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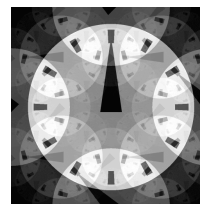
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Springing Ahead

February 26, 2026

MesaCountyDems.orgTo view in browser, [CLICK HERE](#)To read past issues, go to [THIS archive](#).NEW publication schedule - **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month*(Newsletter columns are best viewed on a computer or large-screen format.)*

Clocks will **SPRING FORWARD** on March 8 at 2:00am local time to become "daylight savings time" in the United States, resulting in later sunsets and longer evenings.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Newsletter Team is in the process of cleaning up its email database list. By late spring, we will be "archiving" those email addresses that show low-to-zero activity (openings) for the past several months or more. . . as well as those without a contact name.



If you would like to update your email and other contact details to stay on the list (or wish to check what information we have on record), please reach out via email to Carla R. at

MesaCoDems@gmail.com

with your current details (email, name, etc.). She will compare your data to our MailChimp list for accuracy, and/or contact you in return if there are any questions.

The countdown begins on March 15. We hope to have this task completed by June 1.

Thank you for your assistance.

Update from MCD Leaders

County Commissioner Candidate Wanted

We need a candidate for County Commissioner! If you're fed up with abandoning the OM pool (Orchard Mesa), unqualified library appointments, the Health Department merry-go-round, or simply want to make Mesa County work better, now is the time to get involved!

It's long overdue for the County to help lower the cost of housing, support small businesses that are already here in the Grand Valley, speak out to protect our public lands, and help connect our bike and pedestrian pathways.

Local Democrats can provide some fundraising and campaign support, and will help you connect with citizens and get out the vote.

To qualify, you must have been a registered Democrat by February 5, 2026 (at least 30 days before the county assembly) and reside in District 2, which is primarily in the City of Grand Junction.

To get nominated, simply contact us to express your intention (call or stop by the Mesa County Dems office or email info@mesacountydems.org), then go to the assembly on March 7 (from 2-4pm at the Clifton Community Center) and we can nominate you from the floor. Be a part of this year's Blue Wave!

provided by
John Traylor
Candidates and Issues Team

Local Meetings & Elections

Mesa Dems, GJ City Council, Candidate Forums & Websites

Mesa County Democratic Party (MCDP)
Executive / Central Committee and Team leaders
meets monthly
second Monday of the month
5:30pm at the Mesa Dems office

However . . . due to the weekend Caucus, the next E/CC meeting scheduled for **March 9, 2026 has been CANCELED**.
That means the next meeting will be on **April 13**.

All Precinct Organizers are encouraged to attend either in person or via Zoom. Contact the MCD office and leave word for Jamie Porta if you wish to register/attend via Zoom. Your participation is key to motions being passed and the organization's ability to move forward.



City/Town meetings around the Grand Valley

- For the Grand Junction City Council meeting schedule and agenda, visit: <https://www.gjcity.org/129/Agendas-Minutes>
 - For the City of Fruita Council meetings, details can be seen at: <https://www.fruita.org/466/City-Council>
 - For the Town of Palisade meetings, go to: <https://palisade.colorado.gov/events>
 - For the Mesa County Library Board of Trustees & Reports: <https://mesacountylibraries.org/aboutus/board/>
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State Legislation: News and Updates

Caucus 2026

Please note the following Caucus schedule information as presented on the Colorado State Dems [website](#).

Caucus and Assembly March 7 - for Mesa County

Caucus locations (by precinct)

Precincts 1-10, 55-64

Meadowlark Gardens, 2259 Broadway, Grand Jct, 81507

Precincts 65-70, 74-75, 80-81

First Congregational United Church of Christ,
1425 N 5th St, Grand Jct 81501

Precincts 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 27

Old Palisade Gym, 711 Iowa St, Palisade, 81526

Precincts 16,18

Mesa Community Center, 48973 KE Rd, Mesa,
81643

Assembly - Clifton Community Center, 3270 D ½
Rd, Clifton, 81520

NOTE:

MESA COUNTY caucus is on MARCH 7.

