



THE INTERSECTION

The Finger Lakes Justice Partnership Weekly Newsletter

August 17, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

NY Activist Meeting: What's the Deal with Hochul's Data Center Moratorium?, Tuesday, August 18, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Learn about the threat of AI data centers to rural energy and water resources, about Gov Hochul's executive order establishing a data center moratorium, and about what more is needed to strengthen that moratorium and further protect municipalities. Join Food & Water Watch on [Zoom](#) for an overview of the executive order by Senator Kristen Gonzalez and plans to safeguard our environment and energy resources. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/b5pwxuya>

Regional Justice Summit, Friday, August 21, 7 p.m. online via Zoom. Finger Lakes Justice Partnership hosts a bi-monthly, virtual gathering of leaders representing justice-seeking groups of all kinds from across the FLX region to share ideas, update on events, and seek connection. Let's bust out of our siloes, signal-boost each other's projects, and support each other in this difficult and important work! Do you represent a group that belongs in this conversation? Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4n7z7mrc>

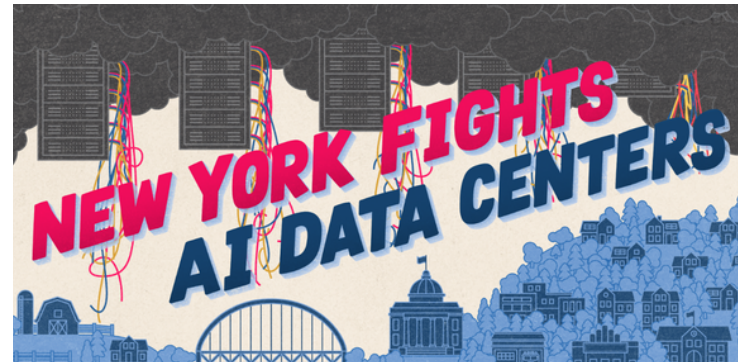
Keuka Compass Social Gathering, Saturday, August 22, 12:30 p.m. at Milly's Pantry (19 Main St., Penn Yan). These informal coffee hours are intended for LGBTQ+ folks and their allies to come together in community and friendship. Very casual; no agenda - just coffee, food, chat and company. Presented by Keuka Compass.

Resilient Living Meeting, Saturday, August 22, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Resilience is the ability to withstand or bounce back effectively from difficulties. In this monthly meeting, learn about the basics of resilience and how to start being more resilient in your own life and as part of the community. Sessions will include discussion, guest speakers, and/or hands-on activities. Participants will have the opportunity to get involved in several ongoing projects that will collectively help increase community resilience. To join the email list for this group, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/3cdawwhv>. Presented by the Keuka Resilience Community and hosted by Penn Yan Public Library.

People's Parliament & Community Potluck, Sunday, August 23, 4 p.m. at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church (179 Main St., Penn Yan). The Keuka Resilience Community is offering an ongoing way to connect over food and shared values. Gather at 4 p.m. to share a meal together, with an open floor to discuss current events, raise concerns, and propose solutions. All are welcome to attend any portion they wish; there is no obligation to participate beyond your interest or comfort. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/2m544nrk>. We are grateful for the support of a Sustainable Finger Lakes Neighborhood Minigrant, which allows us to continue this monthly event through the end of the year. Come break bread with us!

TAKE ACTION

Take action to protect Seneca Lake from an energy devouring, water sucking, lake and land polluting AI data center, as the New York Fights AI Data Centers Tour stops in Geneva for the [Seneca Lake Fights AI Data Centers Rally: Stop Greenidge Data Center](#), on Monday, August 24, 12PM, Finger Lakes Welcome Center, 35 Lakefront Dr, Geneva.



Senator Kristen Gonzalez will join advocacy organizations including Seneca Lake Guardian and Food & Water Watch for a rally and press conference. Speakers will include Assemblymember Kelles, business owners, academic experts, and representatives of the Gayogohóq? (Cayuga) Nation. Learn more and register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2k5tjy8>



Thank you to Nat Smith for sharing their expertise on wildlife rescue and rehabilitation at this month's latest skillshare. Join us each month to learn a new skill and increase our collective community resiliency. Photo Credit: A. Andrasik

MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

"How Russia Shapes What the World Thinks." Stuff You Should Know podcast. Propaganda, disinformation, and AI on social media. The scariest part: the Russian government doesn't really have specific policy goals; they simply spew everything they can come up with just to sow confusion and make people give up on having a sense of what's real and true. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/y578c4sb>

"Inside the Culty White Supremacists the Feds are Ignoring." Code Switch podcast. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/mp3vfspt>

"Celeste on How and Why to Talk to Rural Conservatives." Live Like the World is Dying podcast. Aside from potential community-building benefits, it can have a positive effect on our own mental health. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/yc34dfwy>

"Sorry, Boy George. A.I. Can't Even Make Bad Art." Alex Galbraith, Salon. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/mv58pra6>

"AOC Exposes MAGA's Motherhood Hypocrisy." Amanda Marcotte, Salon. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/5euzsya5>

"Part One: How The Liberal Media Helped Fascism Win (Part One)." BEHIND THE BASTARDS PODCAST. Access: <https://tinyurl.com/y4rcjn3j>

GOOD NEWS

Judge Richard Stearns dismissed the regime's lawsuit against Harvard. The suit alleged Harvard failed to control antisemitism and discrimination against Jewish students.

