

What's New at Willow Creek Bistro » » »

Chef Matt Skaletsky has been busy. Busy thinking of ways to delight your palette this season. Willow Creek Bistro's summer menu just launched with lots of new, creative plates as well as delicious favorites. Start with jalapeno shrimp poppers or a Palisades peach salad to whet your appetite, then sink into a fried oyster po-boy with homemade remoulade or lamb burger with cucumber yogurt. For dinner try their baby- back ribs or whole roasted rainbow trout with creamy smoked mozzarella polenta. Or cool off after a hike with an old fashion, hand spun milk shake. The Bistro has a full bar and patio seating. Willow Creek Bistro is open Wednesday thru Sunday 7am – 9pm. 429-2327

Beach is Growing!

After 25 years, Beach Resource Management and Beach Environmental now have a permanent home! Our main office is now located in the Willits area, in the Alpine Bank Building. Our Aspen office at Highlands will continue to serve our Aspen and upper valley clients, but we kindly ask that you send all correspondence, invoices, and payments to our Basalt address.

The combination of committed staff and wonderful clients are what has made this opportunity possible. Thanks for your relationship with Beach Resource Management and Beach Environmental throughout the years, it is truly a pleasure to serve the people and organizations of our valley. We look forward to the future success of both our companies and our clients.

Disclaimer

This newsletter is intended to provide generalized information that is appropriate in certain situations. However, because of the complexities of the applicable laws and regulations and the continuing developments in these areas, the contents of this newsletter should not be acted upon without specific professional guidance. – Aspen Highlands Village Association Staff

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THE HIGHLANDER

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“Bring Back the Noise, Bring Back the Funk!”

Ever since Dan Moscar and Aaron Williams landed at the Northwoods Lodge (formally ZG Grill), they have been plotting ways to infuse fun and vitality back into the Village. Think great food, hoppin’ après ski and one of the most awesome closing day parties Highlands has seen in a while.

And if the guys have it their way, this summer will be more of the same. Catch a late afternoon rock or reggae concert on the hill. Look for the return of Tuesday Movie Nights on the Bowling Lawn with family-friendly films, and beer and snacks served on the deck. Join a pick-up whiffle ball or Frisbee game



on the lawn. Or just stop by for lunch on the deck and enjoy a stunning view of Highlands.

As always, Northwoods Lodge is in the business of providing great food. Big, hearty burgers and sandwiches, fresh salads, or one of their southwest-inspired dishes. Try the “Steep and Deep Nachos” – chili, chicken, cheese and all the fixins’

– perfect to share with friends and a cold beer. Or the “Northwoods Signature Burger” – grilled buffalo burger glazed with chipotle bbq sauce, served on a brioche bun, topped with cheddar, a wasabi & guacamole spread, applewood smoked bacon, tobacco onions and an achiote aioli – a great way to end a hike or bike ride. Or enjoy a homemade Breakfast Burrito on your bus ride to the Maroon Bells.

Although Dan and Aaron are new to the Valley, they are no strangers to the resort and hospitality biz. Dan, a West Virginia native, grew up working in a family-owned

catering company prior to stepping into resort and golf course management in Hilton Head, South Carolina, for the past 15 years. Aaron, from Los Angeles, worked in hotel management in Maui, Atlanta, and Puerto Rico

prior to moving into resort and golf course management in Hilton Head and Chicago for the last 15 years. After working together for several years, the guys decided to partner on a resort restaurant venture. Both are still adjusting to the snow and colder weather but say as long as they can still play golf, everything will be just fine!

Northwoods Lodge is located at the base of Aspen

Highlands. Open daily 8am-5pm with special events throughout the summer season. Call 925-9248 for more information or go to www.northwoodsaspens.com.

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THOMASGENSHAFT

Who's New at Highlands

Thomas | Genshaft P.C. relocated to Aspen Highlands from Snowmass Village at the beginning of 2010. Thomas | Genshaft assists businesses and individuals with real estate, land use, resort development and civil litigation matters. Thomas | Genshaft offers an individualized approach to legal needs and is committed to delivering results for clients.

In addition to representation of businesses and individuals, the attorneys working for the firm often represent state and local nonprofit organizations, serve on community volunteer boards and commissions and donate their time to legal aid groups and the representation of those less fortunate.

Thomas | Genshaft is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, after hour meetings are available by appointment. Thomas | Genshaft offers a state-of-the-art boardroom with seating for 15 and a multi-media space. The office is located at the base of Highlands at 39 Boomerang Road, Suite 8130. Please visit their comprehensive website: www.thomasgenshaft.com.

2010 SUMMER EVENTS:

JUNE / JULY

THURSDAY JUNE 17, 5-7

PM: Harvey/Meadows Gallery
- Opening Reception

JUNE 17 – JULY 11

Featured Artists – Maren Klopman, Jeff Qestreich, Margaret Bohls, Frank Martin, Kari Radasch and Akio Yakamori (solo show)

THURSDAY JULY 15TH, 4-

8PM: LIVASPENART Gallery
- Artist Exhibition and Cocktail Reception:

Mariana Vieira, Brooks Werner, Shannon Neumann, Matt Neumann and Olivia Daane Reische

THURSDAY JULY 15TH,

5-8PM:

Harvey/Meadows Gallery - Opening Reception and Art Talk: Benefit for Anderson Ranch Art Center National Council

JULY 15 – AUGUST 10

Featured Artists: Betty Woodman and George Woodman

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY AUGUST 12TH, 5-

8PM: Harvey/Meadows Gallery
- Opening Reception

AUGUST 12 – SEPTEMBER 8

Featured Artists: John Gill and Andrea Gill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5-8PM:

Harvey/Meadows Gallery: Opening Reception and Artists Talk

SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 1

Featured Artists: Chris Gustin, Lorna Meaden and Brad Reed Nelson.



"Diadem-2," Olivia Daane Reische, LIVASPENART



"Discovering the Great Valley," Matt Neuman, LIVASPENART

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5-8 pm - Sojourner Artwalk (Ritz Carlton in Highlands and Aspen)

EVERYDAY

- Guided mountain climbs, treks and hikes with Aspen Expeditions.
- Stroll the Plaza's art galleries and outdoor recreation stores.
- Grab coffee or dine at one of the Plaza restaurants.



"Vase and Windows I," Betty Goodman, Harvey/Meadows Gallery

GALLERYINFO»

HARVEY MEADOWS GALLERY

Exhibiting contemporary ceramic art, sculpture, painting and works on paper by a range of artist, from masters of the 20th century to mid-career and emerging artists. Owners Sam Harvey and Alleghany Meadows are both ceramic artists. They bring their passion and expertise of the field into the gallery. They represent work which spans the possibilities of the ceramic medium from sculptural and figurative to utilitarian and site-specific installation. They also specialize in locating specific artists' work or desired pieces for private, public or corporate collections. **Open daily 11am to 5pm, June to early-October. 0133 Prospector Road, Suite 4114A, Aspen Highlands Village, Aspen, CO 81611 / Phone: 970.920.7721 / info@harveymeadows.com, www.harveymeadows.com.**

2010 Proposed Legislation Affecting Special Districts

Three pieces of Colorado legislation will be on the November 2010 ballot, and if passed, will have a significant financial and administrative impact on Special Districts beginning January 1, 2011. The following information is from a webinar put on by the public financing group of Sherman & Howard (bond counsel in Denver for Special Districts).

Amendment 60 - Amends the TABOR Amendment of the Colorado Constitution (Article X, Section 20) to establish additional limits on property taxes

• **The Bell Policy Center states that Proposed Amendment 60** would set stricter limits on property taxes than currently imposed by TABOR. It would cripple local governments in their ability to raise revenue by overriding all local de-Brucing elections; apply a 10-year limit on all property tax increases; and put in place a mechanism where taxpayers could petition for tax cuts on the ballot of every election. It would also require local school districts to cut their mill levy rates in half by 2020, with local revenue to be replaced by the state.

• Prior De-Brucing elections allowing property tax revenues to be retained are of no force and effect. This would have a huge impact on Aspen Highlands Metro since it was “de-Bruced” in its organizational election, which means the voters elected to waive the revenue limitations imposed by the TABOR amendment. This means that the District would have to go back to that organizational election and calculate the allowable, 5.5% limited revenue increases from that point forward and would need to strictly comply with those limits beginning in January 2011. The problem with this is that Aspen Highlands Metropolitan District resides in an area where the annual cost of living often exceeds 5.5%.

Amendment 61 - Amends the TABOR Amendment to add a new section to prohibit State debt & limit local government debt

• Prohibits the State from borrowing for any reason or for any period of time. This doesn't affect the District directly, but because of the economic downturn, people will likely vote from their pocketbook and vote FOR this amendment, ensuring the negative impacts to Districts, as follows:

• Local governments (Districts) and their enterprises may borrow money, but only after a November vote. All local government borrowings are subject to voter approval under this proposal. This will increase election and paperwork costs.

• There will be a debt limit of 10 percent of the assessed taxable value of the real property of the District. Currently the debt limit is 51% of the District's assessed value. This probably doesn't hurt Aspen Highlands Metro District, which has a high assessed value, but smaller Districts with low assessed values that are in dire need of infrastructure improvements will not be able to sell municipal bonds to fund those improvements.

• No borrowing may continue past its original term. What this means is that if bonds are refinanced to keep debt payments low or affordable to its taxpayers (as the Aspen Highlands Metro District board did in 2007 in order to help its taxpayers), the refinancing would be considered a new borrowing and would require voter approval. Again, more costs to the District and the chance it wouldn't be voted for.

• **The Bell Policy Center states that Proposed Amendment 61** would ban the use of any kind of debt by the state of

Colorado and greatly limit the amount of debt issued by local governments. The Center believes Colorado would become the only state in the nation without authority to issue debt.

Proposition 101 - To reduce State income tax, as well as taxes and fees on motor vehicles & telecommunications

• Vehicle taxes would decrease to \$2 for new vehicles and \$1 for old vehicles, and registration & license fees would total only \$10. So, for example, if you have an old vehicle that currently costs \$250 to register, that vehicle would cost \$11 to register if this proposition passes. The impact to Aspen Highlands Metro would be a revenue reduction of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 each year, since the District receives a share of these fees and taxes.

• This proposition would also reduce state income taxes from the current rate of 4.63 percent (among the lowest in the nation) by 0.1 percent annually to a low of 3.5 percent, but this doesn't directly affect Special Districts. However, most people in this economic downturn will probably vote for a reduction in state income tax, which will likely guarantee the passage of this proposition.

The Bell Policy Center (www.thebell.org/node/1231) states that Proposition 101 is intended to establish new, much lower limits on state and local spending; reinstate the TABOR ratchet effect; and cut state and local public services by a total of more than \$2 billion a year.

For more information on the proposed legislation affecting Special Districts, go to the following web sites: www.protectcoloradoscommunities.net and www.thebell.org/node/1231

LIVASPENART

LivAspenArt is a gallery and working studio located at Aspen Highlands, featuring contemporary paintings, prints and sculpture by local artists Olivia Daane Reische, Matt Neuman, Janet Nelson, Tori Mitas-Campisi, Jennifer Ghormley, Carrie Trippe, Shannon Neumann, Brooks Werner and photography by Mariana Vieira, Kat Parkin and Andrew Wilz. Meet the artists and view both finished works and works in progress. Also showing unique jewelry collections by visiting L.A. designer Andrea Farber (Hippie Gypsy Hot Couture), Megan DeNeV Wussow and Mariam Naibi. LivAspenArt enters its 6th summer season having established itself as a unique destination for the collector of contemporary, emerging art. This colorful and authentic gallery is a find! Private art instruction offered.

Open daily, 11am to 5pm and by appointment / Closed Mondays. 0115 Boomerang Road, Suite 5201E, Aspen Highlands Village, Aspen, CO 81611 / Phone: 970.544-0411 / www.livaspensart.com



“Eagle,” Olivia Daane Reische, LIVASPENART

MERCHANT LISTINGS

Aspen Brownie Works / 925-7177

Formally Cloud Nine Brownies. Voted "Best Artisan Brownie" by USA Today. Offering homemade brownies, toffees, fresh breakfast breads, sandwiches and coffee drinks. Located next to the Village post office. Open daily 7am-4pm. www.aspenbrownieworks.com



Aspen Expeditions / 925-7625

Aspen Expeditions offers both Aspen-based guiding and worldwide adventure travel. info@aspenexpeditions.com



Aspen/Snowmass Four-Mountain Sports / 544-3013

Offering a diverse selection of outdoor clothing, accessories and rental equipment. Maroon Bells bus tickets sold here. www.aspensnowmass.com

Beach Resource Management / 273-3100

Management company for the Highlands Master Association, Parking and Loading Dock Association, the Highlands Commercial and Residential Metropolitan Districts, and the Highlands Design Review Board. Beach specializes in the management of Districts and Associations throughout the upper and mid Roaring Fork Valley. www.beachresource.com

BOOTech, Inc. / 925-2526

Specializing in sales and service of custom, precision fitted Alpine ski boots. All services are by appointment only. www.bootech.net



Caffé Siena / 429-2331

Serving a great assortment of coffee drinks and offering breakfast & lunch items to-go as a quick dining option. Located adjacent to Willow Creek Bistro in the Ritz-Carlton Club. Open daily in the summer and winter, 7am-4:30pm.

