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Folks turned out for the 23rd annual Sardy House Christmas tree lighting on Sunday night. The festivities included a visit from Santa Claus.

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## Quick Poll

Who should the city manager hire as Aspen's next police chief?

- Interim Police Chief Richard Pryor is the right man for the job.
- The city manager should hire another officer from within the valley.
- Someone from outside the valley should take over the department.
- Police chief? Aspen doesn't need no stinkin' police chief.

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## Sixty years of zoning

*Letter to the Editor -*

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Editor:

"And in 1947 the first zoning regulations went into effect," from *The Romance of Commerce and Culture* by James Sloan Allen. Then things got ridiculous.

Aspen kept zoning and rezoning for 60 years. Thousands of code changes later and the City Council has a panic attack. They don't have enough zoning. An emergency is declared. By George, we've got it. We'll zone all the city's 30-year-old buildings historic. Once again, zoning will save Aspen "... as a jewel of coherent historic restoration and planning. "

Things get more ridiculous when one realizes that the city has spent a lot on 60-year-old zoning habit. This includes money for a professional planning department, for a coached P&Z, for skilled legal counsel, for consultant studies, for a mountain of paperwork and lots of public hearings. And what Aspen got out of all this was a lot less than it put in.

If you don't want Aspen's zoning to look ridiculous again, don't let it happen.

Be Brave Comrades.

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