

THE BURLANDER

Burland Homeowners Association, Inc. Newsletter for Burland Ranchettes Property Owners—January 2012

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

We have winners! It's a hard job, if not impossible, to choose only four winners in the Christmas Lighting contest and we want to thank all those who took the time and effort to decorate their homes. It really is a difficult task to choose only four, but here they are: 33 Quakie Way (most elaborate), 5655 County Road 72 (use of landscape), 784 Mockingbird, and 4200 County Road 72 (newcomers). These displays were truly outstanding! There were many, many beautiful lights and our thanks to everyone who decorated their homes.

BURLAND HOA GIVES BACK

The Burland HOA continues to give generously to our community. Most recently, we gave \$1,000 each to the Mountain Resource Center, Intermountain Humane Society, Park County Senior Coalition, Mountain Peace Shelter, and St. Laurence Outreach/Food Pantry, and \$500 each to the "Giving Trees" at Deer Creek Elementary, Fitzsimmons Middle School, and Platte Canyon High School. In addition to these annual charity donations, this past year, we awarded three (3) \$5,000 scholarships to Platte Canyon High School seniors (see following), and continue with our annual slash program in 2012 for HOA members with the HOA paying the first \$75 for chipper services from Splintered Forest, <http://splinteredforest.com>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The HOA has awarded scholarships to a graduating Platte Canyon High School or home schooled senior since 2006. Our first and second recipients, Jacob Bennefield and Aryn McCall have graduated from the University of Colorado and Biola University, respectively.

In the spring of 2011, we awarded three \$5,000 scholarships and those were awarded to Kaitlyn Coler, Amy Grace Davis, and Emily Roozen. The Board will be reviewing and voting on this year's scholarship plans at our February meeting. Information will be published in the Flume, and be available in the Post Graduate Center at PCHS thereafter. Interested students should be watching for this!

DUES ARE DUE!

Don't forget that dues are due in January for the calendar year, and they are only \$20. It's your choice, but it's so important that every homeowner joins and supports this very worthwhile organization! Your HOA works for you in improving your property values, improving and maintaining Weakland Fawks Park, and in addition, does many good things for the betterment of the entire community. Please join today and plan to get involved. Simply mail your check to

Burland HOA, P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421, and remember to include your email address which allows us to communicate important information.

The meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at Shepherd of the Rockies Church, 285/Rosalie, Bailey.

COVENANTS

All homeowners are bound by, and expected to comply with our Covenants and Park County Land Use Regulations. If you own property (and even if you don't), you should have a sense of pride in where you live and an obligation to your neighbors and this community to properly maintain the property.

Throughout the year, we receive complaints about "junk yards", and generally, residents being inconsiderate and unconcerned with the fact that this is a residential neighborhood. Our Covenants are designed to protect property owners from objectionable activities, and the enforcement of these Covenants will help preserve the property values. This should be of utmost importance to every property owner.

Our "cleanup campaign" this past year was responsible for approximately twelve (12) properties being cleaned up, and our mission continues. Take a look at your property and see what you can do to make it look better. It really is that simple. It is not our intent to harass anyone about unkempt properties, junk cars, etc., but there are Covenants that apply to every property and if your property is unsightly with junk, junk vehicles, etc., please be aware that you will be contacted. If your property is not brought into compliance, you will then be reported to the County for violation of Land Use Regulations.

The enforcement of our Covenants is a time consuming, and expensive undertaking, but it is our intent to see this through. We are committed to bring every property into compliance with the Covenants and improve the reputation and image of Burland Ranchettes.

If you need help with removing cars, trucks RV's, boats, campers, etc., running or not, the following are some organizations to contact, many offering free removal/towing and may be tax deductible.

Wheelsforwishes.org – 1-888-689-9474
Carshelpingveterans.org – 1-888-582-4416
Purpleheartcars.org - 1-877-316-1225
Karsforkids.org – 1-877-527-7454

PARK VANDALIZED

Unfortunately, vandalizing continues at the Park, and this past fall, the new subdivision sign on CR72 was vandalized at a significant cost for repairs. It's unfortunate in many ways that someone would choose to do this as obviously money spent on repairs only diminishes that which we may have available for assisting the community, scholarships, etc. As a reminder, the Burland HOA will award \$1,000 to anyone leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for vandalizing any subdivision signs, equipment at the Park, or any property belonging to the HOA. We ask anyone who is aware of any suspicious activity to report it to the Park County Sheriff's Department.

SUB-DIVISION SIGN UPDATE

We continue to receive many favorable comments on the new sub-division sign on County Road 72 and if you haven't already noticed, new sub-division signs have recently been erected at Kudu/Impala and on Rosalie. What a nice addition to the community!

WOOD STOVES

Just a reminder and a few words of caution as you use your wood burning stoves. Don't burn household trash. It only adds to the build-up of creosote on the stovepipe lining, and be especially careful as you discard ashes. Don't place them on your wood deck...you are almost guaranteed a fire as ashes stay hot for a very long time. Also, a further reminder, to have your chimney swept and inspected regularly!

WELLS AND WATER CONSERVATION

We've had a very mild and dry winter up to now anyway, and even though we are sure to get a lot more snow, water is always a concern. We continue to ask everyone to please conserve. This is everyone's responsibility. If you have questions about the type of well you have and/or its use, contact the Colorado Division of Water Resources, www.water.state.co.us, or call 303-866-3581.

WEB PAGE

Our web site is www.burlandhomeowners.org. Please visit the site and learn about your HOA! Also, our email address is burlandho@yahoo.com for your convenience in contacting us with any questions or concerns.

EMAILING BURLANDER

As you visit the web site, www.burlandhomeowners.org, just click on the email icon at the lower left-hand corner, and the Burlander will be emailed to you.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at Shepherd of the Rockies Church, 285/Rosalie, at 9:00 a.m. We encourage you to attend!

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