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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE





Dear Members,

IT'S A WRAP!

Brenda

Wild

My year as your Chair of the Aspen Board of Realtors has come to an end as of October 1st. I want to thank you all for those who voted for me and trusted me with YOUR board and YOUR Real Estate business here in the Roaring Fork Valley. It has been my pleasure and privilege to support all of you and work with such an esteemed group of professionals on our board.

There is more work to be done, more events to be involved in and I ask you to please make time to give back and join in where you can. We all need each other to continue to meet the challenges we have locally, regionally and nationally that affects your business everyday.

I am going to continue to be your support and voice as I take the Mountain District Chair position November 1, 2016 for the next year.

We are part of a district comprised of eight boards, all facing similar challenges and struggles. Small communities compared to our front range membership but yet a vital part of our Real Estate trade statewide. I will continue to keep you all updated on a state level this

next year and make sure we are heard at Colorado Association of Realtors as to what is important to us and to our business. I invite you to call me or email me any ideas or concerns anytime.

Last but not least I thank those who voted for me as REALTOR OF THE YEAR. I did not expect this and am very honored to have this bestowed to me. I will continue to live up to those standards that are criteria for this award as it is a lifestyle choice that I feel important to me and who I am in this profession.

From our food drive for Lift Up to our golf tournament that changes lives by supporting young minds and hearts in their college endeavors; the days of swinging hammers and painting for Habitat for Humanity, you are all inspiring and am so very grateful to have served you.

Wishing you health, peace and prosperity.

Brenda



ABOR Chairman of the Board, Brenda Wild is surprised and honored to hear her name called out as the 2016 ABOR REALTOR® of the Year.

OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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BASALT CARAVAN

OCTOBER NOVEMBER 9:30 - 11:00

SNOWMASS CARAVAN

CTOBER 19 NOVEMBER 9:30 - 11:30

ASPEN CARAVAN

TOBER 6,13,20 NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17

9:30 - 11:30

Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 - 10:00AM

Board Retreat

OCT

Aspen Historical Society Walking Tour

4:00 - 6:00PM

OCT 18 **New Member Orientation**

9-1:30PM

OCT 24, 26, 28,31

Fall Tour

(Up Valley 9-5)

NOV 2,4 **Fall Tour** (Up Valley 9-5)

NOV 16 **Board of Directors Meeting**

8:30 - 10:00AM

NOV 24-25

ABOR Closed

Thanksgiving & Day After



Fall Tour Dates

Up Valley 9AM-5PM

October 24, 26, 28, 31

November 2 & 4

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ABOR HEADLINES

Government Affairs Corner



Land Use Discussion/Land Use Code Revisions Project Marches on in Aspen

At an extremely lengthy meeting August 29th, the city council held a work session to consider a few topics in the ongoing land use discussion. At work sessions, no ordinances are considered by the council and public testimony isn't given. Instead, the council confers with their staff and consultants to consider **policy areas of priority** and to give direction to the staff about which way they'd like to see the discussion move. On the 29th, they considered a few key topics: Commercial Design Standards, Proper mix of commercial use, off street parking, residential use mix and growth management, and view planes.

Commercial Design - they discussed things like dividing the town into design districts focusing on existing characteristics and possibly including in the code an overall design strategy that focuses development and updates on a particular "look" based on where the building sits in Aspen.

Commercial Use Mix – Council discussed at length the need to amend current use boundaries to hold secure current standards but allow for flexibility for businesses that might want to exist in other established areas. For example, "pop up" retail sites that might want to exist within a different commercial use area.

Off Street Parking – Council is still pretty bound up on off street parking and what to do about congestion. As this whole land use discussion moves forward, some topics they'll be considering might include soft "caps" on private parking, funding transportation management projects, requiring offset fees on projects that add to parking congestion, and other solutions. Council doesn't really have any preferences or priorities of these options right now, but this topic will be a hotly debated one as land use code revisions move forward.

Residential Use and Growth Management – Permanent restrictions on residential use are still "on the table" in this discussion. Council is still considering the possibility of further restrictions on residential use in a few land use areas of the city. There is also considerable support for further affordable housing mitigation requirements on new commercial projects.

View Planes – They're still considering what (if any) changes need to be made to the view plane code. Does there need to be an amendment to treat buildings differently if they're in the foreground or background of an existing view plane?

Next Steps – The **September 13th, 19th** and **27th** City Council Work Sessions both have the **land use code project on the agenda**. There are also plans for a yet to be announced public

meeting in late September or early October to accept public comments on the work so far. Council has a published **October 10th** deadline they've given themselves to consider a policy resolution, which will allow the staff to draft ordinances for public consideration and debate.

Basalt Prepares to have Two Confusing Questions on November Ballot

Basalt town council has more work to do this week, but if the go ahead is given residents could have two odd measures to consider this November.

At the moment, the first question will ask whether voters will fund the town's purchase of the 2.3 acres owned by the Roaring Fork Community Development Corp. for \$3 million. The second question will seek approval for about \$4 million in park improvements. Some of those improvements would be on property the town is proposing to purchase.

So the way the two measures are written right now, voters could approve buying the 2.3 acres but reject paying for about \$4 million in proposed park improvements. It gets better: If voters reject the purchase of the property in the first question, the town government won't seek any bonding ability to pay for park improvements. That would make the result of the vote on the second question meaningless.

We'll continue to monitor the activity of council this week in hopes that there is some further clarification on the way the measures will appear on the ballot.

CAR Urges A"No"Vote on Statewide Amendment 69

The Colorado Association of REALTORS® has joined a very large and diverse coalition of business groups and citizens from across the state to defeat Amendment 69, a proposal to eliminate all current health care options in Colorado and replace it with a vague single payer system. Here's why:

- It is costly. The \$25 billion tax increase would essentially DOUBLE the size of the current state budget. Employers would have a new 6.67 percent payroll tax, and all workers would pay another 3.33 percent payroll tax.
- It hits business owners and sole proprietors disproportionally.
 These Coloradans would pay both sides of the tax that's 10 percent in new employment taxes. On top of that, there would be an additional 10 percent tax on all non-payroll income.

- It is unaccountable. While supported by your tax dollars, Amendment 69 is specifically designed to operate outside state government and TABOR limitations, run by a 21-member board elected by plan "members." This board would bear the sole ability to decide coverage, negotiate prices and reimbursement rates and raise taxes when the initial \$25 billion in annual revenue proves insufficient and would have no accountability to the governor or legislature.
- It would limit health care choice, access and quality. A government run system like this makes Colorado less attractive to providers. We fear our best providers would leave the state and that it would be hard to attract newproviders to practice here.
- · Workers and their families face uncertainty about coverage. Today, workers know what their plan covers - and what it doesn't. There are no specifics about what the Amendment 69 plan would cover, and those decisions are left to the 21-member board.
- It will cost Colorado jobs. By giving Colorado the highest state taxes in America to create an untested plan with uncertain coverages, Amendment 69 may force companies to choose not to locate in Colorado – or move out of Colorado – because of our health care system.
- It won't impact the national cost curve. It's unrealistic to think, even if you do support government run systems, that, as the only state in the union with this model, Colorado would influence the national market and cost curve.

Under Amendment 69, ALL Coloradans will lose their current benefit plan, to be replaced by benefits yet to be determined, to be serviced by an entity yet to be identified, to include providers yet to be named. This idea is poorly conceived and very bad for Colorado's economy. Please let me know if you have questions about this issue.

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News in the Roaring Fork Valley of Particular Interest to the Real Estate Community

Aspen

Council Looks Toward Non-Prime Commercial Spaces for Vitality

By encouraging more "non-prime" commercial spaces in the core, Aspen City Council hopes to create greater opportunity for local-serving businesses, the Aspen Daily News reported. Council met with planning office staff and consultants during a work session in late August to discuss months of exploration that's taking place during a year-long moratorium on new development in commercial zone districts...MORE

Main Street Commercial Space Gets Approval

Plans for a commercial building on the site of a Main Street gas station where voters last year turned down a hotel proposal are locked in after Aspen City Council signed off on a lower board's approval, the Aspen Daily News reported...MORE

Retail Sales in June Up 13 Percent

Retail sales in the city of Aspen surged ahead 13 percent in June compared to the same month last year, according to a city of Aspen consumption tax report. The economic shot in the arm brought 2016's year-to-date collections to 4 percent above last year. Industries posting the largest monthly gains in June were construction (32 percent), automobile (24 percent), accommodations (22 percent) and miscellaneous (22 percent). The industries experiencing the largest declines were luxury goods (7 percent) and utilities (5 percent).MORE

Increased Parking Rates to Remain

Increased parking rates in the downtown core combined with other incentives intended to keep people out of their cars are having their desired effect, according to the Aspen Daily News.

