

**EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

**DRUM ROLL PLEASE!**

Before we go on with our normal news stories, we must first tell you our biggest and most important breaking news! We were just informed by the Colorado State Forest Service that Burland Ranchettes (yes, that's us!), has been approved as a Firewise Community! While we await the official notification and accompanying Firewise materials, we want to thank Jack Roberts and David Sitko, Fire Chief Wesseldine, Assistant Fire Chief, Joe Burgett, and the entire Firewise volunteer team, all who have worked relentlessly to bring this to fruition. The mitigation of your property not only protects you, but this whole community, and in addition, it could possibly reduce both your insurance rates and increase the value of your property.

The Firewise committee created a survey for Fuels Reduction Defensible Space Mitigation needs. 1800 surveys were mailed to Burland and surrounding residents. The responses were evaluated and two parcels were initially selected for mitigation activities. Together the parcel owner, Platte Canyon Fire Protection District personnel and a Firewise Committee representative walked the property and selected trees and vegetation for removal. As the weather allows and volunteers are available, these parcels shall become examples of proper mitigation. Additional parcels shall be selected for mitigation activities when these initial parcels are completed. If you are interested in volunteering with this extremely important effort please contact us.

Although, we've reached this milestone, there is of course, still much work to be done in the way of mitigation, proper Address Markers, etc. We've only just begun, and we need your help to ensure that your property is properly assessed and mitigated and that you have a proper (green-reflective) Address Marker!

As a reminder, if you haven't heard, we have a nice benefit to help you with your slash. So, make a note, when the snow clears, you can take advantage of this discount/reimbursement program. As an HOA member or Associate Member, we currently work with four local companies i.e., JWARD Industries, J's Got Wood, Splintered Forest, and Colorado Wildfire Mitigation, providing a \$75.00 discount paid for by the HOA toward your chipper service. You may contact Justin at JWARD Industries, 720-231-4857, Josh at J's Got Wood, 303-301-4308, [www.jsgotwood.com](http://www.jsgotwood.com), Splintered Forest, 303-819-9840, [www.SplinteredForestTreeService.com](http://www.SplinteredForestTreeService.com), or Eric at Colorado Wildfire Mitigation at 303-803-3246, [www.coloradowildfiremitigation@gmail.com](mailto:www.coloradowildfiremitigation@gmail.com), to make arrangements for your property. This benefit is available to you once a year. Mail us a copy of your paid receipt to receive your reimbursement. The homeowner/member is responsible for any charges over and above the \$75. You must be a paid member or associate member to enjoy this benefit. Pay \$20 membership for the year, get \$75 reimbursement – that's 375% Return on Investment (ROI).

And, there's more! There is slash site at Crow Hill behind the T-ball fields, which was open this past fall, and we hope will be open again in the spring, so keep that in mind as well. Their charges were \$15 per pick-up load per resident, and \$20 for a non-resident. Again, this will be available to you as an HOA member or Associate Member once a year. You as the homeowner/member are responsible for any charges beyond \$75.

Send a copy of your paid invoice(s) and we will reimburse you accordingly. Mailing address is: P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421. Hopefully, you will take advantage of these benefits to clear your property of any potential fire danger!

If you're unsure of where to begin, please contact Jack Roberts, 303-838-4225, [jjroberts1979@gmail.com](mailto:jjroberts1979@gmail.com), or Dave Sitko, 702-353-9639, [firewisebrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:firewisebrhoa@gmail.com), or you may email us at [burlandhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:burlandhoa@yahoo.com), and we will be happy to assist you in getting started. Remember, this is so important not only to help ensure your personal safety, but your neighbors and community as well. Don't procrastinate, call now.

On the subject of Firewise, we would like to announce the Firewise Address Marker Lottery winners. These four property owners were chosen by purchasing and posting a most important green reflective Address Marker! They are: 1800 Mockingbird, 223 Mt. Bailey Dr., 133 Beaver Trail, and 1945 CR72, and have received \$10 checks, or reimbursement for their address marker purchase! We thank them for their support and participation!

We would further like to thank everyone who has purchased an Address Marker, and to those who have not yet done so, you can purchase one for only \$10. These are green, retro-reflective address signs and imperative in the event of a fire, medical situation and/or need for law enforcement. Order now by mailing a check for \$10 to Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421 with your address and contact information. If you have any questions, please email [burlandhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:burlandhoa@yahoo.com), [firewisebrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:firewisebrhoa@gmail.com), [jjroberts1979@gmail.com](mailto:jjroberts1979@gmail.com), or call Dave Sitko at 702-353-9639, or Jack Roberts at 303-838-4225.

**Christmas Lights!** Our volunteer "elves" selected ten of the biggest, brightest and best of the many beautifully decorated Burland homes. Those winners are: 260 Impala, 1078 Sleepy Hollow, 851 Sleepy Hollow, 115 Magpie, 320 Mockingbird, 133 Beaver Trail, 194 Bobcat, 5655 CR72, 1799 Mockingbird, and 1676 Mockingbird! (This is also another instance where a retro-reflective green address marker is most helpful!) These homeowners received \$50 checks and complimentary 2018 HOA memberships! We so appreciate everyone's hard work and effort put forth in making this Christmas in Burland very special! Thank you all!

### **Your HOA Gives Back to the Community**

We were fortunate again this year to share with the community, the following very generous donations:

\$5,000 – Academic scholarship to PCHS graduate, Danielle Schaad  
\$1,000 - Park County Senior Coalition  
\$1,000 - Mountain Resource Center  
\$1,000 - Mountain Peace Center  
\$1,000- St. Laurence Outreach  
\$1,000 - Intermountain Humane Society  
\$1,000 – Boys and Girls Club  
\$500 - Life Bridge  
\$500 - Platte Canyon High School (Giving Tree/Needy Families)

\$500 - Deer Creek Elementary School (Giving Tree/Needy Families)  
\$500 – Fitzsimons Middle School (re-directed to Children’s Hospital toy drive)

We are grateful that we are able to give back to the community in this way, helping enrich the lives of so many.

**Locked Mail Boxes** - Speaking of giving back, we have also financially assisted two residents who took the lead on the conversion of the regular “open air” mailboxes to locked cluster boxes. These residents worked with the guidance of the Post Master and their neighbors in the coordination and proper installation, and the HOA reimbursed a portion of the total cost to purchase and install the cluster mail boxes.

Locked cluster boxes have long been a subject of need or want in this community, and it can be done by someone in your neighborhood willing to take the lead in working through the details. Anyone interested should contact the Post Master, 303-838-2084. The HOA helps with partial reimbursement for cluster boxes to encourage block volunteers to be involved with this program.

### **Dues are Due!**

You are important to us! We are a voluntary organization and we need not only your support, but your participation! We are a valuable and worthwhile group working constantly to better this community and we simply can’t do it without you! As you read earlier, we are working diligently, now as a Firewise Community; we own and maintain Weakland Fawks Park (the only “public” park between Kenosha Pass and Denver), the Mt. Bailey and Aspen Tree Trails; we award academic scholarships to the high school, and make generous donations to charities throughout the year. That’s for starters. Please sign up and join in!

Membership is only \$20 per calendar year (dues are due now for 2018); our meetings are the second Saturday of each month at Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, 285 Rosalie, at 9:00 a.m. Please note, we do not have a December meeting, and our Annual Meeting and picnic is in July at Weakland Fawks Park. If you haven’t already done so, please mail your dues to Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421. (We are currently working on being able to pay your dues online...it’s going to happen; we just ask for your patience.)

We have great guests who provide important information for living in a mountain community, so be sure join us! To kick off the new year, Grant Goble from Living Water Systems is our guest speaker at our January meeting (this newsletter may not reach you in time for that one, but we’ll get the word out with our other media outlets), and in February, Josh Shirley from Shirley Septic will provide information on new Park County regulations concerning various and sundry permit requirements. This gives you an idea of where you need to be on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.! Please join us!

We welcome and encourage you to learn more about the mutual concerns of your neighborhood, and make sure to sign up for this newsletter by visiting [www.burlandhomeowners.org](http://www.burlandhomeowners.org). We will also find us at [www.Facebook.com/Burland HOA...like us!](https://www.facebook.com/BurlandHOA) We also have regular information and announcements on Nextdoor Neighbor...don’t miss out on what’s going on in your neighborhood!

## **Wood Stoves**

This is old news, but we must remind everyone using their fireplace to have it swept regularly! And, if you're using it often, or maybe even as your primary heat, it's really a good idea to have it swept more than once during the winter season. Above all else, do not burn household trash...it's the worst for building creosote and adding to the danger of chimney fires. Be careful removing hot ashes, too...they stay hot for a very long time...don't put them on your deck!

## **Covenants**

We know this is a repeat, but as a reminder, Burland has Covenants and if you are using your property as a wood cutting business, or a salvage yard (junk yard, including car parts, tires, etc.), DON'T! You are in violation of the Covenants and the County Land Use Regulations. Yes, you are! Unfortunately, there are some property owners who are habitual covenant and LUR violators. We continue to ask you to please do your part to keep your property clear of junk, trash, discarded appliances and miscellaneous items, etc. We also encourage everyone to help neighbors who may need a helping hand with their property. If we all work together to keep our respective properties clean, Burland can be a place where many can only dream of living. So, please comply; be a good neighbor, and reflect your sense of community.

If you need help with removing cars, trucks RV's, boats, campers, etc., running or not, the following are organizations to contact for free and possibly tax deductible donations:

Cars Helping Veterans – 100% Tax Deductible – Help Purple Heart Vets – Free – Call 1-888-480-VETS (8387), or [www.CarsHelpingVeterans.org](http://www.CarsHelpingVeterans.org).

Donate a Junk Car to your choice of charity; fast, easy, and free! Call 1-800-237-5714, or [www.DonateACar.com](http://www.DonateACar.com).

## **Speed Limits!**

Burland has speed limits and are generally 20 – 25 miles per hour. Watch out for the kids, dogs, and for the wildlife! (They are not watching out for you.)

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

( ) I would like to become a member of the Burland Homeowners Assn. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.

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

**Name:**

**Property Address:**

**Mailing Address (if different)**

**City:**

**State:**

**ZIP**

**Phone:**  
**ADDRESS!**

**Email:**

**(PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL**