# MELODY RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



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## Sewer Reminders

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage to your home, and threaten the environment. With this in mind, there are several easy ways to prevent this from occurring at your home. Many times, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. This can create problems as it sticks to the insides of sewer pipes and over time can block the entire pipe. The results can be both expensive and inconvenient: raw sewage can overflow into your home or that of your neighbor, a park or even the street. The potential contact you may have with disease-causing organisms and the operation and maintenance costs for clean-up can be daunting.

Be sure to ask your family or any other person in your home to please refrain from flushing cleaning rags and cloths in the toilet. Even the disposable "flushable" cleaning cloths can cause trouble. Additional items that you do not want in your sewer system include fats, oils, grease, cooking oil, flammable liquids, eggshells, coffee grounds, disposable diapers and feminine hygiene products, floss, cat litter, toys, medications, and paint.

### Dog Reminders

We have been receiving an increased amount of phone calls regarding dogs being loose and running through the yards, streets and open spaces of Melody Ranch. While it may be easier to open the door to let your dog outside, please remember that not only is this a violation of the Melody Ranch governing documents, but it is also a dangerous situation for your dog, children, pedestrians and other animals. Your dogs must be restrained at all times

The CC&Rs state: "Dogs and other domestic animals shall be controlled and restrained at all times and shall not be allowed to run at large on any portion of any Lot, except within an enclosed improvement area."

Furthermore, when a dog is let loose to run, there is nobody there to clean up after it or control it around cars, people and animals. Any dog seen running loose without an owner is subject to a fine and animal control will be notified to pick up the dog. Homeowners, please feel free to contact the dog catcher at 733-2331 if you see a roaming dog, a dog that is a nuisance or if a dog is aggressive. Remember, the penalty for pet violations begins at \$250 plus the costs of any necessary impoundments. This is for the safety of your animal and for the community as a whole.

# **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.

GTPM will be doing an audit of the spaces this spring, so please be sure to provide us with updated information about what is being stored in your space and that it has current registration.

# Weed Spraying

If you own a vacant lot and would like to be responsible for spraying your noxious weeds this year, please notify Demerie at Grand Teton Property Management. If you opt to have the HOA do your spraying, the cost will be \$50 per application and it is done twice over the summer. If we do not hear from you by April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will assume you want us to spray and you will see the charges on your monthly statement.

# Holiday Decorations

It is hard to take down the remnants of such a beautiful holiday; however, your holiday decorations including wreaths, garland and lights should be removed in a timely manner after the holiday has passed. Christmas lights are allowed from Thanksgiving through **February 15**<sup>th</sup>. Now that we have entered the spring thing, please take a few moments and remove your holiday bling. Please keep in mind this is a tier one violation and subject to a \$25 fine.

## Covenant Corner

~ Trailers, boats, RV's, and inoperable vehicles of any kind are not permitted to be parked in driveways, in yards or on the street at any time. These may be stored on properties as so that they are never visible by neighboring properties, i.e.: in garages. This is Tier Two Violation, \$100 fine.

~ 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.

#### Did You Know?

April is the first full month of spring. The Latin word aperio, meaning "to open or bud," gives us the name April and spring celebrates the season's renewal of life. It is the month when many animals come out of hibernation, birds begin their flight back northwards and birds and bees begin their nectar collection. As it is a good time to sow the crops aperio seems to be an appropriate name for the month. April is also National Humor Month which was started in 1976 by humorist Larry Wilde.

This observance serves to heighten public awareness of humor's health benefits. Laughter has been proven to reduce stress and pain, relax the muscles, boost morale, increase blood flow, strengthen your immune system and enrich your quality of life. Perhaps that is why the month begins with April Fools' Day! Actually, April Fools' Day started centuries ago but its true origin is not truly known. While celebrated throughout the world as the day for pranks and spreading hoaxes it is not a public holiday in any country. Regardless, do you know a good joke? If so, share it – we all can use a laugh! Here's a few to get you started:

What do you call a bear standing in the rain? A drizzly bear

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During Ape-ril showers!

What season is it when you are on a trampoline? Spring-time!

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head? Lily!



# **Upcoming Events**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 8:45 AM GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

THE MINUTES FOR THESE MEETINGS CAN BE SEEN ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM

#### **DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020 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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 AT 1:30 AT GRAND TETON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

THE MINUTES FOR THESE MEETINGS CAN BE SEEN ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MELODYRANCHHOA.COM

## **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/

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 Edington at Grand Teton Property Management with any questions: 307-733-0205 or send your email to: info@melodyranchhoa.com

#### **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.