



# Letters to Vail

## VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

### VHA Genesis

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The Vail Homeowners Association (VHA) was founded as a quality-of-life advocate and arbitrator on behalf of residential property owners to balance corporate and government interests in accord with the founding principles of the community. These principles are articulated in the land use planning and administrative intent of the protective covenants upon which the community was founded and upon which the Town of Vail land use regulations are based.

The role of VHA evolved from the consequences of overly aggressive development associated with the origins of Lionshead. The fallout spawned the municipal government, the Town of Vail, and led to the formation of allied community improvement associations to protect property owner interests: Action Vail and the Vail Homeowners Association.

Action Vail, originated by Gordon Brittan, was broadly concerned with the Town's elective politics and finances. As open space and development related issues became more complex, commonality of interest to preserve open space and the advocacy for well-thought-out development comprised the nucleus of what was to become the Vail Homeowners Association.

The evolution of VHA's defense of open spaces and wildlife was brought about through the efforts of founding directors Ellie Caulkins and Judy Berkowitz. Gretta Whiteford Parks and Robert W. Galvin, VHA's first President, led the on-going effort to encourage sensible, far-sighted entrepreneurial and compatible development.

The actions taken by these and successive VHA Officers, Directors, its members and readers of its publications, in alliance with innumerable other allied community activists and conservationist, have united around causes supported by the Association.

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VHA serves the Vail community with information having a perspective not readily found elsewhere. Our publications and activities are funded by membership dues and contributions from paid-subscribers and readers. By joining with VHA, as a member, paid-subscriber or reader, you can add your voice to sustain what is good about our community and to shine a spotlight on important issues.

VHA strives to provide clear and concise discussions of matters affecting the Vail community in the belief that an informed citizenry will be an engaged citizenry. Our intent is to promote more citizen involvement and community discussions of issues facing the Town.

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