

**4/28/09**

***Editor's Note:***

The newsletter is always available online at [www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html](http://www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html). As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and Adam Bowen [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

***From the Chair:***

A huge thank you to all the folks who turned out at Barackfast this past Sunday. Thanks especially go to Dan Shaner, who has turned a regular house party into a local institution. In addition to being politically smart, Dan is also an amazing cook - omelettes, German pancakes (made in the oven!) and a whole host of chili and breakfast meats. Are you hungry yet?

This month's Barackfast was a successful fundraiser for the LCDP and another great session of building camaraderie among progressives who are eager to continue the winning ways of the past 3 years.

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **Thurs, Apr 30: LOCAL EFFECTS OF COLORADO'S BUDGETING RESTRICTIONS**

Why might our school districts be unable to use their emergency funds in emergencies? What may happen to CSU's revenues if the Rams play in a bowl game? Bob Keister, County Finance Director, and Renee Wheeler, Loveland Deputy City Manager, are two of the four panelists who will answer such questions at Larimer Democrats' panel discussion on the local effects of TABOR, Gallagher, and other State budget restrictions. Please join us for a lively discussion.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 30, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Larimer Dems' south office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

**RSVP** helpful to gauge space needs: South office 461-5779 or Ann Harroun 461-9177

**Upcoming Events:**

Wed, May 20: State-wide effects of Colorado's Budgeting Restrictions

Thurs, June 11: Options for a Smoother Budgeting Process

### **Sun, May 3: FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL PICNIC PLANNING**

Join the Larimer Dems' Fundraising Events Committee and help plan our Annual Picnic. We have a location and a date (August 22), and we'd love your ideas and help with planning all the details: food, entertainment, speakers, publicity.

**Time:** Sunday, May 3, 1:00 pm

**Location:** LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

**For more info, contact:** Nancy Tellez, [nancy.tellez@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.tellez@comcast.net)

### **Wed, May 6: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM presents *NEWSPAPERS: WHO NEEDS THEM?***

The Democratic Breakfast Forum will consider the future of newspapers on May 6, with special guests Fort Collins Coloradoan Executive Editor Bob Moore and Colorado Independent Editor Wendy Norris.

With major newspapers closing their doors around the country and others, like the Coloradoan,

making cutbacks in staff and size of publication, the value of daily newspapers is in question. The Colorado Independent and other online news sources rely, to some extent, on newspaper reporting for their content. How is the public best served? With the surge in online news, amidst an economic downturn, is a balance achievable?

Larimer Dems are very familiar with the Coloradoan (<http://www.coloradoan.com>) but may wish to check out The Colorado Independent at <http://coloradoindependent.com>.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 6, 7:45 AM

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

**RSVP by April 29:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annemich@comcast.net](mailto:annemich@comcast.net)

### **Thur, May 14: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our meeting time is the second Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm at LCDP Headquarters. The first half hour will be used to address a current data issue or learn a new skill. The rest of our meeting time is used to accomplish work. So please come, join in the camaraderie, and bring your laptop if you have one. Refreshments provided!

**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 14 6:00-7:30 pm

**Location:** LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net)

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

### **Sat, May 2- Sun, May 3: FORT COLLINS CINCO DE MAYO**

The Larimer Dems booth at the Cinco De Mayo event in Fort Collins Civic Center Park will kick off the 2009 festival season.

We need volunteers to set up the booth on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 am, to staff the booth all day Saturday and Sunday, and to take the booth down on Sunday after 6:00 pm. Multiple shifts are available on Saturday 5/2 and Sunday 5/3 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. **If you helped with booths last year, expect a phone call this week from one of our wonderful HQ staffers; if you haven't tried this before, it's fun, so sign up for a shift!**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 2, 7:30 am start - Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm finish

**Location:** Fort Collins Civic Center Park, Howes & LaPorte

**To volunteer, Call HQ, at 689-6391**

### **UPCOMING BOOTHS AND PARADES**

Check your calendars and sign up now to help staff a booth or march in a parade this summer! More events will be added soon. Check your newsletter or our website ([www.LarimerDems.org](http://www.LarimerDems.org))

**To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or [ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com)**

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| May 2-3       | Cinco De Mayo Fort Collins     |
| May 6         | Cinco De Mayo Loveland         |
| June 6        | Berthoud Days Parade           |
| June 6        | Berthoud Days Booth            |
| June 6-7      | Pride In The Park              |
| July 4        | Wellington July 4 Parade       |
| July 4        | Independence Day Fort Collins  |
| July 4        | Independence Day Loveland      |
| July 10       | Summerfest                     |
| July 31-Aug 4 | County Fair Booth at The Ranch |

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Tonight, Tue, Apr 28: ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA: LISTENING TOUR**

The purpose of this tour is to reconnect, reengage, and reenergize volunteers to continue the mobilization of change started with President Obama's campaign. We want to solicit feedback and comments from volunteers on the ground for moving OFA forward from both a statewide and local perspective. These events are a crucial part for laying the ground work needed to recreate a strong volunteer network designed to support President Obama and his broad agenda of change.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins

**For more information:** <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/listeningtour/gptghl>

### **Tonight, Tue, Apr 28: LEST THEY BE FORGOTTEN: AN EVENING TO SHOW LOVELAND CARES**

This event is sponsored by Loveland Concerned Citizens and veteran support organizations. The HBO movie *Taking Chance* starring Kevin Bacon will be shown, followed by a panel discussion on "How Can Loveland Help its Vets & Families?". The event is free (with suggested donations for veteran support).

