

## **BRECKENRIDGE**

# Estates

# THE BUGLE

Newsletter of the Breckenridge Estates Homeowners Association

### From the President

October | 2023

s we head into the fall fun season filled with traditions, family, and lots of activities, I wanted to take the time to share some seasons tidings with all of you in Breckenridge and take a moment to share some of the great things we've been working toward on your behalf.

Many of you are new to this community, and many more have been wonderful patrons of our beautiful community for years and even decades. To all of you, thank you for making this a great place to raise our families and live comfortably among friends. The board that you see now consisting of myself, Jeff Oitker, Nabeel Aldrees, Rob Anstine, and Brett Meurer, stand on the traditions and selflessness of Scott Barenbrugge, Michael Zdonek, John Chamberlain, Molly Sorenson, and many others before us who have helped shape and mold this community into what it is today. Three years ago we undertook a very substantial change to engage with MC Property Management, and through Stacy Donnelly we have seen a great many improvements in our day-to-day operations and the smooth running of this HOA as well. To Stacy, we owe a special thank you.

We've also done so much more over the past several years, including an extensive renovation of the clubhouse, locker rooms, and guard house. We've been able to purchase extremely durable deck furniture for the pool, bringing the experience of our families who use the pool up to a very high standard. Throughout the neighborhood we've endeavored to upkeep the grounds to the same high standard as well and have undertaken projects to beautify and maintain the grounds throughout.

As many of you are also aware, we have finally been able to develop the lands that Diriliten Homes had purchased in Breckenridge decades ago, and for which back assessments were owed totaling nearly \$180,000. Through a deal with MI Home, Diriliten agreed to sell, and pay back assessments, so that we can finally have those properties incorporated into the community as they were always intended to be. As the former treasurer, it was a personal goal of mine to reconcile assessments as paid in full because that is how we sustain this beautiful community. As of last night's board meeting, I am proud to say that we've settled all outstanding dues down to \$450! On the budget that we maintain, and that you see on page 2 in this newsletter (2024 Proposed Budget), that is a remarkable feat, and I thank everyone for participating in making that happen. In addition, allowing a specific number of outside members has enabled us to keep your assessments at \$850, as they have been for 4 years now, and will remain so through 2024 in spite of burgeoning costs to upkeep the pool and grounds. While we may not be able to hold that line the following year, I feel a certain sense of pride in keeping assessments stable so far.

Our work is not done though. We still have plans to renovate the Monuments throughout the entryways to Breckenridge. This is no small task, and we're soliciting plans from various vendors to see what avenue warrants the best outcome with the most reasonable price. We are constantly looking to maintain and improve our tennis courts with the recent addition of Pickleball, and the potential resurfacing of the courts in the next couple of years. We also recognize that some very large expenses regarding pool and grounds maintenance could be coming over the next decade and we're working hard toward building our reserves to reduce or eliminate the need for any special assessment to do so.

From all of us on the board, we thank you for your patronage and support as we cultivate this community. We implore you to reach out to us with ideas, and willingness to help, on community engagement, beautification, or other improvements you'd like to see. Thank you all, and a very Happy Holidays to everyone. Yours truly, Mark Sagen

# Breckenridge Estates Homeowners Association

# Proposed 2024 Budget



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1NCO 4500	Assessment	233,750	236,300
4523	Swim Team Non-Res Memberships	400	4,500
4524	H.O. Violation	-	-
4525	Swim Memberships	122,500	122,500
4526	Guest Fees	6,000	4,000
4528	Tennis Income		
4537	Clubhouse Rental Fees	7,000	8,000
4538 4540	Late Fees Unit Legal Fee	1,500	1,500
4545	Interest Income	400	5,000
4550	Miscellaneous Income	25	150
		700	700
	Unit Owner Expense	-	
TOTA	AL INCOME	372,275	382,650
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	Accounting / Audit	3,300	3,500
	Legal	2,500	2,500
7140	Management Fee	23,100	24,750
7150	Insurance	8,500	12,000
7155	Federal Inc Taxes	4,000	15,000
7156	State Inc Taxes	1,000	5,000
7185 7190	Postage Printing	900 1,000	900 1,000
7195	Administration	7,000	7,000
7200	Social Expense	3,500	3,500
7201	Holiday Decorations	5,000	5,000
7730	Recording Secretary	1,200	1,200
7740	Website	2,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous	500	1,000
	Credit Card Fee AL Administrative	700 <b>64,200</b>	700 <b>85,050</b>
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	Clubhouse Janitorial *	500	500
	Clubhouse Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	5,000
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	Tennis Court R&M	2,500	3,500
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re you ready for cooler evenings and a new splash of color? Plants in containers have been feeling the summer heat and humidity. Planters from May and June often look overgrown and tired this time of year. Here are some tips for freshening up those front porches and back decks with fall splendor.

