

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The following items were discussed at the Firelight Meadows Meeting of the Board of Directors for June 19, 2012:

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First Annual Neighborhood Party

Please join us for the First Annual Neighborhood Party on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 3 PM to 6 PM in the park near the playground in between the Condos and the Chalets. This is your opportunity to visit with old neighbors and to meet new ones. Bring your family and leashed dogs, an appetizer or finger food, your beverage of choice, paper plates and utensils.

Exterior Renovation Image Concepts

The following pictures placed randomly throughout the newsletter are some ideas for potential exterior renovations to FLM. Go to the FLM website to enlarge images. Please email your thoughts on this to firelightmeadows@hotmail.com.

Proposed 14th Amendment Vote

BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED

This proposal to amend the Declarations and allow Declarations to be changed by 60% of unit owners rather than 75% will now be formally voted. Soon you will receive a ballot wherein you can place your preference and return your vote BY MAIL in the stamped return address envelope.

All voting will be tallied and reported by the HOA accountant. Voting will cease at midnight on October 30, 2012. 75% of owners must vote and vote positively for this proposed amendment to succeed. Votes may also be tendered by official proxies to unit owners at the annual HOA meeting of October 30, 2012.

The Board of Directors is now further inspired to have this vote take place. Expect to be called by a Board Member should you not respond to the ballot in a timely manner.

As a unit owner, you have an equal share in the ownership of the Association. Voting in an HOA is both a right and, we believe, a duty to your fellow owners.

We look forward to this vote taking place and allowing the unit owners to decide their future.



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



Contractor Protocol

While we would like to encourage owners to make improvements on their home, we would also like to ensure that Contractors are following the rules that owners have agreed to abide by. Hammond Property Management will develop a protocol for Contractor to follow when working on FLM homes. Look for updates on this at the next BOD meeting.

Changes to Condo Vacuuming Schedule

The entrances and stairs of the Condo buildings will be vacuumed Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the month of July. Condo owners are encouraged to observe the cleanliness of the Condo stairs and entrances and to report their findings to the board at firelightmeadows@hotmail.com.

Chimney Cap Decision

After review of data pertaining to wind directional caps and discussions with FAMCO manufacturing and a local retailer/installer who has done exemplary installations at FLM the Board has made the following ruling:

The current chimney caps that are not the wind directional style and color of the original caps are to have wind directional caps installed and painted consistent with the original color. All new fire place inserts are to install 6" or 4" pipe within the existing 8" pipe and use the existing wind directional cap.

A complete protocol is being developed by Hammond Property Management and will be distributed and posted to the website when completed.





Bear Safety & Awareness

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. Please read and understand the Garbage Rules posted on all blue Allied Waste blue containers and listed under Common Elements Rule 2010.1. Help us help you by following the rules for when to put your garbage container outside. A hefty fine could result if you choose not to abide by these rules. An even larger fine will be issued by FWP if you are caught feeding bears.

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*.

A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR!



Please be aware of your surroundings when planning your Independence Day celebrations.

Open Fire Dangers in Big Sky

A message from the Big Sky Fire Dept.

PRESS RELEASE

June 28, 2012

Big Sky Community Members and Visitors,

Due to the recent high temperatures and strong winds, the Big Sky area has become quite dry and thus can readily burn with even the smallest spark or ember.

With the Independence Day holiday approaching, the Big Sky Fire Department strongly urges that people NOT use fireworks this year as the chance for a fire is great and with the large wildland fires currently occurring in Montana and throughout the West, there are limited resources to address a fire should one occur.

The Madison County Commissioners have enacted a burn ban on all private property in Madison County (the Mountain Village areas of Big Sky, including Big Sky Resort, Moonlight Basin and the Yellowstone Club). Here is their press release:

On June 26, 2012, the Board of Madison County Commissioners imposed an open burning ban on private property in Madison County due to extreme fire danger. Any exceptions to this ban will be considered on a case by case basis and must be approved in writing by your local Fire Chief and the Board of Commissioners.

These restrictions include:

Use of campfires, charcoal grills and stove The use of campfires, charcoal grills, and stove fires (wood, charcoal, and coal burning) are prohibited on all private camp grounds within Madison County . This now includes developed campsites and campgrounds.

Use of explosives is prohibited.

Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. During acceptable hours, please have 5-10 ft. clearance around your generators and other internal combustible engines.

Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame is prohibited.

Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun is prohibited except while engaged in a lawful hunt

The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

In the Gallatin County portions of Big Sky (the Meadow Village and Gallatin Canyon areas), a burn ban is in place for all non-recreational fires. Recreational fires are strongly discouraged, but if you chose to have one, we recommend that:

- 1) They remain small, in a purpose built fire ring
- 2) Water, shovels and other extinguishing materials are readily at hand.

Remember, a fire is not completely out unless it is cool enough to put your hand on it so please be sure to thoroughly extinguish ANY open flame.

The Gallatin National Forest is in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, which creates the following restrictions in the forests and campgrounds around Big Sky:

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.

For the purpose of this order under Stage 1 fire restrictions, stove fires, campfires and charcoal fires are allowed ONLY at developed or designated recreation sites or campgrounds in agency provided metal fire ring. Fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels may be used anywhere on National Forest System lands during Stage 1 fire restrictions.

- 2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

For the purpose of this order under Stage 1 fire restrictions, the above exception for smoking also includes improved places of habitation, developed designated recreation sites or campgrounds.

For more information about the GNF restrictions, please go to their webpage here.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this critical issue for our community. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Big Sky Fire Department at 406-995-2100.

Best regards,

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