

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUME II, ISSUE 7

The following items were discussed at the Firelight Meadows Unit Owners Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2011:

### Firelight Meadows Talent Search

If you have experience as an *architect, landscape architect, attorney, accountant* or you have talents in any other capacity that might be helpful to our association, please contact us at [firelightmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:firelightmeadows@hotmail.com); we could use your expertise and advice in beautifying our campus and improving our association.

### Firelight Meadows Landscaping Updates

Are you interested in having new trees planted this fall or spring? The association will pay for the labor costs of planting the first 20 trees purchased. Before planting, contact Garrett Baldensperger, the head of the Landscaping Portfolio at [firelightmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:firelightmeadows@hotmail.com) for details. The best time to plant trees is in the spring, but it is okay to plant them during the fall. Here is a price list of trees approved by Shelly Engler of Cashman's Nursery:

*Spruce run \$190 to \$210*

*Canada Red's and aspen are \$79*

*Potentilla are \$19.95*

*Grasses are \$12.95.*

*\$15 for amendments, stakes, wire and straps; the remaining cost is labor.*

*Therefore:*

*Spruce 6-7' \$200; labor \$105*

*Canada Red Cherry 10' \$79; labor \$66*

*Quaking Aspen 8' \$79 [\$94]; labor \$68 [\$83] ... + \$30 deer fencing ... [split deer fencing with tree cost]*

*Ornamental Grasses 6' \$12.95; labor \$10.05 +/- \$10 for rock & fabric if needed*

*Potentilla (or Alpine Currant?) \$19.95; labor \$15.05*

*Prices based on 15 tree minimum.*

### Firelight Image

Over thirty unit owners responded to the Firelight Image Survey. The following is a list of the four most prevalent misconceptions regarding Firelight Meadows:

- 1. The idea that Firelight Meadows has a failing septic system that is polluting the well water.*
- 2. The financial status of the Association and the idea that lawsuits are bankrupting the Association.*
- 3. Poor construction.*
- 4. The theory that Firelight Meadows is becoming low income housing for Big Sky.*

The following is a list of areas where the association will focus to increase property value.

- 1. Landscaping.*
- 2. Exterior building enhancement.*
- 3. Utilities.*
- 4. Increase property management hours.*
- 5. Community meeting place.*
- 6. Addressing rules.*

**Legal Report**

Are you interested in reviewing the testimony from the HLH, LLC lawsuit? Visit the PSC's website at [www.psc.mt.gov](http://www.psc.mt.gov) and search under Docket No. D2008.10.123.

**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting date is set 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 in the Conference room of the Whitewater Inn (47214 Gallatin Road).

**Board Member Position Openings**

There is one 2 year position open, representation by a Condo owner is preferred. Beginning January of 2012 there will be three 3 year positions available. If you are interested in volunteering your time for a position on the board, please send an email stating your request to: [firelightmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:firelightmeadows@hotmail.com). These positions will be voted on during the Annual Meeting on October 25, 2011.

**Keep your Property Manager current on News from FLM HOA**

If anyone would like to have the newsletter emailed to their property manager, please send the email address to [firelightmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:firelightmeadows@hotmail.com).

**FLM Website**

Please view all our information on the internet at:

[www.APMBigSky.com](http://www.APMBigSky.com) Click on "HOA" and then scroll down to *Firelight Meadows*. You can log on with the password *FL7316*.

*Your Board of Directors members are Garrett Baldensperger, Jack Eakman, Amy Free, Sam Geppert, Twila Moon and Scott O'Connor.*