

# THE RITZ-CARLTON

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome home! We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer spending time with family and friends. If you were not able to visit your Aspen home during the summer, we hope you will return in the fall and winter months.

The changes of autumnal color when the air is crisp and the Aspen leaves are in their full glory have shown their face later this year. Subtly leading us into this peaceful and mellow season, autumn is Aspen's second spring when each leaf is a flower offering spectacular landscapes. Nature is unpredictable as we know, however the peak foliage season is typically the third and fourth week of September. The cooler weather is ideal for a myriad of outdoor activities including golfing, biking, hiking and fly fishing.

As done in the past, we like to offer an overview of the weather predictions for the winter season.

The Farmer's Almanac predicts that winter temperatures will be above normal, with precipitation a little below normal. The coldest periods will be in early and mid to late December and mid to late January and snowfall will be above normal in late November, early and mid-December and mid-January. If you prefer not to rely on modern technology

predictions, you may choose to test the geese theory. The coloring near the breastbone of a goose is supposed to indicate what kind of winter to expect. If the feathers are darker, that means a bad winter is ahead.

Along with winter comes seasonal fun as Aspen transforms into a snow-covered winter wonderland. One will not be at a loss for viewing, dining and shopping activities ranging from inside and outside recreation, live music, theatre and visual arts to culinary delights at charming brasseries and sophisticated restaurants.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of The Ritz-Carlton Club, Aspen Highlands wish you a wonderful winter season. We look forward to welcoming you home.

Warm regards,

Nicholas DiMeglio  
General Manager



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**Residence and Public Area Refurbishment Update**  
The Refurbishment and Design Committee have been very active organizing meetings between the Project Manager, Interior Designer and Purchasing Agent to review the preliminary schematic designs. This much anticipated refurbishment is scheduled for completion in November 2017 for the residences and June 2018 for the public areas. The Ritz-Carlton Club, Aspen Highlands original design concept incorporated the natural beauty and colorful palette of Aspen. This themed renovation will intersect continuity of tradition and sense of place. As we approach 2017 the refurbishment project will be well underway to its projected finish date. The financial position of the Association is again, projected to finish the year with exceptional financial results.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Aspen Highlands Condominium Association Inc., will take place Saturday, October 8, 2016 in Aspen. Along with the normal Association election of the Board Members, operation and financial updates, the annual meeting is a great opportunity to recognize your Board Members for their commitment to you and the Association. The annual meeting also offers a chance for questions and answers and discussion on topics important to you.

## Exchange Requests

Exchange and per diem requests are guaranteed for a two or three bedroom residence. Unfortunately The Ritz-Carlton Club, Aspen Highlands Member Experience Concierge team cannot guarantee a building, a specific view or residence with a balcony or any other desired residence specification. Not all residences offer a mountain view and there are 61 residences with balconies. Additionally, if you have two separate reservations, a room move may be required which are unavoidable.



### Member Storage

There are a few Members who have not submitted their Member Storage signed waiver. Members are required to complete these documents in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Please contact Andre Kuhn, Director of Loss Prevention, by phone at 970.429.2266 or email at [andre.kuhn@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:andre.kuhn@ritzcarlton.com).

### Request for Contact Information Update

Contact member services by phone at 1-888-639-1948 or [RCCMEMSRV@ritzcarltonclub.com](mailto:RCCMEMSRV@ritzcarltonclub.com) with any changes to your personal contact information. It is important to notify member services to ensure membership dues are delivered to the correct address.

### Engineering Update

During the fall offseason this year the Engineering Department will be focusing on accomplishing some of their projects. For all residences there will be interior and exterior window cleaning and for all buildings there will be roof repairs as needed. There will be an inspection and cleaning of fireplaces in White River Lodge and all public areas. Elevator cab refurbishments are due in all three lodges. Ski valet areas will see new ski and snowboard racks and weather dependent, there will be a refurbishment of the exterior decks at Elk Horn Lodge and White River Lodge.





### Ski Season Preparation

Aspen Skiing Company continues to partner with The Ritz-Carlton, Aspen Highlands and is delighted to offer a discount to all of our Members of The Ritz-Carlton Club for Winter 2016/2017 lift tickets. Lift tickets may be arranged through your personal Member Experience Concierge and are happy to share other discounts on ski rentals and lessons. Discounts apply if pre-arranged at least 7 days in advance. Take advantage of Four Mountain Sports located in the Highlands Village. Four Mountain Sports has nine convenient locations which makes it easy to exchange your skis due to the snow conditions. They also offer ski storage and transfer service, free of charge if rented from Four Mountain Sports. For example, if you ski Highlands one day and want to ski Snowmass the next you may drop your skis at the base of the mountain and they will be waiting for you at the base of the Gondola the next day. If you store your skis in member storage let your Member Experience Concierge know and we can have your skis tuned for you upon arrival. Let it snow!

### Heartfelt Thanks

Our Ladies and Gentlemen wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Members who generously contributed to the Thanks Giving Program. The money was distributed to the hourly employees based upon the hours worked during the season in recognition of their dedicated service. Our Ladies and Gentlemen greatly appreciate it.



### Events About Town

Below are some of the more popular winter events. Please contact your Member Experience Concierge for further information.

December 10 2016: Aspen Highlands Opening Day

December 10 2016: Buttermilk Opening Day

December 20 2016: 12 Days of Aspen

January 12-15 2017: Winterskol

February 22-24 2017: Aspen Words Winter Readers Retreat

March 15-19 2017: Audit FIS Ski World Cup Finals

April 2 2017: Buttermilk Closing Day

April 9 2017: Aspen Highlands Closing Day

**Live Here, Always.**

