

RFVHC YEAR END NEWS LETTER ROARING FORK VALLEY HORSE COUNCIL



MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOYEUX NOEL

FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FELIZ NAVIDAD

BUON NATALE

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
MEMBERS**

WHAT HAS THE RFVHC DONE FOR YOU IN 2017 ?

- **COZY POINT RANCH**

AFTER 2 PLUS YEARS OF EVERYONE PULLING TOGETHER, THE CITY OF ASPEN RECOGNIZES THAT COZY POINT IS A CHERISHED EQUESTRIAN CENTER. THEY HAVE RENEWED AN EQUESTRIAN LEASE, AND HAVE BEGUN TO INVEST IN SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES. THE RESULTS ARE ALREADY EVIDENT AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO MORE. THANK YOU, CITY OF ASPEN.

THE RFVHC WAS ASKED AND SUBMITTED A LIST OF LIABILITY/HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES TO THE CITY OF ASPEN/PARKS DEPARTMENT TO MAKE COZY POINT RANCH BETTER FOR HORSES AND THEIR OWNERS.

RESULTS:

(1) THE FIRST SAFETY FIRE DRILL FOR HORSES AND HUMANS WAS HELD AFTER WE SUBMITTED OUR DOCUMENT REQUESTING THIS PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(2) A BARRIER WAS CONSTRUCTED AROUND THE BLACK HILL ENERGY PROPANE METER STATION, LOCATED IN A TRAFFIC AISLE NEXT TO EMPLOYEE HOUSING, WHICH PROTECTS IT FROM CAUSING AN EXPLOSION/FIRE.

(3) WINTER WATER HEATERS AND ELECTRIC OUTLETS ARE NOW BETTER PROTECTED, KEEPING THE HORSES FROM CHEWING THROUGH THEM AND GETTING ELECTROCUTED.

(4) THE RFVHC RECOMMENDED THAT THE CATTLE BEING KEPT AT COZY POINT RANCH HAVE NO ACCESS TO BRUSH CREEK. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WERE ALREADY POLLUTING THIS ALREADY DAMAGED RIPARIAN ENVIRONMENT. THE CATTLE HAVE NOW BEEN FENCED AWAY FROM BRUSH CREEK.

WE ARE PROUD THAT COZY POINT RANCH IS BETTER BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE AND INSURE THAT OUR EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A FUNCTIONAL, SAFE, HORSE FACILITY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.



- TRAILS

GLASSIER PITKIN OST/RFVHC EQUESTRIAN PARKING AND TRAIL

THE GLASSIER RECREATIONAL PARKING INCLUDES EQUESTRIANS GIVING TRAIL RIDERS ACCESS TO 9,100 ACRES ON THE CROWN AND IS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF PITKIN OST/RFVHC PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS.

- KEEPING HORSES IN OUR VALLEY'S CULTURE & HORSES ON OUR TRAILS.

AS RANCHES SELL TO DEVELOPERS, THESE DEVELOPMENTS HELP FUEL THE MOUNTAIN BIKE CRAZE. OUR HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING TRAILS CAN BE TURNED INTO FAST TRACKS FOR PHYSICAL EXERCISE. WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER USER GROUPS TO INSURE TRAIL RIDERS HAVE PARKING AND ACCESS TO SAFE MULTI-USE TRAILS IN OUR VALLEY.



WHAT A HORSE SEES WHEN A BIKER IS MOVING FAST OR QUIETLY...

You Appear to be a Potential Predator

When meeting a horse, dismount and move a safe distance off the trail.

Speaking to the rider helps identify you as a person and will help calm a horse.

Bikes, fishing rods, backpacks, and dogs can spook even a seasoned horse that is surprised.

Share and enjoy the trails in our beautiful valley

TRAIL SAFETY IS BEST FOR EVERYONE

Stop!

Sponsored by the Routt Fork Horse Council and the Routt Fork Mountain Biking Association



- TRAIL SAFETY

WE PARTNERED WITH THE RFMBA TO PRODUCE THE TRAIL SAFETY SIGN ABOVE. THE BLM HAS POSTED OUR SIGN ON THE CROWN FOR MULTI-USE TRAIL EDUCATION.

- **TRAIL PROJECTS**

RFVHC HELPED WITH THE MUCH-NEEDED CAPITOL CREEK TRAIL PROJECT. THIS RESTORATION PROJECT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH MANY PARTNERS WORKING WITHIN THE WILDERNESS.

- **2017 FALL HARVEST PARTY**

RUMBLE RIDGE HOSTED A EVENT WITH FUN, FOOD, DRINK AND A TACK/JUMBLE SALE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE RFVHC. IT WAS WELL ATTENDED AND MANY PEOPLE SOLD OR BOUGHT ALL KINDS OF ANTIQUES, TACK & WHAT NOTS.



