

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO NEWS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 5

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

Description: Basalt Town Council voted unanimously last night to hire a public relations specialist. Jeanette Darnauer runs Darnauer Group Communications in Aspen. She's been working with the town government since September to improve communication with the public. However, her contract was a surprise to many, including some council members.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 2

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

Description: It's the final week of a long election season, and one thing local party leaders agree on is this year's races are too close to call.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 26

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

Description: Lifting a moratorium on development in downtown Aspen and dealing with the decades-old problem of bottleneck traffic coming into town are on the top of the to-do list for mayor Steve Skadron. Aspen Public Radio's Carolyn Sackariason caught up with him in the Silver Queen gondola to talk about what 2017 looks like for him and his constituents.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 18

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

Description: Aspen councilman Bert Myrin was elected into office on an anti-development platform. Now, with several months left before the end of a development moratorium, he speaks with Alycin Bektesh on the future of building in Aspen. The first public hearing on the changes is scheduled for October 24.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 31

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

Description: Aspen City Council is reviewing a contract to build new affordable rental units.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 6

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

Description: Officials broke ground Tuesday in Basalt for the Roaring Fork Apartments. The project will provide affordable housing, unlike anything else in the valley.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 19

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

Description: Inmates from the Buena Vista Correctional Facility spent four weeks in September doing restoration and maintenance work in the wilderness on Independence Pass. Environment reporter Elizabeth Stewart-Severy spent a morning with the group and has details about Colorado's inmate work program.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 1

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

Description: In Garfield County, you can register to vote in Spanish, and you can practice voting in Spanish. You can't, however, vote in Spanish. Of the 64 counties in Colorado, only three provide bilingual ballots.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 16

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

Description: Jenny Stuber rode on a plane for the first time to come visit her dad in Aspen. It wasn't just any private plane, it was John Denver's private plane.

She was a little girl, and this left quite an impression on her, considering she and her mom were on welfare at the time. Now Stuber is a sociologist with a particular interest in social class. She's in Aspen, conducting research.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 3

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

Description: The younger generation is making strides to grow the local food movement in the valley while also getting involved on a national level to support farmers' rights. Aspen Public Radio's Barbara Platts visited several area farms, and gives us this report.

Reporter: Barbara Platts

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 16

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

Description: Some of the most popular mountain biking trails have been closed so five lucky hunters can attempt to bag an elk. Carolyn Sackariason has the details.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 20

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

Description: This holiday season, while trash cans across America overflow with packaging, wrapping paper and discarded gifts, the Pitkin County Landfill faces an even bigger issue: the by-products of luxury building.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 21

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

Description: Police continue to investigate a possible murder-suicide in Glenwood Springs. 79-year-old Joseph Llewellyn was found dead on Tuesday. The Garfield County Coroner's office confirmed the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. His 73-year-old wife, Mary Kent, was injured, although authorities haven't released further details.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 9

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

Description: In Pitkin County, Democrat Greg Poschman won more than sixty percent of the votes in the race for an open commissioner's seat. He defeated independent candidate Scott Writer.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 22

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

Description: The Aspen Skiing Company and two firms closed on the sale of Snowmass Base Village Thursday. SkiCo, East West Partners and an affiliate of KSL Capital Partners, bought all remaining development parcels and commercial spaces in Base Village from Related Companies. The sale also includes the Snowmass Hospitality property management company and the Viceroy Hotel, including its unsold condominium units.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 25

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

Description: Nick Lenio is one of 25 semifinalists for the National Grammy in the Schools Music Educator Award. To reach this point he had to make several videos showing the work he does at the school.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 31

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

Description: The Aspen High School Booster Club is warning businesses about a potential advertising scam tied to sports calendars.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 16

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

Description: The new K-through-8 school south of Glenwood Springs will be called "Riverview." It's a public school, but an unconventional one.
Reporter: Wyatt Orme

NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 3

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit organization. This month is Aspen TREE. Aspen TREE Co-Directors Eden Vardy and River Morgan share the history of the organization and the inspiration behind the work of Aspen TREE. Vardy became inspired after taking an Environmental Literacy class at Aspen High School, which would lead him to pursue his undergraduate and graduate degrees focused on positive environmentalism.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 7

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit organization. This month is Aspen Education Foundation. Brooke Bedingfield is the Executive Director of the Aspen Education Foundation. She discusses the programs and positions the organization helps fund in the Aspen School District. Dr. Kathy Klug also contributes.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 5

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio spotlights a nonprofit organization. This month is Carbondale Arts. Carbondale Arts Executive Director Amy Kimberly discusses the deep-rooted history of Carbondale Arts and how it has evolved from Carbondale's Mountain Fair into the multifaceted organization it is today. Board Chair Pam Rosenthal also contributes.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 7

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

Description: The Meeting happens in early October each year in Aspen. The three-day event started yesterday, and concludes tomorrow. One Friday event discusses how virtual reality is changing the action sports film industry.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 28

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

Description: A valley local is taking the helm of Carbondale's 5Point Adventure Film Festival. Meaghan Lynch was named executive director of the non-profit on Monday.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec. 15

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

Description: The cast consists of 19 students from seven schools throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. They have been rehearsing for two months to bring the adaptation of the Tim Burton hit to the stage.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 20

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

Description: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer 31 oil and gas leases for sale this December, but these sales will happen online.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 17

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

Description: U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell joined Gov. John Hickenlooper at the state capitol Thursday to announce a decision that protects the Thompson Divide, but leaves other areas open to drilling.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 28

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

Description: Aspen Mayor Steve Skadron is joining leaders of cities across the United States in signing a letter urging President-elect Donald Trump to take action on climate change.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct. 7

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

Description: Three men who have been involved in the Aspen Center for Physics won the Nobel Prize this week.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 11

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

Description: Valley View hospital in Glenwood Springs is opening two labs to improve care in the Roaring Fork Valley. One of them has a robot arm.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 23

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

Description: While the tech industry is booming in the U.S., women's participation in it is not. Sources say the gender gap is, in fact, worse now than in the 1980s. A club meets at the Basalt Library every Tuesday, doing its part to reverse this trend.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme