

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.23.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Stu and Jennifer **Note Taker:** Alex

New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

- E Jean Carroll is suing Trump AGAIN for defamation based on his CNN “town hall” right after the court ruling.
- Sandy’s letter about the mess in NYS made it in the Daily News.
- NYCAN got the nuclear disarmament committee law passed. Eric Adams made appointments without consulting NYCAN. Has now opened it up through Erick Bottcher so NYCAN members may join.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Wednesday, May 24, 9AM Climate Action at Blackrock (50 Hudson Yards; aka 415 Tenth Ave. around 34th Street)

- Investors’ Day
- Biggest investment company in the world.
- Investing in coal.

Wednesday, May 24 9 am: Rally for Elevator Maintenance and testimony at the public section of the MTA Board Meeting. 2 Broadway in front of MTA headquarters

- MTA was forced to vote in favor of increased elevators.
- It is fighting elevator maintenance!

Wednesday, May 24, 5PM Care Not Criminalization March - Foley Square: meet at 4:45 at corner of Centre and Worth Street

- Register here:
<https://freedomagenda.ourpowerbase.net/civicism/event/info?id=72&reset=1>
- Freedom Agenda in coalition with Vocal, UARF, NY Communities for Change, etc.
- Unpermitted, no CD planned. One mile long
- Freedom Agenda is asking for security.

- Police presence is likely to be more aggressive b/c of racial composition of activists.
- Signs: CLOSE RIKERS NOT LIBRARIES, CLOSE RIKERS, NOT NURSING HOMES, etc.

Thursday, May 25, 8:15AM Bannon's next court appearance at 100 Centre St.

- This is in criminal court. Alvin Bragg is suing for the money Bannon raised for "Build the Wall" campaign" which he then used personally.
- We have tried to be at every Bannon appearance; it is important to show we are watching him and holding him accountable.

Thursday, May 25, Climate Justice March meet at 4PM at Bryant Park 42nd St. & 6th Ave.; march to Hochul's Office at 40th and 3rd.

- NY Renews and PCM are pushing for Climate Justice legislative package.
- Put pressure to Hochul.
- Asking for Marshalls.

Thursday, May 25 at 12 noon Rally to end solitary confinement City Hall, Broadway entrance.

May 31, June 1: Chase "Corporate Challenge Run" in Central Park More info next week

- Check in with Climate Group; meetings are Thursdays at 2:30 pm.

Thursday, June 1, 5 pm: next Immigration Vigil at Staten Ferry Terminal.

Thursday, June 8 at 3 pm Drag Story Hour at Jackson Heights Library

REPORT BACKS

Thursday, May 18, Immigration Vigil

- Excellent posters
- Two kinds of incidents: man was looking, and he was translating from Spanish to English. "Puerto Rico supports you." Took a knee. Another man was crying.
- Another man (French speaking) Right wing Le Pen supporters: get away from us!

Friday, May 19, Close Rikers - at City Hall Park

- 9 of us participated in a big riled up, powerful rally.
- Mayor Adams has eliminated contracts with the Fortune Society which works to get housing and other supportive services for people released from Rikers.
- Great speakers
 - David Rothenberg, founder of Fortune Society, now 90 was at the rally.
 - He has a program on WBAI Monday at 9AM
 - Fortune Society was founded in 1967.
- These groups have been holding very powerful gatherings and rallies.
- Very important to engage and support.

Friday, May 19, Say Their Names - (every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Bway)

- Very noisy with surrounding traffic and police cars.
- Jordan Neely's name has now been added to the list; he has now become another name. Vigil became silent when his name was read.
- Mixed reactions to STOP KILLING BLACK PEOPLE; some Black people feel that they never can move out of this space.

Saturday, May 20 Drag Story Hour on May 20 at The Center

- Rainy, Jamie, Jackie, Jay, Robert trying to stay dry.
- Bigots did not show up.
- We chatted with the storyteller, and their attendant.
- Teenage ninjas were on break.
- Jamie will post when the next Drag Story Hours will be.
- Judy: There is one at Jackson Heights Library June 8, 3 pm.

Tuesday, May 23, Truth Tuesdays at FOX “News” - (every Tuesday at 10 am at 47th & 6th Ave.)

- First summer hours action, now meeting at 10 am.
- A little quieter on the streets. Great turnout.
- This is our third year.
- Reception was very positive, people walked over and thanked us.
- Jen Senko, author of *Brainwashing of My Dad* is sending out stickers saying “Fox Lies” with our QR code all over the country -a great way of promoting RaR. Elections

INBK Choose Voters not Billionaires. Wednesday, May 31 5-7 pm at Hochul’s office 633 3rd Ave.

- Hochul set a record for fundraising by talking to her rich pals.
- https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/563770/?referring_vol=177407&rname=livvie&share_context=event_details&share_medium=copy_link

Rally: Stop the dirty permitting deal or we shut down your block in front of Schumer’s home 9 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

- https://actionnetwork.org/events/rally-to-send-a-message-to-schumer-stop-the-dirty-permitting-deal-or-we-shut-down-your-block?source=direct_link&
- Manchin’s permitting of drilling is in the debt ceiling negotiations!! 🐱

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dana: There will be a **pro Daniel Penny (murderer of Jordan Neely) demo** at Collect pond. **11:30 am 130 Leonard Street.**

- https://www.instagram.com/p/Csl_bD_PAiT/?igshid=NjZiM2M3MzlxNA==

Jonathan and Jennifer involved in **Writers Guild strike.**

- Many unions are involved: Actors Equity, AFL, CIO
- **RaR voted to approve that Jonathan give a short presentation on Writers Guild Strike at next week’s General Meeting.**
 - He will discuss where strikes are occurring.
 - Contact Jonathan if you want more strike/picket info now.
 - vonpod@rcn.com

Wendy’s Newsletter for this week:

<https://mailchi.mp/66cfc140bb36/you-can-fight-police-violence-and-mass-shootings>

Mike D: NYPAN Free film screening on broken hospital system Thursday, June 15

- https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/563770/?referring_vol=177407&rname=livvie&share_context=event_details&share_medium=copy_link