It's time

for a fall

#### **EASY AS 1-2-3**

Assess what you like and don't like about your container gardens right now. Maybe you have a beautiful grass, but the filler petunias are spent and the coleus is overgrown. You don't have to replace every plant if some still look good and are tolerant of cooler fall temperatures.

Pull out the plants you wish to replace. Use garden tools if the roots are entwined. Loosen the existing soil and roots, filling in fresh potting soil as needed.

Add your favorite fall flowers! All plants in the annuals department this time of year are cold-tolerant and will last until frost. Pansies, ornamental cabbage and kale can even handle a light snow. Include a perennial, such as heuchera, pulmoneria or hosta for

a unique twist. Water them in and continue to water as needed.

#### THRILLER, FILLER, SPILLER

The Growing Place Naperville and Aurora locations offer a wide variety of fall annuals that do well in cooler weather.

Remember to have a focal point plant placed in the center or back of the pot. Consider celosia, kale, or annual grasses for Thrillers. Filler plants are added to provide eyecatching color and texture. Marigolds, rudbeckia, pansies, ornamental peppers, 4" mums, and cabbages all come to mind.

Soften the container edge with Spillers such as ivy, lysmachia, calibrachoa, or wire vine.

#### **MUMS & NATURAL ACCENTS**

Our mums are grown in 4", 8" and 10" containers as well as hanging baskets. Mums can be set alongside containers, bales of hay, cornstalks, pumpkins, and gourds for a fall display.

The 8" and 10" mums will fit into most emptied containers you may

already have at home. The 4" mums work best when planted with other fall annuals in a container.

Pumpkins and gourds can fill in holes and add a festive touch once outdoor temps are more steadily cooler. Birch branches, natural accents such as bell grass, cattails, and other preserved fall botanicals are additional options for containers.

Container gardening is a statement honoring what nature has in store each season. Draw eyes to your front porch or back patio this fall with fresh, cold tolerant plants to last until frost.

When you're ready to change your container over to winter greens, sticks, and berries or bows, visit us again and we will help you choose the accents that match your decorating style.





# Pet Tales

By the Naperville Area Humane Society 1620 W. Diehl Road | Naperville | 630-420-8989 Thank you for supporting our homeless friends!

#### ONE DAY CAMPS

Through crafts, games, and activities children ages 8-11 will explore how we care for our animals at The Naperville Area Humane Society and how to be safe around all animals. Each camp will have specific lessons tailored to the holiday on which it is held and will educate and entertain each camper!

#### **INFORMATION:**

- Designed for children ages 8-11 to participate in during school holidays
- Each class is held from 9 am 12 pm at The Naperville Area Humane Society
- Registration fee is \$75 per student.

#### **ONE DAY CAMPS FOR 2023-2024:**

November 18, 2023: Happy Barksgiving Fall Camp December 9, 2023: Happy Holidogs Winter Camp January 15, 2024: Martin Luther King Holiday Camp

February 19, 2024: Presidents' Day Camp

#### **EXOTIC ANIMALS**

The Exotic Animals Program offers children ages 8-12 the opportunity to learn about a specific exotic animal each week through lessons and activities. They will also have time to interact with a dog and cat each week.

