

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO NEWS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: July 6

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

Description: Last month the Aspen City Council abruptly squelched a year of negotiations regarding the future of the city-owned original Aspen powerhouse, and directed staff to instead examine the building for government office use. Mayor Steve Skadron suggested that temporarily moving some city departments to the public building would allow the city to put on hold plans for building a new civic plaza on Galena street, and instead focus the community development office's re-haul of planning and zoning guidelines.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 22

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

Description: In an effort to increase voter registration, primarily among young, first time voters, the state of Colorado has launched a system that allows people to register by sending a text.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 28

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

Description: This fall, Aspen Public Radio is exploring how statewide measures play out in the Roaring Fork Valley. Tune in each week to hear an analysis of each initiative. This week, we are covering Amendment 69 - "ColoradoCare" A "yes" vote would change the state constitution to set up a universal health care system, a "no" vote would keep health care as is.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: July 27

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

Description: A new proposal to replace the Conoco gas station in downtown Aspen will get its first public review tonight.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 2

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

Description: Prockter Open Space will be getting some updates this fall, and the City of Aspen is looking for public input today.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 30

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

Description: Pitkin County officials hosted an open house last night to present the latest iteration of conceptual plans for an expanded airport.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

#### SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: July 26

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

Description: Elected officials are taking the high road today when it comes to understanding the local marijuana industry.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 24

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

Description: The Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office is resurrecting a program for sexual assault victims in the valley. The SANE program, which stands for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, has been dormant for four years. Aspen Public Radio's Carolyn Sackariason spoke with District Attorney Sherry Caloia about the effort.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 30

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

Description: The City of Aspen is dipping its toes into the realm of food security and encouraging residents to grow their own vegetables and herbs.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

#### ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: July 19

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

Description: Pitkin County residents will likely be asked to continue taxing themselves to pay for open space and trails for another twenty years. The Open Space and Trails Board plans to ask voters in November to extend a mill levy that provides about \$10 million of funding a year. Allocation of that money would change slightly to allow for more spending on maintenance and stewardship of current Open Space and Trails properties.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 24

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

Description: Summer in downtown Aspen is bright with colorful flowers and green parks, and many of those spaces are also working hard to clean up runoff from storms before it hits the river.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 28

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

Description: Jenny Price, Aspen Words' writer in residence for September, spent her month here working on her book titled "Stop Saving the Planet!"  
Price describes the book as a polemical text, and it highlights the flaws she sees in the design of current environmental change movements. Price said she hopes that the book starts a dialogue.  
Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

#### EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: July 29

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

Description: Details about an hours-long hostage incident on Independence Pass show alleged gunman Brolin McConnell, of Colorado Springs, believed he was in a Truman Show-like scenario and that his life was in danger. Twelve accounts from victims and witnesses were collected and made available from the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office yesterday.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason and Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 16

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

Description: A 29-year-old man identified as Ryan Becvarik was found in an irrigation ditch near Sopris Park in Carbondale Sunday night, according to Garfield County Coroner Robert Glassmire.

Reporter: Barbara Platts

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 21

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

Description: Related Companies announced Tuesday that it is selling its Base Village assets to East West Partners, the Aspen Skiing Co. and an affiliate of KSL Capital Partners.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

#### EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: July 18

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

Description: The Aspen High School is once again looking for an assistant principal. Grant Safranek accepted the job in May. But last week, he rescinded without giving a reason.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason and Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 30

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

Description: Morgan Williams, the fourth and fifth grade teacher at Glenwood Spring's Two Rivers Community School took his students on a multi-disciplinary field trip last week. An adventure at the South Canyon Landfill served as an environmental lesson, as well as an opportunity to work on writing.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 13

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

Description: Kidney expert Dr. Richard Johnson discusses how climate change relates to the evolution of mankind tonight as part of the Aspen Global Change Institute's public speaker series.

Johnson, who is the chief of the renal division and hypertension at the University of Colorado, researches kidney disease, diabetes and obesity, and he has found connections to climate change in his studies.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

### NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: July 25

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit. This month is Spellbinders. Spellbinders Executive Director Catherine Scales Johnson discusses the impact of Spellbinders on the students in schools throughout the Roaring Fork Valley and the future of the volunteer-based organization. 5th grade Aspen Middle School teacher Amy Gray also contributes to the importance of the program in the classroom.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 22

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit. This month is Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association. Mike Pritchard, Executive Director of the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, RFMBA, shares the organization's recent success with trail systems in New Castle, and the organization's future goals and trail projects. Adam Cornely of New Castle Trails and Charlie Eckart, RFMBA Board President, also contribute.

Learn more about RFMBA and how you can get involved at [www.RFMBA.org](http://www.RFMBA.org), and visit the New Castle Trails Facebook page for volunteer opportunities and trail updates.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 26

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit organization. This month is the Wilderness Workshop. Sloan Shoemaker, Executive Director of Wilderness Workshop, and Will Roush, Conservation Director of Wilderness Workshop, discuss the organization's role in conserving and protecting public lands today and what the future holds. Challenges include overpopulation and climate change, but the Workshop remains optimistic.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

### ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: July 28

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

Description: All week, Pitkin County Sheriff Joe DiSalvo has been practicing his moves for his debut dance performance on Friday at Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's premiere fundraiser, Dancing with the Stars. Community members dance with ballet company members in competition against one another.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 29

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

Description: Analog Son is a Denver-based funk group making their JAS Labor Day experience debut this weekend. They're opening for the R and B legend, Stevie Wonder. One of the group's members,

Jordan Linit, spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Patrick Fort about this opportunity and what it means to them.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 30

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

Description: Wade Newsom grew up in Oklahoma. He was a fan of the Def Poetry Jam specials on HBO. He loved hip-hop. The Beastie Boys. Run DMC. He started to write like the musicians he listened to. But through high school, he kind of lost that passion. In college, he played basketball. It was there that he sort of rediscovered writing. He needed a way to express the stress he was feeling. After graduating, he moved to Colorado.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

### ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: July 13

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

Description: Two traffic counts for separate government projects have been measuring activity in and out of Aspen at peak drive times to gather data for local management plans.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 17

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

Description: At a work session Tuesday, Pitkin County commissioners discussed plans for spending \$2 million generated by the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program, where developers have to pay to offset energy demands.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 27

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

Description: Last night, Aspen City Council approved an ordinance to fine heavy-duty diesel vehicles that emit too much smoke. The new law localizes a state-wide regulation that requires diesel vehicles to keep emissions below 40 percent opacity, which is the measure of the particulate in smoke from trucks. Trucks are periodically stopped and tested; six of the 33 trucks at a test conducted earlier this summer failed.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

### SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: July 21

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

Description: The 4th annual Aspen Brain Lab is Saturday. Aspen Public Radio's Barbara Platts spoke with president and founder Glenda Greenwald, as well as a researcher who will be speaking at the event.

Reporter: Barbara Platts

Program: Morning News

Date: July 27

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

Description: The City of Aspen is looking to curb emissions, and soon truck drivers could face a \$500 fine for excess exhaust smoke.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 6

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

Description: Hubbard Cave outside of Glenwood has been closed to humans since 2010, and officials with the White River National Forest are proposing keeping it this way for the next three years. The move is an effort to prevent White Nose Syndrome, which has killed more than 6 million bats in the eastern United States.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy