

Social Justice Team Notes – September 5, 2025

Updates from Our Community Activist Allies:

Saratoga Sustainability
[Here](#)

UUA Climate Justice Campaign 2025 (Plan Attached)

Saratoga Immigration Coalition ([Links underlined](#))

Saturday, September 6, 10:00 AM-Noon: Barrio Walk

Meet at 10:00 AM at the Moses Statue in Washington Park, Albany.

Sponsored by Capital Region Sanctuary Coalition.

Outreach to businesses in Albany that employ or serve immigrants, and a way to get Know Your Rights information and materials out into the community. [Flyer.](#)

Wednesday, September 10, 9:30 AM: Fixing the Immigration System to Strengthen the United States

Sponsored by Center for American Progress

In person (Washington, DC) or on Zoom.

Details and registration [here.](#)

Wednesday, September 10, 6:00 PM: Hope in a Time of Peril

Webinar sponsored by Interfaith Immigration Coalition.

Updates on federal immigration policy and stories of faith communities standing for welcome. Details and registration [here.](#)

Wednesday, September 10, 6:00-8:00 PM: Know Your Rights “Train the Trainer” program

Sponsored by Indivisible ADK Saratoga.

To register and obtain link, email IASImmigrantJustice@proton.me .

Thursday, September 11, 3:00 PM: The Impact of Sexual Violence on the Mental and Physical Health of Migrant Women

Webinar sponsored by RMTAC (Resource and eMpowerment Technical Assistance Center for Behavioral Health).

Registration [here](#).

Thursday, September 11, 5:30 PM: Poetry Café: *Latino Poetry*

Webinar sponsored by Saratoga Springs Public Library.

Discussion of one poem from each of the 6 sections of Rigoberto Gonzalez' recent anthology, *Latino Poetry*. Featured on this anniversary of 9/11 will be Martin Espada's poem *Alabanza: In Praise of Local 100*, which memorializes Latinx restaurant employees who lost their lives in that tragedy. Copies of the poems are available at the library Information Desk on the main floor of the library. Registration [here](#).

September 12-21: [Welcoming America Welcoming Week](#)

Sunday, September 14, 2:00-4:30 PM: Celebrate Citizenship Day

[RISSE-Albany](#) fall gala.

Details supplied with registration [here](#).

LEGISLATION

Proposed pro-immigrant legislation at state and federal level listed [here](#).

Advocate with your representatives, the Governor, and legislative leaders!

Indivisible ADK Saratoga is organizing a lobbying effort for the NewYork4All bill. Contact IASImmigrantJustice@proton.me.

IN THE NEWS

ICE detains more than 40 workers in factory raid near Syracuse

[Syracuse.com](#)

USCIS granted enforcement powers

[NBC News](#)

New York City immigration arrests surge after slow start

[Gothamist](#)

14,000 US-bound migrants have returned south since Trump border crackdown

[AP](#)

US workforce has lost 1.2M immigrants under Trump

[AP](#)

Appeals court blocks Trump's use of Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelans

[New York Times](#)

US judge halts Trump effort to expand fast-track deportations

[Reuters](#)

Guatemalan children saved from deportation by last-minute court order

[New York Times](#)

Judge rules deployment of troops to LA was illegal; other cities are listening

[New York Times analysis](#)

ICE obtains Israeli-made spyware that can hack phones

[The Guardian](#)

Who shows up at ICE career expo

[Washington Post](#)

ST. PETER'S CHURCH REFUGEE SUPPORT PROJECT

A group at the church is sponsoring Afghan families in Albany.

Sign up for donations here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DAEA62FAAFB6-58419683-stpeters/55259288#/>

Leave donations on the rectory porch (241 Broadway, Saratoga Springs) in the black bins labelled "refugees", or on the floor under the table if the bins are full.

If you leave them under the table, clearly label for "refugees." Do not leave donations on the table or in the church entrance where they may be confused with other donations. If the porch is locked, you may leave donations with Mary Deyoe in the office. Due date is Sunday, September 14. For more information contact Kathleen Heidsieck at charlesheidsieck@me.com .

SARATOGA IMMIGRATION COALITION EMERGENCY FUND

ICE arrests are stealing workers from our community and tearing families apart. In response, donations to the SIC Emergency Fund meet immediate needs of our immigrant neighbors, in small amounts, enough to pay for a month's rent, weekly groceries, or other daily needs while longer-term solutions are sought. Referrals come from service providers and faith leaders at work in the community, who in many cases are already familiar with the circumstances of those in need. And the fund is designed to serve the community well known to SIC, primarily Saratoga, Washington and Warren Counties.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/aid-saratoga-area-immigrants>

or search for "Saratoga immigrants" on GoFundMe

homepage <https://www.gofundme.com/>

Franklin Community Center Volunteer Opportunity

From: **Julianna Luciano** <julianna@franklincommunitycenter.org>

Date: Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 8:58 AM

Subject: Volunteer Opportunity at FCC

To: <info@uusaratoga.org>

Hi Juliana!

I'm the Volunteer and Events Coordinator at FranklinCommunity Center - I was sent your information from our Development Director Mary Beth, who shared that your organization has been a consistent supporter of FCC through your Share the Plate program. Thank you so much for your continued support!

We were curious if your group would be interested in doing a volunteer project at FCC? It could be an adult or student group, or a mix! We have lots of opportunities available for volunteers, including gardening, landscaping, painting, organizing, etc and would love to have you join us!

Let me know if you'd be interested and we can brainstorm a plan! Thank you!

Julianna Luciano

Volunteer and Events Coordinator

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Porchfest Street Party (Flyer attached)

- Saturday, September 13
- Spring Street between Court Street and Nelson Avenue
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Live Music, Family, Fun, Food

Saratoga Peace Week, Sept. 21 – 27, 2025 (Flyer Attached)

Saratoga Book Festival October 2 – 5, 2025

Bookfest

Cheers,

Mark Long

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To hope is to gamble. It's to bet on your futures, on your desires, on the possibility that an open heart and uncertainty is better than gloom and safety. To hope is dangerous, and yet it is the opposite of fear, for to live is to risk.

— Rebecca Solnit, *Hope in the Dark: The Untold History of People Power*