



Newsletter - August 28th, 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. Support School Funding in Colorado: Here's a chance to both encourage people to vote and to help our state's schools! [Amendment 73](#), which would improve public school funding throughout Colorado, is looking for volunteers to help staff campaign tables at PSD schools Back to School Night Events. Events are scheduled on weeknights now through September 13th.

- To volunteer, please contact Cathy Kipp at cathy@cathykipp.com or at 970-226-0240

2. Join a State Board or Commission: The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions is continually looking for qualified candidates to serve on almost 300 boards and commissions that oversee a large variety of subjects and make a wide range of decisions affecting your day-to-day lives as Coloradans. Consider running yourself or encourage your qualified friends and family members to do so!

- Learn about the vacancies [here](#)

3. Join our Book Club: On Wednesday, September 5 at 5pm, members of Fort Collins for Progress will be gathering at Mugs (on College & Olive) to discuss Jonathan Haidt's book [The Righteous Mind](#). Please join us if you've read the book, plan to read it in the next week, or simply want to learn more about it!

- RSVP to mandyz@focoprogress.org if you plan to attend!

Issue Spotlight: Protecting Democracy

This week, we encourage you to read Paul Krugman's chilling take on the decline of democracy in the United States. It's a stressful and disheartening piece, but the only way we can protect our democracy is to act--check out the CTAs & events for ways to get involved this week.

- Krugman, ["Why it Can Happen Here"](#) (via *The New York Times*)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 28

[Drinks and Dialogue: Electoral College vs. Popular Vote](#)

- 5:30-7pm, Game Day Sports Grill, [1027 W. Horsetooth Rd., Fort Collins](#)
- Nancy Crow from the LWVLC Election Reform – Making Democracy Work Team will discuss the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) in an informal setting. Come

learn and join in on the conversation!

Friday, August 31

Overdose Awareness Day

- 2-8pm, Civic Center Park, [201 Laporte Ave., Fort Collins](#)
- The event will be dedicated to honoring those we've lost to overdose and supporting those affected by substance use in our community. The event will have speakers, music, community resources and art and memorial spaces in addition to Overdose Prevention training with Narcan distribution.
- The event is sponsored by Clearview Behavioral Health and is a community collaboration through the Larimer and Weld Naloxone Champions Work Group.

Pints for Progress

- 5:30-7:30pm, Prost Brewing, 321 Old Firehouse Alley, Fort Collins
- Join folks for active and friendly conversation about local and recent politics! Anyone is welcome!



"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

-Haile Selassie, Ethiopian emperor and reformer