

# NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Catherine Gilb and Laura Gregory have been elected to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors beginning in 2015. Laura and Catherine are both Condominium owners with experience in property management in Big Sky. Welcome Catherine and Laura!

## CONGRATULATIONS KARI GRAS

Kari Gras was re-elected to serve another three year term. She was first elected in 2011 and holds the Neighborhood and the Landscaping Portfolios. Just a few projects that she has completed over the past few years include the organization of the neighborhood party in the park, neighborhood garage sales, the installations of crosswalks, and the beautification of the campus through a new landscaping plan. Thank you Kari for all of your hard work over the past three years. We look forward to the next three years with you.

## FAREWELL SCOTT AND GARRETT

Scott O'Connor has been on the Board since 2008. Perhaps his most notable accomplishment is the Image Study where he surveyed owners, realtors, and Directors to identify negative perceptions of Firelight Meadows to take corrective action and to plan future enhancements. While overseeing the Aesthetic Improvement Portfolio he put together a list of long term improvement projects with architectural renderings and estimates. Thank you Scott O'Connor for your vision and dedication to improving property values at Firelight.

Garrett Baldensperger has been on the Board since 2009. He was first Treasurer of the HOA and is now the President. During his time on the Board, he has dedicated countless hours to the Board, including but not limited to overseeing the following reports: Utilities, Legal, Property Management, Communications, Meeting Planning & Management, Agendas, Minutes, Notices, Website Management, and West Fork Water & Sewer. While President, Garrett has shown honesty, compassion and understanding towards all that interact with him. He will be greatly missed. Thank you Garrett Baldensperger for your professionalism and guidance.



A FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED AROUND THE TRASH COMPACTOR SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

## THE TRASH COMPACTOR IS HERE!

The much anticipated trash compactor has arrived and it is ready for use. This compactor is exclusively for residential trash from the owners, tenants and guests residing at Firelight Meadows. You will need to enter a code in order to access the compactor. Only HPM personnel are authorized to operate the trash compactor. Please call HPM at 406-995-7220 if you have not received the code or if you have any questions, concerns, or problems with the compactor. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

## CONDO DUMPSTERS AND CHALET CANS

The Condo dumpsters will be removed by December 15th. Please provide your tenants and guests with information on where to find the trash compactor as well as the code to access the compactor. If you have any questions, please call HPM.

Chalet owners have the option to continue using their trashcan in addition to the trash compactor, or they can cancel their individual trash service completely. However, owners will NOT have the option to opt out of paying for the use of the trash compactor. Chalet owners who wish to discontinue their weekly trash service need to contact Amy Stokes at Republic Services at (406) 586-0606 in order to terminate their service agreements with Republic Services.

## WINDOW WARRANTY UPDATE

Alside will no longer accept window warranty claims handled through the HOA. The company still intends to honor their warranty, but individual owners must contact the Alside Claim's Department directly at 1-800-489-1144. In the coming weeks HPM will email more information to those owners who have submitted claims through the HOA and have not received new windows.

## Tree Plantings

Owners who are interested in replacing trees around their residence should consider these factors:

1. Request permission from the Board before purchasing a tree
2. To maintain consistency throughout the campus, trees must be a non-fruit bearing chokecherry or other HOA approved species
3. Owners may purchase trees from designated providers — call HPM at 406-995-7220 for details
4. The Board suggests purchasing a mature tree so that it will be able to withstand the winter and the wildlife
5. Owners should check on the warranty from the provider
6. Work with HPM when the tree is panted in the event that fencing is needed to protect the tree



## Your Board of Directors:

Garrett Baldensperger, Scott O'Connor, Sam Geppert, Kari Gras, Annette Stone, Curt Wilson and Karen Roberts.