

**Stations KAJX and KCJX (Aspen Public Radio)**  
**Quarterly Listing of Community Issues and Programs**  
**[April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023]**

LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen School District purchases 18 employee housing units in Snowmass Village, some could house non-district employees

Issue: housing shortage and cost of housing

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: April 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Aspen School District acquired 18 new housing units in Snowmass Village for its employee housing program. The \$10.5 million acquisition of two apartment buildings on Assay Hill Court, across the street from the Timbers Club, is made possible by the 2020 voter-approved housing bond. Many of the current tenants are employees already working in Pitkin County and will be displaced in December, but the district might not be able to fill all of the units with their teachers.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: The Entrance to Aspen: where we are, and what city officials still want to know

Issue: replacing aging infrastructure

Reporter: Halle Zander and Caroline Llanes

Date: May 19, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM.

Description: The Entrance to Aspen is a contentious issue that has been a topic of discussion in the community for decades. Now, it's back on the table, as Aspen's city council and other officials determine whether the previously approved plan is the best fit for the city, and what it needs from the Colorado Department of Transportation to move forward.

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/SCIENCE

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Federal, state, and local lawmakers oppose Uinta Basin Railway in Glenwood Canyon

Issue: transportation of oil through our area

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: April 10, 2023

Time: 7:04 - 7:09 AM, and 4:04 - 4:06 PM.

Description: U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and U.S. Representative Joe Neguse (D-CO) joined local lawmakers in Glenwood Springs on Friday to oppose the Uinta Basin Railway. It would use existing tracks directly along 100 miles of the Colorado River, including through Glenwood Canyon, the upper Colorado east of Dotsero, and Gore Canyon, to transport waxy crude oil from Utah's Uinta Basin to oil refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. They've petitioned the Department of Transportation to reconsider funding the project, as well as the Department of Agriculture to revoke the railway's approval, and the EPA to conduct a more thorough environmental analysis. They say the original analysis only considered the environmental impacts on Utah, not on Colorado.

NOTE: This is one short news story included as a sample of our ongoing coverage of a the issue of transportation of oil through our listening area. Coverage started with the visit by our senator and will continue until the issue is decided.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: An 'Outstanding in the Field' dinner tells the stories of farmers during the Food and Wine Classic

Issue: local farming economy

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 24, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: There's not much cell service at McCabe Ranch in Old Snowmass — just sweeping views of the Elk Mountains and sprawling lands for cattle grazing. Here, in a historical building that looks like an airplane hangar, hay covers the floor; birds nest and chirp overhead. But come Friday night, the sounds of clinking glasses and dinner conversation will fill the space for an event that aims to connect people with each other and with the food on their plates.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Explore Booksellers: Environmental Warrior Doug Peacock

Issue: preserving wilderness and wildlife

Reporter: James Barrs

Date: June 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 7:59 PM.

Description: Explore hosted Doug Peacock, author, filmmaker, and wildlife activist. A lifetime of devotion to the environment, Doug served as the model for the character George Washington Hayduke in Edward Abbey's novel *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. In his new book, *Was It Worth It?: A Wilderness Warrior's Long Trail Home*, Peacock reflects on a life lived in the wild and

sojourns with his generation's environmental leaders: Author Peter Matthiessen, Yvon Chouinard of Patagonia, Doug Tompkins of North Face. In this collection of reflective and frank essays along with gripping stories of adventure, Peacock recounts his adventures to understand and explain his perspective on Nature: That wilderness is the only thing left worth saving.

## EDUCATION

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Grand Valley senior advocating for right to wear sash with Mexican and American flags to graduation, speaking to school board Tuesday

Issue: dress codes and free expression for students at school events

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM.

Description: Naomi Peña Villasano, a senior at Grand Valley High School in Parachute, wants to wear a sash with the Mexican and American flags on it to her graduation ceremony this month. But Jennifer Baugh, the Garfield County School District No. 16 superintendent, said she won't allow it. In an email to Peña Villasano on April 13, Baugh said allowing her to wear the sash to graduation would require the district to allow other students to wear flags as well, some of which are considered offensive, like the Confederate flag.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: New "Girls in STEM" summer camp aims to bridge the field's gender divide

Issue: gender imbalance in science, technology, engineering, and math professionals

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: May 24, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Women have been historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 1970, women made up only 8% of STEM workers, and in 2019, that figure jumped to 27%. Women make up nearly half the American workforce, so there's still room to improve. Addison Hobbs, an educator for the Aspen Science Center, hosts STEM exploration hours at libraries in the Roaring Fork and Colorado river valleys, and she's introducing a new summer camp tailored for girls.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Local schools, and students, this year dealt with shooting threats, protests, and freedom of speech questions

