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Editor's Note:

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.

Message from the Chair:

One of Colorado's hardest working people is our very own state Rep. John Kefalas. Together with his Democratic colleagues, John regularly makes himself available to his constituents through town hall meetings and community conversations. Let's support John and join him at Dazbog Coffee this Sat. morning. Details below under Community News.

PARTY NEWS

Wed, Aug. 5: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: A GOOD PLANET IS HARD TO FIND

Matt Garrington, Field Director of **Environment Colorado**, will direct our attention to those state and regional issues that define a healthy planet. Concerned about uranium mining in our area? Care about the future of the Poudre River? Frustrated by lack of transit alternatives to single occupancy vehicles? Alarmed about rising ozone levels? This presentation is for you! Join fellow Dems in welcoming Environment Colorado on August 5. Garrington will discuss the organization's role in championing environmental legislation at the state level, and how citizen involvement in local issues supports sustainable policies. Come with questions and get involved. For further information on Environment Colorado, go to: www.environmentcolorado.org

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 5, 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, 802 W. Drake, NW corner of Drake & Worthington, Fort Collins

Contact: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

*Mark your calendars for the **September 2 Breakfast Forum: A special visit with our own Congresswoman Betsy Markey.***

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Join Congresswoman *Betsy Markey*, Governor *Bill Ritter*, Colorado Speaker of the House *Terrance Carroll*, State Senator *Bob Bacon*, Representative *Randy Fischer* & Representative *John Kefalas* at the Larimer County Democratic Party's Annual Picnic!

This year we will be featuring a Colorado menu (including vegetarian options). If you've never picnicked in Dian Sparling's backyard, you don't want to miss this opportunity! We'll hear from a variety of special guests, followed by home-grown music from dedicated Larimer Dems Cheri Nichols, Julie Hoest and Colleen Crosson, known as "Three of a Kind". Don't miss the fun!

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

Location: Fort Collins

For more info, and to sign up: www.LarimerDems.org

VOLUNTEER NEWS

NEXT MAJOR EVENT -- NEW WEST FEST!

New West Fest is on Aug. 15-16. And then the big Annual Picnic, Aug. 22, which needs many workers to prepare and put on this great summer party! And earlier on Aug. 22nd, we'll have a booth at Corn Roast in Loveland.

Lots of important work to be done!

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sat, Aug 8: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS

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

Date & Time: Saturday, August 8, 9:00-10:30 am

Location: Daz Bog Coffee Shop, 401 Mason Court #105, Fort Collins

Wed, Aug 12: 4th ANNUAL COLORADO CONSERVATION VOTERS FUNDRAISER

Celebrate Our Environmental Values at the 4th Annual fund raiser for Colorado Conservation Voters featuring and honoring Senator Bacon and Representatives Kefalas and Fischer for their 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*. Plus, the first annual "Larimer County Environmental Leadership Award" will given to Mayor Pro-tem Kelly Ohlson! It'll be a great time!!

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: New Belgium Brewing, 500 Linden Street, Fort Collins

For more information, visit <http://coloradoconservationvoters.org/data/larimer-2009/>

RSVP: bgregory@coloradoconservationvoters.org or (303) 454-3349

Monday, Aug. 17: TRANSPORTATION FORUM: HELP MOVE AMERICA FORWARD

Congress is working on a new national transportation bill that will affect all Americans. Help us map out a new future for Northern Colorado's transportation system, one that recognizes our need for safe, clean and smart transportation options.

The Sonoran Institute is sponsoring a forum to educate constituents on federal and state transportation issues, and to allow locals share their transportation needs and concerns with their elected officials. Our state Reps. Kefalas and Fischer will be there to talk with you.

Date & Time: Monday, Aug. 17, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: New Belgium Brewing, 500 Linden Street, Fort Collins

For more information: [Sophie Glass at sglass@sonoraninstitute.org](mailto:sglass@sonoraninstitute.org) or (303) 605-3484

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LARIMER COUNTY OPPOSES URANIUM MINING

The League of Women Voters of Larimer County (LWVLC) has taken a position against the planned in situ leach uranium mining by Powertech (USA) Inc. 11 miles northeast of Fort Collins in the Fox Hills Aquifer. This aquifer is a nonrenewable source of ground water for municipal, industrial, agricultural and domestic uses, involving over 8,000 acres in Weld County, the eighth largest agricultural region in the country. Contamination of soil and ground water by leaking leaching solution and the dispersal of radionuclides from drying ponds of toxic wastewater used in the mining, which are then deposited on crops and consumed by animals, make for unacceptable health and environmental risks. LWVLC joins the Larimer County and Colorado Medical Societies and over 11,000 local residents and 80 municipalities, public entities, and businesses, who have all registered opposition to the in situ leach uranium mining planned by Powertech in the populated northern Colorado Front Range region.

Contact: Carol Rush, LWVLC spokesperson -- (970) 667-5077; crush@frii.com

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: August Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

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

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

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: This month only: special DBC fundraiser for Betsy Markey. See item above for details.

Location: Odell's Brewery

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 07:00 to 08:00 AM

Location: Schmidt's Bakery & Delicatessen, 808 14th St SW

Cost: \$15, including tip & a donation back to the LCDP

Contact & RSVP: LCDP South Office 970-461-5779, or email Ralph Trenary at trenaryr3@msn.com

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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.