



Greetings Colorado ROC's!

The Thistle ROC team has been aiming to increase external communication to our entire Colorado ROC portfolio. In an effort to share the happenings within our larger Colorado ROC community and Thistle ROC team, we are kicking off a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is meant to share key upcoming information, updates from your Thistle ROC team, and to highlight the great work being done in the community by awesome residents like you! This will be a quarterly update led and sent out by Justin Holman, our Thistle ROC Pre-Purchase & Communications Manager. We are excited to see where this goes to enhance the communication coming from our team to you. Thanks in advance for your participation in this effort as we aim to highlight the ROC movement in Colorado.

As we continue the season of Thanksgiving, I want to share how thankful I am to have all of you being part of the great resident ownership work being done in Colorado. We recognize the hard work and efforts you put in at all of your ROC's and cannot say enough how appreciative we are of each of you. At times it is hard to get past the work and see the positives in the fruit of the labor being accomplished, though I want you to know our team sees this and are thankful for all the time you have dedicated to making your ROCs successful. As we approach the new year, please don't hesitate to reach out to your direct points of contact or anyone on our Thistle team for any questions or support needed.

Thank you again for all you do and keep ROC'ing on!

Tim Townsend (Thistle ROC Program Director)

ROCKET Trainings

How many [ROCKET](#) trainings have you completed? If you are looking to build your skill base to better service your community and/or to develop your leadership skills, ROCKET is a great place to start! ROCKET features specialized training for ROC Members, and delivers the training through self-paced trainings that are available 24/7.

We recommend starting with a new training called ROC101: ROC Essentials. It is a foundational training to help ROC Members learn the business and basics of operating and governing their ROC.



ROC Association Election

It's time to elect a Mountain West Region Director to represent Resident Owned Communities on the ROC Association and ROC USA® Boards of Directors. [See who is running!](#)

Completed ballots (found on that same link) can be mailed to ROC USA Attn: Jayda Ragas, 6 Loudon Road Suite 501, Concord, NH 03301 or sent via email by scanning or send a clear photo to jragas@rocusa.org - Ballots must be received by Dec. 3, 2023.



Kelly Jensen
Johnstown, CO



Susan Holli Neidlinger
Little River, CA



Updates from Around CO ROCs

Golden Hills Community Cooperative became the 8th Resident Owned Community in Colorado on July 11, 2023! This was the 4th attempt by the community to purchase the park, and sticking together is what made this purchase possible.



Golden Hills Community Cooperative's Board of Directors

Check out [Denver 7 News Channel Story on Golden Hills!](#)

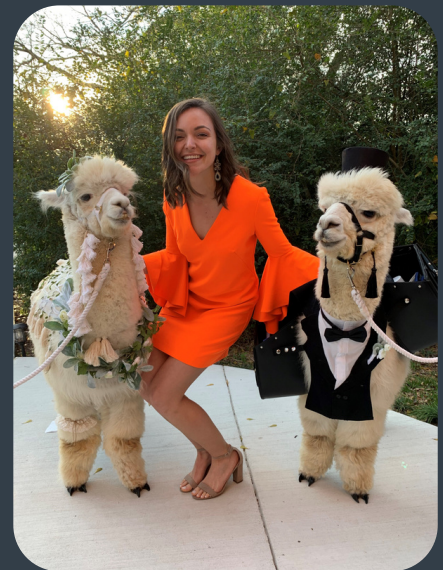


Thistle ROC Update

Elizabeth Chaney is the newest member to join the Thistle ROC team in the role of ROC Operations Manager. She will be working closely with all our wonderful Technical Assistants and overseeing all ROCs in the state of Colorado.

Elizabeth brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the non-profit sector, particularly in her work supporting her previous organization's respected local community. We are thrilled to see the support and direct impact she and her team will have on our growing ROC portfolio.

With Elizabeth taking over Brittany Roy's current role, Brittany will be transitioning into a new role on our team as the DOLA Grant Administrator. More information on that role will be coming soon!



Pictured: Elizabeth with some Llamas



Bread Recipe

Are you looking for a semi-last-minute item to bring to a holiday dinner party? Try out this very simple No Knead Bread recipe. From start to finish, you can have a fresh loaf in just over 5-hours. Here's a [YouTube link](#) that will guide you through the process.

If you are baking at higher elevations, we recommend making adjustments. This is what works well in Denver:

- 452 grams of flour
- A little under 1/2 teaspoon of instant yeast
- 489 grams (just over 2 cups) of water
- Bake at 475° for 30 minutes with the lid on and another 15 minutes with the lid off (this may vary due to your oven)
- Finally (Optional) - Add a teaspoon of flax and chia seeds for more flavor!



Paul Bradley Blog: ROC USA is scaling both wide and deep

With 22,000 homes preserved in 315 ROCs in 21 states, Paul Bradley talks about how ROC USA® and its Network have helped deliver economic security to homeowners across the country and is continuing to branch out every day.

He writes about last year's federal, state, and local wins, including the \$225 million PRICE Initiative and Opportunity to Purchase legislation passing. He also talks about how cities, specifically, Golden, Colo., and San Antonio, Texas, have supported manufactured housing communities in resident ownership by funding co-ops in their purchases. [Read Paul's Full Blog Here.](#)



Share a Story with Us

Please let us know if you have a story from your community! [Email Justin](#) some basics on the story, and he will follow up with you.