- **RFVHC SUPPORTS OTHER NON-PROFITS**

DUE TO THE COMMUNITY'S GENEROUS SUPPORT, IN 2017 THE RFVHC WAS ABLE TO DONATE TO OTHER HORSE NON-PROFITS.

2017 DONATIONS TO:

ROARING FORK HOUNDS PONY CLUB —

<https://www.facebook.com/keephorsesontrails/photos/pcb.2012243032328317/2012242105661743/?type=3&theater>

SMILING GOAT (AUTISTIC EQUINE THERAPY) - <https://www.facebook.com/smilinggoatranch>

CARBONDALE WILD WEST RODEO - www.carbondalerodeo.com/

SNOWMAN RECUE FUND - www.harryandsnowman.com/actioncampaign/

COLORADO WEST HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION - cwhja.com/

COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL - <https://www.coloradohorsecouncil.com/>

SOPRIS THERAPY SERVICES - <https://www.sopritherapyservices.org/>

WINDWALKERS - [WindWalkers | Equine Assisted Learning & Therapy Center](#)

- **THE ASPEN 4TH OF JULY PARADE**

SUPPORTING OUR WESTERN HERITAGE BY KEEPING HORSES IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



- **WEB SITE DIRECTORY**

PROVIDES A RESOURCE FOR ALL YOUR EQUESTRIAN NEEDS.

LISTINGS OF CONTACTS AND SERVICES FOR OUR EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.

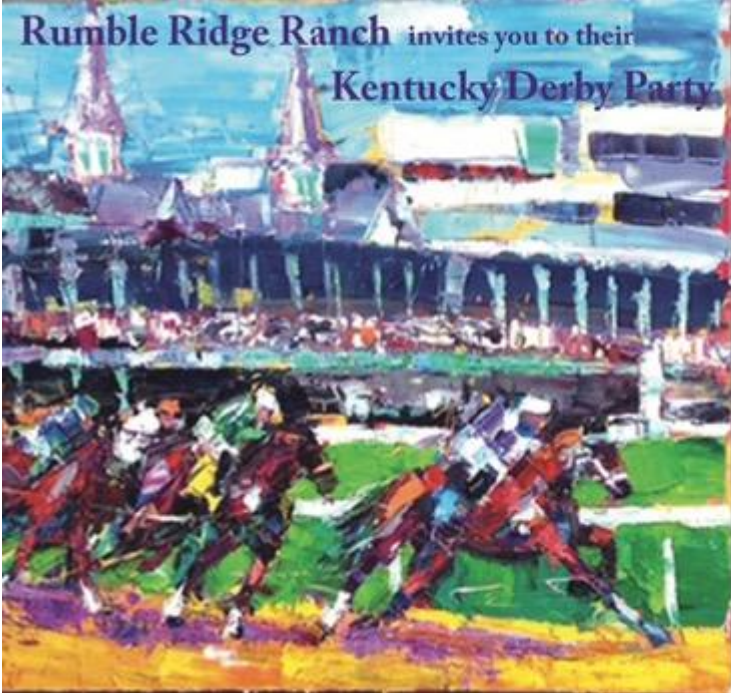
- **FACEBOOK**

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FACE BOOK PAGE

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KEEPMOUNTAINTRAILS/

FACE BOOK GIVES THE ROARING FORK EQUESTRIANS A VOICE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HORSES IN OUR VALLEY. FACEBOOK IS YOUR PLATFORM TO SPEAK UP. TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP TO KEEP OUR MOUNTAIN TRAILS PEACEFUL, OFFER HORSE INDUSTRY NEWS AND WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE THESE TRAILS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. WE APPRECIATE THE WILDLIFE AND BEAUTY AROUND US. A HORSEBACK RIDE ON OUR MOUNTAIN TRAILS IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO – KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY



Rumble Ridge Ranch invites you to their
Kentucky Derby Party

144th Run for the Roses

Ladies: Best in Hats
Gents: Best in caps and jackets
Couples: Best dressed

Saturday, May 5, 2018
2-6pm



Southern style cocktails and fare
Bring \$\$\$ for Silent Auction and Betting!

1844 Upper Cattle Creek Rd. Carbondale

Tickets available for \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door.

Please RSVP by calling 970.963.2909 or email gabrielle@windwalkerstec.org.

Benefitting WindWalkers and Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council.



EARLY PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS – DISCOUNTED FOR RFVHC MEMBERS. WITH YOUR \$35 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - YOUR DERBY PARTY TICKET – ONLY \$35 THIS OFFER IS GOOD THROUGH 3/31/2018

Printable Form - [Adobe \(PDF\)](#) copy and mail with check
OR MAKE A DONATION/PAY MEMBERSHIP WITH LINK BELOW.

["Payments and Donations"](#)



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

