

Hi everyone,

I want to welcome Jasmin Ramirez as our new 2nd Vice Chair! Jasmin wears many important hats in our community, including Re-1 School Board Member and Vice Chair of the Colorado Young Democrats. We're excited for the ideas and perspectives she'll bring to the leadership of our county party.

Now that spring is finally here (fingers crossed!), we're looking forward to the many opportunities to connect with you all in person. We hope you'll join us in Carbondale's Pride Parade on May 5, our Spring Party/Fundraiser on May 21, the Strawberry Days parade on June 17, and the many other events that we'll keep you posted on this spring and summer.

I hope to see you all soon!

My best, Debbie

UPCOMING EVENTS:



PFLAG Spring Gathering Friday, April 28, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Glenwood Springs Community <u>Art</u> Center

<u>PFLAG</u> - an organization of LGBTQ+ people, parents, families, and allies who work together to create an equitable and inclusive world - is meeting to decorate a banner to use in upcoming pride events in our area, including the Carbondale Pride Parade the following week. Everyone is welcome!

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> PARADE START: 5:30 PM MEET AT 2ND AND MAIN COME DRESSED IN RAINBOW ATTIRE AND BE READY TO JOIN!!

Carbondale Block Party & Pride Parade (May First Friday)

Friday, May 5, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. 4th Street Plaza, Carbondale

Pride Parade at 5:30 p.m. Meet at 2nd and Main

We'd love you to join our contingent in Carbondale's Pride Parade -- and stop by to see us at our table on Main St.!

(For more details, email us: info@garcodems.org.)



Join the GarCo Dems at Carbondale's Dandelion Day!

Dandelion Day

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.

Carbondale



We're seeking volunteers to help greet our neighbors at our table at Dandelion Day. No experience necessary! (We'll pair you with a GarCo Dems veteran.) It's a great way to meet like-minded community members, reconnect with friends, and help spread the word about the Garfield County Democrats. Email us if you're interested: <u>info@garcodems.org</u>



Sunday, May 21 2:00 - 4:00 pm The Homestead Carbondale



Buy Tickets

Garfield County Dems Party & Fundraiser

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Homestead Bar & Grill River Valley Ranch, Carbondale

Enjoy an afternoon of live music, dancing, delicious tacos, a silent auction, gorgeous views, and great company.

Special guest speaker: Representative Elizabeth Velasco

Support your local county Democratic party as we work to build community and inspire political engagement all year long. This event will be primarily outside on the covered patio, weather permitting.

Buy your tickets soon - our 2023 event sold out!



Glenwood Springs Pride Festival

Saturday, June 10

Glenwood Springs

Save the date! More info coming soon.



Strawberry Days Parade

Saturday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.

Glenwood Springs

The Strawberry Days Parade is a great opportunity to share our positive vision and energy with our community! We'll have a newly designed float based on this year's Strawberry Days theme, "Home Sweet Home." As usual, we'll have music, dancing, and lots of fun.

Let us know <u>here</u> if you're interested in joining our crew that will be creating decorations for our float and/or if you'd like to join us in the parade, and we'll be sure to keep you updated with more details.

PARACHUTE/BATTLEMENT MESA DEMS GET TOGETHER Saturday, June 17, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Please email us for more info or if you'd like to join our planning committee: <u>info@garcodems.org</u> If you'd like to help us plan a similar event in your area, let us know!



Emerge Training

Hybrid online/in-person program Four weekends in Summer 2023 (June-Sept.) (July 14-16 in Glenwood Springs)

The Emerge Colorado training program is a unique opportunity for Democratic women who want to run for public office. It is an in-depth training program that gives women the tools to run and win. As an Emerge Alum, you become a part of a supportive network that includes a national network of Emerge alumnae, Emerge board, and advisory council members.

The signature class is 4 weekends over 4 months. Training includes campaign nuts and bolts, endorsements, media management, and more.

Applications are due May 19.

Find out more & APPLY

GarCo Dems Annual Summer Picnic August 2023

Our Summer Picnic will be held in late August! Stay tuned for more info.

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

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:

<u>Oil and water don't mix; let's protect the Colorado River</u> (Post Independent, April 21, 2023) <u>Why oppose a win-win strategy for creating jobs and workforce-housing?</u> (Post Independent, Mar 16, 2023) <u>Drawing inspiration from our nation's heroes during Black History Month</u> (Post Independent, Feb 16, 2023) <u>Brand new year, same old ideas; time for term limits</u> (Post Independent, Jan 20, 2023)



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