

FIREWISE COMMUNITY – THAT WILL BE BURLAND RANCHETTES **FRONT PAGE NEWS**

*******The Best Defense is Defensible Space*******

You've probably heard this good news, but in case you have not, the HOA is in the process of becoming a Firewise Community! And, we want YOU involved! We can't stress enough the importance of this; it's vital to you personally and to the community, so please, say "I'm in!" As we are told over and over, it's not a matter of "if" there is a wildland fire in our community; it is "when." The benefits are immeasurable! Get on board, now!

Mitigate! You will hear this again and again...the best defense is defensible space! Think about it. The mitigation of your property will help protect you, and the entire community. Mitigation does not mean that you have to cut all of your trees down, it means thinning your trees which will in turn, allow you a much healthier tree stand, and also, allow some light "in" and you may even start to see some wild flowers! It's a good thing, and a win, win for everyone.

With this, the Burland HOA has a great program to assist you! As a member or associate member of the HOA, which is only \$20 a calendar year, we work with four companies who will provide chipper service for you, and we will reimburse you \$75 of the total bill. It's a great deal and available once each year. (Associate membership is offered to those adjacent to Burland Ranchettes such as Trails West, Burland Meadows, etc., who have a common interest in this community.) The four companies we currently work with are Justin at JWard Industries, 720-231-4857, J's Got Wood, 303-301-4308, Brad at Splintered Forest, 303-819-9840, www.splinteredforesttreeservices.com, or Eric at 303-803-3246, coloradowildfiremitigation@gmail.com, Send us a copy of your paid invoice and again, as an HOA member/Associate Member, we will reimburse you \$75.00!

In addition, the slash site at Crow Hill behind the ball fields is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for Park County residents, \$15 pick-up load, \$20 for non-resident. This is another great opportunity to do some fire mitigation on your property and reduce the fire danger. And, as an HOA member or associate member, send us a copy of your paid invoice and we will reimburse you \$75.00. (Available once each year.) Mailing address is Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421.

And there's more! The Platte Canyon Fire Department is in the process of being able to offer chipper service. For details and more information, please contact them at 303-838-5853.

Address Markers! They are for sale, and only \$10! These markers are (green) retro-reflective address signs that are a must for easy identification for First Responders to find you not only in the event of a fire, but medical situations and law enforcement as well. If you don't have one, order today...you can't afford to be without one. Send us an email at firewisebrhoa@gmail.com, jjroberts1972@gmail.com, or burlandhoa@yahoo.com, or you may call Dave Sitko at 702-353-9639, or Jack Roberts at 303-838-4225.

Annual Meeting and Picnic – If you missed it, you missed a good time with neighbors visiting about mutual interests. The election of Officers and the Board of Directors was held and the results follow:

BHOA Officers

President, Jim Glenn, 303-699-8056
Vice President, Jack Roberts – 303-838-4225
Secretary, Mary Ellen Sawyer, 303-880-9272
Treasurer, Roger Sawyer, 303-883-8287

BHOA District Directors

District 1 –Debbie Kappel – 3/838-2216
District 2– Dave Sitko – 702-353-9639 (LV area code)
District 3 - Pat White – 3/838-7977
District 4 –Jim Glenn – 3/699-8056
District 5 –Alan “Butch” Kappel- 3/838-2216
District 6 –Sue Glenn – 3/668-0513
District 7 –Jack Roberts – 3/838-4225
District 8 – Debe Whitford – 720-397-9000

For detailed information on the various Districts and the areas they include, please see our website, www.burlandhomeowners.org, under Contacts. You will also find the Firewise representatives listed as well.

Aspen Tree Easy Trail

Volunteers have been hard at work on this “easy trail” which starts at the aspen grove in Weakland Fawks Park and gently heads up the hill, and may be okay for strollers. Twelve volunteers installed 30 tons of road base last fall and plans are for the last 10% to be finished in August. We thank all of the volunteers and especially recognize and thank Jim Glenn, who took the lead on this trail for everyone to enjoy. Another great addition to our Park!

Scholarship

Once again, the HOA has awarded an academic scholarship! This year’s scholarship was awarded to Dani Schaad who was selected from a number of top-notch students at Platte Canyon High School. The HOA has awarded 20 - \$5,000 scholarships since we began the scholarship program in 2006, and we continue to be amazed at the caliber of students that our high school graduates! We applaud Dani Schaad and wish her well with continued success!

Water/Septics and Wells

We continue to mention the conservation of our precious water and also the need to test water, both of which are critical! The wells in Burland are very close together and no one likes to think about it, but there is a possibility of contamination, so taking proper care of both your well and your septic system is essential. Keep in mind also, that washing cars, watering a garden or a yard is probably a

no-no, even if you have a well that may have been “grandfathered in” having more lenient rules. Please conserve and be considerate of your neighbors. If you have any questions regarding the type of well you have and water usage, we encourage you to contact Tim Buckley, Water Commissioner, at 970-352-8712 or 303-501-4298, or Tim.Buckley@state.co.us.

Bears/Wildlife

Bears are back in town! Do not put your trash cans out before trash pick-up and be sure they are taken back in (and secured) after the trash has been picked up! Please do not put the life of a bear at risk because of carelessness with garbage. Also, be careful about their presence especially if a mama bear has her cubs in tow! That could spell trouble!

We would also like to remind those who are tempted to feed the deer and other wildlife, to please not do this. We have been told by Wildlife Officers that deer cannot tolerate corn; it is a “hot food” to their systems and will eventually cause pain and/or death...please do not feed them. Deer also attract mountain lions, so please do not encourage this for their sake and yours.

Mail Boxes

This is always a popular subject as many residents would like locked mail boxes for both appearance and security reasons. The Post Office has indicated they are agreeable, but that you will need a volunteer to head up such a project for your particular mail box cluster. And of course, it's very important to have the cooperation of the owners of all of the boxes. The HOA will consider some help toward the cost of the installation of CBU's on a case by case basis.

Covenants and More

Summer is well under way, the snow is gone and more and more trash and inoperable vehicles appear, and that's putting it nicely. If you are using your property as a salvage yard and/or junk yard (including car parts, tires, etc.), you are in violation of the Covenants and the County Land Use Regulations. You know who you are, and we simply ask you to comply with your Covenants and the LUR's that you accepted when you bought your property. Respect your neighbors and reflect your sense of community. It's as simple as that. Please!

Also, if you want to target practice, it would be good to find a legitimate shooting range, rather than in your yard. Again, please be considerate of your neighbors. It may be legal with a proper backstop, etc., etc., but just not a good idea in a residential neighborhood. And, if you leave your dog in your yard to bark incessantly, please be kind to your dog, and your neighbors.

If you need help with removing cars, trucks RV's, boats, campers, etc., running or not, the following are just a couple of organizations that would be more than happy to take them off of your hands for free and possibly tax deductible donations. Don't hesitate...call today!

[Donate to charity.](#)

www.wheelsforwishes.org- Your car can make a wish for a child! It's free and easy. Call 1-888-431-9474.

www.carshelpingveterans.org - Cars Helping Veterans – 100% Tax Deductible – Help Purple Heart Vets

Call 1-888-480-VETS (8387)

PARK

Weakland Fawks Park (and the trail to the top of the mountain) is owned by the HOA. We do our best in maintaining it for your use, but would also appreciate your help with picking up trash, both in the Park and on the trail. Vandalism seems to be an increasing problem especially in the summer time and this causes us time and expense. Lately, it seems the thing to do is breaking glass in the picnic pavilion. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping an eye out for such things and reporting any suspicious activity to the Park County Sheriff's Office. Their non-emergency number is 719-836-2494. Thank you!

The Park, the trail up to the top of Mt. Bailey, and now, the new Aspen Trail, are very busy, both winter and summer. Please be aware that there is private property near the top adjacent to the Mt. Bailey trail, and we ask that you be aware of this and stay on the trail. Please stay to the left of the towers as you approach the top. To the right is private property. Please do not wander off on this private property.

Keep in mind; we are always looking for volunteers to help maintain the Mt. Bailey trail. Maybe those who most often use the trail, some on a daily basis, would find some time to help keep the trail in good condition. If everyone shares in this, it isn't such a huge job for the few people who do work hard for you to keep it maintained properly. Please give this some serious thought. Call Jack Roberts, 303-838-4225 and sign up now!

Pavilion - If you would like to reserve the pavilion for parties, picnics, weddings or other special occasions please call Mary Ellen Sawyer, 303-880-9272 or email at burlandhoa@yahoo.com to reserve. (There is a \$50.00 deposit that is returnable providing the Park is left in good order.) We do ask that if you plan to use the pavilion for a special occasion, that you make a reservation. Reservations are not posted, so be aware of that and respectful of others.

Membership Dues

Many of you have paid your HOA dues, but if you have not; please send in today to Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421. It's your choice, as it is a voluntary membership, but please remember that the HOA works for you to improve your property values, improve and maintain the Park, and contributes generously in support of the entire community. Dues are only \$20.00 per calendar year! When you send in your dues, please include your email address as this is an important means of communication for us. Please mail to Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421. If you have questions, or maybe aren't sure if your dues are current, please email us at burlandhoa@yahoo.com and we will be happy to help!

SPEED LIMITS!

Yes we do have them, even in Burland! Please be aware speed limits are generally 20 – 25 miles per hour. Look out for kids and wildlife!

Make sure to subscribe to our newsletter so you always know what's going on. Visit www.burlandhomeowners.org and sign up today. And we are on Facebook...like us!

Burland Homeowners Association Membership Form - 2017 (Return to P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421)

() I would like to become a member of the BHA for 2017.. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.

() I would like to renew my membership for 2017. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.

(Note: If you're not sure your dues are current, please email us at burlandhoa@yahoo.com.)

Name:

Property Address:

Mailing Address (if different)

City:

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(PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL