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# Community Connections

*Newsletter of Connections for Independent Living*

## Fall: New Activities at Connections!

### Meet the Candidates and Don't Forget to Vote!

Come to the Greeley Recreation Center on Tuesday, September 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 to meet your county candidates, ask questions and raise your concerns.

### Gardening Events!

Our garden project has been a great success, with a bountiful harvest and plenty of eager helpers lending a hand. We are always looking for more help on Monday through Friday mornings. Fresh vegetables included! Please call Erin if you're interested.

We have joined a community gardening collaborative sponsored by the North Colorado Health Alliance and the Make Today Count Campaign. We are participating in the **Community Garden Tour Fundraiser** on **September 7**. The

tour includes six garden stops with **garden fresh appetizers** prepared by local chefs and garden members. We need volunteers to help grill and tell people about Connections: Free food included if you lend a hand!

**Consumer Appreciation** day is September 18, 4:00 to 6:00 at Bittersweet Park. Please join us!

### Youth Open House

Welcome all teens, young adults, and respective parents to learn about new programs at Connections on October 1st! Join us at 5:30 pm for pizza, fun, and an intro to our activities and classes. Call Jodie or Rose for more information.



### Important Fall Events

#### Community Garden Tour

Sunday, September 7  
Various Greeley gardens  
3:30 to 6:30 pm

#### Colorado Person-First Festival (formerly Disability Pride Parade)

Saturday, September 13  
Civic Center Park Fort Collins  
10:00 to 2:00  
Rides from Greeley, call 416-2023  
Tickets \$10 or \$20, call us for more info.

#### Consumer Appreciation Picnic

Thursday, September 18  
Bittersweet Park  
4:00 to 6:00 pm

#### Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, September 30  
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Greeley Rec Center

#### Youth Open House

Wednesday, October 1  
Connections Conference Room  
5:30 to 7:30 pm

## YouTube Channels on Disability Provide Helpful Information

Are you familiar with YouTube? Did you know it has some very good channels on living and working with disabilities? You can subscribe online or just pick a video anytime to watch. If you don't have the internet at home, come watch in our computer lab! Headphones (or assistance getting to YouTube) are available if you need them. Here is a sample of six channels on living with a disability:

**DisabilityConfident** features films about the world of disability employment and the good work many businesses are doing in this area. The channel loves to hear viewers' comments and experiences.

**The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD)** is a public health practice and resource center on health promotion for people with disabilities. Its YouTube channel provides disability specific information on

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physical activity, nutrition, and lifestyle weight management.

**The Family Center on Technology and Disability (FCTD)** is a national center funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The FCTD's goal is to help children and youth gain access to appropriate assistive technology that can help them participate fully at home, at school, and in the community. Its YouTube channel features videos portraying children using various technologies.

**Scope** is a UK charity that provides support, information, and advice to people with disabilities and

also raises awareness. Its YouTube channel covers sports, work, and other issues and posts "End the Awkward" awareness raising TV segments.



**PerspectivesOnDisability MOOC** is a YouTube Channel featuring videos from Northern Illinois University (NIU) Per-

spectives on Disability courses. It features lessons as well as short films by students on living with a disability.

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** features videos on conferences as well as many aspects of life for vets living with disabilities. DAV is a veterans' advocacy and assistance group dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

To find many more channels, search online for "YouTube and people with disabilities."

## TECH CLUB FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION OR BLINDNESS



Are you interested in joining a tech club? We will learn to use iPhones and iPads And apps for low vision or blindness.

Lynda also provides private tutoring on iPhone and iPad use. Call her at 352-8682 for more information.



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