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## Who's throwing eggs?

The Board has also received reports of eggings throughout the neighborhood and its playgrounds. We ask that everyone be vigilant and report the problem to the Meridian PD should you see or know anything.

## We need YOU on the Board.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help out. Those interested please contact MGM or the Board immediately.

If you do not wish to serve on the Board but still want to help out there are a number of committees to serve on.

- Parks: Help maintain and improve our parks.
- Neighborhood Watch
- Social: Organize neighborhood events. The Easter Egg Scramble was a huge success and we would like to do other activities to bring people together.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family the best in the coming year. Please feel free to Contact MGM or the Board at anytime with questions, comments, or concerns.

## Happy Holidays!

The season of joy is upon us, and although the economy is doom and gloom, lets all do our best to light up our neighborhood and spirits by putting lights up on our houses. Maybe those bright shining lights can help us all feel a little happier, comforted and maybe even joyful when we drive through our neighborhood to the place we call home.

Here's wishing each and every home a happy holiday season filled with love, hope and joy!



## The dreaded dues:

We are happy to announce that the annual dues for 2009 will remain at \$250. Your dues are an integral part of keeping the neighborhood operations going covering everything from landscaping to legal fees. **Don't forget they are due January 1st.** If you have questions about your dues feel free to contact the Board or MGM.



## Violation report overview:

We would like to take this opportunity to discuss the Violation Report and how it works. The report is generated by MGM, ORCA our landscapers, as well as complaints from homeowners. The board will then review the report, members will do a drive thru of their own, checking each house listed. The board will then discuss a course of action.

The first step in the process is a "Courtesy Notice", a letter letting the homeowner know there is a violation, states the CC&R passage it is relevant too, and asks to contact the board with problems. Depending on the nature of the problem one to three reminders will be sent.

The next is a "15 Day Demand", a certified letter is send to the homeowner stating they have 15 days to rectify

the problem otherwise further action will be taken. The homeowner is responsible to pay the \$20 fee for sending this letter.

The final step is legal action, usually in the form of small claims court. The board considers this a last resort and will only use it if all other methods have failed and/or there has been no communication with the homeowner.

Over the last year the top violations were:

- Weeds: Weeds infesting the lawn and/or flower beds of a property.
- Garbage cans overflowing: Cans being left on the road, in front/side of the house with trash spilling over for days.
- Open Burning: It is a violation of Meridian City Code to burn in your yards.

### 5-2-4: PROHIBITION AGAINST OPEN BURNING:

A. Except as allowed under section 5-2-5 of this chapter, any and all open burning shall be prohibited.

B. The following types of open burning shall be specifically prohibited:

1. Use of burn barrels.
2. Agricultural burning.
3. Residential outdoor burning.

- Vehicles: Trucks, cars, boats, and campers being parked in a driveway/side yard for longer than 48 hours. You may ask for a variance if there are extemporizing circumstances, please contact MGM or the Board to apply for one.
- It is also a violation of Meridian City Code to leave a vehicle parked in the street for longer than 72 Hours.

### 7-2-6: EXTENDED PARKING PROHIBITED:

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street, alley or public property for a period of seventy two (72) hours or longer. (Ord. 507, 6-6)

Homeowners wishing to report a vehicle on the street for longer than 72 hours should contact the non emergency number the the Meridian PD. Have the a description of the vehicles as well as the license plate number. You may also report the issue to MGM or the Board.

If you receive a notice please do what you can to take care of the problem. If you receive a notice and treat the problem, let MGM or the Board know and it will be taken into account on the next drive thru.