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*Join us for the opening  
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Dembrow*

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### Mult Dems Have Pride



The annual Portland Pride weekend, June 13th-14 will be a festival and parade celebrating GLBT, friends and family. Multnomah Dems are again entered in Sunday's parade, and are sponsoring a booth at the weekend-long festival.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. With that in mind, Pride NW wants to give tribute to the past and present accomplishments of our global community in relation to civil rights. These facts, in combination with Pride Northwest's continued efforts to reach out to the many facets of our diverse community by building community partnerships over the last few years with, including but

**June 14 - Mult Dems in Pride Parade  
Gather 10-10:45, north park blocks  
parade day phone: 503-312-1970**

not limited to; Portland Latino Gay Pride, Black Pride (put on by The Unity Project), Basic Rights Oregon, the Portland Area Business Association, the Q Center, SHARE, the Sexual Minorities Youth Resource Center, Our House of Portland, and many others, has led us to choose this year's theme, "United We Stand."

ALL DEMOCRATS are welcome to come to walk with us in the parade, which assembles in the north park blocks beginning at 9:30am. Contact [info@multdems.org](mailto:info@multdems.org) for more information.

We'll be joined by some of the Democratic legislators who've been able to break away from the grueling end-of-session schedule. It'll be a great time to meet them and thank them for their continued support of GLBT Civil Rights. The booth will be in the festival area, which is an active and fun space. Besides political, merchant, and food booths, there is a stage with continuous entertainment.

### Latino Pride Honors Laura Calvo

Portland Latino Gay Pride is presenting Mult Dem's own Laura Calvo with the 2009 Mariposa Award. Instituted last year, the Mariposa Award is our way of recognizes outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses making a difference in the community.

Laura was honored because of her tremendous impact in the community and have been tapped for your incredible leadership skills. Said Latino Pride organizers: "Our community and Oregon's Democratic Party is better place for all the work that (she does)."

Laura and this year's other recipients were honored throughout Latino pride's 4 day celebration, from June 4 to June 7. Mariposa means butterfly in Spanish. Mariposa was/is also used as a pejorative to refer to queers.

Said Calvo: "Butterflies have further significance that is not in any way related to Latino culture but is significant to trans people.

The significance is in the fact that butterflies are



*From left: Pride Winner Laura Calvo and Ben Westlund, Oregon State Treasurer*

born as essentially wormlike, then go into a cocoon, then emerge as their true selves. Corny? Yes but it is kind of apropos for many trans people, including me."

Information on Latino Pride and future events can be found at [www.latinogaypridepdx.com](http://www.latinogaypridepdx.com).

# Mult Dems Moving Day Pictorial

*The following pictures capture some of the folks who stepped up during the move to our new office. Thanks to Bing Wong and Lynn Dorman for the photos!*



*A little brawn and muscle, fair skies, and some willing hearts and the Mult Dems new office begins to fill up with stuff.*



*And you certainly can't move into an office without some carpentry skills and a sore thumb or two.*



*Time to survey the outside of the new office!*



*The interior design crew at work....:)*



*Ahh, nothing like a meeting in a new office....!*

### Short Takes:

#### **June 11 Central Committee meeting to Feature Panel Discussion on Major League Soccer/ AAA Baseball stadium proposals.**

A panel composed of citizens and officials with different takes on the controversial MLS proposal for Portland will take the stage at the next Mult Dems Central Committee meeting at 7pm in the Hollywood Senior Center (1820 NE 40th, Portland). Portland activist Steve Novick is one of the featured panelists.

#### **Annual Gresham "Central Committee" BBQ set for July 9**

The annual July "meeting" once again will be a fun BBQ with live music, food, raffle items, and other goodies. Parliamentary procedure takes a break while we enjoy each others company. Guests are welcome. The event gets rolling about 6ish at Red Sunset Park, just off 242nd/Hogan between Division and Stark in Gresham. Shuttle rides will be available to and from MAX. For more info, email [info@multdems.org](mailto:info@multdems.org).

#### **Chipping in with the Postal Carriers for the Oregon Food Bank**

The Multnomah County Democrats participated in the annual Postal Carriers Food Drive in early May. Coordinated by District 50 DL John Vandermosten, Multnomah Democrats staffed the loading docks of the Gresham Post Office, and packed almost 34 tons of donated food into not one, but 2 Semis. The Oregon Food Bank received the enormous stockpile of food from Gresham and elsewhere, and food supplies - for the time being - have been replenished.

### **TRI-County Dems Beavers Baseball event on JULY 17**

Join All Your Democratic Friends at the Old Ballgame!

The Multnomah Dems are getting together with their friends from Washington County and Clackamas County for an evening of America's pastime and political visibility. We're going to PGE Park to watch our Portland Beavers take on the Salt Lake Bees. We're also going to have a table in the concourse to share the Democratic message.

We expect to have one or more of our elected officials throwing out the first pitch, as well as participating in between-innings antics. This event has grown over the past

#### **Give the Dems an Assist on the Play**

The Multnomah County Democrats, in conjunction with their annual Tri-County "Dems Night at the Beavers," with Washington and Clackamas Counties, is using the opportunity to support Lents Little League. With the assistance of the Mult Dems, the league will be able to obtain some much needed safety equipment for players and umpires. Lents League President Sue Bush was thrilled to get the help, noting that some of the safety equipment such as masks and guards was worn out.

#### **Multnomah District Leader joins Meals on Wheels Team Board**

District 45 Leader Michael Flanagan joined the Meals on Wheels /Loaves and Fishes Board at the organization's Belmont Center. Belmont is one of 35 centers throughout the Tri-County area that either delivers hot meals or offers a meal site for senior citizens.

Flanagan noted that there is an ongoing need for drivers and volunteers and it takes very little time to make a big difference. For more information, contact Loaves and Fishes at 503-736-6325 or through their website: [www.loavesandfishesonline.org](http://www.loavesandfishesonline.org)

#### **DPO Golf Fundraiser on Tap for July.**

An early tee time on Monday July 13th. What better way to begin the work week? 4-somes will participate in a shotgun start and play "best ball," so it doesn't really matter how lousy your short game is or that your drives find more leaves and branches than lush fairway grass.

The tourney will be in Oregon City and all proceeds will benefit the DPO. For more info go to [www.dpo.org](http://www.dpo.org) or contact DPO via [info@dpo.org](mailto:info@dpo.org)

couple of years as initially County parties attended on their own. The cooperative arrangement has made for a bigger splash and a really fun event with our extended family. In addition to this event, the Multnomah Dems are also supporting the Lents Little League this summer, and have helped them obtain necessary safety equipment for umpires and players, as well as participating in between-innings antics.

Friday, July 17. First pitch: 7:05 pm. Tickets are limited, so get yours today. Each ticket is \$15. Go to [www.multdems.org](http://www.multdems.org) or call KC at 503-312-1970 to reserve your tickets.

# Now, how about a home buyer credit for the rest of us?

By Paul Weinstein Jr. and Marc Dunkelman

The Obama administration has been right to focus much of its energy on re-capitalizing the nation's banks. Renewed growth depends largely on an end to the credit crisis.

But for all the focus on Wall Street, the way out of the current recession may depend more on Main Street.

Analysis of the nation's economic history reveals that the housing market's resurgence has led a wider turnaround in five of the last seven recessions.

So a renewed focus on pumping up home-buyer demand may be worth additional attention from Washington.

Unfortunately, most news out of the residential real estate industry remains grim. Sales of existing homes fell more than 7 percent in March from last year. And the U.S. median sales price slid over 12 percent.

But there is a small beacon of hope. The Commerce Department reported recently that new-home sales surged 4.7 percent from January to February.

And while much of that was driven by falling prices, another factor played a big role: a sudden burst of interest from first-time buyers.

Nearly one-half of all sales in February were to individuals and families without title to an existing home. No doubt, the absence of a mortgage left many first-time buyers with fewer barriers to entry.

But more than that, the explosion in demand was likely driven by the impetus to take advantage of the \$8,000 first-time home-buyer credit included in President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package.

The cause of the credit's success is no mystery. For most families looking to purchase a home, \$8,000 can go long way toward covering a down payment or completing their initial renovations.

But the Obama administration included a further impetus to speed the resurgence in demand: plans to dissolve the credit at the end of the year.

In public life, it is a rare pleasure to point to a

nearly unmitigated policy triumph. But, the first-time homebuyer credit may qualify. Given its singular success driving up demand in the housing market, it is time for Washington to consider how to broaden its reach.

In that vein, we recommend that Congress quickly send President Obama a bill expanding the program beyond first-time buyers, encouraging existing homeowners, as well as those dipping their toes into homeownership for the first time, to invest in a new primary residence.

To make the most of an expanded program, we urge two other changes. First, any extended credit should also be time-limited: Lest this sort of subsidy be viewed as some sort of entitlement, it should expire at the end of the year.

That way, prospective buyers will be tempted to jump in now, when the economy most needs the boost.

Second, buyers should not have to wait until they receive their return next year to be reimbursed.

The federal government should make the value of the credit available to them the day they close on their new home, ensuring that a small gap in a family's cash flow does not serve as a barrier to buying a home.

None of us can doubt that getting banks lending is a worthy goal as the president leads us out of recession. But even as other economic catastrophes - bankruptcies, bonuses, and bailouts among them - dominate the headlines, we ought not lose sight of the fact that the housing market has so frequently led the rest of the economy out of a downturn.

Getting everyday homeowners buying again could lighten the load on the rest of the economy. And that would leave Washington more room to focus its attention on more drastic, if not pressing, challenges elsewhere.

