

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.

SPRING CLEANING

You can pick up your free compostable yard waste bags on April 21st. Free yard waste disposal is available at the Trash Transfer Station from May 5-10. Please remember not to sweep dirt into the streets in Melody Ranch. The only areas within the neighborhood that are professionally swept are the entrances and bus stops.

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.

READY FOR A CHANGE?

A quick reminder if you are looking to make some alterations to the exterior of your home... If you are at the point where your house needs a makeover, please do not forget to contact Demerie at Grand Teton Property Management first. Whether you are going to repaint or stain your house a different color, add a deck or fence, build an addition, or make some other change to your home, the Melody Ranch Architectural Review Committee must first approve your plans. By submitting your ideas and designs in advance, it will avoid potential problems or complications. Please contact us if you have any questions or submissions for the ARC.



DID YOU KNOW?

When April comes, our thoughts and hearts are full of renewal and fresh beginnings. The word April comes from the Latin word meaning "to open" which appropriately describes the opening of trees and flowers at springtime. It is the time for planting and spring cleaning. England will host many cuckoo festivals this month as the arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has truly arrived. In the United States, April marks the beginning of professional baseball season. It is also noted to be National Humor Month, Autism Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Mathematics Awareness Month and National Poetry Month. In the spirit of literacy we share this thought from Mark Twain: "It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want – oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" The term "spring fever" refers to both psychological and physiological symptoms associated with the arrival of spring, including restlessness, daydreaming, and increased sexual appetite. While the exact cause is unclear, scientists believe that increased light, more exercise, and more bare skin influence hormone levels. After a long, hard winter, allow me to wish you a very happy spring!!



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 AT 4:30

GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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

WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 AT 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

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 AT 12:00

GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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

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.

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?accrt15968>

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