



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**  
June 2007

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 PM.**  
"Monitoring **Solar Energy** Performance in Ohio," showing how much solar energy can be expected from a real Ohio installation. For those thinking of reducing carbon emissions and adding solar panels to homes. At the OSU Museum of Biological Diversity, 1315 Kinnear Rd. Contact: Pat Marida at 890-7865, <marida@wideopenwest.com>.

**Thursday, June 14, 12 – 1 p.m.** Rally to support the **Employee Free Choice Act.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Statehouse entrance. Speakers include AFL-CIO Organization Director Stuart Acuff, on how this legislation could strengthen the Labor movement across the country. Contact Jim Tackett, [jtackett@oft-aft.org](mailto:jtackett@oft-aft.org) or call 258-5189.

**Saturday, June 16.** 24th Annual **Human Rights Campaign Campaign Gala Dinner.** Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N. High Street. 5 p.m. cocktails and silent auction; 7:30 p.m., dinner. Tickets and information: <[www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)>.

**Friday-Sunday, June 22-24.**  
**Comfest!** Free, no-sponsor "grass roots" outdoor festival at Goodale Park, just west of High St. in Columbus' Short North. Live music and entertainment on 5 stages. Hours, 1-11 pm Friday, 10 am-11 pm Sat. and Sunday.

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**We'll Meet You At**  
**"ENERGY CROSSROADS"**

**June 26, at 7:00 p.m.,** Uptown Progressives invites you to come view the film "**Energy Crossroads**" with us at Whetstone Library. It will give us the facts and ideas on how to take control of our energy future, for our own sake and for the lives of our children.

"Energy Crossroads" is a fascinating, comprehensive 54-minute look at the key aspects of our energy-environment-economy dilemma. A graphic tour de force, the movie exposes all the problems associated with our energy consumption, and offers concrete solutions for anybody who wants to learn how to be part of the solutions needed in this decisive era.

**UP STEPS OUT INTO DOO-DAH**

A first for UP: we will march in the **July 4 Doo-Dah Parade** this year!

Our theme will be "Citizens for Global Warming," swimsuit optional. You are invited to create a float, march, dance, and carry signs as the spirit moves you. Alan Woods will be our contingent's DisOrganizer: send your name to [UP@UptownProgressives.com](mailto:UP@UptownProgressives.com), and Alan will let you know where and when to meet, and maybe offer suggestions about signs, wardrobe, props, etc.

Doo-Dah is "one of the nation's greatest, and oldest, continual Fourth of July parades, among the finest cultural occasions of the year," according to the event's "ChairChick." A record crowd is expected to be on hand to celebrate all that is artistic, sarcastic and at least marginally witty. <[www.doodahparade.com](http://www.doodahparade.com)> explains it all.

UP will not have a Comfest booth this year. But we expect to be there in 2008!

**A MESSAGE TO THE FRANKLIN  
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

If a Republican wants to know who his Ward Chairman is, in order to volunteer or pass on the names of interested people, etc., no problem: he goes to the website of the Franklin County Republican Party, and there's the list of the Central Committee members who are also the Ward chairmen. Franklin County

**Saturday, June 23. Annual**

**Pride Parade and Festival.** Parade lineup at 12 noon at Goodale Park, step off at 1:00 p.m. **Festival**, Bicentennial Park from 12 to 7 p.m. Marga Gomez, Ariel Angels, Eric Himan, Gay Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Flaggots, Capital Pride Band, Habeeba's Belly Dancers, Columbus Stompers. Dancin' in the Streets, 7 p.m. to Midnight with outdoor concert at East Village parking lot, 630 N. High Street.

**Saturday, June 30**, noon to 7:00 PM. **Riverfest**, at North Bank Park, 311 W. Long St., celebrating Central Ohio's rivers and streams, with live music, a rock climbing wall, crafts, boating on the Scioto, Greenways photo contest winners, hands-on activities for kids. <[www.riverfestcolumbus.org](http://www.riverfestcolumbus.org)> or Leslie Strader at 233-4124. Sponsor: MORPC.

**Wednesday, July 4.** UP marches in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Doo-Dah Parade**. Line-up at noon, parade from 1 to 3 p.m. on N. High St. and Short North streets.

## LINKS

### Ohio Majority Radio

<[www.progressohio.org/page/group/OhioMajorityRadio](http://www.progressohio.org/page/group/OhioMajorityRadio)>. 265 South 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Working to bring Progressive Talk radio to Central Ohio.

### Coalition of Democratic and Progressive Organizations/ Central Ohio

<[www.coalitioncentralohio.org](http://www.coalitioncentralohio.org)>

### Progress Ohio

Connections to progressive organizations and actions.  
<http://progressohio.org/>

**Special Thanks** to all the UP'ers who helped get this **What's UP** newsletter underway! Stephanie Fowler, Beth Griese, Sarah-Jane Workman, and Barry Workman made their expertise available, and offered patient, helpful advice. Thank you!

Democrats, however, can't do that -- the Executive Committee members names have not been included. If you think (as we do) that this is the kind of information local Democrats need to work effectively for the next election, please let the Chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Party know your thoughts. He is William A. Anthony, Jr., at 239-0425 or 865-2619; <[w2algae@aol.com](mailto:w2algae@aol.com)>.

The Franklin County Democratic Party's website is under development by the Ohio Democratic Party -- and has been for several months now. A few calls to the ODP asking about it might get some action!

By the way, if there is no ward committee person in place, did you know that anyone can run for the position by getting a form from the Board of Elections? Next year, 2008, is the year for this election. Why not call the BOE (462-3150, 462-3100) and suggest that they put some information on their site: 1) the lists of Democratic and Republican committee persons, and 2) the information on how to become one.

P.S. -- Want to read about a county that really screwed up an election? This will make you feel better about our efforts: <[www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070513/LOCAL19/705130442](http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070513/LOCAL19/705130442)>.

## UP MEMBER PROFILE: SUE FOLEY

UP member Sue Foley is the new chair of the Coalition of Democratic and Progressive Organizations. Sue has worked hard for the Columbus community -- she's a member of the board of Girl Scouts - Seal of Ohio Council, a founder of the Columbus Metropolitan Club, and a former member of the board of Riverside Methodist Hospital. She says after the 2004 election "I realized that voting and pontificating to friends and family was not enough. The integrity and viability of our country (both nationally and here in Ohio) was at stake. I had to get involved ... to try to make things happen ... to try to make a difference.

"That coincided with the "birthing" of the Ward 21 (The Fightin' 21st) grassroots door-to-door organization, Uptown Progressives, and the Coalition. The Coalition is in the process of setting its direction and extending its reach. I see outreach -- through expanding and energizing grassroots groups through-out Central Ohio -- as the key to making a difference."

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