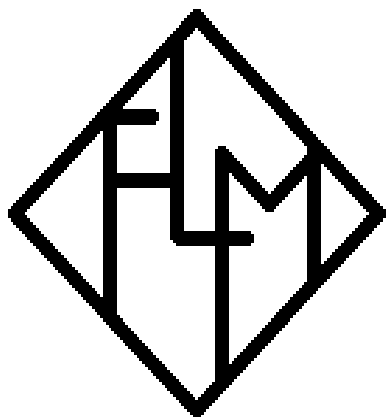


# NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## FLM UPDATES:

### HPM Snowplowing

Hammond Property Management now has the snowplowing contract at Firelight Meadows. Contact HPM if you have any questions or concerns at 406-995-7220.

### E-Signature & Video Conferencing

The Board is currently researching new more efficient ways to connect FLM Board members and owners from across the country through both E-Signature and Video Conferencing. E-signature could allow all Board members to sign important documents from different locations with minimal risk of loss. Video Conferencing would allow for owners to attend and participate in annual meetings with the use of their home computer. They would have access to all visual presentations and have the opportunity to email their comments, suggestions or questions to the Board. Stay tuned for more information.

## Happy Ski Season!

The Firelight Meadows Board of Directors hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and wish for a safe and enjoyable winter here in Big Sky!

## Winterize your Unit

A few weeks ago, we experienced an unusual weather pattern with some parts of the state recording 40° below temperatures. The one consistency that Montanans can rely on is that Montana weather is never predictable. Don't get stuck with frozen pipes, winterize your unit! Keep the heat in your unit at no less than 55° to at all times and leave bathroom cabinet doors open when you are not at home. Please call HPM immediately if you notice water leaking from a neighboring unit.

## Wood Cutting Rules

Chalet owners who wish to cut and split their personal firewood in the lawn or driveway outside of their unit may, as long as they are within daylight hours to be respectful of neighbors and do not leave any wood debris outside of their unit. All wood, woodchip, and sawdust debris must be cleared from around the unit and the area is to appear as though wood cutting never took place. Wood is to be stored in the garage.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Please dispose of Christmas trees in the dumpsters located in the parking lot of the Big Sky Community Park near the softball fields. Please refrain from tossing your tree in the Condo dumpsters or in your front yard.

**All Holiday decorations and lights must be removed by January 25th, 2014.**



## Dryer Vent Cleans

Dryer vents are a component of the dryer appliance and therefore something the owner is responsible for maintaining. For safety reasons the HOA would like to continue using assessment funds to clean them occasionally. The association has developed a new strategy to balance fiscal responsibility and safety.

Dryer vents at each Firelight unit will be cleaned once every three years. Cleans are recommended once per year at properties with full time residents. Quite a few FLM properties are only used part time and therefore will not require cleaning as often. The BOD does not want to spend assessment funds to clean units that may not need it; however, they want to make sure dryer vents are cleaned regularly. For those units that are occupied full time, owners should supplement the HOA cleanings and have their dryer vents cleaned annually.

A schedule will be created and posted to the website in January showing when each unit's dryer vent clean will be completed. Company contacts and prices will also be listed so that owners can hire additional service as needed. Cleaning your dryer vent not only helps fire safety, but makes your dryer run more efficiently and last longer.

## HPM's Emergency Number

You may be aware that Hammond Property Management has a 24-hour emergency number. This number has recently changed to **406-581-7045**. You may continue to call the office at 406-995-7220 and you will be prompted to dial the emergency contact number if you have dialed after business hours.

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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