
What's Happening At Fairmont?

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A Few Words From The Managers:

Where did the first six months of this year go? Seems we had such a long winter and the spring was cold and wet. I guess we shouldn't complain about our weather as other parts of the country have had very destructive storms and flooding! The days are warmer now and our grounds are looking good. Thanks go to Danny for keeping every thing picked up, green and trimmed!

It was quite a juggling act to get the sidewalk in front of the C-Building and the driveway for A-1 replaced this spring between rain storms. We had a one-week window of opportunity while the C-Building was empty. The crew that came in was organized and got right to work. They tore out the old sidewalk, built the forms, and poured the cement. It was a much needed project and the results are so nice!

The condos are basically filled until October except for a couple of September weeks. It's nice to see families enjoying their time at Fairmont whether at the pools, playing ball in the park, or just relaxing in general. There is a miniature golf course now at the location of the tennis courts of the Resort and they have also

added a frisbee golf course in their park area. Our horseshoe pits (recently improved by Danny) are also being used a great deal.

Looking forward to seeing you the next time you are at Fairmont!

Don and Alice Crum

Board Member Resigns

Mary Lou Aicher has resigned from her position on our board of Directors. She served in that capacity since 2000, when she was appointed to complete the term of Lloyd Ivie. We thank Mary Lou for her good ideas and guidance over the last eleven years and look forward to seeing her when they come to Fairmont to just relax!

At the May meeting of the board of directors, Richard Holets was appointed to complete Mary Lou's term. He is the father of four children, has eight grandchildren and one great grandson. He served in the Navy and worked as an electrician. Richard and his wife Sherry have attended nearly every annual meeting since 1984. One of the few years they missed they were in Australia visiting their daughter. Recently, the Holets were the only owners at our annual meeting, outside of the board members and managers! We welcome Richard to the board and look forward to his input.

"Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly." Anonymous



Board Members: Rick Forrette, John Scheetz, Mary Lou Aicher, Jake Ketterling and Don Millhouse



Lori Says

One problem I would like to discuss is the number of floating owners that wait until the end of the year to try and reserve their current year's usage. This is causing a lot of owners to be upset as we have nothing open near the end of the usage year. Those of you that don't use the first part of the year are calling mid-year and trying to get something booked and we don't have anything open for you. Everyone needs to get into the habit of making the request for your vacation when we take reservations for your season (High, Swing and Prime). I send out the request letters two (2) weeks prior to the reservation dates. This gives you the opportunity to look at the dates available and have your three preferences ready when you make your phone call, email or fax on the given day. Those dates are: **High Season – September 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Savings), Swing Season – Dec. 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard) and Prime Season – January 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard).** Just a reminder, do not contact us prior to 10:00 a.m. or your request will be put on the bottom of the stack.

I will also be sending out the confirmations for the Fixed owners around the same time as the Floating request letters. Several of you have said that you haven't received your confirmations and that might be due to incorrect addresses. Please call the office and talk to Olivia or me. We will be glad to update your accounts. Any other questions you might have, please don't hesitate to call the office.

REMEMBER, stop in the office and say "HEY" when you are at Fairmont. Have a Great Summer and rest of the year.

"To get something done, a committee should consist of three men, two of whom are absent."
Anonymous

From the Board of Directors:

Fairmont Estates Condominium Association has been busy this spring and summer months. You will notice a lot of improvements and upgrades to the buildings this year. We have replaced the outside decks to completion this year and upgraded the exterior doors and railings on most of the buildings. There are two more buildings (B and F) yet to go for doors/railings. We have some major projects that need attention such as repaving the parking lots and replacing most of the sidewalks in front of the buildings. These two projects are going to be expensive and so it is the Board's decision to have a nominal increase in association dues. The maintenance dues have not been raised in four years and we pride our managers in being good stewards of the dues collected. They do an outstanding job in managing the day to day operations and just as importantly, in getting the "most bang for the buck" when purchasing upgrades/replacements/repairs for our units.

Thank our staff and managers for their superb work the next time you come to visit!

Rick Forrette
President, Board of Directors

Web Page Postings

The next target dates for posting information on our web page in 2011 / 2012 are:

- Aug. 8 Invoice for 2012 Maintenance Fee (Not due until September.)
- Sept. 9 Invitation to Annual Meeting, Ballot and Proxy, and Proposed Operating Budget
- Mar. 20, 2012 Newsletter

Annual Meeting Scheduled

As the Association's bylaws require, the annual owners' meeting will be held on the first Saturday in October. This year the date is October 1st. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. President Rick Forrette will preside over the meeting. Hope you can attend!



From the desk of Olivia:

Summer is here!

It's time to soak up the sun, get outdoors and enjoy a long, lazy vacation. Let the water splashing, bbq eating and ice cream cone "loving time" begin. Need some ideas on things to do? Here are a few events going on this summer:

July 21-23	Evel Knievel Days – Butte
July 27-31	Last Chance Stampede & Fair – Helena
July 29-31	Flint Creek Days – Anaconda
Aug. 3-7	Broadwater County Fair & Rodeo Townsend
Aug. 5-7	Marcus Daly Days – Anaconda
Aug. 12-14	An Ri Ra Irish Festival – Butte
Aug. 17-21	Tri-County Fair & Rodeo – Deer Lodge
Aug. 21	Demolition Derby – Deer Lodge
Sept. 3-5	Boardwalk Arts & Crafts Festival & Labor Day Rodeo, Concert and Parade – Dillon
Sept. 9-11	4 th Annual Music & Art Festival – Boulder
Sept 17-18	Big Sky Draft Expo – Deer Lodge

Don't forget the sun screen and bug spray!!

Two Terms Ending

The terms of board members Ervin (Jake) Ketterling and John Scheetz will end this October. Both have agreed to run for another three-year term.

If you would like your name on the ballot, please send a brief personal history to our office to arrive no later than August 23, 2011.

Library Donations

Again we are appreciative for all the donations made to our library.

Videos were given by Artha, Ed and Donna, Tom and Robin, John and Joan, and Annalou. A **BIG** thank you also to Sam and Gail, who brought us six boxes of videos!

Books were donated by Wilburn and Marian and Larry and Nancy.

We always welcome cash donations as well.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

What's New?

Condominiums C-1 and D-2 were partially or fully re-carpeted.

Recliner chairs were purchased for units D-1, E-7, and F-6.

The hot water tank was replaced in A-1.

A microwave oven was purchased for D-1.

The cement retaining wall behind units C-4 and C-5 was replaced.

New rain gutters were hung behind all the one-bedroom units in an effort to eliminate water damage to the patios.

The decks on condos D-2 and D-3 were replaced and white Regal Railing was added. The outdoor lights on the decks were replaced with attractive white lights. This completes the project of replacing the decks!!! Yea!



Gregson – Our Mascot