



**NEWSLETTER OF THE
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**
August 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19, Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m.
Columbus Chapter of World Can't Wait Meeting. Northwood-High Building in conference room #100 at 2231 North High Street. Information: <vargo.che@hotmail.com>.

August 21, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Michael Moore's movie "Sicko" with panel discussion of movie and the strengths and weaknesses of the American health care system. Panel: Dr. Alice Faryna on single-payer health care & universal care; Dr. Robert Murden on the reasons for health care costs; Harlow Ballard on health insurance. St. John's Church, UCC, 59 E. Mound St.

August 23, Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Global Warming: "Changing CO2urse." Four-session course on the history and science of global warming; personal values and habits as they relate to climate change; and personal actions to curb the effects of global warming. Books are \$20. 2929 N. High St. 447-0296.

August 26, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Citizens Intent on Reforming Corporate Accountability (CIRCA) Meeting. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 93 Weisheimer. Contact: <mgreenma@columbus.rr.com>. Website: <www.circainfo.org>.

A Clintonville perspective

HOW GOOD IS OUR SAFETY NET?

Monday, August 20, at 7 p.m. at the Whetstone Library, UP presents three experts who will answer this question from the perspective of the non-profit agencies they serve: Judy Braun, Center for Vocational Alternatives; Bill Owens, Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center; and Jan Wallace, Columbus Cancer Clinic. Join us and take part in this discussion of community needs and their effect on Clintonville.

The Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center (CRC) is a settlement house and neighborhood center providing family services, senior services, and out-of-school youth services. The Center for Vocational Alternatives (COVA) provides vocational rehabilitation and work opportunities for people with mental illness and other employment barriers, and the Columbus Cancer Clinic is a United Way agency that provides affordable screening services, home care support, and cancer prevention education to all clients regardless of ability to pay.

PEAK OIL AND GLOBAL WARMING
City Council Asked to Pass Resolution

We are at an energy crossroads: oil and natural gas production have already peaked, worldwide demand is increasing by 1.9% a year, and oil fields are being depleted at a rate of about 5% a year, while new discoveries have lagged behind production since 1980.

Columbus City Council is being asked to pass a resolution calling for a study to see how vulnerable transportation and city services are to potential supply disruption and escalating prices, and to devise a mitigation strategy. The resolution will then be sent to the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Governor, and the Ohio legislature, urging them to prepare for the consequences of declining petroleum production.

The resolution calls for a protocol to reduce oil use, conserve what remains, decrease the likelihood of rapid production decline, and curb market volatility.

Eight Central Ohio organizations have endorsed the proposed resolution, and one of them, Central Ohio

August 28, Tuesday. Take a Stand Rally, in the Statehouse Atrium. Sponsored by Americans Against Escalation in Iraq. The "Take a Stand" rally will ask Congresswoman Pryce to end her support of the Iraq War. Contact: 202-421-0995 or <ohio3@iraqsummer.org>.

August 29, Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., Columbus - Make It Cool! Bicycle Plan. MORPC and city officials describe the plan to make the city more pedestrian and bike friendly. Whetstone Library. Questions: 436-9931 or <lstag@columbus.rr.com>, (Lisa Staggborg).

September 8, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ohio Fair Schools Campaign Meeting, First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street. Information: (740) 592-2866 or <www.ohiofairschools.org>.

September 11, Tuesday. Second Annual Carbon-Neutral Golf Outing benefits the Waste Not Center, providing recycled arts and crafts supplies to teachers and non-profits. Phoenix Golf Course. <nld268@rroho.com> or 278-9445.

LINKS

America Votes
<www.americavotes.org>

Project Vote Smart
<www.vote-smart.org>

Open Secrets <opensecrets.org>

Coalition of Democratic and Progressive Organizations/ Central Ohio
<www.coalitioncentralohio.org>

U. Arlington Progressive Action
<www.uaprogressiveaction.com>

Southwestern Democrats
<www.southwestern Dems.org>

Hilliard Democrats
<www/hilliard-dems.org>

Relocalization Effort, has a website that offers a sample letter urging City Council to pass it: <www.relocalize.net/groups/columbus>. The site also includes a checklist for personal energy consumption, and a copy of the resolution.

CONFERENCE ON ENDING SLAVERY

Modern slavery is a \$32 billion industry that effects millions of people around the world. And it is thriving everywhere, including here. You are invited to learn more about this modern scourge at the Liberation! Conference, Friday, September 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the campus of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The keynote speaker will be David Batstone, author of *Not For Sale*.

Many people believe slavery ended a hundred years ago with the Civil war and the abolition of chattel slavery from Africa, but in fact slavery is thriving today, with an estimated 27 million people held in bondage. Many are held for bonded labor, which ties them to a landowner or factory owner, and forces them to work to pay off a "debt" that grows at obscene interest rates. In the sex trafficking industry, an estimated 2 million children are raped daily by paying customers. The average age for a girl entering into prostitution is 14, and young girls and boys can be purchased for \$800-\$2000 (at the height of the African slave trade, a typical field slave sold for the modern equivalent of \$50,000-\$100,000). These women and children are tricked, coerced, or outright abducted into this growing criminal enterprise. For information email <jscott@mtso.edu> or visit <www.liberationconference.com/site/>.

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