

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 6

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

Description: In some ways the election in state house district 61 is a rematch. The district includes Summit, Lake and Pitkin counties and parts of Delta and Gunnison counties. Democrat Millie Hamner won the district two years ago beating, among others, Debra Irvine. Despite that loss, this year, Irvine, a Republican, is back to challenge Hamner.

Reporter: Roger Adams

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 6

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

Description: Democrat Kerry Donovan is outlining what issues she'd like to take to Denver now that she's been elected to the State Senate District Five seat. Donovan barely beat her competitor in a race that was closely watched statewide. She spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 19

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

Description: A committee charged with brainstorming redevelopment ideas for downtown Basalt presented their findings on Thursday evening. The Downtown Area Advisory Committee met with Town Council, the Planning and Zoning committee and scores of interested citizens. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 29

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

Description: Tensions were high at a packed Town Council meeting in Basalt Tuesday night, where the discussion was about downtown redevelopment. A group of people criticized council and the mayor, accusing them of hijacking the months-long community process of deciding what belongs on key parcels. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 2

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

Description: Small lodges could have a brighter future in Aspen. City Council decided Monday night to pursue ways to help them do small renovations and generally spruce things up. That's part of a scaled down version of a lodging ordinance that's moving forward.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 23

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

Description: Aspen officials are considering two new affordable lodges in the main part of town. Chicago developer and transplant Mark Hunt is behind them. He gained attention earlier this year for purchasing multiple properties in Aspen, including the historic Crystal Palace. Some locals have wondered aloud whether it's a good idea to have one person buying so much property. Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher files this story on whether it's happened before-- and the mood now in Aspen about development.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

## SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 28

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

Description: A laboratory that tests retail marijuana is opening in Carbondale. It's one of just two such Colorado labs west of the Continental Divide. The scientists who run GreenHill Laboratories say they will be testing for potency and they'll be one of the first to test for contaminants. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 18

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

Description: A suicide prevention organization is unveiling a new campaign tonight. The Hope Center, now based in Basalt, is also hosting an expert on healing communities. Michelle Muething is Executive Director of the small nonprofit, which offers a hotline and counseling for people with suicidal thoughts. Muething says the new effort is called the "Erase the Stigma" campaign, and it's based on feedback gathered since last spring.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 17

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

Description: The dogs at an embattled dog sledding operation have seen a lot of change in the last year. The owner of the Snowmass Village-based Krabloonik Fine Dining and Dogsledding was charged with animal cruelty in late 2013, and some dogs were seized. Others were adopted out. One constant has been new manager and now owner Danny Phillips and his wife Gina. Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher took a tour and filed this report. *Editor's note: At the bottom of this article you can hear our interview with Voices for the Krabloonik Dogs, a group that's helped improve conditions for the sled dogs.*

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

#### ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 10

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

Description: As the fight to keep natural gas drilling out of an area known as the Thompson Divide continues, two Roaring Fork Valley residents who operate lodging near the Divide flew over the contested area last week with Ecoflight. They say energy development would hurt their business. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen went on the flyover and filed this report.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 4

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

Description: A Basalt-based conservation group is putting some science behind water problems on the Crystal River. A drought in 2012 made clear the need to improve the river's health, when stream flows dropped to a trickle.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 21

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

Description: It's that time of year when ski resorts crank up snowmaking machines to bolster Mother Nature's delivery. Some resorts depend on man-made snow more than others and it's possible the practice may be used more in the future. For [Connecting the Drops](#), Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

#### EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 1

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

Description: Wednesday's big snowflakes were the first major sign of winter in Colorado's high country and one organization is already warning powder hungry skiers to be wary of avalanches in the backcountry.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 15

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

Description: As officials track down Frontier flight passengers connected with an Ebola case, state health workers say they're making sure Colorado is as prepared as possible to respond to the virus.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 20

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

Description: Mother Nature delivered enough snow recently to crank up the lifts on Aspen Mountain...for an early opening.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen and Elise Thatcher

## EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 15

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

Description: Today on CrossCurrents, Roaring Fork School District is holding a series of community meetings throughout the month to discuss the RFSD Facilities plan. Guests are Dr. Diana Sirko, Superintendent of RFSD and Shannon Pelland, Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Facilities Project.

Reporter: Carlyne Heldman

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 30

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

Description: Next month, Basalt High School teacher Leticia Ingram will be recognized for her excellence in teaching. Ingram will receive the *Virginia French Allen Award for Excellence in Teaching* for her work teaching English as a second language.

Reporter: Roger Adams

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 15

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

Description: The Aspen Community School is one of the top-ranked schools in the state, according to a new analysis. The school near Woody Creek, ranked six out of 500 middle schools.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

## NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 22

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

Description: Kristin Werner is a somatic psychotherapist and facilitates the English-speaking support groups for RESPONSE. Werner explains how she works with victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Executive Director Logan Hood also discusses a new technique called Advocate Initiator Response, where RESPONSE advocates go immediately to victims, rather than waiting for victims to come to them.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 24

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

Description: Deb Rice, Executive Director of ACCESS, and Mindi Cabe, Program Director of ACCESS, share their hopes for the future and invite qualified locals to get involved. ACCESS after-school programs hire teachers and qualified instructors to teach a range of classes from art and yoga to radio broadcasting and cooking.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 22

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

Description: The Chris Klug Foundation sends a team to the Leadville 100 every year - a grueling 100-mile test of stamina and strength either on foot or by bike. Ester Blom-Geiser is a board member of the foundation and was a member of the 2014 team. Blom-Geiser and Beth Slater, the foundation's Executive Director, talk about the multitude of awareness and fundraising events, and outreach programs in schools nationwide.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

#### ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 1

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

Description: This week on CrossCurrents, Amy Kimberly, Executive Director of CCAH and Peter Gilbert, Executive Director of Dance Initiative on the new arts and rehearsal space in Carbondale, "The Launchpad", formerly the Gordon Cooper Library.

Reporter: Carolyne Heldman

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 20

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

Description: Artist James Surls' sculpture "Sewing the Future" was installed in Carbondale Thursday. It took more than a hour to truck in different parts of the sculpture, stand them up and bolt them down in the middle of the Highway 133 roundabout. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen has more.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 23

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

Description: Jazz Aspen Snowmass celebrates twenty-five years in 2015 and this month, it kicked off its anniversary celebration. The non profit that started as a three-day festival has grown into a year-round operation, bringing jazz education to kids and big-name music acts to town. But, success hasn't come without difficulty. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

#### ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 22

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

Description: In one of the only contested Garfield County races, two candidates with different viewpoints are running for county commissioner. Incumbent republican Tom Jankovsky is seeking a second four-year term. He's being challenged by Michael Sullivan, a democrat, who says he'd represent a voice that's going unheard. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 30

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

Description: Colorado Mountain College's Board of Trustees met on Thursday to get legal advice on how to proceed on a pending court case. The trustee's meeting was closed to the public. The board met about a case that's been in the courts since 2012. Back then, the energy company SourceGas sued Colorado Mountain College, claiming the school refused to recognize the legitimacy of a lease. SourceGas wanted to use five acres of land on CMC's Spring Valley campus to erect a compressor

station. Initially college administrators agreed but then the Board of Trustees voted not to recognize the lease.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 9

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

Description: The White River National Forest released a "conservation-minded" plan Tuesday for future oil and gas drilling. Conservation groups are cheering the plan, saying it proposes closing nearly all of the Thompson Divide to future leasing. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

## SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 9

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

Description: Educators in Colorado are taking an inventory of environmental learning and finding gaps where more is needed. A *Colorado Environmental Education Plan* is being drawn up to evenly spread these kinds of lessons to students across the state...and two local non profits are involved.

Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 13

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

Description: CU-Boulder's Leeds School of Business released a study last week tracking how much money the oil and gas industry has contributed to the Colorado economy. Researchers found billions of dollars were generated over a four-year period.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 26

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

Description: Kids often learn about snow when they're sledding, skiing, or doing other activities in a wintry environment. But the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies takes it a step further. ACES aims to help young people understand a winter landscape more deeply-- like what snow crystals look like up close, and why they change. APR's Elise Thatcher attended a snow science class and files this report.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher