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Marriott Coming to Montrose

Colorado Outdoors development drew quality hotelier

- **Montrose currently short on lodging options**
- **100-room hotel will offer extended stay suites**
- **Highly-visible hotel will offer easy connection to outdoors, downtown**

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Editor’s note: The Montrose Daily Press first broke this story Saturday morning online. This is an updated story making its debut.

In addition to new parks, homes and businesses in the forthcoming, river-centric Colorado Outdoors development, Montrose residents can now look forward to a new hotel — a 100-room Marriott Town Place. **Colorado Outdoors and Renfrow Realty worked for a year to seal the deal.** “I’m very excited,” said Mayor Judy Ann Files.

“We’ve been trying for two or three years to get another hotelier to come to Montrose and for various reasons it hasn’t worked out until now. Marriott is a quality flag, I’m so pleased they’re coming and it will definitely fill a need ... We’re running a full house right now when it comes to hotels and lodgings and this new facility will allow us to book bigger events at the event center, too.”

In addition to offering more rooms, the new Marriott will also give visitors to Montrose a new kind of lodging option, according to Deputy City Manager Rob Joseph, who also is the director of the Montrose Office of Business and Tourism.

“Marriott Towne Place is known for its spacious suites that can accommodate one to six guests to a room,” said Joseph, who on Saturday morning confirmed with the Montrose Daily Press the hotel announcement. “This offers an alternative for visitors who may be staying for an extended period of time

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A mock-up of the 35,000 square foot Mayfly Headquarters offers a sense of the modern aesthetic that will unify the Colorado Outdoors development. (Submitted photo/Colorado Outdoors)



John, Jim and Adam Renfrow stand outside the Renfrow Realty office on South Townsend Friday. (Paul Hurschmann/Montrose Daily Press)

Like father, like sons

Renfrow Realty built on foundation of family, love

- **Renfrow Realty formally opened in 2009**
- **Father enjoying working with sons**
- **Renfrow sons call father ‘amazing’**

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Jim Renfrow was a self-proclaimed “work-a-holic” in his younger years, but he decided to make a change when his two boys, John and Adam, were teenagers.

“John was about 14, and I don’t think I missed another sporting event of theirs ever again,” Jim said.

Jim had an impressive career in engineering that took him all over the country, before the Texas native who grew up in Delta moved back to the Montrose area and got started in real estate. But, he has always taken the most pride in being a family man first. And

it has come full circle, as today he works with his two sons at Renfrow Realty.

“It’s unbelievable,” Jim said. “I think we all have a mutual respect for one another and are like-minded. We want to serve with honesty.”

Renfrow Realty specializes in commercial and residential land/building sales, as well as commercial property management. But for the two brothers and father, it’s about family and honesty above everything else.

John is the owner of Renfrow Realty, 1832 S. Townsend Ave., while Jim works as a broker and Adam handles marketing.

“You look at society, it’s very uncommon to have family as close as we are working together,” John said. “It has been a real special gift.”

The business officially formed less than a decade ago, but the family name has been familiar to Western Colorado since the early 1930s. Now in its fourth generation in the Montrose-Delta area, the Renfrow family

has been trusted for appliance and furniture sales before the family name became known for real estate and development sales in 1986.

Jim oversaw many Bray Real Estate offices in the local area after a successful career in engineering that brought him and his family all over the country. He eventually partnered at Bray with John, who transitioned from a career in engineering to real estate like his father in the early 2000s.

“I just got burned out on the corporate way,” John admitted. But things changed in the late 2000s when they learned Bray was closing down some of its offices in the area, and so John decided it was time to use the family name for a new business, his first.

After 31 years in real estate, Jim decided to pass on ownership to simply support his son’s endeavor. And so on July 14, 2009, the two’s collective

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Police quantify crime, staffing stats

- **Increases seen in robberies, vehicle thefts**
- **Former mayor calls for action**
- **Chief: Vacancies being filled**

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The statistics are dramatic: A 400-percent increase in robberies within the city limits as of the end of April, compared with the same period last year. Another category of crime, vehicle thefts, is up by 150 percent.

But actual case numbers, while reflective of serious crimes, provide important context.

The 400-percent increase in robberies, for instance, equates to four robberies handled by the Montrose Police Department as of April 30, compared with zero by the same time last year, Chief Tom Chinn explained.



Chinn

There had been 83 assaults (felony and misdemeanor) by end of April of this year, compared with 56 for the same period in 2016. While commercial burglaries are up, the department tracked a 14-percent decrease in residential burglaries — 21, as of end of April of 2016, compared with 18 for the same period this year.

“If we’re just given the percent, it sounds like we’re riddled with crime,” Chinn said.

Percentages can be deceiving, however, people need to remain alert, he went on to say. “Our guys and ladies (officers) are extremely busy. ... People just need to be vigilant. If they see things that are suspicious, call us.”

The statistics are alarming, said business owner David White, a former Montrose County commissioner and former Montrose mayor, whose company was broken into in April. “Four robberies is probably four too many,” White said.

It helps to have the statistics provided in context, he indicated. “If the context is correct, we need to do something more as a community to get those numbers down. I’m not putting this all on the police department, by any means,” White said, referring also to the importance of residents being vigilant. “... It (statistics) causes people to be alarmed.”

Montrose Police Department case numbers show spikes and dips.

The biggest increase has been in motor vehicle thefts: The end of April this year saw 35 such cases, compared with only 14 for the same period in 2016. Chinn said investigators suspect many incidents could be linked, as could a number of the burglaries reported.

Other types of crime have decreased.

Homicide, for instance, is down by 100 percent — there was one police case classed as homicide last year, compared with none to-date this year.

Criminal mischief cases dropped to 148, compared with 155 by the end of April in 2016. Domestic violence calls also went down, from 92 to 84 reports.

Calls for service — which include non-criminal reports, medical calls, animal control matters and more, not just crimes — have climbed to 7,990 the

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting
will now be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. This change goes into effect for the second meeting of June on June 21st, 2017
A full schedule can be found on the Montrose County website www.montrosecounty.net

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"Folks will be able to park easily and get through to the river easily, as well as walk to restaurants," he said.

"It's going to look like it belongs," Dragoo said.

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"I'm alarmed at what's happening," said White.

on council, and that was 13 years ago," White said.

“Community-wise, people just need to be more aware of what’s going on,” he said, also urging others to take precautions, such as by locking homes and vehicles rather than trusting others will just do the right thing.

ty or motor vehicle. In Colorado, trespass of a vehicle is only a felony if the entry is made with the intent to commit a crime therein. No damage need occur.

Source: 7th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

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Their collaborations don't stop at business, though. All three are actively involved with several nonprofit organizations, including Montrose Jail Ministries and The Shepherd's Hand,

The Renfrow men have always been a close-knit trio, with a bond that only grew stronger thanks in part to their business endeavors, and unfortunately, the loss of a beloved relative. Jim's wife and John and Adam's mother, Carol Renfrow, passed away in 2015 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Jim had been Carol's primary caregiver as she battled

"I can't wear a shirt with buttons because they keep popping off," Jim said of his pride for the fathers and men his boys have become. "I think they're doing a better job than I did; I see it in my grandchildren. I'll just say it ... I have two amazing sons."

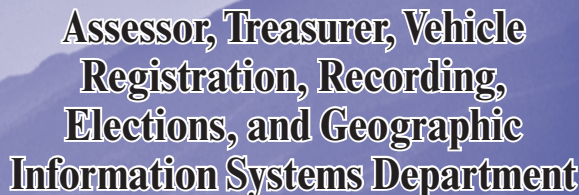
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