

THE BURLANDER NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

There have been some changes since the annual meeting in July. One of the most significant is the timing of our regular member meetings. The old bylaws referenced a procedure for conducting what were referred to as monthly meetings, but nothing in the document actually required a meeting each month. State law requires only once a year for an organization like ours. We will be voting on new bylaws at the next meeting, and one of the changes is to require a meeting at least quarterly. This would be the minimum, but we plan to hold meetings more often..

We are also going to try meeting on a weeknight evening. We know this can be an issue for those that commute to the metro daily, but Saturday mornings are also an issue for families that want to be involved in our mountain recreation for the day. We are going to try the third Wednesday of the odd months for now and see if interest picks up.

The last change regarding meetings is to possibly move the annual meeting to January. This would mean January 19th for the upcoming year. We will still hold an annual picnic in July, along with a routine meeting for that month.

You should expect to receive a questionnaire either in postal mail or email regarding the above changes. The board would love to see more interest from our community and to that end we will be asking whether weekends or weeknights work better, and how often you would be willing to attend.

We have also changed the annual dues back to a calendar year system. This greatly simplifies the bookkeeping involved. Those of you who are on a different schedule will have your dues for 2022 prorated at \$2 per month. Emails will be sent showing what you owe to complete the year, and you will have the option of paying in January or on your old anniversary date.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYLAWS

All members were sent a notice either by email or postal service in late August regarding a proposal to amend the bylaws. The primary changes are the meeting schedule discussed in this newsletter, changing the number of directors from eight to seven (smaller boards are strongly recommended for nonprofits), and dropping compensation for board members.

The bylaws were unanimously approved at the September meeting, but unfortunately there was not a quorum in attendance. Therefore, a vote on the same recommended changes will be taken at the meeting on November 17th.

WEAKLAND-FAWKS PARK CHANGES

If you are a regular visitor to our park, you may have noticed some changes recently. Two pet stations have been installed to provide those little doggy bags. One is at the entrance to the path going up the mountain just past the pavilion and the other is at the entrance to the lower walking path. There are receptacles at those same locations for disposal of the bags.

Grading of the trail and the area around the port-a-potty and pavilion was completed. Much of the lower path has been weeded and widened. The rocking horse has been repaired and dead wood removed. Also, the broken bench and tabletop have been removed.

The biggest change is in parking. A new parking lot has been built which provides more room and has safer egress from the park onto the public road. The fence will be replaced and moved closer to the road.

There are plans to install a donation box to assist with paying for maintenance and cleaning. If you are a regular user of the park, please consider joining our Park Committee.

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NIGHT LIGHTING

Beautiful! A word that may seem overused, but how better to describe where we live? Autumn has been especially lovely this year with more gold in these hills than I remember having ever seen; tall, swaying native grasses; skies clear at last from Denver's smog and smoke from further west. The animals seem happy and healthy and the birds especially chipper.

At our house we paid special attention to the Great North American Bird Migration in September. In the wee hours we tried our best to see flocks high in the sky — largely unsuccessful, they're so high up — but with an occasional glimpse of dark moving over the stars. As we do every night year round except for the Christmas season, we kept our lights out to help keep the birds from disorientation and to aid our stargazing. Sad to say, however, the trend toward more and brighter outdoor lights was in relief against the urgent need for dark during the Migration. Lights, even inside the house, confuse migratory birds who follow the same flight paths they have for millennia and obscure the brilliant starlit skies in Burland and Bailey.

We all want safety at night, from wildlife and other hazards. There are ways to have that security besides just leaving on the super bright LEDs all night (and even all day in some areas). Flashlights and lanterns (and verbal alerts to the lions and bears) when briefly stepping out come to mind. More to the point, motion sensors are easy to install even on existing fixtures, minimizing the time of light pollution and impact on the animals. And they conform to the Park County lighting regulations in addition to saving energy. Shrouding to keep light pointing downward and on one's own property is a wonderful way of showing consideration, promoting neighborliness, and conforming to Regulations where motion sensors are impossible.

