

# - Melody Ranch HOA -

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## **BUS STOP PARKING MELODY RANCH DR.**

A safety issue has again been brought to the Board's attention on Melody Ranch Drive. Parents are driving their kids to the school bus stop and parking while they wait for the bus. This creates an unsafe condition near the bus stop. Children tend to run around and play while waiting for the bus and with the number of cars parked in the vicinity, cars traveling through may not see a child running out into the street until it is too late. Also, with parents parking on both sides of the street, it effectively becomes a single lane road. Traffic accidents could occur or emergency vehicles may not quickly get through.

In addition to the safety issues, cars being parked on the side of the road have damaged or destroyed the grass and the sprinkler heads. Repairs are costly and we all pay for them with our HOA dues.

Please do not park on the grass or the roadway when dropping your child off at the school bus stop. Either drop them off and leave or walk them to the bus stop. An alternate is for parents to use the County Park and Ride lot at the east end of Palomino Drive at the intersection with Sage Meadows Road. This is an official school pick up school bus stop. It has adequate and safe parking if you must wait for your child to load onto the school bus.

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## **NIXLE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

These last few weeks have been filled with anxiety, fear, and wonder as we have watched the Little Horsethief Canyon Fire grow just behind our homes. Some of you may already be aware that there is an alert system that has been designed to notify residents of any major issues. The Nixle system will send you an email or text message when there are road closures, severe weather conditions, natural disasters and other catastrophes that may affect us in Jackson Hole. If you would like to be added to this alert system, please visit their website at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). You can also receive text message alerts by texting 83001 to the number 888777. It is a free service.

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## **BURN REGULATIONS WITHIN MELODY RANCH**

Some of you have inquired with Grand Teton Property Management regarding burn regulations within Melody Ranch. The Rules and Regulations clearly state in Section B. 10: Exterior Fires. There shall be no exterior fires whatsoever except barbecue fires contained within designated receptacles, i.e.: grills. If you have any questions or concerns about this directive, do not hesitate to contact Cynthia at 307-733-0205.

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## **SALES OFFICE**

Progress is being made! The Teton County Parks and Recreation department is still on track to have the Munger View playground equipment installed this October.

The HOA Board and the Parks Committee members have reviewed an initial draft master plan layout for the Sales office area to eventually include the amenities that our homeowners were most excited about. The draft plan calls for a phase in approach to the space development. Phase 1 involves two great additions possibly for this winter: an X-Country and Skate Ski loop, and a nice sized ice rink.

We are pricing the two items and may be able to fund the ski track plowing through the HOA operating budget without any increase in dues. For the Ice Rink, we are requesting the support of our community. The Ice Rink will need funding, so we are setting up a Special Project with the Community Foundation. This will enable us to take tax-deductible donations and other funding opportunities through a tax exempt account.

Please be on the lookout for more information about the Special Project funding. For the Ice Rink, we will also need the help of volunteers to help build the forms for the rink, flood it, and remove it in the spring. Users will need to clear the snow and "resurface" the ice as needed throughout the winter. Please see the rink structures we are considering at [www.nicerink.com](http://www.nicerink.com). **If you are interested in volunteering for the Ice Rink project, please contact Cynthia at GTPM.**

Second phase of the project involves determining the usability of the sales office and possibly adding a sled hill, 1/2 court basketball area, picnic tables and swings. This phase of the project will be considered next spring.

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

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month. Please call GTPM to confirm the exact date and time of these meetings, as they may be changed to accommodate for schedule changes.

The Architectural Review Committee meeting this month will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. These meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Please have your items for review turned in to Cynthia at Grand Teton Property Management by noon the Friday prior to the ARC meeting.

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## **ISD ELECTION**

Registered voters in our subdivision should have already received mail-in ballots to vote for the October 16 Improvement and Service District (ISD) formation and board election. Please return the ballot by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please review the enclosed flyer with more details. The HOA board asks for your support of both the initial directors and the formation of the district.

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## **WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

There are options for homeowners regarding waste disposal. With new trash removal services in the valley, there are several choices and pricing that may be competitive with what you are currently paying. If you are interested in receiving a quote from any of these companies, please contact them:

Westbank Sanitation 307-733-2615  
Teton Trash Removal 307-733-6840  
Yellow Iron Excavating 307-733-0583

In addition, there are recycling services available to us in Melody Ranch. For \$17 a month, Curbside Recycling will pick up your recycling every other week. You can arrange for pick up by calling 307-733-8559.