



NEWSLETTER OF THE  
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES  
August-September 2008

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 6, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemora-  
tion. From Hiroshima/Nagasaki to  
Tehran. Battelle Memorial Riverfront  
Park. For information call 252-9522.

August 6, Wednesday, 5:00-7:00  
p.m. How to Stop Sprawl, Preserve  
Farmland and Revitalize Towns,  
through "Transfer of Development  
Rights." Mid-Ohio Regional Planning  
Commission, 111 Liberty St. Food,  
drinks provided. Before Aug. 4, \$15 for  
members, \$25 for non-members; on-site  
registration, add \$10. Free parking in  
MORPC lot on west side of building.  
Post-event mixer at the Columbus  
Brewing Company. Information and  
registration, call 1-800-321-5011.

August 7, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.  
Faith, Labor, Peace Coalition  
Meeting, on petitioning and strategy to  
promote Columbus City Council and  
Franklin County Commissioners'  
resolutions to end the war on Iraq,  
Progress Ohio Office, 251 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Information: <[dougsftc@yahoo.com](mailto:dougsftc@yahoo.com)>

August 10, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to  
4:00 p.m. Community Drum Circle.  
Come all hand drummers to the pavilion  
in the park at the foot of W. Pacemont  
Rd. Bring your own drum. Parking on  
street. Nick, <[nigore@hotmail.com](mailto:nigore@hotmail.com)> .

August 11, Monday, 7:00 to 9:00  
p.m. Central Ohio Green Party  
Meeting, Northside Branch Library, 1423

## WHAT'S A PROGRESSIVE PICNIC?

Sunday, August 3, UP will hold a picnic that will stand out from the rest – not just fun for children and adults, a chance to meet neighbors and progressive candidates and officeholders, and great food - but a chance to put our progressive values about the environment into action.

Participants are asked to bring recyclable or reusable table service items and a side dish to share. Uptown Progressives will provide a great vegetarian main dish -- and we're betting you'll come back for more!

The party will be at Whetstone Park of Roses Shelter House, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information send an email, or visit our website (see addresses below).

## IT'S ALL ABOUT JUSTICE, AUGUST 27

Get an expert's view on why the judgeship races are so important – and take a virtual tour of the planned new Franklin County Courthouse! It's all at our August UP meeting, Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Design Group, 515 E. Main Street.

We'll take a look at why it's so important for voters to vote the whole ballot, including judges, and the importance of proper judicial processes for environmental law, domestic law, and the conduct of prosecutions and legal defense.

Design Group will allow participants to preview plans for the new \$105 million Franklin County Courthouse, a project designed for sustainability, reduced energy consumption, and other environmentally responsible building strategies. See how building orientation, daylighting, rain garden, sun screening, green roof and other design elements affect this large scale, high performance project, and help it win LEED certification. Sam Rosenthal of the Design Group will describe the project for UP members.

## HELP MAKE OUR STATE SWEATFREE

Did you know that our state purchases items such as state police uniforms from sweatshop-run companies?

North High Street, one block north of King and High. <[dgibson6@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dgibson6@columbus.rr.com)> or <[www.myspace.com/centralohiogreenparty](http://www.myspace.com/centralohiogreenparty)>.

August 12, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Free movie: The Devil Came on Horseback, 4th Street Pavilion, 1934 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Documentary with photographic evidence of the genocide in Darfur, explaining the politics and motivation for violence. Question and answer session with a Sudanese refugee follows. For info call Christi, 447-0378 or 332-9636.

August 13, Wednesday, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Congressional Candidates Forum, sponsored by The Coalition of Democratic and Progressive Organizations of Central Ohio, Ohio Democratic Party Headquarters. Hear the four local candidates (Kilroy, Neuhardt, Robinson, and Space) talk about concerns they will address when elected, how they will work together to bring real change to central Ohioans, and which issues will have the highest priority when they arrive in Washington in January 2009! A Q and A session follows. Have a look at the Coalition's new website: <<http://coalitiondemscentralohio.org>>.

August 19 and Sept. 16, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. Jobs with Justice Meetings, 27 Euclid Ave. off N. High Street (in Short North near Kroger), Old Firehouse #7.

August 21, Thursday. Columbus Chapter of Green Drinks International, Arena Grand Theater, 175 W. Nationwide Blvd. Social at 6 p.m., movie at 7: "Air—The Search for One Clean Breath." A monthly informal drinks and social gathering for people who are interested in keeping our planet "green".

September 11-13, Thursday – Saturday. Summit on Sustainability and the Environment, Greater Columbus Convention Center. Exhibits, speakers, professionally facilitated sessions, evening reception, field trips. Agenda: <[www.greenregion.org](http://www.greenregion.org)>. Non-profit organizations are welcome to present a Poster Session and/or informal Table Topics presentation. To register contact Leslie, <[lstrader@morpc.org](mailto:lstrader@morpc.org)>, or (614) 233-4124.

Many companies with known sweatshop violations in their supply chains have contracts with Ohio. This month the Sweatfree Ohio campaign is being launched, urging Governor Strickland to make Ohio part of the State and Local Government Sweatfree Consortium (SLGSC).

In 2006, 300 workers, mostly teenage girls, died in a fire at KTS Textile Factory in Bangladesh, which produces clothing for BobBarker/Keslee Scott, a company that provides undergarments for Ohio's prisons. The exits had been illegally locked by factory guards to protect against theft. Many other companies cut corners dangerously in a global race for cheaper production. Acids, solvents, and heavy metals used in producing electronics threaten the workers who use them and the areas where waste is dumped.

Eleven cities and counties in Ohio now have anti-sweatshop purchasing policies. As soon as enough such entities sign on, the SLGSC will pool their resources to investigate labor rights abuses in their supply chains. Ask the Governor to join the Sweatfree Consortium – call (614) 466-3555 or visit <[www.governor.ohio.gov](http://www.governor.ohio.gov)>. To find out which companies support workers and the environment visit <[www.sweatfree.org/shopping](http://www.sweatfree.org/shopping)>. For upcoming events in Ohio contact <[midwest@sweatfree.org](mailto:midwest@sweatfree.org)>.

## DID KARL ROVE SAY THIS?

"Naturally the common people don't want war; neither in Russia, nor in England, nor in America, nor in Germany. That is understood. But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to do the bidding of the leaders. That's easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country." No, not Rove -- Herman Goering, Adolf Hitler's deputy.

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