

**9/30/08**

**Editor's Note:**

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 6. Ballots will be arriving in mailboxes next week!

We are featuring Amendment 51 this week in [Know the Issues](#). Also see group activity below.

**From the Chair:**

Register! Register! Register! Know any young people you can sign up? Send them our way, or down to Obama headquarters. DEADLINE: Monday, October 6

New candidate events & activities (e.g., Speaker Andrew Romanoff will be in town! And Betsy Markey listening to you on the economy) along with informative community events in Fort Collins, Loveland, Estes Park and more -- scroll down!

**PARTY NEWS**

**GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) - More Workers Needed!**

Get Out The Vote efforts start SOON. 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](mailto:ldems@frii.com)). Help create another record voter turnout in Larimer County!

**Contact:** Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, [ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com)

**Thurs, Oct 2: VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**

We had great time and a great turn-out for the first debate watching party at Avo's, so we're doing it again! Join us at Avo's to watch the Vice Presidential debate live from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Avo's excellent food and drink will be available for purchase. The debate starts at 7:00 pm, join us for dinner and drinks at 6:00 pm.

Weather permitting, we will be on the patio. Get together and show your support for our next president while supporting a great local restaurant and bar.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 2, 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/debatewatchparty/gshcdj>

Upcoming Debates:

We plan to watch these at Avo's

**Tuesday, October 7:** Second presidential debate: Belmont University, Nashville, TN

**Wednesday, October 15:** Third presidential debate: Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

### **Wed, Oct 1: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: BALLOT ISSUES**

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

Join friends and Democrats (including Democratic friends) 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 weigh in on the ballot issues and 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

**RSVP:** By Wednesday, September 24, Anne Michaelson, [annewmich@comcast.net](mailto:annewmich@comcast.net), 484-9621

### **Mon, Oct 6: OLD FASHIONED POLITICAL RALLY: PARTY & CANDIDATES**

The Larimer County Democratic Party will have a table at 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. See and hear all our fine candidates!

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

**Contact:** Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, [ldems@frii.com](mailto: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. The price of breakfast is \$7.50. This will be a continental breakfast of fruits, pastries, juice, tea and coffee.

Polly Baca, former state senator from Greeley, will represent Barack Obama. In addition, Colorado Democratic Party chair, Pat Waak, will bring a message from Mark Udall. Come and help us welcome these two women to our community and bring your excitement, energy and questions.

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](mailto:kathybatterton@q.com) for reservations

### **Tues, Oct 14: DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION**

We missed you in September, REALLY! Now we're back on track in October for a Luncheon focused on the plethora of Ballot Initiatives. Come join us and hear former State Senator Peggy Reeves as the Larimer County Democratic Business Coalition digs into the ballot.

This is the second largest ballot in Colorado history according to the National Conference of State Legislatures (Colorado Public Radio, "Colorado Matters" – Tuesday, September 23, 2008). The potential impact of many of these initiatives is staggering.

This will be the final pre-election DBC. Voter registration closes the previous Monday

(Oct 6th) and early voting starts the following Monday (Oct 20th). So, don't miss it!

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 14th, Socializing: 11:30 am, Presentation: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Community Room, basement of Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Parking is available on Mountain Ave. or in the Old Town parking garage one block to the west. Home State Bank requests we do not park in their small lot.

**Contact:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order a catered lunch (or you can bring your own lunch). For \$10 the sandwich box lunch or chef salad of your choice from Dorothy's Catering of Loveland will be waiting for you.

## **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](https://www.co.larimer.co.us/elections/voter_inquiry.cfm)

**Contact:** Larimer County Democratic Party, 970-689-6391, [ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com)

### **HELP THE COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY FIGHT VOTER SUPPRESSION**

*From Pat Waak, Chair, Colorado Democratic Party:*

We predicted it would happen and last week we confirmed it - Republicans have headed down the low-road of voter suppression.

A factually inaccurate and intimidating memo about voter eligibility sent to college students. Baseless, headline-grabbing claims of "widespread fraud." The removal of polling places in places where Democratic voters are concentrated. Republican officials are engaging in [a coordinated effort](#) to deny voters of their right to vote for a new direction in America.

Last week I traveled to Colorado Springs and took El Paso County Clerk Bob Balink to task for his misdeeds. He preemptively admitted one of his errors, but has yet to restore a voting location or process thousands of voter registration application forms. [Watch our press conference here.](#)

The Republican Party will do anything to distract attention from John McCain and Sarah Palin's extremist views and their hardcore support of the failed policies of George W. Bush. Now they're even [targeting the homeless and people who have suffered home foreclosures](#), seeking to deny them an opportunity to participate in this historic election.

Republicans have no solutions to our nation's biggest problems and their candidates oppose positive change. To maintain their fragile grip on political power, they will even

manipulate the voting process and deny voting rights. It's yet another reason to vote for Barack Obama, Mark Udall, and all of your local Democratic candidates. Send a message that you've had enough of their dirty tricks, and help us hold Republicans accountable!

### **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.

**Please call 970 498-7820 for more details.**

**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.)

**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 two commissioner candidates: Roger Hoffmann and Randy Eubanks.**

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 was hurtful on 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](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](https://www.co.larimer.co.us/elections/absentee_inquiry.cfm)

Find an early voting location: [http://www.larimer.org/elections/early\\_voting.htm](http://www.larimer.org/elections/early_voting.htm)

Larimer County Clerk & Recorder Elections Department:

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

### **NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS**

#### **TONIGHT! Sep 30: MEET JAMES ROSS HOUSE 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](mailto:lwarden@regis.edu)

**Wed, Oct 1: BETSY MARKEY TO HOLD MAIN STREET CONVERSATION ON ECONOMIC CRISIS**

On Wednesday, October 1, Betsy Markey, a small business owner, will host a listening session with citizens to discuss the current financial crisis. The meeting will be held in a closed business in Loveland.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 1, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Location:** 29 East 4th Street, Loveland

**Contact:** Jamie, 970-221-1473

**Wed, Oct. 1 JOINT LARIMER/WELD COUNTY FORUM ON HEALTH CARE**

Join James Ross, candidate for Colorado House District 49 at LCMS/WCMS Legislative night.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Austin's of Water Valley, Windsor

**Contact:** Clint Skutchan, Executive Dir., Larimer County Medical Society

[clint@larimermedicalsociety.org](mailto:clint@larimermedicalsociety.org), 970-402-0852, [www.larimermedicalsociety.org](http://www.larimermedicalsociety.org) or

Jackie Foose, Executive Dir., WCMS, 970-353-2596

**Fri, Oct 3: JOIN SPEAKER ANDREW ROMANOFF AT AVO'S**

Meet Speaker Romanoff for Happy Hour at Avo's and learn more about why it is important to support the SAFE ballot initiative. Our State Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas, along with State Senator Bob Bacon will be there to help answer your questions.

**Date & Time:** Friday, Oct. 3, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

**Fri, Oct 3: 51 FOR "51" GALLERY WALK: HELPING PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST**

Join 51 Arc of Larimer County Members, self-advocates and community volunteers as we work to get out the vote in downtown Fort Collins. Dressed in red "Yes on 51" t-shirts, we need 51 people to walk on Friday night, October 3rd through Old Town and talk with individuals about why they should vote YES! on 51! Please invite your neighbors, family and friends for this fun and important event.

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Old Town Fort Collins

**Contact & RSVP:** Kimberly, 204-6991

Read about Amendment 51 in [Know The Issues](#)

**Fri, Oct 3: RANDY EUBANKS AT ODELL BREWING COMPANY**

Please join our hosts Doug, Wynne, and Corkie Odell for a fun night of beer and music to honor Randy Eubanks, candidate for County Commissioner.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Music by The Kathleen Strong Band.

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

**Location:** Odell Brewing Company, 800 E. Lincoln, Fort Collins

**Suggested donation:** \$35

**Contact:** Dorinna, 308-2499, [dorinna@eubanks2008.com](mailto:dorinna@eubanks2008.com)

**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.

Just email us at [reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com](mailto:reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com) and tell us you're coming, so we'll be sure to have plenty of materials and refreshments.

**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.

**Contact:** [reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com](mailto:reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com)

**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

**Contact:** [reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com](mailto:reelect.randyfischer@gmail.com)

Upcoming:

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

**Sun, Oct 5: OPEN HOUSE FOR RANDY EUBANKS AND ROGER HOFFMANN: WINDSOR**

Precinct 439 and neighboring precincts are invited to meet the County Commissioner candidates and discuss issues important to voters in this area. Refreshments served.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Kathleen Worthington's home, 628 Poudre Place (River West Subdivision), Windsor

**Contact:** Kathleen Worthington, [firedog3@gmail.com](mailto:firedog3@gmail.com)

**Sun, Oct 5: WINETASTING FUNDRAISER FOR JAMES ROSS**

Join us at Plank for a fun wine tasting fundraiser for James Ross.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Plank, 181 N. College Ave., Fort Collins

**Suggested Donation:** \$35

**Contact:** Linae Warden 970-690-2996 [linaewar@gmail.com](mailto:linaewar@gmail.com) or Patrick Laguens 970-484-8345

**Thur Oct 9: NORTH FORTY NEWS CANDIDATE FORUM: WELLINGTON**

All candidates are attending, including County Commissioners.

**Date & Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Leeper Ctr. 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington

**Sat, Oct 11: HOUSE PARTY FOR JAMES ROSS**

Join us at the home of Meg & Andy Campbell for a House Party for James Ross.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 11, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Meg & Andy Cambell's home, 2745 Headwater Dr., Fort Collins

**Contact:** Meg or Andy 970-493-2265

**Tue, Oct. 14: JAMES ROSS & KEVIN LUNDBERG DEBATE: WINDSOR**

Join James Ross at the Windsor American Legion to watch a debate between the candidates for House District 49.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** American Legion, 624 Ash St. Windsor

**Contact:** Linae Warden 970-690-2996

**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

**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](mailto:ldubin@coloradoforchange.org) or Spencer Lee, [slee@coloradoforchange.org](mailto:slee@coloradoforchange.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **TODAY! Sep 30: PATHWAYS PAST POVERTY CANDIDATE FORUM: COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES**

PATHWAYS PAST POVERTY invites you to attend the second of two candidate forums to learn how our county and state-level candidates plan to address important issues related to poverty. The second will feature County Commissioner candidates: Tom Donnelly, Randy Eubanks, Roger Hoffmann, and Steve Johnson.

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 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**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 will hold a candidate forum at the Fort Collins City Council Chambers. From 6:30 - 7:15 pm, Larimer County's four candidates for County Commissioner will respond to questions. From 7:30 - 9:30 pm, questions will be directed to candidates for the Colorado legislature: House Districts 49, 51, 52, and 53 that encompass all of Larimer County; Senate District 14, which is roughly the city limits of Fort Collins.

This event will be rebroadcast on Fort Collins City Channel 14, Loveland Channel 16, and [fcgov.com/cable14](http://fcgov.com/cable14). Telecast schedules are decided by the television stations and will vary. Fort Collins and Loveland Public Libraries will have DVDs of this event available.

**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](mailto:M.L.Linton@msn.com) or Rosemary Bergstrom, [rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com).

### **Thur, Oct 2: FINDING THE VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR REFORM -- PANEL DISCUSSION**

How do we as individuals raise our voices for a health care future that respects the dignity and well-being of all persons? Sharing of perspectives and preparing for action. Reed Bailey is Social Justice Chair, Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder. Dr. Janet Seeley is an allergist with the Big Thompson Medical Group in Fort Collins. Dian Sparling is a Certified Nurse Midwife with Womancare Nurse-Midwifery Practice in Fort Collins.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 2, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

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

**For information, contact:** 484-2295

### **Fri, Oct 3: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS: "IRON-JAWED ANGELS"**

On Friday, October 3, at 7:00 pm, the League will co-sponsor with the Foothills

Unitarian Church Adult Enrichment Program the showing of the film "**Iron-jawed Angels**," a moving account of the women's suffrage movement in America and the suffragettes whose efforts over many decades finally delivered the right for women to vote. This event marks the 88th anniversary of the passage in 1920 of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which officially and legally granted the right to vote to women. The event will be held at the Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins. A free-will offering will be accepted. (No post-event viewing options)

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 3, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins.

### **Sun, Oct. 5: OPEN FORUM LOOKS AT WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

This night was planned to present and discuss Obama's and McCain's policies. Stan Matsunaka will present Obama's policies.

Two powerful members of our committee plus Bob Lawrence spent weeks trying to contact Republican Offices to get a representative for McCain, without success. So we will punt.

Tom Clark, a member of our committee, will show McCain's website policy statements and his voting record from Vote Smart and will pose questions for discussion.

There will be ample time to share our concerns and ask questions,

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** 503 East 7th Street, Loveland

**For information:** 203-0649

### **Upcoming events:**

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 Marostica 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, 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

**Thur, Oct 9: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FORUM ON LARIMER COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A**

On Thursday, October 9, 6-7pm, at the Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte Avenue, the CrossCurrents program will feature a forum, televised live on Cable 14, on Larimer County Ballot Issue 1A. This ballot issue regards implementation of a tax for a treatment center and programs for mental health and detoxification, designed to meet needs of individuals otherwise incarcerated.

This event will be rebroadcast on Fort Collins City Channel 14, Loveland Channel 16, and [fcgov.com/cable14](http://fcgov.com/cable14). Telecast schedules are decided by the television stations and will vary. Fort Collins and Loveland Public Libraries will have DVDs of this event available.

**Thur, Oct. 16: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS VOTERS' FORUM: ESTES PARK**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Town of Estes Park Boardroom, 170 MacGregor Ave., Estes Park

**Contact:** Susan T. Pinkham, Pres., LWVEP, [sbpinkham@beyondbb.com](mailto:sbpinkham@beyondbb.com)

**Thur, Oct 16: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FORUM ON AMENDMENT 46: LOVELAND**

On Thursday, October 16, 7-9pm, the League will co-sponsor a second forum with the AAUW on Amendment 46 ("Affirmative Action"), this time at the Loveland Public Library, 300 North Adams Avenue. (No post-event viewing)

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams, Loveland

**Mon, Oct 20 & Thur, Oct 23: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS OVERVIEWS OF BALLOT ISSUES**

The League of Women Voters of Larimer County invites the public to the events listed below. The 2008 ballot will be one of the longest ever. The League wants voters to feel knowledgeable and confident about candidates and issues when they mark their ballots in November. Questions are welcome at all events and all are free of charge. On Monday, October 20, and Thursday, October 23, the League will present overviews of November 2008 ballot issues. The October 20 meeting will be held 9-11am at Plymouth Congregational Church, 911 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins. The October 23 meeting will be held at the main Fort Collins Public Library, 201 Peterson Street.

This event will be rebroadcast on Fort Collins City Channel 14, Loveland Channel 16, and [fcgov.com/cable14](http://fcgov.com/cable14). Telecast schedules are decided by the television stations and will vary. Fort Collins and Loveland Public Libraries will have DVDs of this event available.

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 20, 9:30 - 11:00 am

**Location:** Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:**Fort Collins Public Library, 201 Peterson Street, Fort Collins

## **KNOW THE ISSUES: AMENDMENT 51**

What is Amendment 51?

Amendment 51 provides thousands of children and adults with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Mental Retardation with critically needed care, through a modest, phased-in sales tax of 2/10 of 1%. Amendment 51 provides new funding for much-needed services that people with developmental disabilities and their families need now and in the future, such as constant supervision, help with daily tasks, a place to live, job training or nursing services. When fully implemented, it will raise \$186 million. For voters, Amendment 51 would mean an additional 2 cents on a \$10 lunch or 12 cents on a \$60 pair of shoes. Gas, groceries, prescription drugs, medical services and utilities remain exempt from the state sales tax under this proposal.

Who Does Amendment 51 Help?

Amendment 51 helps the more than 12,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities -- such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy or Mental Retardation -- who need, but are not currently receiving, lifelong care and support.

Among the 12,000 people in need of critical services, you will find:

- Cindy, a 24-year-old with Down Syndrome, who could be working at her local grocery store if she were not waiting for vocational services.
- Sam, a 4-year-old with Autism and multiple physical disabilities, who could learn to walk, talk, feed himself, and play with other children if he wasn't on the bottom of the list for speech and physical therapy.
- Russell, a 63-year-old man with Mental Retardation who still lives with his 85-year-old mother. His mom put him on the waiting list more than 15 years ago. Due to her age and failing health, she worries constantly about who will care for Russell when she dies.

Why Does Colorado Need Amendment 51?

Most Americans agree that government has some basic responsibilities to our most vulnerable citizens, and one of those is to help people who cannot help themselves. For people with developmental disabilities and their families, there is absolutely no safety net or back up options for the vital services they need.

People like Cindy, Sam, Russell, and thousands others like them have been waiting more than ten years for care. Many of them, through no fault of their own, need help to eat, dress, bathe or use the bathroom. Others need constant guidance and supervision because of major medical issues, lack of basic life and safety skills, or because family caregivers can no longer provide care due to age, illness, or death. Still others are young children with Autism who cannot access early intervention services that are so desperately needed and proven to be effective.

Why Should I Vote Yes on Amendment 51?

Solving this urgent problem is critically needed and long overdue. With new funding,

Coloradans can immediately provide a safety net for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Amendment 51 is a small price to provide vital services for children and adults who, through no fault of their own, face tremendous burdens every day just getting by.

Please pick up Amendment 51 yard signs at Arc of Larimer.  
Please pick up flyers to distribute.  
Call Kimberly Spencer at the Arc....204-6991

YES ON 51 [www.endcoloradowaitlist.org](http://www.endcoloradowaitlist.org)  
YES on 51 [www.youtube.com/endcoloradowaitlist](http://www.youtube.com/endcoloradowaitlist)  
Helping Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities

### SAVE THE DATES

Tues, Nov 4	Larimer Dems Election Night Party Fort Collins Marriott. 7pm until ??? Big-screen TVs, Cash Bar. Come and Celebrate!
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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 <a href="http://www.lwvcolorado.org/eleceregdeadlines.html">www.lwvcolorado.org/eleceregdeadlines.html</a>	

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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If you have items to submit, PLEASE READ!

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