



The Vail Community.

Letters to Vail

VHA Works to Strengthen the Vail Community.

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Vail Homeowners Association (VHA) wants and needs your support, whether you're an activist or passive, a voting member, paid-subscriber, or reader. VHA welcomes your participation.

Here's what VHA does for you and the community as it communicates with its broad constituency on matters of mutual concern.

VHA:

- Acts to preserve and increase property values.
- Motivates political action to protect lifestyle and quality of experience in Vail.
- Engages with the TOV Planning and Environmental Commission (PEC) and Town Council to review proposed development projects that broadly impact neighborhoods and the community.
- Questions cost-of-living fees and regulations that harm the community's neighborhoods and environment.
- Works to find constructive solutions to compatibility issues, like traffic congestion, helping to protect property values and quality of life.
- Advocates for preservation of public and private open space, fisheries, and wildlife habitat.
- Assists in coordinating communication with advocacy groups to achieve mutually acceptable goals, including development proposals.
- Works to achieve community aspirational goals like housing diversity and residential amenities.
- Seeks long-range solutions to overcome behaviors detrimental to the community's population and economy.

VHA is currently working to ensure that redevelopment planning for Vail Village, Middle Creek, Lionshead, West Lionshead, Cascade Village and West Vail are compatible with established surrounding neighborhoods, and that redevelopment provides adequate public improvements to accommodate existing and future growth. New

and redevelopment projects should enhance public safety and ensure that flood and natural hazard-prone open space fulfill their intended purpose of preventing natural and manmade disasters while providing habitat for wildlife. VHA strives to help ensure that increases in on-mountain tourism are in balance with supporting commercial and residential assets within the Vail community and that proposed increases in tourism meet international standards and sustain the indigenous population. Also, VHA strives to ensure that cost of living and operational expenses are in the interest of maintaining a prospering and enduring resident population.

Sincerely,
Pamela Stenmark, President

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 from condominium associations and individual property owners. Members are largely the part-time resident property owners from Vail's founding generation. 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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