

Stations KAJX and KCJX (Aspen Public Radio)
Quarterly Listing of Community Issues and Programs
[July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019]

GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: We-Cycle Gets Encouragement From Carbondale As It Seeks To Expand

Issue: Increasing diversity of transportation options in our communities, including bike share programs.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 20, 2019

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

Description: We-Cycle's bike share system is already in Aspen and Basalt. Now, it wants to expand to Carbondale. At a work session last week, the town took a step toward making that happen.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Pitkin County Hosts Meeting To Discuss Proposed Tobacco Policy

Issue: Should local government tax tobacco more to discourage use? Will this adversely affect some local businesses?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 30, 2019

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

Description: Wednesday, retailers and the public are invited to learn more about a proposed tobacco tax in Pitkin County. Pitkin County health officials are drafting language for a 2019 ballot question that would raise taxes on tobacco. Cigarettes would be taxed at \$3.20 a pack, and all other tobacco products would see a 40% tax.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Residents Can Weigh In On New Oil And Gas Rules Wednesday

Issue: Regulation of oil and gas, an important local industry, and impacts of this industry on resident's health. Citizen participation in government decisions.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 20, 2019

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

Description: The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, or COGCC, wants public input as it creates new rules for oil and gas drilling. Locals have their chance to weigh in Wednesday at a hearing in Glenwood Springs.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Garfield County Gives Boost To Federal Program That Aims To Help Grow Small Businesses

Issue: More local small businesses are asking for assistance from federal program

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 19, 2019

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

Description: A federal program that helps small businesses in Garfield County says more companies are asking it for help. Last week, Garfield County granted the Small Business Development Center, or SBDC, five thousand dollars to help them continue their work. The additional money is meant to assist businesses in the western part of the county, an area that Commissioner Tom Jankovsky said still hasn't recovered from the 2008 recession.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Basalt Decides Whether To Join Governments Worldwide In Declaring Climate Emergency

Issue: Should local communities, whose economies could be adversely affected by climate change, take a position and declare that they believe that we are in a climate emergency?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 26, 2019

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

Description: 26 local governments in the U.S., and over 900 worldwide, have declared a climate emergency. Tuesday, Basalt votes on whether to become the first place in the Roaring Fork Valley to do so.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Governor Jared Polis On His Next Steps After Recall Attempt Fails

Issue: State government, including a recall attempt of the Governor and how they affect our communities. Will Governor's efforts to address issues of transportation, education and healthcare costs help our communities?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 6, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Colorado Governor Jared Polis was in Aspen last Friday, the same day it was announced that an effort to recall him in his first year of office failed. Gov. Polis says he'll still

closely watch the recall efforts against other Democratic lawmakers, and hopes those recalls will fail as well. Then, he says, he wants to re-focus on issues like transportation, education and healthcare costs.

ECONOMY/JOBS

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Officials Look For Solutions To Airport Parking Jams

Issue: A shortage of parking at the airport affects residents from Carbondale to Aspen who use the airport and could be adversely affecting the economy.

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 28, 2019

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

Description: Officials are looking for solutions to packed parking lots at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport. Airport director John Kinney said there's a shortage of about 120 spots at the Aspen airport, even after officials relocated rental cars and paved a dirt lot late last year. Officials say people who are not traveling are also using the airport's long-term parking lot.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Arapahoe Basin Joins Mountain Collective

Issue: Does ski areas joining a ski-pass group benefit the local economy or is it detrimental in the long run?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 6, 2019

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

Description: The Mountain Collective announced Tuesday that it will add Summit County's Arapahoe Basin to its roster of resorts. Arapahoe Basin joins Aspen Snowmass as the Mountain Collective's second resort in Colorado.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: ProPublica's Richard Tofel On Why Journalism Should Spur Action

Issue: How does journalism continue when the business model that sustained it no longer works? How do small communities like ours maintain journalism that benefits their communities when small scale journalism is disappearing?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 13, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: "Today more than ever, journalism should spur political and social action." That's according to Richard Tofel, president of independent news organization ProPublica. Tofel helped

found the nonprofit in 2007 to fill the gap in investigative reporting created when news organizations started to cut their budgets.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Labor Day Experience Beefs Up Communication, Security On Heels Of Last Year's Evacuations

Issue: Can big events like Labor Day Experience continue to grow and provide jobs while maintaining safety for both attendees and nearby residents?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 28, 2019

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

Description: The annual Jazz Aspen Snowmass Labor Day Experience runs Friday through Sunday. The weather looks clear, but last year, intense lightning forced concertgoers to wait in long lines and stormy weather to evacuate Town Park. JAS CEO Jim Horowitz says the organization re-evaluated its communication and emergency procedures for this weekend.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: 'I Wanted To Carve In The Woods With My Friends': MARBLE/marble Symposium Celebrates 30th Year

Issue: Utilizing a natural resource for attracting tourism and arts jobs. Marble Symposium brings in participants from around the world, highlighting this local natural resource and the arts and tourism benefits it brings.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 5, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Every summer, artists from all over the world visit the Crystal River Valley to sculpt stone quarried from the small town of Marble.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING COST AND AVAILABILITY

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Monday Is Deadline For Seniors, Disabled Vets To Apply For Property Tax Exemption

Issue: Affordability of housing for seniors, ability of seniors to be able to afford stay in their homes after retirement.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 14, 2019

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

Description: Monday is the deadline for seniors and disabled veterans in Colorado to apply for a property tax exemption. Fifty percent of the first \$200,000 of a home's value is exempt from property tax for anyone over the age of 65 in Colorado, as long as they've lived in the home for at least ten years.

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/SCIENCE

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Watershed-Wide Study Aims To Protect Wildlife's Homes

Issue: Wild lands are important to local residents and the local economy, but human impacts are harming them.

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 1, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: A United Nations report in May warned that a million plant and animal species are threatened with extinction, worldwide. The biggest cause of that threat, it said, is the way humans have destroyed or modified the lands and oceans where these species live. Aspen Public Radio is collaborating with Aspen Journalism to produce a series of stories centered on local biodiversity and efforts to identify the Roaring Fork Valley's best remaining wild lands for our wild creatures.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: As Elk Herds Decline, Researchers Point To Recreation

Issue: Wild lands are important to local residents and the local economy, but human impacts are harming them.

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: July 2, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Researchers are seeing red flags in the health of Colorado's elk herds, and new research aims to understand the role that recreation plays in declining wildlife numbers.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Fast Flows Mean Dangers, Environmental Benefits

Issue: Are high water flows a benefit to the local economy? How do the high flows benefit the environment?

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 2, 2019

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

Description: The Roaring Fork River is expected to reach peak flow this week. It could mean flooding and dangerous conditions, but it also provides environmental benefits.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Aspen Gets Grant For Water Rights Project

Issue: How can Aspen and other local communities continue to provide safe and reliable drinking water without having to build additional expensive infrastructure?

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 30, 2019

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

Description: The Colorado Water Conservation Board, which oversees water use across the state, has given the City of Aspen \$186,356 to look into an alternative way to use water rights.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: After Clean Electricity, Colorado To Focus On Green Transportation, Buildings

Issue: Can and should our state and local communities move towards more green transportation?

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: SEP 4, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: The 2019 legislative session in Colorado included a major focus on climate policy, and Gov. Jared Polis has a plan to move the state's electric grid to 100 percent renewable energy by 2040.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Holy Cross Increases Renewable Energy Supply With New Wind Farm Deal

Issue: Providing safe, economical, and environmentally responsible energy for local power customers.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 3, 2019

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

Description: Holy Cross Energy announced plans to develop a wind farm in Eastern Colorado that will nearly double the electric co-op's supply of renewable energy.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Darrell Hammond Battles Trauma's Aftermath In Aspen FilmFest's 'Cracked Up'

Issue: Mental health, depression and childhood trauma. This film and event gave an opportunity for discussions of these issues which are thought to be more prevalent in our mountain communities.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 26, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Comedian Darrell Hammond performed on "Saturday Night Live" for thirteen years, impersonating people like Sean Connery and President Bill Clinton. Behind the scenes, he struggled with addiction and self-harm. After surviving a suicide attempt, one psychiatrist told him that his issues were caused by childhood trauma. Director Michelle Esrick's documentary "Cracked Up" explores Hammond's story.

EMERGENCY/PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIME

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: The Community Came Together After Lake Christine. Can It Unite To Prepare For The Next Fire, Too?

Issue: Are local residents taking action to protect themselves and their property from the danger of wildfire?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 2, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: One year ago, on June 3, 2018, the Lake Christine fire started at the Basalt shooting range. It eventually burned over 12,000 acres, forced thousands of residents to evacuate and destroyed three homes. Fire officials say, now, it's time for homeowners to take action before another fire.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Aspen Fire District Launches Program To Protect Area From Wildfire

Issue: Are local residents properties prepared for wildfire danger?

