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Editor's Note:

We have a new section of the newsletter: [Legislative Updates](#). From time to time, we will bring you news from our representatives in Denver and Washington. This week, you can learn about the accomplishments of our newest Senator, Michael Bennet.

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html.

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

Message from the Chair

This weekend marks the 233rd anniversary of our Nation's birth. It's tough times right now, but we're finally on the right track toward meaningful change. Lots to celebrate this 4th of July!!

The kickoff to the weekend is Friday afternoon when Sen. Michael Bennet joins us for burgers and good conversation at Rolland Moore Park in Fort Collins (see details below). This is not a fundraiser; just simply Sen. Bennet's picnic, where he's invited all his Larimer County constituents to come have burgers with him.

Larimer County Dems will have booths at both the Fort Collins and Loveland Independence Day celebrations.

If you're attending either of these festivities, stop by, chat with and thank the volunteers who've given up some of their holiday to share Democratic information and enthusiasm.

Finally, the Rooftop Rodeo Parade in beautiful Estes Park is next Tuesday, July 7th. All folks in the area are encouraged to attend and ride our float or walk, to show the Democratic spirit in Larimer County's own high country! If you can help out, please call Karen Ericson at 586-5042.

HAVE A SAFE AND FESTIVE 4TH!!!

Adam Bowen, Chair

PARTY NEWS

DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Regrets to announce that the July Democratic Breakfast Forum is cancelled. It was necessary due to scheduling conflict with the chosen speaker; and also, due to the 1st Wednesday of the month (July 1) being too close to the 4th of July holiday.

We look forward to seeing you at the August 5th Democratic Breakfast Forum for a **topic on the environment**.

Your continued support is very much appreciated!
The Democratic Breakfast Forum Team

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Colorado menu and entertainment await you on Aug 22 at the Larimer Dems annual picnic in Dian Sparling's backyard. Following our speakers, we will be treated to home grown music by dedicated Larimer Dems, Cheri Nichols, Julie Hoest and Colleen Crosson, known as "Three of a Kind".

Don't miss the fun!

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins
For more info, contact [Nancy Tellez](#)

VOLUNTEER NEWS

UPCOMING BOOTHS AND PARADES

If you're a volunteer for booths/parade, expect a call asking you to sign up for a booth shift on the 4th of July--either in Fort Collins or Loveland. If you're not on the list but can spare two hours that day, please GIVE US A CALL. We can't let down! We must make a good public showing of enthusiasm and activism.

And if you live in the Estes Park area, please plan to be part of the Democratic contingent in the Rooftop Rodeo Parade on Tuesday, July 7th.

Check your newsletter or our website (www.LarimerDems.org) for details.

To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com

July 4	Independence Day Fort Collins
July 4	Independence Day Loveland
July 7	Estes Park Rooftop Rodeo Parade
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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WHO IS MICHAEL BENNET?

Michael Bennet is not a career politician and he certainly didn't become a Senator the traditional way. However, Michael brings a unique background to this office, one that allows him to deliver a different perspective.

Michael's background includes:

- Revitalizing Denver's schools.
- Changing Denver government, including balancing a historic budget deficit.
- Turning around failing and distressed companies, allowing them to stay in business and preserve jobs.
- Being an agent of real change for families and kids.
- This unique background gives him the perspective to challenge old assumptions, and the confidence to be optimistic about our future.

Michael is a strong advocate for Colorado's families. He is fighting to create jobs and economic opportunity for all Americans; provide tax relief for working families and small businesses; expand access to quality, affordable health care; and increase investments in clean, renewable energy.

MICHAEL HAS BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA

Michael voted to make sure workers who do equal work get equal pay. He supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which clarified that every paycheck or other compensation resulting from an earlier discriminatory pay decision constitutes a violation of the Civil Rights Act.

Michael voted for passage of President Obama's budget, which will lay the foundation for sustainable, long-term economic growth by making responsible investments in health care, education, and our new energy economy. It also provides tax cuts to those middle class families who need it most, particularly in this economy.

Michael believes that we have a moral obligation to implement comprehensive health care reform this year, so that every American has affordable access to quality health care. He introduced (and passed) an amendment to make sure that that discussion includes expanding access to health care to rural communities.

Michael supported passage of omnibus public lands legislation which protected several areas of Colorado's wilderness, including Rocky Mountain National Park.

Michael fought for passage of the Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights which will implement common sense measures to protect consumers from unfair treatment by credit card companies, including: prohibiting companies from increasing rates on existing balances, and prohibiting credit card companies from raising rates on existing balances because of payment issues with a separate credit card.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Fri, July 3: BURGERS WITH BENNET

Come join Sen. Michael Bennet and his family for an afternoon cookout at Rolland Moore Park in Fort Collins

Enjoy FREE burgers and refreshments.

Date & Time: Friday, July 3, 4:00 pm

Location: Rolland Moore Park (off Shields, north of Drake), Fort Collins

For more info: Contact Bennet for Colorado, 303-433-0022, info@bennetforcolorado.com

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 25

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Odell Brewing

The Democratic Business Coalition July meeting will be a fundraiser for Congresswoman Betsy Markey, sponsored by the DBC and hosted by Odell Brewing - Saturday July 25th 7-9pm at the brewery 801 E. Lincoln, FTC 80524. A suggested donation of \$25 per person. Beer, food & fun included.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sat, July 4, **HELP A LOCAL HERO JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

Drop by and make a difference... Come to Avo's for full afternoon of music with all admission proceeds being contributed to "Homes for Our Troops". We will be specifically helping SSgt John Jones, a Fort Collins Marine who was severely injured in a mine explosion in Iraq in 2005. Help us build a home for him, his wife, Amber, and their 3 children. This home will accommodate his needs and enable him and his family to concentrate on recovery and their future! Admission is just \$10, with an a la carte BBQ available on the back patio. **Mark Sloniker and Colleen Crosson will perform from 4-5:30.** Laurel Joy (Key of Joy) starts out the afternoon at 2:00, and the Horsetooth Mountain Rangers closes out the evening from 6-7:30 pm. This is a collaborative effort by the fantastic folks at Avo's, the fine musicians listed above and the WECAN group.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 4, 2:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Admission: \$10 to benefit *Homes for Our Troops*

Sat, July 11: **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP KEFALAS**

The public is invited to participate in a community conversation with State Representative John Kefalas to discuss the topic of your choice. Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to participate in this interactive and informal discussion.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

Location: Reader's Cove Bookstore, 1001 E Harmony Rd # C, Fort Collins

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 12 6:30 - 8:30pm New Belgium Brewing	4th Annual fundraiser for Colorado Conservation Voters featuring and honoring Senator Bacon and Representatives Kefalas and Fischer for the 100% environmental voting record in the 2009 state legislature! Also, featuring Auden Schendler who is Director of Sustainability for Aspen Skiing who will speak about his new book, "Getting Green Done." Location: Always a good time at New Belgium Brewing, 6:30 - 8:30pm
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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: July Meeting: South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in July. See you in August!

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, annemich@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: August 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Larimer Dems South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

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

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 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. Thank you.