City council decided going into this summer to enact a three-month trial where parking rates at meters in the downtown core went up 50 percent across the board. The hope was to increase the amount of available parking spaces by 10 percent while bringing in 25 percent more revenue, or \$150,000 over the course of the summer, to fund programs that support alternate forms of transportation...MORE

Snowmass

Three Property Tax Questions Coming to Snowmass Voters

Snowmass Village will ask voters in November whether to approve a property tax increase that would provide an additional \$500,000 annually for the Aspen School District, according to the Aspen Daily News...MORE

Snowmass Gets Parking Stickers

A new digital system for guest parking got the green light from town officials, doing away with the old paper permit system, the Aspen Daily News reported. Vehicles will be tracked by license plates rather than through permits adhered to the window. The old method, which has been used for more than 15 years by guests, merchants, employees, seniors and others, is being seen as a relic of the last millennium. Day skier parking in the Base Village structure, which the town does not operate, will be unaffected by the technology change....MORE

Basalt

Basalt Voters to Decide Riverfront Fate with Two Questions in November

Basalt voters will be able to choose whether they want to buy additional land to augment a new river park and, in a second question, decide if they are on board with a significantly scaled-down plan to develop that park, compared to an earlier proposal, according to the Aspen Daily News. The Basalt Town Council came to what they called a "perfect compromise" during a meeting in late August...MORE

El Jebowl to Get Youthful Makeover

The new owners of El JeBowl are aiming to make it a strike among young people, and their industry experience may make that possible, the Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported. Craig Spivey and Tom Weber, partners in Bowlounge in Dallas, purchased the bowling business in El Jebel on Aug. 15. They bought the bowling alley from the Stecklein family, which started it in 1992...MORE

Carbondale

Two Assaults Lead to Public Outcry

Twenty to 30 women packed a Carbondale town meeting in August to say they don't feel safe and local government isn't moving fast enough to fix it, after two recent assaults on women walking at night, the Glenwood Post Independent reported.

The most recent of these was a sexual assault, while the other was an "alleged assault" that wasn't sexual in nature. The department had a couple people of interest in late July, but it's been unable to verify whether they are connected to the assaults.

Investigators at this point do not believe the two incidents involved the same assailant. Attendees to the meeting asked for increased lighting and public safety measure around the areas where the attacks had occurred.

Glenwood Springs

Downtown Shuttle Bus Getting More Riders

Ridership is increasing on a new Glenwood Springs shuttle bus as operators have worked to increase awareness about the service and its targeted audience: tourists, the Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported.

One reason for the recent increase is that the shuttle drivers are asking people where they're headed and actively encouraging people to hop on. Instead of looping clockwise from Grand Avenue onto Eighth to Cooper and back to Grand after a bus stop on Ninth Street, the shuttle will loop the other direction onto Blake and Seventh Street, picking up passengers by the Amtrak station, where more people are hanging out because of restaurants and shopping.

Pitkin County

Carbondale to Crested Butte Trail Considered

Pitkin County is prepared to spend \$200,000 to jump start the planning for a long-envisioned trail linking Carbondale and Crested Butte, though the project faces major obstacles according to Open Space and Trails officials, the Aspen Daily News reported...MORE

Construction Waste Is Filling Landfill

Eighty percent of the waste coming into the Pitkin County Landfill is coming from construction, according to officials, and with just 14 years left before the only landfill between Aspen and South Canyon in Glenwood Springs is full, they're trying to figure out solutions, the Aspen Daily News reported. In most communities, about 20 percent of landfill composition is made up of construction and demolition debris, the rest is municipal waste from residents....MORE



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George Harvey of Telluride installs the 2017 Board of Directors.



Dick Fitzgerald, Lifetime Achievement Award ecipient thankina the crowd.



Bob Throm accepting Lifetime Achievement Award from Bill Stirling and Evan Boenning.





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Nick Coates accepts a Lifetime Achievement Award with daughter Kim and grandson Jackson.



Dick and Sally Fitzgerald

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Bob Throm, Lifetime Award Recipient.



Installing Officer George Harvey and Wife Becky.



Tony accepts the first man gift of appreciation from the Aspen Board of REALTORS®.



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2015 ROTY Tory Thomas presents Brenda Wild with the 2016 REALTOR® of the Year Award.

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John Cooley accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from presenter Bill Stirling.



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Past REALTORS of the Year stand up to present the 2016 REALTOR® of the Year Award.



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18	9:00 - 1:30 pm	New Member Orientation/Ethics & MLS Training Where: ABOR Instructor: Adrian Rippy-Sheehy/Suzanne Frazier Click Hara to Register	FREE 3 CE's
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The reports are broken down by major area for the Aspen/Glenwood MLS listings. The links are provided here for your convenience. Please feel free to share this valuable information.

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