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 5, 2019

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

Description: Last month, the Aspen Fire Protection District launched a new program to assess dangers in the upper valley.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Climber Falls 200 Feet To Death During Maroon Peak Descent

Issue: Safety of visitors and local residents when climbing and doing other outdoor recreation activities in our area.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 12, 2019

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

Description: Rescue personnel are working to retrieve the body of a man who fell to his death on a Colorado peak. The Aspen Daily News reports the 61-year-old climber fell about 200 feet (61 meters) Wednesday on South Maroon Peak in the Elk Mountains near Aspen.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Mudslides In Lake Christine Burn Zone Force Evacuations

Issue: Impacts of a fire last year are still being felt, and recovery will take many more years. Are our local communities adequately prepared to deal with wildfire and post-wildfire danger?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: AUG 5, 2019

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

Description: Emergency responders and public works crews are continuing to work Monday morning on flooding response and clean-up following heavy rains and mudslides that occurred Sunday across the Lake Christine burn scar. Around 30 homes were impacted, but no injuries have been reported.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: 27th Street Bridge Expected To Remain Closed Through Friday

Issue: Informing commuters and residents of delay in a critical infrastructure project.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 16, 2019

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

Description: The 27th Street Bridge in Glenwood Springs is expected to remain closed through Friday.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Holy Cross Looks To Build Energy Resilience Post-Lake Christine Fire

Issue: Are power systems throughout the valley able to withstand wildfire and other natural disasters.

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: SEP 22, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: The Lake Christine wildfire last summer not only destroyed three homes and torched thousands of acres of forest, it also came dangerously close to taking down poles holding the full loop of power lines in Basalt. After this close call, Holy Cross Energy partnered with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to find ways to keep the lights on if there's another disaster.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Small Wildfire Burning In Frying Pan Valley

Issue: This fall has been dry, raising fire danger throughout our area, and fire danger is still high which is unusual for this time of year.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 28, 2019

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

Description: The Granite Lake Fire is burning in a remote area of the White River National Forest in the Frying Pan Valley. Smoke may be visible from Aspen and Basalt but there is currently no danger to those areas.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Dry, Windy Conditions Cause Fires To Spread Over Weekend, Fire Danger Still 'Critical'

Issue: This fall has been dry, raising fire danger throughout our area, and fire danger is still high which is unusual for this time of year.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 29, 2019

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

Description: High winds and dry conditions led to the spread of at least two fires in the region over the weekend.

EDUCATION

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Reversing Climate Change Means Educating Girls, Local Action

Issue: Climate change could adversely affect the local economy of our region.

Reporter: ELIZABETH STEWART-SEVERY

Date: JUL 14, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Project Drawdown is a research organization that identifies the one hundred most viable and impactful solutions to climate change. Founder Paul Hawken was in Aspen last weekend and sat down with reporter Elizabeth Stewart-Severy.

Program: McCloskey Speaker Series special broadcast

Story Title: McCloskey Speaker Series 2019: Enacting Change Through Edible Education

Issue: Making agriculture sustainable as land costs rise, keeping students connection to agriculture and food by bringing programs into schools.

Reporter: none

Date: JUL 25, 2019

Time: 8:00 - 8:59 PM.

Description: For over four decades, Chef Waters has been a champion of local sustainable agriculture and her foundation, Edible Schoolyard, advocates for free school lunches and sustainable food curriculum in every public school.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: The Wheels On The Bus, El Busesito Preschool Takes School On Wheels

Issue: Access to preschool for low-income and immigrant families.

Reporter: MOLLY DOVE

Date: SEP 9, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: In 2011, one percent of eligible Latino preschoolers in the Roaring Fork Valley were enrolled in school. Parents said one of the main reasons was transportation. That is according to Valley Settlement, an organization working with Latino families in the Roaring Fork Valley. It decided if these children cannot get to preschool, the organization will bring the preschool to them by putting the school on wheels.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Anonymous Tips Triple At Violence Prevention And Intervention Program

Issue: Violence prevention in local schools.

Reporter: MOLLY DOVE

Date: SEP 11, 2019

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

Description: One Colorado violence intervention and prevention program said the number of reports nearly tripled from July to August. Safe2Tell is a anonymous reporting program. Anyone can call to report their own, or other's, violent behavior. Compared to August 2018, the number of tips increased by 75%.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Roaring Fork Schools Already Doing What School Safety Survey Suggests

Issue: Violence prevention in local schools.

Reporter: MOLLY DOVE

Date: SEP 13, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM

Description: A study published in August by the Colorado Education Association, or CEA, and Padres and Jovenes Unidos recommends best practices to improve school safety and decrease the number of school-based violent incidents. The Roaring Fork School District said they have been implementing those suggestions for years.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: 'We're The Generation That Has To Fix This': Youth Climate Activism Comes To Aspen

Issue: Local students say not enough is being done to address climate change both globally and locally.

Reporter: ALEX HAGE

Date: SEP 23, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: Around the world, young people are taking to the streets and demanding action on climate change. On Monday, 16-year-old Greta Thunberg spoke at the United Nations. Even in the Roaring Fork Valley, where many governments and decision-makers have made the climate a priority, young people are saying not enough is being done on a global scale.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Aspen Film, AspenOUT Partner To Bring LGBTQ Stories To FilmFest

Issue: Transgender civil rights and inconsistent laws and regulations related to them. These films, screened in Aspen and Carbondale, provide an opportunity for discussion of these issues in local communities and how our schools should be addressing them.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 24, 2019

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

Description: LGBTQ advocacy group AspenOUT is sponsoring two films at this week's Aspen FilmFest. Aspen Film executive director Susan Wrubel says the organization aims to highlight social issues through film. A special screening aimed at local students will be held Saturday at Carbondale's Crystal Theatre.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Basalt Funds Bring Mid-valley Venue 'The Contemporary' Closer To Breaking Ground

Issue: Distribution of arts facilities in the valley. Aspen has long been the hub of arts, entertainment and culture in the valley, but those things are less accessible to downvalley communities. This is an effort to bring these amenities closer to mid-valley populations including Basalt, El Jebel, and Carbondale.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 15, 2019

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

Description: Basalt has approved almost a million dollars to go toward construction of The Contemporary, a new performing arts venue in Willits.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Mountain Fair Promotes Equality With 'Rainbow Connection' Theme

Issue: Local fair wants diverse participants to feel welcome at it's event.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: JUL 25, 2019

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

Description: Carbondale's 48th Mountain Fair starts Friday. The festival, which includes art vendors and live music, also aims to emphasize diversity and inclusion.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Theatre Aspen's 'Solo Flights' Part Of Push For Year-Round Programming

Issue: Pushing the boundaries of local theater to be more relevant for new audiences, increasing accessibility to theater for local audiences by scheduling event in lower-tourist season.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 16, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: This week, Theatre Aspen hosts the one-person-show festival "Solo Flights," which includes four productions, talkbacks and panel discussions.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Salon Showcases Drumming, Dancing And (Almost) Everything In Between

Issue: How do local artists create art that reflects themselves and our communities, and also attract local audiences? Are there adequate venues for low-cost art events for experimental and student art?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 19, 2019

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

Description: A salon in Carbondale this weekend brings together a variety of artists and speakers for short performances.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Street Art Meets Ski Town At The Collective

Issue: What type of art is usually present at ski areas, and who does it cater to? Will having more street-style art that is non-traditional for a ski resort bring in new audiences or make them feel more comfortable here?

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 19, 2019

Time: 6:45 - 6:50 AM, 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 8:45 - 8:50 AM.

Description: The Collective, a new community space in Snowmass' Base Village, has brought in numerous artists to create new murals with a more urban feel.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: The Contemporary Gets Final Thumbs-Up From Basalt

Issue: Distribution of arts facilities in the valley. Aspen has long been the hub of arts, entertainment and culture in the valley, but those things are less accessible to downvalley communities. This is an effort to bring these amenities closer to mid-valley populations including Basalt, El Jebel, and Carbondale.

Reporter: CHRISTIN KAY

Date: SEP 25, 2019

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

Description: The town of Basalt approved construction of the mid-valley performing arts center The Contemporary on Tuesday, removing the final public hurdle for the venue.

Program: Morning Edition

Story Title: Glenwood Springs Looks For Consultants To Help Develop Arts Plan

Issue: How do towns fund and choose public art and arts programs.

Reporter: Christin Kay

Date: SEP 30, 2019

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

Description: Glenwood Springs wants a common vision to guide the city's art and events, and it's looking to hire consultants to help.