



Resident Spotlight by Deb Lindell

Ira & Helen Kaplan

To be welcomed into the Kaplan home and to hear their story is to be invited into the joy of 34 years of shared adventures and cherished memories.



Ira's story began in Baltimore, where he grew up and earned a degree in logistics. Helen, in contrast, grew up in Kansas City, earning degrees in education, at Mizzou, and then Michigan State. During his career, Ira worked for several manufacturing companies, but primarily Olin Chemicals and Vlastic Pickles. It is while both were working for Vlastic that Ira and Helen met and married and their shared story begins. Helen says that wherever Ira worked, he rose to the top. Ira attributes his success to a comment made by his first boss at Olin, who was asked, "Does Ira work for you?" "No," he said, "Ira works WITH me!" Ira adopted that attitude as his own with everyone, everywhere he worked.

The Kaplan story is a multifaceted story. It is a story of hard work, and also perseverance, as both are cancer survivors. Their story is also the story of adventure and new beginnings. They have traveled to South America, Russia and all over Europe, and to Moorea, an island in French Polynesia. In 1997, because of their love of the southwest, they moved to a mountain home near Albuquerque NM. There, both became long term substitute teachers. And they loved it! However, their greatest adventure was to be part of a hot air balloon team for 10 years. During the International Balloon Festival, 1000 hot air balloons are launched daily for 10 days. The Kaplans, fully participated—serving breakfast, flying in the balloons, etc.

Following their New Mexico adventures, the Kaplans completely retired—to an active adult retirement community near Tampa FL. They loved it there—as Ira says they have loved every home they have lived in, but in 2023 made the decision to move closer to family. They had visited Helen's sister, Jane McFarland, here at HHR several times, and in September of 2023 when the right home became available, they became HHR residents. As you can imagine, they love it!

JENS CORNER— Clubhouse update:

The short story is the sprinkler system in the clubhouse sprung another leak.

The long story is that the alarm went off, and we were able to reset it because the compressor in the fire room was on and keeping the system charged properly. The alarm went off a second time, so we assumed it was a sensor fault and scheduled a service call with the alarm company. Then, the compressor died, and the leak became apparent.

In the interim, the Fire Marshal granted permission for us to open the building. Until repairs are made, staff is on "fire watch" and we are required to inspect the building every 30 minutes while open. During these inspections, the cleaning company's lackluster performance became apparent, so we hired a new one. We anticipate a noticeable improvement when they begin cleaning the clubhouse in April. Jen


Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

M	T	W	T	F
8-12 Pickleball 9am Aerobic Exercise 10 Video Exercise (B) 1pm Bible Study (M) 1 Low Roller Poker (B) 1pm Page Turners (2nd) (C) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 9:30 Fit For Life 10am Chess Club (C) 1-3 Bridge 101 (C) 2pm Billiards (C) 2pm Heritage Singers (B) (on hold) 6pm Texas Hold 'Em (B) 6:30 Men's Poker (B) 6:30 Open Bridge (C)	8-12 Pickleball 10 Video Exercise (B) 12:30 Mahjong NL (C) 1pm Genealogy (2nd) (AR) 1pm Story-Tellers Group (4th) (A) 2:30pm Line Dance (B) 4pm Pom (B) 6:30 Hand & Foot (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 11am Quilters (2nd) (A) 12:30 Open Bridge (C) 1PM Low Roller Poker B 1pm Craft Club (A) 2 Ask a Geek (2nd) (V) 2pm Table Tennis 3:00 Rosary (2nd) (C) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd) (C) 7 Whiskey Club (3rd)(B)	8-12 Pickleball 10am Video Exercise (B) 1pm Men's Pinochle (M) 1pm Hand & Foot (C) 6:30pm Pass the Trash (B)
Clubhouse Rooms Ballroom (B) Card Room (C) Meeting Room (M) - outside the library Activity Room (A) - formerly the craft room				Sat 8:30 Morning Stretch (B) 9:30 Aerobic Fitness 10am Billiards
				Sun

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4 Fat Tuesday 6:00pm	5	6	7	8
9  SPRING	10	11	12	13	14 St Pat's Party 6pm	15
16	17	18	19 Sound of Music 6pm	20	21	22
23	24 Board Meeting 10am	25	26	27	28	29 CR Rental 1-4
30	31 Workshop— Wings 4pm	1	2	3	4	5

Upcoming Events



SOUPER MONDAYS— ONE MORE MONTH!

By popular demand—we will continue Souper Mondays at noon through the month of March. If you haven't joined us yet, come on up. It's a great way to meet the neighbors.



Tuesday, March 4—
Registration is closed.

Doors open at 6pm

Mardi Gras Videos, mini shrimp po' boys & jambalaya.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



Friday, 3/14 6:30-8:30

Doors open at 6.

Featuring: The Irish Aires
\$8, [REGISTER](#) by 3/10.

OPEN TO FRIENDS & FAMILY



Celebrate the 60th anniversary of THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Wednesday, March 19. Showtime—6pm

[REGISTER](#) by 3/17. Popcorn & soda included.

HHR WORKSHOP

WINGS

3/31 @ 4PM

The World Bird Sanctuary will be here to help us discover the fascinating world of raptors. They are bringing some of them too!!

FREE – please [REGISTER](#) by 3/27. Open to adult friends & family.



April 7

12-4pm

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Red Cross website to register.
Or use your camera on the QR code to the right

You will be taken to the American Red Cross website where you can register for our blood drive. Or stop by the office and we will help you.



Tuesday, April 1
6-7:30pm

Come on up to the clubhouse for some April Fools' silliness & fun.

Jeff Lefton will be here to entertain us from 6:30-7:30.

Light snacks & set-ups provided. BYOB

[REGISTER](#) & pay \$6 by 3/26. Residents only.



More Happenings

Welcome Back Snowbirds! We've all missed each other.
Let's get together and catch up.

FRIDAY, April 4 @ 6pm (doors open at 6)

Bring your favorite appetizer to share. Board games will be available or just relax and visit with friends. All residents included! FREE, but please [REGISTER](#) by 03/28



April 19 6:30-9:30
Doors open at 6pm

The Motown spirit is coming to HHR.

Join the Charlie Mann Band to burn up the dance floor!

Reserved seating, register at the clubhouse. You can register up to a table of 8, but must know the names at your table.

\$6 per person, [REGISTER](#) by 4/11



City Updates from Jackie Schauer, Resident & Alderman

Route N - MODOT

The Route N conceptual design process is currently in progress, with preliminary design completion anticipated by December 2025. This work is the next step towards designing the improvements.

On Tuesday, March 4, MoDOT and St. Charles County will host a public meeting from 4-7 PM at the National Equestrian Center. At the meeting, attendees will review conceptual layouts, review the Hopewell/Duello intersection signalization, learn about the project's progress and timeline, and provide input on proposed designs and improvements.

<https://www.modot.org/projects/route-n-conceptual-study-st-charles-county>

Planning and Zoning is meeting next Thursday (3/6)

- Special Use Permit and Minor Site Plan for a new 160-foot monopole telecommunication tower on the archdiocese property north of the cemetery.

Rezoning and Major Preliminary Plat for a new 15-lot single-family subdivision at 8770 Orf Road. Paragon Custom Homes is proposing R3 zoning (9,000 sq. ft. lot minimums) though the layout features lots ranging from 11,000 sq. ft. to over 28,000 sq. ft.

Meadows Project

The Zamboni garage is vertical; block was laid last week. Still needs a roof. The underground utilities for the skate shop were piped in and concrete was poured. The playground structure appears almost complete.



Clubs & Activities

Whiskey Club

The club continues tasting great whiskeys. This month we will be tasting whiskeys chosen by and presented by Tom Crowder and John Francis from Grey Eagle Distributors. The tasting this month is on the 3rd Thursday, March 20, at 7PM in the clubhouse ballroom. If you haven't done so already, you can sign up for the club by submitting a check for \$10 per person for initial dues, made payable to HHR Whiskey Club. The cost for the tasting is \$10 per person for members and guests, also payable by check, due no later than noon on Tuesday, March 18. Just drop your check off at the front desk.



If you are not sure and would like to get more information before becoming a member, please send an email to the club email - hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com. It continues to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.

**Next Meeting – 12 March 2025 1 – 2:30 p.m.
HHR Activity Room**

Subject: Google Strategies for Genealogists



All subsequent meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the HHR Clubhouse Activities Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Please let Bill Scroggin (wdsrog@aol.com) know if there is a subject of interest to you for upcoming meetings. If you plan on attending, please let Bill know.

2025 St. Charles County Golden Games



Save the Date, April 26-May 5, 2025

Registration Opens February 15, Deadline to register is March 28, 2025
Register on-line at www.scc-goldengames.org

Volunteers are needed for golf events and volleyball coordinators.

Board members are needed for marketing duties and volunteer coordinator. Please contact Sandy Wirtz, 314-438-7792 or sandywirtz@yahoo.com for more information

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PLEASE READ

Craft Club meets at 1pm on Thursdays—Come join us!

Ask-A-Geek—Is this group still active? If so, please contact Maggie.

Reminder about Court usage— Guests must ALWAYS be accompanied by a resident in order to use the Pickleball Court and Bocce court.



Odds & Ends

From the Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill:

With daylight savings just around the corner, we are pleased to announce extended hours for both the Golf Course and Pro Shop. For the month of March, our hours will be 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



Registration for the first golf event of the season, the **Spring Warm Up**, will begin in early March. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 26th**. For further details or to register, please contact **Gary Dyrek** at gary_dyrek@hotmail.com.

A friendly reminder to all golfers with personal carts: All golf carts must be registered at the Pro Shop for the **2025 season**. Please stop by to complete the registration process prior to the first day of league play on **April 1st**. As part of the registration, we will require **current insurance information** and a **photo of your golf cart**, as outlined on the registration form.

