

NEWSLETTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON: Merl & Janet Bachman

The next-to-last house on Adriel Way is festooned with every manner of holiday decoration from Santa to evergreen boughs and sleigh bells and holly. The inhabitants of this house, Merl and Janet, are originally from Hastings, NE, though they met back in the early 1950s in a Biology class at Kearney State College. They apparently knew early on that a wedding was in the offing. Merl got drafted during the Korean Conflict. He was sent to El Paso, TX, and was trained to become part of the US military guided missile program. Janet and he were billeted in New Rochelle, NY, for a couple of years.

They returned home to Hastings. Merl finished his senior year in college and played linebacker so well for Kearney State that he was named to the Division II All America team. In short order, he got a job teaching Biology and Industrial Arts and coaching football, basketball and track for six years at Bladen H.S.

Merl and Janet started a family—two sons, Chris and Jeff. The story of their lives follows as if set on tracks: one thing leading to another by a series of associations. The Bachman family of Hastings were and still are farmers since before what Merl calls “the Dirty Thirties,” i.e. the Dust Bowl era when as Janet recalls “families put wet towels in window sills to keep the sanddrifts out.” But Merl’s athletic skills and temperament led him through his association with other area coaches—many also graduates of Kearney State—such that after six years he had a pretty good reputation in the sports world.

As it happened, the man who owned

the company offered to sell a half-interest to Merl. And in another six years, with Janet as the bookkeeper for the business, they were able to buy the company. From there it was a matter of expanding until they had a chain of five sporting goods stores—in Kearney, Hastings, Grand Island, Omaha, and Des Moines, Iowa.

Some of their sales involved outfits for cheerleaders. “This was always a point of disagreement between the cheerleaders and their mothers,” Janet says. “Some of the skirts were rather brief and the mothers were concerned for the modesty of their daughters. But in the end I never can recall a case where the girls didn’t win the argument.”

A lot of their sports business involved reconditioning football helmets for high school and college teams. Merl has a personal perspective on the controversy about head injuries that are in the news these days. “It’s not so much the helmets themselves but the plastic face-guards attached. In the past players would turn their heads to the side at the moment of impact, but with face-guards they just hit straight-on and it has caused concussions.”

After a successful career in selling sports gear, like others who have come to live at Adriel Hills, the Bachmans left the Midwest and settled here in 2001 following their son Chris and his family so they could be near their grandchildren. Chris manages the helmet-reconditioning part of the company from his offices on Link Lane. Their son Jeff is still the farmer in the family; he manages 3000 acres of corn and soy near Hastings. “We first got a place on Adriel Court,” Merl explains. “But as soon as this place opened up we jumped on it,” Janet adds.

Merl has been on the Board of Directors and has been Board President, but perhaps his most significant service was to head up the committee that renovated the swimming pool

and created the cool patio which we all enjoy so much each summer. Both Janet and Merl love the mature landscaping at Adriel Hills. No doubt their active outdoor lives—both often are players in the annual Adriel Hills Golf Tournament—gives them an appearance that belies their years. “We may look younger than we are, but that says nothing about how we feel,” Janet says with a wry smile

Manager’s Review

January 2018

There are several subjects to note for the January 2018 Manager’s Report. It may not be the biggest news or priority but I have chosen to start with having reached what is one of the pinnacles of my 10 plus years as Property Manager of Adriel Hills.

Through the contacts and acquaintance of Vic Meline as well as his and Laurie Sneider’s company we recently visited William and Gloria Vigor. As many of you know, Mr. Vigor and his wife were the original developers of Adriel Hills. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and learned many facts and dispelled fictions regarding this wonderful community which was the brain child of Mr. Vigor over forty-five years ago.

As Bill was a true sportsman, he had stocked the golf course pond with large trout for catch and release fly fishing as well as hunted geese from the back porch of his home here. Bill indicated it was never their intention that the golf course would expand to the large green belt on the canal and the name Adriel including street names are from the old testament of the Bible. Mr. Vigor built other well-known developments in Fort Collins as well as Vail and Grand County which he accessed by flying his own airplane. If you have been to the new

Scheels Sporting Goods store in Johnstown you have seen numerous trophy animal mounts originally taken by Mr. Vigor which he donated to Scheels.

