



## NEWSLETTER OF THE UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES

February 2008

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### EVENTS

February - March. Central Ohio Peace Network, films on the Iraq War at the Northwood Building, 2231 North High St., Room 100, parking behind building). Free; all on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.: February 29: Uncovered, The War on Iraq; March 7: Iraq's Missing Billions; March 14: Iraqi Women Speak Out. <chammon@columbus.rr.com>

Feb. 26, Tuesday, 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (after the UP meeting!) Democratic Presidential Debate at Cleveland State University; on NBC.

Feb. 27, Wednesday. Precinct Captain and Neighbor Leader Program. In the OAPSE Room at Ohio Democratic Party headquarters. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dillard at 221-6563 ext.150 or <[Jennifer@ohiodems.org](mailto:Jennifer@ohiodems.org)>.

Feb. 27, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Lecture by Ray Suarez, host, NPR's Talk of the Nation. Ohio Dominican University, Matesich Theatre. Free; tickets required. Information, reservations: [Office of the President](#), 251-4561.

Feb. 27, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mercy for Animals. Free vegetarian dinner; Finding Sanctuary, by Happy Trails Farm

## TALKING POLITICS

At the meeting of Uptown Progressives to be held February 26, 7:00 p.m., at the Whetstone Library, Cindy Lazarus, Jeffery Miller, and Michael Troper<sup>1</sup>, all candidates in the March 4 primary for Franklin County Commissioner, will be our guests for an open-ended discussion of political issues -- global, national and local.

How might our choice of president affect federal drug and alcohol policies, and how might they impact addiction programs in Franklin County? How would the creation of a federal universal health program of affect county health services? Join us for a lively discussion of the issues that will affect our lives!

<sup>1</sup> Candidate John O'Grady declined our invitation.

## HEALTH ISSUES FOR CLINTONVILLE RESIDENTS

"As a neighborhood we can identify health needs and discover possible solutions that are best for us, in a way that is unique to Clintonville and its many assets," says Bill Owens, Executive Director of the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center.

CRC, with the support of the Columbus Medical Association Foundation, will be convening a public meeting on Saturday, February 23, 9:45 a.m. to noon at the Whetstone Park of Roses Shelterhouse, to consider such questions as: timely access to preventive services, getting basic healthcare information to residents, what Clintonville can do to promote affordable health care for all its citizens, what citizens should ask political candidates, and how they can hold officeholders accountable.

Other local organizations, including Sustainable Clintonville and UP, are collaborating on the project. Debbie Crawford will be the facilitator. For more information, transportation, or to sign up, contact Bill Owens at 268-3539 or email <[Billstsalor@cs.com](mailto:Billstsalor@cs.com)>

Animal Sanctuary Director, Annette Fisher. Metropolitan Main Library Auditorium, 96 S. Grant Ave. Contact Freeman: 256-7959 or [info@mercyforanimals.org](mailto:info@mercyforanimals.org).

March 4, Tuesday. Primary election

March 6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Rep. Dan Stewart's Campaign Kickoff Fundraiser, Florentine Restaurant, 907 W Broad St. \$25 suggested.

March 11, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Franklin County Democratic Women's Club Meeting. Party Headquarters, 271 E State St.

March 12, Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting on Election Reform, Leo Yassenoff Center, 1125 College Avenue, Bexley. Speaker: Dan Tokaji, author of From Registration to Recounts. Contact: Amy Pulles, 837-1089.

March 12, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Maple Grove United Methodist Church (Henderson and High). Presentation of OSU's project for a Sustainability Plan for Clintonville, which will be considered for the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan.

March 16, Sunday. Sustainable Clintonville, Whetstone Library, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. For more info: Heidi Ballard <[hrenate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hrenate@sbcglobal.net)>. (April meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 22.)

March 20, Thursday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. "Elementary/secondary education - the molding of instruction to business needs". Northwood High Building, 2231 North High St., Rm. 100. Democratic Socialists of Central Ohio. Information: [smorgen@juno.com](mailto:smorgen@juno.com)

WCRS, 102.1 and 98.3 FM, is Simply Living's community radio, 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays. Local talk and Democracy Now with Amy Goodman Schedule: [www.simplyliving.org](http://www.simplyliving.org)

## WV KO HOSTS A PARTY!

Stephanie Miller, whose fresh, funny, salacious show is on dozens of radio stations across the country, will be the headliner as Progressive Talk Radio celebrates its return to the Central Ohio airwaves, March 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00, at the Emerald Room of the Makoy Center in Hilliard.

The event will also feature a "pizza challenge" with Hilliard pizzerias competing to be the best pizza as determined by the event attendees. Come and enjoy Stephanie's comic spin on the world of U.S. politics, talk with progressive friends, and enjoy complimentary pizza, a cash bar, WV KO memorabilia, and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$40 a couple. For info or to buy tickets: <[www.wvko1580.com](http://www.wvko1580.com)>.

## CANDIDATES: TAKE THE PLEDGE!

We Believe Ohio, a statewide interfaith coalition of religious leaders, calls on all candidates for public office to take the [Sleaze-Free Pledge](#), a commitment to run positive campaigns.

The Pledge: "We will positively promote what we stand for; we will refrain from negative and inflammatory attack ads; we will describe truthfully what we will do for the people of Ohio. We will not distort our opponents' records and positions; we will exemplify transparency and responsibility in all campaign activities. We will denounce attacks by outside groups, and do everything possible to bring them to a halt. We will promote the common good by addressing issues critical to all Ohioans, including poverty, jobs, education and health care. We will reject the politics of polarization, which focuses on deeply divisive issues and exploits them for partisan advantage".

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