Don't forget to stop by the Pro Shop this month to enjoy our **delicious weekly salad and food specials**. In addition, we are offering some **special discounts** on merchandise throughout March:

- **50% off all apparel**
- **\$20 per dozen on golf balls**
- **25% off gloves and towels**

Come take advantage of these great deals, available the entire month of March!

Our **Happy Hour** specials will continue every Wednesday throughout March, from **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. Starting **April 1st**, Happy Hours will return to Mondays.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all soon & the upcoming golf season to start!

Best regards,
Gabbe & Staff



5/9 – Mother's Day Luncheon

5/10 – Night at the Races with Care & Concern Committee

5/18 – Poolside Concert

5/28 – National Health & Fitness Day

5/31 – Hawk Ridge Boys Concert & BBQ

6/20 – Jaws 50th Anniversary Watch Party

7/4 Parade & Celebration

8/31 Poolside Concert

9/8 Red Cross Blood Drive

10/31 Halloween Party with Charlie Mann Band

11/8 Vendor Fair

11/11 Veterans Day Luncheon

11/22 Friendsgiving

12/6 Cup of Christmas Tea

12/8 Ladies Night

12/14 Cookies with Santa

12/18 Holiday Pageant

12/25 Potluck Breakfast

12/31 New Year's Eve

MORE TO COME!

HHR Golf Committee Corner – March 2025

Since the HHR Golf Course is a big part of our community, your HHR Golf Committee is always looking for feedback and suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please pass your thoughts on to one of the Committee Members: Barb Rogers (Chairperson), Sally Paland, Gary Dyrek, Beth Beckfeld, Cheryl Castagna, Charlie Haas, Matt Weick or Mike Feldewerth (alternate).

The 2025 Calendar of Golf Events can be found on the [HHR Golf Web Page](#).

The first tournament of the year will be the Spring Warm-Up on Saturday afternoon April 26th. Check-in at 4:00, shotgun start at 4:30 with dinner afterward. This will be a 4 person / 9-hole scramble. Sign up begins on Saturday March 22nd. The event flyer will be posted at the Clubhouse, the Pro Shop, and the HHR Golf Web Page within the next couple of weeks.

Following is information for this year's leagues and groups:

Men's Saturday Morning Group will start on Saturday April 5. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00. For more information about the group, contact Steve Schauer or Ron Maniscalco. Players need to sign up each week by noon on Thursdays, so the Pro Shop can block out tee times to accommodate players.

Men's Monday Morning Group will start on Monday April 7. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00. For more information about the group, contact Steve Aubuchon or Jim Surber.

Wednesday Night Men's Golf League will start on Wednesday April 9. Check-in at 4:30 pm, play begins at 5:00. For more information about the league and how to sign-up, contact either Steve Aubuchon or Jim Surber. Information about the league can be found on the [HHR Golf Web Page](#).

Monday Evening Ladies Fun Golf play will start on Monday May 5. Check-in at 4:30 pm, play begins at 4:45. There will be a kickoff meeting for all players on Monday April 21, 3:00 pm at the Pro Shop. This is a very laid-back league for ladies wanting to better their game in a relaxed scramble format. No pressure - just fun! All ladies are welcome. For more information about the group and to sign up, contact Cheryl Castagna 314-406-3965 or cmcastagna@att.net.

Ladies of Leisure (LOL) will start on Tuesday May 13. Check-in at 9:00 am, play begins at 9:30. LOL is a group for all golf levels, beginner thru experienced. This is a weekly event, every Tuesday (weather permitting). The LOL group provides a great venue for those who want to learn the game of golf, or those that want to improve their game and enjoy a fun day! For more information about the group, contact Connie Talmadge at 817 233-8790.

Lady Hawkes Golf League meets every Wednesday morning from April 2 thru October 29. Check in at 9:00 am, play begins at 9:30. You don't have to be a great golfer to join. Just have a love of the game with a willingness to compete in league play, honoring the history and traditions of the game. Different events each week allow competition at your ability level, with prizes awarded at our end of year banquet. The registration form can be found on the [HHR Golf Web Page](#). For more information about the league, contact Sandy Wirtz at 314 438-7792 or Sandy Dyrek at 815 307-6874.

Friday Couples Golf will start on Friday May 2. Check-in at 9:45 am, shotgun start at 10:00. Friday Couples golf provides the opportunity to meet and play with other couples at HHR. Lunch at the Pro Shop follows golf. For more information about the group, contact Larry or Judy Poropat.

Friday Night Resident Golf begins on Friday May 2. This is a weekly 9-hole event for mixed, men, and women golf groups. Your non-playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for pot luck dinner and a silly card game called 'Pass the Trash' after golf. Sign up weekly in the Pro Shop by noon on Wednesdays. Check-in on Friday is 4:00 pm, play begins at 4:30. Contact Dick Faxon for more info.