



VHA advocates for reasonable development that is compatible with the community's existing neighborhoods. VHA is monitoring proposed redevelopment in West Lionshead (yellow), Cascade Village (pink) and the potential effect upon Donovan Park (green). Included are the effects upon lifts (red) and the need for a I-70 pedestrian crossing (blue) connecting West Timber Ridge work force housing with future and existing community amenities on Donovan Park.

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Reasons Vail Homeowners and Readers Should Join VHA

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VHA tracks development, prosperity and quality of life indicators, like real estate values, congestion and the value of VRI stocks which affect the interests of members, resident property owners and the community at large. **Letters to Vail** and **VHA Reports** are the Association's primary means of communicating with and educating its thousands of readers among the nearly 10,000 properties owned in Vail.

VHA is not a typical homeowners association. VHA is a community and neighborhood improvement association founded in 1991. We advocate and assist our members and our constituents by keeping them informed and involved with the issues that could affect their property values and quality of life. VHA brings issues to light, informs constituents and encourages them to write or communicate with Town Council, Eagle County Commissioners or others in the hierarchy to create change or support positions.

Much of what VHA does is intangible, dealing with the soft underbelly of local politics. Without this oversight, the decline in the Vail experience that has been occurring over the last several years could have been much worse. VHA is here to help prevent and reverse negative trends.

Currently, VHA is working with member property owners, paid-subscribers, readers and constituents regarding:

- Reasonable redevelopment of West Vail, Cascade Village, West Lionshead, Lionshead and Vail Village
- Development and restoration of transportation, cultural, education and recreational amenities
- Improvement of traffic circulation, mass transit, parking and related public safety advancements
- Reduction of tourism related congestion
- The preservation of parks, open spaces, and wildlife habitat
- Competitive development of workforce housing
- Excessive commercialization

- Expansion of pedestrian and wildlife passages connecting north and south Vail
- Remedies to I-70 gridlock and noise pollution
- Balancing commercial services and events for both visitor and resident populations
- Restoration of Vail’s image and stature as a premier world class resort community and investment value
- Disruptive property insurance and homeowner fees for regulatory assessments and water development
- Advocacy for design aesthetics, neighborhood compatibility and community connectivity
- Inhibiting Vail’s landscape and microclimate from being harmed from excessive tree removal and water restrictions that deplete its underground aquifers.

A reader wrote, “I’m writing to say that I hope the VHA continues to serve its very important role as a watchdog and advocate. The VHA’s efforts have been invaluable at keeping folks “honest” and letting local government and officials know that someone is watching. The bigger Vail gets, the more the VHA is needed.”

VHA is a member and reader-supported non-profit funded by voluntary annual dues and contributions of its paid subscribers and readers. Many members are part-time resident property owners from Vail’s founding generation, their children and succeeding generations of first-time owners who have discovered the intangible qualities that Vail brings to their lives. As Vail grows, traditional assumptions of political activism have become more complicated and costly.

Memberships and contributions fuel the VHA reports, *Letters to Vail* and help VHA respond to important issues, expand our reach and ensure transparency. VHA is thankful for support and participation from the Vail community. We pledge to remain at the forefront of advocating on behalf of the mutual interests of full and part-time residents and property owners.

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