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Rialto Theater, 228 E 4th St, Loveland

### **Wed, Apr 29: HEALTH, MONEY AND FEAR**

Meeting of the N.Colorado Chapter of Health Care for All Colorado "*Health, Money and Fear*", a video production by Paul Hochfeld, MD, emergency medicine physician in Oregon, will be viewed. It outlines the reasons behind the rising costs of health care and suggests proposals which can address the issues.

Discussion will follow the film and national and state legislative proposals will be reviewed.

Resources for education and opportunities for involvement will be provided.

The meeting is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Health Care for All Colorado is a state-wide organization dedicated to achieving guaranteed, affordable, quality health care for all.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

**For more information:** [www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org](http://www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org) or (970) 484-2259

### **Thur, Apr 30: JuneRise CELEBRATION & PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL**

The JuneRise -- the start of boating season on the Poudre -- is just around the corner, so Save the Poudre Coalition is having a fundraiser and film festival to celebrate!

Come watch great paddling films from the National Paddling Film Festival and enjoy great food & drink with all your Poudre-loving friends! Shop at our Silent Auction.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 30, 6:00 pm happy hour & silent auction, 7:30 pm National Paddling Films

**Location:** Avogadro's Number - Back patio, 605 S. Mason St., Ft. Collins

**Tickets:** \$10, available at the door

### **Sat, May 2: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP JOHN KEFALAS**

Rep. John Kefalas will host a community conversation Saturday, May 2 at Reader's Cove. Come share good coffee and conversation about issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 2, 2009 9:00am-10:30am

**Location:** Reader's Cove Bookstore 1001 E. Harmony Road, Unit C Fort Collins

## **Sat, May 2: FREEDOM TO DREAM: RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS**

A documentary by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), "Freedom to Dream: Rights of Immigrants," will be shown on Thursday, May 14, 2009, from 7 to 9 pm, at Harmony Public Library, Shields St. and Harmony Rd., in Fort Collins. Admission is free.

The documentary looks at local laws which punish landlords and employers who rent to or employ undocumented immigrants. These laws violate the Constitution, which extends protections to all people in this country and makes the federal government responsible for regulating immigration. The documentary features immigrants and native-born Americans discussing the effects of such laws in Hazelton, Pennsylvania and Farmers Branch, Texas. The showing of the film will be followed by a discussion period, facilitated by Charles Ross, Rocky Mountain High School faculty member.

The program is co-sponsored by the ACLU of Northern Colorado, the City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission; and the ERACISM Film Series.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Cost:** FREE!

**Location:** Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

## **LARIMER COUNTY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

The deadline is Friday, May 1, 2009, for citizens to apply to one of the current openings on Larimer County Boards and Commissions. The spring application process is now underway so that new members can come aboard in July. Citizens can apply online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards), or pick up an application from the County office nearest you.

You'll find a short video and a Q&A section addressing many questions about serving on a County Board, online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards). Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, [dtokarz@larimer.org](mailto:dtokarz@larimer.org) for further information.

Also online at [www.larimer.org/boards](http://www.larimer.org/boards) is an explanation of each Board or Commission, what they do, who the members are, and when they meet, etc.

These Boards have current openings:

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| Board of Adjustment                  | Juvenile Community Review                          |
| Board of Appeals                     | LaPorte Area Planning Advisory Committee           |
| Board of Health                      | Larimer Integrated Family Enhancement (LIFE) Board |
| Citizen Review Panel                 | Office on Aging Advisory Council                   |
| Community Corrections Advisory Board | Open Lands Advisory Board                          |
| Environmental Advisory Board         | Parks Advisory Board                               |
| Estes Valley Board of Adjustment     | Planning Commission                                |
| Estes Valley Planning Commission     | Rural Land Use Board                               |
| Extension Advisory Committee         | Weed Control District Advisory Commission          |

Over 300 citizens provide Larimer County government with valuable insight by volunteering on nearly 30 County Boards and Commissions. If you would like to receive an email notification any time there is an opening on a Board or Commission please go to:

[www.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm](http://www.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm), and sign up. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, [dtokarz@larimer.org](mailto:dtokarz@larimer.org) for further information.

## SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Aug. 22

Larimer Dems Annual Picnic

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are Welcome!)

**Date & Time:** Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social, Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Location:** **MAY ONLY:** Estes Park (details next week)

**Contact:** Anne Wilseck for more information [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com)

### Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in December or January.

**Date & Time:** First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

**Contact & RSVP A Week Ahead:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annewmich@comcast.net](mailto:annewmich@comcast.net)

### Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club

The Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club is going to be moving around this year! We are going to try some new activities and locations: breakfast, lunch, happy hour; Loveland, Fort Collins. Check the newsletter often and please join us!

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am

**Location:** Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Sheilds, Fort Collins

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

### Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. No meeting in December or January.

**Date & Time:** Second Tuesday of each month. 12:00 noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 am to socialize and start lunch.

**Location:** 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.

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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 (not including 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 Sunday at 5:00 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) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.