



### SGFMC Action for Justice News

This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:** [marynpaul@comcast.net](mailto:marynpaul@comcast.net) We will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.

*"Thus says the Lord GOD: Cry out full-throated and unsparingly, lift up your voice like a trumpet blast." -Isaiah 58: 1*

**July 18, 2025**

#### PEACEMAKERS:

**\*\* Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – Saturday, July 26th, following the 5PM Mass – in the North transept of **ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park** \*\***

**\*\* Monthly TAIZE Prayer for Peace – Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> -7:30PM at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave\*\***

**ECONOMIC ACTION:** <https://thepeoplesunionusa.com/>

- July 1-31: Starbucks, Amazon, Home Depot.
- Aug. 1-31: Walmart, McDonald's Lowe's.

#### TAKE ACTION:

### families first

**Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2PM – Douglass Park – 1401 S. Sacramento, Chicago**

**"On Saturday, July 26, Americans in every corner of the country will come together in peaceful marches, rallies, and actions to say: our families come first...We reject the Administration's actions that have gutted essential programs like Medicaid, FEMA, food stamps, school lunches, and more...We are coming together to say in unity: our families come first."**

<https://www.mobilize.us/familiesfirst/event/812397/>

### NO KINGS



**7-8PM CDT, ZOOM (WEDNESDAYS 7/30, 8/13)**

"Next week, we'll be kicking off our [One Million Rising training series](#) to coach up a million volunteers on how to productively, effectively, and as safely as possible engage in non-violent non-cooperation."

[https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/803953/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=20250702link1](https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/803953/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20250702link1)

**(Why join this project?** *With the signing of the budget reconciliation bill, the budget for ICE was immediately increased to **\$37.5 billion** - 4X that of the FBI -making ICE "the largest federal law enforcement agency in the history of the republic."* **(Indivisible)**



**The People's Post Alliance: Say No to Postal Privatization. SATURDAYS 10AM-Noon**  
**Chicago Bulk Mail Center (entrance on Roosevelt Rd on the sidewalk in front of the Taco Bell**  
**7500 Roosevelt Rd)**

[https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/802569/?followup\\_modal\\_context=organization\\_newsletter\\_custom\\_recommendations](https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/802569/?followup_modal_context=organization_newsletter_custom_recommendations)



### **Demand Etsy Remove Alligator Alcatraz Merchandise from Its Website Now**

"Built just 1,100 feet from a traditional Miccosukee village and within three miles of 11 Miccosukee and Seminole villages and ceremonial grounds, Alligator Alcatraz violates civil rights, human rights, rights to due process, environmental laws, and Tribal sovereignty.

We can't allow corporations to profit off of human suffering and exploitation."

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/etsy-remove-alligator-alcatraz-merch/?source=group-native-organizers-alliance>

the Neighborhood



"**The Neighborhood Bridge** thrives because of the contributions of dozens of **community volunteers**. There are a variety of ways you can **use your skills and talents** to connect West Side families to the services they need and deserve..." <https://theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer>



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Emergency Overnight Shelter, Interim Housing, Meal Providers - **LOTS OF WAYS TO HELP!** <https://www.housingforward.org/about-us/volunteer>

### **FOOD and SHELTER:**



**WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR MEN'S SUMMER CLOTHES AS WELL AS TOILETRY ITEMS. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MIGRANTS' LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - Please mark "Legal Defense Fund" on your donation.**

**SEE ALSO: "Dream List"** <https://www.dreamlist.com/of/hem4hz8ajk>



**BEYOND HUNGER**

**Drop-Off hours at the Food Pantry: 848 Lake St., Oak Park, IL) 9am-4pm Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.** <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org/donatefood>

### **CREATION CARE:**



**There's still time... Tell (Michigan) Governor Whitmer: Deny the Line 5 Tunnel**

**Permit!** "...a plan to enclose the 72-year-old Line 5 pipeline in a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac would extend the threat that this aging pipeline poses to the Great Lakes." **READ/SIGN HERE:**

<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0534066&id=701Po00000yqgLeIAI&data=f5e8a9fa5766413d570f41a>



**Global Encounter: One heart, One Home – SATURDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 8AM CDT**

"Since 2024, the Laudato Si' Movement has been driving a worldwide *[over 40,000 people in 40 countries]* listening process. People from different countries and communities have gathered in local and national spaces to share their journey within the movement and express their dreams for the future. This gathering will be the final step in analyzing these results..." **REGISTER HERE:** <https://laudatosimovement.org/global-encounter/>



**AMERICANS of CONSCIENCE:** <https://americansofconscience.com/06-27-2025/>

**"The Environmental Protection Agency proposes repealing reporting requirements for greenhouse gas emissions by large industrial facilities and rolling back limits on permissible soot and mercury produced by the country's dirtiest coal plants. Without these reports, the federal government will lack necessary data to measure and limit sources of pollution heating the planet.**

**Submit a comment: Oppose these harmful rule changes before August 4th through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0489. All comments received will be included in the public docket including personal information, if provided."**



**Vine and Branches – TREX CORP. Plastic Bags Collection -700# and counting!!!**

**SAVE THE DATES & SIGN UP NOW!**



**Build Your Own Experience**

*Rooted In Where You Are, And Where You Are Ready To Go*

**FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY**

**GROWING**

BIPOC Affinity Group Series  
Erika Bachner & Maya Puentes

**SATURDAY**

**LEARNING - 10am**

Let's Talk About Anti-Arab Racism:  
Historical Roots and Current Manifestations  
Dr. Zeina Zaatar

**CONNECTING - 12pm**

Lunch Event  
presentation by Paul Goyette

**COMMITTING - 2pm**

Justice Informed Relationships  
for Uncertain Social Times  
Xavier Ramey

**SUNDAY**

**DISRUPTING - 9:30am**

Somatic Work on Internalized Whiteness  
Dr. Kristin Davison & Libbey Paul

**EDUCATING - 6pm VIRTUAL**

Black Teachers and the Praxis of  
Fugitive Resistance  
Dr. Jessica Lee Stovall



[raceconsciousdialogues.org](https://www.raceconsciousdialogues.org)

**Learn more, REGISTER:** <https://www.raceconsciousdialogues.org/>



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**We're the Ones We're Waiting For**  
**How to Run for Local Office 101**

It's your turn to run and now is the time to start. This 90-minute, online intro will give a brief overview of how to run a local campaign and WIN.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."  
 President Barack Obama

**FOUR DATES to choose from**  
 June 25  
 Aug. 13  
 Oct. 23  
 Nov. 11

Sign up at [www.gpadems.org/calendar](http://www.gpadems.org/calendar)  
 Scroll through to your preferred date

**Interested in Running for Local Office?** While 2027 may seem far away, it's time to start thinking about it NOW. In partnership with the Greater Palatine Area Democrats, Wheeling Township Democrats, and Barrington Area Democrats, we have 3 upcoming informational sessions.

Attend a Zoom meeting on August 13, October 23, and/or November 11. These will be just introductory sessions to give you the basics as you start to think about your campaign.

(Click **HERE** and scroll down to the date you prefer: <https://www.gpadems.org/calendar> )

## JOB OPENINGS>>>



17 Current Job/Career Opportunities at Build, Inc.

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7e60815e-c0c1-4d69-8693-8476df238fde/Build-Inc>

### ATTN Recent H.S. Grads:

Garden Apprentice (15-20 hours a week, Part-time, Seasonal 10 weeks) Non-Exempt Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Noon-5pm and Thursdays 2pm-8pm with some Saturdays (see ALL details **HERE**) <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/3180676>

## DID YOU KNOW...



In July 2024, "...the IRS agreed churches and houses of worship can now endorse political candidates to their own congregations during religious services, without risking their tax-exempt status." Read a concise explanation, pros and cons, **HERE**:

<https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/law-and-life/irs-gives-pulpit-politics-the-greenlight/>



A Voice of 821 Million Catholics, for Climate Justice

"In a groundbreaking show of unity, the Catholic bishops of Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean have issued their first-ever joint statement—just in time to influence key decisions ahead of COP30, the UN climate summit taking place in Brazil this year. "

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TBoG7aoqzkvqeCZ56BED-y86YepHktIF/view>