



**NEWSLETTER OF THE
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**
November 2007

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Nov. 14, Wednesday. Panel: End the Iraq War by Making Peace with Iran, 7 to 9 p.m., Thurber House, 77 Jefferson Ave. Dick Davis, OSU Professor of Persian Literature; Ida Mirzaie, OSU Senior Lecturer, Economics, Iranian Cultural Association; Afkham Davis, Amnesty International. Inquiries: 252-9255; <walk@igc.org>.

Nov. 16, Friday. Statewide Network Meeting on Human Trafficking. Stecker Auditorium. <http://pcao.org/news/events.cfm>

Nov. 16, Friday, 6 p.m. Governors Celebration Reception, \$150 per person, Arena Pavilion, 200 W. Nationwide Blvd., 7 p.m. RSVP: 360-3757; <www.boxofficetickets.com/tedstrickland>.

Nov. 17, Saturday. Community Market Fundraiser for a new system to improve efficiency in stocking, tracking, and ordering products. Wine tasting, pizza, and music by Jason Zeh and Larry Malotta.

**THE COLUMBUS GREEN TEAM:
LET'S GET IN ON THESE PROGRAMS**

Join us at the Whetstone Library Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (note the early start), when Sustainable Clintonville and Uptown Progressives invite you to learn about the Columbus Green Team: how local residents can keep informed about its progress, and how we can have a say in the plans going forward. Green Team Environmental Steward Susan Ashbrook and Green Team Transportation Chair Sam Spofforth will give an overview of the team's work, provide some updates on progress to date, and answer questions from the audience.

The City's Green team was started in 2005 to promote both green principles in city policy, and programs to address many issues -- clean air, clean water, recycling, green buildings, and alternative fuels. You can find out more at <<http://getgreencolumbus.com/>>.

Chris Gawronski, Chair of the Clintonville Area Commission, will be available for questions and will describe how our local residents can get in on these efforts to promote sustainability. Other community groups, including Sustainable Worthington, Sustainable Westerville and Sustainable Grandview, have been invited to attend.

WINN HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA.

Join us at a holiday party and gift bazaar to benefit the Franklin County Precinct and Block Captain training program! It's Thursday, November 29, at the home of Cynthia Ruccia, 1036 Grandon Ave., Bexley 43209, starting at 5 p.m. Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner is among the sponsors of this party to raise funds for the WINN program. When you shop at the WINN Party, 25% of your purchases will go directly to the WINN Program. Lots of gift ideas for everyone on your list -- bring friends, neighbors, family members!

Nov. 18, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. CIRCA (Citizens Intent on Reforming Corporate Accountability) Meeting. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 93 W. Weisheimer Rd. Inquiries: <mgreenma@columbus.rr.com>; <www.circainfo.org>.

Nov. 18, Sunday. Columbus Women's Chorus Auction, 3 p.m.; Fall Concert (4 p.m.), Summit United Methodist Church. With Kendra Ward (hammer dulcimer) and Bob Bence (guitar). Songs on peace themes, lullabies, gospel, folk songs. Wheelchair accessible; sign language provided. 82 E. 16th Ave, Columbus. \$10 (\$5 for seniors, students; under 12 free), at <www.cwchorus.org> or at the door. Inquiries: Sheena Phillips, 268-6295.

Nov. 19 Monday. Forum on Sikh Faith and Community Challenges. 4:30-6:30 p.m., 33 W. 11th Ave. Building. Dr. Tarunjit Butalia and Ekroop Sing of OSU and community members Sukhdeep Cheema and Ravinder Taneja. Hors d' oeuvres will be served. Inquiries: <lane.237@osu.edu>; <www.mcc.osu.edu>.

Nov. 23, Friday. Buy Nothing Day. Eschew consumerism on the busiest shopping day. Organized by The Media Foundation, <www.adbusters.org>.

Dec. 4, Tuesday. Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio. Former City Council President and Judge Cindy Lazarus is the featured speaker at 6:30 p.m. Ohio Democratic Party Headquarters, 271 E. State Street.

Dec. 7, Friday. National Presidential Caucus, now organizing: <http://www.nationalcaucus.com>

ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS SOLUTIONS

To read about eleven solutions already being put into practice by innovative communities around the world, visit alternet.org:

<<http://www.alternet.org/environment/66451>>

HOW MANY BUSH ADMINISTRATION

... members does it take to change a light bulb? A lot! - One to deny that a light bulb needs to be changed; one to attack the patriotism of anyone who says the light bulb needs to be changed; one to blame Clinton for burning out the light bulb; one to arrange the invasion of a country rumored to have a secret stockpile of light bulbs; one to give a billion dollar no-bid contract to Halliburton for the new light bulb; one to arrange a photograph of Bush, dressed as a janitor, standing on a step ladder under the banner, "Light Bulb Change Accomplished;" one administration insider to resign and write a book documenting in detail how Bush was literally in the dark; one to viciously smear that one; one surrogate to campaign on TV and at rallies on how George Bush has had a strong light-bulb-changing policy all along; and finally, one to confuse Americans about the difference between screwing a light bulb and screwing the country!

WHEN YOU SEND HOLIDAY CARDS THIS YEAR, WHY NOT INCLUDE:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

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