When I moved here I was continually delighted to see the night skies of my

childhood and my old home in the country! Gradually, Denver Metro, Colorado Springs, and points between have decimated the eastern nighttime view. Now we're seeing it increasingly up here. Yet we all value the ability to stargaze, identify constellations, and wonder at the Milky Way. But it is harder every year.

If we transition to turning lights off when not needed, ask the property managers to conform properties to these principles and the Land Use Regulations, and speak with business owners on adjacent commercial properties, we can make a big difference in favor of the quality of life we enjoy in Burland and greater Bailey.

Here are links to helpful sites regarding birds and County Regulations. Enjoy the Autumn and Winter skies!

<https://birdcast.info/science-to-action/lights-out/heres-how-you-can-make-a-difference/>

<https://parkco.us/DocumentCenter/View/264/Article-V?bidId=#page66> Go to pages 66-71, Section 5-709, for the Regulations and illustrations for appropriate lighting.

Beth Fisher, Director

BROADBAND UPDATE

South Park Telephone is still waiting on the contract from the State and on a few permits to begin the mainline construction. They will begin contacting residents with commitments for installation of the conduit from the dwelling to the road. Here is the tentative schedule.

Phase 1: estimated 11/15/21 to 6/15/22

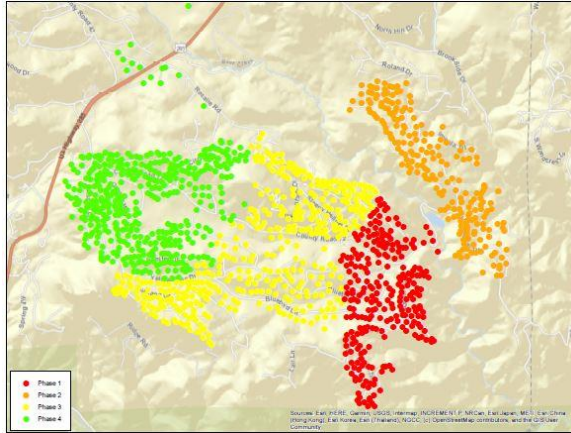
Phase 2: estimated 3/1/22 to 10/15/22

Phase 3: estimated 6/1/22 to 12/31/22

Phase 4: estimated 8/1/22 to 4/15/23

The map on the next page will give you a rough idea of where you are in the project.

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The map is a bit small, but Phase 1 is basically CR72 from Sleepy Hollow to the ponds and everything south of that. Phase 2 is from Kudu and Impala along CR72 to High Meadow. Phase 3 is the central portion of the subdivision including Bluebird Ln and the south side of Yellow Pine. Phase 4 is CR72 from the entrance to just past Blackbird Dr. and includes the north side of Yellow Pine, Burland Dr and Conifer Dr.

Many of our longtime directors chose to step down at this year's annual meeting. We thank them for their years of service to the community!

The current board is:
Stuart Rhodes, President
Jack Roberts, Treasurer
Tim Peterson, Secretary
Beth Fisher, Director
Bill Beggs, Director
Debra Stephens, Director

Note that the three officers are also filling director positions. This is required by law for the president position and optional for the other officers.

We do have several committees, such as Firewise, Park Oversight, and Membership (recruiting new members and educating existing members). Please feel free to contact burlandhoa@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Come join us on Halloween for a good old fashioned community gathering!

WHEN | Sunday, Oct 31st

WHERE | Weakland Fawks Park (aka - the Burland Playground)

WHAT |

- Trunk or Treat | you be the judge of who the winner is!
- Scavenger Hunt
- Kids Craft
- Finger foods potluck (bring something to share if you feel inclined)
- Fire pit with S'mores
- Good music, good fun, good neighbors

Hang out the whole time, or just swing by and say hi on your way to other activities! Bring a lawn chair, or don't. We can't wait to see all your spooky faces and amazing costumes!



**** WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED |** If you are interested in decorating a trunk or a table, would like to help decorate, donate items for giveaways, or sponsor this event in anyway - please email burlandhoa@yahoo.com.

If you have not already done so, go to our web site, burlandhomeowners.org, and click to sign up for our newsletter. We do not sell these addresses and you will generally get just one or two emails each month.