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A NEW PHASE BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE FOR OCCUPY GREENSBORO

Occupy Greensboro has made its transition to its winter home at Glenwood Coffee and Books, located at 1310 Glenwood Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403, the site where its original meetings to plan the first phase of the movement occurred. Currently General Assembly meetings are being held Tuesday and Friday from 6:30-8:30, and Sundays from 2:00-5:00pm. All in the community are welcome to attend.

One development of note is that Occupy Greensboro has become the center of the creation of a national database of Occupy camp contacts, and has begun facilitating resource sharing among the groups. In two days, OSGO has been able to assist Occupy Montgomery, AL with the creation of its website, develop relations with IT specialists in Occupy San Francisco and Lexington KY, and also create a network of contacts within the state of North Carolina. The goal is to allow for communication between occupy groups, collaboration on mutual events, and resource sharing like the examples mentioned above, and more as the project develops.

Action Events:

Greensboro Employment March (11:30am, sat. Dec 10th starting at Downtown Public Library, Church Street, Greensboro)– Occupy

Greensboro is going to have its first employment march on Saturday December 10th. Marchers will assemble at 11:30 in front of the downtown library, then march through Greensboro to end at Governmental Plaza for a rally with speakers from organized labor, the community, and youth. North Carolina has lost hundreds of thousands of jobs since 1990, and lost 70,000 in 2009 alone, which is the 8th highest loss of manufacturing jobs of any state in the US. The current efforts at economic development paid for by our tax money to attract businesses are broken because they leads to large business coming and then leaving in unpredictable cycles that devastate the working class. For instance, Greensboro celebrates the arrival of Honda Jet while at the same time mourning the departure of American Express. This so-called “jobless recovery” has meant growing poverty and despair for far too many of the people who make up the 99%. The March comes as the world grows increasingly aware of the need to imagine and create new ways of developing

businesses that are rooted in our community, that produce jobs and community wealth, pay living wages that keep up with inflation, and that don't pollute the environment. This march is the beginning of Occupy Greensboro's ongoing local efforts to draw together the employed, underemployed, and unemployed in a community-wide effort to build a new economy.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Amanda Huber at ajhuber89@gmail.com, or contact her at 919-590-9058

Duke Power Rate Hikes Public Hearing (Monday, Nov 28th NC Utilities Commission Room 2115, Raleigh 430 North Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, NC 27603-5918)- Occupy Greensboro is planning to attend the next public hearing regarding the proposed Duke Power rate increase. This hearing is scheduled to take place Nov 28th at 1:00pm, NC Utilities Commission Room 2115, 430 North Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, NC 27603-5918. Occupy Greensboro is opposed to any rate increase due to the negative impact that this would have on the 99%. Occupy Greensboro will be organizing a carpool leaving at 10:00am from Glenwood Coffee and Books. We oppose any rate increase in part because while making 1.075 billion in profit in 2010, Duke Energy paid zero dollars in income taxes.

For details on this please visit www.occupygreensboro.org or contact Emiley Joyce 336-430-2575 (dnbemiley@gmail.com).

Residents and business owners unable to attend can participate through written comments that can be submitted to the public staff of the NC utilities Commission, Consumer Services Division, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 37699-4326 or to consumer.services@psncuc.nc.gov

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Notice: **December 6** has been designated a National Day of Action Against Foreclosures. Occupy Greensboro will be conducting an event to recognize this day in solidarity with other Occupy movements also participating. Details to come.

For more information on Occupy Greensboro please visit www.occupygreensboro.org