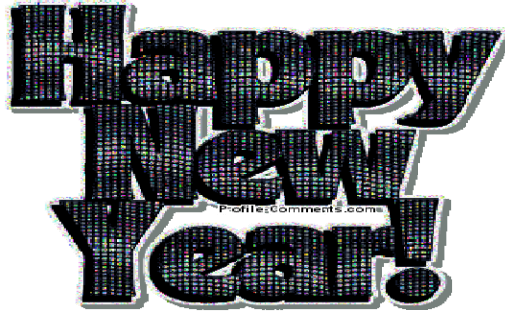


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G&F SAYS GIVE WILDLIFE ROOM

Wyoming Game and Fish officials are asking residents in the Jackson area to be aware and show patience with moose and other wildlife that are showing up in residential areas. The Jackson Game and Fish office is receiving numerous calls of moose in residential areas prompting them to offer advice on how to avoid problems with these large animals.

"It's shaping up to be one of those winters where we're seeing a lot of wildlife, particularly moose, deer and elk in residential areas," said Mark Gocke, spokesman for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Game and Fish is encouraging people to be aware and give the animals some room. "Typically, these animals are not going to pose a threat to anyone as long as we give them their space and control our pets around them and so on," says Gocke.

On the other hand, wildlife officials acknowledge that wildlife, such as moose, can be potentially dangerous animals and offer these tips to avoid a conflict:

- Never crowd or surround an animal
- Always allow an animal an escape route
- Always control pets and make sure there are no wildlife around before letting animals out of the house.
- School children should be extra cautious when walking to the bus stop, especially when it's dark.

- Drive SLOWLY for the safety of children/pedestrians, pets and potential wildlife
- Avoid feeding wildlife as it often attracts wildlife into conflict situations and is a violation of town and county regulations

"Winter is a stressful time for all wildlife and we need to give them room, whether it's in the backcountry or our own backyard," said Gocke.

Teton county residents are reminded that there is a ban on the feeding of wildlife in the town of Jackson and throughout the county, excluding bird feeders and unintentional feeding associated with the feeding of livestock.

~WGFD~

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP SCHEDULE

Melody Ranch will pick up Christmas Trees on Tuesday, December 28, Tuesday, January 4th and 11th. After January 11th, homeowner's will be responsible for disposing of their own tree.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal from homeowner's driveways should not be put in the street. GTPM has been notified of many homes that continue to put snow in the street.

IDLE-FREE AT BUS STOPS

With winter upon us in Jackson, we are all forced to adjust our behaviors to cope with the cold, snowy months. We will don our winter boots and hats, pull out the skis and adjust our driving to deal with the conditions. Please take steps this year to eliminate unnecessary idling of your vehicle, especially when picking up and dropping off children at the bus stop. Exhaust fumes from vehicles contain a variety of harmful substances, many of which are linked to lung disorders such as asthma. Children are especially susceptible to the effects of these substances with developing lungs and a 50% higher breathing rate than adults. Vehicles parked and idling at student pick-up sites create areas of extremely dense, harmful air pollution. Please consider the following:

- 10 seconds of idling uses more gas than turning off and restarting a parked vehicle
- Two minutes of idling burns the same amount of fuel as driving one mile
- Vehicles typically need less than 30 seconds of warm-up to be driven safely
- Driving is the best way to warm up a vehicle's moving parts
- Turning off your vehicle when you reach your destination is the best way to extend the life of your vehicle and its occupants

Please help us protect the health of our community, keep our air clean and save yourself money. **Turn your key and be Idle-Free!**

Questions?
phil@ytcleanenergy.org (or) 307.413.1971

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

Typically the Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday (January 18th) of each month at 5:00. Please call GTPM for the exact date and time, as they are sometimes moved to accommodate peoples' schedule.

Every second Thursday (January 13th) of each month the Architectural Review Committee meets at 4:30. All items need to be turned in by noon the Friday prior to the ARC meeting.

HOA PAYMENTS

Please do not leave any checks or correspondence for the HOA in the mailbox next to the old sales office. The sales office no longer processes HOA dues. All correspondence and payments should be mailed to:

**The Meadows at Melody Ranch
PO Box 4337
Jackson, WY 83001**

All checks need to be written out to:
The Meadows at Melody Ranch
Be sure all emails are sent to:
info@melodyranchhoa.com

Please contact Cynthia or Tina at GTPM to address all inquires. They can be reached at 307.733.0205

COVENANT CORNER

From the Rules & Regulations

- ❖ All household and maintenance items such as wheel barrows, ladders, lawn mowers, **snow blowers**, bins etc. should not be left in open view and should be stored within a closed area such as a garage and/or behind fenced enclosure or "out of sight" from the road and neighboring properties view. **Please see Article 5 - 5.6 in the CC&R's.**
- ❖ Dogs are to be restrained / leashed within the community at all times. This includes while walking, running and bicycling on all roads and common areas within the community. Unrestrained dogs can lead to issues with wildlife and problems with other homeowners in the association. **Please see Article 5 - 5.5 in the CC&R's.**