

MONTHLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 4

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

Description: Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper took time from his busy campaign schedule Friday to hop on an Aspen We-Cycle. The bike sharing system was being celebrated for its success. Just halfway through summer, the program's already surpassed the total number of rides during its first season, last year. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 12

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

Description: Both candidates for Colorado's U.S. Senate seat have stopped by Aspen this summer. In July it was Democratic incumbent Mark Udall; this weekend it was Republican Congressman Cory Gardner, who currently represents much of Colorado's Eastern Plains. Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher sat down with Gardner, during a busy afternoon at the Hotel Jerome. They talked about

many of the same issues we put to Senator Udall earlier this summer. [Click to open and listen to APR's radio edit and longer unedited interview.]

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 23

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

Description: Tonight the Basalt Town Council will decide whether to approve members of a special board that will help make decisions on downtown development. The committee would, according to the Town Manager, "put more meat" on redevelopment ideas.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: July 14

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

Description: Next month Aspen City Council will look over final design plans for a remodel of Aspen's Rubey Park bus depot. The 30-year-old structure sees millions of riders each year and transportation officials say it's time for an update. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen went to an open house at the bus station and filed this report.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 11

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

Description: Six years ago, when the Great Recession began spreading toward the Roaring Fork Valley, the Aspen real estate firm BJ Adams and company organized a symposium to strategize ways the community could brace for the downturn. On Thursday (8/14/2014), the company will host the sixth annual state of the real estate economy gathering at the Aspen Meadows. Company president Michael Adams and long-time Aspen property appraiser Randy Gold spoke about the local economy with APR's Roger Adams.

Reporter: Roger Adams

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 3

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

Description: Replacing the Grand Avenue bridge in Glenwood Springs is at the top of the list for state highway projects next year. The state has allocated almost a hundred million dollars. As Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher reports as the project draws near, not everyone in Glenwood is happy about it.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: July 2

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

Description: Governor John Hickenlooper says when it comes to legal marijuana, the future is still somewhat hazy in Colorado. Recreational pot became legal last year and retailers started selling it in January. Hickenlooper looked back yesterday on how the process has gone so far, in a talk at the Aspen Ideas Festival.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 8

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

Description: A new survey from the Colorado Department of Public Health shows fewer high school students think using marijuana is risky. The data reflects perceptions before recreational pot sales started at stores around the state in January. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 25

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

Description: A suicide prevention group is holding a training for the public on Monday on how to recognize if loved ones are exhibiting suicidal signs. The Aspen-based Hope Center has already trained 3000 people in the Roaring Fork Valley but, now they're using a different method. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen spoke to Michelle Muething, director of the Hope Center and Dr. Kelly Posner-Gerstenhaber, creator of the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: July 8

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

Description: White River National Forest officials are concerned about overuse at Conundrum Hot Springs, outside Aspen. Forest Service staffers recently pulled more than 35 pounds of trash from the popular recreation area and the number of visitors continues to grow.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 7

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

Description: Colorado's mule deer population has been shrinking for years and wildlife officials are trying to bring it back up. In 2006, the population numbered 600,000. That dropped by almost half last year. Hunters say they notice the shortage, specifically in northwest Colorado. On Saturday, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will present ideas on how to increase the population at a special summit in Glenwood Springs. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen spoke with Jody Kennedy of Parks and Wildlife.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 10

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

Description: Interest is growing in farming Pitkin County's agricultural lands. The county manages about 250 acres that are either already leased or will become available to agricultural producers later this year. The land is desirable because it's cheap. Often the cost of farming and ranching in Pitkin County keeps would-be agricultural producers from jumping into the industry.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date: July 18

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

Description: Judge Gail Nichols, in Aspen, has released some of the details in why law enforcement originally arrested three people this spring in the death of Aspen native Nancy Pfister. One of the three, William "Trey" Styler, confessed last month to murdering her in February. But questions continue about why Styler's wife, and a long time local, were also held for months without bail on murder charges.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: July 23

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

Description: Pitkin County says the National Transportation Safety Board has given the Aspen Pitkin County Airport permission to move the wreckage of the Galaxy G 200 jet that crashed on landing at the airport, earlier today. Around 4:45pm, the jet skidded and spun upon landing. Three people were on board – two pilots and one passenger. There were no injuries. Airport officials towed the plane from the runway. The airport is expected to open for arrivals and departures around 9pm this evening. Travelers with questions about delays and rescheduling of flights should contact their airline.

Reporter: Rob St. Mary

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 24

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

Description: Colorado State Patrol responded to two fatal accidents in our region Saturday. The first happened near Emma, on Highway 82. A 53-year-old Aspen man was killed just before 5pm in the westbound lanes. His name has not yet been released.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 15

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

Description: Students in the Roaring Fork School District showed improvement on statewide tests in areas the district had focused additional attention to. The results of Colorado assessment tests were released yesterday.

Reporter: Roger Adams

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 28

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

Description: School started this week for K-through-twelve students across the Roaring Fork Valley. This school year, kids in the Roaring Fork School District will see subtle changes. The district operates schools from Glenwood Springs to Basalt, and it's rolling out a "visioning process." Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen spoke with Superintendent Diana Sirko about what the process means for kids in the classroom.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 16

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

Description: A growing education program in the Valley is teaching preschoolers how their brain works so they can focus on learning. The "Focused Kids" program is being taught to low income, mostly Latino kids, in a unique preschool. As Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen reports, this new program is happening inside a school bus. Inside El Busesito, a small group of students and teachers

are playing games on the carpeted floor. It's a comfortable space that doesn't look at all like a bus. The seats have been removed to make way for books and toys.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: July 7

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

Description: Huts for Vets is a new non-profit, founded in January 2013. The organization lead two programs last summer, introducing 15 veterans to the serenity and calm of the wilderness - almost all of whom said the experience changed their life. Paul Anderson is the Executive Director of Huts for Vets and shares about the mission and programs of the non-profit organization. Dr. Jerry Alpern is a psychologist and a member of the board, he shares about the value of Huts for Vets.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 4

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

Description: The Thrift Shop of Aspen opened in 1949 and is celebrating its 65th anniversary. For decades the shop has accepted donated goods, resold them, and then given the money to a myriad of organizations. It is a haven for finding great little treasures at affordable prices. From clothing and outdoor gear, to books and dinnerware, The Thrift Shop of Aspen is loved by Aspen locals and visitors alike. Diane Wallace is the co-President of The Thrift Shop of Aspen and long-time volunteer, she shares about the mission and history of the non-profit organization. Ellen Walbert is a board member and active volunteer of The Thrift Shop of Aspen and shares about the community involvement of The Thrift Shop of Aspen.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 1

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

Description: Through partnerships between landowners and Aspen Valley Land Trust, almost 40,000 acres of land have been conserved. Martha Cochran, Executive Director of Aspen Valley Land Trust, and Chuck Vidal, former board member and former Executive Director of the land trust, discuss the history of the organization and the need for land conservation in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: July 3

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

Description: Yogis from around the world will descend on Snowmass Thursday for a festival called Wanderlust. The six year old traveling event brings yoga, live music, lectures and food to the places it visits. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen has more.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: July 15

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

Description: Colorado is working on growing its "creative industry," and a Roaring Fork Valley community is part of the effort. Last month Carbondale was selected to be a candidate for a Creative District program. It highlights towns where the arts is the focus. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen has more.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Sept. 26

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

Description: Aspen Film's annual celebration of features takes to screens in Aspen and Carbondale over the next week. The screenings start today and run through Wednesday. Aspen Public Radio's Rob St. Mary talked to co-director of Aspen Film Laura Thielen about the festival's 35th year.

Reporter: Rob St. Mary

ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: July 8

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

Description: The word "fracking" has come to mean drilling in general for oil and gas-- and a major concern for communities and environmentalists in Colorado and elsewhere. In reality the process of hydraulic fracturing is a specialized procedure used to create cracks in shale deposits thousands of feet underground which in turn releases trapped natural gas. There are hundreds of fracked wells in Garfield County. Often you can see them from the highway. Recently Aspen Public Radio got a tour of a fracking operation run by WPX Energy near Parachute.

Reporter: Roger Adams

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 13

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

Description: The American Renewable Energy Day, or AREday, continues in Aspen. Participants are exploring all manner of angles about clean energy... and also what tactics to take against oil, coal, and other fossil fuel development.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Aug. 18

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

Description: Starting this month, Glenwood Springs residents are paying 12% more for their electricity. The City of Glenwood Springs buys power from publicly owned Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, or MEAN, and the co-op gets most of its energy from coal power plants. Andrew Ross is Manager of Engineering for MEAN, and he says the co-op had to increase its rates for several reasons. One of them is complying with nation-wide rules to shift away from coal power. Ross talks with APR's Elise Thatcher.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: July 16

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

Description: On Sunday the first annual "Disruption Summit" will be held in Aspen. The day long event features speakers who are responsible for inventions and discoveries that are changing the status quo. Organizer Kevin Ward says the conference brings the thinking that's missing at other

summertime events, like the Aspen Ideas Festival. He spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: July 22

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

Description: Over the years humankind's relationship with nature has changed. According to one scientist, we're now in an era where people deeply value nature because they depend on it. Stanford biology professor Susan McConnell gave a talk at the Aspen Disruption Summit over the weekend. She also spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: July 30

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

Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture chose a Gypsum biomass plant to participate in a federal energy program. Eagle Valley Clean Energy was one of 36 facilities nationwide chosen to be part of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen
