

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/6/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Aspen City Council discussed building three new affordable apartment complexes during their work session this week. The conversation lasted three hours and touched on the differing interests involved.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/9/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners will address affordable housing from multiple angles Tuesday.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/31/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: One of the most significant pieces of legislation to come out of this year's legislative session was signed into law Tuesday. Senate Bill 267 avoided deep cuts to hospitals and put about 2 billion dollars into road funding.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/6/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: First-time candidate Ward Hauenstein has bested competitor Torre by 29 votes to become Aspen's newest councilmember. Aspen Public Radio's Alycin Bektesh was on hand at the city clerk's office last night as the results were announced and brings us this report.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/2/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: Colorado Congressman Scott Tipton (R-District 3) represents one of the largest geographical districts in the country. He sits on the Subcommittee on Mineral and Energy Resources and the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Environment reporter Elizabeth Stewart-Severy recently spoke with Tipton about proposed legislation and his philosophy on public lands.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/24/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Basalt Town Council meets Tuesday night; they'll discuss purchasing the Pan and Fork property downtown. Voters struck down a measure to buy the property in November's election.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/31/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: On Thursday night, Eagle County commissioners will see updated plans for a mid-valley housing development. Woody Ventures is the developer on the proposed Tree Farm.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/2/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Next week, key players providing public health in the valley are convening to address funding for mental health services.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/4/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: Neighborly disputes are nothing new. There's the dog next door that poops on your lawn. The house that throws loud backyard parties. The guy down the block who always plows through the stop sign.

But in Colorado, the introduction of legal, home-grown marijuana has elevated tension among neighbors to a whole new level.

Reporter(s): Bente Birkeland and Luke Runyon

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/17/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Aspen's elected officials are considering two proposed laws that combat tobacco use. One of them would prohibit the sale of all tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21. Right now, you only have to be 18 to buy tobacco in Colorado.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/18/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: "Citizenship Day" is Saturday at Saint Stephen Catholic Church in Glenwood Springs. Volunteer immigration lawyers will help people apply for citizenship.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/4/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Local environmental watchdog Wilderness Workshop joins forces with the legal non-profit Earthjustice tonight for a discussion about how to safeguard public lands.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/8/17

Time: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30

Description: Low flows in the Roaring Fork have state and local officials concerned about the health of the river, but city officials have some creative ideas for fixes. Environment reporter Elizabeth Stewart-Severy has been following the issue and spoke with Christin Kay about it.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/16/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Young and newborn wildlife often attract the attention of well-meaning citizens. Wildlife agencies and local nonprofits are reminding people to keep their distance.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/19/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: On Monday, Garfield County's Board of Commissioners renewed a \$85,000 contract with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to monitor the county's air quality.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/28/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: One of the two men arrested in February for robbing a convenience store in Carbondale is wanted by the Las Vegas Police. He is suspected of homicide.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/13/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: An 8-year-old boy died while hiking at Hanging Lake near Glenwood Springs on Monday. The boy was reportedly walking across some rocks near a waterfall when he slipped, fell and hit his head on a rock.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/14/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Garfield County's Sheriff Office arrested a married couple from Silt on Tuesday.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/1/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: Rob Stein is the superintendent of the Roaring Fork School District. He recently sat down with a group of parents who voiced what they see as a "pattern of political bias" within the district. Stein wrote an op-ed for the Glenwood Post Independent, reflecting on the discussion.

Aspen Public Radio's Wyatt Orme spoke with him about piece.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/31/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Esteemed jazz musician Ron Carter is conducting a residency at the Aspen Middle School this week.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/4/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Roaring Fork School District held graduation ceremonies this past Friday and Saturday. Some schools saw dramatic increases in graduates, like Bridges High School, an alternative school in Carbondale.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/12/17

Time: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30

Description: Local environmental group Wilderness Workshop hosted an event with the legal non-profit Earthjustice last week. The panel discussion was titled "Resistance: in the courts and on the ground." Elizabeth Stewart-Severy was there and spoke with producer Christin Kay about the event.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/5/17

Time: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30

Description: Two of the Roaring Fork Valley's premier conservation organizations, the Wilderness Workshop and Aspen Valley Land Trust, are celebrating their 50th anniversaries this year. They threw a joint party in Carbondale last Friday, where Aspen Public Radio's Elizabeth Stewart-Severy caught up with Michael McVoy, who has served on the boards of both organizations.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/15/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: Last week, the Glenwood Vaudeville Revue hosted a benefit gala for the Glenwood Center for the Arts that raised roughly one-third of the funds owed to the center's part time teachers.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/4/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: A local environmental nonprofit and the City of Aspen have been taking steps toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Artist Sonja Hinrichsen has been bringing attention to the issue with snowshoers in the valley through an environmental art project.
Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/7/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: This weekend, student dancers and professionals will take the stage at the Bonedale Ballet studio for a series of spring performances.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/31/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: In the valley, people are passionate about their roundabouts. Along with improving safety and traffic flow, roundabouts are also used as defacto gallery spaces. But with new public art popping up in these places so are questions and complaints.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/5/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: A proposal that would pave the way for driverless cars in Colorado cleared the House Tuesday with widespread support. Supporters said it will help Colorado prepare for new technology and automation.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

Program: Morning News

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: As the weather heats up, local energy organizations and utilities are offering residents opportunities to make their homes more efficient.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/8/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Drivers interested in going electric can test out cars today in Aspen.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: 4/18/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: It's mid-April, with mild temperatures and sunshine on the snow-capped peaks above Avalanche Creek. The grasses and shrubs along the valley floor are still golden brown, inching toward green. It won't rain today but there's a front moving in tomorrow, and it's windy. All of this means the variables are coming together for fire.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 5/31/17

Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Pitkin County's plan for dealing with natural hazards is due for an update. The 2017 edition will consider climate change impacts.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 6/7/17

Time: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Description: Visitors at Ruedi Reservoir this summer will find new gates at the boat ramp, as officials are restricting access so they can more effectively screen for invasive species of mussels. Keeping these creatures out of the reservoir is top priority.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy