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**Editor's Note:**

You spoke, we listened!

There are a few changes to the newsletter this week. "Save the Dates" include contact information, when available, and we now include "Save the Date" info for upcoming community events. Full descriptions of Community Events will appear in the newsletter two weeks prior to the event. We appreciate feedback, comments and suggestions for the newsletter.

The newsletter is always available online at [www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html](http://www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html).

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and Adam Bowen [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

**From the Chair:**

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings . . . *what is the point?!* At this time in the two-year political cycle, the past election is quickly becoming a memory and the next general election is 18 months away. *So, the point is--*this is a truly critical time for involving new people, learning and organizing, which will lead to the victories we must have in 2010 (THINK COUNTY!).

There are two important upcoming meetings: **this Thur.** (see details below) is a chance to drive to beautiful Estes Park, and show some love to the southern and western parts of the county: communities such as Drake, Glen Haven, Pinewood Springs, Berthoud, Estes Park, and Masonville . . .

Then on **Sat. the 30th**, the CDP is hosting a training meeting in Fort Morgan. Yes, that's a drive from Larimer, but supporting communities with a smaller Democratic presence is an important part of building our party and re-electing Betsy Markey in the 4th CD. I urge all people new to party work to attend. This training is geared for county party leaders, precinct activists, and potential candidates. Contact me for more information.

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## PARTY NEWS

**Wed, May 20: EXPLORATIONS, VISIONS AND OUR FUTURE SERIES:  
TABOR & IT'S IMPACT**

The *Explorations, Visions and our Future* series continues at the South office with these programs:

May 20 @ 7:00 pm: Third in the four-part series on TABOR and its impact on Colorado.

In June we will host three presentations by Health Care for All Colorado: Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 16 and Monday, June 29 all at 7:30 in the South Office. Come and learn about our options for solving our Health Care problem.

We are also a drop off point for the Larimer County Food Bank, so please bring a new non-perishable food item.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

**Location:** LCDP South Office, 605 N. Cleveland, Loveland

**Thur, May 21: ESTES PARK HOSTS COUNTY DEMS MEETING**

In keeping with a long-time tradition, our May Monthly Meeting will be in Estes Park on Thursday, the 21st.

**Join your fellow Dems for dinner/social time at Poppy's on Elkhorn, 5:30 pm .**

The meeting will take place at US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn, at 7:00 pm.

Please e-mail Anne Wilseck [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) so we know how many will be joining us.  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 21, 5:30 pm Socializing and dinner at Poppy's, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Dinner at Poppy's, 342 E. Elkhorn, Estes Park; Meeting at US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn, Estes Park  
**Contact:** Anne Wilseck, [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com)

### **Wed, June 3: BREAKFAST FORUM WELCOMES PROGRESSIVE CHANGE-MAKERS**

Want in-depth knowledge about how change is happening in Colorado and at the federal level? Interested in knowing how you can affect change?

Join fellow Dems in welcoming the Colorado Progressive Coalition on June 3.

Guest speaker, Nicole Hurt, will outline the organization's successes and challenges in the passage of state and federal legislation. She has planned an interactive presentation, involving Larimer Dems in understanding and shaping future bills that will represent true, progressive change. Nicole is the director of the CPC's new, northern Colorado office in Greeley.

For further information on CPC, see: <http://www.progressivecoalition.org>

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, June 3, 7:45 AM

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

**RSVP by Wed. May 27:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annemich@comcast.net](mailto:annemich@comcast.net)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, August 22	Larimer Dems Annual Picnic	For more info, contact <a href="#">Nancy Tellez.</a>
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## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

### **UPCOMING BOOTHS AND PARADES**

Check your calendars and sign up now to help staff a booth or march in a parade this summer! More events will be added soon. Check your newsletter or our website ([www.LarimerDems.org](http://www.LarimerDems.org))

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

June 6	Berthoud Days Parade
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June 6-7	Pride In The Park
June 6	Grant Family Farms
July 4	Wellington July 4 Parade
July 4	Independence Day Fort Collins
July 4	Independence Day Loveland
July 7	Estes Park Rooftop Rodeo Parade
July 10	Summerfest
July 30	County Fair Parade
July 31-Aug 4	County Fair Booth at The Ranch
August 15-16	New West Fest
August 22	Corn Roast Festival Parade
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September 6	Rist Canyon Festival

September 7	Windsor Harvest Parade
September 19-20	Sustainable Living Fair
October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Three Health Care Events May 30!

#### **Sat, May 30: HEALTH CARE FORUM WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS, FORT COLLINS**

State legislators, Sen. Bob Bacon, Rep. Randy Fischer and Rep. John Kefalas will talk about what's happening with health care reform in Colorado and the nation, where the reform process stands today, and the best strategy to achieve universal health care for America. Opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions. Congresswoman Betsy Markey and Sen. Michael Bennet, as well as state legislators Rep. B. J. Nikkel, Rep. Don Marostica and Sen. Kevin Lundberg have been invited to attend and speak to the issue.

Sponsor : Health Care Action Team of Foothills Unitarian Church.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

**For more information:** [LCSoko@g.com](mailto: LCSoko@g.com)

#### **Sat, May 30: TOWN HALL ON HEALTH CARE REFORM, GREELEY**

How is the current US system of health care working for you?

Come share your experiences and your ideas for reform. Hear from a panel of representatives of local health care agencies about their concerns. Find out what you can do to help bring about real change

Weld County residents are invited to come tell their stories, as well as to attend.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 30, 2009 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church 1865 14th Ave., Greeley

**For more information:** Kathy Hagihara, RN, [hagi1859@Comcast.net](mailto:hagi1859@Comcast.net), 970-304-1859 or

Eliza Carney, [abcdrn@greyrock.org](mailto:abcdrn@greyrock.org), 970-416-0636

#### **Sat, May 30: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION RALLY AT THE CAPITOL, DENVER**

Rep. John Kefalas and Dr. Cory Carroll, speakers.

More info at [www.healthcareforallcolorado.org](http://www.healthcareforallcolorado.org)

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 30, 2009, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Carpooling:** contact Carolyn Taylor, [carolynltaylor@msn.com](mailto:carolynltaylor@msn.com), 970-461-1328

#### **Sun, May 31: BARACKFAST, BENEFITING WATER FOR THE AMERICAS**

Keeping with the spirit of "candidates, causes and charities," this Barackfast proceeds benefit "Water for the Americas"

This group is local, concerned people who make a positive difference. They're based out of Greeley, and simply banded together a long time ago and have made a difference for quite some time. They make regular trips to Central and South America, primarily helping villages with watershed management, and are now extending themselves to figure out how to develop practical watershed practices for entire watersheds.

Not a potluck, bring your friends and enjoy. No RSVP needed.

More info about Water for the Americas can be found at [http://www. waterfortheamericas.org](http://www.waterfortheamericas.org)

**Date & Time:** Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Dan Shaner's house, 3401 Terryridge Road, Fort Collins  
**For more info:** email Dan Shaner, [dan.shaner@gmail.com](mailto:dan.shaner@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, June 27      Waltzes for the Wolves      For more info, contact [Carla Massaro](#)  
Wednesday, August 12      4th Annual fundraiser for Colorado Conservation Voters

## 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: MAY ONLY:** US Bank, 363 E. Elkhorn, Estes Park  
Join us for dinner before the meeting at Poppy's at 5:30! Please email Anne Wilseck so we know how many will be joining us.  
**Contact:** Anne Wilseck for more information [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.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 A Week Ahead:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annewmich@comcast.net](mailto:annewmich@comcast.net)

### Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club

The Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club is going to be moving around this year! We are going to try some new activities and locations: breakfast, lunch, happy hour; Loveland, Fort Collins. Check the newsletter often and please join us!  
**Date & Time:** varies  
**Location:** varies  
**Contact:** Kathy Batterton at [kathybatterton@q.com](mailto:kathybatterton@q.com) for reservations.

### Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. No meeting in December or January.  
**Date & Time:** Second Tuesday of each month. 12:00 noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 am to socialize and start lunch.  
**Location:** Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain, Fort Collins.  
**Contact:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order catered lunch.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

### If you have items to submit, PLEASE READ!

Due to the length of the newsletter, we are limiting the body of most items to 75 words (not including title and "date & time, location, contact" type information). If your submission is longer, it will be cut. We suggest including a link for additional information. Our deadline for newsletter items is Sunday at 5:00 pm for publishing by e-mail on Tuesday mornings. To be effective, send us your notices at least a week early, so that they can appear twice. This will give potential attendees time to put your events on their calendars. We would like to include House District meetings, committee meetings, neighborhood coffees or picnics, etc. Such notices may increase your attendance. Please send newsletter items to [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.