

MAY AND JUNE 2018

BRENTON COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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



NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE AT www.BrentonCommunities.com

FRIENDLY REMINDERS - THANK YOU!

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.

SPRING INSPECTIONS HAVE BEGUN

Brenton Communities does an annual inspection so the overall appearance of our community exceeds that of all others. If you see our friendly staff walking around the property, this is what we are doing. We do understand that some of the requested upgrades could be costly, so we try to allow sufficient time to complete any repairs, if needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your inspection, please contact the office.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

We are seeing too many people speeding through the park and this will lead to an unfortunate accident. Please remind your teens and others to please slow down, especially as nice weather approaches, there will be more children outside playing.

MOWING AND TRIMMING

Grass should be mowed & trimmed once a week. Make sure you are trimming around your entire home, shed, garage, decks, steps, utilities, & landscaping. Do not blow clippings into the street or storm drains. Don't forget to weed your flower beds & 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.

WHAT'S NEW AT MEL RAY

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: CHAR TEED, HAS LIVED IN MEL RAY FOR 22 YEARS!

We would like to take this opportunity to **recognize Char Teed, who has lived in our community 22 years, since 1996!** Char was born in Boone, Iowa. Since she first came to Ankeny, in 1962, there have been many changes to the community!

Char was married to her husband, Edward, for 37 years before he passed away. They were blessed with three children, Kerri, Vicki and Jerri, and also nine grandchildren, 8 girls and 1 boy. They are all married now and exponentially my family has grown with 15 great- grandchildren, with more babies expected in July and September. I'm am so proud of my family. They are spread across the country, Denver, Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City so I don't see them as often as I would like.

Char has been a nurse for over 40 years, has a BA in Business and a Master's in Business Leadership. She worked for the same company the last 28 years, until she was forced to retire a year ago in March. Retirement does not suit her because of how much she loved her job, stating "A person has to have a reason to get up in the morning or boredom overcomes" however she is slowly adjusting. Her hobbies include her love to writing so that has been her main focus since retiring. "Spring opens up new opportunities and a fresh start. Everyone enjoys Spring!"

See Char Teed's full Bio posted in the office. Please nominate someone for the next Community Spotlight, call today!

RENT INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY, 1ST

With rent increases starting effective July 1st, 2018, we want to remind you of all the items that your lot rent includes:

- Enforcement of Guidelines, ensuring a desirable community to be proud of
- Tree Trimming, Weed Control; Lawns & Common Areas
- Landscaping & Care of Common Areas
- Property Taxes
- Snow Removal
- Street Repairs
- Maintenance of Office & Playground areas
- Upkeep of Community Infrastructure (underground utilities, electric meters, sewer & gas lines, etc)
- Storm Shelter & Covered Mail Station
- Junk haul away scheduled times throughout the year
- Patrolled by Ankeny City PD
- Clean, Quiet, & Safe Community of Choice

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ANKENY COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANKENY SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

City of Ankeny provides volunteers to help Ankeny residents dispose of large unwanted items free of charge. Ankeny Cleanup Days will be held May 19th- 20th, 8:00am - 4:00pm, at the Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center, 1220 NW Prairie Ridge Dr., Ankeny. This event is free to the community! For more information: <https://www.ankenyiowa.gov/our-city/departments/public-works/operations-division/recycling-events>

ANKENY AQUATIC CENTERS OPEN IN MAY

Ankeny Aquatic Centers will be open on weekends, May 26; Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center, Noon – 6pm, Cascade Falls Aquatic Center, Noon – 7pm. Pools will be, while Ankeny schools are still in session. Aquatic Centers will open daily beginning Friday, June 1. For more information: <https://www.ankenyiowa.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/11386/420?curm=5&cury=2018>

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!

NEWSLTER CHANGES – GOING GREEN!

NEWSLETTERS CHANGES IN EFFECT MAY, 2018

Newsletters will now be available on our website! Find your community tab, and under the email address, will be the newsletter button, just click to view. A hard copy version will also be available in the office, and at the mail station.

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

MOVE TO OUR COMMUNITY

EMPTY LOT AVAILABLE, PICK ONE OUT TODAY!

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.

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

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

SEWER AND PLUMBING

Orville - Down the Drain 515-525-6786

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