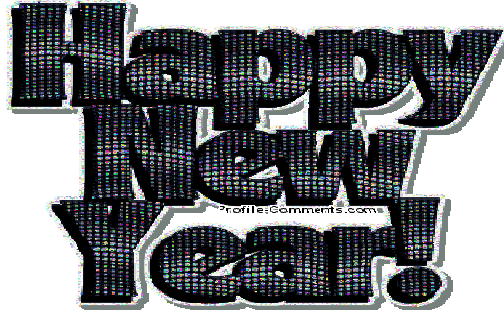


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MUNGER VIEW PARK *Playground Equipment Concerns*

Melody's new County neighborhood park (Munger View) is progressing well but unfortunately the elements of most interest to kids and parents - playground equipment - was cut from this year's budget that runs July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. We understood that staff was pursuing existing joint block grants and other non-operating budget sources to fund the playground equipment estimated, with installation, at a cost of \$70,000. For the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2012 we did learn this fall that staff discovered that the equipment did not qualify for use by those block grants and was not successful with other non-operating budget sources. We were told early this fall that the play equipment would be put in next summer and budgeted from within the 2012/2013 operating budget.

Unfortunately the draft five-year capital budget that was just recently provided to us shows the Melody playground equipment has now moved an additional year out to the earliest in the fall of 2013. Alta had their park built in 2005 but have yet to see their playground equipment purchased and installed. Now the Alta park playground equipment is finally proposed to be budgeted for fall of 2012 - effectively bouncing Melody back another year. We have been told by the Parks director and County administrator that the budget is still being reviewed and is subject to change - especially based our resident feedback.

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The HOA board submitted a letter December 20th to the County Commissioners and requested that the playground equipment be budgeted for next summer. We have been assured that the park five-year capital plan is subject to change but want to reach out to our owners for your assistance. It would be very helpful if some of you would send a quick email to the County Commissioners simply asking them to fund the playground equipment for fiscal year 2012/2013 so we can see a functional playground by next fall.

Email to: Teton County Commissioners:
commissioners@tetonwyo.org

Copy to: Steve Foster - County Commissioners
Administrator: sfoster@tetonwyo.org

Our fear is that unless they get some feedback from us, our park will once again languish - 15 years and counting to date - and follow the fate of Alta which had everything built, then has waited since 2005 to see swings, slides and other playground equipment that young children want.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be in March. At that time David Kaufman's term will be up. The board would like interested owners willing to serve to call or email Cynthia. Please provide a few sentences about why you want to serve and any skills you could bring to the board. In March all three developer appointed board slots will be elected HOA slots along with David Kaufman's slot.

**VACANT LOT OWNERS
PLEASE READ**

Starting June 2012, Melody Ranch HOA will have Wyoming Landscape Company start spraying the 32 vacant lots for annual and noxious weeds. It will cost each vacant lot homeowner \$150 for 3 sprayings throughout the summer. The Board will give homeowners until May 30th, 2012 to opt out of this service. If a homeowner chooses to opt out, then the homeowner will need to send in a copy of a receipt showing their lot has been sprayed – and/or a commitment from them or a service provider to treat their vacant lots throughout the summer.

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

HOA PAYMENTS

All correspondence and payments should be mailed to:

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

or pay online at:

<https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com/login.asp?accrt15968>

Be sure all emails are sent to:
info@melodyranchhoa.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR....

Typically the Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday (January 17th) 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 12th) 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.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP
SCHEDULE**

Melody Ranch will pick up Christmas Trees on Tuesday and Thursdays after Christmas day (December 27, 29, January 3, 5, 10, 12) After January 12th, homeowner's will be responsible for disposing of their own tree.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Please be neighborly and turn off Christmas lights no later than 10:00 pm. Some residences enjoy the night sky and not the bright lights from the Christmas lights.

Thank you!

SOUTH PARK BRIDGE IS OPEN

The South Park Bridge is now open. Please be sure to store boats, trailers, etc. in the storage area.