

First Quarter 2024 (January-March, 2024)

Wednesday, January 3rd, 8:10-8:20 AM Topic: Environment
“Electric School Buses in The Boulder Valley” Andrew Thompson, Fleet Mgr for the Boulder Valley School District talks about the district’s challenges with introducing electric school buses and the planned expansion of EV bus use.

Monday, January 8th, 8:35-9:00 AM Topic: Media
“African-American Journalists Work Towards Greater Visibility” Journalist and organizer Diamond Hardiman discusses the challenges faced by African-American journalists to be visible and respond to current events. Hardiman is a Reparative Journalism specialist with the nonprofit Free Press.

Tuesday, January 9th, 8:10-8:20 AM Topic: Environment
“Cemex Air Quality Violations” A report on the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission hearing into air quality violations at Cemex, a large cement production facility in Boulder County.

Wednesday, January 10th, 8:35-9:30 AM Topic: Environment
“Solutions to the Global Water Crisis” Conversation and listener call-in with David Sedlak, civil engineering professor and author fo the new book “Water For All: Global Solutions for A Changing Climate”

Monday, January 15th, 8:10-8:20 AM Topic: Civil Rights
“Dr. King’s Legacy in Boulder County” Representatives from the Boulder chapter of the NAACP discuss the state of civil rights in Boulder County and the US sixty years after Dr. King’s historic work. They also promote local events for MLK Day 2024.

Friday, January 19th, 8:10-8:20 AM Topic: Education
“African American Students at CU: We’re Not All Athletes” KGNU intern and University of Colorado-Boulder student Kennedy Pickering and her roommate share their experiences as Black undergraduates at CU.

Monday, January 22nd, 8:35-9:00 AM **Topic: Disaster Recovery**
“Marshall Fire Recovery Process” Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of Community Foundation Boulder County, Jennifer Gray Thompson, CEO of After the Fire and Jenn Kaaoush, Town Board Trustee - Town of Superior, discuss the current state of recovery and assistance for victims of the December, 2022, Marshall Fire.

Wednesday, January 24th, 9:00-9:30 AM **Topic: Criminal Justice**
“Basic Inmate Needs Going Unmet in Colorado Prisons” Jason Vitello, Equity and Community Development Manager for the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition discusses the nonprofit’s new report examining understaffing in Colorado prisons and the impact on inmates.

Thursday, February 1st, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Transportation**
“Pedestrian and Cyclist Deaths in Colorado” Colorado Dept. of Transportation Safety Manager Sam Cole discusses the increase in pedestrian and cyclist fatalities in Colorado and the role of distracted driving in these fatalities.

Wednesday, February 7th, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Consumer Rights**
“Failing to Fix and the Right to Repair” Danny Katz, Executive Director of the Colorado Public Interest Research Group. talks about the nonprofit’s work to reduce barriers for consumers and independent repair shops trying to fix electronics, farm machinery and other items.

Thursday, February 8th, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Public Health**
“Sports Betting and Gambling Addiction” Peggy Brown, Director, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, discusses the increase in people seeking support for gambling addiction since the legalization of on-line sports betting in Colorado.

Friday, February 16th, 8:10-8:25 AM **Topic: Housing**
“Accessory Dwelling Units in Colorado” State Representative Judy Amabilie (D-Boulder) discusses HB24-1152, legislation introduced to make it easier for property owners to add Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to their property as a way to create more affordable housing.

Monday, February 19th, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Homelessness**
“New Nonprofit Fills Gap in Services” Longtime Boulder advocate for the unhoused, Jen Livovitch, discusses Streetscape, the nonprofit she founded to assist unhoused people who are struggling with addiction.

Thursday, February 22nd, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Housing**
“Reducing Frivolous Evictions” Rep. Javier Mabrey (D-Denver) discusses HB24-1098, legislation introduced into the current session of the Colorado General Assembly that sets specific criteria for evictions. The bill is intended to reduce the number of frivolous or discriminatory evictions.

Monday, February 26th, 8:10-8:25 AM **Topic: Consumer Rights**
“AG Fights Grocery Merger” Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser explains why he filed a lawsuit to block the proposed merger between supermarket giants Safeway and Kroger.

Thursday, March 7th, 8:10-8:15 AM **Topic: Immigration**
“An Immigrant’s Journey” Gladys, one of approx. 30,000 recent immigrants to Denver from Venezuela, discusses her harrowing journey to the US and her life since arriving in metro Denver.

Wednesday, March 20th, 8:35-9:00 AM **Topic: Public Safety**
“Boulder’s Interim Police Chief Addresses Controversy Over His Appointment” Stephen Redfearn, recently appointed Boulder’s Interim Police Chief, discusses his role in the death of Elijah McClain at the hands of Aurora Police while he was with that department. He also discusses various Boulder Police Dept. initiatives.

Tuesday, March 26th, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Human Rights**
“TRANSformative Stories” Cristian Soldano-Cordova of Boulder-based Motus Theater discusses growing violence against transgender people and the theater groups planned performance at the State Capitol.

Thursday, March 27th, 8:10-8:20 AM **Topic: Immigration**
“Immigrants Clear Encampment Before Sweep” Residents of an encampment next to Elitch Gardens amusement park in downtown Denver packed up their camp in advance of a city sweep. Camp resident Juan Carlos Peotelle and Kesia Lazano of the Migrant Care Coalition offer their perspectives on the situation.

