

Melody Ranch HOA



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LIGHT POLLUTION

What is it? Do you experience it? Can you avoid it? Some of you may be rolling your eyes at the idea of this type of pollution, but it is a real concern for many of your neighbors. Light pollution is a growing concern worldwide. As a result, there have been numerous groups that have organized a "Dark Sky" movement.

So what is light pollution? It is the brightening of the night sky that inhibits the observation of stars and planets, caused by unpleasant or excessive lights. Many times, this excessive, misdirected or obtrusive artificial light is emitted without realizing it is even a problem.

In neighborhoods we can see examples of this light trespass from unshielded exterior light fixtures. Sometimes the direction your light is facing can create the issue. Other times, you simply may have forgotten to turn your outside lights off or the wattage in your bulbs may be excessive. Regardless of the cause, the effect can be harmful not only to the viewing of our beautiful starry night skies, but also to wildlife in our area. Residential areas, with "light pollution" create a continual state of "twilight" in our habitat which affects the mating habits, feeding patterns and navigational skills of birds and mammals in the area.

There are many options available to minimize our light pollution footprint. Look into "friendly sky" lighting options. This may come in the form of a different fixture with a hood or visor on it. The use of timers or motion sensors insures that your lights will go on and off when you need them to. Lights do not need to be bright to be effective. In fact, by dimming or shielding your lights, people can see beyond the point of illumination to see your surroundings. It also decreases or eliminates blinding or glaring lights that can distract the eyes and cast shadows. If this is a subject you would like more information about, please visit www.darksky.org.



SLOW DOWN

Homeowners, PLEASE pay attention to the 15 MPH speed limit in Melody Ranch. In the past couple weeks we have had several "near misses" and someone's dog has been hit and killed. This tragedy could have been avoided if the driver had obeyed the speed limit. Let's work together to slow down and avoid any further heartbreak. Protect the children and pets living in Melody Ranch and please SLOW DOWN. The time you save by speeding and driving carelessly is not worth a life. Thank you for your patience and cooperation; together we can make our roads safe for everyone.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PHOTO?



In October we received a report of someone's antelope head being taken from their garage. The culprit was photographed with the booty. However, it has not been returned to its owner. While it may be too late to salvage the antelope head, please remember that it is a violation of the Melody Ranch covenants to allow dogs to roam throughout the neighborhood. We have so much wildlife in our area, that a loose dog is really a threat to their well being. In addition, animals allowed to roam free throughout the neighborhood are not being cleaned up after. I know we have addressed this issue many times, so I apologize for the repetition of this message. Together we can help keep Melody Ranch a clean and beautiful community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

4:30 PM

THE MINUTES FOR THESE MEETINGS CAN BE SEEN ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

4:30 PM

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

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JANUARY 13, 2013

WELLS FARGO

5:00 PM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE NEWLY FORMED IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT COMMITTEE, THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING. MINUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISD DOCUMENTS WILL BE POSTED TO THE MELODY RANCH WEBSITE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

We have been approached by a homeowner who would like to create a neighborhood directory in an effort to foster a better sense of community. If you are interested in having your name and any additional information shared with your neighbors, please let Demerie know at Grand Teton Property Management.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are many activities that come to a halt in November, as we progress into the cold winter months. In fact, it is sometimes referred to as the 'wind month' because it is the time when the cold winds begin to blow. However, in ski country, many of you are just gearing up and getting excited for the snow that is sure to come. Many of us look forward to two very specific November activities. Eating and shopping. Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the 28th of the month this year. While some may be belled up to the table gorging on turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie, countless others are preparing their shopping lists for Black Friday as the count down until Christmas is officially started (26 shopping days in case you were wondering). So whether the football games, leftovers, or early bird specials are your thing, have a very happy and restful Thanksgiving holiday with those who are near and dear to you.



COVENANT CORNER

~ Holiday decorations including Christmas lights, wreaths and garland ... shall be allowed from Thanksgiving Day until February 15th.

~Wildlife Protection. It is recognized by the Association and the purchasers or Owner of any Lot within the Property, that many wildlife species live on or migrate through the Property during various times of the year. Please respect seasonal limitations on use and do not harass the wildlife. This is a Tier Two, \$100 fine.

~ Firewood is to be stored behind a fenced enclosure or "out of sight" from the road and neighboring properties view at all times. This would be considered a "tier one" violation.

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.

UPDATES

We are in the process of updating the gate to the storage area. We will contact all storage owners with their entry codes and directions to operating the new gate. This change has been made in an effort to provide a more secure storage facility for you. Sod has been laid as the final step in the ground work in the Munger View Park. The grounds work and landscaping is finished. The Board and Teton County thank you for your patience in seeing the park to completion.

HOA PAYMENTS

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

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

Or, you can also opt to pay online at:

www.duespayment.com

(Service fees apply)

All emails can be sent to:

info@melodyranchhoa.com

Please contact Tina Korpi or Demerie Northrop at GTPM to address any inquiries at: 307.733.0205