Eastwood Developments, Inc. / 925-9817

Owner/Landlord of commercial properties throughout Highlands. kpride@sarick.com

Harvey/Meadows Gallery / 920-7721

Contemporary ceramic art, prints and works on paper by nationally recognized artists. Open daily from 11am-5pm. www.harveymeadows.com

Highlands Concierge by Joshua & Co. / 920-1776

Specializing in real estate sales, property management and luxury rentals. www.joshuaco.com

Highlands Pizza Company / 920-3747

Serving up New York style, deep dish and wheat free pizza, soups, salads, subs and a selection of Aspen Brewing Company beers. Live music and après ski specials. Open daily in the summer 11am-9pm. highlandspizzaco@gmail.com



LIVASPENART / 544-0411

Gallery and working studio featuring contemporary paintings and prints by local artists Olivia Daane Reische, Matt Neuman and Dasa Bausova. Colorful, inviting and authentic atmosphere. Open daily. www.livaspensart.com



Northwoods Lodge – 925-9248

Hearty burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads, full bar, après ski and live music. Offering lunch and après ski menus. Open daily from 8am-5pm in the summer. www.northwoodsaspen.com

The Ritz-Carlton Club / 429-2300

Voted "Best of the Best" fractional ownership club in the world by the Robb Report. Open daily, 8:30am-5:30pm. www.rcc-aspen.com



Thomas | Genshaft PC / 544-5900

Thomas | Genshaft is a boutique firm representing clients in all facets of civil litigation, resort real estate, land use and development. The firm's clients include Fortune 500 corporations, small and emerging businesses, contractors, development companies and individuals. M-F 8 am – 5pm or by appointment www.thomasgenshaft.com

Willow Creek Bistro / 429-2327

Relaxed breakfast, lunch and dinner setting, serving regional American Bistro foods. Open to the public. Closed Mon. & Tues., open Wed-Sun 7am-9pm.



Who Manages What at Highlands?

Aspen Highlands Village Association:

Manager: Beach Resource Management / Gary Beach, 273-3100 – Email: gary@beachresource.com

Design Review Board (DRB):

Manager: Beach Resource Management / Gary Beach, 273-3100 – Email: gary@beachresource.com

Parking and Loading Dock Association (PLDA):

Manager: Beach Resource Management / Michael Kiernan, 920-2248 – Email: michael@beachresource.com

Aspen Highlands Metropolitan District:

Manager: Beach Resource Management / Gary Beach, 273-3100 – Email: gary@beachresource.com

The Ritz Carlton Club; White River Lodge (Bldg 2); Trailhead Lodge (Bldg 4); & Elkhorn Lodge (Bldg 8):

Manager: Kerry Hing, 925-0000 / Building Engineer: Robert Stumpus, 429-2273

Aspen Highlands Merchants Association:

Manager: Kristin Pride, Eastwood Developments, Inc. / 925-9817 – Email: kpride@sarick.com

Wille Residences (Bldg 3):

Self Managed - Andrew Nettleton, 948-1484

Maroon Creek Station (Bldg 5):

Manager: Ron Erickson, Aspen Resort Accommodations / 925-4772 – Email: rentals@aspenreservations.net

Affordable Housing Association:

Cloud Nine & Exhibition / Self Managed – Jon Anderson / Email – aviator15@comcast.net

Maroon Neighborhood Townhome Association:

Manager: Tim Riggins, Alpine Valley Services / 704-1953 – Email: tim@alpinevalleyservices.com

Thunderbowl Townhomes Association:

Manager: Tim Riggins, Alpine Valley Services / 704-1953 – Email: tim@alpinevalleyservices.com

Aspen Highlands Condominium Association:

The Ritz Carlton Club - Kerry Hing, 925-0000

Amenities Association:

Manager: Tim Riggins, Alpine Valley Services / 704-1953 – Email: tim@alpinevalleyservices.com