Stay tuned: So far, at least 54 cities in 23 states are opting out of the Flock camera contracts or rejecting having them due to pushback from citizens and privacy concerns. De-Flocked places include Flagstaff, AZ; Ithaca, NY; Bloomington, IN; and multiple municipalities in CA and MN, to name a few. One, Ypsilanti, MI, has banned license-plate readers completely.

Coach Cheryl Reeve, of the WNBA team Minnesota Lynx, was called a "leading voice" advocating for trans kids, saying "I come from a space of inclusion." She demonstrated allyship by wearing a "Trans Kids Belong" t-shirt when she coached against Sophie Cunningham's Indiana Fever after Cunningham had made anti-trans remarks.

Trump Media (parent company of Truth Social) reported a net loss of \$238 million during the second quarter of 2026, with revenues of only \$2 million.

Countries are dodging the regime's tariffs by routing exports through third countries, creating revenue losses of \$19 to \$26 billion a year. Despite the shortfalls, Trump presses ahead with frivolous projects in Washington at taxpayer expense.

Security Culture Workshop

2-hour workshop covering ways for activists to adopt social norms that keep themselves and their community safe from state repression.

Topics covered include:

- How to share information securely between individuals & groups;
- Debunking dangerous myths about organizing security;
- How (not) to talk to cops

August 19th 6:30 - 8:30 pm hybrid option with Zoom (physical location tbd)

Presented by Yev (they/them) a Richmond-based anti-repression organizer.

Co-sponsored by FLX Beacon, FLXJP, Keuka Compass

Finger Lakes Justice Partnership + Allies

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RESIST?



Get involved in

HOPIUM'S RESOLUTIONS PROJECT.

Based on the work by Thomas Paine to build support for independence in the leadup to the Revolutionary War, this project is **a nationwide initiative** that aims to foster robust debate and provide transparency to local constituents prior to the midterms. **To date, 95 resolutions have been initiated in 23 states.** For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycx2d2kk>

Volunteers will use the levers of local power to urge village, town, city, and county leaders to face the harm being done to us all and in all our names, and to either condemn it, embrace it, or keep ignoring it. (Even a non-response from our leaders is a response!)

Project results will be published prior to election day.

Knowing where our local leaders stand will help us better organize regionally to back those who share our values, or to defeat those who do not! CHANGE STARTS AT HOME.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The aim is to reach every local government in the Finger Lakes, and we need you to make that happen.

We've laid out an array of ways to participate - choose what works for you:

- ✓ Connect with friendly officials
- ✓ Seek opportunities to speak at meetings
- ✓ Show up in support of resolutions
- ✓ Spread the word online/in community

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YCDC BBQ & PICNIC



 Sunday, August 30
1-5pm

\$25 PER PERSON

Saunders Finger Lakes Museum

3369 Guyanoga Rd. Branchport

RSVP BY AUGUST 16 TO:
ajlhorton@gmail.com



YCDC, P.O. Box 620, Penn Yan, NY 14527
Please make checks payable to
Yates County Democratic Committee.



Chicken, pork, vegetarian/vegan sides, kid-friendly drinks.
Bring salad/dessert to share if you wish and beverage of choice.

Meet Your Candidates

Prattsburgh Summerfest

August 22, 2026

10am – 1pm

Alissa Ellman	Gladys Flores Garcia
Candidate for the New York's 24 th Congressional District	Candidate for New York State Assembly District 133

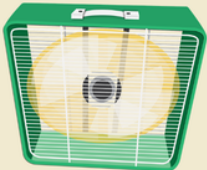
The Candidates will be located at the Prattsburgh Area Progressives table in the Town Park.

VOTE




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6th
Annual



Saturday, Sept. 19
Noon-4:00 p.m.
Cascade Millsite
Penn Yan, NY

CELEBRATE CASCADE!

Trailside party featuring John Bolger Band, fine sampling of local faire and refreshments. Burgers and hot dogs served from the grill! FREE Event! Rain or Shine!

Mill to Mill 5K&10K races starting at 10:45 a.m.
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/PennYan/MilltoMill5K>
10KKeukaOutletTrail



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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.