

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 9.5.2023

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

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**Facilitators:** Jennifer and Stu    **Note Taker:** Wendy    29 Attendees

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

### GOOD NEWS!

- [Federal judge holds Rudy Giuliani liable in defamation of Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss.](#)
- [Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio gets 22 years for role in January 6.](#)

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

#### Thursday, September 7 - Immigration vigil

- **Where and when:** Staten Island Ferry Terminal, 5 PM
- This location has become more important as an anti-immigrant movement has grown on Staten Island.
- We urge people to attend this because we expect increased hostility and a stronger turnout will be important for safety.
- Our messaging is being adjusted to reflect these developments.
- [NOTE: This particular vigil was canceled in Actions meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, due to heat advisory]

#### Friday, September 8 - Say Their Names

- **Where and when:** 96th and Broadway, 5 PM

#### Friday, September 8 - Close Rikers Rally

- Where and when: 125 Worth Street, noon, before the [Board of Correction meeting](#).

#### Monday, September 11 - Rikers Vigil

- **Where and when:** Penn Station (Enter at W 33rd/7th escalators), 5 PM - 6 PM

#### Week of Climate Actions

- Thursday, Sept. 7
  - Writers Guild climate-themed solidarity picket with SAG-AFTRA. Location: HBO/Amazon - 450 W. 33rd Street, 9:30 AM to Noon. Thursday U.S.
  - U.S. Open women's semi-finals leafleting 6-7 with banner about Chase fueling climate change. Arthur Ashe stadium, Forest Hills.
- Friday, September 8
  - [Ethical Culture "hype panel"](#) ahead of March to End Fossil Fuels. 6 PM.
- Sunday, September 10
  - Leafleting with RAR climate group in Washington Square Park starting at noon. Contact Livvie for more info.
  - [Naked bike ride](#), 1 PM, starts in Columbus Circle. Full nudity is not required.
- Sunday, September 17
  - [March to End Fossil Fuels sign-up link](#)
  - [Volunteer for march](#)
  - RAR and XR will gather at the entrance to Central Park at Columbus Circle - meet at Maine statue at 12:30 PM
  - We discussed how we will help people who need mobility aids - Robert will be point person.
- Monday, September 18
  - [Civil disobedience](#)
- Tuesday, September 19
  - Climate-themed Fox action at Truth Tuesdays

#### The People of NY vs. Trump civil case

- We don't expect him to be present, but a small group should turn up with "Trump Lies" messaging at 9 AM
- Key dates: September 22 (motions), September 27 (pre-trial conference), October 2 (start of bench trial.)

#### Update/discussion on meeting on the 14th Amendment with CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington).

- Rick is doing some networking.
- CREW was talking to Brad Hoylman, as was RAR, so connections are being made.

#### Tuesday, September 19 - Village Independent Democratic Club Gala

- Rise and Resist being honored as defenders of Democracy
- Jamie unanimously favored to receive a plaque.

#### **REPORTS BACK**

##### Wednesday, August 30 - Invoke the 14th

- Trump Tower action; Jamie shared photos.
- Mostly positive response.

- Lots of tourists.
- No negative people stayed to harass.

#### Thursday, August 31 - Close Rikers Rally

- Organized by Freedom Agenda and others in coalition.
- City Council people spoke about closing Rikers in defiance of Eric Adams
- Rikers legally has to close in 2027 and Adams is trying to get out of it.
- Public advocate Jumaane Williams also there with a number of Rise and Resisters

#### Thursday, August 31 - Opioid Awareness Day

- Housing Works and VOCAL organized this
- Stu shared that his son died of an overdose in 2000. 12,000 people died that year, more than 100,000 died in 2022.
- Action included discussion. One issue is that the safe injection sites approved by DeBlasio are being threatened by feds.
- March to office of special narcotics prosecutor with banners and chants. Bridget Brennan's office targets low-level drug dealers, often in the Bronx, and puts them in front of Manhattan juries. It's a social justice issue as well as a public health issue.
- Act Up is in contact Jumaane Williams about therapeutic research clinics - Dana.

#### Friday, September 1 - Last 7 AM Fox Summer Concert

- Performer was Brett Young
- Steve Doocey came out and Jamie bird-dogged him - we saw a fabulous photo of Jamie in action.

#### Friday, September 1 - Say Their Names

- Every Friday, 5 PM at 96th and Broadway.
- Good turnout despite Labor Day.

#### Saturday, September 2 - 8 AM Clinic Defense at Old Saint Pats

- Julie bird-dogged fake escort "Bernadette Patel"
- Jamie found a way to interfere with the fascists use of walkie-talkies.

#### Saturday, September 2 - Museum of Natural History climate action

- 2nd XR action in dinosaur galleries named for David Koch
- Intended to be silent vigil with signs but turned into people chanting loudly ("Human pollution is causing mass extinction"), displaying banner, and leafleting.
- Organizer Janet gave a speech.
- Security didn't try to stop the action or its progress through the museum, which contradicted the very thorough searching security did at the entrance to the museum.
- Coverage [here](#).

#### Monday, September 4 - Flyering for Sept 17 climate march

- Matching t-shirts about the march helped
- This was during West Indian parade in brooklyn - 1st one since pandemic
- Stu commented about how aggressive the security was - drones, announcements, everyone treated as suspect, helicopters
- Bill did flyering in Philly and got strong interest from several college students

#### Tuesday, September 5 - Fox Truth Tuesdays

- Every Tuesday at 47th & 6th. We're still on summer hours and start at 10 AM.
- Hot but uneventful.
- Photos shared, including of passersby who stopped to pose with us.

#### **NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### Saturday, September 9 - Belated Labor Day parade for SAG-AFTRA

- [Info here.](#)

##### Sunday, September 10 - Counterprotest

- Right-wing fascist group "Gays Against Groomers" is having an event, Sunday, September 10, at the Comic Strip Live, 1568 2nd Ave, from 4 to 7
- Meet up at 3:30 at the location.

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