Issue: safety in schools, freedom of speech for students in schools

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: June 7, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Schools are out in the Roaring Fork Valley, and this year, Aspen School District, Roaring Fork School District, and Garfield County School District No. 16 faced a number of challenges. Some received false shooting threats, while the Roaring Fork School District saw protests and Garfield-16 faced a lawsuit from a student over free-speech issues. Halle Zander covered education this year for Aspen Public Radio and she spoke with Eleanor Bennett about the events of the year.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: CMC's 'renaissance man' Tom Buesch retires after three decades teaching at Aspen campus

Issue: building and maintaining educational and cultural organizations in our area

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: May 21, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Tom Buesch remembers the Goethe Bicentennial in 1949. He was there, just a kid, at the celebration of a German intellectual's 200th birthday that helped launch the Aspen Music Festival and School, and the Aspen Institute, and that established Aspen itself as an international hub of performing arts and big ideas. All this might interest the 81-year-old Buesch now, as a retiring professor of arts and humanities at Colorado Mountain College's Aspen campus.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Rachel Richards passes the torch after three decades in public office

Issue: representation in local government

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: April 14, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Rachel Richards attended her last Aspen City Council meeting Tuesday night after three decades in public office in Aspen and Pitkin County. "I feel a certain amount of relief when you look at the many crushing issues around us that the community needs to deal with," she said. "On the other hand, I'm really going to miss being a part of those conversations and decisions." Richards was 29-years-old when she first ran for city council in 1991 with the support of Eve Homeyer, Aspen's first woman mayor.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen and Pitkin County share childcare struggles, talk relief for educators, providers

Issue: childcare shortage in our area

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Both the Aspen city council and the Pitkin County commissioners got childcare updates this week. Like much of Colorado, the Roaring Fork Valley is having trouble providing childcare due to rising tuition costs, low pay for teachers, and teachers leaving the field. Aspen's city council set a goal last year of increasing childcare capacity. It got an update on its efforts from the Kids First office on Monday. That's the city of Aspen's early childhood resource center, which provides everything from grants to providers to financial aid to families. One program the city implemented to increase was wage enhancement money. Over \$100,000 has been distributed to 38 teachers who work at programs in Aspen city limits.

## WILDFIRES

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Monday update: crews battling the Spring Creek Fire prepare for warmer, windier weather this week

Issue: managing wildfire in our area

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: June 29, 2023

Time: 7:04 - 7:09 AM, and 4:04 - 4:06 PM.

Description: The Spring Creek Fire didn't grow much over the weekend, but officials are preparing for warmer, windier weather this week that could exacerbate the blaze. Local and regional fire crews made some headway in the last week on containing the fire, which had burned about 2,900 acres just south of Parachute and Battlement Mesa as of the latest update on Monday morning. The brush fire, which started the afternoon of June 24, was about 37% contained as of an update issued at 10 a.m. Monday morning.

NOTE: This is one short news story included as a sample of our ongoing coverage of a wildfire in our listening area. Coverage started with the beginning of the fire on June 24 and continued through the end of the quarterly reporting period on June 30.

## ARTS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Girl Scouts help design Carbondale's new playground at Hendrick's Park

Issue: replacing aging recreation infrastructure

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: June 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Town of Carbondale's Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a ribbon-cutting for a new playground it unveiled this year at Hendrick's Park and enlisted help from Girl Scouts to pick the final design. In 2022, Girl Scout Troop 17082 decided to pursue a Take Action badge, which requires kids to think big and address the cause of a problem in their community. The troop took a trip to Hendrick's Park in Carbondale last year, and noticed the infrastructure was failing and decided to get involved.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Film's Shortsfest brings a 'wealth of talent' to Wheeler Opera House

Issue: cultural and economic impact of arts in our area

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 4, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Aspen Film's annual "Shortsfest" is one of the only Oscar-qualifying festivals in the country dedicated to short films — and next week, it returns to the Wheeler Opera House with 79 films at 11 different screening programs. The festival begins with a youth forum at the Aspen District Theatre on Monday, April 10, then screenings run Tuesday through Sunday at the Wheeler Opera House. Single-screening tickets are on sale at [aspenshowtix.com](https://www.aspenshowtix.com). Before the festival begins, Kaya Williams spoke with Shortsfest Program Director Jason Anderson to learn more about the lineup.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Words Literary Prize finalist Oscar Hokeah draws from personal experience in debut novel

