



Newsletter - September 18th, 2018

Welcome to the Fort Collins for Progress Newsletter! Every week you'll find calls to action and a list of upcoming events. Check out our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Twitter](#) for more information!

Calls to Action

1. Learn about Local Water Projects at FCFP's Next General Meeting: Next Friday (Sept 21), Fort Collins for Progress will host Jeff Stahla, the Public Information Coordinator for Northern Water, who will speak about "Northern Water: Past, Present and Future." There will be ample time for questions, and we hope you will join us at this community forum!

- Details: Friday, September 21, 5:30-7pm, Game Day Sports Grill (More info [here](#))
- Note: As with all of our speakers, this is not an endorsement of Northern Water or their activities, but an opportunity for thoughtful community engagement and dialogue across differences.

2. Urge Colorado Decision Makers to Implement State-Based Clean Air Standards: The recent rollback of federal clean car standards is an attack on our public health and economy. Submit a comment to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission as they consider state-based clean car standards right here in Colorado. These standards will get more electric vehicles on the market that will clean up our air and save money at the gas pump.

- Send your comment [here](#)

3. Educate Yourself on the 2018 Ballot Measures: Ballots for the November election will be in the mail before you know it, so take some time now to learn about the amendments and propositions on the 2018 ballot. Six of the ballot measures were referred by the Colorado state legislature; the other seven are citizen-initiated measures.

- [Information and full-text descriptions of the bills/measures from the CO Secretary of State website](#)
- [Brief, more straightforward descriptions from Ballotpedia](#)

Issue Spotlight: First Amendment Rights

The First Amendment is short, but dense, and--as one of the most unique and influential components of the US Constitution--it is worth taking a few moments to understand what the First Amendment does and does not protect. Check out the following article by AJ Willingham and legal expert Lata Nott to learn more about the complexities of the First Amendment:

- ["The First Amendment doesn't guarantee you the rights you think it does" \(CNN\)](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 20

Yes! For Mental Health Rally

- 6-8pm, The Green Room, 344 E. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins
- Join volunteers and supporters of Larimer County Citizens for Mental Health for an energized evening of information, opportunities and growing grassroots momentum!
- Key community and campaign leaders will be in attendance, and attendees will leave armed with action plans to help inform and ignite Larimer County residents to vote YES! for Mental Health on November 6th.

Friday, September 21

Fort Collins for Progress General Meeting

- 5:30-7pm, Game Day Sports Grill, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd., Fort Collins
- Join us at Fort Collins for Progress's September general meeting & community forum!
- We'll be joined by Jeff Stahla, the Public Information Coordinator for Northern Water, who will speak about "Northern Water: Past, Present and Future."* There will be ample time for questions, and we hope you will join us at this community forum!
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Tuesday, September 25

2018 County & State Candidate Forum

- 4-7pm, Drake Center, 802 W. Drake Rd., Fort Collins
- Join local concerned citizens for an opportunity to get to know candidates running for State Legislative and County Offices, and learn where they stand on important issues impacting older adults. The Larimer County Office on Aging Advisory Council and the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities are hosting a forum with sponsorship from AARP and Columbine Health Systems.
- This is a FREE event.
- To register, please call 970-498-7790 or register online [here](#).

Wednesday, September 26

Book Release Party: Food Justice Now!

- 6-8pm, Wolverine Farm Letterpress & Publick House, 316 Willow St., Fort Collins
- Come celebrate the release of Josh Sbicca's new book, *Food Justice Now!: Deepening the Roots of Social Struggle*.
- Josh will give a book talk and facilitate a short question and discussion session. Books and beer will be for sale.
- The book release party is co-sponsored by The Growing Project and by the Environmental Justice Working Group at CSU.



"A civilization can flounder as readily in the face of moral and spiritual bankruptcy as it can through financial bankruptcy." -[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)