

MARCH AND APRIL 2019

BRENTON COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – CURT HINRICHS

We want to recognize Curt Hinrichs, a new Mel Ray resident in 2018, Welcome Curt!

Curt was born, April 1960, and grew up right here in Ankeny with his 2 brothers and sister, and they graduated from Ankeny High School. Curt recalls when he was a pre-teen, he was a good will ambassador for the City of Des Moines, YMCA Boys Club & Bell Ringers Choir. They traveled to many places all over the world for fundraising concerts including; Washington DC singing for President Nixon, New York City, Disney World Florida, Mexico City for a "Good Will" concert, Bogotá Columbia where they stayed 2 weeks to perform (sadly, several of that group came down ill and were sick the entire time they were there). He also loved wrestling for Ankeny, attending all 3 State Tournaments in High School, and lettering all 3 years!

Curt worked for the Local 353 Union, Heavy Highway, building bridges and underground work for over 30 years, until he was able to take early retirement in 2017. Curt lived in Boise Idaho for about 3 years, and he had a hunting camp in Sawtooth Mountain, where he enjoyed hunting Deer, Elk, Wolves, and Bear (among other things). Now Curt enjoys bow hunting Turkey, and fishing below the Dam. His most favorite thing to hunt now is morel mushrooms, which he shares with his friends.

Curt has many collectibles, but he's especially fond of collecting music & concert memorabilia. Curt is a member of Bethany Reformed Church in Saylor Township. What Curt's Neighbors have to say; "he's great, the best neighbor anyone can ever have, because he will help with mowing, handy man tasks, shoveling... anything to help you out!"

Curt's words of advice: "Pace yourself through life, because your opinions in life will change over time, and you will need all your experiences to carry you through life."

IN OTHER NEWS...

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/>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS

March 10, "spring forward", move your clocks ahead one hour. This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries!

NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE AT www.BrentonCommunities.com

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. Call the office if you have any questions.

SNOW REMINDERS

During times of snowfall, (2 or more inches), we will have the roads plowed. Please ensure you are clearing ice and snow from your driveways daily, to avoid a fine (after 48 hours).

WE NEED YOUR INFO

Do we have all of your current information? Email address (for emailing the newsletter), phone, vehicle, pet, roommate, or Children over 18? If we don't, please stop by the office and add that information to your file.

VEHICLE REMINDERS

All vehicles should be licensed and in working order. Any non-running vehicles must be stored in your garage or off site.

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, this is required as part of your lease agreement.

PET REMINDER

You must be present with your pet at all times when they are outside. Also, refrain from feeding stray cats to avoid overpopulation this spring.

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ANKENY COMMUNITY EVENTS – VISIT CITY OF ANKENY CALENDAR

[HTTPS://WWW.ANKENYIOWA.GOV/](https://www.ankenyiowa.gov/)

FRIDAY FILMS IN MARCH, AT KIRKENDALL LIBRARY

From 1pm-3pm, at 1210 NW Prairie Ridge Dr, enjoy classic movies **FREE!** **March 8th FARGO, March 15th LA LA LAND, March 22nd CHICAGO**

FAMILY GAME NIGHT, AT KIRKENDALL LIBRARY

Sunday March 24th, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Come unwind, conquer a nation, fight a new super plague, out think your opponents, or just come to have fun playing games with families! All Are Welcome, **ages 8 & Up**, a **FREE** event.

ARL EGGSTRAVAGANZA, EASTER EGG HUNT FOR DOGS!!

Saturday April 13th, 11am – 12pm, Animal Rescue League, 5452 NE 22nd St, Des Moines. Eggstravaganza Dog Ticket is only \$5.00, & Ticket with a Photo is only \$15.00. Proceeds go to benefit the animals at the ARL, sponsor a pet today!

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/309837926307678/>

CHOOSE YOUR OWN NEIGHBOR!

WWW.BRENTONCOMMUNITIES.COM



“THE PROMISE OF HOME”

There are 7 Brenton Communities in Central Iowa: Ankeny-Mel Ray, Boone-Boone Estates, Grimes-Park View Village, Huxley-New Horizons, Marion-Eagle Ridge, Pella- Sunrise, and West Des Moines-West Park, 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!

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Jeff B 515-298-1706 | Jeff S 515-441-4341 | CIS Ben 515-509-6565

SEWER PLUMBER

Orville – Down the Drain 515-525-6786 | Smith’s – 515-255-6063

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

Dave W 515-991-2450 | Dave M 515-707-2866

PLUMBER & FROZEN PIPES

Jeff B 515-298-1706 | Keith K 515-249-9185 | Mike W 515-729-0536

ELECTRICIAN

Todd, Stewart Electric 515-238-8108 | Perkins Electric 515-975-3272

HEATING AND COOLING

Keith Kohler 515-249-9185 | Neighbors 515-232-7777

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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 Paperless Benefit Everyone!

NEWSLETTER HAS “GONE GREEN”

Go to www.brentoncommunities.com Find your community’s page and click the Orange “Community Newsletter” Button to view newsletter! Also, we will be emailing our newsletters to those that want to receive via email, call the office to let us know if you choose that option.

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FOR SALE IN OUR COMMUNITY

FOR SALE IN MEL RAY, CALL US TODAY 515-986-3324

Lot 104, 1996 Hartford, 3BR, 2BA, double wide, w/shed, 1300 SF, completely remodeled, it offers an open floor plan that is great for entertaining. Large eat in Kitchen with formal dining. Two living areas, one with a fireplace. 3 bedrooms all with walk in closets. Master bathroom feature dual sinks and large shower. \$60,000!