

## Local Social Justice Events

as of Wed Aug 16, 2018

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### Breakfast Run

**Sun Aug 19, 7:00 AM**

**First Unitarian Society, 25 Old Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson**

Come help us prepare food, pack clothes, and distribute and interact with the homeless in NYC. Breakfast Runs are the perfect time to introduce kids and youth to the practice of service to others, so we encourage families to join us. You can also support us with donations of clothing and food. Contact: Art Lowenstein (arthur.lowenstein@gmail.com, 914-844-4189), Annie Patton (annie.k.patton@gmail.com, 914-588-4782).

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### Film Screening & Discussion: 13th

**Sun Aug 19, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Rd, 2W, White Plains**

The academy-award-nominated documentary *13th* explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States. The title refers to the 13th Amendment, which prohibited slavery except as punishment for a crime. Free. Sponsored by WESPAC Foundation and others. [facebook.com/events/1736077743175334](https://facebook.com/events/1736077743175334)

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### Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester meeting

**Mon Aug 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry**

Everyone welcome; accessible, child-friendly meetings. *We meet the third Monday of the month. Next meeting: Katonah United Methodist, Katonah.* Learn more at [showingupforracialjustice.org](http://showingupforracialjustice.org) and [facebook.com/SURJWestchester](https://facebook.com/SURJWestchester). Contact: SURJWestchester@gmail.com, 914-295-2527.

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### From Riverkeeper: Protect the Hudson from Harmful Storm Surge Barriers Public Comments Invited through Mon Aug 20

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering construction of in-water barriers that could critically harm the Hudson River Estuary. The Corps has opened a public comment period through Mon Aug 20, to consider issues to include in its environmental review. Riverkeeper invites you to visit their Actions Page to [become informed](#) and [get involved](#).

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## **From [Riverkeeper](#): Support the New York State Bring Your Own Bag Act**

Reducing the use of single-use plastic bags is one of the most meaningful steps that New York can take to reduce pollution from single-use plastic. The NYS BYOBAG Act (S7760/A9953), modeled on California's successful law, would ban single-use plastic bags and place a 10-cent fee on paper. The fee would help fund state parks, environmental programs, and free reusable bags for low- and fixed-income New Yorkers. Visit the [Riverkeepers Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

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## **UUSC Initiative: Fund Human Rights and Asylum**

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) advances human rights through grassroots collaborations. Join their latest initiative to send letters to Congress urging legislators to withhold funding for immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization, and increase accountability and oversight of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection. Learn more at [uusc.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/](http://uusc.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/)

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## **The Climate Reality Project now has a Westchester Chapter**

Led by former US Vice President Al Gore, the Climate Reality Project empowers everyday people to become activists, equipped with the tools, training, and network to fight for solutions and drive change planet-wide. Visit [climaterealityproject.org](http://climaterealityproject.org) to learn more and [climaterealityproject.org/chapters](http://climaterealityproject.org/chapters) to sign up.

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## **Be an LGBTQ Mentor [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of Westchester](#) Throughout Westchester**

Make a difference in a child's life; become a mentor in one of our LGBTQ site-based programs. Being a Big Brother/Big Sister is one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable things you will ever do. We provide a thorough orientation and training in building mentor relationships and working constructively with youth. On-going support by dedicated staff is provided to the mentor, mentee, and mentee's family. Become a Big and help to start something big in a child's life. Sign up at [volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1](http://volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1)

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## **Feeding Westchester Volunteers Needed**

Help us feed those in need. Feeding Westchester relies on volunteers to help plant, weed, and care for vegetables at our farm sites; to sort and pack produce and goods at our warehouse; and to help at special events, in the office, or at Mobile Food Pantry distributions.

Most volunteer opportunities are 2–3 hours and we welcome a one-time or on-going commitment. We need volunteers at any time convenient for you – on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. We have opportunities for corporate, community and school groups. We also offer options for individuals, and families who want to volunteer together. Children are

welcome! [feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer](http://feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer)

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**For more Volunteer Opportunities, visit and sign up at Volunteer New York  
[volunteernewyork.org](http://volunteernewyork.org)**