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Editor's Note:

We have a new section of the newsletter: [Legislative Updates](#). From time to time, we will bring you news from our representatives in Denver and Washington. This week, you can learn about the accomplishments of our newest Senator, Michael Bennet.

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html.

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

PARTY NEWS

Mon, June 29: THE NATIONAL DEBATE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM: PROPOSALS AND PROGNOSIS

During the summer break, Congress is deliberating on health care reform. What proposals are on the table? What essential elements of reform are included? Which proposals are most likely to create positive change?

Presenter: Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He has served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society, and as Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center. He is a member of Health Care for All Colorado.

Date & Time: Monday, June 29, 7:30 – 9 pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

For more information, contact the south office at 970.461.5779.

DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Regrets to announce that the July Democratic Breakfast Forum is cancelled. It was necessary due to scheduling conflict with the chosen speaker; and also, due to the 1st Wednesday of the month (July 1) being too close to the 4th of July holiday.

We look forward to seeing you at the August 5th Democratic Breakfast Forum for a topic on the environment.

Your continued support is very much appreciated!

The Democratic Breakfast Forum Team

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Let's get together on August 22, 4:00-7:00 pm, to enjoy great conversations, and a Colorado menu with local providers. Let your local party officers grill your dinner.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

For more info, contact [Nancy Tellez](#).

VOLUNTEER NEWS

UPCOMING BOOTHS AND PARADES

If you're a volunteer for booths/parade, expect a call asking you to sign up for a booth shift on the 4th of July--either in Fort Collins or Loveland. If you're not on the list but can spare

two hours that day, please GIVE US A CALL. This is the off-year with no big election coming up in Nov., but we can't let down! We must make a good public showing of enthusiasm and activism.

And if you live in the Estes Park area, please plan to be part of the Democratic contingent in the Rooftop Rodeo Parade on Tuesday, July 7th.

Check your newsletter or our website (www.LarimerDems.org) for details.
To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com

July 4	Independence Day Fort Collins
July 4	Independence Day Loveland
July 7	Estes Park Rooftop Rodeo Parade
July 10	Summerfest
July 30	County Fair Parade
July 31-Aug 4	County Fair Booth at The Ranch
August 15-16	New West Fest
August 22	Corn Roast Festival Parade
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September 6	Rist Canyon Festival
September 7	Windsor Harvest Parade
September 19-20	Sustainable Living Fair
October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WHO IS MICHAEL BENNET?

Michael Bennet is not a career politician and he certainly didn't become a Senator the traditional way. However, Michael brings a unique background to this office, one that allows him to deliver a different perspective.

Michael's background includes:

- Revitalizing Denver's schools.
- Changing Denver government, including balancing a historic budget deficit.
- Turning around failing and distressed companies, allowing them to stay in business and preserve jobs.
- Being an agent of real change for families and kids.
- This unique background gives him the perspective to challenge old assumptions, and the confidence to be optimistic about our future.

Michael is a strong advocate for Colorado's families. He is fighting to create jobs and economic opportunity for all Americans; provide tax relief for working families and small businesses; expand access to quality, affordable health care; and increase investments in clean, renewable energy.

MICHAEL HAS BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA

Michael voted to make sure workers who do equal work get equal pay. He supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which clarified that every paycheck or other compensation resulting from an earlier discriminatory pay decision constitutes a violation of the Civil Rights Act.

Michael voted for passage of President Obama's budget, which will lay the foundation for sustainable, long-term economic growth by making responsible investments in health care, education, and our new energy economy. It also provides tax cuts to those middle class families who need it most, particularly in this economy.

Michael believes that we have a moral obligation to implement comprehensive health care reform this year, so that every American has affordable access to quality health care. He introduced (and passed) an amendment to make sure that that discussion includes expanding access to health care to rural communities.

Michael supported passage of omnibus public lands legislation which protected several areas of Colorado's wilderness, including Rocky Mountain National Park.

Michael fought for passage of the Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights which will implement common sense measures to protect consumers from unfair treatment by credit card companies, including: prohibiting companies from increasing rates on existing balances, and prohibiting credit card companies from raising rates on existing balances because of payment issues with a separate credit card.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Fri, July 3: BURGERS WITH BENNET

Come join Sen. Michael Bennet and his family for an afternoon cookout at Rolland Moore Park in Fort Collins

Enjoy FREE burgers and refreshments.

[Date & Time: Friday, July 3, 4:00 pm](#)

[Location: Rolland Moore Park \(off Shields, north of Drake\), Fort Collins](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Through June 27; KIOWA CT. ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA: NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE

Our Day of Service event is a Food Drive for the Larimer County Food Bank. As of Thursday 06/18/09 there are 6 drop locations around town:

Sunflower Market, Drake & Lemay, Fort Collins

Whole Foods, Fort Collins

Beavers Market at LaPorte Ave and Shields, Fort Collins

Cilantro Grille at 128 W. Laurel, Fort Collins

Mike and Holly's house at 2207 Kiowa Ct, Fort Collins 80525

Marti Conrad's house at 5835 Mars Dr, Fort Collins 80525

We are making phone calls and handing out flyers to notify people of our event and the drop locations. Please spread the word. Anyone who's interested can volunteer to help with our event.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 27 10:00 AM

For More information or to volunteer, contact: Holly Young, 970-482-8569 or visit <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/nationalhealthcaredayofservice/gpc49h>

Wed, June 24: POT LUCK WATCH PARTY: ABC PRIME TIME INTERVIEW WITH OBAMA ON HEALTH CARE

Join us for a watch party potluck and meet the new Organizing for America Larimer/Weld Summer Organizer, Samantha Astudillo.

We will have a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and watch the ABC prime time interview with President Barack Obama on health care issues . Drinks and dinnerware provided.

Charles Gibson and Diane Sawyer will moderate the White House discussion with a live audience, also taking questions submitted by viewers.

RSVP required with full name and contact info.

Please bring one can of food per person for the Kiowa Court HealthCare Food Drive.

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 24, Potluck, 6:00 pm; Obama interview, 8:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

RSVP Required online at <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpcrx3>

June 26 and 29: LOVELAND ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA: NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE BLOOD DRIVES

LOFA is working in connection with the Garth Englund Blood Bank to encourage all citizens to donate blood. Please take time on one of these days to go and donate blood! These events are part of the National Service Day, emphasizing health care, event activities being held across the country.

In cooperation with the Garth Englund Blood Center a Blood Drive will be held:

Date & Time: June 26, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Centerra, 5971 Sky Pond Dr, Loveland, CO

Date & Time: June 29, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Medical Center of the Rockies, 2500 Rocky Mountain Ave, Loveland, CO

Contacts: Vern Richardson 970-231-5500 or Linda Hughey, 720-320-7014

Sat, June 27: CATALPA HEATH CARE REFORM GROUP and HEALTHY AMERICA: Because Affordable Health Care Belongs to All Americans NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

On June 27th, we will set up tables at locations in Fort Collins. We will be providing information on the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) and the Colorado Child Health Plan (CHP+), and information on where to access health care. We will also be scheduling parents to bring in their children, 8 months to 10 years of age for FREE speech/language, physical and occupation therapy screenings.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Locations: Northside Aztlan Center: 112 Willow St.

ARC Thrift Store: 106 E. Foothills Pkwy.

Habitat for Humanity: 4001 S. Taft Hill Rd.

Food Bank: 1301 Blue Spruce Dr.

K-Mart: 2535 S College Ave

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Cathy and Larry Watson, 970-482-8310 or Linda Berger, 970-225-2232, or visit <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpc4j2>

If you are a speech and language therapist who would like to volunteer at the screening on July 11 and/or August 8, email Linda Berger, ellebergere@gmail.com

Sat, July 11: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP KEFALAS

The public is invited to participate in a community conversation with State Representative John Kefalas to discuss the topic of your choice. Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to participate in this interactive and informal discussion.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

Location: Reader's Cove Bookstore, 1001 E Harmony Rd # C, Fort Collins

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, June 27	Waltzes for the Wolves	For more info, contact Carla Massaro
Wednesday, August 12 6:30 - 8:30pm New Belgium Brewing	4th Annual fundraiser for Colorado Conservation Voters featuring and honoring Senator Bacon and Representatives Kefalas and Fischer for the 100% environmental voting record in the 2009 state legislature! Also, featuring Auden Schendler who is Director of Sustainability for Aspen Skiing who will speak about his new book, "Getting Green Done." Location: Always a good time at New Belgium Brewing, 6:30 - 8:30pm	

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: July Meeting: South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in July. See you in August!

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

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: August 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Larimer Dems South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations or more info.

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 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 and adambowen@frii.com. Thank you.