

Upcoming events for the week of July 18, 2010

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7/22/10 TRANSITION ASHEVILLE MEETING 90-minute orientations consist of a 30-minute video and then some discussion. They are the perfect event to bring friends and family to if you'd like them to know more about the Transition movement. **The following orientations are scheduled:** Unitarian Universalist Church at Charlotte and Edwin in Asheville, at 7 pm on Thursday, July 22. Also on the first Mondays of the month at Firestorm Cafe at 7 PM.

07/27/10 PEACETOWN MEETING This will be at the Top Floor Studio office <http://www.topfloorstudio.com/index.php?/directions.html> at 58 ½ North Lexington Ave, Asheville, NC. Time is 6:30 PM. When you follow the above link for directions, there are parking suggestions given. After 6, street parking is free and Rankin and Civic Center parking decks are also close. There will be a peacetown sign on the door.

09/11/10 GREEN PARTY PICNIC This will be at Riverside Park, time TBA. 1

1/20/10 STAND UP, STAND DOWN BY VETERANS FOR PEACE More information to come!

ACTIONS AND READINGS

Event organizers: Be sure to enter your events on our community calendars - MAIN, Mountain Express, and Asheville Citizen Times

The **NAACP** has a petition against racism and intolerance and hate.

* I believe all Americans have equal rights and equal value.

* I cherish the diverse cultures, beliefs, and values of America.

* I believe we can disagree without being disagreeable.

* I repudiate all acts of racism and hate, both in words and action.

* I have faith in the promise of America - a promise built on mutual respect, common civility, and hope for a better tomorrow.

* I commit to building that better America by participating actively and peacefully in the democratic process. We are one people. We are one nation. I'm an NAACP American. The NAACP is asking the Tea Party to denounce racism clearly and indisputably, and they're succeeding. Just today the Tea Party Federation kicked out

the entire "Tea Party Express" group over its leader's hateful remarks. But more pressure is needed to make sure it doesn't stop there. I just signed the pledge to make it known that I support the NAACP's condemnation of all racist acts committed by members of the Tea Party. You can join me, and the NAACP, to stop the hate. Add your name to the pledge: <http://action.naacp.org/AgainstHate> As NAACP President and CEO Ben Jealous said, "We've seen the signs, we've heard the slurs, and all we're asking is for you to act responsibly and say there's no space for bigots in the Tea Party." Make sure the NAACP knows they have your support -- sign the pledge: <http://action.naacp.org/AgainstHate> Thanks!

FYI:

Kabuki Activism: Obama, Axelrod Engage on Unemployment Extension After Outcome Decided

I've noticed a disturbing trend of the White House ramping up its rhetorical machinery only after a gain has been secured. Organizing for America is becoming famous for sending out emails on votes where the outcome is pre-ordained; they did it last week with the Wall Street reform vote in the Senate, after enough Senators made their positions known to get to 60 votes. Now it's happening again on unemployment insurance. President Obama's weekly address was hard-hitting and actually welcome, slamming Republicans for opting to "filibuster our recovery and obstruct our progress." David Axelrod followed up with an email to supporters. The White House on Saturday deployed senior advisor David Axelrod to bolster President Barack Obama's political attack on Senate Republicans for blocking extension of unemployment benefits. Axelrod, echoing Obama's weekly radio address, circulated an email that calls on Republicans to allow an up-or-down vote: "Unemployment insurance is a vital lifeline for many families struggling to find work in these tough times. Over the past few weeks, that lifeline has disappeared for more than 2 million Americans, and if Congress doesn't act, that number will grow to 3.2 million people by the end of this month," Axelrod writes. I'm happy to see the White House enter the playing field on unemployment benefits, but this is a fait accompli. Fifteen minutes after Carte Goodwin gets sworn in on Tuesday as West Virginia's newest Senator, the Senate will vote to proceed on the unemployment bill, and they will have the votes for passage.

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