

The Mayors of Aspen

G.W. Triplett	April 1881	April 1882
James William Tanfield	April 1882	April 1883
J.D. Hooper	April 1883	April 1885
Charles Reese	April 1885	April 1886
B.E. Hardeman	April 1886	April 1887
Herbert L. Harding	April 1887	April 1888
Henry Webber	April 1888	April 1889
John C. Carson	April 1889	April 1890
B. Clark Wheeler	April 1890	April 1891
Dr. E.R. Rose	April 1891	April 1893
J.M. Dills	April 1893	April 1895
J.D. Hooper	April 1895	April 1897
W. Porter Nelson	April 1897	April 1899
S.C. McNeill	April 1899	April 1901
Dr. T.L. Mollin	April 1901	April 1903
Dr. A.J. Robinson	April 1903	April 1905
Dr. W.H. Twining	April 1905	April 1907
Walter.G. Cain	April 1907	April 1909
Charles Wagner	April 1909	April 1927
Fred D. Willoughby	April 1927	May 1943
A.E. Robison	June 1943	January 1960
Michael Garrish	January 1960	January 1964
Harold Pabst	January 1964	January 1966
Dr. Robert "Bugsy" Barnard	January 1966	January 1970
Eve Homeyer	January 1970	January 1973
Stacy Standley	January 1973	June 1979
Herman Edel	June 1979	June 1983
William Stirling	June 1983	June 1991
John Bennett	June 1991	1999
Rachel Richards	1999	2001
Helen Klanderud	2001	2007
Mick Ireland	2007	2013
Steve Skadron	2013	2019
Torre	2019	Present

Information on Aspen's Mayors And Other Interesting Political Information

- Initially mayors and aldermen (aka councilmen) did not "run" for office; they were nominated by their peers
- Aspen's mayor and aldermen were not paid either; when a small salary was introduced some members of the community were upset
- Mayoral elections were initially annual

- Henry Webber, Aspen's seventh mayor from April 1888-1889, was suspected of murdering his wife, who died of strychnine poisoning. At the time strychnine was prescribed to calm nerves. It was never determined if her death was a suicide, accident or murder. Webber married his wife's niece shortly after her death.
- B. Clark Wheeler was Aspen's ninth mayor. He also gave Aspen its name. Wheeler plotted his town over Gillespie's Ute City while Gillespie was in Washington D.C. making his city official. Because B. Clark had his government paperwork in order the name of Aspen was retained.
- Charles Wagner, mayor from 1909 to 1927, was also the Town Marshall and Superintendent of Streets. He was paid \$80 per month for those duties. The aldermen at the time were paid \$5 per month.
- Robert "Bugsy" Barnard, mayor in the late 1960s, was known for chain sawing down billboards prior to their prohibition in the City of Aspen and Pitkin County sign codes. Later, "Bugsy" was brutally beaten to death in his home in New Mexico in the 1980s.
- In 1970 Eve Homeyer became Aspen's first female mayor. Rachel Richards was the second.
- In 1976 Sal A. Mander, a cartoon lizard representing the Lizard Power Party, garnered 56 votes for mayor. Incumbent Stacey Standley defeated him. Sal's creator is Chris Cassatt.