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**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.

**Message from the Chair:**

Last week's visit by George McGovern was inspirational for me in at least two ways. First, it was a treat to hear the party's standard-bearer of an earlier era still as sharp as ever, and talking sense about some of our country's biggest challenges. Of course, on a personal level, it was a great privilege to be able to introduce the Senator to the crowd.

More moving though, was the personal interaction between the gathered group of Larimer Dems and the Senator. Many of you were involved during the McGovern campaign back in '72, so there was considerable warmth to counter the morning chill at Avo's last week. After the event, I heard from McGovern's publicist who was traveling with him. The senator absolutely loved the crowd and really appreciated the warm welcome.

Big thanks to the Executive Board for making this event happen!

We have photos of the event, taken by the talented Dan Bihn, here:

<http://photos.danbihn.com/mcgovern>

**NOTE:** Please Save the Date. Immediately following the October 9th Homecoming Parade, join us in Avo's back yard to help our state House Majority Project. More details in next week's newsletter.

## PARTY NEWS

**Tue, Sep 29: LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP**

We will cover writing guidelines including: topical letter content, writing tips, letter submission processes and suggested methods of constructing a persuasive argument. We will also cover communication team processes including: data management, weekly topics, media monitoring/research and talking points.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

**RSVP:** [bridgetcassidy@msn.com](mailto:bridgetcassidy@msn.com)

**Sat, Oct 3: JANE JEFFERSON'S OCTOBER MEETING: LOVELAND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

The Jane Jefferson's October Meeting will be at Sophia's on the corner of 11th and Lincoln in Loveland at 9:00 am on October 3. The program will be Loveland Municipal elections with Cecil Gutierrez (running for mayor), Cathleen McEwen and Joan Shaffer (both running for City Council).

**Date & Time:** October 3, 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Location:** Sophia's, 11th & Lincoln, Loveland

**Contact:** [c.j.quigley@comcast.net](mailto:c.j.quigley@comcast.net) for reservations or more info.

## **Wed, Oct 7: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: BOARD OF EDUCATION & LOVELAND MAYORAL CANDIDATES**

With Poudre School District Board of Education and Loveland Mayoral/Council elections sneaking up on November 2, the Breakfast Forum has invited the candidates in the PSD board races, as well as the Loveland mayoral candidates, to introduce themselves and meet those attending the October 7 breakfast. Depending on availability, candidates for the Thompson School District Board of Education may also attend.

Since these elections have relatively short campaign formats, there is still time to get involved in these campaigns, if you like what you hear October 7. At minimum, these personal appearances will result in informed votes on November 2. Information on the three elections is available at [www.psd.k12.co.us](http://www.psd.k12.co.us) (Poudre School District); [www.ci.loveland.co.us](http://www.ci.loveland.co.us) (City of Loveland); and [www.thompson.k12.co.us](http://www.thompson.k12.co.us) (Thompson School District.)

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 7, 7:45 am

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

**RSVP by September 30:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [anne2616@comcast.net](mailto:anne2616@comcast.net)

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

### **VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE!**

Summer is winding down, but we still have some events.

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

October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

## **ELECTION INFO**

### **2009 LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATED ELECTION**

There are a number of elections in Larimer County this November:

Poudre School District School Board, Thompson Valley School Board, Loveland City Council. School board candidates must live in their area but are elected district-wide, so everyone who lives in either school district will be voting for multiple school board candidates.

**These elections are all mail-ballot elections. There will be no polling places on November 3.**

Questions regarding Voter Registration, Ballot Status and Election Results should be directed to the Larimer County Elections Division at 970-498-7820 or [Larimer County Elections](http://Larimer County Elections website) website.

#### **Important dates:**

Monday, October 5: Last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2009 Coordinated Election.  
Monday, October 12: First day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

Friday, October 16: Last day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

**Tuesday, November 3 Election Day.** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **All ballots must be received by the County Clerk and Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. Postmark dates do not count as received.**

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

### **Thur, Sep 24: BOWLING FOR BILL RITTER**

Put on your Poodle skirts and Blue Suede shoes, and cruise on over to Chipper's Bowling Lanes, in Ft. Collins. Fifties dress optional. Form your own team of six players, or make new friends there. There will be prizes given to the winning team. Suggested donation is: \$25, includes 2 games, shoes, dinner, and 1 drink ticket. Non-bowlers may also join in the fun. \$15, includes dinner, and a drink ticket.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, September 24, 6:00 pm

**Location:** Chipper's Bowling Lanes, 830 N College Ave, Fort Collins

**For more info. and tickets contact:** Erma Muehlbach, 970-215-4134 or [emuehlbach@cs.com](mailto:emuehlbach@cs.com)

### **Fri, Sep 25: FUNDRAISER FOR CONGRESSWOMAN BETSY MARKEY**

Please Join Betsy Markey Member of Congress, Colorado's 4th District for a special reception at her home.

