

ARAPAHOE COUNTY ACTION

Help make the GOP the party of trust, transparency and action!
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We Need Neighbors, Not Government

Democrat activists get involved in their communities for the purpose of winning voters, often getting new government programs started and winning grants. But Republicans can outdo Democrats by being the genuine article, by helping neighbors out of actual concern for neighbors.

Nobody really loves government programs – real people can do the same things better, more personally, and without paperwork! You are your own best advertisement for small-government principles when you make big government unnecessary by organizing neighbors to help:

- Notice when elderly people need inexpensive yard help; find a young person who's looking for work (many of these young entrepreneurs have special rates for the elderly.)
- In a natural disaster like the Highlands Ranch tornado, organize a local chainsaw team (neighbors? volunteers from a local church?), and find out who has trailers and who needs firewood.
- Make local play areas safer by organizing neighbors who know the local kids to sit and watch the area during certain hours.
- Get local gardeners to take over and maintain the beautification of a local park.

Keep thinking – how else can you make government irrelevant?

Upcoming Events

Dr. Jeff Brodsky, [JOY International](#)

After watching [Sound of Freedom](#), come hear Dr. Brodsky speak about human trafficking, how it's affecting Colorado, and what law enforcement can do to prevent it.

6PM Tuesday, July 18th

The Barn at Evergreen Memorial Park

26624 N. Turkey Creek Rd.

Evergreen, CO 80439

Arapahoe County Fair

A 117-year-old tradition of Arapahoe County. Challenge a neighbor to a baking competition – you can still enter! <https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/p/competitions/publiccompetitions>

3 miles east of E-470 on Quincy Ave.

25690 E. Quincy Ave.

Aurora, CO 80016

Evenings July 27-30

Election Crime Bureau Summit

Sign up now to watch one of the most important televised events ever; a plan to save our country which has never been done before, or even talked about!

August 16-17, 12-hour event, repeated on TV during the other 12 hours

<https://lindellevnt.com/>

Steamboat Institute

15th Annual Freedom Conference and Festival

August 25-26

Park Hyatt, Beaver Creek, Colorado

Arapahoe County Current Issues

Is smart the same as wise? What do you think of “smart cities”? The attitude of most people is probably “wasn’t broke, didn’t need fixin’”, especially after realizing it means cities redesigned by the same [government-corporate alliances](#) who already play fast and loose with citizen privacy.

So it’s interesting that [Arapahoe County links](#) to the Colorado [Smart City Alliance](#), a website that seems not to have been updated recently (maybe because the reality isn’t looking like the happy, bright pictures on the website?) Take a look at the site and ask, who decided Colorado cities were stupid, and how’s this increased smartness working out? Who asked for this redesign, and why is Arapahoe County associated with this alliance?

Why does the alliance seem to be yet more partnerships between big corporations and government (why is the government of Canada strategic partner?) Do small businesses have a place in smart cities? What happened to the driverless shuttles in Golden that were supposed to expand to Greenwood Village and Colorado Springs, but [shut down after four months](#)? (Could it be this is an example of “smart” is not the same as “wise”?)

If you don’t like the direction your city and county are going, look at who’s driving, and speak up!

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

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 July 25, August 8 (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.

Get on a committee! Find out what [slots are available](#), from weeds to library, from aging to trails, from zoning to SCFD.

Incorporated Cities in Arapahoe County

Incorporated city	Upcoming city council/trustee meetings
Aurora	Time: 6:30PM July 17, 31 (usually 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
Bow Mar	Time: 7PM July 17, August 21 (usually 3 rd 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)
Centennial	Time: 7PM July 18, August 1 (usually 1 st and 3 rd 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.
Cherry Hills Village	Time: 6:30PM July 18, August 1 (usually 1 st and 3 rd 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
Columbine Valley	<p>Time: 6:30PM July 18, August 15 (usually 3rd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road</p> <p>Website: https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/</p> <p>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 August 8 (usually 2nd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., Deer Trail</p> <p>Website: https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees</p> <p>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 July 17, 24 (usually 1st and 3rd Mondays of month)</p> <p>Place: 2nd floor of Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood</p> <p>Website: https://www.engagewoodco.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 July 20, August 3 (usually 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 August 1 (usually 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: 7pm August 7 (usually 1st and 3rd Monday of month)</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, July 18, August 1 (usually 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 July 24, August 14 (usually 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 (most are not meeting until August)

School district	Board meetings upcoming
Adams-Arapahoe School District (Aurora Public Schools)	<p>Time: 6PM (usually 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month) Place: APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1st Ave. Website: https://boe.aurorak12.org/ 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 (usually 3rd Thursday of month) Place: Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers Website: https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education 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 (usually 2nd Monday of month) Place: Different school every month; June is West Middle School, 5151 S Holly St. Website: https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82 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 (usually 2nd Monday of month) Place: Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room 128 South Second Avenue, Deer Trail Website: https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f 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 1st Tuesday of month) Place: ECE Boardroom - 3838 S. Huron St, Englewood, CO 80113 Website: https://www.inglewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education 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 (usually 2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Place: LPS Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120 Website: https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public 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. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForlN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform</p>
Sheridan School District	<p>Time: Probably 5:45pm (usually 2nd Tuesday of the month) Place: Probably 4150 South Hazel Court, Englewood, CO 80110, try calling for more information at (720) 833-6991</p>

Website: <https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx>

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.