



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**  
September 2007

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 15 and September 29, Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** "End the War Now" rallies in support of national rallies in Washington: A.N.S.W.E.R.'s rally Sept. 15 and the TROOPS OUT NOW rally on Sept. 29 ([www.troopsoutnow.org](http://www.troopsoutnow.org)). <[vargo.che@hotmail.com](mailto:vargo.che@hotmail.com)> Federal Building, 200 N. High St.

**September 16, 18, Sunday, Tuesday. Moral Issues in the Use of Torture.** Prof. Carol Wickersham of Beloit speaks Sunday at 3 p.m. forum on "Beyond Fear: Faith in a Time of Terrorism and Torture," Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad Street. **Sept. 18**, 10 a.m., she will be a guest on "Open Line" with Fred Andrle, WOSU-AM 820. Information: Mary Hershberger, <[hershberger.54@osu.edu](mailto:hershberger.54@osu.edu)>, 442-5915.

**September 19, Wednesday. Stonewall Democrats reception and Fundraiser for Joy Harris,** candidate for Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court. "Club Diversity," 863 S. High Street, at 5:30 p.m.

**September 26, 2007. Stand Up for an End to Executions:** lobby legislators to end executions in Ohio, with a march and rally at the Statehouse. Organizer: ACLU Ohio,

## MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR COLUMBUS BOARD OF EDUCATION

On **September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Whetstone Library, the ten candidates in the race for the Columbus Board of Education have been invited to tell us how they see the future of our schools. Gary L. Baker II, Terry A. Boyd, Bill Buckel, Jeff Cabot, W. Shawna Gibbs, Stephanie Groce, Jarrod Weiss, and Mike Wiles will be present to answer questions and describe their plans for CPS.\*

It's time to think about what we want for our schools, and to find the candidates who are most likely to make it happen!

*\*The other two announced candidates are Mike J. King and Carol L. Perkins.*

## CLINTONVILLE FOR HEARCEL CRAIG

**Saturday September 15 at 3:00 p.m.,** at 261 E. N. Broadway, there will be a **fundraiser for Hearcel Craig for City Council.** Come meet Hearcel, watch the Buckeyes play Washington on the big screen, and enjoy the fabulous food, open bar and tasty politics! Sponsored by Lori Tyack, Mick Mentel, and Bill Anthony. \$35 / person \$50 / couple. RSVP at 268-2823.

## IS GLOBAL WARMING AFFECTING CENTRAL OHIO?

Learn about environmental issues facing Ohio and what we can do to fight global warming, hold our political leaders accountable, and protect our planet at the Green Solutions Forum, **Thursday, Sept. 20**, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Progress Ohio, 251 South Third Street, with Erin Bowser, State Dir. of Environment Ohio; Bill DeMora, Executive Director, League of Conservation Voters; Teresa McHugh, Midwest Regional Representative, the Sierra Club; and special guest, Representative Dan Stewart.

The Forum is sponsored by America Votes, Democracy for America - Central Ohio, Environment Ohio, League of Conservation Voters, Progressive Democrats of America - Central Ohio, Progress Ohio, and the Sierra Club. For information and to rsvp: [www.americavotes.org/oh](http://www.americavotes.org/oh)

[stopthedeathpenalty@acluohio.org](mailto:stopthedeathpenalty@acluohio.org)

**September 29, Saturday, 10 a.m. Regional Pedestrian Plan Workshop.** Help determine this part of MORPC's Long Range 2008 Transportation Plan. N. Broadway United Methodist. Kymberlee Thompson, <kthompson@morpc.org>, 233-4145.

**October 3, 10, Wednesdays. Candidates Forums,** Stonewall Columbus. Oct. 3, Mayor and City Council candidates; Oct. 10, Municipal Court and School Board candidates, both on the second floor at Stonewall Columbus. Reception from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., candidate forum at 7 p.m.

**October 3, Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) Program.** David Robinson from Al Gore's Climate Project will describe how global warming affects our watershed. Northwood High Bldg., 2231 N. High St., Rm. 100.

**October 5-7, Friday-Sunday. Green Energy Ohio Annual Ohio Solar Tour.** Houses and commercial buildings using clean energy -- solar, wind, biomass, green design, energy-saving technologies. Free. Guidebooks available at local health food stores. Virtual solar tour: <[www.greenenergyohio.org](http://www.greenenergyohio.org)>.

**October 11, Thursday, 8 p.m. Preventing Unplanned Pregnancies in an Intolerant Environment.** Lecture by Gary Dougherty, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio. Whetstone Shelter House, Park of Roses. For info email <[vargo.che@hotmail.com](mailto:vargo.che@hotmail.com)>.

## LINKS

**Coalition of Democratic and Progressive Organizations/Central OH**  
<[www.coalitioncentralohio.org](http://www.coalitioncentralohio.org)>

**America Votes**  
<[www.americavotes.org](http://www.americavotes.org)>

## JUSTICE FOR JANITORS - COLUMBUS

The janitors who clean this city's commercial office buildings don't often draw attention to themselves. As long as the garbage cans are empty and the crumbs on the carpet have been spirited away overnight, janitors remain a mostly invisible workforce -- until hundreds of them march down the street with their supporters!

SEIU represents janitors, security guards, health care and public sector employees and people who work at stadiums, racetracks and industrial sites. The union counts about 1.7 million members in the U.S. and Canada; Local 3 represents 8,000 workers across the Midwest.

"People who clean offices also have families," says Dan Radford of AFL-CIO. "They deserve a livable wage and health care just like white collars." **Justice for Janitors** hopes to change the market by creating industry standards and a market-wide health insurance program. For that to happen, janitors must band together to demand a decent living in exchange for their work, just as workers in the mining, steel and auto industries once did. It takes a lot of bravery for people who are living on the edge of poverty to stand up for their rights!

Janitors say their wages aren't enough to allow them to buy health insurance, even though contracting services often offer it. Getting insured would benefit others too: the uninsured affect insurance premiums, since they end up in emergency rooms for avoidable minor ills; cleaning contractors lose money with employee turnover; and building owners get better service from janitors who are healthy, experienced, and satisfied with the living they make.

**Greater Columbus Jobs with Justice**, an affiliate of [Interfaith Worker Justice](http://InterfaithWorkerJustice.org), is part of a network of over 40 local coalitions that connect labor, faith-based, community, and student organizations to work together on workplace, community and social justice campaigns. Monthly meetings are at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday, at the **Jobs with Justice** office at 27 East Euclid Avenue in Columbus. Call 614-314-3297 for more information, email <[Columbus@jwj.org](mailto:Columbus@jwj.org)>, or visit <[unionvoice.org/columbusjwj/](http://unionvoice.org/columbusjwj/)>.

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