

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.19.2022

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Facilitators: Jamie and Livvie **Notes:** Sandy

Good News!

Not much good news lately, but:

Mixed good news—Alex Jones filing for Chapter 11 for InfoWars

Desperation good news—Adams may show his tax returns

Belated Good News: First 5 Starbucks Union Victories in Virginia reported today.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/starbucks-union-virginia_n_625f2313e4b052d2bd6743fa

Upcoming/New Actions:

Thurs. 4/21—Local Law 97 (no gas) at City Hall 12:30 pm

Sponsored by Food and Water Watch. Calling on Adams to fully enforce Local Law 97; requires new buildings to be gas-free. Adams has threatened to side with the RE industry; even eliminating penalties for non-compliance. Calls on him to leave the law alone. This is one of the bills we want passed at the state level as well.

Thurs. 4/21—XR action at NY Times at 628 8th Ave. at noon

Sponsored by the Xr media pressure group. Third of their actions to pressure the media to do a better job of covering climate. This one is aimed at The NY Times.

Fri. 4/22—Climate Day in Albany

Major rally planned by Climate Can't Wait coalition. Gathering folks from Upstate. Bicyclists on their way. Expecting 500 people. Pressure to get a dozen climate bills passed. Visiting Kathy Hochul's house. Contact Livvie for bus information at elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com.

Sat. 4/23—Listen to the Science

Last of Xr actions for Earth Week. March from 72nd St. And CPW. Noon on Saturday, 4/23.

Demand changes at levels of government, media and finance. March from 72nd St. To Bryant Park.

More Marshals Needed for Saturday April 23! Text Maryellen to sign up: 917-497-1725 or email her at Xrnyc.maryellen@gmail.com

That night 4/23 is the final closing celebration for Xr's Week of Rebellion.

Every afternoon between now and Saturday, Xr gets together in Wash Sq Park for talking, partying, connecting etc.

Thurs. 4/21—Mark McCloskey—6 pm at 122 East 83rd St.

Mark M speaking at the Metropolitan Republican Club.

Co-sponsored with Gays Against Guns.

He is running for Senate in Missouri. Has an anti-gun violence message.

Headlines for Signs

Don't Glorify Gun Violence

Stop Honoring Racists

Sign: Mark McCloskey is an asshole

No FB event; police may or may not be expecting us. Just want to line the street and make people walk by a whole bunch of us. We have a list of people from MO who are the victims of gun violence and will read those names. Have 250-300 names to read.

MO 5th highest state for gun violence.

NY is 47th—the reason is gun control.

Sun. 4/24—Honoring Leslie Cagan at the Unisphere in Corona Park, Queens

WHEN Sunday, April 24, 2 PM to 3 PM

WHERE The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows, Corona Park, Queens

TRANSPORTATION 7 train to Mets-Willets Point (check the MTA website for any service advisories) LIRR Port Washington Branch to Mets-Willets Point

ACCESSIBILITY Contact Robert, rcroon@gmail.com

Here is the FB event for Leslie Cagan event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1044949206425446>

Mon. 4/25—People of NY vs. Trump at 60 Centre St. 9:30 am

Message--Judge Engoron: Hold Trump in Contempt!

Letitia James has a series of investigations into Trump's org's finances. He has been subpoenaed and is not giving status reports so he is being held in contempt. Bringing an Indict banner and some contempt signs.

How many lawyers does it take to screw a democracy?

No one is above the law.

We will have an active presence outside the courthouse.

FB event coming.

There should be press because it's an important hearing. First time courts are trying to hold Trump accountable.

Email Jamie at bauwau2u@gmail.com if you want to go inside the courtroom.

Mon. 4/25—Vaccine Access demo

Small affinity group action. Will focus on Pfizer's pandemic profiteering. Planning meetings Weds and Fri morning. Designed to call attention to Pfizer's annual shareholder meeting happening next Thursday announcing billions of dollars of new profits from covid. Same time, they block robust global response to pandemic to protect their intellectual property rights.

Save the date: follow up action.

Thurs. May 5—daytime and location TBD. First anniversary of Biden saying yes to waiver of intellectual prop rights and yet his admin has done nothing in a year to make any of that to happen. Will be larger scale. Details to come.

Monday segment on Brian Lehrer about global access to vaccines well worth listening to. Brian spoke with Gregg Gonsalves, Co-Director of Global Health Justice Partnerships and Associate Professor of Epidemiology at Yale School of Public Health. Link: <https://www.wnyc.org/shows/bl>

Healthcare group just signed onto this End Vax Apartheid related letter:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6x5klcrfGM3nklg0OHbJ8DYuE3bFDVxyo2xG8usucT0NFug/viewform>

Tues. April 26th Campaign for NY Health—Statewide Albany action next Tuesday. Can sign up to go. Legislature returns next week.

