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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.

From the Chair:

Need to warm up with some friendly company? Celebrate the holidays and a great 2008 with your fellow Larimer Dems this Thursday afternoon & evening at our HQ in Fort Collins. Hot cider and plans for the next cycle are already brewing, so come in from the cold and let's have some fun!

One other important piece of work is still on our plate for 2008 - the future of transportation for Larimer County is being determined now. Do we add more cars to the road, or do we take advantage of our momentum for change and build transit? Please see below and help put the North Front Range on Track!

PARTY NEWS

Thur, Dec 18: CHANGE IS COMING!

Did you miss the Change is Coming parties this weekend? You have one more opportunity to join with other like-minded people interested in creating change in our community. At this party, there will be a short video by Barack's team, a chance to reflect on the issues that are most important to you, and a time to brainstorm and broaden our ideas about how to accomplish the changes we want to see in our community, state, and nation. Open-house refreshments and festivities will follow from 6-9 pm.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 18, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Larimer Dems Fort Collins Office, 606 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

RSVP & for more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gptmfj>

Thurs, Dec 18: LARIMER DEMS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the holidays with your Democratic friends!

Date & Time: Thursday, December 18, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Larimer Dems Fort Collins Office, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

More info: ldems@frii.com or 970-689-6391

NEWS FROM THE LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOUTH OFFICE

The official office opening will be Saturday, January 10 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, so mark your calendar and come help us open the office. We may have a very special guest to help us open the office.

Items on our wish list:

Refrigerator
Folding Chairs
Office Chairs
Tables
Desks

COMMUNITY NEWS

PUT THE NORTH FRONT RANGE ON TRACK!

Help bring commuter rail to the North Front Range.

In connection with Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) North I-25 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (NI25 DEIS) and to provide viable transportation choices for the movement of people and goods in the Northern Front Range (NFR), we support: **necessary safety upgrades on I-25, mass transit components of Package A, and most specifically commuter rail connecting city centers on existing track from Fort Collins to Longmont, there connecting with Denver Metro FasTracks and RTD bus routes.**

A Final EIS is scheduled for 2009 and the results will become a resource for the upcoming 2035 Land Use EIS.

Please submit comments supporting the components of Package A listed in bold above directly to CDOT before the public comment period ends December 30, 2008:

Please submit comments supporting the components of Package A listed in bold above directly to CDOT before December 30, 2008:

Online: www.cdot.info/northi25eis/

Mail: Carol Parr, CDOT Region 4, 1420 2nd St., Greeley, CO 80631

You must include your name, email address and/or mailing address.

Phone for comments and/or questions:

(970) 352-5455 or (303) 779-3384.

Please also submit a copy of your comments to CDOT to your elected officials (city councils, town boards, county commissioners, state and federal representatives.)

Join the effort further by sharing encouraging colleagues, friends, and family to support commuter rail by submitting their comments directly and/or signing our petition before December 28.

For more information and to get involved, please contact

FrontRangeOnTrack@gmail.com or call 970-669-0030.

Learn more!

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/northi25eis/>

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TODAY: SPEAK UP FOR RAIL AT THE FORT COLLINS & LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!

The North I-25 DEIS is on the agenda for tonight's Fort Collins City Council meeting, and it is our understanding that the Loveland City Council will discuss the DEIS tonight, too. If you live in Fort Collins or Loveland, please attend your City Council meeting

tonight and express your desire for commuter rail!

Date & Time: Tonight, December 16, 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall West, 300 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins

Date & Time: Tonight, December 16, 6:30 pm

Location: 500 East Third Street, Loveland

**Sat, Dec 20: KEFALAS HOSTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:
THE NEW ECONOMIC FORECAST AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR JOBS**

With a new state economic forecast expected on Friday, State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) has announced that he will host a community conversation reviewing the forecast and its implications for jobs

and the NoCo economy. A Conversation with Kefalas will take place on Saturday, December 20, 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Half-moon Bay Coffee Shop at 1001 E. Harmony, Unit C in Fort Collins.

"We are bracing ourselves for more bad news in Friday's economic forecast from the state. Simultaneously, I've been hearing terrific ideas from my constituents about what we might do to help out. These are really tough times for a lot of families and businesses, and we need to work together to promote the common good by bolstering businesses and creating more good jobs," said Representative Kefalas.

Community conversations are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share coffee and exchange ideas with Representative Kefalas about timely topics.

Date & Time: Saturday, December 20, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Location: Half-moon Bay Coffee Shop at 1001 E. Harmony, Unit C, Fort Collins

For more information: John Kefalas, 720-254-7598 (c), jkefalashd52@frii.com

SAVE THE DATES

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| Thur, Dec. 18 | Larimer Dems Annual Holiday Open House 606 S. Mason, 5:00 - 9:00 pm |
| Tue, Jan. 20 | Inauguration Party!--Details TBA |
| Sat, Jan. 24 | Volunteer Appreciation Open House--Details TBA |
| Sat, Feb. 7 | Central Committee Meeting--Location and time TBA. |
| Sat., Mar. 28, 2009 | Larimer Dems Annual Dinner |

REGULAR MEETINGS

Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are welcome!)

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

DECEMBER: **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**, 5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Location: Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

Contact: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.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: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

The Estes Park Meetup for Democracy is open to anyone interested in a return to progressive government. The group supports candidates who are fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and who promote honesty and candor in political discourse.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

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: Varies

Location: Varies

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

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 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. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.