

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/31/17

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

Description: Debate among Colorado lawmakers got heated on Tuesday during consideration of a symbolic measure to denounce President Trump's executive order temporarily barring refugees entry into the United States.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/24/17

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

Description: Last week, the Garfield County Board of Commissioners publicly endorsed President Trump's Supreme Court nominee.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/29/17

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

Description: Next week, Glenwood Springs residents will choose one of the four at-large city council candidates. They are Rick Davis, Shelley Kaup, Jonathan Gorst and

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/23/17

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

Description: After five hours of review, Aspen City Council Monday passed three ordinances that will change the character of the city's downtown core.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/23/17

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

Description: Tonight may be the public's only chance to weigh in in person about a proposed chain store ordinance in Aspen.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/27/17

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

Description: Aspen City Council voted to table the application for the proposed Gorsuch Haus at the bottom of Lift 1A on Monday night. Though the applicants, led by Aspenite Jeff Gorsuch, presented a reconfigured proposal to address past community concerns, city staff suggests the council and the applicants would benefit from more time to work on the project.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/6/17

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

Description: Aspen Gay Ski week has come and gone — but its impact on the community is felt year round. Up front, the event is flashy and loud, but behind the scenes there's a local non-profit organization that funds youth groups and mental health organizations, which support LGBT rights.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/8/17

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

Description: A professional cuddling business closed its doors in Rifle last month after dealing with harassment from clients and the community.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/23/17

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

Description: Currently, there are a handful of proposed developments in the Basalt area. The mid-valley is a desirable place to live, and the demand for housing has sparked fierce debates. Aspen Public Radio's Wyatt Orme recently attended a meeting for The Tree Farm development, which is currently under review by Eagle County. He discussed the meeting, along the broader context of increased housing and business development in the mid-valley, with producer Christin Kay.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/30/17

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

Description: A motley crew of nonprofits and town governments wants to see affordable, electric cars in the valley.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/20/17

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

Description: Immigrants who are new to Roaring Fork Valley schools often come from warm, tropical countries. A partnership between Basalt High School and the Roaring Fork Conservancy aims to help students understand their new environment.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/29/17

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

Description: The U.S. Forest Service released its assessment of the environmental impacts that will come with a new plan to limit camping in overcrowded wilderness areas.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/9/17

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

Description: The Roaring Fork School District has lifted the lock out placed on area schools early this morning.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/21/17

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

Description: The two men who are suspected of robbing a convenience store at gunpoint last week in Carbondale have safely been taken into custody. Police shut down Riverside and Cottonwood Drive last night in Basalt, while making the arrests. Both roads reopened shortly thereafter.

Reporter: Wyatt Orme

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/21/17

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

Description: The young men facing multiple felony charges for allegedly robbing a convenience store in Carbondale are being investigated by Las Vegas Police. Carolyn Sackariason reports.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/16/17

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

Description: The Roaring Fork School District announced yesterday that around 30 teachers could be cut from the system this year.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/21/17

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

Description: On Friday night, dozens of area high school students took part in Aspen Words' 4th annual Youth Poetry Slam in Carbondale.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/20/17

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

Description: State lawmakers want to curb the suspension rate among young children in pre-school through third grade. A bi-partisan measure to address the issue is making its way through the state house.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/23/17

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

Description: Aspen Public Radio profiles a nonprofit in the area. This month was Aspen Hall of Fame. Aspen Hall of Fame Board Member and Aspen native Lisa Hancock shares how she views the future of Aspen and the surrounding areas. Founder and co-president Jeanette Darnauer and co-president David Guthrie discuss the future of the Aspen Hall of Fame.

Reporter:

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/20/17

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio profiles a nonprofit in the area. This month was Hike for Hope. Hike for Hope's founders discuss the importance of muscular dystrophy awareness for our community members. The Sharp family will continue to keep moving forward, remain grateful, and do what they can to be part of curing genetic diseases.

Reporter: Laura Crow

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/20/17

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

Description: Each month, Aspen Public Radio profiles a nonprofit in the area. This month was EcoFlight. EcoFlight president and founder, Bruce Gordon, explains why it's important for the people of the Roaring Fork Valley to understand the concept of an EcoFlight. Bruce Gordon, Jane Partiger and Michael Gorman contribute. For more information about EcoFlight, visit their website.

Reporter: Laura Crow

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/20/17

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

Description: Now in its 40th year, Aspen Gay Ski week serves as an annual burst of LGBT pride on the ski slopes. It's a time of celebration, dress-up and camaraderie. It's a symbol of solidarity that attendees say is needed now as much as it ever was.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/28/17

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

Description: On Thursday, March 2, Pilobolus dance company will bring their U.S. tour of "Shadowland" to the Aspen District Theatre. "Shadowland" is multidimensional in every way. Moving screens of different capacities accent the choreography, often showcased through dancer silhouettes.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/27/17

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

Description: Tomorrow, The Wheeler Opera House and Wheeler Associates will bring the music of The Beatles to the stage. No one anticipated that The Beatles' performance in 1969 on the roof of the Apple Offices would ever be their last show.

Reporter: Claire Woodcock

ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/19/17

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

Description: Colorado's new select committee on energy held its first hearing Thursday. As Bente Birkeland reports, Republicans created the committee to help handle the increased workload that could come from changes from the Trump administration.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/7/17

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

Description: A busload of elected officials took a spin around Aspen to check out new transit technology on Tuesday. The city government is due to replace four buses on local routes in the next three or four years and is thinking of going electric. County commissioners joined City Council members on a lap around the Hunter Creek bus route to check out a potential model.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/22/17

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

Description: Self-driving vehicles could soon be tested in Colorado under a bill that passed in the state senate Wednesday. The measure would also make it illegal for local communities to ban the vehicles.

Reporter: Bente Birkeland

SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: 1/16/17

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

Description: John Marzluff is a professor of wildlife science at the University of Washington. He is in the valley this week to talk about his research on birds' responses to urbanization, as part of the local environmental speaker series Naturalist Nights. He spoke with Elizabeth Stewart-Severy by phone from Washington state.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 2/28/17

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

Description: Recent genetic studies on native cutthroat trout in Colorado revealed a previously unrecognized subspecies in the Roaring Fork Valley — one that is so new it still doesn't have a name. As part of the Naturalist Nights environmental speaker series, Kendall Bakich with Colorado Parks and Wildlife will discuss how understanding the history of these trout can help preserve species diversity.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy

Program: Morning News

Date: 3/14/17

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

Description: To meet EPA requirements for clean air, the City of Aspen stopped allowing wood burning fireplaces in new construction about 35 years ago. Now Aspen's air quality is typically quite good, but old timers remember when the town was blanketed in a brown cloud, in part because those old wood burning fireplaces are dirty.

Reporter: Elizabeth Stewart-Severy