Here's the C4NYH April 26th sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ4iR6-2Lo0TAEF1bib7Rg3RxxJgnKLxUcMfe9gywwKNnRrw/viewform>

Here's the link to the webpage about the NY Health Act event happening next Tues. Apr. 26 in Albany, with transportation from NYC: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/april26albany>

Weds. May 4--Next Indict Action—1 pm Foley Square

Thurs. May 5--Next Immigration Vigil—5 pm Location TBD

Election Committee—still alive and well. Keeping our focus on CD 11. Flippable district can turn from red to blue. We're trying to figure out where in Brooklyn we should focus our efforts and want to collaborate with local groups to do voter registration and GOTV.

Brittany De Barros is a military veteran NYS organizer for PPC/NYSPPC. Some of us know her. I have contact with her political director — if anyone's interested in working for Brittany directly.

Need Volunteers for Housekeeping Chores

Facilitation

Screen share

Taking Notes

Contact Jamie at bauwau2u@gmail.com if interested.

Report Backs

4/15--Say Their Names 5 pm Friday

Figured out the wind factor. The big building on SW corner of 96th St, the wind pattern has changed. It is always very windy. Had problem with the banner. Despite the holidays, had about 15 people; good responses. Added a few more names because the police killings continue. Dress warmer than you might when you come due to the wind.

4/15--Xr Media Pressure March from NBC to ABC

Media pressure group from NBC in Rockefeller Center to ABC studios which is across from Lincoln Center. Only a very small part of their coverage is on climate. Colorful action; terrific band; theme was to call them out for neglecting to cover the climate crisis. Good flyering. Great banners. Over 200 people at the peak.. A trio of indigenous drummers and singers at the beginning were great. Xr is doing a great job of inclusion.

4/16--We Will Not Stand By--Xr Climate March from Washing Sq. Park to Madison Sq. Park We will not stand by. Over 200 people there. Arrests at the end. People arm in arm blocked the east side of the triangle across from Madison Square Park; the bus was stalled for a while. Police redirected traffic a block north. 13 were arrested. Taken to the 7th precinct. Red rebels were there. Very boisterous. Scores of cops there. People meditating, lots going on at the end. Indigenous drummers.

<https://www.villagevoice.com/2022/04/18/extinction-rebellion-takes-to-nycs-streets-to-fight-climate-change/>

4/18--No Wars No Warming

This was a combo demonstration of the War Resisters League and Xr. Extremely powerful demonstration. Walk was from the IRS (Chambers St.) down Broadway to the bull. At the bull, we joined with Xr who were doing a CD. Some very dramatic costumes. Older and younger people together. About 100 people. Very lively.

Messages

Stop the Wars

Stop the Warming

Related Reading: "The Pentagon Budget Increases at Our Expense" analysis by Jen Pan on Jacobin show (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ToviGs3oDs>) and related interview with Prof. Cedric Johnson about the limitations of the Defund the Police strategy (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-F9PFE0FTk4>)

4/19--Truth Tuesday

Today the focus was on climate. Another great intersectional connection with Xr. Part of Xr's On the Media focus campaign. Also the Wall St. Journal was part of it with their ridiculous editorial by Tucker Carlson. Chanting, cowbells, etc. Stop lying. They lie about everything. Fox Lies The Planet Dies. For 25 years, FOX is the main source of climate misinformation

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/erikcito/albums/72177720298236626>

Easter Sunday FOX Action

Rick's idea of Fox recruitment booth and coming out crazy insurrectionists
GOP Seditious Recruiting Station
Building a video around it.

4/19—Ukraine Burns—Chase Earns at Chase Headquarters

RaR announced this publicly and Chase over-reacted; many cops closed off the lobby.

We set up on sidewalks outside of Chase Headquarters.

Some Background

Jamie Dimon had an unannounced meeting at the White House. Jamie Dimon presented an idea for a massive Marshall Plan for energy security. Focuses on increased development of natural gas; renewables include but fossil fuels the biggest part. CEOs of major fossil fuel companies were present too.

Chase will profit tremendously from this plan, hence, the main message: Jamie Dimon, War Profiteer.

Non RaR announcements

Weds. April 20—Parole Justice at Foley Square at noon. Post budget part of legislative session. Join advocates and lawmakers to say parole justice is next. Rallying in 5 areas. NYC at noon at Foley Square. Organized by RAP. Important in light of Hochel's pushing back on bail reform.

In PA, going to be a climate and nuclear action starting Thurs. Walking from Chester, PA starting a 6-7 day walk to vanguard. Also Gathering in Lockheed Martin in Morristown.

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