

# Red Feather Lakes

2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER



## Community Association

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## Community Association News



### Happy Spring Red Feather Lakes Community Association!



### BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Terry Wilson

**Vice President:**

Fred Johnston

**Sec/Treas:** Barb Hunter

Ron Henderson

Phil Sedillo

Angie Sedillo

Kay Shepherd

Shelley Coldiron

**Office Manager:**

Caryn Hughes

**Princess:** Viley Oleson

### 2017 CALENDAR EVENTS

#### May 6

Area First Responder  
Recognition Fundraiser

#### May 27

Memorial Day Craft Fair  
Bingo

#### May 28

Lions Club Breakfast

#### July 1

4th July Craft Fair  
Fishing Contest / Parade  
Pre-Fireworks BBQ/Band  
Fireworks at Dusk

#### July 2

Lions Club Breakfast  
Annual Membership Mtg  
Vote & Crown Princess  
Bingo

#### August 19

Silent Auction / Dinner

#### September 2

Last Bingo – 2017

#### September 3

Lions Club Breakfast

#### September 16

Karaoke / Potluck

#### October 21

Karaoke/ Potluck –  
Costume Contest

#### November 4 @ 5 pm

Community Turkey Dinner

We are hopeful that everyone's winter was productive but relaxing and you kept warm. This past year so far has been good in Red Feather. It has been a dry and extremely windy winter so far, hopefully we will have a wet spring. Red Feather continues to be that generally relaxed place where many say there is a quality of life that is very special and better than any other place they know of in Colorado.

Red Feather Lakes Community Association has traditionally been a socially oriented organization, and continues to provide events for the community. This past fall / winter we held three Potluck/Karaoke Fundraiser events as well the traditional free Fall Community Meal and new free Spaghetti Dinner in March. Each of these events drew good crowds and we hit over 100 people for the fall free meal. Our primary focus has been the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events including Fireworks, Bingo, Craft Fairs, Dinners, etc. which have been the major contributors to the community. Red Feather continues to change with turnover in properties. At the same time, some of our long-term problems remain unaddressed. The association continues to get questions about road conditions and RV issues. We are happy that we expanded our boundaries with the change to our By-Laws last year and hope to continue to increase membership as that is what fuels our ability to maintain our buildings. We are reaching out beyond the village of Red Feather to Crystal Lakes, Glacier View, Livermore, Cherokee Park, and Poudre Canyon to join our community association. Our annual dues of \$45/year are very low and voluntary. We hope our community association is viewed as an organization providing the glue that binds our community groups together and helps coordinate efforts within this community and the voice in communications with Larimer County. The board believes that by opening Red Feather Lakes Community Association membership to renters and those that reside within our new boundaries promotes a larger community experience and volunteer opportunities. Association membership is not to the level it needs to be to cover expenses. The Board encourages citizens to get involved and volunteer. If you have an interest in being on the Board, helping with event, or voicing a suggestion or opinion, please write us at PO Box 350, send an e-mail to [RFLPOA350@gmail.com](mailto:RFLPOA350@gmail.com) or use the "Contact" link on our web page: [www.redfeatherlakes.net](http://www.redfeatherlakes.net). You may also call the office at 970-881-2925. All input and involvement is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much! **We cannot succeed without you!**



## Special Thanks & Financial News \$\$\$

2017 so far has been a financially sound year for Red Feather Lakes Community Association. The board still needs to do maintenance on the POA Buildings; painting and exterior maintenance are largest pending expenses. The donation container at the Public Well on Main Street has helped in covering the monthly Testing and Treatment of our public water source through those donations. We plan to continue Community Fundraiser Events to support the future maintenance future requirements. Our Karaoke/Potluck Dinner fundraisers appear to be a new dimension that is appreciated and have been successful and therefore we will continue to have similar events in the future. Thanks to all of our members who helped contribute to this success by paying their membership dues and supporting the Red Feather Lakes Community Association.

Your Community Association would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support and commitment for all the Events, Sign and Fireworks:

Trading Post, Mountain Lions Club (+Building Maintenance), Fox Acres, Mountain Gals, RF Historical Society, Trout Tavern, RFL Fire District. If we have forgotten to thank anyone, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can properly thank you in the next newsletter.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATES AS THIS PROVIDES FUNDING FOR NEARLY EVERYTHING WE ACCOMPLISH IN OUR COMMUNITY! In addition, we appreciate all the volunteers that help with our community events. BIG THANKS!!!!**

## AREA FISHING

**Red Feather Lakes** offers four seasons of recreation for residents and visitors with good fishing opportunities and lake access. There are many lakes in the Red Feather area. Five are available for public fishing with 8 private lakes owned by Red Feather Storage & Irrigation (RFSI). **The public lakes are Colorado State Wildlife Areas;** West Lake, Dowdy Lake, Parvin Lake, Bellaire Lake and Creedmore Lake.

Dowdy is the largest with 112 acres. Dowdy offers fishing from the shore and wakeless boating. Trout species are large brookies, rainbow and browns. Check your limit on your Fishing License.

Pravin is the next largest with 62 surface acres. Artificial flies/lures only and two trout limit. Check in at the entrance gate and there is foot access only to lake.

Bellaire is an 11-acre lake that offers the opportunity to catch several species of trout. This lake has a handicap ramp and fishing piers. There is also a campground on this lake with electric hook-ups and tent sites available. Reservations are encouraged.

West Lake has 38 surface acres that also offers a campground with electric hook-ups and tents. Reservations are also advised. Note there are State regulations on the limit. Creedmore Lake is about 4 miles from Red Feather and Lost Lake is about 3 miles northeast of Dowdy.



The following are **private lakes** that are a part of **Red Feather Storage & Irrigation:** Apache Lake, Lake Erie, Hiawatha Lake, Letitia Lake, Nokomis Lake, Snake Lake, Ramona Lake and Shagwa Lake. You must purchase a membership fishing pass to fish the private lakes. If you have a membership, daily guest fishing passes maybe purchased in advance. Ice fishing is allowed with specific permits from RFSI at Ramona and Apache lakes for the 2016/2017 season.



Photos is Chris Johnston of Summit Real Estate and his beauty of a catch on New Year's Day on Ramona which was released unharmed.

**Good luck and happy fishing!**

**Contact RFSI office for details,** Office phone 970-881-2175 or email [rfstico@yahoo.com](mailto:rfstico@yahoo.com). Web [www.rfsi.org](http://www.rfsi.org).

Mailing address: PO Box 527 Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545 Open May 13, Office Hours Mon, Wed, Sat 8-12 & Fri 4-8 pm till end October.



## FIREWORKS



**Thank you all** for your generous donations to the 2017 fireworks display. We expect this year's Fireworks intensity to be significant with the donations received to date. This display has become a tradition for many families and businesses in Red Feather Lakes and the surrounding area. In an effort to cover the ever-increasing costs, and increase duration and intensity of the display we will be starting new fundraising ideas for 2017. In addition to the donation buckets around town we would like to encourage you to consider a family or corporate sponsorship.

All sponsors will receive recognition in our bi-annual newsletters. Please consider these options. Donations can be made out to Red Feather Lakes POA and mailed to our address or dropped off at the community association building. *Please note "Fireworks" on check memo.*

**Family Sponsorships**  
 Silver-----\$50  
 Gold-----\$100  
 Platinum-----\$250

**Corporate Memberships**  
 Silver-----\$100  
 Gold-----\$250  
 Platinum-----\$500

Special recognition for all 2017 to date Silver, Gold, Platinum Family and Corporate/Group Sponsors.

**Family Platinum:**  
 Janelle Barker & Barker Family  
 Fred and Laura Johnston

**Family Gold:**  
 John & Susan Bossert  
 Lon & Caryn Hughes  
 Dale Alexander

**Family Silver:**  
 Robert Johnson  
 John Nelson  
 Lorie Williams  
 Terry Huff

**Corporate/Group Platinum:**  
 Fox Acres  
 Trading Post  
 Summit Real Estate

**Corporate/Group Silver**  
 Mountain Lions Club  
 Mountain Gals

Note: Gene Barker's Memorial Fireworks donation commemorative plaque to be given at Annual Membership Meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED FIREWORKS DONATIONS!**

**Join us for new event: BBQ Dinner & Band at POA Parking Lot on 1<sup>st</sup> July @ POA Building 5:30 to 7:30 pm Donations for Fireworks....**

## Planning Advisory Committee Update *Lon Hughes*

The Red Feather Lakes Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meets the fourth Thursday of each month in the Fire Barn meeting room at 1:30-3:30 pm. The PAC has 13 positions made up of citizen volunteers from the Red Feather Lakes Planning Area. Currently we have 5 positions open. Please call Lon Hughes for further information about applying. Applicants are interviewed and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The PAC is the liaison between the citizens of the Red Feather Planning area the County. Current topics of concern are commercial signage for businesses off main Highway, East Side Road District, RV rules and regulations governed by Larimer County Code, water quality and septic issues.

The PAC is actively working with Larimer County Community Grant Coordinator to submit grants to fund a centerline road survey to identify those roads that are in great need of maintenance, and snow removal for emergency vehicles such as Fire, Ambulance and Sheriff responders. Hiawatha Heights on the west side of the village already has road district funds through property taxes.

**Water Quality & Septic Issues:** This topic has been a concern of the PAC for some time. Due to the closeness and proximity of wells to septic systems, the PAC is concerned about the quality of our well water. The PAC approached the Larimer County Health Department asking for and encouraging reduction in permit fees for repairing or replacing septic systems thereby providing incentives to owners to check their septic systems and make any necessary repairs, however the county denied our request. This matter became a real concern last year when the RFSI closed Shagwa Lake due to contamination.



Red Feather Lakes Village Sign built on the corner of CR74E & CR 67J:

The Community Association continues to collect funds for the sign expenses through donation cans at Trading Post and Trout Tavern. We envision adding solar lighting to illuminate the sign during the evening hours. Thank you again to everyone that donated their time and volunteered on this project. We still need donations to re-pay the community association that paid for the materials and construction of the sign.

## Item of Local Interest – be aware of the Gnomes



Check out Illy Lane, aka **Elf Lane** next to Martin Bechtel Wildlife Sanctuary. This is a fun walk and adventure for your family to see all the Gnomes and Elves hidden and not so hidden along the **magical Elf Lane** or **Gnome Road**.



## Local Area Shopping

**Panhandle Creek ACE Hardware** – Hardware, Paint & Home Items, 24 Main Street, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

**Trading Post** – Pay@Pump Gas, Lottery, Groceries, Video Depot, Coffee, Micro-Meals to go and Gift Items, 41 Main St, RFL, CO

**Donner Outpost** (just opened)- Fishing and Hunting Licensees, Tackle and other camping gear, 58 Main Street, RFL, CO 80545

**Trading Post Liquors** – Beer, Wine, Liquor, Cigarettes, and Ice, 41 Main Street, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

**Red Feather Super** – Gas, Groceries, Bait & Tackle, Liquor, Beer and Gift Items, 37 County Road 67A, RFL, CO 80545

**Hill Top General Store** – Fuel, Lodging, Groceries, Ice Cream, Hardware Antiques & Gift Items, 99 Hiawatha Hwy, RFL, CO


**Summit Secrets** – Unique Gifts, Home Décor, Coffee & Sweets, 64 Main Street, Red Feather Lakes, behind Summit Real Estate

**Village Emporium** – Organic & GMO free Vitamins & Snacks, Body Oils, Coffee, Tea & Gifts, 25 Main St, RFL, CO 80545



**Bingo** is one of our biggest community activities that draws the traditional crowd. It is fun times for the family and something we enjoy offering **but we must have volunteers to make sure we are able to continue offering Bingo**. If you are interested in helping one or two Saturdays a month please let the office know. Typically, Bingo runs every Saturday night from May 27<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>; however, **we will alternate other Community Events if we do not have BINGO Volunteers**.

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## AREA RESTAURANTS

### Basil at The One Eighty-One

181 Ramona Drive, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
Ph [970-881-2622](tel:970-881-2622) Brings new flavor to RFL – call ahead  
Hours Monday- Sun 11am-11pm Closed on Wednesdays

### Beaver Meadows Ranch Restaurant

100 Beaver Meadows Place, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
Ph [970-567-9808](tel:970-567-9808) Currently on Seasonal Hours – call ahead

### Pot Belly Restaurant and Lounge- Full Service Dinning

24340 W. County Rd 74E, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
Ph [970-881-2984](tel:970-881-2984)

Hours: Wed & Thurs 10:30am-9pm Closed Tuesday  
Friday-Mon-7am-9pm Call ahead for hours

### Sportsman's Cafe

199 Dowdy Dr., Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
Ph [970-881-2701](tel:970-881-2701) Hours 8am-2pm - Hours open 4 days a week.  
Good simple Diner Food. Fast and Friendly service.  
Breakfast and Lunch "Tasty Simple" Great Price!

## AREA RESTAURANTS cont'd

**Trout Tavern** - located on the grounds of Ramona Lake Cabins  
1078 Ramona Drive, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
Ph [720-966-0087](tel:720-966-0087)

Hours Friday –Wed, Thurs & Sun 11-5 Friday & Saturday 11-7  
Panini-grilled sandwiches, salads & sweet stuff, relaxed &  
casual, now with Beer and Wine with wonderful lake views  
Check hours @ [www.trouttavern.com](http://www.trouttavern.com)

## REAL ESTATE

**Lone Pine Realty** [970-881-2500](tel:970-881-2500) [800-419-2500](tel:800-419-2500)  
6 Main St Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545 + Vacation Rentals

**Ponderosa Realty Association** [970-881-2195](tel:970-881-2195) or [800-531-2195](tel:800-531-2195)  
23340 Red Feather Lakes Road [United Country Real Estate](http://UnitedCountryRealEstate.com)

**Summit Real Estate & Marketing LLC.** [970-881-3535](tel:970-881-3535)  
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