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Editor's Note:

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:

What a spirited 4th weekend we just had! Senator Bennet and the crowd that gathered in Fort Collins on Friday proved once again that Democracy Is Not A Spectator Sport (see Bennet's apron below as proof). About 150 of his constituents took up his call to have burgers on him, after which he extended the question time so everyone could be heard. See more pictures (were you there?) on our webpage. The party also had a strong showing at our booths in Loveland and Fort Collins--more details below.

Check out photos from Burgers with Bennet by visiting www.LarimerDems.org



PARTY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Our great Larimer Dems summer event is coming up soon! This year we will be featuring a Colorado menu (including vegetarian options). If you've never picnicked in Dian Sparling's backyard, you don't want to miss this opportunity! We'll hear from a variety of special guests, followed by home-grown music from 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

JULY 4TH WRAPUP AND - IMPORTANT! FAIR BOOTH AND PARADE

Our July 4th booths in both Loveland and Fort Collins dealt with some unfriendly folks (as well as many, many friendly ones, of course!) In Loveland, the "non-partisan" "9/12" and "Tea Party" folks marched around with fife and drum corps and stood on their soapbox every so often to read the Declaration of Independence. At 4 p.m. they made a point of stopping directly in front of the LCDP booth and shouting their insults to King George, *loudly*, directly toward our booth. People from those groups came by our booth, several times, to scream at us that we had no right to be in the park, we are not really Americans, we should leave the USA, Obama isn't a citizen and should go back where he came from, etc. The booth staff in Fort Collins had two or three unpleasant encounters, as well.

Larimer County Fair will be upon us in a few short weeks. We have shifts to fill for five days, July 31st through August 4th. The big parade takes place the evening of July 29th. DEMOCRATS, STEP UP!

We'll need at least two people per shift in the booths (3 would be better, considering the heightened political atmosphere we're working in.) AND we need to make a good showing in the parade. The float is ready to go, with new decorations and lots of great signs, with a lot of focus on health care.

We will start filling slots next week. If you receive a call, please make time to help out. If you haven't yet done this type of volunteering, call or e-mail us with your availability.

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

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

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

CAMPAIGN NEWS

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.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Thur, July 9: PUBLIC OPTION NOW! HEALTH CARE RALLY

Carla & Bob Massaro are hosting a Public Option Now! Health Care Rally run by MoveOn.org Political Action. The health care fight is heating up in the Senate, and some Democrats are trying to bargain away the public health insurance option. We need to escalate our campaign for real health care reform. MoveOn is organizing nationwide "Public Option Now!" Health Care Rallies to send a strong message to every senator: Health care reform must include a strong public health insurance option.

Date & Time: Thursday, July 9, 12:30 pm

Location: Sen. Michael Bennet's District Office, 1200 South College Avenue, Suite 211, Fort Collins

For More info or to sign up, visit: <http://pol.moveon.org/event/healthcareaction/94187>

Thur, July 9: WHAT CAN THE U.S. LEARN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?

Sick Around the World film and discussion

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T.R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all - with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S.. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World". He discovers the successes and failures of the system in the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U.S. Learn?"

Presenter: Deanne Lembitz, M.D. is a Fort Collins native currently in private practice as a full spectrum family physician including obstetrics. She is a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and Physicians for a National Health Program.

Sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado and the League of Women Voters of Larimer County.

Date & Time: Thursday, July 9, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library 2733 Council Tree Ave. (northwest corner of Ziegler and Harmony Roads)

Free and open to the public

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

Mon, July 13: WHY DOES HEALTH CARE COST SO MUCH? WHAT SOLUTIONS REFLECT AMERICAN VALUES?

***Health, Money and Fear* film and discussion**

The writer and producer of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in emergency medicine who currently practices in Oregon. He interviews doctors and other health care providers for an insiders' look at reasons for the rising costs of health care. Suggestions of solutions for corralling costs, an essential element of successful health care reform, are outlined. Presenter: Cory Carroll, M.D. is a family practice physician in Fort Collins. He is a past president of the Larimer County Medical Society and a member of the Colorado Medical Society Physician's Congress for Health Care Reform.

Sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado and the League of Women Voters of Larimer County.

Date & Time: Monday, July 13, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 S. Shields St., Fort Collins

Free and open to the public

Wed, July 15: SURVIVING A RECESSION:

Stretching your Dollar During Tough Economic Times

Join State Representatives John Kefalas and Randy Fischer and State Senator Bob Bacon

as they host a Town Hall meeting. The topic is Personal Finance - Surviving a Recession and Stretching Your Dollar, and will include:

*Refinancing and new ways to avoid foreclosure

*Bankruptcy - when and when not

*Consumer Credit

*Handling Credit and Credit Cards

*Retirement Planning - recovering from 401K losses, savings, investing

*Scams to Avoid

ALL are welcome! There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Bring your questions, your friends, family and co-workers!

Panelists:

Laurel Kubin, County Extension Director, Family Economist, CSU

Sara Gilbert- Executive Director, Consumer Credit Counsel Service of Northern Colorado

Shelley Glause, Investigator, Better Business Bureau

Colleen Miller, Certified Financial Planner, Finance by Design

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 S. Shields St., Fort Collins

Tue, July 21: HEALTH, MONEY AND FEAR FILM AND DISCUSSION

The writer and producer of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in emergency medicine who currently practices in Oregon. He interviews doctors and other health care providers for an insiders' look at reasons for the rising costs of health care. Suggestions of solutions for corralling costs, an essential element of successful health care reform, are outlined. Presenter: Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He has served as a member of the board of Hospice of Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and as Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado and the League of Women Voters of Larimer County.

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library 2733 Council Tree Ave.(northwest corner of Ziegler and Harmony Roads)
Free and open to the public

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
<http://www.ColoradoConservationVoters.org>
<http://gettinggreendone.com/>

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: This month only: special DBC fundraiser for Betsy Markey. See item above for details.

Location: Odell's Brewery

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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.

The Larimer County Democratic Party distributes information on candidates and candidate events and invites candidates to speak at our party functions because this information is helpful to those who care about political progress.

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