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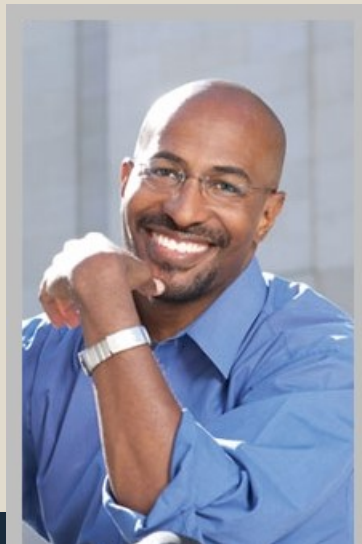
Newsletter

February 2011

Van is Our Man!

The PLAN-Boulder County annual dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at the Hotel Boulderado, and Van Jones will be our featured speaker. He will talk about the prospects for a clean energy future and the green jobs economy.

Mr. Jones is a globally recognized, award-winning pioneer in human rights and the clean energy economy, and is the best-selling author of the definitive book on green jobs, *The Green-Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems*. Although best known for his promotion of green jobs, Mr. Jones, a Yale Law School graduate, has spent nearly two decades as a civil rights activist, community organizer, and lawyer working to improve urban America. He is co-



Upcoming Fora

Friday, February 11, noon to 1:30 p.m. Boulder Creek Room, main Boulder Public Library. *New Developments in the Social and Economic Trends in Boulder County*. Speaker: Morgan Rogers, Executive Director of the Civic Forum.

Monday, February 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Sherpa's Restaurant, 825 Walnut St. *The Boulder Protocols Go to Kyoto*. Mayor Susan Osborne will talk about the Low-Carbon Cities Conference in Kyoto, Japan. First Gentleman Alan Boles may also add his impressions.

Please visit the [PLAN-Boulder County website](#) for updates to the forum schedule.

Join us

PLAN-Boulder County is on the Web at www.planbouldercounty.org. To become a member, please join via our [website](#) or send your check to P.O. Box 4682, Boulder, CO 80306. Our regular dues are \$25 a year, \$35 for a household, \$50 or more sustaining, and \$15 for a student or someone on limited income. Please include your e-mail address and phone number.

founder of three successful, nonprofit corporations: [Color of Change](#), the [Ella Baker Center for Human Rights](#), and [Green for All](#), the national organization working to increase green jobs in disadvantaged communities.



Mr. Jones was the primary advocate for the Green Jobs Act, which President Bush signed into law in 2007. He also served as the green jobs advisor in the Obama White House 2009, and was named by [Time Magazine](#) as one of the 100 most influential people in the world that year.

Currently Mr. Jones is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and a senior policy advisor at Green for All. He holds a joint appointment at Princeton University as a distinguished visiting fellow in both the Center for African American Studies and in the Program in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Check-in for the annual dinner will start at 6:00 p.m., along with a short period for drinking and socializing, and the dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m. This event will occur at the First Floor Conference Center of the Boulderado, 2115 13th Street, Boulder. You may reach the Conference Center from either the Pine Street entrance or the main entrance to the Hotel on 13th Street.

REGISTER

Reservations may be made at the PLAN-Boulder County website, <http://www.planboulder.org/>, or by clicking this "Register" button. The price is \$50.

Reservations will be closed after February 24. If you have questions or need arrangements for a ride, call Ruth Blackmore at 303-494-3009.

The annual dinner is our main fund-raising function of the year. If you cannot attend, we encourage you to make a contribution by sending a check to PLAN-Boulder County, P.O. Box 4682, Boulder, CO 80306.

Annual Dues are Due

2011 annual dues are due! Please don't forget to pay them. We cannot operate without them. Renew or join when you reserve your seat for the Annual Dinner or, if you are not going to attend, simply renew or join through our website at <http://www.planboulder.org/>. You may pay online or send a check. The following membership levels are available:

Sustaining	\$50
Household/family	\$35
Regular/individual	\$25

PLAN-Boulder County Board

Board meetings are open to members and are usually the first Monday of the month. Please call to confirm, 303-473-9979.

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Forum Summaries

Boulder's Legislative Agenda, January 14



The City of Boulder enjoyed substantial success in last year's session of the Colorado General Assembly, Carl Castillo, policy advisor for the city asserted at a PLAN-Boulder County forum on January 14, but this year it will probably concentrate more on "playing defense" to try to block bills that it finds troubling.

Read the entire story at the [Blue Line](#).

B-Cycle Comes to Boulder, January 24

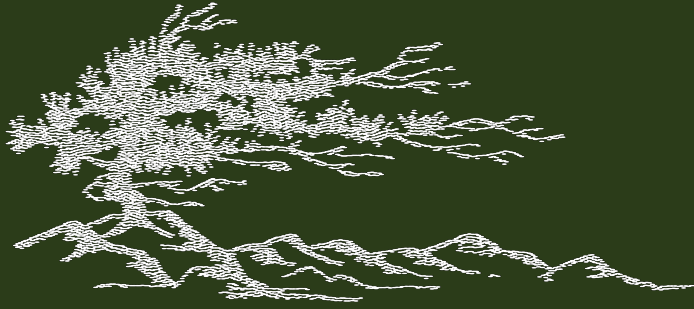


B-Cycle plans to start operating in Boulder on May 20, 2011, but before that happens it needs to raise \$650,000 in capital, Elizabeth Train, one of Boulder B-Cycle's three current staff members, disclosed at a PLAN-Boulder forum on January 24.

Read the entire story on the [Blue Line](#).

Advocacy

At its January 10 meeting the Board decided to send [this letter](#) to the city's Open Space and Mountain Parks Department, opposing the introduction of mountain bikes in the West Trail Studies Area, except for two possible trails (to Walker Ranch and uphill along Chapman Drive) on its margins. Ruth Blackmore delivered a brief statement summarizing PLAN-Boulder's letter at the January 19, 2011 Open Space Board of Trustees meeting.



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