

# ARAPAHOE COUNTY ACTION

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## **Share the Fun on the Fourth of July!**

How did you like Capitol Police [stopping schoolchildren from singing](#) our national anthem in our national capitol? (Sort of what you might expect from an occupying government, isn't it?)

Over the past three years, our county and cities have tried to say [only experts](#) should set off Fourth of July fireworks. Then the experts kept cancelling their events, for fire danger that never seemed to be a problem in the past. Or the Fourth of July got moved to the Third or Fifth.

That's just fine, actually. The holiday always did belong to "we the people" and we can celebrate it better without government help. Remember July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, when the official shows were shut down? Instead, thousands of local firework shows sprouted up all over Denver. Catastrophes failed to happen, and it all pretty much stopped at 10PM – voluntarily!

Local celebrations are ideal for celebrating a nation that protects the rights of the individual against tyrants or mobs. Local celebrations unify, they build community connections, they make memories. And you don't have to invite the whole neighborhood over for a barbecue, though that would be great! Any little stash of fireworks can become a community event. Combine fireworks with neighbors into a local show, or maybe a competition between two ends of the block!

Tell families with kids where to stand for best effect, invite singles to meet the neighborhood singles, set out chairs for elderly people, and let everyone know you are the problem-solver to call if they see some sketchy activity. If someone brings food or drinks, thank them and set up a table to encourage more contributions.

Get a sing-along started by telling everyone they simply must join in on the Colorado-specific patriotic song, America the Beautiful! You could have copies of the Constitution available as you mention what a great day it is to enjoy our First Amendment right to freely speak (and sing) as we peaceably assemble.

Make America fun again on the Fourth of July!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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/>

## **Gelato in June**

HEATHER GARDENS REPUBLICAN CLUB

Fundraiser for Candidates –

Aurora City Council, Aurora and Cherry Creek School District Boards of Education

Tuesday, June 27th, 1:00 - 2:30 Heather Gardens Clubhouse

2888 S. Heather Gardens Way Aurora 80014

## **Arapahoe County Current Issues**

Government overreach creates new opportunities for building bridges with neighbors. Here's an example of working with others with whom we may not agree perfectly: [This lady](#) works daily with the homeless and understands the realities of homelessness. She is furious with Englewood government making bad problems much worse. Her willingness to take on city hall created mutual respect between her and other citizens questioning the Englewood city council's one-size-fits-all "solution" of building denser housing.

They may not agree on solutions, yet, but they see the same urgent problem, finding themselves allies in the common goal of opposing government overreach. A common goal allows for conversations about real needs, allowing both homeowners and homeless advocates to respect and understand each other better.

Together the citizens are doing research, sharing information, following the money, and asking some very pointed questions about the legality and costs of certain Englewood programs. (Sheridan and Littleton are involved too.) They're looking into why government money flows into certain churches, how certain officials are paid, and whether these programs hurt the very people they claim to help. Watch a variety of citizens involving themselves in government on [the meeting video](#) from about 1:20 to 2:43.

## **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!

School's out, so school boards are down to their last meeting of the school year; if you miss it, you'll have to wait till August or September!

### **How to speak up**

Check the website for changes; the schedule below may not have the most recent updates.

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 June 13, 27 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Time: 6:30PM June 12, 26 (usually every other Monday) Place: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Website: <a href="https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings">https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings</a> 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. <a href="https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&amp;pageId=16506621">https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&amp;pageId=16506621</a>
Bow Mar	Time: 7PM June 19, July 17 (usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of month) Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley Website: <a href="https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings">https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings</a> Sign up to speak: Speakers must sign in with Clerk (comments must be limited to 3 minutes)
Centennial	Time: 7PM June 20, July 11 (usually 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month) Place: Council Chambers, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial Website: <a href="https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings">https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings</a> 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.
Cherry Hills Village	Time: 6:30P June 20, July 18 (usually 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month) Place: Village Center, 2450 E Quincy Avenue Website: <a href="https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council">https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council</a> 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
Columbine Valley	Time: 6:30PM June 20, July 18 (usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)

	<p>Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road  Website: <a href="https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/">https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/</a>  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 June 13, July 11 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month)  Place: Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., Deer Trail  Website: <a href="https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees">https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees</a>  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 June 20, July 3 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month)  Place: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood  Website: <a href="https://www.engagewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings">https://www.engagewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings</a>  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 June 15, July 6 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month)  Place: Fire Station (probably Fire Station No. 42 located on Parker Road just south of Fremont Avenue)  Website: <a href="https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/">https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/</a>  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 July 4<sup>th</sup>? (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month)  Place: 950 S. Birch St. Glendale  Website: <a href="https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council">https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council</a>  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: 7pm June 19, July 3 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month)  Place: City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village  Website: <a href="https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council">https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council</a>  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, June 20, July 18 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)  Place: Littleton Center, 2255 W Berry Ave, 80120  Website: <a href="https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs">https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs</a>  Sign up to speak: Sign in to speak at the door</p>
Sheridan	<p>Time: 7PM June 12, 26 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month)  Place: Probably 4101 S Federal Boulevard Sheridan (try calling 303-762-2200 to ask why this is not easy to find on the website!)  Website: <a href="http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor">http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor</a>  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 June 20 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month)</p> <p>Place: APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1st Ave.</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://boe.aurorak12.org/">https://boe.aurorak12.org/</a></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 June 29 (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education">https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education</a></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 June 12 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month)</p> <p>Place: Different school every month; June is West Middle School, 5151 S Holly St.</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82">https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82</a></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 June 12 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month)</p> <p>Place: Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room 128 South Second Avenue, Deer Trail</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f">https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f</a></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, August 1 (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: ECE Boardroom - 3838 S. Huron St, Englewood, CO 80113</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.englewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education">https://www.englewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education</a></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 June 22 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: LPS Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public">https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public</a></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><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForlN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForlN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform</a></p>
Sheridan School District	<p>Time: Probably 5:45pm June 13 (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: <a href="https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx">https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx</a></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</p>

	description of the topic. The board would also like to know if you are a staff member, parent, student, community member or business owner.
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