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Editor's Note:

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. The deadline is 5:00 pm Sunday, but early submissions are always appreciated.

From the chair:

There is no doubt that you have seen people around town for several months gathering signatures on petitions to get various initiatives on the ballot. Often the language on the petitions is ambiguous or the name of the initiative is misleading. As we are just 15 weeks away from election day, in addition to featuring candidates, we will also feature some of the ballot initiatives to be voted on. Below under [Know the Issues](#), you can learn about Colorado SAFE, an important initiative creating a savings account for public education without raising taxes, while preserving our rights to vote on taxes.

There are several canvasses this weekend. Join your fellow Democrats (and me) and help spread the word about our great candidates! More information can be found in [News from the Campaigns](#).

PARTY NEWS

Wed, Aug 6: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: Fort Collins

Join enthusiastic fellow Democrats on Wednesday, August 6, for Larimer County Day at the Democratic Breakfast Forum. Larimer County Commissioner candidates Roger Hoffmann and Randy Eubanks will answer every burning question you've ever had about the Board of County Commissioners. You'll learn why "all politics are local," and why Roger & Randy are the go-to guys in their respective races.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com

RSVP by July 30: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Save the date: Sun, Aug 24: LARIMER DEMS CONVENTION KICK-OFF PARTY: "THE NIGHT BEFORE"

Meet "The Night Before" at the convention kickoff, hosted by the Larimer County Democratic Party, on Sunday, Aug. 24th, from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Walker Fine Art Gallery at 300 West 11th Ave., #A (11th Ave. and Cherokee St.) in Denver. Catering, music, wine, beer and other beverages provided by Larimer County purveyors. Tickets are \$25. Information about the Walker Fine Art Gallery may be found at their website, www.walkerfineart.com

Date & Time: Sunday, August 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Walker Fine Art Gallery, 300 W. 11th Ave #A (11th Ave. and Cherokee St.),

Denver

Tickets: \$25

Contact: Margaret Matter, Margaret.Matter@Colostate.edu

Save the date: Fri, Aug 29: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC: "THE NIGHT AFTER"

Editor's Note: The date was incorrect in last week's newsletter. The correct date is **Friday August, 29.**

Join the Larimer Dems at their Annual Picnic on the Oxbow At New Belgium Brewery "The Night After" the convention.

Featuring Colorado grown summer fare, New Belgium products, music, speeches by all our great candidates capturing and continuing the momentum of the Democratic National Convention, this picnic will be green, with recycled dinnerware. Carpooling and cycling are encouraged and may be rewarded. We Cycle and Recycle.

Date & Time: Friday, August 29, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: The Oxbow at New Belgium Brewery, 500 Linden, Fort Collins

Contact: Nancy Tellez, ntellez@frii.com, 443-7705, William Russell, rwjr3@msn.com, 227-6303

Tickets: \$25, Children under 12, Free

LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOUTH OFFICE

Thanks to Joan and Mark Shaffer, the party has an office in Loveland at 218 E. 6th Street. The office is currently staffed by volunteers on:

Monday: 10:00 am - Noon,

Tuesday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am - Noon

Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

If you can volunteer to help at the office at any time, please call Bob Massarro at 970 402-3678

THANK YOU! TO THOSE WHO'VE VOLUNTEERED FOR SHIFTS AT HEADQUARTERS

We are now fully staffed, until it's time to expand to further evening hours.

THANK YOU! to all the fine volunteers who are staffing booths at events, and every Saturday at the Drake Farmer's Market.

It's time now to sign up for a shift at the double booth at **Larimer County Fair, Aug. 1-5.** And to let Bob know you'll take part in the the big Fair Parade on **July 31st at 6:30 p.m.** Call Headquarters for more details!

Contact: LCDP Headquarters 689-6391

BARACK OBAMA'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AT MILE-HIGH STADIUM

To receive more information about how to receive a ticket to see Barack Obama's Democratic presidential nomination acceptance speech at Invesco Field, visit

<http://co.barackobama.com/page/s/conventioninfo> and

<http://coloradodems.org/content/view/725>.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

TODAY! July 22: OBAMA CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Please join us for a meeting to discuss the strategy that Barack Obama's Campaign for Change will be employing in your community. Learn how to get involved to become a part of history! Contact Spencer Lee with any questions at 717-654-1983

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Ann Harroun's house, 3321 Apple Avenue, Loveland

Contact: Spencer Lee, 717-654-1983

For more information: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/meeting/449m3>

Fri, July 25: BARBEQUE & FUNDRAISER FOR ROGER HOFFMANN

Join Northern Colorado's conservation leaders for a fundraiser to help Roger's campaign for County Commissioner. We'll have a fun evening in Avo's beautiful backyard with the grills fired up and the drinks a-chillin'. Please invite your friends, especially those concerned about uranium mining, damming the Poudre, clean air and water, renewable energy, and better transportation. Music by T-Band (bluegrass).

Date & Time: Friday, July 25, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Avogadro's Back Patio, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

Suggested Donation: \$35 includes barbeque and beverage.

To help, RSVP: Gina 493-4677 or ginaciao@frii.com

Sat, July 26: RANDY FISCHER BIG WALK

Please join Randy Fischer, along with Larimer County Democratic Party Chair, Adam Bowen, for an important "Big Walk."

We'll be knocking on doors of friendly voters and handing out the new flyer that tells folks about my work in the legislature. You will be provided with flyers, a short script with talking points, a partner or two to walk with and easy instructions. You do not have to be up to speed on all the latest at the Capitol to do this!

Coffee and donuts will send you off; pizza will welcome you back.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 9:00 am

Location: Start at 614 S. Mason, Fort Collins (Same building as the Larimer Dems HQ.)

RSVP & Contact: reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com

Sat, July 26: "MEET THE CANDIDATE": RANDY EUBANKS IN BERTHOUD

Randy Eubanks, Larimer County Commissioner, will be hosting a "Meet the Candidate" event Saturday, July 26th from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Jumping Bean Coffee Shop at 434 Mountain Ave. in Berthoud. Come enjoy a cup of coffee with Randy and let him know what you think is important for Larimer County!

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Jumping Bean Coffee Shop, 434 Mountain Ave., Berthoud

Sat & Sun, July 26 & 27: COORDINATED CANVASS

Join Forward Colorado and Barack Obama's Campaign for Change as we canvass in Fort Collins and Loveland for Barack Obama, Mark Udall and Betsy Markey this weekend.

Dates, Times & Locations:

Saturday, July 26, 10:00 am, 419 Canyon Ave., Suite 200, Fort Collins

Saturday, July 26, 10:00 am, 218 E. Sixth Street, Loveland

Sunday, July 27, Noon, 419 Canyon Ave., Suite 200, Fort Collins

Contact: Joe Duffy, jduffy@barackobama.com, 970-980-8945 or Kate Enos, kate.enos@forwardcolorado.com 916-397-6400

Sat, July 26: SOLUTIONS FOR COLORADO: ENERGY WITH SPECIAL GUEST SEN. KEN SALAZAR

This Saturday Barack Obama's Campaign for Change is launching Solutions for Colorado.

Solutions for Colorado events are an opportunity to come together with your community to talk about the issues that are important to you. They're a venue for you to share your experiences and ideas with the campaign and work together to find solutions. Join special guest Ken Salazar in Windsor for a discussion about energy.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 3:00 pm

Location: Windsor Rec Center, 250 11th St., Windsor

Contact: Joe Duffy, jduffy@barackobama.com

RSVP & more info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/s/cosolutions>

Sat, July 26: WORLD MUSIC CONCERT - FUNDRAISER FOR RANDY EUBANKS

Enjoy the Native American flute playing of Billy Henson and the Celtic-style harp and soprano of Lara Jai at this fundraiser for Randy Eubanks.

This is a family-friendly event.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 26, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Catalyst Coffee and Lounge, 3051 S. Shields Street, Fort Collins

Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door (children under 12 are free)

To reserve tickets go to Catalyst Coffee or call Joan at 324-5413

Tues, July 29: MEET JAMES ROSS HOUSE PARTY

You are invited to a house party for James Ross at Vivian Gilbert's **Red Feather Lakes** home. Please come and meet James Ross and learn about his plans for House District 49. Please respond to Vivian so she has an idea of how many to prepare for.

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Vivian Gilbert's Home, 17420 Red Feather Lakes Rd., Red Feather Lakes

Contact: Vivian Gilbert, bellacrone@yahoo.com or 970-221-3887

Wed, July 30: ESTES PARK FOR OBAMA PLANNING MEETING

Estes Park for Obama will hold a planning meeting with the Obama campaign field organizer on Wednesday, July 30th at 7 pm at the US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn. We will discuss voter registration drives and other plans for the fall. Bring your friends. For more information, call Karen Ericson, 586-5042, or email at kjericson@earthlink.net.

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 30, 7:00 pm

Location: U.S. Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn

Contact: Karen Ericson, 586-5042, kjericson@earthlink.net

Thurs, July 31: URANIUM-FREE FUNDRAISER FOR JOHN KEFALAS & RANDY FISCHER!

You are cordially invited to the Uranium-Free Fundraiser BBQ benefiting State Representative John Kefalas and State Representative Randy Fischer hosted by Liliias Jarding, Ward Luthi, and Gary Wockner Thursday, July 31, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the country home of Aileen and Marlan Hanson 5812 Greenwalt Lane just north of Fort Collins with live music by The Second Hand Smoker

Date & Time: Thursday, July 31, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Aileen and Marlan Hanson's home: 5812 Greenwalt Lane just north of Fort Collins

Suggested Donation: \$35; contribute online at kefalas2008.com

RSVP & Contact: James Thompson, james@kefalas2008.com or 970-388-2636.

Fri, Aug 8: FAMILY FUNRAISER #2 WITH RANDY EUBANKS AT FOSSIL CREEK PARK

The Randy Eubanks for Larimer County Commissioner campaign will host a barbeque and family event at the Fossil Creek Park pavilion. Food, storytelling with Katy Little, music with Celtic duo Blackbird, games, and a silent auction are just some of the fun for you and the family! You won't want to miss this Friday evening in the park, and your chance to visit with Randy and his family.

Date & Time: Friday, August 8. 4:00 -8:00 pm

Location: Fossil Creek Park, Lemay, South of Timberline, Fort Collins.

Contact: Dorinna at 227-1439 for more information.

WALK FOR KEN BENNETT: LIT DROPS

ANYTIME you want to help Ken Bennett Win House District 51 (Loveland area), you can walk a neighborhood and drop flyers on doorsteps.

We are covering the district with 3 different flyers: (so lots of flyers and walking to do)

First: *Knock-Knock... Who's there for You.*

Second: *I'm Back... And still here for You.*

Then finally: *Now is the Time... To Vote for Someone Who Will Work for You.*

Walk as often as you can or want. Enjoy walking for your own fitness and know that you are serving a critically important task to Win House District 51.

Pick up flyers and maps of unwalked neighborhoods at the Larimer County Democratic Party South Office: 218 E. 6th Street, Loveland

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR ESTES PARK

The Larimer County Elections Department still needs a few election judges for Early Voting and Election Day at our Estes Park location for the August Primary Election. We have exhausted our caucus list for that area. Positions and training are both paid. Training will take place in Estes Park.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Donna at (970) 498-7926 or Michael at (970) 498-7925.

Wed, July 30: COMMUNITY FORUM ON COLORADO'S BUDGET AND FISCAL FUTURE

Fort Collins State Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas invite community members to attend this important forum on our state budget and fiscal future, with Colorado State Treasurer, Cary Kennedy. After a brief presentation, Treasurer Kennedy and Representatives Fischer and Kefalas will take comments and questions from the audience.

Community members are encouraged to bring their thoughts and questions!

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

Location: Harmony Library Community Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins (Southeast corner of Harmony and Shields)

For more information: Representative Randy Fischer, (970) 215-7898, Representative John Kefalas, (720) 254-7598, Cordelia Stone, cordstone@aol.com, (970) 689-4233

***Save the Date:* Wed, Aug 13: THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR COLORADO CONSERVATION VOTERS (CCV)**

Please come help CCV honor our environmental heroes -- Senator Bob Bacon, Representative John Kefalas, and Representative Randy Fischer -- for their pro-environment work in the 2008 state legislature. All three legislators scored 100% on the 2008 environmental scorecard!

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 13, 5:00-8:00 pm,

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

Contact: www.ColoradoConservationVoters.org

KNOW THE ISSUES

COLORADO SAFE

What is SAFE?

SAFE (Savings Account For Education) is a proposed ballot initiative to create a savings account for public education. SAFE dedicates a permanent source of funding to public education, preserves the right of citizens to vote on taxes, and untangles the fiscal knot in Colorado's constitution.

SAFE Colorado

With the slowing economy, Colorado needs a budget fix. Our state constitution limits revenue in good times, mandates spending in bad times and it is time for us to reform the current system. The SAFE Ballot initiative is a start in the right direction.

What does SAFE do?

Invests future surpluses in the State Education Fund
Creates a long-term savings account for education
Sunsets the constitutional requirement to increase P-12 spending

What does SAFE mean for kids?

Dedicates a permanent source of funding to preschool-12th grade education
Enables the state to protect public schools from cuts during economic downturns

What does SAFE mean for taxpayers?

Does not increase tax rates
Preserves the constitutional right to vote on taxes
Preserves the constitutional requirement to balance the budget
Prevents the state government from growing beyond its means; triples state reserves

How can the State Education Fund be used?

The State Education Fund can be used only for public education, from preschool through the 12th grade.

Specific purposes include:
class-size reduction
gifted and talented programs
performance incentives for teachers
preschool and kindergarten
school-building construction
special education
student safety
technology education
vocational education

To learn more, visit www.coloradosafe.org

SAVE THE DATES

Sun, Aug. 24	"The Night Before" LCDP Convention Kick-off Party 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver
Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28	Democratic National Convention, Denver!!
Fri, Aug 29	"The Day After" LCDP Annual Picnic 5:00 - 8:00 pm, The Oxbow at New Belgium Brewery, Fort Collins
Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31	Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County. More information: www.larimerdems.org Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net
Tues, Nov 4	Larimer Dems Election Night Party Fort Collins Marriott. More info to come.

ELECTION CALENDAR

July 14	Last day to register for Primary Election
August 2 - 8	Early voting for Primary Election
August 5	Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for Primary Election if ballot is to be mailed to you
August 8	Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for primary election
August 12	Primary Election - balloting closes at 7 pm
October 6	Last day to register for General Election
October 20 - 31	Early voting for General Election
October 28	Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for General Election if ballot is to be mailed to you
October 31	Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for General Election
November 4	Election Day
Complete document can be found at www.lwvcolorado.org/elecregdeadlines.html	

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

Contact: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com

Reservations: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

Monthly Meeting

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: Loveland
 Monthly Breakfast

Date & Time: First Saturday of each month, except June through August, 8:30 am

Location: Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Roger Hoffmann for County	P.O. Box 7652,	667-	www.Hoffmann2008.com

Commissioner District 3 Susan Shilling, Campaign Manager	Loveland, CO 80537-0652	8545 206- 0345	roger@hoffmann2008.com sshilling2@comcast.net
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Colorado & National Democratic Candidates

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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.