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Dear valued neighbors,

In order to be good neighbors, our Sage Lakes staff thought it would be a respectful gesture to take the opportunity to inform you about some of the rules, regulations, and other important information regarding Sage Lakes Golf Course.

As most of you are aware, the City of Idaho Falls owns and operates Sage Lakes Golf Course. Golf is a self-sustaining division within the Parks and Recreation Department, which means that all three courses are pay-to-play facilities that are not subsidized by the general fund. Golfers pay for all operating expenses, maintenance, and capital projects associated with all three of the City's golf courses.

Sage Lakes Golf Course has limited water rights through Progressive Canal Company. These resources must be prioritized to irrigate all of our expensive turf, including fairways, tees, greens and the driving range. The majority of the water that runs through the course, belongs to senior water right holders, further down the system. At times, that water that is typically allocated to Sage Lakes is restricted, even when the canal appears to be flowing at full capacity. Irrigation of the golf course will ALWAYS take priority over the beautification and esthetics of the lakes, throughout the property.

This past winter, we opened all three courses up for cross country skiing. Because of a terrible snow pack this year, there was little use of the facilities. We are hoping for better snow next winter and plan to have regularly groomed trails throughout the course. We will have more details on this program this coming fall and will try to share it with the neighborhoods around the course.

Due to safety & trespassing concerns, please adhere to the "not allowed" information section below. Please understand that any infractions will be dealt with in the appropriate manner, including but not limited to citations and litigation.

Not Allowed

(Due to safety concerns with golf balls flying in the air, etc.)

- No walking on golf course property.
- No pets allowed on golf course property.
- No riding bikes, motorized vehicles, etc. on golf course property.
- No dumping of lawn clippings or other debris on golf course property. This includes ditch banks, rights-of-way, undeveloped lots, and other publicly owned properties.
- No spraying of any chemicals to eliminate weeds, etc. on golf course property. This includes lakes, ditches and any outlying areas owned by the City on golf course property. Chemicals that are introduced into the waterways can lead to fines for violators as well as polluting waterways that can have adverse effects to waterways downstream.

Those with fences, keep in mind that the property over your fence is golf course property...it is not available for public use or dumping of materials. In addition, in order to eliminate our liability, our course maintenance staff is directed to get no closer than 1-2 feet of a fence line (no closer so we do not harm fences). As a result, weeds and tall grass may grow by your fence line. Golf Course access is granted for the purpose of maintaining the backside of your fence, if desired by the homeowner.

Please allow our golf course maintenance crews to do their jobs, but if you have any questions or concerns, please call Tim Reinke, Manager of Golf Operations at 208-612-8485.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information regarding Sage Lakes Golf Course. Our desire is to be a good neighbor and we hope that with your help we can have a good working relationship.

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