

# Melody Ranch Homeowners Association

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## CRAWL SPACE FLOODING

Water in crawl spaces has always been a common occurrence in Melody Ranch. It is due to the combined effect of neighboring ranches flood irrigating along with the spring/summer melt of snow into our water table. Valley ranches have been flood irrigating for a long time and it is part of life in this part of the valley. A side effect of this is a rise in the water table in the general area.

Should you experience rising water on your lot or in your home, it is recommended that you get a sump pump and pump the water into the nearest irrigation ditch or pond. It would be best to hire a licensed plumber to install the sump pump. They will know how to do that correctly – and legally. It is illegal to pump sump water into the sewer system. Our pumps cannot handle the extra capacity and, in addition, the Town does not want to process sump water along with sewage. The added capacity creates needless cost to the Town. When found, an illegal connection will be charged by the ISD for the cost of discovery and any damages caused to our systems which can run into the thousands of dollars. Please check to see if a previous owner or plumber has hooked your sump pump up to the sewer system and take corrective action if necessary. If you are pumping water onto your lawn or a neighboring empty lot or nearby open space, the water is seeping back into the ground, rejoining the water table and cycling back into your crawl space. To get ahead, you must pump it to an irrigation ditch or pond.

In an effort to maintain consistency, we would ask homeowners to be sure that in burying these lines to the ponds and ditches that the area is put back to its original state. That is to say that if irrigation lines are cut, they be repaired, if grass or soil is upset, that it be raked, filled and replanted. Please “leave it like you find it.” All proposed work must be submitted to the HOA Board for approval prior to any work being done. In addition, we would ask you to submit records of the work you have done and the materials you have used to Grand Teton Property Management to place in your lot file. Feel free to contact Demerie with any questions you may have about this process. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Jackson Hole Classical Academy has invited Melody Ranch residents to come learn about their proposed new school, which is being proposed for the land near the old schoolhouse along South Park Loop, about a mile south of their current location. They will share their site plans, designs for the new school, the preservation of a historic schoolhouse, and the 10% use, 90% conservation plan for the entire project.

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## Upcoming Events

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 @ 8:45 AM  
GRAND TETON PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT

THE MINUTES FOR THESE MEETINGS  
CAN BE SEEN ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM](http://WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM)

### DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 @ 10:30  
GRAND TETON PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ITEMS FOR  
REVIEW TO GRAND TETON PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT BY NOON ON THE  
FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE DRC MEETING.

### ISD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 @ 12:00  
GRAND TETON PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT

MINUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISD  
DOCUMENTS ARE POSTED TO THE  
MELODY RANCH WEBSITE FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION.

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## Email

Do you want your statements to be emailed to you? Would you like to be placed on the internal Melody Ranch email list? If so, please be sure to contact Grand Teton Property Management with your current email address. This will be used for Melody Ranch informational purposes only and will not be shared with other persons or third parties. Please add GTPM to your safe sender list to ensure delivery of our emails to you.

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## HELP WANTED

If you are interested in helping out Melody Ranch and have skills related to building, architecture, or construction you may be the perfect fit for the Design Review Committee. This group meets on a monthly basis to review the plans of homeowners that want to either build a new home, add on to their existing home or make a change to their exterior. If you are interested in lending your expertise please contact Demerie at GTPM. We appreciate your willingness to help keep Melody Ranch the desirable community that it is.

## KIDS AT PLAY

As the snow melts and the temperatures begin to rise, there will be more children playing outside. Please be conscious of your speed through Melody Ranch. **The speed limit is 15 MPH.** Please be sure to remind your guests of our speed limit, and be aware of our smallest residents as they play.

## HOA PAYMENTS

All correspondence and payments should be made payable and mailed to:

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

Or, you can also opt to pay online at:

<https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com/login.asp?acct15968>

Keep in mind that your payment to the ISD must be made separately from your HOA dues and made payable to Melody Ranch ISD. This is for your home's water usage each month. Please contact Tina Korpi or Demerie Northrop at Grand Teton Property Management with any questions: 307-733-0205 or send your email to: [info@melodyranchhoa.com](mailto:info@melodyranchhoa.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

April is the first full month of spring. The Latin word *aperio*, meaning "to open or bud," gives us the name April and spring celebrates the season's renewal of life. It is the month when many animals come out of hibernation, birds begin their flight back northwards and birds and bees begin their nectar collection. As it is a good time to sow the crops *aperio* seems to be an appropriate name for the month. April is also National Humor Month which was started in 1976 by humorist Larry Wilde. This observance serves to heighten public awareness of humor's health benefits. Laughter has been proven to reduce stress and pain, relax the muscles, boost morale, increase blood flow, strengthen your immune system and enrich your quality of life. Perhaps that is why the month begins with April Fools' Day! Actually, April Fools' Day started centuries ago but its true origin is not truly known. While celebrated throughout the world as the day for pranks and spreading hoaxes it is not a public holiday in any country. Regardless, do you know a good joke? If so, share it – we all can use a laugh! Here's a few to get you started:

Why did the farmer plant a seed in his pond?... He was trying to grow a water-melon.

What did the big flower say to the little one?... You're really growing, bud!

When do people start using their trampoline?... Spring-Time



## Social Media

In addition to the Melody Ranch HOA website, there are two additional options to find out about your neighborhood on the internet. In addition to the NextDoor website which is a private online network available to owners and residents of Melody Ranch, there is also a Facebook page devoted to Melody Ranch: [www.facebook.com/Melody-Ranch-Jackson-WY-569874716390530/](http://www.facebook.com/Melody-Ranch-Jackson-WY-569874716390530/)

If you would like any information about accessing either of these outlets, please contact Demerie at Grand Teton Property Management.

## RV Storage

Just a quick reminder to those of you with a storage space in the Melody RV lot that there are quite a few homeowners who are still on the waiting list for a spot. If you do not need your space anymore, please notify GTPM so we can pass it to the next family. Also, please keep in mind that the storage area is intended for recreational vehicles and trailers; it is not to be used to store trash, construction equipment, yard gear etc. Please see the storage rules & regulations for a more comprehensive list.

## Covenant Corner

~ Holiday decorations including Christmas lights, wreaths and garland should be removed in a timely manner after the holiday has passed. Christmas lights shall be allowed from Thanksgiving Day until **February 15th**. This is a Tier One Violation, \$25 fine.

~ No Structures or Improvements. No buildings, structures, or improvements of any nature shall be placed, erected altered, or permitted to remain on any recreational open space area. This includes but not limited to the following: fencing (real or invisible), private landscaping (except with ARC prior approval), **trampolines**, storage sheds, etc. This is a Tier Three Violation, \$250 fine.