Issue: cultural and economic impact of local book award

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 11, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Oscar Hokeah drew from personal experience for his debut novel, a coming-of-age story about a young man with Native American and Mexican heritage that aligns with the author's own roots. (Hokeah is a citizen of Cherokee Nation and the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma

from his mother; his father emigrated from Aldama, Chihuahua, Mexico.) Now, Hokeah's "Calling For A Blanket Dance" is one of five books on the shortlist for this year's Aspen Words Literary Prize, which awards one author of any nationality \$35,000 for a work of fiction that has a social impact.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Coming-of-age novel lands Sarah Thankam Mathews on Aspen Words Literary Prize shortlist

Issue: cultural and economic impact of local book award

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 12, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: In "All this Could Be Different," author Sarah Thankam Mathews tells a story about coming of age, immigration and sexuality through a young Indian woman's move to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The book follows its protagonist to first job, her first love and her first real friendships. And now, the author's first published novel has made her a finalist for the \$35,000 Aspen Words Literary Prize, which honors one author of any nationality for a work of fiction that has a social impact.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Words Literary Prize finalist Manuel Muñoz channels stories of California's Central Valley

Issue: cultural and economic impact of local book award

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 13, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Throughout his two-decade writing career, author Manuel Muñoz has explored stories about the place he was born and raised in California's Central Valley. He published his first book, a collection of short stories titled "Zigzagger," in 2003, then followed it with another collection, "The Faith Healer of Olive Avenue," in 2007 and his debut novel, "What You See in the Dark," in 2011. Muñoz's latest book, "The Consequences," is his first in more than a decade — a collection of short stories set mainly in the 1980s with a focus on the lives of Mexican and Mexican American farmworkers in communities around Fresno. "The Consequences" has made Muñoz a finalist for this year's Aspen Words Literary Prize, which awards \$35,000 to a work of fiction with a social impact.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: A story of midlife transition lands Angie Cruz on Aspen Words Literary Prize shortlist

Issue: cultural and economic impact of local book award

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 16, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Author Angie Cruz was nearly ready to quit her writing career when an idea struck for a character named Cara Romero, an immigrant woman going through an unexpected midlife transition. Romero's story of secrets, regrets and relationships became the novel "How Not To Drown in In a Glass of Water," published last year as several conversations-turned-confessionals with a job counselor. Now, the book has landed Cruz on the shortlist for the Aspen Words Literary Prize, a \$35,000 award for fiction with a social impact.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Words Literary Prize finalist Jamil Jan Kochai combines humor, loss in short story collection

Issue: cultural and economic impact of local book award

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 17, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Through 12 distinctive short stories in his latest collection, author Jamil Jan Kochai explores themes of displacement, family and a search for home in the wake of violence in Afghanistan. His book, titled "The Haunting of Hajji Hotak and Other Stories," was a finalist for the National Book Award. And now, it has landed Kochai on the shortlist for this year's Aspen Words Literary Prize, which awards \$35,000 for a work of fiction with a social impact.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: A work of 'living art' defines the Shining Mountains Powwow in Aspen this weekend

Issue: maintaining native cultural traditions

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: May 23, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: The Shining Mountains Powwow returns to Aspen High School on May 27 and 28 with dancing, drumming and singing contests as well as food and artisan vendors. Kaya Williams spoke with event emcee Steve LaPointe of the Sicangu Lakota tribe and Aspen Indigenous Foundation executive director Deanne Vitrac-Kessler about the experience.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Fringe Festival takes a 'deep dive' into one composer's vast musical repertoire



Issue: creating space for fringe cultural expression

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: June 8, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Most romantic comedies follow the same predictable format: Two people meet, fall in love, part ways, then reunite. End of story. But “Enter the Guardsman” is not the usual rom-com. “This is one of the few shows that actually opens in the middle of a relationship and ends in the middle of a relationship, of the same relationship,” composer Craig Bohmler said. The show takes the stage of the Wheeler Opera House on Friday evening as part of the Aspen Fringe Festival’s 15th annual Junefest, a two-day celebration of performing arts. Bohmler will also serve as musical director of the show, about an actor who masquerades as the “guardsman” in an effort to seduce his own wife, an actress, and catch her in the betrayal.

## SOCIAL ISSUES/ RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Challenge Aspen strives for an inclusive ski competition in ‘Limitless Mountain Challenge’

Issue: Providing opportunities for persons with disabilities

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: April 12, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Challenge Aspen introduced a new program at Snowmass last week called the “Limitless Mountain Challenge.” The fundraising event had athletes competing to ski the most downhill vertical feet in one day, but they could also win prizes by raising the most money for Challenge Aspen or soliciting the most donors. The event brought out a range of different skiers on Saturday, April 8, both adaptive and able-bodied, competing against each other. That inclusivity was meaningful people with disabilities who participated in the event.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: ‘We are investing here’: Raizado Festival returning to Aspen to celebrate Latinx community

