



INTERSECTION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership Weekly Newsletter

November 23, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Cafe, Tuesday, November 25, 5 p.m., Penn Yan United Methodist Church (166 Main St, Penn Yan).

Plant-Based People Group, Wednesday, December 3, 6 p.m., Modeste Bedient Library in Branchport, unless there is a field trip. Contact the Library for details. The Plant Based People Group strives to promote education, fellowship and food creativity to those community members interested in exploring vegetarian and vegan lifestyles.

Keuka Compass Movie Night, Friday, December 12, 6 p.m. at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church (179 Main St., Penn Yan). Featuring LGBTQ+-themed movies for queer folks and allies. This month: *The Wedding Banquet*, a 2025 remake of the classic Asian comedy of errors touching on identity, sexuality, otherness and belonging. Bring snacks and drinks to share. To learn about upcoming selections, write to flxjustice21@gmail.com and request to join our email update list. Presented by Keuka Compass.

Keuka Compass Game Day, Sunday, December 14, 1 p.m., Lyonsmith Brewing Company (2597 Assembly Avenue, Keuka Park). If you wish to learn some new games, or play an old favorite with a new group of people; if you are looking for other queer folk and/or allies to hang out with; if you just want some free chili and an interesting conversation on a Sunday afternoon, this event is for you. Feel free to bring a game, bring a friend, or bring snacks if you wish; we will have a wonderful selection of each present. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available, as well as a voluntary potluck.

FLXJP Justice Study Hall, Friday, December 19, 6 p.m., downstairs at Penn Yan Public Library (214 Main St.). Bring any social justice-related task currently on your to-do list, whether it's in partnership with the FLXJP, a personal or work project, or anything else, and work on it alongside others with similar goals and values. Network with like-minded justice seekers while carving out time for what matters to you. Presented by Finger Lakes Justice Partnership.

TAKE ACTION

Indivisible is urging us to stop streaming fascism by cancelling Spotify!

Spotify is running recruitment ads for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the federal agency that kidnaps our immigrant farmworkers, home health aides, construction workers, restaurant servers, factory workers, daycare providers and neighbors off the streets to meet the Trump regime's mass deportation quotas.

ICE agents have separated parents from their children, prevented students from attending school, frightened worshippers away from church services, and decimated workplace staffing. The mere presence of ICE in a community terrorizes neighborhoods.

ICE ads create a fiction that valorizes agents as superheroes subduing invaders rendered powerless. Recruits are lured with promises of signing bonuses, generous benefits and student loan forgiveness. They assure prospective recruits that they'll be going after the "worst of the worst," even though the Migration Policy Institute reports that as of September, "71 percent of ICE detainees had no criminal conviction. Of the 25 percent who had a pending criminal charge, most were minor offenses such as traffic violations."

How does Spotify justify the ads? They say the ads comply with their policy. Indivisible's response: "Streaming hate is not neutral. It's a choice. We refuse to fund it. We refuse to ignore it."

Indivisible is "calling on Spotify founder and current CEO Daniel Ek, as well as Gustav Söderström and Alex Norström who will become the new co-CEOs starting in January 2026, to:

- Immediately terminate all ICE and DHS advertising contracts with Spotify.
- Spotify must update its Advertising Policy to prohibit government propaganda and hate-based recruitment campaigns.
- Spotify must commit to defending civil rights and standing up for communities under threat from authoritarian actions."

Take action and join Indivisible in opposition to Spotify's policy of running ICE recruitment ads! Cancel your Spotify subscription and refrain from streaming content on Spotify until they remove the ads. Indivisible provides the names of alternative streaming services and instructions on how to cancel Spotify Premium, even if it's bundled with a mobile/internet provider. Visit <https://indivisible.org/cancel-spotify>.

From Keuka Housing Council:

"Our Point in Time count is coming back up on January 28th. Normally we check all the usual spots however, I was wondering if anyone knew of any places they have seen or heard of homeless people hanging out or living. The grounds we usually cover are Yates, Dresden, Jerusalem, Dundee, and Starkey. I'm curious if anyone knows of any homeless people residing in Potter, Middlesex, Italy, Benton, Torrey, Barrington and the Tyrone areas? We're also looking for Volunteers again this year feel free to email me at asnyder@keukahousingcouncil.org if anyone is interested!"

GOOD NEWS

- Hundreds of veterans rallied in Washington, D.C. Saturday to call for the impeachment and removal of Trump and his fascist regime.
- The House and Senate voted promptly and near unanimously to release the Epstein files; Trump immediately signed it, per reports. We shall see what's next.
- Two Senators and four Representatives, all veterans, released a video reminding military service members they can refuse illegal orders, sparking Trump's anger and threats.
- Although ICE and CBP descended on Charlotte, NC, civic leaders and community members have resisted the incursion; protesters chanted "Immigrants are welcome."
- NYC Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani was warmly welcomed to the White House by Trump, in a surprising reversal of opinion.
- Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene has decided to resign her office at the end of 2025, following major disagreements with Trump over the past year and losing his support.
- Indiana Republicans rejected the option of gerrymandering voting districts.
- Judge James Boasberg is continuing a contempt of court proceeding against the Trump regime over violation of his orders re: deportation flights to El Salvador.

MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

Advocates for Trans Equality releases a Remembrance Report about anti-trans violence every year. The 2025 report has been published just in time to honor Transgender Day of Remembrance. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/yc24emh6>

"Public Media." *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*. The host and his writers tackle MAGA's self-defeating destruction of one of the few true public goods in our country with the usual wit and edge. Gutting its funding actually reinforces the "coastal elite domination" of public media that rightists rail against. Plus, see actor Joel McHale with his old, pre-celebrity hair. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/593kmnwn>

"White People Should Be the Face of SNAP Cuts." Imani Gandy, *Rewire News Group*. An important read for white people as the hunger crisis deepens. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/3jir6rn9>

"Public Health Was a Place for Warriors Once. It Needs to Be Again." Gregg Gonsalves, *The Nation*. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/f7em67k3>

"MAGA's plan for a white Christian America is unfolding before our eyes." Heather Digby Parton, *Salon*. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/3wmje3hw>

STIRRING THE POT

By Jenna Dewitt, she/her, sapphic aro ace, Side A queer Methodist

A-positive

Maybe I'm just not your type.

I am not the type to get emotional

but it hurts when you say

all humans were created for sex,

that romance is the purpose

for us being thrust upon this forsaken Earth.

I am not the type to need constant reassurance

I can get by on my own

But it hurts when you tell me that's wrong,

that I should need someone,

that humans need a body

to touch to kiss to love

if they are to be healthy and whole.

I am not the type to cry out Justice for myself

though I will fight for you any day

but tonight it aches, rends me, destroys

my hope that one day you will see me

as human

Maybe I'm just not your type.



It's Time to Take Action!

BYO RIGHTS NOW!

Sign the petition ↓ to expand
New Yorkers' right to
Bring Your Own containers



**NEW YORKERS DESERVE
THE RIGHT TO REUSE.
SIGN TODAY.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/
byo-rights-ny/](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/byo-rights-ny/)



What We're Fighting For ✓

The policy we support will:

- ✓ Let restaurants and delis accept clean customer containers
- ✓ Repeal the outdated NYS Food code that blocks BYO
- ✓ Protect businesses from liability
- ✓ Catch NY up with states like CA and OR

▼ **PFAS and microplastics** are found in single-use
foodware—both in plastic and so-called
compostables.

▼ We deserve the right to protect ourselves—
and the planet.

▼ BYO is safe, practical, and cost-free.
And it's long overdue.

▼ **Sign the petition today!**

Scan QR Code →
or visit:

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/
byo-rights-ny/](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/byo-rights-ny/)

♥ And please pass on this postcard
to your friends, co-workers and family members

UPCOMING EVENTS- ROCHESTER

Action for a Better Community, Inc announces a free program by The ERG, (Exploring, Engaging, Ending Racism Group) that will explore issues of race and racism, and ways to have a positive impact together in our community. These identical half-day, in-person sessions (please register for one session) will share information on the ERG program, the history of racism, bias, prejudice and the various aspects of racism. This is a forum for leaders, influencers, board members, and others interested in bringing about change in the community. Sessions will be held at the Rochester Regional Transit Servicer (RTS) headquarters, 1372 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14609. Free parking in lot on east side of building. Session 1: Friday, November 7, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Session 2: Thursday, January 15, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Please register for one session here: <https://tinyurl.com/hck298nj>

UPCOMING EVENTS- OTHER

Weekly Honk & Wave - Trumansburg, Every Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (69 Main St, Trumansburg, NY). Organized by volunteers in Trumansburg. Please register here so Indivisible can report turnout to the press: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/804174/>



Celebration OF REMEMBRANCE

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
Magnetic Flow

Please join us as we come together to remember our LOVED ONES lost to violence. An evening of music, poetry and dance.

FRIDAY **DEC 12**

6:00PM - 9:00PM
GRAND OCCASIONS
439 CENTRAL AVE.
ROCHESTER, NY



DON'T OPEN FOR ICE!

FUNDRAISER

WE STAND WITH IMMIGRANT WORKERS!



<https://gofund.me/ccf415369>

URGENT NEED FOR CATO RAID AFTERMATH SUPPORT



The Finger Lakes Rapid Response Network has launched a GoFundMe fundraiser (<https://tinyurl.com/yexa2rwf>) to support the 60 individuals detained during the Cato Raid at the Nutrition Bar factory several weeks ago.

The impact of this raid on families in Fulton and Auburn is devastating. Individuals were rapidly moved to detention centers in Texas, Louisiana, and California, constitutional rights were ignored, and people were scared and continue to live in fear as they grieve their loved ones being snatched away from their own children, from our beloved communities.

We ask you please to donate what you can and share with your networks. Please feel free to donate as you are able and spread far and wide! If you'd like a tax letter for a larger donation, please send checks directly to Trinity Place, 78 East Castle Street, Geneva, NY, and we will send you a letter for tax record purposes; kindly make a note in the notes section to specify that the donation is for Cato aftermath support.



The Intersection

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OUR MISSION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership will help weave together the efforts of the region's diverse justice-seeking individuals, organizations, and institutions. Rooted in the humble knowledge that we are continually learning, we will seek to coordinate resources and knowledge, respond to acts of injustice, and raise awareness around local threats and opportunities. Through advocacy for members of historically marginalized groups of all kinds, we will help move the Finger Lakes away from passive acquiescence to injustice, and toward an active embrace of anti-racism, community-building, mutual aid, and understanding.