It was a tremendously enjoyable visit and my thanks to one of Adriel Hills own icons, Vic Meline for arranging our visit.

Annual Meeting: From where it all began, now to the 2017 annual meeting, there were many outstanding points of the annual meeting including the meeting was well attended, very positive and thanks to Bonita, it again came off without a hitch.

Additional items to note were an extensive list of involved volunteer community members including outgoing board members, to volunteers organizing events, to watering shrubs and to painting gutters. The message was twofold appreciation to those who give their time and the continued high level of community spirit. My personal thanks to all as well.

James Long our new Operations Foreman was introduced. James is a graduate of CSU with a degree in Landscape Architecture and previously owned a local landscape design, install and maintenance business. Please welcome James as he becomes familiar with the community.

Entry Way: Many of you have asked questions regarding the recent damage that occurred at the entry. We pursued the specifics of the accident soon after it occurred and continue to learn more details.

A vehicle going west on Mountain Vista Dr. went through the stop sign at 50 miles per hour, ran over our landscape boulders, hit the brick column, veered left and hit the pickup

truck our security service representative was driving when leaving Adriel Hills after securing the clubhouse. The truck was totaled, the security representative hospitalized with broken ribs and the west bound driver arrested by Colorado State Patrol assisted by Larimer County Sheriffs' Department. Adriel Hills has enlisted the help of a board member with a legal background to pursue reimbursement for damages.

Adriel Hills is very fortunate to have a retired mason as a resident who offered his services to replace the brick column. We are very thankful to Ed Dermeyer for the exceptional work and timely job rebuilding the brick column.

Thank you Ed! James replaced the post lamp and with that the majority of the damage has already been repaired.

Cats and Dogs: Whether it is the mild weather or just time for a reminder, per our Rules and Regulations, all cats and dogs are to be on leashes at all times when outside. Repeat offenders will receive warning letters and notice of popossible fine. Regardless of the time of year or size of what the pet leaves behind, it must be cleaned up promptly and consistently. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in being a conscientious pet owner and considerate neighbor.

Christmas Considerations: From the residents who have donated to the staff lunch fund, brought the staff lunch, have had the staff to their home for lunch, brought a bag/basket of treats, after hours beverages or a homemade Kalua cake, the list goes on, we thank you! The staff and I are extremely blessed and

grateful to those of you that have gone out of your way to show us your appreciation at the Holidays and in many cases year-round!

Please accept my personal thank you and wish for all an outstanding 2018!

~Ralph

2018 JANUARY BLURBS

Adriel Hills' 2017 Annual Meeting: The 2017 Annual Meeting went very smooth and was well attended. Approximately 64% of Adriel Hills' members voted either in person or by absentee ballot. Thank you for your participation in selecting Adriel Hills' 2018 Board of Directors.

The 2018 Adriel Hills Board of Directors are as follows:

Laurie Sneider, President

Kelsey Smith, Vice President

Craig Culver, Treasurer

Peg Lord, Secretary

Ruth Boothe, Director

Michael Hager, Director

Deborah Kohler, Director

Curt Olson, Director

Jon Siman, Director

WELCOME AND THAN YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THIS "BEST KEPT SECRET" COMMUNITY!

Resident Record Form: As per Adriel Hills' Rules and Regulations all homeowners/residents must complete an annual resident record form (**IF AND ONLY IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED A FORM WITHIN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, YOU WILL NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER FORM FOR 2018**). Email and phone call reminders have been made to those who have not yet turned in their form; please do so by noon January 5th if you want to be included in the 2018 Community Directory listing.

2018 Community Directory: Please keep your 2017 Community Directory; for 2018 to save on cost, a 2018 Community Directory Insert will be completed in-house versus having an entire new directory made and copied. This insert will include updated resident list, contractor referral list, 2018 Board of Directors and Committees.

Thank You: Thank you to those who decorated the inside of the clubhouse for this holiday season. The clubhouse looks great and the entire community appreciates all your efforts. Thanks also to the Adriel Hills Team for decorating the front of the clubhouse, the tree on the golf course pond and the entrance.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the sign in desk and counting of ballots at the annual meeting. Bonita greatly appreciates all of your efforts!

Notes from Adriel Hills Residents:

Hi Neighbors of Adriel Hills!!!!

Annie and I purchased a set of flexible poles and a 4" brush to clean out our dryer vent. We have asked Ralph and he agreed

that a set to check out at the clubhouse would be nice to have.

Annie and I donated ours for the use of all our neighbors. Just go to the clubhouse and check them out. Return them promptly so another neighbor can use them. The fire risk is high in dryer vent pipes so if yours have not been cleaned in a while or ever, check out the vent brush cleaner from the clubhouse. A word to the wise; this can be used with a drill. When doing this, insert the brush end in the pipe until it is 3/4 of the way in, then screw on another pole and repeat. **WARNING** please **do not reverse** the brush out with the drill, pull it out by hand removing each section as you go. **IF YOU TRY AND REVERSE with the drill SECTIONS CAN COME UNSCREWD AND YOU WILL HAVE A BRUSH STUCK IN YOUR VENT.**

Happy Cleaning! Annie and Danny Quinto

Insert from Fort Collins Coloradoan; Thursday, December 21, 2017 Edition: "I'm not sure how many people are aware of this, but Colorado State University offers an amazing program for people 55 and older. You can attend any class they offer, provided there is room and the instructor agrees to have you join. And there is not cost for you to attend (except for any books and fees). I have taken six classes over the past three years (one a semester) and have enjoyed every one of them. I have found the instructors to be knowledgeable, professional and enjoyable, and the students to be energetic and welcoming. If you have the time and are interested in learning something new, I'd encourage you to check out this program. It'll make you feel young again! – John Beri, Fort Collins.

Myke Erickson, an Adriel Hills resident with her husband Dick since 1999 passed away in November, 2017. She will be missed dearly.

Dear Adriel Hills Residents,

I recently had a CenturyLink technician out to check our connection as our Internet speed seemed even slower than usual. I was surprised to learn that there IS a possible higher-speed solution in our subdivision from Century Link. And it doesn't even cost anything!

Currently our subdivision is fed from downtown Fort Collins via copper wire installed when building started in the 1970's. It terminates at a central substation on Adriel Drive (by D8); from there copper wires feed each unit. The maximum speed they can get on that copper wire from downtown and to our units is 1.5 Mbps (less than 0.2% of that vaunted 1 gig).

However, they have run fiber-optic cable to the corner of Mountain Vista and Turnberry to serve the new subdivisions around us. If enough interest were expressed, CenturyLink would – at no cost to users or the HOA – run it the half mile or so to the substation on Adriel Drive. The signal would still have to go through the copper wires to our units. But by doing this, we could experience speeds up to 20 Mbps at no additional cost (additional speed costs more)!

The technician (who has, by the way, read this article and agreed that it is accurate) says that if we can provide him a list of about 60 residents expressing "light interest" in experiencing higher Internet speeds via CenturyLink, he can take that to his bosses and we will be put on a list to upgrade. "Light interest" means that you say that you would "consider" asking for CenturyLink High Speed Internet if the higher speeds were available. There is no obligation; nobody will come back in a year and say, "Hey, you said you would sign up – do it!"

He estimates that there are about 70 existing CenturyLink customers among the 170+ units in the HOA. Surely we can get 60 or more of us to say that are interested in better speed, right?

If you are interested, please phone, text or email me with your name and address. I'd like to have this done by October 16. I will keep you updated with how the request progresses.

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JANUARY 2018 ADRIEL HILLS CALENDAR

Office Hours

Community Weekly/Monthly/Annual Activities

Community Projects

Board and Committee Meetings

Administrative and Management Office Hours

Administrative Office Hours	M-F	8:30-12:00	Clubhouse
Management Office Hours	M-F	8:00- 4:00	Clubhouse Lower Floor
		Approximately 11:30-12:30	Closed for Lunch

Adriel Hills' Offices Closed Monday, January 1st – Will Reopen January 2nd

Community Activities/Events

Water Aerobics	M T W Th F	8:00 a.m.	Clubhouse
Book Club	4 th Mon. of each Month	at 12:30	Clubhouse

Committee and Board of Directors Meetings

Operations Committee	No January Meeting		
Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday, January 16 th	6:00 p.m.	Clubhouse