**Date & Time:** Friday, September 25, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Congresswoman Markey's home, 430 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins

**Suggested donation:** Chair \$1000, Host \$500, Co-Host \$250, Guest \$100

**RSVP** to Patti Seitz at 970-221-1473 or email [patti@markeyforcongress.com](mailto:patti@markeyforcongress.com)

### **Sat, Sep 26: NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS FOR REP. KEFALAS**

September 26 will be our next Big Walk for Rep. John Kefalas' 2010 re-election effort. We'll meet at 9 a.m. at Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins, for coffee, bagels, assignments and a quick training, then hit the streets in targeted precincts to talk to voters. If you can come, please e-mail Julia Weichselbaum at [juliaw\\_5810@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaw_5810@yahoo.com) or Lenina Olivas at [lmolivas@hotmail.com](mailto:lmolivas@hotmail.com).

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 am- Noon

**Location:** Meet at Larimer Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

**For more info:** [www.johnkefalas.org](http://www.johnkefalas.org), Phone: 970-631-4466

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Wed, Sep 23: AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY: FILM AND DISCUSSION**

With almost 20 years inside the health insurance industry, Wendell Potter saw for-profit insurers hijack our health care system and put profits before patients. In June 2009 he testified before Congressional Committees and in July Bill Moyers interviewed him about how those companies are standing in the way of health care reform.

Sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

**Location:** Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Avenue (Ziegler and Harmony Roads), Fort Collins

**For more information:** 224-6122

### **Sat, Sep 26: POUFRE RIVER CLEAN-UP**

Johnson Controls, Inc. and the Save the Poudre Coalition are sponsoring a Poudre River Clean-up to pick up trash along the river on Saturday, September 26th, rain or shine. Volunteers should meet at Lee Martinez Park, 600 N. Sherwood, Fort Collins. Sign-in starts at 8:30 am and the

clean-up runs until noon.

The event is being co-sponsored by Fort Collins Audubon Society, Friends of the Poudre, Poudre Paddlers, Sierra Club-Poudre Canyon Group, and the Rocky Mountain Flycasters chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Volunteers are asked to wear long pants, a hat, heavy shoes or work boots and to bring work gloves, water, sunscreen and bug repellent.

Children aged 6 -12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children ages 13-18 not accompanied by a parent or guardian are required to bring a pre-signed Risk and Release form. Children under the age of 6 may not participate in the clean-up for safety reasons.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 26, Sign-in: 8:30 am. Clean up runs until noon.

**Location:** Meet at Lee Martinez Park, 600 N. Sherwood, Fort Collins

**To Pre-Register:** email to [info@savethepoudre.org](mailto:info@savethepoudre.org) or call 493-4677

**For more information:** visit [www.savethepoudre.org](http://www.savethepoudre.org)

### **Sun, Sep 27: NAMAQUA FORUM: NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTION**

The Namaqua Forum (formerly the Open Forum) will feature Dr. Robert Lawrence on September 27 from 7:00 to 8:30. His topic will be Nuclear Weapons Reduction. We will meet at our new location: Ferguson Hill School at 1101 Hill Top Dr, Loveland. Take Taft 2 blocks south of Eisenhower, turn west on 11th St. Sponsored by UU Congregation. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, September 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Ferguson Hill School, 1101 Hill Top Drive, Loveland

### **Wed, Sep 30: LOVELAND MAYORAL AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM**

Loveland voters will have an opportunity to ask questions and hear answers from the five Mayoral and eleven Council candidates at a Forum on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at the City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street in Loveland. The Forum is an important way to find out the positions these candidates hold on local issues of concern to Loveland residents. The evening will begin by each candidate being asked, "Why are you running for office and what skills or experience do you bring to that office?"

Written questions concerning local issues, submitted by audience members, will be posed by the Forum moderator to the candidates.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, a nonpartisan organization, in cooperation with the City of Loveland.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

**Location:** Loveland City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street, Loveland

**For more information:** 669-8230

### **Mon, Oct 5: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON THE PATH TO HEALTH CARE REFORM? with Earl Baumgartel, MD**

As comprehensive health reform legislation makes its way through Congress what will it mean for Americans in terms of cost? What will be the impact on racial disparities? Will reform mitigate barriers to access? How can citizens engage with legislators in the decision making process?

Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He's served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and as a Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

**Location:** Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Avenue (Ziegler and Harmony Roads), Fort Collins

**For more information:** 224-6122

### **Wed, Oct 7: CANDIDATE FORUM FOR PSD SCHOOL BOARD**

Candidates for the Poudre School District school board election will appear at a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte in Fort Collins, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The public is invited and encouraged to submit questions in writing to the candidates. This election is for districts C, D and E. The Forum also will be shown periodically on Channel 14.

The Candidate Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, which encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte, Fort Collins

**For more information,** please call 225-8954

### **Tue, Oct 13: MONEY DRIVEN MEDICINE: FILM AND DISCUSSION**

Join Health Care for All Colorado at the Harmony Library for their fall meeting and "Money Driven Medicine" film and discussion.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library, Shields and Harmony Roads, Fort Collins

**For more information:** Linda Mahan, 484-2259

## **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](mailto: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, [anne2616@comcast.net](mailto:anne2616@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:** October 3, 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Location:** Sophia's, 11th & Lincoln, Loveland

**Contact:** [c.j.quigley@comcast.net](mailto:c.j.quigley@comcast.net) for reservations or more info.

### **Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins**

Monthly Luncheon.

**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.

**Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland****Date & Time:** Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 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](mailto:trenaryr3@msn.com)**CONTACT INFORMATION****Larimer County Democratic Party**

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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.