#### **INFORMATION:**

- Designed for children ages 8-12
- Classes meet on Thursdays at the Naperville Area Humane Society from 4 - 5 pm for three weeks.
- Registration fee is \$50 per student

#### **SESSIONS FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:**

#### Fall 2023:

Session 1: November 9, 16, 30, 2023 Session 2: December 7, 14, 21, 2023

#### **Spring 2024:**

April 4, 11, 18, 2024 April 25, May 2, 9, 2024

## www.naperhumane.org

# Adorable Adoptable Pets of the Month...



# KINGSTON | Male | Large Breed Mix | 1 Year | 70 Lbs. | Adoption fee: Generous Donor

Medium Energy, Sweet, Loving, Strong, Outgoing, People Friendly (kids ≥13 years because of his size), Experience With Bully Breeds Required, Must Be Only Dog

Greetings from Kingston. If you're a fan of vintage comedies, you may be thinking I look a lot like Petey, the dog with the black circle around his eye from the Little Rascals. I understand he was a big star back in the day. But the only starring role I'm interested in is being the best ever canine companion to my forever person/family. My life hasn't always been easy, and it was a lucky day when NAHS rescued me from an overcrowded animal control facility. Now I've discovered the joy of a comfortable dog bed, regular meals, and toys to keep me entertained when none of the volunteers are around to play and cuddle with me (who says I'm not a lap dog?). I also enjoy spending time outdoors and do well on walks/hikes and dog outings. If you've had a bully breed before (a requirement for my adoption), then you already know I'm a strong dog who sometimes has a mind of his own. But if you commit to working with me using positive reinforcement techniques (praise and treats), I'll catch on quickly. I hope my story inspires you to come to the shelter to visit me. I'm so looking forward to meeting you and to all of the adventures we could have together!

Love and licks, Kingston



#### BUNNY | Female | Est. DOB 7/30/21 | Adoption fee: Generous Donor

I'm a petite, sophisticated little gem with beautiful green eyes that will watch your every move. I'm a little independent, but will check in to get some head rubs and treats. I'll sit near you and will let you brush my black, satin fur a little - it's new to me so ease into it, please. No belly rubs for me, but we can spend our time playing! I like laser light, feathers, and strings. I'd love a cat tower to climb if you don't mind. I have an independent streak, so it's probably best that I'm not around young children. Only cat-savvy kids who can respect my boundaries, please. If you want a beautiful, sleek girl like me, come get me! I am in a foster home!



#### OCTOBER 20 & 21 - ALL HALLOWS EVE - 6:30 TO 10 PM

Monsters, witches, and werewolves have escaped their homes on the pages of your favorite Halloween stories and are running loose on the grounds of Naper Settlement! Families with kids 16 and under will enjoy a line-up of Halloween-themed outdoor activities and performances. Naper Settlement, 523 S Webster St. More information at www.napersettlement.org/285/All-Hallows-Eve.



#### OCTOBER 26 - 6 PM - HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR - Rotary

Club of Naperville After Dark again will present Halloween Spooktacular—its Third Annual Trivia Night. This year's event will benefit Gigi's Playhouse and other Rotary Charities. This 2023 Spooktacular will be held at the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, located at 908 Jackson Avenue. Doors open at 6 PM, and two hours of enlightening games to test knowledge and data considered to be of little value will begin at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$35 per person or \$225 for a table of eight. Players also are encouraged to dress up themselves and their tables for Halloween. A cash bar will be available. Players are welcome to bring their own food and snacks. Registration is now in progress for Rotary After Dark. Register by visiting the Rotary-

After Dark Event Brite page https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-after-dark-halloween-spooktacular-third-annual-trivia-night-tickets-709619349577?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=wsa&aff=ebdsshwebmobile. Again, all proceeds from this event will benefit Rotary Charities.

#### OCTOBER 27 & 28 - HOWLIN' AT THE MOON - 5 TO 10 PM

Enjoy thrilling performances and attractions at this Halloween bash for adults (21+). Howl along to live music, feast your fangs on delicious local cuisine at the Food Truck Graveyard, and quench your undying thirst in the BOOze Bar. Take a stroll through the Moonlight Market to purchase eerie and bizarre items, wander through the Dark Art Gallery, and participate in a costume contest. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in costumes. Howlin' at the Moon is for adults twenty-one years of age and older only. Naper Settlement, 523 S Webster St. More information at www.napersettlement.org/627/Howlin-atthe-Moon.



Calling all costumed characters, ghouls, goblins, witches, and super heroes! Come to Downtown Naperville on 10/29 to enjoy a great morning filled with fun

and surprises (both candy and non-candy goodies)! Dozens of downtown businesses will be open early (at 10 am) and will be handing out Halloween surprises!

Check in at Top Fashion on the corner of Main Street and Jackson Avenue for a treat and a printed map of participating businesses (while supplies last). Enjoy this fun fall day with your family!



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## Naperville is a Safe Community... It's not a Crime-Free Community!

## **9PM ROUTINE**

n Naperville we are fortunate to live in one of the safest communities in America, but we don't live in a crime-free community. In the first 6 months of 2023, 80% of our residential motor vehicle burglaries and 87% percent of residential burglaries were no-force, meaning they were happening to unlocked cars and residences.

#### Remove the OPPORTUNITY

- Lock your vehicle (even if parked in the garage).
- Close your garage door.
- Lock your doors and windows.
- Use exterior lighting from dusk until dawn.

Other crime prevention strategies include situational awareness, utilizing the 9 PM Routine and recognizing the red flags and common



denominators of frauds and scams. Trusting your instincts and reporting suspicious people and incidents to 911 are also useful in preventing crime. Learn more ways to safeguard your family, home and community by visiting www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper.

## **SCAM ALERT**- Text Messages

There have been several reports of a scam recently where someone gets a legitimate looking text message appearing to be from a bank. The text asks if you made a specific purchase and instructs you to call a specific number if you did not make the transaction.

When you call the number provided in the text message, "Customer Service" will typically already know your name and account number, making the conversation seem believable, and ask you a few additional questions.

The "customer service" agent will then tell you they "are going to cancel your card and send you a new one" and ask you to confirm your pin before a new card can be issued. They even email you a legitimate looking "confirmation" notifying you that your card/account has been cancelled.

You're left thinking everything is taken care of while the scammer clears out your account because they now have your pin.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

- Don't use a phone number provided in an unsolicited text or email. Instead, call your bank directly using a verified phone number located on a past bill or the company's main website.
- Do not give personal or banking information over the phone (especially social security # or PIN).
- Be suspicious whenever you receive a call or text from a bank employee. Scammers can "spoof" numbers so your caller ID will display an actual bank number, and they can even send you email with letterhead and logos from your bank.

#### FRAUDULENT TEXT EXAMPLE

Bank/Of/America (Did you use your card for \$332.10 @ Infobae In Tucson,AZ On 9/4/2023 . Reply Y if recognized. If NOT Use: 866) 918- To Get Help. Quote Case







#### **REMEMBER!**

If replacing your roof, adding or updating exterior lighting, planting or replacing trees or shrubs/landscape beds, changing the exterior paint color of your siding, front door or trim, or making any changes or improvements to the exterior of your home or yards, please submit a **Modifications Request Form our** property manager.

# Simple Fall Things to Consider

**Empty outdoor container pots** or bring them inside and put away the outdoor furniture. Once nighttime temperatures sink below 50 degrees, it's time for your tender container plants to move indoors for the season. To prevent your patio furniture from fading, staining or rusting, protect it by covering it with outdoor-rated patio furniture covers or storing them inside your garage or basement. **Plant fall flowers.** Replace your annuals with vibrant mums or other colorful flowers.

Plant bulbs in your landscape bed. Nothing says spring is coming like colorful tulips, daffodils, crocuses, irises, and hyacinths, but if you want to enjoy these beauties in your spring garden, you need to plant bulbs in the fall. As a general rule, you can plant spring-blooming bulbs throughout autumn until the ground freezes.

Paint your entry door. Before the weather turns colder and it's time for holiday visitors to come knocking, take some time to paint the trim. Clean the trim, let it dry, and then apply exterior paint. Two coats should be enough to protect the trim and keep it looking fresh for a year or more, depending on the weather and how busy your household is. Remember if you are changing the color of your trim (not keeping the same color), please submit a Modifications Request.

**Seseed the lawn.** Want your lawn to look its best come springtime? Then sow grass seed in early through mid-fall. Reseeding the lawn in cold-winter areas provides a head start on spring. As the weather warms up, the grass will germinate, crowd out weeds, and develop a strong root system before the high heat of summer.

Inspect your roof. Winter can be hard on your roof, when rain, snow, freezing temperatures, and high winds all take their toll. That's why fall is the best time to make sure your roof is up to the challenge and complete any necessary repairs before cold weather sets in. Most hire a professional for this service.

Plant a tree. As they say, the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second-best time is now. If "now" happens to be autumn, you're in luck! The cooler temperatures and moisture help the tree establish roots before the hot and stressful summer weather. To ensure success, mulch your newly planted tree to keep the roots insulated. Water regularly if there's not enough rain, but don't fertilize until spring. Avoid heavy pruning, other than trimming away any broken branches. And if a severe cold snap is in the forecast, wrap a blanket or piece of burlap over the tree for a little extra protection while it gets established. As always, a new tree, a tree replacement or any kind of landscape shrubs or change in the landscape beds requires a submittal of a Modifications Request.

**Clean your gutters.** Protect your home from damage by removing leaves, sticks, and other debris from gutters now, and consider installing a leaf guard to keep your gutters clean with very little effort.

Trim your trees. It's easier to identify dead limbs before your trees drop their leaves, so early fall is a good time to trim back dead branches. Consult master gardeners at local nurseries or horticulturalists with the University of Illinois Extension before embarking. One exception: You may need to hire an arborist to remove deadfall or trim limbs close to your home or power lines that could cause problems in a winter storm. Trimming your trees now is more than an aesthetic choice—doing so can protect your home from damage. In freezing conditions, dead limbs can become heavy with ice and break off, ending up on your roof or lawn, or posing a safety issue for family and passersby alike.

Add exterior landscape lighting or refresh with new outdoor lamps. With the sun setting earlier in the colder months, outdoor lighting is more important than ever. Adding additional landscape lights for walkways and landscape beds creates a warm, inviting glow to your home. New porch and garage door lights are another easy way to refresh your

home's curb appeal. Both require submittal of a Modifications Request.

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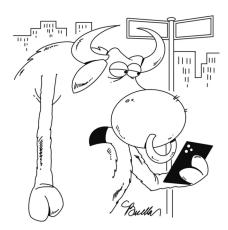






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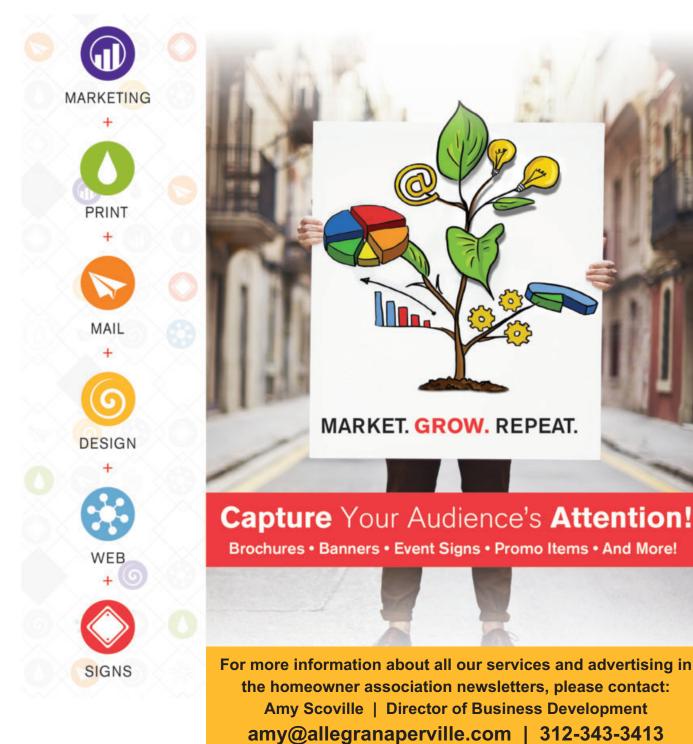
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