

REDSTONE PARK
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO
303-791-2348

Lebsack Tennis Center is located on the west side of Redstone Park at Town Center Drive and Foothills Canyon Boulevard. It features eight lighted public tennis courts available for drop-in use when not scheduled, and is open daily from mid-March to late October. Hours of operation can be found on our website.

All classes listed are subject to change and prices listed are for Highlands Ranch residents – nonresident prices are slightly higher.

Look for more information and register for all classes and drills at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

SUMMER AND FALL SESSIONS
Summer 2 July 9–Aug. 4
Fall 1 Aug. 6–Sept. 15
Fall 2 Sept. 17–Oct. 27

FALL BREAK CAMPS
Best Way to Spend Fall Break
Four days of learning, drills and games. Grab a friend and join us.
Oct. 8–11
Ages 7–10 1–2:30 p.m.
Ages 11–13 2:30–4 p.m.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS FALL LEAGUE
Ages 8–18
A brand new league for juniors with a fun team format. Contact us for more info on how to get your team involved.
Saturdays, Aug. 18–Sept. 29
Afternoons – depending on age

Red Ball Classes

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ABC’s Agility, Balance and Coordination
Perfect for 4- to 5-year-old beginners

Red 1 Learn to hit
45-minute classes for beginners
Saturday noon–12:45 p.m.

Red 2 Let’s rally
Learning to rally on “THEIR” court
Saturday 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Orange Ball Classes

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Orange 1 Learn to play
Best for younger players and beginners
Mondays 6:10–7:10 p.m.
Saturdays 9:10–10:30 a.m.

Orange 2 Learn to rally
Intermediate players and those ready for team tennis next year
Wednesday 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:30–11:30 a.m.

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Green 1 Learn to play
Have fun
Wednesday 7:30–8:30 p.m.

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Elite Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:30–5:30 p.m.

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Development Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Elite Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.

*Development is best for players finishing the first year of team tennis. Elite is for players with two or more years of team tennis experience.

Adult Tennis

Register for tennis programs at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

TNT (Tennis in No Time)
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.
Tuesdays (Beginner) 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays (Beginner) 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays (Adv. Beg.) 10–11 a.m.
Wednesdays (Adv. Beg.) 11 a.m.–noon

Drills and Skills
Drills and Skills are fun developmental classes that include stroke development and situational tennis for each specific level of play.
Saturdays (Intermediate) 9–10:30 a.m.
Saturdays (Advanced) 10:30 a.m.–noon

Drill and Play
A 45-minute, fast-paced 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.
Mondays (Intermediate) 6:30–8 p.m.
Fridays (Intermediate) 9–10:30 a.m.
Fridays (Advanced) 10:30 a.m.–noon

Live Ball (High Intensity Drills)
High-energy classes that include cardio tennis, stroke development and situational tennis for each specific level of play.
Tuesdays (Advanced) 10:30 a.m.–noon
Thursdays (Intermediate) 9:30–11 a.m.
Thursdays (Advanced) 6:30–8 p.m.

Quickstart Drills
Drills and games set up for players not yet ready for league play. Enjoy learning and making new friends.
Thursdays 6:30–8 p.m.

Camps and Symposia
Check the website for these full- and half-day adult events. Each event gives you a chance to work on your entire game while focusing on specific parts. Spaces are very limited and always sell out fast.

ADULT SOCIALS
Friday night socials are back on the second and fourth Friday each month. Preregister at redstone.mytennisclub.net.

Court Fees
Reserved court fees $6/hour
Ball machine rental $15/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.
Nature EdVentures

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

Unless otherwise noted, all classes have the following fee:
- 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.

