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This Week's Bold Boulder

Community Engagements

Feb 5-11, 2024

05 NAACP BOULDER COUNTY MTG
Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Virtual; Member Meeting

07 WINTER BIKING CLINIC
Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Community Cycles; Free Registration

08 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday 6:00 pm. Virtual
Topics: Update on Homelessness Strategies

09 WINTER BIKE TO WORK DAY
BREAKFAST
Friday 7:00 - 8:00 am
Mo's Broadway Bagel in South Boulder

10 CLIMATE JUSTICE KIKI BALL
Saturday 7:00 pm - 12:00 am
History Colorado. Advance Ticket Required



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Community Engagements

Feb 12-18, 2024

12 STANDING AGAINST HATE
Monday | 7-9 pm
Jewish Community Center

15 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 6:00 pm. Virtual
Topics: Xcel Energy Update; State Policy;
Council/Community Engagement

17 JOVITA'S BIRTHDAY KARAOKE PARTY
Saturday 7:00 pm
Outback Saloon Boulder

18 NAACP FREEDOM FUND CELEBRATION
Sunday 3-5 pm
Macky Auditorium ; Free Registration Required



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Community Engagements

February 19 - 25, 2024

20 ROLLER SKATING WITH SK8DB
Tuesday | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Avalon Ballroom

21 HOST 'PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY
PRIORITIES' ENGAGEMENT SESSION
Wednesday | 5:30 - 7:30 pm
City of Boulder Open Space Office

21 TOWARDS INTERRACIAL &
INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY IN BOULDER
Wednesday | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Fraisier Meadows

22 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Virtual | Topics: South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation



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Community Engagements

Feb 26 - Mar 3, 2024

29 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION **CANCELLED**

01 BOULDER INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST:
OPENING NIGHT FEATURE - EZRA
Friday | 7:30 pm | Boulder Theater

02 BOULDER INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST:
IBELIN
Saturday | 7:30 pm | Century Boulder

03 BIFF FILM FESTIVAL - WADE IN THE
WATER: JOURNEY INTO BLACK SURFING
Sunday | 6:00 pm | Grace Commons Church



Join me on @adamsforboulder on Instagram for my daily and weekly posts from our city.

Boulder Council Assigned Appointments Updates

As a council member, we are also appointed to boards, commissions, and councils locally and regionally that intersect with our work. My assignments are the Resource Conservation Advisory Board (RCAB), the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, the internal city audit committee, and the Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.



Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau Board

Visit Boulder's Board of Directors represents Boulder businesses and stakeholders from the hospitality and restaurant sector, the arts and cultural community, attractions and experiences, University of Colorado Boulder, Downtown Boulder Partnership, Boulder City Council, City of Boulder Community Vitality and a local resident of Boulder who is not a member of the hospitality industry. Be sure to check out the 2023 Annual report for more details - <https://www.bouldercoloradousa.com/>.



Resource Conservation Advisory Board (RCAB) Spotlight (meets monthly)

The Resource Conservation Advisory Board (RCAB) was formed in 2002 to advise the Boulder County Commissioners on major waste diversion policies and strategies. Our goals is to reduce the amount and toxicity of waste generated in the county; to research, review and recommend changes in policy related to waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting; to provide input on the development and management of facilities and programs; and as a result of these efforts to help Boulder County and its communities and partners to conserve mineral, fossil fuel and forest resources, and to reduce environmental pollution there are three subcommittees: Universal Recycling Ordinance, compost infrastructure, and deconstruction. If this is an area of expertise or interest, please email me at adamst@bouldercolorado.gov.

Boulder Council Assigned Appointments Updates (con't)

Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (meets quarterly)

The Rocky Flats Stewardship Council was formed in February 2006 to provide ongoing local government and community engagement of the post-closure management of Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons plant northwest of Denver.

The Stewardship Council's is a federal mandate . In late 2004, the United States Congress, working with the DOE and its predecessor organization, the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments, approved legislation creating a new organization to focus on the post-closure care and management of Rocky Flats. This organization, the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, includes elected officials from ten county and municipal governments neighboring Rocky Flats, three community organizations and an individual serving as a community representative.

In addition to working with DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Council also works with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on issues related to the management of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

This committee is at a crossroads as it determine the next phase of the project. If this is an area of interest or expertise, please email me at adamst@bouldercolorado.gov. For more information about the council, its board of directors, the intergovernmental agreement, and its annual work plan, visit <https://www.rockyflatssc.org/> .



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I believe that every governmental body has an affirmative duty to ensure that it takes the necessary steps to provide [life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness] to all its citizens.”

**PENSFIELD TATE II
FORMER MAYOR
CITY OF BOULDER**



Freedom Fund Celebration

The 2024 Freedom Fund Celebration featured guest, Mr. Anthony Ray Hinton, who was exonerated after 30 years on Alabama's death row. Thanks to the Equal Justice Initiative, led by Attorney Bryan Stevenson, Mr. Hinton was exonerated in 2015. We ended the evening with healing and uplifting music from Danielle Ponder. What an inspiring night of resilience, justice, and music!

NAACP BOULDER COUNTY
SCREENING SERIES OF

TRUE JUSTICE

BYRAN STEVENSON'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

2015 EMILY AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIAL ISSUE DOCUMENTARY. WINNER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MULTICULTURALITY IN COMMUNICATIONS JAMES BEAN AWARD AND A PEABODY AWARD.



"With a neutral justice system that 'treats you better if you're rich and guilty than if you're poor and innocent.' One beautiful story is the documentary is of Anthony Hinton, falsely charged, convicted and sentenced to death. His release earned 20 years on death row until he was freed and reunited with the assistance of EJI."

JOIN US FOR THE FREE SCREENING WITH FACILITATED COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Sun Jan 21st 2PM	Longmont Museum
Sun Jan 28th 2:30PM	First Congregational Church
Sun Feb 11th 2PM	Lafayette Public Library

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take 'but'
for an
answer.

LANGSTON HUGHES
ACTIVIST, POET, AUTHOR





Towards Better Public Meetings & Engagement

Thank you to fellow Councilmembers Benjamin and Winer for co-hosting this meeting on Better Public Meetings and Community Engagement! Thank you to those who came out to discuss and identify ways to move from 'inform' to 'collaborate' in the framework.

Standing Against Hate Community Townhall

Thankful to our Boulder DA Michael Dougherty for bringing back these opportunities for our community to come together. To listen and really hear different perspectives, lived experiences, and worldviews. To remember our shared humanity and responsibilities toward each other. Let's continue towards that beloved community.



Thank you to the panelists many of whom were meeting for the first time. Community requires meaningful communication and connection. Thank you to panelists for sharing their experiences with resilience, hate, and the impact hate has throughout our community.



Standing Against Hate Community Town Hall

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER - LEVIN HALL
6007 OREG AVE. BOULDER, CO 80303

BoulderJCC Boulder County District Attorney Michael Dougherty and the Boulder Jewish Community Center will co-host an important panel discussion on hate speech/crimes, how to respond to it, and the impact of hate speech/crimes on our community. Please submit questions for panelists in advance via email to boulderda@bouldercounty.gov.



MICHAEL DOUGHERTY
District Attorney
20th Judicial District



MARDI MOORE
Executive Director
Owl Boulder County



JONATHAN LEV
Executive Director
Boulder Jewish Community Center - Human Relations Commission



NIKHIL MANKEKAR
Community Leader & Fmr. Chair
Human Relations Commission



MARTA LOACHAMIN
Boulder County Commissioner



REILAND RABAKA
Professor & Director
Center for African and African American Studies



JEREMY SHAVER
Senior Associate Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League



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It's evident that social justice and environmentalism are deeply intertwined and that addressing this interconnection is crucial for attaining justice for both people and planet.

LEAH THOMAS
ACTIVIST, AUTHOR, SCHOLAR



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Towards Interracial & Intergenerational Equity in Boulder



Thank you to Frasier Meadows community and our hosts Pedro and Jim for dreaming up this space to reconnect and heal collectively. The panelists were incredible and provided nourishing reflections and recommendations at the intersection of Blackness and intergenerational connection and healing. Much more intergenerational interracial dialogue and understanding is needed!



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silence
will not
protect
you.

AUDRE LORDE
ACTIVIST, POET, AUTHOR



MUKUYU
COLLECTIVE



Council Discussion on Gaza & Requests for a Ceasefire

I didn't run for office to half step on the issues that we impact and have the power to influence. Thank you to my colleague, Lauren Folkerts, for your unwavering nod in support. Thank you to fellow council members Speer and Schuchard for their willingness to consider council involvement in international affairs in the future.

Thank you to all the constituents and all those who live, work, study, and play here advocating for a ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the right of self-determination. Thank you for using this muscle called democracy to end the death and starvation of Palestinians in Gaza as well as the return of Israeli hostages.

Thank you to KGNU Community Radio for covering this issue and not shying away from the difficult conversation. Take a listen: <https://lnkd.in/eGKB6wJa>

Only together, will we thrive as a city, nation, world!



Boulder City Councilmember Taishya Adams is an example of Black-Palestinian solidarity

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This week in Hemispheres, Myrna Morales explores Black-Palestinian solidarity and situates Boulder City Council within that continuum.



Let's stay Connected!



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Email spearn@bouldercolorado.gov to be added to her listserv.

