



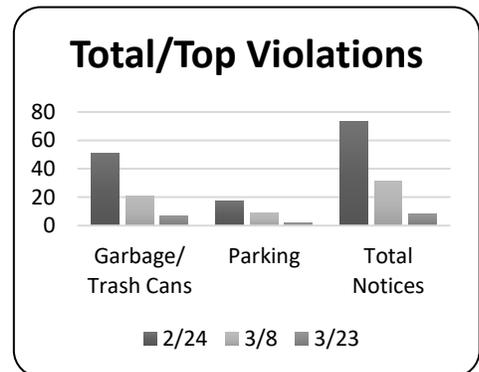
Coronavirus Concern for our Neighbors

At this time we are all trying to stay well, keep our families healthy, and not inadvertently spread the virus to others. We ask if you are not sick and aware of health compromised and/or elderly neighbors, to give them a call and if necessary go to their door (keeping a safe distance) to check in on them and see if they can use anything. Let's help each other when we can.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Neighborhood Review

The Board of Directors is using a new software program to assist in consistent, clear reporting on ACC non-compliance violations within the neighborhood. It's important for all of us to abide by the rules to ensure our neighborhood is maintained and a safe environment.

We're happy to report that over the past 3 inspections over 30 days, we have progressed from 30.5% of the 220 lots within the neighborhood receiving a violation, to 12.7% to just 3.6% on the last review. Of the violation types, there are two that seem to rise to the top: Garbage and Trash Cans, and Parking.



Due to COVID-19 disrupting income for a lot of people, the ACC/Board will be overlooking violations which would have a significant cost to address. The focus of violations will be related to visible trash cans, parking, debris on property and general yard maintenance. Full review of all ACC violations will resume on 5/1/2020.

2020 Annual Dues Mailed Out

Within the past week, you should have received your 2020 annual dues bill with a due date of 4/18/2020. There is a 10-day grace period, but any payments with a postmark of 5/1st or later will receive a \$10.00 late fee and monthly thereafter until paid-in-full.

If paying in full is not possible by the due date, please contact us and arrange a payment plan which prevents any late fees from accruing on your account. Treasurer@mygmoa.org / 208-762-2632

Perimeter Lawn Sprinkler Expansion

The Board of Directors has approved and is moving forward with the installation of sprinklers along Ramsey Road, and sections along Prairie Avenue. We expect the project to be completed by late April/early May.

Free dump privileges!

Please use the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Ramsey Road for built up debris or trash. You can dump up to 2,000 lbs. of yard debris, waste, tires, etc. for no charge, seven (7) days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for certain holidays. Call (208) 446-1430 or

<http://www.kcgov.us/departments/solidwaste>

SLOW DOWN DRIVERS!



Remember citizens can report to the Sheriff's Department by noting the time, vehicle, and license plate. We have a lot of children playing in the neighborhood. We also have pedestrians, dog-walkers, bicyclers, as well as property that can be damaged should someone lose control. So, please **SLOW DOWN!**

Interested in receiving communications via email versus hard copy, check out article on page 2

Authorizing GMOA to send Communications via Email

In an effort to reduce administrative costs, we would like to reduce our mailing supplies, printing and stamps used for: 1) newsletters, 2) ACC notices, 3) billings, and 4) responses to owner communications.

If you are willing to receive the above noted items via email, instead of printed/mailed copies, please send an email to Secretary@mygmoa.org and your request will be recorded. We thank you for your consideration to support this initiative and having more money go towards our reserve fund.



Springtime Maintenance Tasks

Lawn – Sprinkler Backflow Test and Weed & Feed – Remember sprinkler backflow tests are due to North Kootenai Water District before June 30th. Getting fertilizer/weed block on lawns by late Apr/early May makes a big difference and gets you off to a good start.

Tree maintenance – For a clean specimen style, remove unwanted shoots at the base and up the tree trunk. And you can help tree airflow by pruning branches growing against each other or in towards the center of the tree.

Perennial Maintenance – Getting off all the dead leaves and a clean bed is a welcoming way to start the season. If you've noticed thick clumping at the base of your perennials or poor bloom performance, it may be time to divide those hardy perennials. Google is your friend for "how to do it". A no cost way to expand your flowerbeds, or share plantings with friends. So start planning for mid-May.

Pest Problems – Pests, slugs and plant disease spores call piles of leaves and plant debris "Home". Taking the time in spring and late fall to do clean-up takes care of it, just twice a year.

GMOA Vinyl Fence Repairs

We recently completed a fence review and are having all broken posts, pickets, and rails replaced. Once the current repairs are completed, owners' will be responsible for repairs needed if the damage is caused from inside the lot.

There were a few very noticeable areas of concern with either tree limbs lying on top, or pressure being applied against the fence, creating outward bulging. If it applies to you, please review your GMOA vinyl fence line to remove any dirt piles or items leaning against the fence, as well as cutting branches on or near the fence that can cause damage.

Keeping your property and the neighborhood safe

Studies show that areas with a maintained appearance have notably lower crime patterns. Maintaining your home, lawn, trees and shrubs is great for outward show, but here are a few more suggestions:

- Be acquainted with your neighbors, and be considerate by watching out for each other's property.
- Report street light outages to the City of Hayden by calling 208-772-4411 or going on their website: <https://www.cityofhaydenid.us/> (start at "I want to" tab, select "Report", then select "Street Light Outage").
- Keep vehicle doors locked and remember to remove visible valuables.
- Keep garage doors closed when you're not going to be present for a while.
- Keep a 3 foot clearance around neighborhood fire hydrants, ensuring it's not obstructed from road view.
- Turn on outside lights at night and/or use motion detectors on the exterior.
- Make sure your house numbers are visible from the street for first responders, including at night.
- Check your mail regularly, and make sure if you'll be away, to stop your mail and newspaper, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up.
- If you see suspicious activity, give a call to the Sheriff's Department to report it (208-446-1300 or 911).

Check out the GMOA website www.mygmoa.org for quick links and phone numbers for community services