



Vail Valley News and Views



Dear Friends,

The snow is falling, winter is here, and the 2011-2012 ski season is about to begin! Read below for news and info about mountain preparations and opening days at Vail and Beaver Creek mountains. It's looking like we are off to a strong start this year! I've been very busy this fall preparing for the upcoming winter real estate season. The market has been moving steadily, and I've included some interesting information below about recent real estate trends.

With the holiday season right around the corner, it is the perfect time to reconnect with friends, so if you are in town, please give me a call. I would love to ski with you and catch up.

Fill Next Month!

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Real Estate Market Update: Fall 2011

August and September were very active months in real estate in the Vail Valley. Both months had a high number of transactions, with August at 126 sales and September at 132 sales. September had the highest number of transactions this year to date and the most sales since October 2008. Of these September sales, 64% were under \$500,000 with the majority in Eagle and Gypsum. The average price of all sales in September in the county was \$627,000. However, August had several very impressive transactions with the highest priced sale at the Arrabelle for \$7.1 million. Also, transactions over \$4 million have accounted for 24% of the total dollar volume for the county. Overall, the real estate market in the valley is very active and showing resiliency with the best transaction numbers in several years. Buyers are taking advantage of the incredible opportunities in the market.

Snow Making Started in Vail

Mountain operation crews have been preparing 24/7 for opening day. Recent snow and cool temperatures have created incredibly favorable snowmaking conditions on Vail Mountain and the base will be 12-18 inches on opening day! 'Track packing' operations are stabilizing the snowpack into a solid base for the season. Also, the Vail Ski Patrol has been preparing with vigorous training for mountain rescues and lift evacuations.



November Events in the Valley

OPENING DAY AT VAIL MOUNTAIN!

It's here! On November 18th at 9 am, Vail opens for the 2011-2012 ski season! The 4 lifts open will be Born Free Express, Little Eagle Lift #15, Vista Bahn, and the Eagle Bahn Gondola. Kick off celebrations will include perks like \$1 burritos (benefiting the Vail Veterans program) and free hot cocoa to skiers.



OPENING DAY AT BEAVER CREEK!

November 23rd is opening day at Beaver Creek ski mountain! In addition to celebrations on the mountain, opening Day will also feature the World's Best Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition in BC Village from 2-4 pm.

Beaver Creek Tree Lighting Ceremony

Come light up the holiday season! On Nov 25th from 4-8 pm, the 31st Annual Beaver Creek Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in BC Village. Festivities will include fireworks, caroling, ice skating, visits from Santa, and the fantastic 2011 Gingerbread Competition. This culinary art show will display works by professionals, amateurs and children at Ford Hall.



JUST REDUCED! - CAPSTONE #5, WEST VAIL



This delightful 4 bedroom updated Vail townhome is a rare find! It offers gorgeous panoramic views, new kitchen and baths, a beautiful private back yard, and is just steps from the free Vail bus line. Offered fully furnished with a 1 car garage, new carpet and paint, this home has it all! **Just Reduced \$667,500!**

NEW LISTING - SKI VISTA A1, WILDRIDGE AT AVON



Your Retreat in the Clouds! A spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse is a gem with wood floors, new carpet, new paint, new washer/dryer, a hot tub, and super views from the walls of windows and 2 decks. Vaulted ceilings, stainless appliances, huge 2 car garage, and a large attached storage space. **Offered at \$361,200.**

Interested in Foreclosures? I have the inside scoop on the market, so give me a call!

Upcoming Events in Early December

Vail Snow Daze: From Dec 5th to 11th, the ski season kick off celebrations begin in Vail! This action packed weekend will be full of events such as the Dummy Demolition Derby and Ski Demo Days, as well as free concerts by Guster, Youkon Kornelius, The Polish Ambassador, and Jakob Dylan.



Bird's of Prey World Cup: The only men's world cup race in the US this season will be held in Beaver Creek from Dec 2-4th on this formidable race course.

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If you or anyone you know is interested in Buying or Selling, please give me a call, (970) 376-1202.

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