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WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter



Meadowood Joins the Family!

COLORADO'S NEWEST RESIDENT-OWNED COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to welcome Meadowood into our thriving family of ROCs in Colorado! The residents have worked tirelessly to take ownership of their neighborhood, ensuring long-term affordability and community stability. Their dedication, perseverance, and teamwork have made this incredible achievement possible. Meadowood now joins a strong and supportive network of Colorado ROCs, where resident leadership and self-governance empower communities to shape their futures together.

This transition marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Meadowood, bringing greater security, financial predictability, and new opportunities to those who call it home. We celebrate this milestone and warmly welcome Meadowood into our growing community of ROCs. Congratulations to the residents—we are thrilled to have you with us and can't wait to see all that you will accomplish!

[Check out a write-up about their journey.](#)



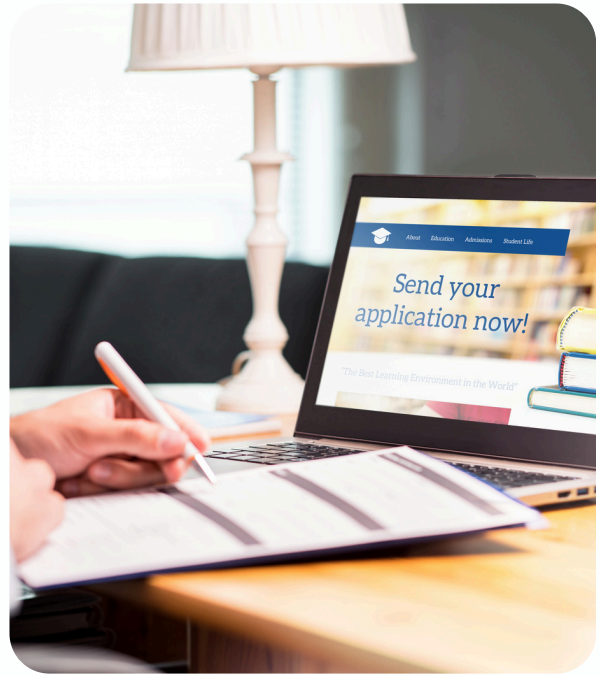
Happy Anniversary LMP!

This February 1st marked the 6th anniversary of LMP Co-Op joining the ROC family. Located in Longmont, CO, this community of 36 homes continues to thrive as a resident-owned cooperative. Congratulations on this milestone, and here's to many more years of success!



Happy Anniversary La Luna!

On January 31st, La Luna Community Co-Op celebrated its 1st anniversary as a member of the ROC family. Located in Lafayette, CO, this community of 34 homes continues to grow and thrive as a resident-owned cooperative. Congratulations on this exciting milestone! Visit the ROC USA website to learn more about La Luna and other ROCs.



Grant Opportunities!

SB22-160 Rent Stabilization

We're excited to announce changes to the SB160 Rent Stabilization Grant Program. Starting in 2025, the application cycle will transition from a rolling to a quarterly process, giving you more time to plan and submit. Additionally, the grant cap has increased from \$66,000 to \$80,000, providing even more financial support for your community's initiatives.

Better Together Grant Program

Each year, ROC USA offers \$20,000 for community improvement projects, with individual grants up to \$2,000. Eligible projects include safety improvements, rebranding, and leadership development.

For more information on either grant opportunity, contact your TA.



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New Thistle Team Member! Meet Ryan Hanauer:



We're excited to welcome Ryan Hanauer to the Thistle ROC team! Ryan is a finance and operations professional with a strong background in real estate acquisitions, financial analysis, and strategic planning. With experience in commercial real estate and healthcare, he specializes in transaction management, vendor coordination, budgeting, negotiations, and team leadership. His ability to navigate complex financial landscapes and drive sustainable growth makes him a great addition to our work in resident-owned communities.

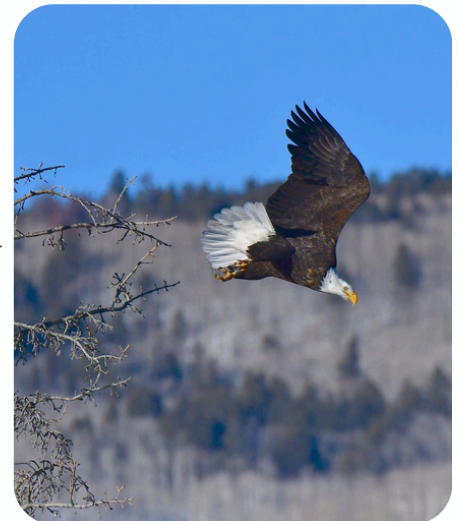
Ryan is passionate about creating long-term financial stability and operational efficiency, especially in mission-driven initiatives like affordable housing. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking, skateboarding, snowboarding, hiking, and camping. He also loves spending time with his girlfriend Hazel, his dog Bisbie, and his cat Butter. Join us in giving Ryan a warm welcome to the team!

Springtime in Colorado: Birds Return, and so Does the Spirit of Community

As spring arrives in Colorado, the return of migratory birds is a hopeful sign of renewal. From swallows to bald eagles, these birds bring energy and vitality back to our skies. In much the same way, ROCs embody the values of renewal, collaboration, and resilience. Just as birds return to their homes, residents in ROCs take ownership of their homes and work together to strengthen their communities. Spring reminds us that, like migrating birds, thriving communities are built on shared responsibility and a vision for the future. As we watch the skies fill with returning birds, we are reminded of the power of community and determination.

Bald Eagle ->

Bald Eagles are not only majestic and iconic but also symbolize strength and resilience. They can be spotted in Colorado's mountainous regions and near bodies of water during spring, as they hunt for fish.



<- American Robin

A familiar sight in Colorado during the spring, the American Robin is often considered a sign that warmer weather is on its way, with its cheerful song signaling the arrival of the season.



Ben, pictured here hiking in the mountains, uses this as one of his favorite ways to prepare his body for the physical demands of basketball season.

Staff spotlight: Ben Moore

Ben Moore is a key member of our team here at Thistle, but not many people know that he's also a standout on his recreational basketball team (alongside our very own Justin Holman). Ben models his game after Steve Nash, embodying unselfish play and sharp court vision. He is known as one of the better passers in the rec league—unofficially, he dishes out an impressive 9 assists per game.

That same strategic and playmaking mindset extends to his role as our Special Projects Manager, where his ability to see the bigger picture and set up success for others makes him an invaluable asset to our team. Just like on the court, Ben ensures that every dollar is in the right place and that every financial move sets the team up for a win.

Off the court, Ben is gearing up for an even bigger role—fatherhood! He and his wife are expecting their first child in April, and rumor has it there's already a tiny basketball in the nursery. We're thrilled for Ben and his growing family and can't wait to see his future star take the court one day!



International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build
a Better World

This year, we celebrate the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives, highlighting the crucial role cooperatives play in fostering economic resilience and community empowerment. As we welcome Meadowood into the ROC family, we honor the cooperative movement's ability to create lasting change.

Let's continue to grow, collaborate, and celebrate the power of resident ownership in shaping self-sufficient communities!

Find out more at: ica.coop/en/2025-international-year-cooperatives