

THE BURLANDER

Newsletter - March 2020

Burland Homeowners Association

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www.burlandhomeowners.org



From a member of the Broadband Team. If you haven't heard we have a major opportunity to get Broadband in Burland Ranchettes and some surrounding areas. So, you ask Why? This info and more is on www.burlandfiber.org

- Your home will have its own DIRECT fiber line connection - no need to share signal from a tower.
- Stable product with reliability - no lag times during peak times
- Higher bandwidth (internet speed) - FASTER INTERNET!!!!
- Stream movies, music, games, etc. with no interruptions or lag to service
- Better WIFI connection to cameras and security systems

What's the difference from what I have now? (NOTE: these are my opinions, and are not intended to give any company a poor rating. I personally have Neteo and am very happy with what I have, but would also love to have Fiber)

- If you have Rise or Neteo, you're currently "sharing" broadband internet service with all the other subscribers in our area. This can cause lags or slower speeds during **times of high usage**.
- Rise and Neteo Broadband is provided by signals from cellular towers. Much like cell-phones, when usage is overloading the tower, service begins to lag.
- CenturyLink provides service in some homes in Burland, but not all. From my understanding, the technology in our area is outdated and there is not any plans/budget to update it.
- If you are happy with your current service, that's great. **I am too.** However, if we don't move on Fiber, what you currently have may be all you will get (not much improvement unless the companies invest in our area more). With Fiber, we have the option to enhance service and keep up technological advancements.

What is required to make this happen?

- We have an opportunity to receive a grant to help offset costs for the build. While South Park Telephone will be investing a considerable amount towards the build, the grant requires commitment from interested prospects.
- For best chance of success at getting grant, South Park Telephone suggested 50% commitment from Burland Homeowners (approx. 500-600 homes account for 50% of Burland)
- This commitment requires a \$500 one-time fee.
 - Reimbursed if we do not receive grant (We will resubmit to July 15th, 2020 if needed to cross finish line)
 - With your paid commitment, South Park Telephone waives installation fees You can make one payments of \$250 now and second payment of \$250 when grant is approved
 - Execution of a 3- or 5-year agreement with South Park Telephone is required
- Rates for South Park Telephone's packages are attached. They range from \$89.95-\$119.95 (for a 3-year agreement). This does NOT include the router. You can use your own router or lease one for an additional fee.

Additional thoughts to share....

- While \$500 may seem like a big chunk of change, it's an investment for really GREAT technology. My two cents..... I personally expected this commitment fee to be much higher for what we are getting. I truly believe this is an "investment" in our futures. Many forms of communication, business & entertainment are heavily reliant on internet.
- South Park Telephone was approved for the Silverheels neighborhood in Fairplay.
- The package rates are reasonable and competitive with current Fiber providers. Keep in mind, if your internet bill is lower now, you are paying for service that can lag or slow down often.
- This deadline was January 15th. If needed we will resubmit July 15th to get across the finish line

Broadband Board Grant 60 Day Comment Period

South Park Telephone submitted our application on January 15, 2020. The Broadband Fund invites you to review the applications and provide comments or feedback by March 17, 2020. We encourage all beneficiaries (residents and businesses) of the grant to post comments (link below) to support the project, even though they may have submitted a letter of support.

The Burland Broadband project application number is 2020-04.

You will find all of the applications at the following link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-broadband-fund/apps-received>

Comments or Feedback on each application can be submitted through the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXMiMT_2pUNFo2q5j6fzACQvkBxCniBX1oNbWoYrpk5bSAMQ/viewform

Grant decision Day TBD but close to April 2nd. You are welcome to attend the meeting. Address:
Colorado Broadband Deployment Board
1560 Broadway Suite 1550
Denver, CO 80202

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The contractor continues to make good progress updating our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Platte Canyon. The plan will include: Initial and future analysis, Evacuation protocols, Shelter in Place and Safety Zones, Ember Cast Analysis, and Vehicle Evacuation Modelling.

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

The Burland Firewise is looking for additional committee members. We have lost three members this winter to competing family and work priorities. Our goal is to have a representative for each of Burland Ranchettes eight districts and adjacent community's. We need your help as we plan for future Saws & Slaws, Chip Day and Community Educational Events. We meet once per month, the second Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Come help us, to help our Burland Ranchettes neighbors.

Director Openings

We have openings for two Board Directors. The Burland By-Laws state that the Board will appoint new directors when a vacancy occurs. If you recommend someone or you yourself are interested, tell us. There are two requirements:

- 1) You must be a member for 30 days – join no later than Feb 15th
- 2) Your deed must say Burland Ranchettes

The board plans to appoint new directors at our March 14th. Our next meeting is this Saturday on February 8th at The Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church at 9:00 a.m.

Trash Receptacles

Just a friendly reminder... set trash receptacles the day of collection. Our local wildlife is hungry and is more than willing to knock the trash over. Trash also gets blown around by our mountain winds. Help the neighborhood by keeping papers and trash inside or covered.



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

Ready to join and help make Burland better? You can join 3 ways:

- 1) www.burlandhomeowners.org Under Join tab, press Join button to pay using PayPal
- 2) Come to a meeting and pay (2nd Saturday of each month at 106 Rosalie Road at 9am)
- 3) Use the form below and mail check to:

Burland Homeowners Association Membership Form - Return to P.O. Box 372, Bailey, CO 80421

I would like to become a member of the BHA for 2020. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.

I would like to renew my membership for 2020. Enclosed is check for \$20.00.
(If you're not sure your dues are current, please email us at burlandhoa@yahoo.com)

Add \$10 to buy an address marker (help medics find my address and save my butt)

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Remember to include your email so we can communicate better and faster.

Email: _____