Issue: maintaining Latinx culture in Aspen

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: June 13, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Raizado Festival will return to Aspen for its second summer and feature guest speakers, outdoor excursions, live music, and films that celebrate the Latine community at

various locations around the city. The four-day festival from Aug. 24-27 is hosted by The Latinx House, which organizes cultural events around the country, and was created by Mónica Ramirez and Olga Segura, who have committed to bring the festival to Aspen for at least 10 years.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Local LGBTQ+ advocacy leaders reflect on a year of successes and challenges during Pride

Issue: LGBTQ+ advocacy

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: June 8, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:59 AM, and 4:44 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Pride Month celebrations are kicking off here in the Roaring Fork Valley, starting with the second-annual Glenwood Pride this weekend. The event takes place under the bridge at Bethel Plaza on Saturday, June 10 from 5-8:30 p.m. Last year's inaugural event was co-organized by the city and local LGBTQIA+ advocate Kaleb Cook of Cook Inclusive Company. This year, more local advocacy groups have joined as official partners, including AspenOUT, Bluebird Café, Gay 4 Good, and Mountain Pride, among others. LGBTQIA+ advocacy groups will have resources available and there will be live music from Party Party, local food and drink vendors, and lots of Pride swag.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Glenwood Pride celebrates community and highlights need to protect LGBTQ+ rights

Issue: LGBTQ+ rights

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: June 13, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A large crowd donning rainbow flags and brightly-colored outfits gathered for the second Glenwood Pride at Bethel Plaza Saturday night. The celebration featured speeches, live music and performances as well as local and regional organizations handing out resources and connecting with community members. The event was an opportunity for many to celebrate community and advocate for LGBTQ+ rights.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Valley Settlement gets \$2 million from MacKenzie Scott for services to immigrant communities

Issue: support for immigrants and children of immigrants

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: May 31, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Local nonprofit Valley Settlement has received a \$2 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, who was formerly married to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. Valley Settlement provides a variety of programs that support immigrant communities, mainly surrounding early childhood development. Some of Valley Settlement's services include its Busesito mobile preschool, support for in-home childcare providers, postpartum support for new moms, and continuing education for adults like pre-GED programs.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'Junior Ski Patrol' clinic aims to 'create a new balance' in male-dominated industry

Issue: gender representation in ski patrol

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 13, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: On a chilly winter morning in Snowmass Village, middle and high schoolers buzzed with chatter as they picked up skier safety cards, pocketed snacks and prepared for a "Junior Ski Patrol" clinic on the mountain. Though the day's agenda included medical response, mountain rescue and avalanche safety courses, the real source of excitement was clear from the get-go: One gaggle of middle schoolers unanimously agreed that the prospect of meeting avalanche dogs would be a highlight. The patrollers, meanwhile, were excited about mentorship, and the opportunity to inspire young skiers to consider a career in patrol. Unlike some other opportunities for wannabe patrollers in the Roaring Fork Valley, this clinic was focused specifically on girls and nonbinary kids, and it was led by a crew of female patrollers.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Martha Redbone uses music to educate audiences of all ages about cultural history

Issue: historical oppression and its impact on society today

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: April 24, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: On a wintery Friday morning at the Aspen Country Day School, singing students packed the Lower School Commons for an interactive assembly with musician Martha Redbone. In the first 20 minutes, Redbone had already taught the kids traditional Native American chants and playful dances. But the next song, an original Redbone wrote with her husband Aaron Whitby, had a much more somber tone: "40 Wheels" is about the Trail of Tears, and the brutal forced displacement of nearly 100,000 Native Americans in the Southeast in the 1800s; routes stretched across portions nine states and thousands died in the process.

Program: Sunday Special

Story Title: Living Legends of Aspen

Issue: historical cultural and political clashes and how they reflect on today's Aspen

Reporter: James Barrs

Date: April 9, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:59 PM.

Description: Aspen Hall of Fame inductees Joe Edwards and Michael Kinsley are joined by Bill Kane to tell the story of "how Aspen got to now" through their deeply personal experiences. What did Aspen look, feel, and sound, like in the 60s? What did Joe, Hunter, and the Citizens for Community want to change and why? How did they organize, deliberate, and build their platform of action - and what were the public receptivity to them and their ideas? How was the sausage made and how hard/easy was it? What was it like as a leader in the hot seat? What can these and other experiences teach us about our challenges today, how to approach them, where to go, what is possible, and what can you do?

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Equity Speaker Series: Full Circle Strategies

Issue: forming authentic connections across cultural boundaries

Reporter: James Barrs

Date: June 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:20 PM.

Description: Kenya, Donisha and Luana from FCS define cultural humility and how it can serve as a best practice to: form more authentic connections; practice more holistic wellness and understanding; and shift the way power is seen and used.