

ARAPAHOE COUNTY ACTION

Help make the GOP the party of trust, transparency and action!

Enjoy the Political Off-Season and Build Relationships!

Get to know your neighbors. Catherine Engelbrecht from the nonpartisan organization True the Vote discusses the differences between the Democrat and Republican parties in connecting with voters (17 minutes into this Locals discussion <https://truethevote.locals.com/upost/3547711/livestream-short-sells-shortcuts-sure-losses>) Democrats, she says, put a lot of work into getting to know their neighbors, building relationship and trust with them. We need to be doing this as Republicans, not just because that's the best way to get people to listen to our positions and thus vote for our candidates, but also to make our neighborhoods stronger, help families stay together, and improve mental and physical health by human contact.

This time of year would be a good time to organize a neighborhood seed swap/plant exchange. For instance, distribute flyers to everyone on your street, pick a nice day to set up tables and signs in your front yard, and welcome everyone who comes by! Or you could match up the local teenagers who need work, with elderly or disabled people who need yard help.

Upcoming Events

Rally for Parent Rights, Colorado Parent Advocacy Network (CPAN)

The government should not make decisions for teenagers without parental consent!

10-12 AM Thursday, April 6, Colorado Capitol West Steps, 200 E. Colfax, Denver

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rally-for-parent-rights-tickets-598792653947>

Homeschool Day at the Capitol

Remind legislators that homeschoolers do very well when left alone!

9-2 (main rally at 12:15) Thursday, April 13, Colorado Capitol

<https://chec.org/events/homeschool-day-at-the-capitol/>

Western Conservative Summit

Educating Americans on key issues facing the West and the nation

June 9-10, Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver

<https://centennial.ccu.edu/western-conservative-summit/>

Western Conservative Summit Youth Conference

Learn how to impact the culture in support of faith, family, and freedom

June 5-11, Colorado Christian University, 8787 W Alameda Ave, Lakewood

<https://centennial.ccu.edu/wcs-youth-conference/>

Arapahoe County Current Issues

“Housing Affordability” is not about your rising property taxes! Colorado suddenly decided the only answer to homelessness is to spend a lot of money right now to build a lot of multi-dwelling units. Check out discussions your neighbors are having on this subject on NextDoor

(https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/), and attend city and county meetings. Questions to ask might be:

- The metro area has been hard for young families to afford for years. Why is this an emergency now?
- When single-family areas are changed to multi-dwelling units, where does everyone park?
- Just how much will these units cost – is that really affordable – if not, are current taxpayers going to end up underwriting rent for people moving into the area?
- How do we have more people needing housing at the same time as we have schools closing?
- Homelessness is not a simple problem – why are we trying to fix it with a one-size-fits-all answer?

State Legislation

Pro-life, gun, and parental rights issues are major flash points at the Colorado state legislature. Former legislator Kevin Lundberg summarizes the most important bills and what’s going on with them here:

<http://kevinlundberg.com/a/email-updates/>

Speak Up for Your County, City, Schools

Your biggest contribution is not your vote, but your involvement. You will have most effect if you start at your local level. Begin today, attending public meetings regularly – you will learn who the people are, whom to trust, and what motivates them. Don’t get overwhelmed by the number of meetings – in many areas you could attend all the meetings up through the county level for an average time investment of just six hours a month! If you have nothing to say, listen – you’ll almost certainly find something to say soon!

How to speak up

For most people it’s a good idea to write out ahead of time what you want to say and practice it a time or two to make sure it fits in the time limit.

Most councils/boards give you 3 minutes to speak, which is arguably infringing on your right to free speech, but in practice if you can’t say what you have to say in 3 minutes, people will tune you out. If enough people show up to speak they may cut the allowed time to 2 minutes, so be prepared with what you would cut out if necessary.

Many meetings hold public comment time early in the agenda, so you don’t have to stay for the whole meeting, though if you do, then they know you’re watching them! Most meetings are recorded; you could catch up on the rest of the meeting later by playing the video during your drivetime.

Some boards have been known to move the public comment time until after the most boring parts of the meeting; if so, hang in there and wait; the more they try to discourage you, the more you know you are making a difference!

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

9:30 am April 11, 25 (2nd and 4th Tuesday of month)

East Hearing Room, Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St. Littleton, 80120

<https://www.arapahoe.gov/259/Board-of-County-Commissioners>

Sign up to speak at room entrance.

Incorporated Cities in Arapahoe County

Incorporated city	Upcoming city council/trustee meetings
Aurora	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 10, 24 (every other Monday) Place: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Website: https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings Sign up to speak: Those attending in person may register to speak by completing the 'Public Comment on Agenda Item' online form prior to the meeting or by completing a speaker slip upon arrival at the Aurora Municipal Center (AMC) on the meeting date. https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&pageId=16506621</p>
Bow Mar	<p>Time: 7PM April 17 (3rd Monday of month) Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley Website: https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings Sign up to speak: Speakers must sign in with Clerk (comments must be limited to 3 minutes)</p>
Centennial	<p>Time: 7PM April 4, 18 (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month) Place: Council Chambers, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial Website: https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings Sign up to speak: The intake of public comments follows the time allowances during public hearings. Sign-up sheets are made available on the table at the back of the Council Chambers.</p>
Cherry Hills Village	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 4, 18 (1st and 3rd Tuesday of month) Place: Village Center, 2450 E Quincy Avenue Website: https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council Sign up to speak: There is no need to sign up to attend in-person; if you would like to speak during audience participation there will be a sign-up sheet in the Council Chambers</p>
Columbine Valley	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 18 (3rd Tuesday of month) Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road Website: https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/ Sign up to speak: The Board of Trustees welcomes comments from the public at the beginning of each regular meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. There will be speaker sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the Council Chambers.</p>
Deer Trail	<p>Time: 7PM April 11 (2nd Tuesday of month) Place: Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., Deer Trail Website: https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-769-4464 for more information.</p>
Englewood	<p>Time: 6PM April 17, May 1(1st and 3rd Mondays of month) Place: 2nd floor of Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood</p>

	<p>Website: https://www.englewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Please contact the City Clerk's office if you would like to sign up to speak at a Council meeting. The deadline to sign up to speak for Scheduled Public Comment is Wednesday by 5 p.m., prior to the meeting and you will be given 5 minutes to speak. All other speakers who do not meet the deadline will be added to Unscheduled Public Comment and will be given 3 minutes to speak.</p>
Foxfield	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 20, May 4 (1st and 3rd Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: Fire Station (probably Fire Station No. 42 located on Parker Road just south of Fremont Avenue)</p> <p>Website: https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/</p> <p>Sign up to speak: All meetings, except executive sessions, are open to the public. Occasional special meetings are held as needed. The Board relies upon the input of residents for many of the decisions they make. Public comment is encouraged and should be limited to 4 minutes per speaker</p>
Glendale	<p>Time: 7PM May 2 (1st Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: 950 S. Birch St. Glendale</p> <p>Website: https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-639-4708 for more information.</p>
Greenwood Village	<p>Time: 6pm May 1 (1st Monday of month, 3rd Monday of month is study session)</p> <p>Place: City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village</p> <p>Website: https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-773-0252 for more information.</p>
Littleton	<p>Time: 6:30 PM, April 18, May 2 (1st and 3rd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Littleton Center, 2255 W Berry Ave, 80120</p> <p>Website: https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Sign in to speak at the door</p>
Sheridan	<p>Time: 7PM April 10, 24 (2nd and 4th Mondays of month)</p> <p>Place: Probably 4101 S Federal Boulevard Sheridan (try calling 303-762-2200 to ask why this is not easy to find on the website!)</p> <p>Website: http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor</p> <p>Sign up to speak: All meetings are open to the public; probably you can sign up there to speak.</p>

School Districts in Arapahoe County

School district	Board meetings upcoming
Adams-Arapahoe School District (Aurora Public Schools)	<p>Time: 6PM April 4, 18 (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month)</p> <p>Place: APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1st Ave.</p> <p>Website: https://boe.aurorak12.org/</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Public comment opportunities will be held at the second monthly meeting only. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Education for public comment are required to sign up in person before the scheduled Board meeting.</p>
Byers 32j	<p>Time: 6:55PM April 20, May 18 (3rd Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers</p> <p>Website: https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Audience participation is limited to in person only and following the established board policies. Try calling the district at 303.822.5292 for more details.</p>

Cherry Creek School District	<p>Time: 7PM April 10, May 8 (2nd Monday of month)</p> <p>Place: Different school every month; April is Laredo Middle School, 5000 S. Laredo St, May is Cherokee Trail High School, 25901 E. Arapahoe Road</p> <p>Website: https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Cherry Creek policy is “Anyone who would like to address the Board at either a regular or special meeting (on the identified topic(s) for the special meeting) must sign-up electronically for public comment by providing their full name, street address, telephone number, email address, and the topic by no later than noon on the day of a regular Board meeting and by noon the day before a special Board meeting, using the sign-up link found on the Board of Education section of the District website.” Start your involvement by increasing board transparency, because the sign-up link is well-hidden; try calling the Cherry Creek schools main line at 303-773-1184 and ask where is the sign-up link the policy refers to!</p>
Deer Trail 26j	<p>Time: 7PM April 10, May 8 (2nd Monday of month)</p> <p>Place: Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room 128 South Second Avenue, Deer Trail</p> <p>Website: https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Can’t find instructions on website; try calling (303) 769-4421 or just showing up to meeting.</p>
Englewood School District	<p>Time: 6pm, April 4, May 2 (1st Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: ECE Boardroom - 3838 S. Huron St, Englewood, CO 80113</p> <p>Website: https://www.englewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education</p> <p>Sign up to speak: To speak to the Board during public comment, fill out a “Public Request to Comment” form, available at all Board meetings or via email. Give the completed form to the Secretary to the Board of Education before the meeting starts.</p>
Littleton School District	<p>Time: 6:30pm April 13, 27 (2nd and 4th Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: LPS Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120</p> <p>Website: https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public</p> <p>Sign up to speak: At the website below from 4PM the day before the meeting to 4PM the day of the meeting, or fill out a card at the meeting.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForlN__MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform</p>
Sheridan School District	<p>Time: Probably 5:45pm April 11th (2nd Tuesday of the month)</p> <p>Place: Probably 4150 South Hazel Court, Englewood, CO 80110, try calling for more information at (720) 833-6991</p> <p>Website: https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx</p> <p>Sign up to speak: No later than 24 hours prior to the board meeting, please email Polly Plancarte (pplancarte@ssd2.org) your request for “Audience with Board”. Include in the email your name, phone number (your phone number will not be revealed), and a brief description of the topic. The board would also like to know if you are a staff member, parent, student, community member or business owner.</p>