

*The other side
of the story...*

Housing Only Begets More Housing



In government's mad rush to build a house for everyone that wants to live in Jackson Hole, they've alienated and angered many longtime citizens.

Taxpaying residents who thought they bought a house on a quiet, single-family street are watching their property values plummet and their neighborhood ruined. Local government is now playing real estate developer – buying the lot nextdoor and building a government-owned, multi-story apartment complex.

In Town, overcrowding is coming to W Kelly St as community character is destroyed practically overnight. It isn't fair. And in the County, a text amendment to the Comp Plan for Hog Island housing is a tricky way of developers saying they want to ignore

the will of the people just 'this one time.' This one time has a way of happening again and again.

As a community, we've already stated what is important to us — wildlife, habitat, open space — things that are irreplaceable and irreversible when they're gone. Additional roads, new subdivisions, and government housing projects are incompatible with the public's stated goals. These things do not enhance wildlife, habitat, and open space. They destroy it.

Traffic is already stifling and there is nowhere to park. We are a community stressed and stretched to the limit. Government needs to make it better, not worse. Those willing to speak 'truth' about our overcrowding problem will make a difference.