

# BRENTON COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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



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## FRIENDLY REMINDERS - THANK YOU!

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

Smoke detector batteries should be replaced at least twice a year. A great time to replace the batteries is when you change your clocks for the biannual time change. **“Fall Back” NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**, so turn your clocks back one hour.

### PLAYING IT SAFE

Kids love to have fun, & we know this, but we want to continue to remind our children that they must look before entering the street on their bikes, skateboards, or even on foot. Especially during times of high traffic, before/after school & work, and around the park. We don't want anything to happen to them! **Remind your children to respect others & property not belonging to them, and always play with safety in mind.**

### ❄️ WINTERIZE YOUR HOME BEFORE IT IS TOO COLD ❄️

You can lower your winter expenses by making sure you seal up holes or gaps in skirting, this keeps winter wind out from under your home. Don't forget to check your heat tape to make sure it's working properly before the snow flies!

### SNOW REMOVAL

You are responsible for snow removal for your driveway and walks, this should be done **within 48 hours**. For best results remove the snow with a shovel before applying any products. Do not throw snow into streets.

Use products that are safe for cement and pets. Most damage to cement is from the wrong type of ice melt (**no salt**). A simple yet effective product for ice is Kitty Litter. Another product that is safer for Pets, Property, & Environment is Natural Alternative Ice Melt. **Please read warning labels and ask questions about products before making any purchase.**

If you are interested in earning money shoveling, please call the office and add yourself to our list, so we can share with those in need.

### VEHICLE REMINDERS

All vehicles must be, licensed and in working order, to be parked in your driveway or in any common community parking area. Please refrain from parking extra vehicles in empty lots, to avoid possible fines and/or towing at customer's expense. **Speeding continues to be a problem, so please slow down, and use caution driving through the community.**

## COMMUNITY STUFF YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

### TURKEY GIVE AWAY – GOOD LUCK!

Brenton Communities will be **giving away a Turkey** for Thanksgiving. Every resident will have their name put into the drawing and a lucky winner will be chosen! **Happy Thanksgiving!**

### GIVING TREE IN THE OFFICE – STARTING NOV 20<sup>TH</sup>

We are sponsoring families with children, **right here in Mel Ray**, this holiday season! We will have a giving tree in the office, that you can pick an ornament with a child's wants/needs, & buy the items requested for that child, helping them to have a more enjoyable Christmas. If you would like to participate, come to the office and you can be part of helping a child in need. **If you, or a family you know in the community, could use some help providing a gift for a child, please contact the office today.**

**Deadline to return gifts to the office: Friday, DEC 21<sup>st</sup>**

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – ALLEN CORNELISON

We want to recognize PFC, **ALLEN CORNELISON**, for his **three years of service in the Airforce**. Allen grew up & graduated from Carlisle, IA, with his two siblings. Allen was part of **101<sup>st</sup> Airborne**, and he was stationed in Ft Campbell KY, & Panama City where he served his tour. While serving, He recalls the early mornings, long days, repelling out of helicopters, & his air assault unit. Allen met his wife, Pam and they were **married May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000**. They have a blended family of children. He especially enjoyed taking Pam to see the ocean for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Allen is the **founder of “Dark River Paranormal Investigations”**. He has enjoyed paranormal investigations for over 30 yrs. Allen has also written a book, **“Ghosts and Legends of the Stage Coach Inn”** that will be released soon! He enjoys designing & creating Native American leather bags & accessories. One favorite memory is; when **he finally found his biological family, & discovering his Cherokee heritage**, as he felt he had a loss of identity prior. **Words of Advice: “you are judged tomorrow by the tracks you leave today”.**

## PET REMINDERS - SEE RULES & REGS, PAGE 14

### OWNING A PET IN OUR COMMUNITY IS A PRIVILEGE

- ❄️ All pets must be **supervised at all times** when outside the home, & may not be allowed outside unless the pet is on a leash.
- ❄️ Your **pet's waste must be picked up immediately & properly disposed of in your trash container.**
- ❄️ Don't be “that neighbor” that allows their pet to bark and disrupt the neighborhood, **be respectful of quiet times.**

## ANKENY COMMUNITY EVENTS – VISIT CITY OF ANKENY CALENDAR

### LEAF COLLECTION DAYS – PRAIRIE RIDGE AQUATIC CENTER

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> to Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 24 hours a day, City crews available 9-3 Sat & Sun only.

### SANTA'S NORTH POLE VILLAGE CRAFT SALE - \$5 ADMISSION

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9 AM – 4 PM, 3 school locations, with shuttle service available to each school! There will be; food, shopping, gift ideas and so much more! For more information & discounts on admission go to:

[http://ankenycraftcenter.com/santas.html?fbclid=IwAR0s1vnNsQi80OyEqC7NE4rCRWbGcNhBIEVU84hOqH7EcUpIpgu8h\\_XkgjQ](http://ankenycraftcenter.com/santas.html?fbclid=IwAR0s1vnNsQi80OyEqC7NE4rCRWbGcNhBIEVU84hOqH7EcUpIpgu8h_XkgjQ)

### HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND COCOA – REGISTRATION DEADLINE DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>

Join Ankeny Parks & Rec in a night of crafts, cocoa & fun on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>! Kids, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will be able to complete a variety of holiday themed crafts for \$15-\$18. For info, call Ankeny Parks & Rec 963-3570

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN NEIGHBOR!

[WWW.BRENTONCOMMUNITIES.COM](http://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!

## 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 Jeff Sellers 515-441-4341 CIS Ben 515-509-6565

### SKIRTING INSTALL & REPAIRS

Mike Wharton 515-729-0536

### ROOFING INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS

Clayton, Bass Roofing 515-290-5901 CIS Ben 515-509-6565

### 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 & FROZEN PIPES

Jeff Bolton 515-298-1706 John Millward 515-291-4150 Keith Kohler 515-249-9185 Mike Wharton 515-729-0536

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## ACH – AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS BENEFIT EVERYONE!

You can simplify the rent paying process by requesting ACH. Your rent will be paid, automatically, each month on the 5th.

## MOVE TO OUR COMMUNITY – WE HAVE EMPTY LOTS

### SEVERAL EMPTY LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM

Double lots: 30, 111, 90 Single lots: 79, 40, 39, 55, 29

### EARN \$100 - ASK THE OFFICE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**\$100 Referral Bonus** for the resident who refers a new tenant!

### MOVE IN SPECIALS – SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY

- Up to **\$4000 BONUS** to relocate to one of our communities
- SAVE 20% on some homes, ask for details
- Pets are OK, up to 2, less than 20 pounds

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN OUR AREA

### DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Reminder that there are ongoing needs for food pantry support in our community. Here are some pantries near you:

--**IMPACT**, 2701 SE Convenience Blvd Ste 2, 515-564-0330

--**Mel Ray we have a "Blessing Box"** located at the Mail Station, where you can donate non-perishable food items, as well as hygiene items & cleaning supplies. **Take only what you need so that others can benefit too**, and give when you can afford to!