

At the April General Meeting (3rd Wednesday, 7p.m., Firehouse, in person & zoom), Sheriff Tom McGraw and Deputy Ethan Darion spoke with us regarding crime and safety in Burland. Despite staffing shortages and having only seven deputies, crime is not up; we can help ourselves to remain safe by the use of security cameras, motion lights, keeping our homes and vehicles (which contain garage door openers) locked even when at home. They emphasized that reporting suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Department is key to community safety.

We learned that 25% of the Sheriff's time and budget goes to calls to short term rentals. Estimates are that less than 10% of STRs are registered and paying fees to the County; their use of valuable law enforcement resources is highly disproportionate to their contribution. Many of these calls are for people drinking like they're at sea level, altitude sickness, slipping off the roads in their rental cars, etc. If you suspect an STR is unregistered, or doing something dangerous, please report it to the County. There is now a person who handles these matters.

Deputy Darion told us about a program similar to Neighborhood Watch that might work more effectively here. Whenever possible he will attend our future General Meetings to share information and hear any concerns. Deputy Darion encouraged us to continue to inform people of the Weakland-Fawks Park rules and to call the Sheriff's Dept. when violators refuse to comply or commit crimes, including trespassing, or remaining or accessing after dark. This includes the mountain and trails. The Park belongs to Burland Ranchettes, and always has; the Park Rules are to protect our residents, the property, and the Association.

We are a community with unique needs and we need to come together as a community. A big shout out to our men and women in Blue, though their uniforms are a tasteful mountain green!

The Burland Easter Egg Hunt was on Saturday, April 16 at Weakland-Fawks Park. Volunteers gathered plastic eggs and treats, met to stuff them, and provided decorations and activities. An estimated 80-100 children and adults attended, artistic activities were available prior to the start of the hunt, and we all connected with neighbors new and old. After much anticipation, the children were released into two age determined areas for the search for eggs! Fun and laughs for all. A special thanks to Linda for her awesome face painting and to the parents who helped clean up and donated the plastic eggs back for next year!

## Weakland-Fawks Park Rules:

- \* Burland Residents Only — no public access to park, trail or mountain
- \* Closed at dusk
- \* Pets must be on leash at all times
- \* Pick up after your pet
- \* Pack in, pack out — no human trash, receptacles are for pet poop only
- \* No motorized vehicles
- \* No livestock
- \* No overnight parking
- \* No hunting
- \* No camping
- \* No open fires
- \* Group pavillion use by reservation only