

Proposition HH

- County Finance Director Adam Rogers said if [Proposition HH](#) passes in November, he estimated the property tax savings to a median La Plata County homeowner would be about \$5 a year, but the impact to the county would be about \$565K loss in revenue in a year.
- Also, if Proposition HH passes, the Colorado Sun reports that TABOR refunds would be roughly \$850 for single filers and \$1,700 for joint filers. If Proposition HH fails, TABOR refunds would be tied to income levels, ranging from \$454 for single filers in the lower income range to \$2,688 for joint filers in the highest income range.
- Proposition HH aims to increase the state's cap on tax collection and reduce the tax burden on property owners. The measure will be put to a vote in November.

Proposition 123 Update

- The City of Durango has made a commitment to develop 184 additional affordable housing units over the next three years, thanks to the approval of state funding by Colorado's voters through [Proposition 123](#). Leading this initiative is the city's Housing Innovation Division, which became eligible for the funding by establishing a baseline of affordable housing within Durango. With the baseline now in place, staff is determined to increase the local affordable housing stock by 3% annually for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026, resulting in the creation of 184 new units.
- The Town of Bayfield adopted a resolution on Tuesday evening stating its intent to commit to 14 new affordable housing units over the next 3 years. The commitment is in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 123. To achieve the goal, the town's strategy includes waiving permit fees, investing in public/private partnerships, and providing Town owned land for housing development.

LPC Sales Tax Collections

- Sales tax collections for March show a decrease of \$39,937 or -1.89% in comparison to the same period in 2022. Year to date, Sales tax has increased \$108,162 or 1.90% as compared to the same period in 2022.

Durango-La Plata County Airport

- Record numbers of passengers passed through the Durango-La Plata County Airport during the first half of the year, and if the trend continues 2023 will be the busiest year on record.
- Total airline passenger traffic is up 12% compared to 2022, with the first and second quarters of the year seeing record passenger counts.
- American Airlines and United Airlines passenger numbers are up double-digit compared to 2022, and total airline seat capacity is up 16% compared to last year.

Durango Fire Station Update

- An ordinance authorizing the contract to exchange real estate between the City and the Fire Department was approved in a 4 to 1 vote. Olivier Bosmans felt the whole process didn't have enough transparency and that the sale of River City Hall was a mistake.
- Under the contract, the city will exchange ownership of River City Hall for the former Durango School District 9R administration building. The former school district property at 201 E. 12th St. will be used for a Civic Center Campus, consolidating City Hall, River City Hall, Carnegie Building, and the Police Department. The River City Hall site at 1235 Camino del Rio will continue to be used as a fire station site but rebuilt to fit the needs of the fire district and the community. The city will also pay the fire district \$3.6 million due to the difference in property values.
- A budget resolution will come to the city council at their next meeting.
- Plans for the new fire station were revealed in July, and will be constructed in two main phases. The first phase, which may begin in December, will include demolition of River City Hall.

Bayfield Short Term Rentals Update

- Bayfield considered a draft resolution and ordinance to charge a 4% tax on short term rentals. The resolution states that the purpose of such accommodations tax is to provide funding for economic development, workforce housing and related

municipal expenses, but that has not yet been finalized. On September 5th, the Town Board will adopt ballot language for putting this question to voters in the November 7th election.

Durango Boards and Commissions Vacancies

- There are openings on the Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission, Infrastructure Advisory Board, Land Use & Development Code Board of Adjustment, Multimodal Advisory Board, Planning Commission and others..
- For more information and to apply: <https://durangogov.org/148/Boards-Commissions>

Ignacio Boards and Commissions Vacancies

- There are multiple openings on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. Individuals who currently own a business or property within Ignacio town limits, but do not live within the town limits, can still serve.
- To learn more [visit the website](#). You can also [download an application](#).

LPC Boards and Commissions Vacancies

- La Plata County has openings on the Multi-Events Center Commission and Planning Commission, among others.
- For more information and to apply: https://www.co.laplata.co.us/how_do_i/apply_for/boards__commissions.php

Projects Approved

- The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners approved a modification to the Tiffany Compressor Major O&G permit to allow an additional compressor on an existing pad on 2 acres owned by Simcoe, LLC in southeast La Plata County.
- The LPC Planning Commission approved the location of the La Plata County Regional Weather Radar System at the Durango-La Plata County Airport. The installation of the doppler radar system will improve the ability to live monitor active weather. The data produced will be fed to the National Weather Service.
- Durango’s Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the city annex 1,928 acres on Durango Mesa, formerly Ewing Mesa. Future plans for Durango Mesa Park include concert structures, a special events complex, a sports complex, a cycling complex, camping and a dog park, and possibly the County Fairgrounds. Currently, the land is privately owned and only some trails are open to the public. Development will be phased out over many years. The annexation still must go to Durango City Council for a public hearing and an ordinance.

Meetings attended July 6-August 3

7/6 - 3 pm LAC meeting	7/24 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
7/10 - 6 pm Durango URA meeting	7/25 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
7/11 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	7/25 - 2 pm Joint City/County Study Session
7/12 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	7/26 - 10:15 am Durango/SUIT Joint Study Session
7/13 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELED	7/27 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
7/18 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELED	8/1 - 10 am BOCC meeting
7/18 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	8/1 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
7/19 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	8/2 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
7/20 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELED	