



## June 2023 Newsletter



### A message from Nada:

Friends, as I write, we are expecting more very unhealthy air quality to pass over New York State in the coming days, due to the wildfires in Canada. Unfortunately, we will need to expect more and more of these alerts in our collective future.

While we need systemic, anti-racist structural change to truly transform the way we live, work and play, we all can do our part to move towards the future we need and want. What are some of the things that you do to help with our suffering planet? Email us at [wespacfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:wespacfoundation@gmail.com) and I can create a collage of WESPACers in action moving toward a more just and sustainable future.

For me, I have transformed my little plot in front of my condo unit in downtown White Plains into a native pollinator paradise! Eva Thaddeus from Wild Gardens Nursery planted 90 native pollinator plants in the tiny area! It gives me much joy to see the insects, bees, butterflies, humming birds and many others enjoy my patch! And the landscaper no longer comes around with fossil fuels to mow the lawn or use the nasty leaf blower (only electric are allowed now in White Plains but they still create much disturbance to tiny critters).

Take a peep and enjoy our June newsletter! <https://youtu.be/yIteS566biQ>

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### WESPAC Annual Awards Celebration:

We need our movements for progressive social change more than ever as we face various transnational crises. To help keep us going, here is a snippet from our recent annual awards:



WESPAC 2023 Annual Awards Celebration 6/4/2023

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### Concerned Families of Westchester (CFOW)



Concerned Families of Westchester is a peace & justice group organized in the wake of the 9/11/2001 events. We are based in the Rivertowns, from Yonkers up to Tarrytown. Each Saturday we have a vigil/demo in Hastings. We also have a weekly newsletter (<https://cfow.blogspot.com/>) and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/705894016129650>), and we meet frequently via Zoom. This month many of our educational efforts focused on stopping the dumping of radioactive water from Indian Point into the Hudson. And one of our weekly vigils (pictured) focused on celebrating "Juneteenth," and recalling the need to keep fighting for democracy. Please join us on any Saturday at noon in Hastings to demand peace & justice!

### Buenos Aires Tour Talk with Paul Wasserman

On June 15 WESPAC hosted Paul Wasserman who shared his experiences in Argentina learning about and visiting worker cooperatives. If you missed it, the link below has a recording of the talk including answers to questions about [this year's tour](#) in October with organizer Delia Marx:



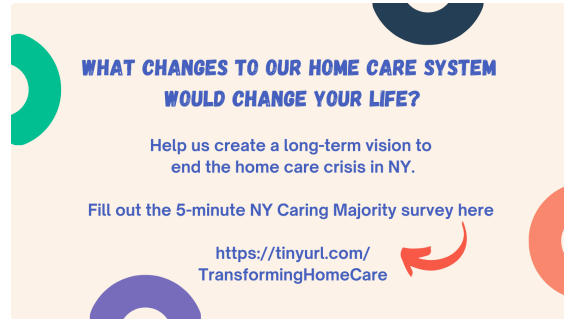
### Horace Greeley Students Fight for Clean Air



Students from Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua are inviting the broader community to join them for a **climate march in downtown**

Chappaqua on Wednesday, July 12th at 3pm. They are also looking for local groups to endorse and bring their banners. Please fill out [this google form](#) if you would like to participate.

## NY Caring Majority



**WHAT CHANGES TO OUR HOME CARE SYSTEM WOULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE?**

Help us create a long-term vision to end the home care crisis in NY.

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<https://tinyurl.com/TransformingHomeCare>

What changes to our home care system would be life changing for you or the people you work with? [Fill out the 5 minute NY Caring Majority survey](#), to help us build a long-term vision to end the home care crisis in NY. The NY Caring Majority has been leading the fight for Fair Pay for Home Care in NY and has no plans of stopping. Your feedback is vital as we create a multi-year plan with them to end the home care worker shortage, provide relief to family caregivers and keep people out of nursing homes.

## Great Loop Paddlers

Here are some photographs, courtesy of Andrew Courtney, of the Great Loop Paddlers in Croton and on their way to Indian Point on 6.21.23 urging Governor Hochul to protect the Hudson River from Nuclear Waste:

