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Editor's Note:

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 6. Those signed up for mail ballots will be receiving them in a few weeks.

We've added a new section for **Election and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) News**. Please check out the information in this new section and please share it with your progressive friends, co-workers, neighbors and family.

Congratulations to Mary Humstone for getting her letter published in the New York Times:

REPRINT- The New York Times Editorials/Letters Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Written by Mary Humstone - Fort Collins, Colo.

Sarah Palin, in Alaska and Beyond

Re "Once Elected, Palin Hired Friends and Lashed Foes" (front page, Sept. 14):

The New York Times Editorials/Letters Tuesday, September 16, 2008

To the Editor:

What struck me most in your article about Sarah Palin is how much her governing style resembles that of George W. Bush.

She conducts the business of the state in secret, appoints friends and cronies to positions of power and authority regardless of their credentials, surrounds herself with supporters and refuses to listen to those who disagree with her, and makes decisions based on gut instinct instead of knowledge and thoughtful consideration.

It is helpful to have this glimpse into Ms. Palin's "executive experience," so Americans can see that it is the same management style that brought us the Iraq war, the tragic lack of response to Hurricane Katrina, a decimated Justice Department and an economy in shambles.

Our country cannot afford to have such a leader a heartbeat away from the presidency.

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: Governor Ritter in FC this Friday!

I am excited to invite you to a special event this Friday, September 26th at Avogadro's Number at 1:30 PM. **Governor Ritter** will be in Fort Collins for a "brown bag" discussion on why it is important to Vote Yes on Amendment 58 this coming November. The discussion will be an opportunity to learn more about the numerous benefits of Amendment 58, ask questions, and learn how you can help make sure Colorado votes Yes on Amendment 58.

Amendment 58 will end Colorado's outdated \$300 million a year tax subsidy for the oil and gas industry and make smarter investments in Colorado's future. By voting YES on 58 you will make the common sense decision to stop giving the wealthiest companies in the world huge tax breaks in Colorado. For more information on Amendment 58 please go to www.voteyeson58.org.

Date & Time: Friday, Sept. 26th at 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Where: Avogadro's Number, 605 S Mason St Fort Collins, CO 80524

There's a lot going on! Please read down for many newly announced Party, candidate and community events.

PARTY NEWS

GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) - Help the Democratic Ground Game!

Get Out The Vote efforts begin in just a few short weeks. We still need more volunteers--sign up for one shift or several. There will be an easy telephone script, urging people who haven't voted to do it now (no walking involved). Training dates will be announced soon. Call or email NOW to be a part of this HISTORIC Election effort (689-6391, ldems@frii.com). Help create another record voter turnout in Larimer County!

Fri, Sep 26: WATCH THE 1st PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE AT AVO'S

Join us at an Avo's Watch Party for the first Presidential debate -- live from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. This debate will have a foreign policy focus. Avo's excellent food (including BBQ on the Patio, weather permitting) and drink will be available for purchase. The debate starts at 7:00 pm, and the BBQ will start at 6:00. Gather to cheer for our next president while supporting a great local restaurant and bar.

Date & Time: September 26, 2008, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

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

For more information:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/debatewatchingparty/gsx4bt>

Wed, Oct 1: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: BALLOT ISSUES!

Stumped by the number and complexity of the November ballot issues?

Join your friends and fellow Democrats at the October 1 Breakfast Forum, for a pro-con presentation by the League of Women Voters on the ballot questions you'll be faced with in the general election. Ballot issue pamphlets will also be available.

As time permits, state and local candidates attending will have a chance to get folks fired up and ready to go heading into this all-important election!

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 1, 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, 802 W. Drake (near Drake & Shields)

RSVP: By Wednesday, September 24, Anne Michaelson, annewmich@comcast.net, 484-9621

Mon, Oct 6: OLD FASHIONED POLITICAL RALLY-- Party & Candidates

The Larimer County Democratic Party and our great is all signed up and paid to take part in the Rally out at the Ranch on Monday, October 6, 5:30 to about 9:00 p.m. The booth area will open at 5:00 for setup.

If you are interested in helping the party out, contact Headquarters.

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, ldems@frii.com

**Sat, Oct 11: LARIMER COUNTY JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB:
BREAKFAST IN FORT COLLINS**

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!

In October, the Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club will meet at the Columbine Cafe & Bakery for breakfast on Saturday, October 11 at 8:30 am.

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 9, noon.

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

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, 802 W. Drake (near Drake & Shields)

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

ELECTION NEWS / GOTV

Mon, Oct 6: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to register to vote is approaching quickly. If you have not yet registered to vote or if you need to update your voter registration, the deadline is October 6!

If someone in your household, a friend, a neighbor's 18-year-old is not registered, we will send a trained registrar to get it done!

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, you can quickly check here:

https://www.co.larimer.co.us/elections/voter_inquiry.cfm

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, ldems@frii.com

LARIMER COUNTY ELECTION WORKERS STILL NEEDED FOR EARLY VOTING

If one signs up to help with early voting, then the *entire* 11 day shift plus election day needs to be committed to.

Pay is \$10 per hour (not sure if pay for training is included.)

Larimer Clerk & Recorder needs an equal number of Democratic and Republican workers. It is possible to sign up to help just for Election Day.

Training: Wednesday, October 15 at 8:30 am at the Early Voting Center on East Harmony Road (between Clay's Ace Hardware and Fish's Liquor.) (Not sure how long training lasts.)

Please call 970 498-7820 for more details.

Early Voting: Monday, October 20 through Saturday, October 25, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (must balance all accounts before being permitted to leave.)

Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (must balance all accounts before being permitted to leave.)

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 6:00 am - 7:00 pm. (must balance all accounts before being permitted to leave.)

UNDERSTAND HOW LARIMER COUNTY ELECTS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In this election, all Larimer County voters are entitled to vote for BOTH commissioner candidates: Roger Hoffmann and Randy Eubanks.

The Larimer County Commissioners manage the business affairs of the county which include apportioning and levying taxes, and overseeing the organization and budgeting of all county programs.

Larimer County has three County Commissioners. Each County Commissioner must live within the district he or she is elected from, but all Larimer County Commissioners are elected at-large throughout the county, which means a registered voter within Larimer County votes for Commissioners in all three districts, regardless of where the registered voter lives.

This is a general election, not a primary, so the Democratic Candidates are not running against each other; they are running for different seats! Please share this information with your progressive neighbors, family and friends.

Four years ago, another presidential election year, lots of energized voters hit the top of the ticket but didn't vote the entire ballot. This hurt the commissioner races then and could be hurtful this year as well.

It is very important to vote in every race on the ballot this year.

IMPORTANT ELECTION LINKS:

Confirm your voter registration information NOW:

https://www.co.larimer.co.us/elections/voter_inquiry.cfm

Check your mail-in ballot status:

https://www.co.larimer.co.us/elections/absentee_inquiry.cfm

Find an early voting location: http://www.larimer.org/elections/early_voting.htm

Larimer County Clerk & Recorder Elections Department:

<http://www.larimer.org/elections>

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

TODAY! Sep 23: RANDY EUBANKS FUNDRAISER AT LUSCIOUS NECTAR

Enjoy drink specials as you come out to support and visit with Randy Eubanks.

For more information about these events and future events, check our website at eubanks2008.com or call Dorinna at 308-2499.

Date & Time: September 23, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Luscious Nectar, 222 Linden Street, Fort Collins

For more information: check Randy Eubanks' website, eubanks2008.com or call Dorinna at 308-2499

Wed, Sep 24: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH KEN BENNETT

Discuss issues and share views with Ken Bennett.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Bill Reed Middle School, Cafeteria, 370 W. 4th St. Loveland

Thur, Sep 25: ROGER HOFFMANN: LOVELAND HOUSE PARTY

Come one come all! Joyce Cauffman is hosting a house party to raise funds for the Roger Hoffmann campaign. Please join us! Roger speak will speak about what County

Commissioners do and how does it effect our daily lives. Roger will begin speaking at 7:30 and then follow-up with a question and answer session.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: 1913 W 24th Street, Loveland

Contact: Myrna, 970-204-0881, jtandmyrna@comcast.net

Fri, Sep 26: COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE PARTY FOR BARACK OBAMA

Come and connect with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered community on political concerns common to all of us! Share your stories, laugh, dance and celebrate the upcoming election! Meet with REAL community organizers, activate new voters, and help raise funds for a larger Obama-Biden celebration in October!

Date & Time: Friday, September 26, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Choice City Shots, 124 Laporte Ave., Fort Collins

Contact: Kelley Halvorson, kelleya1@hotmail.com

Fri, Sep 26: ROGER HOFFMANN FUNDRAISER: THE SHELDON HOUSE with SPECIAL GUEST TOM SUTHERLAND

Please join owner Cynthia Murphy, honored guest Tom Sutherland and the Roger Hoffmann for Larimer County Commissioner Campaign for a fun evening with appetizers and a silent auction at the Sheldon House. There is a suggested donation of \$30.00

A drawing will be held for a night for two at the Sheldon House for all those who provide a positive R.S.V.P.

Date & Time: Friday, September 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: The Sheldon House Bed & Breakfast, 616 West Mulberry, Fort Collins

Suggested Donation: \$30

RSVP: by email invitation_accepted@rogerhoffmann.org or call 669-4307

Sat, Sep 27: A VISION FOR LARIMER COUNTY: MEET THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Commissioner Randy Eubanks and Roger Hoffmann, candidates for County Commissioner, will host a public forum to allow citizens to meet the candidates Saturday, September 27, from 9:30 – 11 am at the Loveland Library. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your concerns and thoughts and hear from these two commissioner candidates. This forum is free and coffee and donuts will be available. And remember, all Larimer County voters will vote for two commissioners this year.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 27th from 9:30 – 11:00 am

Location: Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams, Loveland

Contact: Dorinna, 308-2499

Sat, Sep 27: "HAPPY HOUR" RECEPTION FOR ROGER HOFFMANN AND RANDY EUBANKS

Please join Alan Apt, Bev Schmitt & Senator Bob Bacon, Eliza & Jim Carney, Laurie D'Audney, Kathy Fischer & State Representative Randy Fischer, Tom Griggs, Beth Helmers and State Representative John Kefalas, Jen Johnson & Chris Leck, M. L. Johnson, Charlotte Miller, Paola & Rick Price, William Russell, Joan & Mark Shaffer,

Nancy Tellez, Marty & Ken Tharp, Will Walters, Dolores Williams, and Susan & Mark Williams

for a "happy hour" reception honoring Larimer County's two progressive candidates for the County Board of Commissioners, Randy Eubanks and Roger Hoffmann Saturday, September 27, 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Common House (Unit #35) at River Rock Commons, 520 N. Sherwood St., Fort Collins

Wine, Beer, and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Hand-picked wines & catering provided by Tom Wilberton.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 27, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: River Rock Commons, 520 N. Sherwood St, Fort Collins

Suggested Donation: \$35

RSVP by Sunday September 21: Dolores Williams, (970) 484-2792, tinytornado@mac.com, or Tom Griggs at (970) 988-5820, tomgriggs@riverrock.org

Sun, Sep 28: KEN BENNETT: WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

Please join Ken for a Wine and Cheese Reception at home of John and Betty Stewart for a wine and cheese reception.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 28, 3:00 - 6:00 pm (after the Broncos Game)

Location: The home of John and Betty Stewart, 3816 Flagler Avenue, Loveland

Please RSVP: by email to KenBennett4House@aol.com or 308-7499

Sun, Sep 28: JAMES ROSS HOUSE PARTY

James Ross, your candidate for Colorado State House District 49, wants to hear from YOU!

Join John Kefalas and Randy Fischer in supporting James at the home of Marianne Rieux along the shores of Terry Lake. This is how real change begins...Come, bring a neighbor and share your views about the important issues for Colorado State House District 49. A suggested donation of \$25 will help James win this election.

Hosted by Lisa Poppaw, Nancy Tellez, and William Russell.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 28, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: The home of Marianne Rieux, 2405 Terry Lake Rd. From Fort Collins, head north and take Highway 1. The Rieux home will be on your left.

Contact: William Russell, 227-6303 (rsvp appreciated but not required)

Tue, Sep 30: MEET JAMES ROSS IN WELLINGTON

Meet James Ross, Democratic candidate for Colorado House District 49, at the Leeper Center in Wellington.

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

Location: Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington

Contact: Liane Warden, lwarden@regis.edu

Fri, Oct 3: RANDY EUBANKS AT ODELL BREWING COMPANY

Beer and hors d'oeuvres. Music by The Kathleen Strong Band. More details to follow or call Dorinna at 308-2499 for more information.

Date & Time: Friday, October 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Odell Brewing Company, 800 E. Lincoln, Fort Collins
Contact: Dorinna, 308-2499

Sat, Oct 4: RANDY FISCHER LIT DROP

Join Randy Fischer's supporters to get our message out to voters on Saturday, Oct. 4. We'll be leaving literature at doors of potential voters. There will be no knocking. You will be provided with flyers, a partner or two to walk with, a map and easy instructions. Coffee and bagels will send you off. You can plan to walk for approximately 2 hours.

Date & Time: Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am

Location: We'll meet at our campaign office, 614 S. Mason, in the same building as Larimer Dems HQ.

Sat, Oct 4: RANDY FISCHER SIGN WAVING

Join Randy Fischer's supporters alongside key intersections to wave Randy's signs at passing vehicles on their way to CSU games.

Date & Time: Saturday, October 4, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Drake & Taft Hill and Prospect & Overland Trail

Upcoming:

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

RANDY EUBANKS YARD SIGNS AND BUMPER STICKERS ARE IN!

Please come to the Democratic Headquarters (North and South) and help yourself. Or contact Dorinna at 227-1439 or dorinna@eubanks2008.com to arrange a delivery.

For more info, contact: Dorinna, 308-2499

KEN BENNETT LIT DROP #3: NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE BIG PUSH!

Final Lit Drop of the Now is the Time flyer is in progress

Please stop by office, 218 E 6th Street, Loveland to check out a walk map and flyers

Give 1 hour (50 flyers) to help turn Loveland Blue. (only 42 Days to Go)

Location: Pick-up flyers and targeted walk maps at the South LCDP Office: 218 E. 6th St., Loveland

Distribute flyers at your convenience by October 5th

KEN BENNETT YARD SIGNS

Have one? Now is the time to put it back up

Want one? Pick up at office: 218 E. 6th St. or call: 308-7499

CONTRIBUTE TO KEN BENNETT!

Every \$20 buys another radio spot!

Donate online at www.KenBennettforHouse.com

TAKE KEN BENNETT'S SURVEY

Tell Ken which issues are most important you at www.KenBennettforHouse.com

GET BARACK OBAMA ELECTED IN LARIMER COUNTY (FORT COLLINS AND LOVELAND!)

We have volunteering opportunities spanning all week long and we need as many people as possible participating. As residents of Larimer County we're fortunate to be living in a swing county within a swing state so our actions here truly do make a large difference in getting Barack elected! Our Daily Phone Banking, Daily Canvass, and Daily Voter Registration shifts are Monday-Saturday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm and Sundays at Noon and 4:00 pm.

Date & Time: Monday-Saturday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm and Sundays at Noon and 4:00 pm

Location: 415 South Mason Street, Fort Collins or 306 N. Washington, Loveland

Contact: Lindsay Dubin, 720-982-4731, ldubin@coloradoforchange.org or Spencer Lee, slee@coloradoforchange.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

TODAY, Sep 23: PATHWAYS PAST POVERTY CANDIDATE FORUM: STATE CANDIDATES

PATHWAYS PAST POVERTY invites you to attend the first of two candidate forums to learn how our county and state-level candidates plan to address important issues related to poverty. The first will feature state-level candidates: Bob Bacon, Ken Bennett, Randy Fischer, Matt Fries, Donna Gallup, John Kefalas, Don Marostica, Bob McCluskey, James Ross and Kevin Lundberg.

Poverty is a pressing issue in northern Colorado. Elected officials are key players in determining how our community addresses the issues that surround poverty. This forum will give the public an opportunity to hear how our potential public officials plan to address this and help move people past poverty to self-sufficiency.

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Front Range Community College, Longs Peak Student Center East & West Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Wed, Sep 24: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FORUM: Amendment 46

Amendment 46 -- what does it say and what does it mean? If you are as confused as many voters in Colorado are about Amendment 46, there is help on the way. The League of Women Voters of Larimer County is sponsoring an educational public forum to clarify what Amendment 46 actually says and what impact it will have on equal opportunity and diversity programs in Colorado if it should pass. Panelists will discuss where Colorado stands with regard to affirmative action, the language of the amendment proposal and potential impacts on education and employment practices.

Participating panelists are: Lorena Garcia, Lead Organizer, 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women; Melissa Hart, Associate Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School; and Dana Hiatt, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Colorado State University.

Be informed before you vote either for or against Amendment 46. You are cordially invited to the forum, which will provide an excellent opportunity for you to find out what

Amendment 46 says and what it means.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: The Coloradoan's Community Room, 1300 Riverside Ave., Fort Collins

For more information, please contact Carol Rush, (970) 667-5077, crush@frii.com

Thurs, Sep 25: 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACLU, NORTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER

2008 Annual Meeting of American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, Northern Colorado Chapter, presents "Due Process & DNA: Constitutional Rights in the Tim Masters Case," with guest speakers David Wymore and Maria Liu, attorneys whose tireless efforts resulted in freeing Timothy Masters, wrongfully convicted of murder and serving nearly nine years in prison. They will talk about the denials of due process and fair play in the Masters case and about the importance of our constitutionally protected civil liberties and civil rights.

Also, Cathy Hazouri, Executive Director of ACLU Colorado, will discuss ACLU's lobbying efforts over two DNA evidence bills passed in this year's legislative session as well as upcoming ballot measures, Amendments 46 and 48, both opposed by ACLU. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 25, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr. (turn west on Shields at Centre).

For more information: ACLU/Northern Colorado Chapter, Barry McCann, mccannclan@mac.com

Thurs, Sep 25: CREATING A VISION FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM Presented by Glenn Pearson, MD

Dr. Pearson will lead a discussion on the values and principles underlying a successful health care system and define a reform proposal that encompasses desired attributes.

Dr. Pearson is Psychiatry Section Chief of Poudre Valley Hospital and past president of Physicians for a National Health Program.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 25 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Ave., Fort Collins

For more information: 484-2259

Fri, Sep 26: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: THIS IS MY STORY

Meet first lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1937, during her husband's second term as president. For almost two decades, Eleanor had worked to advance minimum wage, maximum hours, laws against child labor, women's rights, world peace, and civil rights. She continued to advance her causes while her husband was in office. No other "first lady" had ever taken on such a public role. Furthermore, Eleanor often served as her husband's eyes and ears across the United States by inspecting factories, inner city tenements, and military camps.

Behind this public life is the story of a little girl who lost both parents before the age of ten, a debutante who felt trapped by society's expectations, and a young wife who raised five children before emerging as one of the 20th century's most remarkable women.

Recommended for adults and children ages 9 and up.

Date & Time: Friday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Harmony Branch of the Fort Collins Public Library, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins CO

This FREE presentation is sponsored by Colorado Humanities www.ceh.org

For information, contact librarian Norman Fitzpatrick at (970) 204-8206

Sat, Sep 27: FINDING COMMON GROUND, CONVERSATION WITH KEFALAS: LETS TALK ISSUES--BALLOT MEASURES, PART 2

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) convenes his next community conversation. "Finding Common Ground, Conversation with Kefalas" will take place on Saturday, September 27, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM at the Dazbog Coffee Shop, corner of Cherry and Mason Streets (near Old Town), Fort Collins.

Community conversations are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share coffee and exchange ideas with Representative Kefalas about timely topics.. This conversation will focus on "Ballot Measures, Part II" - understanding the 2008 statewide ballot measures.

"If people are feeling the election-season blues and want to talk issues, I encourage them to join our Saturday morning conversation about the ballot measures. Last time, we had a constructive discussion, and there is no question that these ballot issues are most important." said Representative Kefalas.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 27, 8:30 - 9:30 am

Location: Dazbog Coffee Shop, corner of Cherry & Mason Streets, Fort Collins

For information, Rep. John Kefalas, 221-1135

Sun, Sep 28: OPEN FORUM LOOKS AT WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Open Forum will look at the Western Civilization Obama will Inherit. Prof. Robert Lawrence will deliver the last lecture in the Series - Burning Issues in Perilous Times. The Open Forum meets every Sunday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 at 7th and Washington in Loveland.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: 503 East 7th Street, Loveland

For information: 203-0649

Upcoming events:

Sunday, October 5: Stan Matsunaka will present Obama's policies. The presenter of McCain policies will be announced.

Sunday, October 12: Prof. John Straayer will speak about the work of the Colorado House and Senate and the County Commission. Ken Bennett will talk about his hopes for Colorado. Don Morostica declined our invitation.

Sunday, October 19: County Commissioner Candidates Randy Eubanks, Roger Hoffmann, Steve Johnson, and Tom Donnelly will speak.

Sunday, October 26: League of Women Voters presentation on ballot issues.

Mon Sep. 29: REPS. JOHN KEFALAS AND RANDY FISCHER HOST TOWN HALL MEETING ON BALLOT MEASURES

On Monday, September 29, State Representatives John Kefalas and Randy Fischer will conduct a town hall meeting to provide citizens with a forum to discuss critical initiatives and referenda that will appear on the November ballot.

The 18 statewide measures on the Colorado ballot will tackle a variety of issues, including tax and fiscal policy, energy issues, civil rights, business and labor concerns, higher education and transportation funding, abortion, health care, services for people with disabilities, gambling, constitutional versus statutory changes, and more.

This event is free, and the public is encouraged to actively participate in the political process in order to make the most informed decisions at the ballot box. The Fort Collins Coloradoan Community Room is wheelchair accessible.

Date & Time: Monday, September 29, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Fort Collins Coloradoan Community Room, 1300 Riverside Ave, Fort Collins
For information, Rep. John Kefalas, 221-1135

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Location: Front Range Community College, Longs Peak Student Center East & West Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Thur, Oct 2: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Larimer County is sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 2, 2008, in the Fort Collins City Council Chambers. This forum will feature candidates for county commissioner from 6:30 to 7:15 PM and candidates for state legislature from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. This event is open to the public and will also be taped and shown on public access TV. Copies of the tape will also be available for checkout in both Fort Collins public libraries.

Date & Time: Thursday, October 2, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Location: Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins

For information, contact: Mary Lou Linton, M_L_Linton@msn.com or Rosemary Bergstrom, rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com.

Mon, Oct 6: MAKING PEACE WITH IRAQ: THE TASK BEFORE US

Noah Baker Merrill of Direct Aid Iraq will speak about the Iraqi displacement crisis and how people in this country can move beyond opposition to U.S. military occupation and toward promoting a lasting, healing peace for Iraq through partnership with Iraqis. Noah will discuss the importance of raising the issue of reparations for Iraq with candidates for federal office, and will gratefully accept tax-deductible donations to support the medical needs of displaced Iraqi families. This event is sponsored by Strength Through Peace (STP) and the Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship.

Date & Time: Monday, October 6th, 2008

Location: Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship, 300 East Oak Street, Fort Collins
Admission: No charge; donations will be accepted.

CANDIDATE PROFILE: JOHN KEFALAS



John Kefalas: Currently serving and running for House District 52

John Kefalas has been involved in local, national and international peace, justice and environmental work for 30 years. He joined the Peace Corps in 1979 as an Agricultural Extension Worker in El Salvador. He visited the northern border of Nicaragua with Witness for Peace, worked in Chiapas, Mexico, with Schools for Chiapas and participated in a delegation to Israel/Palestine with The Compassionate Listening Project.

He has served on the boards of or worked with such Colorado and community-based groups as: the Colorado Housing Investment Fund Coalition, Affordable Housing Coalition of Larimer County, Northern Colorado Cross-Disabilities Coalition, Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council, Older Americans Coalition, Fort Collins Housing Authority, Colorado Women's Lobby, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, Governor's Task Force on Welfare Reform, Martinez Park Neighborhood Association, the Colorado Children's Campaign and the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute.

John most recently directed the Colorado Progressive Coalition's Tax Fairness Project, a grassroots organizing campaign that educates Coloradans about the impacts of state and federal budget decisions on families and communities and mobilizes people to change unfair tax and fiscal policies.

John is a 1978 graduate of Colorado State University and has Masters of Art in Teaching from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. He was a teacher in the Poudre School District, a migrant health outreach worker for Larimer County, an employment and training counselor for Larimer County and an advisor for Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins. He worked with Catholic Charities as a public policy advocate and community development coordinator for seven years.

He is a husband, father and grandfather who has been married for 25 years and has two sons, both of whom received their education in the Poudre School District. His younger son, Tim, is a recent graduate of Colorado State University; the other is married, a father and serves in the United States Army in Germany. He served in Iraq from 2004 – 2005. Harlan just completed a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan and has been reunited with his wife and two daughters. John's wife Beth works as the Special Music Coordinator at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins.

John has worked on community issues such as the economy, health care, education, the environment and energy, public safety and effective government/deliberative democracy/civic engagement. For more information on his opinions of these issues, go to his web site at <http://www.kefalas2008.com/>

SAVE THE DATES

Tues, Nov 4	Larimer Dems Election Night Party Fort Collins Marriott. 7pm until ??? Big-screen TVs, Cash Bar. Come and Celebrate! Special Room Rates available at the Marriott. Call for reservations.
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ELECTION CALENDAR

October 6	Last day to register for General Election
October 20 - 31	Early voting for General Election
October 27	League of Women Voters presents an explanation of statewide ballot issues. 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, North Room
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/eleceregdeadlines.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 & RSVP: 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

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: Throughout Larimer County

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com

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.