

# What's Happening At Fairmont?

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## A Few Words From The Managers

Sales of timeshare weeks at Fairmont Estates began in September of 1979. For the past forty years, our owners and their descendants have enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere our resort provides in our rural Montana setting. Just think of the memories that have been made spanning multiple generations!! Fairmont Hot Springs has made countless improvements to the pool area, golf course, restaurant/lounge, and the hotel itself. Our board of directors, management team, and employees have dedicated their efforts to continually upgrading the condominiums and the common grounds, while keeping the annual maintenance fee affordable for everyone.

Please take note of the dates for making your reservations for 2020 usage if you are a floating owner. About two weeks prior to the date of accepting reservations, you will receive a letter from us with the calendar dates for your season.

**Email** is the preferred method to send your request as we will respond to you that your request has been received. We keep all requests in the order received but keep in mind we will be receiving hundreds of emails! If you phone us, you will not reach a live person so please leave a message on the voice mail that includes your name, account number and your three preferences.

**High Season – Oct. 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.**  
**Swing Season – Dec. 3, 2019 10:00 a.m.**  
**Prime Season – Jan. 14, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

We hope you are having a wonderful summer!

*Don, Alice & Tam Crum*

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” Abraham Lincoln



Jake Ketterling, John Scheetz, Don Millhouse,  
Rick Forrette, and Richard Holets

## Note From The Board

Welcome to YOUR Fairmont Estates Condominium Association!!

The Board of Directors and the management staff are working diligently on your behalf, so your time spent at Fairmont is a pleasant time for you and your family. For those owners who choose to trade their week(s) to enjoy traveling to other destinations the management staff is always here to assist.

As always, the management staff continues to schedule repairs and upgrades in the units as time allows. The months from May into October are always at 100% occupancy so doing work inside is very limited. The outside grounds and building needs are addressed along with the routine lawn maintenance carried out by Adam.

Please be aware of the very limited yard space available to the units that abut the golf course property. Owners/guests and families must not venture out onto the golf course property. This is property that we do not have permission to be on. There is association property for recreating next to the "E" units with horseshoe pits and plenty of ground for

other fun activities. Please use this site for fun activities.

Enjoy the summer! Make it fun and always safe!

Best Always,

Rick Forrette, President of FECA Board of Directors

## Terms Ending

The three-year term of board members Don Millhouse and Richard Holets end in October. Both have agreed to have their name on the ballot for another three-year term.

If you would like to have your name on the ballot for a board of director position, please mail, email or fax a personal history to arrive at our office no later than August 9, 2019.

## Annual Owners Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2019, is the date for the Annual Owners Meeting. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. in room 103 at Fairmont Hot Springs. President Forrette will preside.

We are pleased that board member **John Scheetz** will again give a short presentation on **exchanging your timeshare** to other locations and answer your questions. His presentation will follow the Owners Meeting. Please come and share your experiences with exchanges!

"Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing." Denis Waitley

## Donations Galore!

Our library of books, videos, games and puzzles has become extremely popular, especially with our younger guests! Many thanks to everyone who has donated!

Movies have been added to our library by Tina; Keerie; Allegra & Chase and Thomas & Jeanney. Jim and Carolyn donated a box of movies.

Games were given to us by Tina. Bob & Kathy donated a set of lawn darts that will be available for checkout.

Susan and Lori & Fred added books to our library. Phil and May donated three boxes of books.

Puzzles were given by Rudolph and Cheryl.

Thank you, thank you, thank you . . . . .



“Gopher” Lyle, Roberta, Susan, Head Housekeeper Linda, Mami, Christina, Mikayla, Alesha, Carol, and Barb. Kneeling: Margie, Lori, Dani, Janet, Mary Pat, and Stella. Not pictured – Kaylee and Tammy.

Many thanks to this **great** crew that cleans and stocks your condo!



**Adam**

Adam’s days are filled with a real variety of tasks and most often he is multi-tasking while prioritizing what to do next!

Before summer hit with full-occupancy, Adam was able to begin the project of updating the bathrooms. This entailed removing the wallpaper, texturing the walls and then painting them. He also removed the badly corroded shower doors and hung a new shower curtain. The light fixtures were replaced and an ADA-height toilet was installed. What a fresh look! As we have no vacancies until October, it will be a few months before he can resume this project!

## Audited Financial Statements

We will be posting to our website – **fairmontestates.com** - our Audited Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2019. The posting should be completed by October 11, 2019.

If you do not have access to the internet or would like to receive a copy of the Statement in the mail, just let us know.



### **Debbie**

I have just completed my first year of employment with Fairmont Estates. The year flew by in the blink of my eye. I was humbled enough to meet and get to know most of the owner, exchangers and renters. Every one of you had unique and fun stories. So happy to hear about them all! I've learned a lot this past year and there's always more to come. I am looking forward to year #2. This is a marvelous place to be!

### **What's New?**

Numerous upgrades have been purchased for the condos. Dishwashers were installed in C-7 and C-10. Units A-1, A-3 and F-3 now have new refrigerators.

Queen sofa sleepers were placed in B-2, B-5, C-3, E-5, E-6, F-3 and F-4 and leather recliners were purchased for B-5, C-9, E-5, E-6 and F-3.

A new washer and dryer were put in units C-9 and E-8. A new range was put in unit C-5.

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A new water heater was installed in unit E-5.

A new dinette set was purchased for units A-2 and E-3.

New microwaves went into units A-1 and B6 and compactors were replaced into units B-2, B-6, C-8 and F-2.

Condo E-8 was partially re-carpeted.

New towels were purchased for all the condos. They look very nice.

A commercial washer was purchased for our laundry room. The old one lasted us nearly 20 years!

### **Scams!**

It is very unfortunate that the timeshare industry is continually targeted by various scams. If you receive a phone call or letter inviting you to a meeting at a local motel, raise the RED FLAG! These meetings are not conducted by our employees nor do they have our permission to represent Fairmont Estates. Typically you will be told that the meeting will be about improvements at Fairmont Estates or they will be discussing raising the annual maintenance fee. As you know, our maintenance fee is the lowest in the industry and has not been increased in the last five years.

If you are contacted by someone you do not know regarding your timeshare, get their name and phone number and call us!! We have a contact at the Montana Office of Consumer Protection who is working to stop these scammers. Several of our owners have been duped and it ended up costing them thousands of dollars! Beware.

## Web Site

Check out our web site: [fairmontestates.com](http://fairmontestates.com)  
Taun has recently updated it and it now includes links to local weather, Fairmont Resort information, maps, exchanging information, the rules and regulations of the floating program, things to do in the area and the timeshare calendars.

## Terminology

**Fixed Week:** "Fixed Week" owners have use of their deeded condominium the same week every year. This will not necessarily be the same date but rather the same week number.

**Floating Week:** "Floating Week" owners need to make a reservation each year for a week that is in their season. See the reservation schedule for each season above. These owners are also allowed "Bonus Usage" which is explained below.

**Bonus Usage:** "Floating Week" owners can ask for Bonus Usage by calling in no sooner than 2 weeks before their requested check-in-date. Bonus Usage is charged at \$85.00 a night for a one bedroom unit and \$95.00 a night for a two bedroom. A minimum of 2 nights is required.

**Split Week:** Floating owners can request a split week when making their reservation. The two parts of a split week are Friday to Monday and Monday to Friday. Upon use of the second split, a \$55.00 cleaning fee is charged, as your maintenance fee covers the cleaning for the first usage.

**Rentals:** Non-owners and owners can request to rent a condominium usually for a minimum of two nights. One bedroom units are usually priced around \$185.00 a night

plus tax and two bedroom units are usually priced around \$200 a night plus tax. You are actually renting from another timeshare owner and they set the rental rate.

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all" Oscar Wilde

## Please Help Us

We have the greatest owners and appreciate all the friendships that have developed over the years.

If you would please check in with the office upon your arrival, rather than going directly to your unit, it would be very helpful. However, if you arrive after office hours, please check in when the office opens or just give us a quick call.

Especially in the summer, we really appreciate arrivals **near** the four o'clock check-in time. It is difficult for us to have your unit ready early with so many condos to clean and to have the maintenance issues taken care of.

If something in your unit needs attention, please report it during your stay rather than at the time of check-out. Sometimes a quick fix will make your stay more pleasant!