



Dear friends,

The issue of housing seems to be on everyone's mind these days. From Parachute to Carbondale, the challenge of being able to house our workforce in homes close to people's place of work, and the exorbitant cost of housing for families and seniors across our region, is a fundamental problem that impacts so many other aspects of our lives here in Garfield County.

Our local Habitat for Humanity is partnering with the City of Rifle and Colorado River BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services) on an exciting project that would provide good-paying jobs, train students in advanced manufacturing skills, and reduce the cost of construction for affordable, deed-restricted homes. Unfortunately, our Garfield County commissioners have neglected to even provide a letter of support for the project. You can read more about that here: [Why oppose a win-win strategy for creating jobs and workforce-housing?](#)

On March 22, Habitat for Humanity Roaring Fork Valley hosted "Solving the Housing Crisis: A Regional Summit on Equitable Solutions" to explore answers to the problem, with many members of your Garfield County Democrats in attendance. You can [watch the whole event here](#). I agree that we need to have Latinos at the table in order to find the best solutions. (See [Housing crisis cannot be resolved without inclusion in the solution.](#))

See below for more info on the Glenwood elections, Living With Bears seminar, our spring party/fundraiser, and more.

Happy spring, Passover, and Easter! Whatever you celebrate, I hope you're enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather.

And Happy Trump's Indictment--finally!! (Here's an interesting piece on how to talk about that: [Trump Indictment - A Guide for Advocates.](#))

My best,
Debbie

Glenwood Springs Residents - VOTE by April 4!

Remember to vote by 7:00 p.m. on April 4 in the Glenwood Municipal Election!

Election Day Voting Location

Glenwood Springs City Hall, 101 W 8th St: Council Chambers from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Ballots can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Garfield County Court House Outdoor Drop Box: Ballots can be dropped off 24/7 at the drop box on 8th Street in front of the Court House until 7:00 PM on Election Day.
- Glenwood Springs City Hall Drop Box: Ballots can be dropped outside the Finance and Utility Department (101 W. 8th St) from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM through Election Day.
- Garfield County Court House East Entrance Drop Box: Ballots can be dropped inside the Garfield County Courthouse (109 W. 8th St) from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Election Day.

Learn more about the candidates in these profiles and recent news coverage:

- KDNK Profiles: <https://www.kdnk.org/tags/gws-municipal-election-2023>
- Post Independent Coverage can all be found here: <https://www.postindependent.com/election/>



Latino Outreach Highlight:

LATINO ADVOCACY DAYS

The 17th annual Latino Advocacy Day was held on Monday March 20th. On Saturday and Sunday, Latinos from throughout the state met and prepared to speak with legislators. HD57 constituents were the largest group in attendance, at well over 60 individuals, most of whom hailed from Garfield County. Our Garfield County Latino Outreach Director, Trinity Stebleton, was there connecting with those in attendance, as well as legislators. The weekend was filled with energy, and we planted seeds for more great work in our communities in the near future.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



HUMAN-BEAR ENCOUNTERS

What should you do when you encounter a Bear?
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 6pm
New Castle Community Center
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7096588400>
questions: ccarey@newcastlecolorado.org

Living with Bears
New Castle Community Center

Installment 3 of the series:
Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:00 p.m. - Encounters
Learn what to do when you meet a bear!

Email Caitlin Carey ccarey@newcastlecolorado.org with questions.

(An event for our Spanish-speaking community is coming soon!)

[Learn more](#)

[Zoom](#)



GarCo Dems
Spring Party & Fundraiser
Save the date
Sunday, May 21
2:00 - 4:00 pm

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Homestead Bar & Grill
River Valley Ranch, Carbondale

Save the date for the Garfield County Dems Party and Fundraiser to be held again this year. More details and ticket info coming soon!

[Email us](#) to join our event planning team!

PARACHUTE DEMS GET TOGETHER!
June 2023

We're planning a fun "Get to know your like-minded neighbors!" event in Parachute/Battlement Mesa for June.

Please email us if you'd like to join our planning committee: info@garcodems.org

If you'd like to help us plan a similar event in your area, let us know!

Run for Something!

Have you ever thought about running for office? Local offices are a great way to get started!

If you're interested in learning more about positions coming up for election, please contact us at info@garcodems.org!



Recent News and Columns

Did you miss any of our recent Op Eds? Check them out by clicking below:

[Why oppose a win-win strategy for creating jobs and workforce-housing?](#) (Post Independent, Mar 16, 2023)

[Drawing inspiration from our nation's heroes during Black History Month](#) (Post Independent, Feb 16, 2023)

[Brand new year, same old ideas; time for term limits](#) (Post Independent, Jan 20, 2023)

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