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## ACC and City of Hayden Ordinance Reminders and Refreshers

**Trash Containers** – If you're unable to keep your trash receptacle in your garage, please store it behind your fence or an appropriate covering when it's not been placed out for trash pick-up.

Parking of All Recreational Type Vehicles – All types of vehicles must be parked on concrete or graveled pads on the side of the house, behind fencing or off site. have gravel parking pads next to the driveway have Sidewalks - Keep the sidewalk clear of debris and vehicles, and during the winter clear of snow and ice. Per the City of Hayden Ordinance 311, 4-9-2002, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain sidewalks abutting the owner's property in a safe and proper condition and to repair all damage to sidewalks.

**Swale areas** – The grassy swale areas, which abut the owner's property/roadway, act as a water filtration system and must be kept free of debris and not have the area compacted by the parking of vehicles on it.

City of Hayden Liens - Remember if it becomes necessary for the city to clean or repair the sidewalks or grass infiltration systems abutting any private property, the city may assess the cost thereof against said property.

**Gravel Parking Pads** - Several lots which currently received ACC notices for having weeds/grass. In most cases, this is happening due to insufficient gravel. It's important the gravel areas be maintained, whether replacing 2-3 inches of gravel, and keeping the area free of grass and weeds with either weed killer or a vinegar/water solution.

**Debris** – Debris should not be stored next to your garage or on your driveway. Recycle what you can, utilize the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Ramsey Road for the rest or move it into your garage.

# **Sprucing up Your Curb Appeal - As we head into Cooler Weather**

Tree maintenance - Although you should keep up with unwanted shoots at the base and up the tree trunk throughout the year, you definitely want to have them cleaned up as you head into fall. You don't want unnecessary top growth taking away from root development over the winter.

Tree and Perennial Planting - Hardy perennials may not be blooming but fall is the best time to plant them and trees, too. The rain will get them established naturally. Their roots will spread through the soil in preparation for strong, healthy growth in spring, even though they appear idle. Now is the time to take advantage of the nursery sales happening in the area.

Perennial Maintenance – Keep that bright and bold summer perennial and annual party going as long as possible by removing all spent blooms. If you've noticed thick clumping at the base of your perennials or poor bloom performance, it's time to divide those hardy perennials. You can have no cost plantings to expand your flowerbeds or share with friends. Now is also a good time to move them to better locations.

Beautiful Bulbs – There are so many varieties of bulbs that you can get beautiful blooms from early spring to June but you'll need to start planning to get them in the ground after the temperatures get a bit colder but before the ground freezes. So start thinking about where you might want to see those grape hyacinths and tulips brighten up your yard.

Pest Problems – Leaves will be dropping fast in the next 30-60 days, Prevent pest and disease problems next year by removing plant waste on the ground that can become home to slugs and disease spores. You can compost dead or dying disease-free foliage but diseased plants should go in the garbage.



#### Attention Owners/Renters along Perimeter GMOA Fence Line

If you live along the perimeter fence line, please immediately review the fence line to ensure there are no tree limbs lying on the fence. Before snow arrives, please remove or limb down branches and dead trees that are within five (5) inches of the fence top. Should any damage occur to the GMOA fence line, any costs associated with fence repair or replacement not covered by GMOA's property insurance will be charged to the associated lot owner.

#### **Board positions Available**

At this years' 2019 Annual Members meeting to be held Thursday, 10/24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., there will be one -1 year, two – 2 year, and one - 3 year term positions to be filled.

If you have the time and interest to participate on the GMOA Board, please plan on attending the 2019 Annual Members meeting. If you wish to run for the Board but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Lisa Knox at (208) 762-2632 or email <u>Lisa.Knox@mygmoa.org</u>.



## Keeping your property and the neighborhood safe

Studies show that areas maintained and kept up, have notably lower crime patterns. Maintaining trees and shrubs on your property and around your home will also provide better visibility from passing neighbors or law enforcement patrols.

You should also be aware there is a curfew ordinance in effect restricting anyone under the age of 18 to be out between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. Our tax dollars only go so far, so it's important that we assist where we can to help the Sheriff's Department to use their resources wisely. We can help in the following ways:

- Keep vehicle doors locked with visible valuables removed
- Turn on outside lights and/or use motion detectors on the exterior in the evening and when you'll be away
- Make sure if you'll be away to stop your mail and newspaper, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up
- Be acquainted with your neighbors and keep an eye out for each other's property.
- When coming or going from the neighborhood, occasionally take a different route to see if there is any suspicious behavior occurring in the neighborhood
- If you do notice suspicious activity, give a call to the Sheriff's Department and report it (208-446-1300 or 911)

So, let's put these things into action and help make Grouse Meadows a safer place to live.

## Free dump privileges!

With the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Ramsey Road there's no excuse for built up debris or trash. Maybe it's time to clean out the garage, so you can actually park your car *IN* the garage.

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. <a href="http://www.kcgov.us/departments/solidwaste">http://www.kcgov.us/departments/solidwaste</a> or call (208) 446-1430.

#### SLOW DOWN DRIVERS!

There has been a lot of speeding going on in the neighborhood. Remember citizens can report to the Sheriff's Department by noting the time, vehicle, and license plate, especially if they tend to speed regularly. 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. With winter just around the corner, the roads can get slick and slippery. So, please *SLOW DOWN!* 





#### Items found on the GMOA website:

- Board of Directors list
- Email link to Board
- General news
- Community events & activities

- Governing Documents
- ACC Rules & Standards and forms
- List of community agency/resources