Paul Weinstein Jr., a professor at the Johns Hopkins University, and Marc Dunkelman ([mdunkelman@dlc.org](mailto:mdunkelman@dlc.org)) are senior fellows at the Democratic Leadership Council.

# Mult Dems Monthly Calendar

See [www.multdems.org](http://www.multdems.org) for ongoing updates

## Clark County Jefferson Jackson Dinner

June 5, 2009 4:30pm – 9:00pm

The Clark County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC) is proud to announce that Governor Howard Dean, Immediate Past Chair of the Democratic National Committee, will give the keynote address at the 2009 Jefferson Jackson Dinner and Auction on Friday, June 5, at the Event Center at the Clark County Fairgrounds from 4:30-9:00pm

## MCDCC Monthly Meeting

June 11, - 6:00pm social, 7:00pm - Panel Discussion

MLS Soccer/baseball and Lents  
Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland

## Mult Dems New Office Grand Opening

June 13 - 1-4 pm, 3127 NE 67th, Portland

## The 2009 Portland LGBTQ Pride Festival & Parade

June 13 and 14 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

The Multnomah County Democratic Party, and GLBT Caucus, will have a booth at the festival, and will march in the parade. To participate, contact [kernsjoe1@yahoo.com](mailto:kernsjoe1@yahoo.com)

## Pedalpalooza

June 14, - 11:00am

Join Rep. Kopel Bailey on a bike ride for Pedalpalooza!  
The ride starts at Sunnyside Environmental School, at 3421 SE Salmon St. - RSVP: by email or by phone: 503-986-1442

## Multnomah Dems GLBT Caucus

June 16 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The Multnomah Democrats GLBT Caucus will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah County Democratic Party Headquarters, 3127 NE 67th Ave, Portland, OR 97213. We hope you can join us. Mark your calendars: We meet the third Tuesday of each month

## BRO "Bites for Rights"

June 19, (All day)

Every year, Basic Rights Oregon partners with restaurants around the state in our Bites for Rights event, receiving 15% of their profits from a particular day in exchange for really steering folks to those establishments. Here are the event details: Thursday, June 19th, 2009 ALL DAY LONG STATEWIDE

## Career Transitioning Workshop

June 27 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Mult Dems Office, 3127 NE 67th  
more info: [vicechair@multdems.org](mailto:vicechair@multdems.org)

## Baseball Night at PGE Park

July 17 - 7:00pm

PGE Park, 1844 SW Morrison Portland, OR

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# DPO Community Contacts

See <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/communities>

## African American Caucus

Welcome to the African American Community's page! Want to join or need more information? Go here: <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/node/1524> to join the group or to just sign up for informational emails from us. Contact: Reginald Hendrix Portland, Oregon, USA 503-351-8298, Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Black\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Black_Caucus)

## Election Integrity Caucus

Contact Information: Election Integrity Caucus Chair, Deb Whitcomb, 232 NE 9th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Election\\_Integrity\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Election_Integrity_Caucus)

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## GLBT Caucus: Oregon's Stonewall Democrats

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus  
Oregon's Stonewall Democrats

Oregon's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Community is represented within the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) by the GLBT Caucus. The caucus also serves as Oregon's Chapter of National Stonewall Democrats. To join us as a contributing member, please visit our secure address: <https://secure.dpo.org/dpo/glbt>

## Gun Owners Caucus

Democrats don't want to take your guns—we've already got our own.

Contact Information: Chair, Zak Johnson, 232 NE 9th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232

Email: <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/node/1529>

## Health Care Caucus

For more information please contact: DPO Health Care Caucus  
[health\\_caucus@dpo.org](mailto:health_caucus@dpo.org).

## Latinos Caucus

Want to join or need more information? If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information please contact: Moses Ross, (503)309-7985,

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Latino\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Latino_Caucus)

## Motorcyclists Caucus

Contact: Chair, Brian Stovall

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Motorcycle\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Motorcycle_Caucus)

## Peace Caucus

Next Meeting: Please reserve the dates for our Peace Caucus' 2009 (Annual) meeting, including reorganization, with election of Executive Officers. We will meet during the DPO State Central Committee (Reorganization) meeting on Mar 14-15th.

## Rural Democrats

Contact Information: Rural Caucus Chair, Jack Lorts  
232 NE 9th Ave., Portland, OR 97232 Send an email:

[http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Rural\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Rural_Caucus)

## Women

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### **MCDCC General Meeting**

Thursday, June 11th  
Social Hr: 6 pm  
Panel Discussion: 7 pm  
MLS Soccer / Baseball and Lents  
Party Business: 8 pm  
All MultDems welcome  
Multnomah County Dems meet monthly  
on second Thursdays.

1820 NE 40th Ave., Portland 97212,  
just north of Sandy Blvd.



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