



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**  
October 2007

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 9, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Fall Kickoff Potluck**, Franklin County Democratic Women, at FCDP headquarters, 271 E State St. Information: Pat Powell, 338-8727, or Tasha Allison-Holmes, 846-9556.

**October 10, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** **Fundraiser for John Patrick Carney**. Special guest, **Governor Strickland**. Come to Due Amici, 65 E. Gay St.

**October 13, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** **Ohio Fair Schools Campaign**, First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St. (Campaign office: 94 Columbus Rd., Athens, OH 45701.) For information: (740) 592-2866 or <[www.ohiofairschools.org](http://www.ohiofairschools.org)>.

**October 14 and 28, Sundays, 7:00 p.m.** **Lobbying to End the War on Iraq and Bring the Troops Home Now**. Help put pressure on Ohio congressional representatives as they vote on Iraqi matters. Progress Ohio office, 251 South Third Street, Columbus. For info: <[ohio1@iraqsummer.org](mailto:ohio1@iraqsummer.org)> or <[Hchurchwj@aol.com](mailto:Hchurchwj@aol.com)>.

**October 14, Sunday, 12:45 p.m.**  
**Community Leaders Forum:**

## UP CANDIDATES FORUM IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Who will lead our city in the next few years? Who will deal with the crucial issues facing us? Who will provide us with competent, fair courts?

**Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.** at the Whetstone Library, Uptown Progressives will host a Candidates Forum, featuring candidates for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judge, Mayor, and Columbus City Council. All candidates whose names appear on the ballot have been invited. They will each have time to present brief statements, and then they will have an opportunity to answer questions submitted by the audience.

Invited are mayoral candidates Michael Coleman and Bill Todd; judicial candidates Judge James E. Green, Joy Harris, Joseph L. Mas, Judge Amy Salerno, Judge Patsy A. Thomas, David Tyack, and Judge Scott VanderKarr; and City Council candidates Paul Bingle, Hearcel F. Craig, Andrew J. Ginther, Michael C. Mentel, Heidi M. Samuel, Charleta B. Tavares, Larry W. Thomas and Priscilla R. Tyson. (Not all candidates have indicated that they are able to attend.)

## IS YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION UP TO DATE?

If you haven't updated your voter registration to show a change of address or name, hustle -- you need to file a new card by October 9! Those who don't make it can still cast a provisional ballot at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 E. Broad, beginning Oct. 10 or, on election day, at your new home precinct. Provisional voting at the board of elections is on weekdays from Oct. 10 to Nov. 5, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday Oct. 27 and Saturday Nov. 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon. For information: 462-3100 or <<http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>>.

## FRAMING A "PEOPLE'S AGENDA"

Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, the **2007 Citizens Grassroots Congress** will provide an opportunity for progressive community groups to participate in framing a "People's Agenda" for Central Ohio. Friday night, 7 to 9 p.m. and all day Saturday, the Free Press office, Columbus Institute for

Understanding America's Hidden History (John Judge); Creating A Real Democracy For The 21st Century (The Real Democracy Project). First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, 93 West Weisheimer Road. Info: <[pmjohn5r@gmail.com](mailto:pmjohn5r@gmail.com)>

**October 15, Monday. Dr. Dahlia Wasfi**, an Iraqi-American doctor (<[www.liberatethis.com](http://www.liberatethis.com)>), sponsored by: OSU Forensics Team, ISO, and Campus Antiwar Network. For room and times email <[dave.hughley@yahoo.com](mailto:dave.hughley@yahoo.com)>, or <[iso.columbus@gmail.com](mailto:iso.columbus@gmail.com)>.

**October 18, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. SPAN (Single-Payer Action Network)**, guest speaker: Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Ohio AFL-CIO special assistant for policy and legislation, at Grandview Library. For info on meeting and planned petition drive: <[www.spanohio.org/](http://www.spanohio.org/)>

**October 24, Wednesday, 9:30-3:00 p.m. Voting Rights Forum and Lobby Day**, sponsored by America Votes and others. Election reform experts on what changes should be made to Ohio's electoral system. Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner will describe the work her office has been doing. Lobbying training will be offered. Vern Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., 31st Floor. Parking at Statehouse or City Center. Breakfast and lunch provided. For special needs please contact Shaun at 560-1441 or <[stucker@pfaw.org](mailto:stucker@pfaw.org)> .

## LINK

**FIND YOUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE – YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!**

[www.wqad.com/global/link/asp?L=259460](http://www.wqad.com/global/link/asp?L=259460)> Uses a Minn. Public Radio research tool.

[UptownProgressives.com](http://UptownProgressives.com)  
[UP@UptownProgressives.com](mailto:UP@UptownProgressives.com)

Contemporary Journalism, 1000 E. Main St., will be open for social gathering, and will offer resources to prepare and copy resolutions. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, resolutions will be proposed, discussed, and voted on. The areas of focus will be: Grassroots Democracy (examples: election and campaign finance reform, alternative media/community radio); Sustainability and the Environment (examples: public transportation, recycling); Social and Economic Justice (examples: health care, housing, living wage); and Peace and Non-Violence (example: a "City of Peace" resolution). For information on how to write a resolution, contact: <[rwhilhelm2@msn.com](mailto:rwhilhelm2@msn.com)> .

The 2007 CGC plans to publish a report and present it to the Columbus City Council and all the other groups involved. If there are specific resolutions for Columbus City Council to adopt, such as a "City for Peace" resolution, members of the 2007 CGC will come to a Council meeting to present the request. An outcome hoped for from this meeting is the building of a coalition between community groups as they discuss, plan, and carry out the resolutions passed at the Congress. This event is convened by the Citizens Grassroots Congress, The Central Ohio Green Education Fund and the Columbus Institute for Contemporary Journalism; additional sponsors are welcome. For more information contact Doug Todd at <[Dougsftc@yahoo.com](mailto:Dougsftc@yahoo.com)>

## ECONOMICS WITHOUT VOODOO

"Taking the Voodoo Out of Economics: Mortgages, Zoning, and Taxes; Sustainability and Peak Oil Effects," a free conference, will be held Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Northwood Community Center, 2231 N. High Street, Room 200 (free parking in back). This conference will explain the multiple economic crises our region faces and provide a lively introduction to basic tools you can use to support a more sustainable and equitable economy. Light refreshments will be served. For information contact the steering committee of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Alliance for Democracy at <[ideasinc@ee.net](mailto:ideasinc@ee.net)> or 614-299-4702.

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