



NEWSLETTER OF THE
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES
May-June 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Surviving the Coming Economic Depression. Topics: "Money as Debt"; "The Agenda Toward a Sustainable Economics". Free. Room 100, Northwood Community Building, 2231 N. High St. Central Ohio Chapter, Alliance for Democracy. Contact 299-4702 (Tadit) or ideasinc@ee.net

May 28, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Poems from Guantanamo: The Detainees Speak. Their poems, published by Marc Falkoff, attorney for 17 detainees. January 11 marked the sixth year detainees have spent at Guantanamo Bay. There are still hundreds of people at Camp Delta, without charge and with little hope of a fair trial. ACLU program. Whetstone Library, free. To RSVP, call 216-472-2220 or e-mail: <contact@acluohio.org>

June 11, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. "Columbus Streetcar Project Q & A." Kathleen Murphy of the Columbus Streetcar Project, will provide an update—location, benefits, financing, and how it plays into a bigger transit story. The OSU Museum of Biological Diversity, 1315 Kinnear Rd. Sierra Club program.

UP PLANS FOR A BUSY SUMMER

UP's summer activities are in the planning stages, and they include events that will be both fun and informative. The season begins with the Memorial Day Race (see below), followed by three election-related events -- and Comfest! Bring your neighbors, friends, and family!

June 21, Tuesday, will be our 2008 Ballot Issues Forum, with informed insiders to explain the questions to be decided.

June 27-29, is Comfest: be a UP volunteer! August 3, Saturday, will be our picnic with candidates and officeholders.

August 13, Wednesday, we will present an expert's view on why the judgeship races are so important, and why voters should vote the whole ballot.

Please check the UP website for updates on times and locations. Note that there will be no meeting at the Whetstone Library this month.

MEMORIAL DAY 5K RUN FOR CRC

Uptown Progressives is a sponsor of the 5K run/walk through Whetstone Park May 26! It's a benefit for our Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center (CRC). Bring your cameras and picnic baskets and make a day of it. There will be food, beverages and awards after the race. Packet pick-up and registration starts at 7 a.m. The Kids Fun Run (2 age groups) starts at 8:30 a.m. All kid racers will receive a race ribbon.

The big 5K race starts at 9 a.m. and will begin and end inside Whetstone Park (see course map at <www.ultrafit-usa.com>). All participants will receive a goody bag with a race T-shirt, EAS nutritional product, race number and other items.

Register for the 5K race 1) on-line at <<http://ultrafit-usa.com/index.htm>>, 2) at Columbus Sports Connection at 4250 N. High St., or 3) on race day at Whetstone Park of Roses; checks and cash only; \$25 early sign-up, \$30 day-of-race.

June 20-22, Friday-Sunday. A World Without Poverty: Visions of Justice: Jubilee 3rd Annual Conference. National Grassroots Training and Action Conference; speakers from the Global South and U.S. activist movements; workshops to make grassroots work more effective. Special series of workshops on making our voices heard during the election season. Details, registration: www.jubileeusa.org

June 26, Thursday, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Screening of After Stonewall, a documentary and historical retrospective of the gay rights movement from the 1969 Stonewall Riots to the present, narrated by Melissa Etheridge. Whetstone Library. World Can't Wait. Info: vargo.che@hotmail.com

June 21, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Run For the Pride. Join the Columbus chapter of World Can't Wait at the 5th annual Run For the Pride 5K (run/walk). Register now at www.premierraces.com or at the The Stonewall Center on High; \$30 fee includes T-shirt and race packet with 2008 Pride Festival admission. Proceeds to Stonewall programs and services. Contact vargo.che@hotmail.com or visit www.columbuswcw.org for details.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

New Progress Ohio jobs site: www.progressivejobsohio.org. Post a job, search for potential employees, search for jobs, create your account, post your resume.

Columbus League of Young Voters (aka League of P***ed Off Voters) meet Mondays at the Surly Girl Saloon, (1126 N. High St.) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday June 5, they will call state reps about Ohio House Bill 228 (the total abortion ban), then talk about the League's plans for Comfest, its political film festival, and fall voter guide. <http://columbus.indyvoter.org/>

Make checks payable to Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center, 14 West Lakeview Avenue, Columbus 43202. If you have questions, call John at 519-7201 or Paul, 624-5436.

BE A UP COMFEST VOLUNTEER!

Comfest, the Annual Community Festival at Goodale Park, will be the weekend of June 27 to 29, and UP will have a booth this year. We will need volunteers both for our booth (two-hour shifts) and for the festival safety/clean-up team (which gets you free beer tokens and a T-shirt!). If you can help, send an email (address below)! Live music and entertainment on 5 stages; workshops at the solar stage! Festival hours are 1-11 pm Friday, and 10 am-11 pm Sat. and Sun.

WHAT WOULD A CLINTONVILLE HEALTH COOP LOOK LIKE?

Are you interested in discussing and helping to plan for a Clintonville Health Coop? Come and talk with like-minded folks who are meeting each month at the office of Simply Living, 2931 North High (above Aladdin's). The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 29, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

NEW CENTER TO BE GREEN ON TOP

Clintonville's first rooftop grass will be at the new addition to the Whetstone Center, which will have a "green" or vegetated roof. The surface of the roof will be covered with 3-4" of soil and planted with drought tolerant, low-growing grasses and sedum. It will improve the roof's insulation value, reduce heat loss and save on cooling costs. And it will reduce stormwater run-off, help filter pollutants and absorb carbon dioxide. This is also the first time the City of Columbus has installed a green roof on a city building.

ARE YOU A UP MEMBER YET? HEY, SIGN UP:

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