# THE BURLANDER

# Newsletter – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Burland Homeowners Association**

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We hope this letter finds you well. The year 2020 is definitely one we will not soon forget. Looking forward to 2021 and hope it is an amazing year for all of us.

Our next board meeting is on November 14th, 2020 at 9am. During this pandemic we are doing our best to encourage social distancing and have our meetings by Zoom. Even if you have no access to a computer there will be a dial in by phone. The meeting information will be provided shortly.

**Broadband Update**: We did not win our grant from the July 2020 submission. We are not giving up. It is even more important now for Burland with Covid having us working from home, learning from home and being good stewards by social distancing. We will resubmit our grant in January 2021.

What are we doing different? We will concentrate on the areas in Burland with desperate need, those less than 10 Mbps and particularly less than 1 Mbps. Those less than 1 Mbps likely cannot do telemed, teleconference, tele-education and can barely open email or websites. Those are people stuck in the 1990s. This may be the only way for us to get across the finish line and secure the grant. Burland was the biggest application and had the biggest price tag which may have hurt us.

Where is this area with terrible internet? Primarily in the eastern half of Burland. This excludes my home and the home of Broadband Team Captain, Keith Doubleday. However, the plan is for South Park Telephone to complete the area to the east first using the grant for infrastructure. Get across the finish line . . . then return to fill in the western sections.

**Delay for western sections?** Yes, but as the infrastructure goes past many of us we can get connected later.

**What can you do?** Keep sending us speed tests, especially those residents with horrible internet. www.speedtest.net You can screen shot the page, ctrl P and print to a pdf, print the page and scan or mail it to us. whatever works.

#### **Speed Tests**

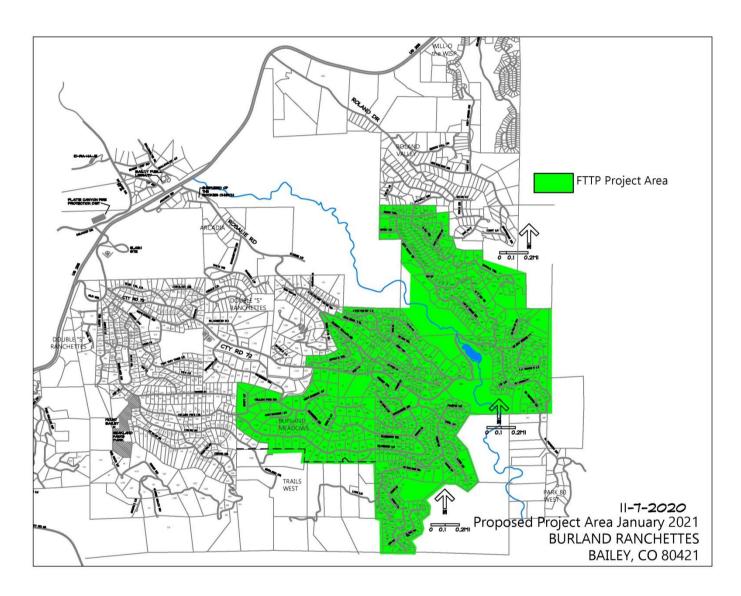
Once again, we are asking residents within the underserved areas to complete multiple speed tests, documenting the results, and forwarding to the Burland Broadband Committee. For consistency, we ask that you use www.speedtest.net. In addition, we need the following information:

- Your address
- Internet provider (CenturyLink, Rise, Neteo, etc.)
- Speed you're paying for
- Date and time of the test(s)
- Download speed
- Upload speed

Please provide your results no later than December 15, by emailing results to burlandfiber@gmail.com, or mail to BHOA, PO Box 372 Bailey, CO. 80421, or call Carrie Marsh at 303-838-7802

Will it help if I call somebody? Maybe. We'll let you know who might be helpful when we find out.

The January 2021 grant application will ask to bring fiber optic to the green area on this map. Goal: Get across the finish line, build infrastructure and connect those with the slowest internet. Then expand to western parts of Burland. The new installation cost is reduced from \$500 to \$200. **Those who have already paid will get a refund for lower amount. They still have an option of full refund if desired.** This new map with green area will soon be uploaded to <a href="https://www.burlandfiber.com">www.burlandfiber.com</a>.



Why is the initial area smaller? We are trying to get across the finish line & approved by the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board.

### **Mitigation Reimbursement**

Burland Firewise continues the mitigation reimbursement program. Annually BHOA members may be reimbursed up to \$75 per year for defensible space / fuels mitigation. Communities adjacent to Burland Ranchettes are eligible to join as associate members (\$20) and receive the benefit of the mitigation reimbursement program. This Return on Investment (ROI) is 375% for you.

#### **Burland Firewise Chip Days**

Residents are encouraged to continuously mitigate their property of forest fuels. This year Burland Firewise offered multiple chip days. Residents contacted the Chip Coordinator (Mark Evert) for placement on the chip list. We are finishing up this fall's scheduled chips soon. Remember, if you are a BHOA member or associate member this chip service is free.

#### Please slow down

With our snow season just beginning, please slow down. Our roads and driveways can become treacherous. Always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle. If you need to report any road concerns please call Park County Road and Bridge @ (719) 836-4277). Drive like your children or pets live here.

## Wildlife:

In our area, we have mountain lions, bears, coyotes, and other dangerous wildlife. There have been reports about pets being killed by such wildlife. Pet food and trash left outdoors can attract these animals. Residents are advised not to allow their pets outside without close supervision. To report an incident, please call Park County Animal Control at (719) 836-4380.

#### ADDRESS MARKERS

Order your reflective address marker for \$10. These markers are easy to see in all types of weather. They help Emergency Responders find you and save your butt. They also will help the post office, UPS or Fed X deliver to your home.



Please visit our website at burlandhomeowners.org

See next page for membership information and application

Ready to join and help make Burland better?	You can join 3 ways
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- 1) <u>www.burlandhomeowners.org</u> Under Join tab, press Join button to pay using PayPal
- 2) Pay at a meeting (2nd Sat of month 106 Rosalie Road at 9am, Zoom meetings during COVID)
- 3) Use the form below and mail check to:

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Burland Homeowners Asso	ciation Mem	bership Form - R	eturn to P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 8042 <sup>-</sup>
( ) I would like to become	a member of	the BHA for 2021	. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.
( ) I would like to renew m (If you're not sure your			osed is check for \$20.00. I us at <u>burlandhoa@yahoo.com</u> )
( ) Add \$10 to buy an addr	ess marker	(help medics find	d my address and save my butt)
Name:			
Property Address:			
Mailing Address (if differen	t)		_
City: S	ate:	ZIP	Phone:
Remember to include your	email so we	can communicate	e better and faster.
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