



# Melody Ranch Homeowners Association

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## TREE POLICY

As some of you may know, the board of directors passed a policy in June related to the consideration of potential removal, relocation, and trimming of trees and shrubs located in the open space. Grand Teton Property Management received comments and perspectives from a few homeowners in Melody Ranch regarding the new policy. They requested time for further homeowner feedback and comments prior to approving any additional requests. The board reviewed these comments at the last board meeting and agreed to reevaluate certain provisions within the policy. They are currently tabling requests as it relates to this open space policy. If you have any comments or suggestions for the board regarding this issue, please forward them to 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 and regulations for a more comprehensive list.

## 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.

## LIGHT POLLUTION

What is it? Do you experience it? Can you avoid it? 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](http://www.darksky.org).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AT 4:30

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015 AT 12:00

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 AT 5:00

WELLS FARGO

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

## WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM

We hope that you spend a few moments on the HOA's website from time to time. It is frequently updated with the latest about your neighborhood. Aside from board and annual meeting minutes, you will find information about the covenants and design guidelines, monthly newsletters, recent communications, ISD information and more.

## 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:

[www.duespayment.com](http://www.duespayment.com)

(Service fees apply)

Or, as a second option:

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

Keep in mind that your payment to the ISD must be made separately from your HOA dues. Please contact Tina Korpi or Demerie Northrop at Grand Teton Property Management to address any questions at: 307-733-0205 or send your email to: [info@melodyranchhoa.com](mailto:info@melodyranchhoa.com)

## COVENANT CORNER

~ Holiday decorations including Christmas lights, wreaths and garland ... shall be allowed from Thanksgiving Day until February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a Tier One, \$25 fine.

~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, \$25 fine.

## 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. Did you know that the first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days? It was in 1621 when Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford organized the first feast and invited his neighbors, the Wampanoag Indians. It wasn't until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln issued a "Thanksgiving Proclamation" setting aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month this year. While some may be bellied 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 will officially begin. 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.