

# - Melody Ranch HOA -

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## ***CHICKADEE CIRCLE - A NO DOG PARK***

Melody Ranch has a total of 48.6 acres of open space. That is a small farm in most places. Out of this total area 0.85 acres (1.75 % of our total open space) at Chickadee Circle is dedicated as a NO PET AREA - at the request from owners that it be pet free.

Why? Because people want a place where their children and their families can play and run around without the threat of stepping, falling down in, slipping on, and or getting sick from dog's droppings!

Children and families should have the right to a small area where they can play and have fun without the worry of contracting any one of the diseases that can be carried in dog and cat feces such as;

- *Campylobacter jejuni* bacteria, which cause diarrhea, abdominal pain, and fever in people. A person can become infected through contact with feces. More than 2 million cases of campylobacter infection occur each year in the United States, and *C. jejuni* is now the leading cause of bacterial gastroenteritis. Campylobacter infections are contagious, especially among members of the same family and kids in childcare or preschools.
  - Toxocariasis: The eggs from the worms are passed in the stools of dogs and cats, often contaminating soil where kids play.
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Symptoms include fever, cough or wheezing, enlarged liver, rash, or swollen lymph nodes. When the larvae in the intestine make their way through the bloodstream to the eye, it is known as ocular toxocariasis, or ocular larva migrans, which may lead to a permanent loss of vision.

- Toxoplasmosis: contracted after contact with a parasite found in cat feces. Symptoms may include swollen glands, fatigue, muscle pain, fever, sore throat, and a rash. In pregnant women, toxoplasmosis can cause miscarriage, premature births, and severe illness and blindness in newborns.

The Board of Directors has made this area pet free at the request of your neighbors. Please do not allow your dogs to run free and use Chickadee Circle as a dumping zone. Please use the mutt mitt stations found throughout Melody and one located at the southeast corner of Chickadee Circle to clean up after your pets. Owners of dogs sighted in the dog free area are subject to fines.

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### ***MAILBOX UPDATE***

Westwood Curtis will begin construction of the mailbox pullouts starting the middle of May. Mail delivery should happen the first week of June. Please contact GTPM with any questions.

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### ***CHIP SEALING ROADS***

Evans Construction will be chip sealing many of the roads throughout Melody Ranch in late July or early August. If you are interested in getting your driveway done at the same time, please contact Ryan Harmon at 733-3029 to discuss pricing.

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## ***TIPS FOR A GOOD YARD***

Its springtime and that means time to get your yard ready for a fun summer. Time to clean up the yard, clear out last year's growth, and set the stage for a green and flower filled yard this year. A few items to remember....

**Lawn care** - Be sure to apply fertilizer to your lawn. Fertilizer can be applied by itself or a weed and feed fertilizer can be put down to kill broadleaf weeds like dandelions. Keep your lawn watered. Watering during the heat of the day is less efficient than watering at night or early morning due to evaporation. Set the timers on your irrigation system to water light in the spring and fall, and heavier in the heat of the summer.

**Weeds** - We all have to keep weeds in our yards and flowerbeds in check. Pulling weeds is one way. Spraying weeds is another. Be sure to use the right spray for the job. Use a broadleaf killer in your yard that won't kill grass, but does kill broadleaf weeds. Use the same in your beds only on weeds. Roundup is good in beds for spot applications, but never in your yard as it will kill the grass too.

**Trees** - Keeping your investment in your trees is important. Be sure to have your trees sprayed and fertilized to keep them healthy and strong. Several companies offer this service in the valley, or you can do it yourself.

**Beds** - Every few years, additional bark is needed to cover up your beds. Bark decomposes over time and fresh bark is needed to keep the beds looking good and keeping out the weeds. Weed mat can help, but keeping a proper depth of bark works just as good in keeping weeds out. Plus it looks great.

## ***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](mailto:info@melodyranchhoa.com)

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

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## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR....***

Typically the Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday (May 17<sup>th</sup>) 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 (May 12<sup>th</sup>) 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.

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## ***STORAGE AREA***

Please remember the storage area is to store trailers, boats, campers, snowmobiles etc. It is NOT to store lumber, bikes, lawn equipment, snow blowers etc.

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## ***LEISURELY WALK IN MELODY...***

Grab a bag and perhaps pick up trash while you're out and about. Wyoming Landscape Maintenance Company will be doing a spring clean up this month, but this will also help reduce the amount of garbage on the side of the roads.