

# NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The following items were discussed at the Firelight Meadows Unit Owners Annual Meeting of March 13, 2012:

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## Welcome new Board Member

Join us in welcoming **Annette Stone** to the board of Directors. Stone, a Condo owner, has been nominated and elected by the board to act as a Director through the end of the year. She can then run for a seat on the board during the election at the Annual Owners Meeting on October 30, 2012, if she so chooses.

Thank you, Annette Stone, for volunteering your time to work on the board. We look forward to working with you. We always enjoy a fresh perspective from an involved unit owner.

## Congratulations New Treasurer

Congratulations go to Condo owner, **Sam Geppert**, for his recent appointment as the Treasurer to the board. Geppert has been volunteering on the Board of Director's since he was nominated to fill a vacancy in February of 2010 before being elected to serve a three year term later that year.

Geppert has helped create the budget for the Association for the past two years and he has shown initiative in understanding the financial aspects of the Association.

Thank you, Sam Geppert, for volunteering your time to serve your Firelight Meadows Community!

## Make your Garbage Bear Proof

Do your part to help keep Firelight Meadows safe and free from bears. With the warmer weather waking up hungry bears, we don't want your garbage to entice them down the mountain for an easy snack in your driveway.

Allied Waste now offers Bear Proof residential Trash containers. They cost an additional \$11.20 per month or \$33.60 per quarter due to the additional labor involved in unlocking each one prior to emptying them. Owners that are interested in renting a bear proof container may contact **Allied Waste at 406-586-0606**.

With the help of Hammond Property Management, your Board of Directors is determined to keep the bears away from harming you, your family, your pets or themselves. The board has made changes to the Garbage rules under Common Elements Rule 2010.1. Help us help you by following the rules for when to put your garbage container outside.

## REMEMBER:

**A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR!**

## Common Elements Rule 2010.1

### TRASH

1. Villa/Chalet owners rely on individual trash pickup service through Allied Waste. As of this writing, pickup service is Monday morning.
2. All refuse containers are to be stored inside. On pick up day containers can be put out after 6 AM and must be returned to the garage on the same day. We must follow these rules year round and be extremely vigilant during active bear season.

**NOTE:** During bear season units with refuse containers outside at times other than listed here will be fined \$800 with no additional warning.

3. Condo units are served with dumpsters located at each building. All trash and unwanted items need to be placed inside the dumpster. The collection service will not collect items outside the dumpster.

The trash portion of the common elements rule 2010.1 is listed in the box on the right side of this page. The full list of rules can be found on the FLM Website.

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## Dryer Vent Cleaning

All dryer vents will be cleaned and inspected over the course of the spring and fall off-seasons. After this year they will be cleaned and inspected once every two years.

All dryers will also be inspected to insure that they are of the correct capacity. The Bylaws state that all dryers must be at least a 5.7 cubic foot extra-large capacity dryer. It must be powerful enough to push the air through the long air vents. This has been the regulation since the units were built and are necessary to prevent fire damages in the 50 plus foot long ventilation pipes.

We advise checking your dryer to make sure that it meets these requirements to prevent receiving a fine or worse, causing a fire in your unit.

## Potential Crosswalks

Board Member Kari Gras has been researching the installation of crosswalks from the Firelight Meadows complex across Ousel Falls Road. Morrison & Maierle (M&M) out of Bozeman is helping her to research the best location for a crosswalk. Part of the cost will likely be covered through the Rural Improvement District (RID) that Firelight currently pays into.

## FLM needs YOU!

Firelight Meadows needs volunteers to help make our neighborhood a more pleasant, safe and comfortable place to live. We would like to invite everyone to our Neighborhood Summer Party and we could use some help organizing it. Please contact Kari Gras, the head of our Neighborhood Portfolio, to help us plan this great Neighborhood Summer Party or to help with other upcoming events. Kari Gras can be found walking her dogs or reached through email at [kgras2010@gmail.com](mailto:kgras2010@gmail.com).

## FLM Real-estate Sales Update

The FLM Board recognizes two Big Sky realtors as having exceptional knowledge and understanding of the Firelight units: Karen Davids of Rivers to Peaks Big Sky Real Estate and Shawna Winter of Winter and Company Real Estate.

Please view the Firelight Meadows website for a FLM Sales Information Update created by Shawna Winter. Thank you Shawna for all your work!



## Neighborhood Summer Party

We invite you to come out and meet your neighbors at the Party in the Park, tentatively scheduled for July 1, 2012. Please bring your family and your leashed dogs and join us for the first annual Neighborhood Summer Party. More information will be coming soon.

### FIRELIGHT MEADOWS WEBSITE

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Please go to [www.hpmmontana.com](http://www.hpmmontana.com) and click on  
the "HOA" tab.

Scroll down to "Firelight Meadows" and click.  
Your new password is FL1234

*Your Board of Directors members are Jack Eakman, Garrett Baldensperger, Sam Geppert, Scott O'Connor, Kari Gras, Pride Fisher, and Annette Stone.*