

# NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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News discussed during the March 11, 2014 BOD Meeting



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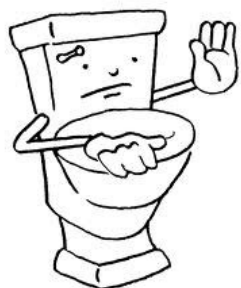
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### New Flag

Firelight Meadows will soon have its own flag. The three flags flying from the lit poles will be the United State flag, the Montana flag, and now the new Firelight Meadows flag.

### Landscaping Contract

46°North Landscape & Design has been awarded the contract to landscape the entrance areas of the Firelight Meadows property beginning in the spring of 2014. The Board is confident they will do an excellent job softening the area with shrubs and tall grasses.



Going forward, if an owner has a sewer back-up problem, they are to first contact HPM to facilitate and get the process moving. HPM will contact HLH, LLC to coordinate the repair, but the owner must understand that the owners affected by the backup are responsible for payment (this can be several units jointly, or just one unit). The HOA will pay for the sewer repairs then assess the individual owners affected as they are responsible for any repairs.

You own the sewer lines, please treat them with respect. Use caution when flushing items down the toilet; just because a product claims to be flushable does not mean that it should be flushed.

Follow this guideline: **Only toilet paper and items that pass through the human body should pass through the sewer system.**

### Annual Meeting Date Change

**Thank you for filling out the Annual Meeting Date Change survey on Survey Monkey!** We had record responses to this survey with 90 owners responding. The majority of owners requested the meeting date change to sometime in September.

On page 2 of the FLM Bylaws, Section 4.A. it states:

“There shall be an annual meeting of the Unit Owners of the Association during each calendar year and shall be held on the last Tuesday in October of each year or as near as possible to this date, on such date, time and place as shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting, set by the Board of Directors by notice as herein provided in Paragraph D.”

This gives the Board the ability to change the date. Given the requests of the owners through the survey, the Board has chosen **5:00 pm (MST) on Friday, September 19th, 2014 as the date and time for the next Annual Meeting.**

### Garage Doors & Front Doors

The Board is currently researching steel garage door options that are made to look like wood. They are more durable and require less upkeep than the current garage doors and they are far more affordable than wooden garage doors. The Board hopes to present matching garage door and front door options with estimates from local companies within the next several months. Garage doors are the responsibility of the owners and no decisions will be made without the approval of the membership.

### Snow Removal

The Board would like to thank the snow removal crew of Hammond Property Management (HPM) for their efforts to keep the roads, driveways, and parking areas clear all season long. All the snow removal crews in Big Sky were challenged with the unusual weather event that began on March 6th of heavy snowfall, then rain with overnight freezing temperatures. The weather event was like no other in recent history. The HPM snow removal crew worked through the weekend removing snow, breaking up ice and pulling out vehicles that were left unmovable through the massive multiple-feet thick chunks of melting ice and snow. The FLM residents are at an advantage to those in other associations around Big Sky, as the snow removal crew is designated exclusively to Firelight Meadows; it does not remove snow from any other HOA.

### PLAYING ON THE SNOW PLOW DEBRIS PILES IS NOT ADVISED

The Board does not advise allowing children play on, tunnel through, or build forts in the massive snow piles left from the snow plows. The snow is unstable and could easily collapse on burrowing children. The snow plow driver may be unable to notice children hiding in the snow and unknowingly crush the children with additional snow. Both cases could be fatal. **Parents: Please take this advisory seriously!**

### Trash Compactor Update

The trash compactor for use by both Chalet and Condominium owners should be in operation by this fall. Please watch for updates in future Newsletters and Minutes.

### Sewer Line Ownership & Smart Toilet Use

The sewage pipe running from the toilets, through the floor, into the crawl space, out the crawl space and to the main line is owned by the unit owner. The responsibility and ownership of the common pipes that are used by multiple units, is shared by those multiple units. The HOA as a whole does not own and is not responsible for any of these sewer pipes.

Please go to [www.hpmmontana.com](http://www.hpmmontana.com) Click on the “HOA” tab. Scroll down to “Firelight Meadows” and click. Your password is FL1234

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