Precincts 13, 21-26, 28-31, 71-73, 76-79, 82-90

Clifton Community Center, 3270 D ½ Rd, Clifton,
81520

**PLEASE REVIEW [THIS DOCUMENT](#)
BEFORE CAUCUS. It outlines
the "operating rules" adopted by the
District Assembly.**

"County caucuses take place between **March 3**
and March 7, while county assemblies take
place between **March 3 and March 14**. These
dates vary by county, and some will be held on
zoom while some will be held in-person."

The 2026 Political Primary Calendar

The 2026 elections -- set to be among of the most consequential midterm cycles in modern history -- are upon us, with legislative, congressional, gubernatorial and statewide offices on the ballot nationwide.

Those include elections for United States House (435, DC and four territories), US Senate (33 of 100), 36 of 50 state governorships, and thousands more at the state and local level.



The calendar kicks off this month with two of 2026's four congressional special elections -- in Texas and New Jersey -- and wraps up in mid-September with the Delaware primary. With 17 elections, June is the busiest month for state primaries.

[The 2026 Political Primary Calendar from the DemDaily website (DemList.com January 12, 2026) can be viewed [HERE](#).]

Contact Colorado's Elected Officials

When you visit the Colorado Democrat's website for ongoing information about activities within the Party, you might also find [THIS PAGE](#) of particular interest if you ever need to contact an elected official representing Colorado at most levels of our political system. All the information at a touch of a button.

Colorado statehood day is August 1, 1876. In 2026 we are celebrating 150 years as a U.S. state.



It's best to call members who represent you. Please be kind to the staff.

- A note: Colorado Democrats in the House voted against the DHS funding bill, and our two US Senators have pledged to vote no. Call and thank them!
 - Bennet: 202-224-5852
 - Hickenlooper: 202-224-5941
 - DeGette: 202-225-5657
 - Crow: 202-225-7882
 - Neguse: 202-225-2161
 - Pettersen: 202-225-2645
- Put pressure on Boebert, Crank, Evans, and Hurd to change their votes and follow suit should the opportunity arise, and express disappointment with their votes:

- Boebert: 202-225-4761
- Crank: 202-225-4422
- Evans: 202-225-5625
- Hurd: 202-225-4676

2026 Election Updates

Democratic Colorado Candidates

The following candidates have announced for the November 3, 2026 ballot.
(updated February 26, 2026)

Governor:

- [Phil Weiser](#)
- [William Moses](#)
- Senator [Michael Bennet](#)

Lt. Governor:

- *chosen by Governor; run as one ticket*

Attorney General:

- [Michael Dougherty](#)
- [Jena Griswold](#)
- [David Seligman](#)

State House District 54

- [Mallory Martin](#)

State House District 55

- [Brittni Packard](#)

More candidate information can be found here:
https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_elections,_2026

Secretary of State:

- [Amanda Gonzalez](#)
- [Jessie Danielson](#)

Treasurer:

- [Gerald Ditullio](#)
- [John Mikos](#)
- [Brianna Titone](#)
- [Jeff Bridges](#)

State Board of Regents (3 seats)

- No announcement yet

CD 3:

- [Alex Kelloff](#) ("Q&A with Alex Kelloff, the Dem candidate running to unseat CD03 Rep. Jeff Hurd" by Anne Landman (blog link [HERE](#).)

U.S. Senate:

- [Karen Breslin](#)
- [Julie Gonzales](#)
- Senator [John Hickenlooper](#)

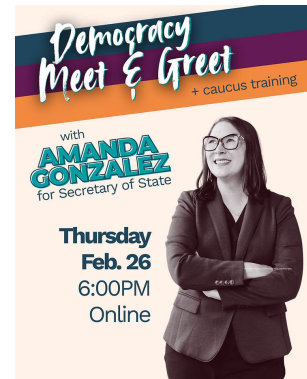
Virtual Meet-and-Greet **Amanda Gonzalez**

Candidate for Secretary of State

THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 2026 at 6:00pm (online)

Information and registration details can be found

on the MCD website [HERE](#).



Meet Karen Breslin

Candidate for U.S. Senate (Colorado)

Karen will hold a "meet and greet" via Zoom on **March 1, 2026 at 12:00pm** (MT). [HERE](#) is the link to register for this online meeting. You can also learn more about Karen and her campaign by visiting: breslinforcolorado.com



Events & Activities

THIS is what Democracy looks like!

**Time to get active.
Volunteer. Attend. Donate.**

To view the CALENDAR at any time,
visit the [Home](#) or [Events](#) pages of the MesaCountyDems.org website

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR THE
2026 CAUCUS!**

March 7, 2026 10:00 a.m. – noon
(Registration 9:30 – 10:00)

(County assembly will be held that afternoon in Clifton,
for those wishing to participate as county delegates.)



(970) 341-9975

WHAT IS CAUCUS? AND WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Caucus emphasizes grassroots engagement and political involvement at the most local level.
Help shape the party's platform!
Get involved and have your voice heard!

Meet other Democrats in your neighborhood to discuss candidates, and elect precinct
organizers and delegates for county assembly.

Help determine who will be on the Colorado Primary ballot!

Caucus Locations:

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Precincts 11 (Gateway) - TBD
16 (Mesa) & 18 (Colbran) – Mesa Community Center

Not sure what your precinct is?
Go to www.sovotescolorado.com,
and select "Find My Registration"

**What offices are on the
2026 Primary ballot?**

US Senate
District 3 US Representative
Governor
Secretary of State
State Treasurer
Attorney General
State Board of Education
State Senate (District 7)
State House (Districts 54 & 55)

**This is a public event, but only
registered Democrats can
participate in caucus.
The deadline for changing party
affiliation is Friday, February 13.**

Per state law, attendees may request a virtual option to attend either event.
We require 30 days notice to accommodate virtual attendance.
Contact 970-341-9975 to request access.

(click on image for full-size viewing)

More info in [THIS PDF](#) (view or download/print)

Caucus Is Coming!!

March 7, 2026

Registration: 9:30a - 10:00a

Caucus work: 10:00a - Noon

Assembly will be held the afternoon of **March 7 at the Clifton Community Center from 2:00-4:00p.**

All Mesa County delegates (selected from the morning Caucus) are asked to be in attendance. Candidates will be chosen for all Mesa County open seats and HD 55.

For more information about what Precinct Organizers do, visit [THIS PAGE](#) on the Mesa County Dems website.

VOLUNTEER FOR CAUCUS

Caucus first, then Election Workers

If you are thinking about being more involved in the coming election on a local basis, visit the Mesa County Elections Office website page for more information. Click their link below:

<https://www.mesacounty.us/departments-and-services/clerk-and-recorder/elections/have-you-always-wanted-be-involved-election>

You may find [this booklet](#) (11-page PDF) helpful in guiding you through the election support process. "The Party Book" was created by the Mesa County Elections Office and is filled with FAQ's to assist interested volunteers in finding their way through terminology and descriptions of various election positions.

In addition to volunteer roles, there are also several positions offered as temporary, paid workers (around election weeks), usually as Election Judges or Poll Workers. Training is provided by the Mesa County Elections Office. Check out the website, photos, and consider learning the in-depth work involved with the election process.



Fundraising Team

The recent State of the Union Address makes it clear that Trump intends to continue his policies of outrage – masked ICE agents terrorizing our communities, punitive tariffs, impending war in Iraq – while barreling ahead with his own agenda of lining his and his friends' pockets with billions of dollars.

The Trump regime creates pseudo-crises to deflect from real issues affecting most Americans, like rising grocery costs, healthcare costs, home costs and jobless rates. And we care about larger moral and ethical issues like seeking justice for the "Epstein Class" victims, the rule of law, our rights to free speech and a free press, reproductive freedom, as well as our rights to peacefully assemble and bear arms.

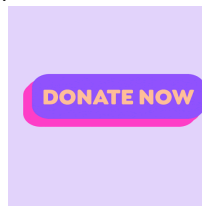
Did you know that grassroots donors like you, those contributing \$200 or less, are emerging as a formidable force in American politics? Donations at national and state levels do not trickle down to your Mesa County Democratic Party.

Election results have recently been decided by small margins (think Frisch v. Boebert). Every dollar counts when elections are that close.

Our top priority this year is to unseat Republicans and take back our Democratic seats in November. To that end, we are pledging to help candidates **Mallory Martin** (running for House District 54), **Brittini Packard** (running for House District 55) and **Alex Kelloff** (running for the U.S. House seat in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District currently held by Jeff Hurd).

The best tool we have to reach our goals is ActBlue, a nonprofit online fundraising platform founded in 2004. Donors have the option of making one-time or recurring contributions. Recurring contributions allow Mesa County Democrats to raise more money and budget more effectively. It's that simple.

Recurring contributions, whether \$5 monthly or \$50, allow us to spend less time finding one-time donors so we can do the work of getting our candidates elected (sponsoring in-person campaign events, signs, mailings, literature, canvassing, etc.). We also have goals of increasing voter registration, helping organize and attend rallies, staging our annual gala fundraiser (June 13), and directing the growing number of volunteers, who do an array of tasks such as addressing envelopes and manning phone banks to precinct organizing and helping at the election sites at the June 30 primaries to the midterms in November.



To contribute locally please click on the orange button at the top of the [Mesa Dems website](#), or visit [ActBlue page](#).

We cannot take our Democracy for granted. We have to fight for it every day.

From Your MCD Fundraising Team

Volunteer Opportunities

Call for Event Volunteers

Plan Ahead. Sign Up!

Cesar Chavez Day at Las Colonias

NO KINGS event (sponsored by Indivisible)

You can sign up [HERE](#) for event updates.

OR. . . visit the [AnneLandmanBlog](#) for more details.



Arbor Day in Lincoln Park

Cinco de Mayo on Main Street (GJ)

Juneteenth in Lincoln Park (to be confirmed)

July 4 Parade in GJ

Market on Main Street (two dates to be confirmed)

PrideFest (awaiting dates)

Veterans' Day Parade



Mark the Dates.

March 28 - Saturday

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April 25 - Saturday

May 2 - Saturday

June 20 - Saturday

July 4 - Saturday

Summer dates coming

Usually in September

November 11

Save the date for the Colorado Democratic party's annual Obama Gala and **DemFest** on June 6, 2026 at the Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Performing Arts Center.

DemFest is a day-long FREE event of forums and panels with candidates and elected officials, trainings and presentations, networking events, and volunteer actions. **DemFest** promises to be a high-profile and important landmark event for Colorado Democrats before the June primary. Thousands of people have attended **DemFest** in years past, and this year's event promises to be the BIGGEST one yet.

The Obama Gala is in the evening. As you know, this is our premiere fundraising event of the year and a special opportunity for us to convene, unify, and hear from VIPs about the direction of our state and country. If you've been to this event in the past couple of years, you know it's a fun and energetic celebration of our Party with some of the best food and service around!

SAVE THE DATE:
June 6, 2026

DemFest

from Shad Murib, Chair
Colorado Democratic Party

We will advertise opportunities and prices to purchase tables, sponsor the event, speaker, and VIP opportunities in the coming weeks. This event sold out in 24 hours last year - tickets go fast.

The annual MCD **Spring Fling** is scheduled for June 13, 2026 and plans continue to evolve. Here's what we have so far.

- June 13, 2026 (Saturday)
- Social hour from 5:00-6:00p
- Evening program from 6:00-8:00p
- Held at CMU Ballroom in Grand Junction
- Candidates attending
- Silent auction
- Ticket info and other details will be announced as confirmed



SAVE THE DATE: June 13, 2026 **Spring Fling**

from Maria Keenan
Mesa County Democrats

Other Resources



FEB. 21, 2026 - Join Robert Reich and guests as they discuss the recent Supreme Court decision on tariffs (47:53)

Here's the URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XOGbf6j-Rw>

DemDaily: The House Retirement Roll Out (FEB. 13, 2026)

Learn which House Representatives or Senators are planning to end their terms voluntarily before the mid-terms. The exodus has begun. See who is leaving [HERE](#).

The New York Times: Trump Pulls Support From House Republican Who Opposed Tariffs [Jeff Hurd]

"The president yanked his endorsement of Representative Jeff Hurd of Colorado, imperiling Republicans' chances of holding onto his seat as they brace for midterm losses." ([LINK](#) to article)

INDEX to INDEPENDENT NEWS RESOURCES

Subscriptions for FREE political newsletters and websites, independent and legacy (some offer options to upgrade to a paid account or membership)

[CLICK HERE](#) for a PDF (view/print) with links and schedules to national perspectives, updates, and independent news sources and political organizations. This RESOURCE LIST continues to expand. Send us your suggestions as well. (List updated 1/22/26)



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