

MARCH AND APRIL 2018

BRENTON COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

MEL RAY OFFICE: 515-289-1673 OFFICE HOURS: 1:00 PM-4:00PM, MON-FRI, BY APPOINTMENT SAT-SUN



WHAT'S NEW AT MEL RAY

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – SERVICE TO COUNTRY
KEITH JAMES, A1C, US AIR FORCE

We would like to recognize Keith James for his service in the Air Force, thank you for all your service & dedication!

Keith was born in White Oak, Japan, and is 1 of 4 children. All of his childhood memories are from outside the US and he is hoping to return there someday for a visit.

Keith served after 911, and was stationed at an AFB in Louisiana, and did a tour in Guam. For his service, Keith was awarded the medal; Veteran Foreign War. To Keith's disappointment, he suffered an injury which led to his Honorable discharge. Had he not been injured, he would have stayed with active duty, because he loved the job & the people he worked with.

After leaving the military, in 2005 Keith went into the Electronics & Networking field, & currently works for T-Mobile. Keith enjoys gaming, & is a tattoo enthusiast, with his favorite tattoo representing his family members.

His words of advice: "Keep your head up, always move forward, and don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do it."

Please submit your nomination to the office so they can be considered!

SPRING HOME INSPECTIONS START IN MARCH

Here is a list of some things we look at during our annual home inspections so you can start planning for needed repairs:

- Does your home or garage siding need to be replaced or power washed?
- Does your skirting have cracks or holes? Are some of your skirting pieces too short or long?
- What is the condition of your steps & deck? Does your steps or deck need paint or stain?
- Are your windows & doors in good condition? Are your screens without holes or tears?
- Does your shed need to be painted or washed?
- Do you have any items that should be stored out of sight when not in use, like; tools, machinery, toys, bikes. Are broken items being discarded?
- Does your yard need to be mowed, weeded, or trimmed? Is it free of leaves and debris?
- Is your Roofing, Soffit, Fascia, and Gutters, in good repair?
- Pet Areas are kept clean at all times and pets are well picked up after.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS - THANK YOU!

SNOW REMINDERS

Please ensure you are clearing ice and snow from your driveway daily, to avoid a fine (after 48 hours). Additionally, be mindful of where you are throwing your snow, (not in the street or neighbor's yard).

WE NEED YOUR INFO

Do we have all of your current information? Do you have a new: PHONE, VEHICLE, PET, ROOMMATE, or CHILDREN OVER 18? If you do, please stop by the office and add that information to your file. All of this information is required as per your lease agreement. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS

March 11, "spring forward", move your clocks ahead one hour. This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries, this could save your life!

VEHICLE REMINDERS

All vehicles should be licensed and in working order. Any non-running vehicles must be stored in your garage or off site. If you are repairing your vehicle, this should be done in a reasonable amount of time (more than 72 hours should be reported to the office). Tires should be repaired in 24 hours.

TAXES AND INSURANCE

Reminder to verify the taxes on your home/garage have been paid. You can easily check this at <https://pay.iowataxandtags.org>. Don't lose your home to a tax sale!

ALSO, we still have many residents that have not provided the office with insurance documentation. Please make sure the community is listed as an interested party, so we can assist you in getting a new home as soon as possible, should there be a catastrophic event to your home. This is required as part of your lease agreement.

ATTENTION PET OWNERS

April is Adopt a Pet month. Please remember to check with the office when considering your new pet & get approval prior to purchasing it, so it becomes a permanent part of your family!

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ANKENY COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Ankeny Jaycees is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:30 AM, at the Jaycees Shelter just to the East of the Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center. Children will be separated into 4 groups, based on age from 1-8yrs old. This event is free to the community! For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/460059390814013/>

EASTER EGG HUNT

Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 SW Walnut St, is Hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday Mar 31, 10:30am, for children 4th grade & under. This event is free to the community, just bring your Easter basket! For more information: <http://ankenfirst.org/easter-egg-hunt.htm>

ANKENY COMMUNITY CALENDER

For more information on what is going on in Ankeny, please visit the website calendar: <http://www.ankenyiowa.gov/city-calendar/-curm-11/-cury-2017>

CHOOSE YOUR OWN NEIGHBOR!

WWW.BRENTONCOMMUNITIES.COM



“THE PROMISE OF HOME”

There are 6 Brenton Communities in Central Iowa: Ankeny-Mel Ray, Boone-Boone Estates, Grimes-Park View Village, Huxley-New Horizons, Madrid-Meadow Estates, and Marion-Eagle Ridge, visit us today!

SERVICES PROVIDED BY US TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

ACH – AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS BENEFIT EVERYONE!

Are you tired of making a rent payment every month? You can simplify the process by **requesting ACH, and your rent will be paid, automatically, each month on the 5th.** Go to your community manager and sign the form, and no longer worry about being in town to pay, or accidentally forgetting to pay on time. It's a quick and easy process!

MOVE TO OUR COMMUNITY

FOR SALE

Lot 16: 1993 Champion, 3BR, 2BA, with carport, 1244sf, **\$25,000**

We have only 4 lots remaining in Mel Ray; two double lots, and two single lots. To reserve the location contact the office.

- Up to **\$4000 BONUS** to relocate to one of our communities
- **receive a referral bonus of \$100**, ask the office for details

FIND US ON THE WEB

FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a Brenton Communities Facebook page, that we regularly post helpful information and events in the communities. Like and follow us on our page to stay informed about community events and helpful hints for your home: <https://www.facebook.com/MobileHomeCommunities/>

Email us MR@brentoncommunities.com

Website: www.brentoncommunities.com

OUR REFERRALS FOR THOSE HANDY FOLKS, MOWERS, AND DOERS – IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOUR SERVICES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND ADD YOURSELF TO OUR LIST!

CONCRETE (FOR DRIVEWAYS, GARAGES, ETC)

Ames Concrete 515-232-8878

HANDYMAN, AND NEEDED REPAIRS

Jeff Bolton 515-298-1706

Keith Kohler 515-249-9185

Mike Wharton 515-729-0536

SKIRTING INSTALL & REPAIRS, & POWER WASHING

Mike Wharton 515-729-0536

Bret Street 641-202-3001

ROOFING INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS

Clayton, Bass Roofing 515-290-5901

Tim, DM Roofing 515-360-7480

ELECTRICIAN

Todd, Stewart Electric 515-238-8108

Perkins Electric 515-975-3272

HEATING AND COOLING

Keith Kohler 515-249-9185

Neighbors 515-232-7777

PLUMBER

Jeff Bolton 515-298-1706

Thorpe 515-707-1251

SNOW REMOVAL / LAWN MOWING **** WE NEED YOU ****

If you are interested in earning money contact the office.

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