Cops and Bobbers

Ages 6 – 14
Join Douglas County Sheriff's Office deputies, wildlife managers, and park rangers for a morning of fishing. Get to know your local law enforcement officers while having fun. Fishing rods and bait will be available or bring your own. Catch and release event.
Friday, July 27
8–11 a.m.
Fly’n B Pond
Class maximum: 30
Activity #105306-A
Class maximum: 30

Nature Play

Ages 3 – 6
Kids will stroll through Toepfer Park with a park ranger to discover nature and let their curiously wander. We will collect sticks, leaves, flowers, and more to use in our next program Nature Art. Don’t forget to register for Nature Art.
Wednesday, Aug. 15
9:30–10:30 a.m.
Toepfer Park
Activity #105101-A
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #105101-B
Class maximum: 15

Nature Art

Ages 3 – 6
Time for your little one to get creative. Continuing on with the Nature Play program and the natural tools we collected, we will use sticks, leaves, flowers and more to create art pieces to take home.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
9:30–10:30 a.m.
Metro District Service Center
Activity #105101-C
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #105101-D
Class maximum: 15

Nature Play + Nature Art Combo

Fee: Resident: $10 Nonresident: $21
Sign up for both Nature Play and Nature Art.
Activity #105101-E

Family, Farming and Fermentation

Ages 21+
Even wonder why it’s called Cheese Ranch? Learn the history of the ranch while enjoying some beer. Taste types of cheese made at Cheese Ranch in 1879. Cheese provided by Whole Foods market and beer provided by Grist Brewing Company.
Fee: Resident: $10 Nonresident: $12
Friday, Sept. 14
1–7 p.m.
Cheese Ranch Historic & Natural Area
Activity #205321-A
Class maximum: 25

Full Moon Hike – Nocturnal Animals

All Ages
Stroll by the light of the moon and learn about the nocturnal critters that call Highlands Ranch home. We’ll look and listen for animal sights and sounds. Bring your flashlight and dress appropriately for outdoor fun.
Wednesday, Sept. 26
6:30–8 p.m.
Fly’n B Pond
Activity #205314-A
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #205314-B
Class maximum: 20

The Buzzzz About Honey

All Ages
Honey is nature’s oldest sweetener! It’s used by cultures around the world for food and medicine. Learn about our most important animal, the honeybee, and its journey of pollinating millions of flowers to make enough excess honey for humans to consume. Enjoy honey tasting and live bees from our resident beekeeper.
Tuesday, Oct. 9
2–3:30 p.m.
Metro District Service Center
Activity #205211-A
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #205211-B
Class maximum: 20

Full Moon Hike – Bats

All Ages
Stroll by the light of the moon and learn about bats and other nocturnal critters that call Highlands Ranch home. We’ll look and listen for animal sights and sounds. Bring your flashlight and dress appropriately for outdoor fun.
Wednesday, Oct. 24
6:30–8 p.m.
Fly’n B Pond
Activity #205315-A
If you are registering as a group, please use Activity #205315-B
Class maximum: 20

Horseback Riding Lessons

Ride at the Ranch

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

Equipment and Clothing:
- Helmets are mandatory. Stockton’s provides ASTM/SEI approved riding helmets in all sizes. Wear jeans (pants), closed-toe 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.

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

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 Monday through Thursday.
Fee: Resident: $99 Nonresident: $109
Activity #207301-A
Activity #207301-B
Activity #207301-C
Activity #207301-D

Activity #207303-G

Activity #207304-D

Activity #207306-A
Activity #207306-B

Kiddie Corral II

Ages 5 – 7
This class builds on safety and skills from Kiddie Corral I. Students will learn about grooming with a partner, using a saddle and riding with reins. The class ends with a fun horse show on the last day. All classes meet Monday through Thursday.
Students must have completed Kiddie Corral I to participate in this class.
Fee: Resident: $99 Nonresident: $109
Activity #207302-C
Activity #207302-D

Beginning Horsemanship

Ages 8 – 15
This hands-on class is an introduction to western horsemanship for beginners, encompassing horse/ rider communication, grooming and handling skills. All classes meet Monday through Friday.
Fee: Resident: $195 Nonresident: $210
Dates
Activity #107303-G
Activity #107304-D
Activity #207306-A
Activity #207306-B

Intermediate Horsemanship

Ages 8 – 15
A more intensive western horsemanship class, focused on improving students ability to catch, groom, saddle and bridle and building confidence while jogging on horseback. Walks up with a trail ride on the last day. All classes meet Monday through Friday.
Students must have completed Beginning Horsemanship to participate in this class.
Fee: Resident: $195 Nonresident: $210
Activity #107304-D
Activity #207306-A
Activity #207306-B

Saturday Intro to Horses

Ages 10 – Adult
This is a great introductory class for those new to the horse world. Each day, students will get a demonstration of grooming, saddling, bridling, and finish the day with a riding lesson.
Fee: Resident: $130 Nonresident: $140
Dates
Activity #107306-A
Activity #107306-B

For more program details, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Celebrate Park and Recreation Month throughout July

Summer is here, which means it’s time to get out and discover the great things happening in our community. This July the Metro District is celebrating Park and Recreation Month, an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association, by inviting you to explore A lifetime of Discovery at your local parks.

Discover all the ways parks and recreation can improve quality of life. Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance of parks and recreation in healthy lives, wellness, conservation and social equity, and to recognize the thousands of park and recreation employees that maintain our nation’s local and community parks.

The NRPA encourages people that support parks and recreation to share why they think it’s important to explore and discover all their community has to offer with the hashtag #DiscoverJuly. Visit highlandsranch.org/discoverjuly for more information.

Community input sought on e-bike pilot program

This April, the Metro District launched a pilot program for e-bikes that will run through October under current rules, electric bikes or e-bikes are prohibited in parks and on open space trails. During this trial period, class 1 and class 2 e-bikes will be permitted. Park rangers will log observed and reported e-bike interactions in addition to gathering comments from trail users. Findings from this pilot program will be reported to the Metro District Board of Directors in November.

“E-bikes are quickly increasing in popularity by providing an option for daily commuting and helping reduce quality of life for some. I believe allowing e-bikes on our trails will help further our community in a healthy and active way,” said Nick Adamson, natural resource manager. This is the only time the Metro District has surveyed residents about e-bikes, but several neighboring jurisdictions have explored the issue after a 2017 change in state legislation. House Bill 17-151 was signed into law by Gov. Jared Polis and allows Class 1 or Class 2 electric-assist bicycles on bike or pedestrian trails unless a local jurisdiction prohibits them.

The Metro District manages more than 70 miles of trails in Highlands Ranch parks and open space. Approximately 43 miles of the trail system are paved, 28 miles are natural surface, and about 1.5 miles are single-track. The Metro District does not manage the Highlands Ranch Community Association’s Backcountry Wilderness Area.

Please provide your input by taking an online survey at highlandsranch.org/e-bike.

Spring Gulch Equestrian Area marks anniversary

This year marks the 40th year of equestrian jumping at Spring Gulch Equestrian Area. This 143-acre facility is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and has been managed by the Metro District since 1989.

The equestrian area provides a year-round, cross-country course for equestrians with gently rolling terrain. The area, located on the western edge of Highlands Ranch east of Santa Fe Drive and south of Redstone Park, was built in a dry dam that is part of the Corps flood control program. It offers a unique setting for horse owners.

“We hear from users that there aren’t a lot of places in the Denver metro area to go to ride your horse,” said Scott Nelson, Metro District open space supervisor.

Back in 1978, the first 12 cross-country jumps were built at Spring Gulch by Steve Gardner, who continued to build at the facility for many years, according to the United States Eventing Association’s website. Since then, the jumps and area have been maintained by Friends of Spring Gulch, a non profit organization, and the Mountain States Eventing Association.

Central Colorado’s Chapter.

Groups use the facility for annual events and informally throughout the year for horse and rider workouts. It features a jump course, dressage area, trails, resting sheds and dirt parking lot.

Access passes may be purchased at the park station on the entry road. Day access is $5 per vehicle, and annual passes are $25. Spring Gulch Equestrian Area is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset.

