

Dear North Fork Landowner,

October, 2021

Absolutely stunning fall colors, larches are beginning to turn, woodsheds are being filled, and the pine squirrels are stuffing their winter caches...winter can't be far behind!

As autumn gives way to winter, the NFLA Board of Directors and the many volunteers that are the backbone of our organization will be preparing for 2022. Over the winter months the Board will continue to meet to address issues that are of interest to us all. The North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee (NFLUAC) is wrapping up their work and will be presenting their suggested revisions to the County Planning Board, probably sometime in early 2022. The Board will be reviewing the Bylaws with any possible updates to be presented to the members at the June and July meetings.

2022 also marks the 75th Anniversary of the NFLA. Not to be missed is Lois Walker's review of our history and legacy, slated for the June 12th NFLA meeting.

Just like our own places, Sondreson Community Hall is always in need of a little TLC. By the time you read this, the new wood stove will have already warmed the October meeting – a welcome improvement, and **Thank You** to all who donated! The next big project will be to finish the ceiling and necessary mouse proofing. More on that at a later date.

Please consider getting involved. You can support this 75-year-old tradition by joining the NFLA, or by renewing your membership. Not a landowner? We invite you to join as an Associate Member (see below) to show your support, and join in our activities. We welcome any landowner who wishes to attend our meetings or events. For more information, please visit our website at www.nflandowners.com.

Remember, **paying your dues ensures receipt of our Spring Newsletter & Calendar of our Summer, 2022, events.**

And finally, on behalf of our entire North Fork Community, I wish to express our sorrow over the recent loss of Alice Caldwell, Annie Konkler, Walter Roberts, and Paul Mueller – North Forkers all. Please join me in sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to each family.

I'm looking forward to an eventful and exciting 2022!

Richard Hildner, NFLA President

North Fork Landowners' Association Membership Sign-Up/Renewal Form

The North Fork Landowners' Association was founded in 1947, and owns Sondreson Hall at Whale Creek, a center for business and social functions on the North Fork. **Only property owners of record, their spouses and adult members of their immediate families are eligible to vote;** annual dues for these Active Members are \$15 per person.

Associate Members (non-property owners wanting to support the NFLA) may not vote; dues for these Associate Members (non-voting) are \$10 per person. Dues may be paid by mail or in person at any NFLA meeting. **Additional contributions are welcome.**

To join or renew your membership, complete this form and mail it with your check to the Treasurer at the address below. All dues expire on August 31st of each year. Questions? Contact the Treasurer at nflatreasurer@gmail.com.

Name(s) of applicant(s) _____ Date _____
(must be property owner(s) shown on deed, spouse, and/or adult member of immediate family)

Name(s) of non-voting Associate members _____

Mailing address _____

North Fork property address _____

E-mail address _____ Telephone(s) _____

Please make your check(s) payable to the North Fork
Landowners' Association and mail to:

NFLA Treasurer
P.O. Box 1603
Columbia Falls, Montana 59912

Active <u>Voting</u> Members (\$15 per person)	
Associate <u>Non-Voting</u> Mbrs (\$10/person)	
Additional contribution	
Total Amount Enclosed	

The NFLA EVENTS COMMITTEE asks:

What Events would you like to see for 2022?

Which events could you host?

The NFLA organizes a variety of events for the North Fork Community, such as speakers, game nights and other informative & social events. Hosts need to be NFLA members, but events are open to the community. Lorna Rittenburg and Zoe Zardis are coordinating the calendar, and would like your input on activities for 2022. We cannot host them all, so **Hosts are needed for the following popular events: History Tours, Thanksgiving Dinner, Silent Auction to raise money for the Hall, Mobile Pizza Nights, Ice Cream Fundraiser, and any new events** the community would like to see on the calendar. Hosting is easy: it requires planning the activity, and communicating any changes as they arise. The calendar will be printed and mailed with the Spring Newsletter to NFLA members and available on the NFLA web site. Communication via the NFLA email list, will be limited to changes and updates only, updates will also be posted on the NF residents Facebook page, the NFLA website and via notices posted at the Community Hall and HRB. **If you wish to be removed from the NFLA email list for updates on events please let Lorna know.**

Lorna Rittenburg: Lornaritt@aol.com

Zoe Zardis: meowztz@migllc.com

Historically

Popular

Events

Speaker series prior to NFLA meetings

1st Aid Class/ Firewise Meeting

History tours

Gardener's Round Table

Game nights, Square Dancing

Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners at the Hall

Lost but not forgotten Pie and Ice Cream Social

***Silent Auction to raise money for the Hall**

New in 2021

***Mobile Pizza Nights located throughout the North Fork**

Star nights

***Ice Cream Fundraiser in Polebridge**

Auction Fundraiser & Music Night at HRB

***Items that need Hosts.** Please let Lorna or Zoe know about any ideas for Events you might have!

"Be Bear Aware" Flyer

In an effort to remind the community, visitors, and the public how to live in bear country, Lorna designed a flyer to be placed in rental accommodations, work camps, on notice boards, etc. throughout the North Fork. For copies, or a link to the printable pdf contact Lorna Rittenburg (lornaritt@aol.com) or download from the NFLA website www.nflandowners.com

Please Be Bear Aware



- Do not leave food and trash outside or in vehicles, trailers or tents
- Only use approved bear trash cans outside
- Don't let bears stay in yards or approach structures
- Clean and preferably store barbecues inside
- Install electrified fence around fruit trees, vegetable gardens and compost piles
- No bird feeders between April 1st to December 1st

**Simple tasks keep the bears safe.
Help us live safely with the wildlife!**

*** North Fork Patrol Sign-up Form ***

We of the North Fork Patrol hope you return to the North Fork to find your place intact. If you find a problem with criminal mischief, theft or burglary, report it immediately to the Flathead County Sheriff's office at (406) 758-5585 and to North Fork Patrol Chairman Mark Heaphy (406) 890-5043 or m-mheaphy@hotmail.com.

In addition to checking on properties, the North Fork Patrol also pays a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any wrongdoers on the North Fork. The Patrol is not a law enforcement authority nor is it a full-time security provider; it is a neighborhood service of volunteers helping to keep an eye on their neighbor's properties as best as they can. For additional information regarding the patrol, please see the NFLA website at www.nflandowners.org.

*** An annual donation of \$10 or more will help provide funds for rewards and to compensate patrollers for gasoline and other expenses. To participate in the North Fork Patrol, please complete the **entire** form below:

**North Fork Patrol
c/o Mark and Margaret Heaphy,
11530 North Fork Road,
Polebridge, MT 59928**

(Please do not send the form and check to the NFLA Secretary/Treasurer)

***I, _____, give the North Fork Patrol permission to enter my property to inspect the **exterior** of all buildings for evidence of physical damage or criminal activity. If any such damage is detected, it will be reported to the landowner. In cases of criminal activity where the landowner cannot be contacted, the proper authorities will be notified.

Signature _____ Date _____

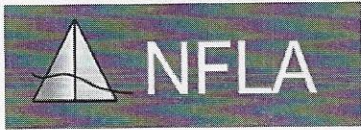
Fill in the following if new, otherwise write "same":

Property address and directions to property :

Mailing address _____

E-mail address _____ Telephone _____

Amount Contributed (please make check payable to "North Fork Patrol") \$ _____



Emergency Services on the North Fork

Fire, Sheriff, SAR or Medical Emergency

Call 911

Border Patrol

406-862-2561

Flathead County Sheriff Dispatch

406-758-5610; 758-5585 report a crime

Flathead Nat'l Forest Law Enforcement

406-758-5297

Game Warden

406-249-6231

GNP Polebridge Ranger Station

406-888-7842

Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

406-752-5501

To report a Forest Fire

406-758-5260 Kalispell; 387-3800 H Horse

To report a Poacher

1-800-TIP-MONT (847-6668)

BLACK bear problems 406-250-0062

GRIZZLY bear problems 406-250-1265

William & Lois Walker
OR CURRENT RESIDENT
11233 N Fork Rd
Polebridge MT 59928-9611



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