

**5/5/09**

**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:**

In keeping with a long-time tradition, our May Monthly Meeting will be in **Estes Park** on Thursday, the 21st.

Join your fellow Dems for **dinner**/social time at Poppy's on Elkhorn, 5:30 pm .

The meeting will take place at US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn, at 7:00 pm.

Please e-mail Anne Wilseck [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) so we know how many will be joining us.

## **PARTY NEWS**

**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

**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

### 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)**

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

### Sat, Aug 22: ANNUAL PICNIC: GRILLS AND PICK-UP TRUCKS NEEDED!

Do you have a grill we can borrow for our Annual Picnic on August 22?  
Do you have a pick-up truck and can you transport grills to our picnic location?  
**Contact Nancy Tellez, [ntellez@frii.com](mailto:ntellez@frii.com) if you can help us out!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Sat, May 9: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH REP. KEFALAS, REP. FISCHER AND SEN. BACON

State Representatives John Kefalas (HD-52) and Randy Fischer (HD-53), along with State Senator Bob Bacon (SD-14) will host a town hall meeting this Saturday, May 9th from 10:30am-12:00pm at the Downtown Fort Collins Library.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 9, 10:30 am -12:00 pm

**Location:** Downtown Fort Collins Library, 201 Peterson Street, Fort Collins

### Sat, May 16: CAMP PROGRESS

Similar to the amazing Camp Obama trainings you've heard so much about, Camp Progress will teach you organizing leadership skills, including:

How to use your personal story to motivate people to action;

How to build community by identifying shared values and developing a shared purpose;

How to strategize creatively and effectively with your team;

How to make a difference in your community through grassroots lobbying, community service, and community education;

How to use on-line and new media tools to increase your impact.

We are honored to have Joy Cushman from the *Obama campaign*, Heather Cronk from the *New Organizing Institute*, and Lisa Powell from *Camp Courage* as facilitators. Whether you are coming with members from your neighborhood team, looking for a team to join, or just interested in learning how to make progressive change in Colorado, this training will inspire you to act and give you the tools to so effectively.

**Date & Time:** Saturday May 16, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Pipefitters Local #208, 6350 North Broadway, Denver, CO

**For more info or to RSVP:** <http://www.ProgressNowColorado.org/CampProgress>

**Sat, June 27: WALTZ FOR THE WOLVES: LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, FULL DINNER, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DRINKS & THE AMBASSADOR WOLVES**

There will be a sit down dinner with your choice of two delicious meals, a salad and dessert. All attendees 21 and over will receive two free drink tickets, with a cash bar also available for your imbibing pleasures.

We will also have live entertainment from three local entertainers! Billy Henson will be back to charm us on the Native American flute. Our DJ will be Vi, playing some great dance tunes to get everyone out on the dance floor. The first and last dance of the night will be a Waltz, so make sure to get your best dance shoes on! We will also have a performance from the Rocky Mountain Belly Dance Company.

Join some of your Democratic friends.

**Contact Carla Massaro to join her table!** [thriftea1@yahoo.com](mailto:thriftea1@yahoo.com)

**Date & Time:** Saturday, June 27, 5:00 - 10:00 pm

**Location:** Embassy Suites, I-25 & Crossroads Blvd., Loveland

**For More Information:** contact Kiley, 970.416.9531, [KMcGowen@wolfsanctuary.net](mailto:KMcGowen@wolfsanctuary.net)

## SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Aug. 22	Larimer Dems Annual Picnic
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## 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:** US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn, Estes Park

Join us for dinner before the meeting at Poppy's at 5:30! Please email Anne Wilseck so we know how many will be joining us.

**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. Shields, 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.