Fire unification approved by voters

Earlier this year, in May, Highlands Ranch residents approved a ballot question to include our community into the South Metro Fire Rescue service area. Services from the large provider will begin in January 2019.

“We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the election and the voters’ decision to include properties into South Metro,” said Laura Simon, chair of South Metro Board of Directors. “We have been working diligently with the Highlands Ranch Metro District and Littleton Fire Protection District (LFPD) over the past two years analyzing the data and ensuring that this unification will have a positive impact on the citizens. We’re so happy that the voters have spoken in favor of it.”

As part of the unification plan, South Metro will build, equip and staff a new fire station in Highlands Ranch as well as assess the needs for construction and/or relocations of fire stations in the LFPD. In addition, there are demonstrated improvements in response time, fire and emergency medical efficiencies, commercial and public property inspections, and a potential for reduced property insurance costs as South Metro becomes the new insurance provider.

“We’ve seen that unification of fire districts is occurring across the U.S. as it’s a way to improve services and create efficiencies – and this one is no different,” said South Metro Fire Chief Bob Baker. “We are thrilled at the outcome of the election and look forward to 2019 where we can bring over incredible firefighters from Littleton Fire Rescue, and provide exceptional service to additional citizens and new communities within our boundaries. We want to thank the elected officials for all the time and effort they have taken to consider this unification and are grateful to the citizens for voting to include into our District.”

In April 2018, the City of Littleton’s City Council voted to initiate the process to seek full inclusion in the jurisdiction of South Metro. Citizens within the City of Littleton will also have the opportunity to vote in an election later this year on whether they, too, will include properties into South Metro’s boundaries or if the City of Littleton will contest for services. Either way, South Metro will be providing the City of Littleton with fire and emergency services starting in 2019.

With this unification all three entities (the Metro District, LFPD and the City of Littleton), and the recent unification with Cunningham Fire Protection District, South Metro’s coverage area will grow to serving more than 100,000 residents within approximately 385 square miles.

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Celebrating 30 years as a Tree City USA

For the 30th consecutive year, Highlands Ranch was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

“This exemplifies our commitment to environmental stewardship; and it is an honor to be recognized as a Tree City USA for three decades,” said Dennis Donovan, forestry supervisor.

The national designation was achieved by meeting the program’s four requirements. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least $2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program recognizes cities, towns and counties committed to planting and nurturing trees. It is sponsored by The Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Metro District supports a thriving urban forest through a variety of practices including maintaining the health of existing trees, fighting tree-related insects and diseases, tree and limb recycling, a tree planting program and annual Arbor Day events. This spring several volunteer tree planting took place and helped add more healthy landscape to our community: • In observance of Arbor Day, students from Saddler Ranch Elementary School planted trees in and around Foothills Dog Park at Foothills Park. • Students from Fox Creek Elementary School helped plant some of the new trees along Quebec Street, which were funded in part by a $12,000 grant from the Colorado Tree Coalition. • Students from Mountain Range Middle School planted two new trees at Paintbrush Park. Highlands Ranch boasts more than 16,000 trees in its urban forest located in parks, along roadways and in open space areas of the community. For more information visit highlandsranch.org/forestry.

South Metro planning new fire station

The South Metro Fire Rescue Authority Board of Directors approved, at their meeting last month, to move forward with the initial plans for the new Highlands Ranch fire station. Details are being finalized on optimal site locations, and more details are expected in the coming months. The plan is to have the new fire station in service by early 2020. For updates, please visit highlandsranch.org.
Advertising space available

Are you looking for a way to reach homeowners in Highlands Ranch? Advertise in the Messenger, which is published three times annually. The next issue will be mailed in January. For more information and advertising rates, please contact Sherry Eppers at 720-240-4908, or at seppers@highlandsranch.org.

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.

One of the many attractive amenities of Highlands Ranch is its open space areas, which are owned and managed by the Metro District. Learn more online about living near these natural areas.