

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2019

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!

SNOW REMOVAL

You are responsible for snow removal for your driveway and sidewalk and 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, please keep it on parking strips between street & walk, where applicable.

Use products that are safe for cement and pets. Most damage to cement and sidewalks are from the wrong type of ice melt (**no salt**). A safe 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.**

PLEASE, NO PARKING ON THE STREET

Please remember that **parking on the street in Mel Ray is not permitted at any time**. If you do not have room in your driveway, please relocate your vehicle elsewhere. Also, our snow ordinance is in effect, and the **streets will be plowed at 2" of snow accumulation**. We want to keep our streets as clear as possible, and to do so effectively, we ask that you **park well within your driveway, if we have any chance of snow**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

"OH POOP"!

You are responsible for your pet and all things "big and small" that go along with that. Reminder to always carry a waste bag with you, because going back to the "scene of the crime" is no fun for anyone! Please properly dispose of the "evidence" in your own trash container. Owning a pet in our community is a privilege we want to continue for years to come, **please do your part**.

WE LOVE YOUR PETS, BUT NOT YOUR PESTS!

Please do not feed stray cats. If you require a humane "live trap" to capture stray cats, please call the office, we will do our best to help with the situation. Feeding strays can result in all sorts of unwanted pests living under your home!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We really enjoyed seeing how beautiful the neighborhood decorations were this year! Unfortunately, good things must come to an end. As a reminder, all Christmas decorations must be taken down no later than **January 10th, 2019**.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – KEVIN MIILLE

We would like to recognize **Kevin Miille** for his **service to our community, & residency in Mel Ray!** Thank you for all your service & dedication! Kevin is 62 yrs old, and was born and raised in Sioux City, IA, where he graduated from High School with his older sister and younger brother. Kevin recalls going on family fishing trips to Green Lake, MN, where they boast as one of the cleanest lakes in the US. Kevin later met his Wife, Kim, and they were married in November 1981. They share a Son and Daughter, and 4 grandchildren whom they adore. One of Kevin's fondest memories is when his family traveled to Israel in 1997. His kids were 9 & 12 at the time, and they toured the country for 10 days, taking in many biblical and historic sights. He said it was the most amazing place he's ever been and he will never forget it. Kevin and his wife are very involved in their church, and related activities. In 1998, Kevin became the Pastor at "Light of Ankeny" church, where they congregate at Neveln Center in Ankeny on Sundays and Wednesday night bible study. Additionally, their church has a Facebook Page, with more information about their church and upcoming events. **His words of advice: "One thing we CAN control is OURSELVES and our ATTITUDE".**

GOING GREEN? HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GO PAPERLESS!

INVOICES AND STATEMENTS

Brenton Communities has the ability to **email invoices and statements**, as well as other important information and updates. To go paperless, **simply include your primary email (& secondary email, optional) with your lot rent payment**, or call the office: 515-289-1673

NEWSLETTER HAS "GONE GREEN"

Go to www.brentoncommunities.com Find your community's page and click the **Orange "Community Newsletter" Button!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Free Thanksgiving Turkey in November:

Brad Williams

Free Christmas Ham in December:

Maria

Morales

GIVING TREE IN THE OFFICE... SUCCESSFUL!

Thank you to all those that sponsored a child this year from our Giving Tree in the office. **All the children were blessed** this year, at Christmas, because of yours and Brenton Communities generosity!

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ANKENY COMMUNITY EVENTS – VISIT CITY OF ANKENY CALENDAR

SWEETHEART DANCE, (FATHER/DAUGHTER OR MOTHER/SON)

Dance the night away with your favorite Valentine! On **Feb 9, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**, bring the whole family to Blank Park Zoo, only \$15 per person. For more info: <https://www.blankparkzoo.com/events/calendar/sweetheart-dance/>

BLUE RIBBON BACON FESTIVAL – HELLO PIGGY, EAST MEETS WEST

Saturday, February 16th, 10am-5pm, 10am-5pm, The Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival will return to **all four levels of the Iowa Events Center**. For more information and how to get tickets, please visit the Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/173290096953668/>

2019 BRR BIKE RIDE – PERRY TO RIPPEY

42nd annual BRR ride from Perry to Rippey will be held February 2nd, 2019. Packet pick-up on Day-of Registration is at the Hotel Pattee & opens at 7:30am. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/318637698692117>

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, 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

SNOW REMOVAL

Tahisha Goldsberry 515-305-9429

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 each, some restrictions

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!