

Local Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Thu Aug 30, 2018

Donations of School Supplies Through Mon Sep 3 The PowerLab, 45 Ludlow Street #310, Yonkers

The [Hudson Valley Community Coalition](#) is requesting donations of school supplies for the 15 children who have a parent detained by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). Supplies include: crayons, index cards, bookmarks, hand sanitizer, rulers, folders, loose-leaf paper, etc. Any donations will be appreciated and will help the kids get ready to go back to school. If you can't drop off items at The PowerLab, contact Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) to coordinate another time and location. SURJWestchester@gmail.com, (914) 295-2527.

March to Support the Emergency Tenant Protection Act Wed Sep 5, 6:30 PM Market Square, Main St & Spring St, Ossining

[Community Voices Heard \(CVH\)](#) asks allies to show up and show support for the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) in Ossining. The group will meet at Market Square and march to the courthouse together to attend a public hearing on the bill. RSVP and share the Facebook event [facebook.com/events/293879188063841](https://www.facebook.com/events/293879188063841).

9/11: Serve + Remember Program Tue Sep 11, 12:00 - 5:30 PM Westchester County Center, White Plains

Participate in one of more than a dozen service projects coordinated by Volunteer New York! There will also be a blood drive from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Volunteer opportunities also available Sat Sep 8 and Sun Sep 9. Register: volunteernewyork.org/service. Contact: Nicole Lowrance (nicole@volunteernewyork.org, 914-227-9308). Read more at emailblast.westchestergov.com/CE/whoknows/SpecialEdition.

September 11th Memorial Ceremony Tue Sep 11, 3:00 PM [The Rising Memorial](#), Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

RSVP: Communications@WestchesterGov.com

**Hot Topics Breakfast - Proposed Hudson River
Storm Barriers: What You Need to Know**

**Thu Sep 13, 8:30 - 10:30 AM, Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane, Tarrytown
(Parking on McKeel Ave or on street where permitted)**

The US Army Corps of Engineers is narrowing its options to "manage the risk of coastal storm damage" to NY harbor and the Hudson Valley. Public comment period ends Sep 20.

Learn about the options from Riverkeeper so you can have a voice.

Presented by League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns.

“Your Voice is Your Vote” Two-Part Workshop to Increase Voter Turnout

Thu Sep 20 & Thu Sep 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Theodore Young Community Center, 32 Manhattan Ave, White Plains

The nonprofit group Civic Engagement Table, in partnership with Citizen Action of NY, will facilitate a two-part voter turnout workshop designed to reach discouraged and disaffected voters and to build a sense of empowerment in order to increase voter turnout. Please plan to attend both sessions. Hosted by the Why Voting Matters Collaboration. RSVP:

westchester4change@gmail.com, 914-525-8886, facebook.com/events/266697794120147

**From [Riverkeeper](#): Protect the Hudson from Harmful Storm Surge Barriers
Public Comments Invited through Thu Sep 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 extended the public comment period through Thu Sep 20, to consider issues to include in its environmental review. Riverkeeper invites you to visit their Actions Page to [become informed](#) and [get involved](#).

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 BYO Bag Act 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.

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 uuscs.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/

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 to learn more and climaterealityproject.org/chapters to sign up.

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

Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights Child Advocate Volunteers Needed

A Child Advocate is an adult who volunteers to spend time with and advocate on behalf of an individual unaccompanied immigrant child while he or she is subject to deportation proceedings. There is a particular need for bilingual volunteers who speak Spanish. Sign up at theyoungcenter.org/volunteer-at-the-young-center. *The mission of the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights is to promote the best interests of unaccompanied immigrant children with due regard to the child's expressed wishes, according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and state and federal law.*

Feeding Westchester **Volunteers Needed**

Feeding Westchester relies on volunteers to help plant, weed, and care for vegetables at their farm sites; to sort and pack produce and goods at their warehouse; and to help at special events, in the office, or at Mobile Food Pantry distributions. Most volunteer opportunities are 2–3 hours and they welcome one-time or on-going commitment at any time convenient for you – weekdays, evenings, and weekends. Opportunities for corporate, community, and school groups, as well as individuals and families who want to volunteer together. Children welcome! feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer.

Family-to-Family **Sponsor a Family Program**

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family, Inc., is a grassroots nonprofit hunger and poverty relief organization in Hastings dedicated to providing food, personal hygiene products, and other basic essentials to American families struggling with the challenges of poverty. By connecting donors one to one with specific families in need, Family-to-Family's mission is to bring the large and seemingly intractable problem of poverty into personal focus, one family at a time. family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family.

**For more Volunteer Opportunities,
visit Volunteer New York
volunteernewyork.org**