

*Issue of April 15, 2008*

**Editor's Note:** *Ann Harroun is retiring as newsletter editor. She will continue in a back-up role. Please send newsletter items to Anne Wilseck, [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com), Adam Bowen [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com) and Ann Harroun [a.harroun@comcast.net](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net)*

**From the Chair:** Travel to the State Convention in a luxury coach with your fellow Larimer Dems! Double-decker, bar w/waitstaff, karaoke! Cost per person will be less than \$50. Leave Fort Collins at 11:00 a.m. Fri, return early afternoon Sun. Send e-mail with your interest to [ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com). Further details to come.

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## PARTY NEWS

### **TODAY! Tuesday, April 16: VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING**

There will be a telephonic voter registration training session with the Secretary of State's Office for anyone interested in participating in Larimer County Democratic Party voter registration. Please RSVP to Tracy Ragsdale. Also, please indicate in your RSVP if you are interested in being a responsible agent for the Party on voter registration drives.

If you are interested in voter registration but cannot attend this training, please email Tracy so that alternative training can be arranged.

**Date & Time:** Friday April 11, 2008 at 1:30 P.M

**Location:** Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**Contact & RSVP:** Tracy Ragsdale, [splace2@juno.com](mailto:splace2@juno.com), or 970-532-0374

### **TODAY! Tuesday, April 16: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 A.M.(directly following our training with the Sec. of State) at HQ. New members of the committee are always welcome. Come and bring your ideas on how we can get more active Democrats. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help please contact Tracy Ragsdale, [splace2@juno.com](mailto:splace2@juno.com), or 970-532-0374.

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## NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

### **Sat, April 19: Coffee and Conversation with State Rep. Randy Fischer**

Please join Randy Fischer for coffee and conversation about the current Colorado legislative session. Bring your ideas, comments, and questions. You're welcome to come and talk, or to just listen.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 19, 9:30 - 11:00 am

**Location:** Columbine Cafe and Bakery, 802 West Drake (east of Shields, north side of Drake, in old Steel's Market)

**Contact:** Randy Fischer, [randyfischer@frii.com](mailto:randyfischer@frii.com), 970-215-7898 or Cordelia Stone, [cordstone@aol.com](mailto:cordstone@aol.com), 970-689-4233

## Betsy Markey For Congress

### **Wednesday, April 16: Betsy speaking to Newcomer Dems Meeting**

Progressive Democrats new to Fort Collins.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008 8:45 am - 9:45 am:

**Location:** McCoy's restaurant, Horsetooth and Shields, Fort Collins.

**Contact:** Ann Molison [amolison@comcast.net](mailto:amolison@comcast.net)

### **Wednesday, April 16: MIKE DUGAN'S MONTHLY HOUSE PARTY SUPPORTING BETSY MARKEY AND JOE WHITCOMB (CANDIDATE FOR SD 23)**

Co-hosts include: Pam Shaddock, Mike Schiers, Ray Peterson, Cheryl Hauger, and Representative John Kefalas

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** 3205 69th Avenue Place, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

**Contact:** Mike (970) 356-4343.

### **Saturday, April 19: Betsy Markey Meet and Greet in Sterling**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 19, 2008 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Location:** CSU Extension Office, 508 South 10th Ave, Sterling, CO.

**Contact:** Jamie Grim 970-221-1473.

### **Saturday, April 19: Betsy Markey at the Morgan County Big Ten Dinner**

Biggest Dems event of year in Morgan County.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 19, 2008 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Steak Out, 19592 8 East Ave, Fort Morgan, CO

**Contact:** Chair Tom Proctor 867-8765 [tomproctor@bresnan.net](mailto:tomproctor@bresnan.net).

### **Sunday, April 20: Betsy Markey Meet and Greet in Holyoke**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 20, 2008, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Location:** The Lion's Den, 125 N. Campbell Ave, Holyoke, CO.

**Contact:** Jamie Grim 970-221-1473.

### **Tuesday, April 22: Earth Day at CSU**

The Markey Campaign will have a table at the Earth Day Celebration and Open Your Mind Fair at CSU from 10-2pm. Come sign up to volunteer!

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Lory Student Center Plaza

### **Monday, April 28: COME LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITERS FOR BETSY**

Do you like to write letters to the editor? Join us as we discuss a variety of topics that letter writers might address. Ann Molison will provide you with "tools" to help with your efforts, and we'll cover how to write effective letters.

If you wish to be added as a member of the "letter writing for Betsy's campaign" and attend this meeting, please contact Ann Molison. Please park under the building and take the elevator to the 3rd floor.

**Date & Time:** MONDAY, April 28th 6:45 p.m.

**Location:** Campaign HQ, 419 West Canyon Ave., Suite 315

**Please RSVP:** Ann Molison, [amolison@comcast.net](mailto:amolison@comcast.net)

## Larimer County

### **Fri, May 9 Deadline: OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

LARIMER COUNTY — Larimer County has open positions on 19 of its 30 boards and commissions, such as the Planning Commission, Open Lands Advisory Board, Environmental Advisory Board, & new Parks Advisory Board. The complete list is on the County website, [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards).

The deadline to apply for an opening is May 9. Residents can apply online or pick up an application form at the nearest county office.

New board terms for residents begin in July. A short video and a question-and-answer section answering many questions about serving on a county board are available online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards).

Contact: Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners Office at 498-7015 or [dtokarz@larimer.org](mailto:dtokarz@larimer.org)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **April Calendar: NAMAQUA UUC OPEN FORUM: Covering Global Energy and the Move to Alternatives**

The Loveland Community Forum topic for April is Energy. Two speakers on two separate Sunday afternoons still to come: the discussion is the global energy situation and how we can move from the traditional source of hydrocarbons to alternative sources and developing technologies to reduce energy usage.

The topics and speakers are:

April 20: If only I had the Energy. Speaker is Robert Brownlee, retired Astrophysicist from Los Alamos National Laboratory.

April 27: Hydrocarbons; Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. **Speaker to be announced.**

**Times:** Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Community of Christ Church, 7th and Washington, Loveland

**Information:** [www.namaquauu.org](http://www.namaquauu.org)

**Contact:** Pat McVey, 203-0649

### **April Calendar: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COLORADO**

**Tonight! Tuesday, April 15, 9:00-10:00 PM**

Tune into Frontline "Sick Around the World" on PBS (Channel 6, KRMA)

Four in five Americans say the U.S. health-care system needs "fundamental" change. Can the U.S. learn anything from the rest of the world about how to run a health-care system or are these nations so culturally different from us that their solutions would simply not be acceptable to Americans? "Frontline" correspondent T.R. Reid examines the health-care systems of other advanced capitalist democracies – the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and Taiwan – to see what tried and tested ideas might help us reform our broken health-care system.

**Wednesday, April 16, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Health Care for All Colorado, Northern Colorado Chapter Meeting. "The Future of Health Care in the U.S." Randall Marsh, MD Cardiovascular surgeon, Greeley. Guests welcome.

[Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins](#)

For further information and details: Call Eliza Carney 416-0636 or Linda Mahan 484-2259 or check the website [www.HealthCareForAll.org](http://www.HealthCareForAll.org)

### **Election Day for Health District Board is May 6**

For more information on the election or to request a mail- in ballot call 224-5209 or visit [www.healthdistrict.org/election](http://www.healthdistrict.org/election)

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## **SAVE THE DATES - 2008**

**Fri, May 16, 2008:** Congressional District 4 Assembly and Convention, evening, Colorado Springs

**Sat, May 17, 2008:** State Assembly and Convention, all day, Colorado Springs

**Sun, June 8, 2008:** Ice Cream Social w/Candidates, sponsored by Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club  
Shelter #3, North Lake Park, 29th & Taft, Loveland.  
2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Sun, Aug. 24, 2008:** Delegate Reception, sponsored by LCDP  
6-9 p.m., Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver

**Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28, 2008:** Democratic National Convention, Denver!!

**Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31, 2008:** Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County.  
More information: [www.larimerdems.org](http://www.larimerdems.org) Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, [a.harroun@comcast.net](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net)

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## **2008 ELECTION CALENDAR**

**July 14:** Last day to register for Primary Election

**August 2 – 8:** Early voting for Primary Election

**August 5:** Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for Primary Election if ballot is to be mailed to you

**August 8:** Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for primary election

**August 12:** Primary Election - balloting closes at 7 pm

**October 6:** Last day to register for General Election

**October 20 - 31:** Early voting for General Election

**October 28:** Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for General Election if ballot is to be mailed to you

**October 31:** Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for General Election

Complete document can be found at

<http://www.lwvcolorado.org/Your%20Voice%20Your%20Vote%202008-2009.pdf>

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

### DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Monthly Meeting

First Wednesdays at 7:45 a.m.

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, [ierwoole@peoplepc.com](mailto:ierwoole@peoplepc.com).

Reservations: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621

### ESTES PARK MEETUP FOR DEMOCRACY: ESTES PARK

Monthly Meeting,

The Estes Park Meetup for Democracy is open to anyone interested in a return to progressive government. The group supports candidates who are fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and who promote honesty and candor in political discourse.

First Wednesdays at 7 p.m..

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

### Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club; Loveland Monthly Breakfast

First Saturday of each month, except June through August

8:30 a.m. at Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland.

Contact: Kathy Batterton at [kathybatterton@q.com](mailto:kathybatterton@q.com) for reservations

### Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon

Second Tuesday of each month.

12 Noon, Guest presentation.

Doors open at 11:30 to socialize and start lunch.

Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain, Fort Collins.

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order catered lunch.

### Association for Responsible Development; Estes Park

Monthly Meeting

The Association seeks to provide leadership and direction in an effort to serve the residents of the Estes Valley who wish to preserve its mountain character. Guests are always welcome.

Second Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village, 1902 Ptarmigan Trail, Estes Park.

Contact Ron Norris at 586-3600.

### LCDP Executive Committee (all are welcome)

Monthly Meeting

Third Thursdays

6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting.

Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins.

Contact: Irene Fortune, Secretary, for information, vladimir1992@hotmail.com

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Colorado & National Democratic Candidates

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

If you have items to submit, PLEASE READ!

Due to the length of the newsletter, we are limiting the body of most items to 75 words (...doesn't include title and "date & time, location, contact" type information). If your submission is longer, it will be cut. We suggest including a link for additional information.

Our deadline for newsletter items is Sundays at 5 pm for publishing by e-mail on Tuesday] mornings. To be effective, send us your notices at least a week early, so that they can appear twice. This will give potential attendees time to put your events on their calendars.

We would like to include House District meetings, committee meetings, neighborhood coffees or picnics, etc. Such notices may increase your attendance.

Please send newsletter items to [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com), [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com), and [a.harroun@comcast.net](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net). (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.

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