

Mick for Mayor

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Mick Ireland Announces on Mayoral Bid this Thursday

Aspen -- Mick Ireland, longtime local activist and recently retired county commissioner, will hold a press conference at 12:30pm Thursday at the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies.

With current Mayor Helen Klanderud's six-year term coming to an end, there has been considerable speculation over Ireland as a potential candidate. Thursday's press conference will put an end to the speculation.

In recognition of the community's growing reliance on the Internet, Ireland has decided to broadcast the press conference on his website mickformayor.com. It will be available for viewing within a few hours of the press conference.

Ireland said the move is an attempt to maximize the public's opportunity to see and hear it for themselves.

"Aspen's a wired community," Ireland said. "We need to allow citizens to use all means at their disposal to view and participate in local politics and government. This is a chance to expand public participation and discourse."

Ireland has spent much of his career in public service, including the last 13 years as a Pitkin County Commissioner. During his tenure on the BOCC, Ireland has championed open space purchases and trail development, expansion of public transit and construction of affordable housing. He has also played a key role in acquiring state funding for the roundabout at Maroon Creek Road and Highway 82, and the new Maroon Creek bridge.

Ireland has lived in Aspen for most of the last 28 years, leaving only to study law at the University of Colorado. He practices law in Aspen.

The Aspen Center for Environmental Studies is located at 100 Puppy Smith Street, behind the Aspen Post Office. The Web broadcast will be streamed through youtube.com.

For more information about Thursday's press conference, call Sue Smedstad at 925-3915.

For more information about the Web broadcast, call Margi Wilkinson at 948-4234.