

*A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution*



*The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution*

*The Voice for Firearm Rights in the Pikes Peak Region*

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## Colorado Springs Election

On April 7, 2009, the voters in Colorado Springs will elect four council members, one from each of the four districts. Council members are responsible for setting policy, approving the budget, enacting laws, and hiring the council appointees: City manager, clerk, attorney, auditor, and CEO of the Colorado Springs Utilities. They can have a large impact on our rights. When the Colorado legislature enacted a law to preempt local gun laws, the city of Denver sued. Colorado Springs was pressured to support Denver, but our council refused and changed our local ordinances to comply with the new state law. When a person abused the right to open carry by bringing a shotgun to city council meetings, our council could have banned all firearms from city hall, but they, like the county, banned open carry but permitted concealed carry.

The PPFC Political Action Committee Steering Committee has endorsed candidates in two of the four races: Darryl Glenn in District 2 and Bernie Herpin in District 4. Both of these candidates have proven records of standing up for our right to keep and bear arms.

**We will hold a candidate forum for the council candidates in Districts 1 and 3 at our February 12 meeting.** After the forum, we will take a non-binding straw vote on endorsements in these two races. This will be the first candidate forum and we expect media coverage; therefore, it is important that we have a great turnout for this meeting.

### PPFC Member Running for City Council

Past PPFC president, and current treasurer, Bernie Herpin is a candidate for the Colorado Springs City Council in the April 7, 2009 election. Bernie was appointed to city council in 2006 to replace a council member who resigned. Bernie has at least two opponents, including a liberal Democrat who was the Obama organizer for the southern portion of Colorado Springs. He will have the organization that was put in place to support Obama and resulted in the election of a Democrat state representative. You can be sure that this candidate will not support our gun rights as Bernie will.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 12, 2009:**  
**PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **February 19, 2009:**  
**PPFC Board Meeting**

#### PPFC Officers

President ..... Dane Nowels  
V President..... Bob Heinrich  
Secretary .....Amy Mullaney  
Treasurer ..... Bernie Herpin  
Membership ....Dan Wandell  
Programs ..... Teri Goodall  
Legislative.....Doug Davis  
Publicity.....Harry Dierks  
Fund Raising.. Dick Gandolf  
Social ..... Pat Smelser  
Chaplain..... Rich Hilton  
Sgt-at-Arms.....Doug Davis  
Gun Shows.....Marc Hament  
PPFC PAC ..... Paul Paradis

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**Next PPFC Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2009**  
**VFW Post 4051**  
**430 E Pikes Peak Ave**  
**Colorado Springs CO**  
**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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We need to support Bernie as much as we can. Our Small Donor Committee has contributed \$1,000 to his campaign and we encourage our members to provide whatever support they can. Contributions can be made either on-line at [www.bernie4council.com](http://www.bernie4council.com) or by mail to:

CTE Bernie Herpin  
PO Box 76521  
Colorado Springs, CO 80970

## **PPFC Elections**

At the January meeting, members elected the following officers who will serve a 2 year term:

Vice President:	Bob Heinrich
Secretary:	Amy Mullaney
Membership:	Dan Wandell
Legislative:	Doug Davis
PAC Chair:	Jeff Crank
PAC At-Large:	Amy Lathen
	John McFarland
	Patrick Carter
	Steve Hasbrouck

## **Colorado Gun Bills**

A good bill that would have prevented a local government from forcing a gun owner to store his firearm in a method that renders it unusable (i.e., unloaded and locked up) has died in committee on party line vote. Another bill that will allow concealed carry permits to be used in lieu of a background check has been introduced and is waiting committee action. If you are not signed up for e-mail alerts from our Legislative Director, Doug Davis, then you need to sign up so you can get timely notice on legislative happenings. Send an e-mail to Doug at: [doug@dougdavisent.com](mailto:doug@dougdavisent.com) asking to be put on his e-mail alert.

**CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FOURM AT FEBRUARY 12th PPFC MEETING**