



Cincinnati City Council passes Domestic Partner Ordinance



Chris Seelbach

Congratulations to Chris Seelbach and the Cincinnati City Council for passing domestic partner benefits by an 8-1 vote. Having openly LGBT elected officials matters. Equality Ohio leaders said, “We are proud to have supported Chris’s campaign and his efforts to

pass domestic partner benefits.

The measure passed 8-1, with only Charlie Winburn opposing it. Councilman Chris Seelbach, Cincinnati’s first openly Gay council member, promised to introduce the idea as one of his first priorities. Offering the health insurance is fair to same-sex couples,

Covington officials agreed to offer similar benefits, which should be available starting July 1. They said they acted quickly in order to beat Cincinnati.

Dayton has domestic partner registry

Dayton City Commission unanimously passed a domestic partner registry law tonight, and Equality Ohio’s Kim Welter addressed the Commission about the importance of a

registry. Next step: domestic partner benefits for registered couples . . .

Lesbian can’t be Cub Scout leader



Jennifer Tyrrell and son

A regional official of the Boy Scouts of America has resigned in protest at the expulsion of a Gay mother from her son’s group for being a Lesbian.

Jennifer Tyrrell was ejected from the scouting organisation when her sexual orientation became known.

Now, a board member at the Ohio River Valley Council has stood down. David Sims, a lawyer, heard of Tyrrell’s case last

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Read about Indy PRIDE in our Print Edition coming out this weekend. And, there is a GLBT Crisis.

Mother talks about Yellow Mums and we remember Doris “Jean” Noble.

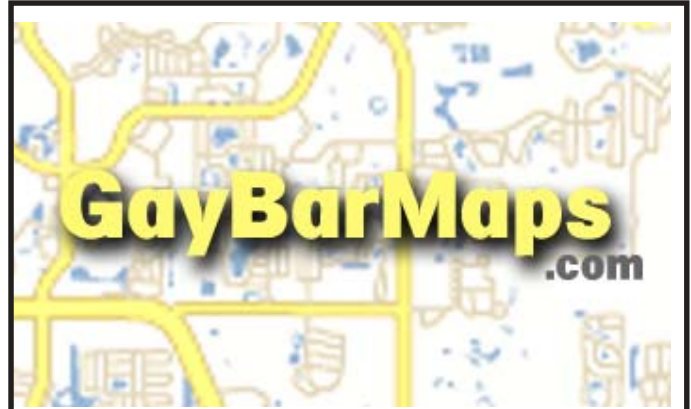
MUSE’s Spring Concert is reported, and you can find out about Damage Control.

You will get details about a Rally for Marriage Equality in Dayton and Nate talks about the Titanic, with a different view.

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week and resigned in protest.

He told the **Los Angeles Times**: “I felt that it was wrong that she was removed as the Tiger Cub leader solely based on her sexual orientation.” The Boy Scouts of America has adopted positions since 1991 which state that homosexuality is

“inconsistent with the Scout Oath that a Scout be morally straight and in the Scout Law that a Scout be clean in word and deed”.

The Ohio River Valley Council is headquartered in Wheeling and serves the upper panhandle of West Virginia..



**Call to prayer
A Letter From Integrity
VP National Affairs
Jon M. Richardson**

I’d like to take a moment to invite you into a time of prayer for our brothers and sisters in the United Methodist Church who are meeting right now (*through the end of the week*) in their quadrennial (*once every four years*) General Conference in Tampa, Florida.

I grew up in the United Methodist Church, and my father

is a retired clergyman in that tradition. I personally know many United Methodists who share in the striving for LGBT rights in the United Methodist Church. I know many talented and pious men and women of God who have been denied access to the ordination process in the United Methodist Church simply because of their integrity in living honestly as the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people that God created them to be.



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I know several ordained United Methodist leaders who, in sacrifice to their call, have been forced into lives of secrecy and shame.

It breaks my heart to see our brothers and sisters striving in the same uphill battle in which we, in the Episcopal Church, have been so successful for these last 35 years.

But I ask you to pray for the United Methodist Church — not just because they still have so far to go, or because of my personal ties, but because their lives as a

denomination are so closely linked with ours. As you probably know, the Methodist tradition grew out of the Anglican tradition. We are closely linked in our lineage as people of faith. As such, we have long had close ties. At our last General Convention, we entered into an agreement of “inter-Eucharistic sharing” — an outward and visible sign of our inward and spiritual connection. Under this agreement, United Methodist and Episcopal clergy are invited to concelebrate the Holy Eucharist together, under

the direction of our bishops. Our ties are growing closer and more tangible, so their struggles are becoming more closely tied with our own.

The video below is of a flash mob that was organized by one of the progressive lobbying organizations of the United Methodist Church — The Love Your Neighbor Coalition (<http://gc12.org/tag/love-your-neighbor/>).

Despite the challenges and disappointments that they have continued to face at this General Conference, their continued joy and hope remains

admirable. May God shield them in their joy.

I particularly love the song that they’ve chosen - “You Can’t Stop the Beat” from *Hairspray*. It’s true.

As we are so often reminded: the arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9T-9d1AIW0&feature=share>

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Lynne and Kent Lefebvre

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profit trump sales volume, banks are showing pricing and lending discipline on mortgages. The result: in the first quarter, banks showed big gains in mortgage-banking in revenue and profit on the back of strong refinancing activity.

Well thats it for now. Remember if you're thinking of buying or

selling please e-mail or call me and I will answer any questions for you.

Always remember when you list with me you will recieve free staging of your home.

Till next week, take care and be safe.

Freedom to Marry kicks off "Court the Vote"

COLUMBUS - Mary Jo Kilroy, FreedomOhio CEO, today unveiled the Freedom To Marry plan to collect signatures in all 88 counties called "Court The Vote."

"We know there are thousands of people who support the freedom to marry and religious freedom amendment and we want to make it is easy for them to find a petition to sign," Kilroy said. "Our "Court the Vote" campaign will give voters in every county a chance to be involved and help us all end marriage

discrimination in Ohio."

Each weekend, Freedom To Marry volunteers will set up signature tables at county courthouses on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. The first "Court The Vote" petition drive will take place this Saturday, May 5 at the Athens County Courthouse.

"Voters want to sign and they want to know where to sign. The courthouse in each county is a symbol of open doors to marriage where civil marriages are performed. Our "Court the Vote" campaign will be

well-publicized on our website at www.freedomohio.com and our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/FreedomToMarryOH>," Kilroy said.

"This amendment also gives religious institutions the freedom to choose to recognize or not recognize a marriage," Kilroy said.

Petition circulators will have booklets to collect signatures from all contiguous counties each week as well. A schedule of upcoming counties will soon be available on the www.freedomohio.com

website.

"Our plan will take us into all 88 counties as we gather the 385,245 valid signatures needed to place this on ballot by November, 2013. Our "Court the Vote" campaign will be in addition to the ongoing efforts by more than 1,500 volunteers statewide who continue to collect signatures," Kilroy said.

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