



Newsletter - December 5, 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. Obamacare Enrollment

- Open Enrollment for 2019 runs from November 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018. Make sure to enroll now, and spread the word to those who need it.
- Go to healthcare.gov to enroll

2. Advocate for Progressive Education in Colorado

- Via [IndivisibleNOCO](#): Governor-Elect Polis has selected people affiliated with DFER and ALEC for his education transition team. This is at odds with a progressive education platform and IndivisibleNOCO's values pertaining to public education. Read IndivisibleNOCO's fact sheets on [DFER](#) and [ALEC](#) and learn how these organizations have undermined public education.
- Then, please, add your signature this [letter to Governor-Elect Polis](#) and help hold Polis accountable to a progressive education platform.

3. Learn about the Poudre River

- Is it possible for a working river to be a healthy river? This year's Poudre River Forum will give you a chance to puzzle through that question. The [Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group](#) was formed to bring together those who are most concerned about the Poudre as a working river—delivering urban and agricultural economic benefits—and those concerned about the river's health.
- This forum will take place on Friday, February 1, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Drake Centre in Fort Collins.
- Register [here](#). Full admission: \$60; Discounted admission: \$30; scholarships available. The registration fee includes the full day's program, as well as breakfast, lunch, and a closing celebration.

Editorial Spotlight

"Researchers argue that local political protests provide important signals to voters as well as to candidates and potential challengers. For voters, they can focus attention. To incumbent lawmakers, they are signals about

intensity of local discontent. For prospective challengers, they can signal the incumbent's vulnerability."

We've all heard skeptical takes about the value of political protests and rallies, so this recent piece by Edmund L. Andrews offers some good news! Read "[Keep marching: Why street protests really do make a difference](#)" (*Fast Company*) and learn about how protests can affect voter behavior and electoral outcomes.



Upcoming Events

[Click here to see ALL the events on our NOCO Activist Calendar](#)

Thursday, December 6

[Save the Poudre End of Year Party, Movie Night!](#)

- 7-9pm, Avogadro's Number, 605 S Mason St, Fort Collins
- Join us to celebrate another year of keeping the Poudre River flowing! Come win a Save the Poudre t-shirt or poster and watch a new film by one of our fellow waterkeepers: Confluir-A Study of Rio Maranon – about a wild river in the Peruvian highlands.
- Hosted by [Save The Poudre](#)

Friday, December 7

[Pints for Progress](#)

- 5:30-7:30pm, Prost Brewing, 321 Old Firehouse Alley, Fort Collins
- FCFP's weekly social hour (note: this event may be sparsely attended due to the holiday)
- Hosted by Fort Collins for Progress

Saturday, December 8

[Annual Murphy Center Mission to Hope Walk Fundraiser](#)

- 8-10am, Catholic Charities, 460 Linden Center Dr, Fort Collins
- Over 300 individuals, families, businesses, agency partners and other groups will take the .8-mile walk—together—from the local shelters to the Murphy Center. This is a walk that many people we serve take every day.
- Hosted by [Catholic Charities](#) and the [Fort Collins Rescue Mission](#)

[Fort Collins Democratic Socialists of America General Meeting](#)

- 1:30-3:30pm, Wild Boar Cafe, 1510 S College Ave, Fort Collins
- Fort Collins Democratic Socialists of America General Meeting is for everyone! Interested in getting organized or learning more about Democratic Socialism? Stop by Wild Boar Cafe each Saturday!
- Hosted by [Fort Collins DSA](#)

Tuesday, December 11

[NCRES 15 Year Anniversary Celebration & Holiday Party with Green Drinks](#)

- 7-9pm, Odell Brewing Company, 800 E. Lincoln Avenue, Fort Collins
- Join NCRES and our friends at Green Drinks to celebrate the holidays and the 15th Anniversary of NCRES. No formal presentation, just a quick review of 2018 and celebration

of our progress.

- Hosted by the [Northern Colorado Renewable Energy Society \(NCRES\)](#)



"That the AIDS pandemic is threatening sustainable development in Africa only reinforces the reality that health is at the center of sustainable development."

-Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Director-General of the World Health Organization