



SGFMC Action for Justice News

This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:** 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

August 8, 2025

PEACEMAKERS:

**** Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – Saturday, August 30th, following the 5PM Mass – in the North transept of ST. EDMUND CHURCH, 188 S. Oak Park ****

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

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

- Aug. 1-31: Walmart, McDonald's Lowe's.

TAKE ACTION:



SPREAD THE WORD!! Join a Phone Bank

Saturday, Aug. 9, 4-5:30pm

Call Voters in Bellweather Virginia to Help
This Dem Candidate Turn Virginia Blue in
their November 2025 Election!



VA gubernatorial candidate
Abigail Spanberger

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleil/event/819204/?emci=148b2>

SUNDAY, Aug 10, 4 – 5:30PM - Tell Voters that Their MOC Voted to Cut Medicaid



<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleil/event/819208/?emci=148b242>



Time

Sunday, August 10

1 – 3pm CDT



Location

219 S Dearborn St

Chicago, IL 60604

Organizers: Brave Space Alliance, Chicago Therapy

Collective, Equality Illinois, Indivisible Chicago and Trans Up Front IL

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblechicago/event/821149/>



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>)
["BE the change you want to see in the world...."]



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!



Forest Preserve District of Cook County · Follow

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📷 Don't miss your chance—the Forest Preserves Photo Contest is NOW OPEN!

Capture the beauty of the Forest Preserves of Cook County and share your best shots—whether it's breathtaking landscapes, striking wildlife, seasonal wonders, or joyful outdoor moments.

Submit up to 5 entries by August 17 through our online form.

🏆 Winning photos will appear in our 2026 Wall Calendar, on social media—and winners will receive 10 calendars plus a special prize package!

👉 View full details and enter here: fpdcc.com/photo-contest



7-8PM CDT, ZOOM (Final session: "Organizing Action" WEDNESDAY 8/13)

https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/803953/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20250702link1

"Our first One Million Rising call was electric. The chat was full, we broke Zoom again (sorry for anyone inconvenienced), our guest speakers broke down complex topics in digestible ways, and we left feeling a little more hopeful and a lot more confident that we can fight back. [You can watch the July 16 training here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4496VWDjwS0)

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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



Support Workers on Strike for Immigrant Protections – “Workers at Mauser Packaging Solutions, **2000 S. Kilbourn (Little Village)** are in their 8th week of strike unfair labor practice strike, for livable wages, health and safety on the job, and immigrant protections from intimidating workers because of their status.” Workers are on the picket line every day, and are **asking the community to come out and bring food**. If you are able to help, please send an email to ethan@ariseschicago.com



STOP Congressional budget cuts to Tribal college funding!

“The Department of the Interior has proposed an **83% cut** to Tribal college funding... Treaty rights negotiated with the federal government require funding of at least \$40,000 per student. The truth is that right now, already, our communities don’t get funding even close to that. But instead of closing the \$250 million funding gap that already exists, Congress is poised to widen it, catastrophically. That is not just negligence, it’s illegal and immoral.”
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/protect-tribal-colleges-from-budget-cuts/?source=group-native-organizers-alliance&referrer>



Urge the Miami-Dade mayor to shut down the “Alligator Alcatraz” detention camp.
Contact: Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava via phone: 305-375-5071, email: mayor@miamidade.gov, or mail: Office of the Mayor, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128.

(Want a sample 'script'? <https://americansofconscience.com/07-25-2025/>)

the Neighborhood



The Neighborhood Bridge is launching a volunteer-staffed Essentials Pantry in the former rectory at St. Catherine-St. Lucy in mid-August.

The Neighborhood Bridge, born out of the Renew My Church initiative, is dedicated to connecting Austin families with the services they need to thrive. Families from our 5 partner schools in Austin will be able to receive household necessities, such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, and baby products. Volunteers are needed to receive, stock, and deliver items to the schools. The commitment is fewer than 4 hours per week. To volunteer, contact *Pantry Coordinator, Christine Wedekind*, at christine.wedekind@aol.



Housing Forward is scheduled to open a new emergency overnight shelter with 40 beds in September at 112 S. Humphrey Avenue in Oak Park. This is twice as many beds as were available at the Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Ministry Center. **This means additional volunteer opportunities to not only provide meals, but serve and interact with guests, similar to the prior PADS model, but without the distraction of traveling locations!**

Volunteers are a key to the success of the emergency shelter. Between the emergency overnight shelter and the Interim Housing Program, **we provide 1,260 meals every week!** Individuals and groups are welcome to be part of creating a safe and stable place for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Contact Cherrell Jackson, volunteer and volunteer outreach manager, at cjackson@housingforward or via phone at (708) 338-1724 ext. 201

FOOD and SHELTER:



Help WORLD CENTRAL KITCHENS feed starving people in Gaza.

Update as of July 25, 2025: "After a five day pause, cooking operations resumed today at World Central Kitchen's Deir al-Balah Field Kitchen in Gaza. This marks the second time in 2025 our hot meal program has been forced to halt due to a lack of available food supplies.

Access to supplies remains fragile. This most recent cooking pause began last Sunday when we ran out of essential ingredients. During the week, we were able to distribute bread and water...With stock of some ingredients partly replenished, we are working to be able to serve 60,000 meals daily through our Field Kitchen and partner community kitchens—less than half what we were able to cook over the previous month. Our cooks are making the most of supplies, and distribution teams are ensuring meals reach the most vulnerable people, including staff and patients at medical facilities..." <https://wck.org/news/gaza-update-7-25>



WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR - PLEASE SEE THE SUMMER DONATIONS LIST LINKED BELOW. Items can be dropped off only on Mondays between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM at Centro San Edmundo (the former Saint Edmund School), 200 S. Oak Park Avenue - Use the Pleasant Street door.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MIGRANTS' LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - Please mark "Legal Defense Fund" on your donation.



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:



SIERRA CLUB

Wed. August 20th, 6PM CDT – RSVP:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?id=701Po0000127HldIAE>

LIVESTREAM

SIERRA CLUB WEBINAR

DATA CENTERS: POWER PLAYS - BUT WHO PAYS?

EXPLORE HOW THE RUSH TO BUILD LARGE DATA CENTERS IS DRIVING A NEW CLIMATE CRISIS AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

- WEDNESDAY
- August 20, 2025
- 7pm ET / 4pm PT

Creation Care Corner

LAST CALL for Energy Efficiency/Clean Energy Tax Credits

Recent legislation has cut short the timeline of federal energy efficiency and renewable energy tax credits. Improving energy efficiency and electrification reduces carbon pollution, while also saving money on bills.

Homes: Available tax credits include up to \$3,200 per year for qualified improvements on your home **until Dec. 31st, 2025**. The credit is 30% of certain qualified expenses for certain energy efficient appliances and weatherizing your home: including \$150 for home energy audits; \$250 for an exterior door (\$500 total for all exterior doors); \$600 for exterior windows and skylights; central air conditioners; electric panels and certain related equipment; \$2,000 for select highly efficient electric heat pump water heaters and electric heat pumps.

Vehicles: The federal tax credit for new and used EVs ends after **Sept. 30, 2025**. To claim up to \$7,500 for a new EV or \$4,000 for a used vehicle, you must purchase and take delivery before the deadline. Eligibility rules still apply and income limits remain in effect.

Home energy: The credit is worth 30% of the cost to install qualifying systems that use solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, or fuel cell power to produce electricity **until Dec. 31st, 2025**.

For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/CCCornerTaxCredits>
AND www.energystar.gov/about/federal-tax-credits

SAVE THE DATES/SIGN UP NOW!



"Registration is NOW OPEN for Fall 2025 cohort on **Whiteness & Anti-racism**, designed for people who are white to deepen awareness of identity, privilege, positionality to power and more, plus integration of learning into our everyday lives. It meets Sunday afternoons starting October 19th from 2pm -5pm central time over the span of a month. It is important to attend all 4 sessions - they are designed to build upon one another. While life gets complicated and we always affirm that, attendance is expected as part of our group cohesion each cohort."

Session 1 - October 19: 2pm-5pm - WHITENESS & SOCIALIZATION

Session 2 - October 26: 2pm-5pm - IDENTITY & PRIVILEGE

Session 3 - November 2: 2pm-5pm - ALLYSHIP & RACISM INTERRUPTION

Session 4 - November 9: 2pm-5pm - SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION & MOVING FORWARD

https://raceconsciousdialogues.corsizio.com/event/6835e3e1d7f8deedee0d5eed?mc_cid=f6072b6322&mc_eid=a3bbbebe66





3rd Annual "WALK TOWARD HEALING"- Sunday, Sept. 14, 2-5 PM – Elmhurst Univ.

(190 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL.) Help support survivors of gun violence!

<https://forms.everytown.org/a/il-elmhurst-walk-toward-healing-2025?contactdata=H9OG4MYjWokkVwj5zMSpRZEHERY7b>

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Immigration Ministry: BEING BRIDGES FRIENDSHIP AMID GRIEF AND ANGUISH, JOY AND HOPE – Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 | 7 p.m. Assumption Parish, 4323 West Illinois Street, Chicago, IL 60654 – Presenter: Steven Millies, Ph.D. Professor of Public Theology and Director of The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.



Solidarity in Action Training Series

- [Creating Mutual Aid/Community Response Teams \(Part 1\), with Stephanie Rearick](#) -- September 15 at 7:00 pm ET/4pm PT
- [Creating Mutual Aid/Community Response Teams \(Part 2\), with Stephanie Rearick](#) -- September 29 at 7:00 pm ET/4pm PT
- [Understanding Systemic Oppression and Privilege, with Tim Wise](#) -- October 21 at 7:00 pm ET/4pm PT

https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/807964/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20250808



Important dates in AUGUST: contact@socialjusticeresourcecenter.org

August 9th: [International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#) & [Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki](#)

August 19th: [World Humanitarian Day](#)

August 23rd: [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition](#)

August 24th: [Anniversary of the Medellin Conference](#)

August 26th: [Women's Equality Day](#)

August 28th: [Anniversary of March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom](#) & [Anniversary Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream Speech](#)

August 29th: [International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#)

August 30th: [International Day of the Disappeared](#)