



## March 2024 Solidarity Newsletter



### A Note From Nada

The WESPAC Community is looking forward to welcoming everyone at the upcoming Westchester Social Forum scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Yonkers, April 14th at the Andalusia School. We have guests coming from New Mexico, Washington, DC and Maine to be with us for a really inspiring afternoon of marching, music, speakers, workshops, presenters and more. A huge shout out to students at Sarah Lawrence College who helped WESPAC put this together this year! Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all at [wespacfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:wespacfoundation@gmail.com). The social forum is a major highlight of our social justice calendar and this is the first time we gather in person since 2019!

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### The Westchester Social Forum is Back!

This year, Maurice Carney will headline the Westchester Social Forum with Friends of the Congo. We have an afternoon packed with a Peoples Parade, musicians, tabling of various social and environmental justice organizations in Westchester as well as workshops on immigrant defense, decarceration, food sovereignty/food justice and worker cooperatives, Palestinian freedom and more. Professional Spanish language translation will be available with the headsets. We will also have kites for kids that they will be able to draw on after the parade! Details at [wespac.org/wsf](http://wespac.org/wsf). Registration required.



# WESTCHESTER SOCIAL FORUM

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE.  
A BETTER WESTCHESTER IS NECESSARY.

APRIL

14

SUNDAY

Join WESPAC for a day of community resilience, care, and power through workshops, discussion, and marching.

**Time:** Noon - 5pm  
**Location:** Andalusia School  
380 Walnut St, Yonkers, NY  
10701



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<https://wespac.org/>

## Capitol Hill Ceasefire Lobby Days with the National Iranian American Council

WESPAC has been invited to lobby alongside National Iranian American Council (NIAC) New York for a ceasefire.

The NIAC New York, Peace Action New York State and other groups will be participating in Ceasefire Advocacy days in Washington D.C. April 16-18. NIAC New York has been in touch with Rep. Bowman, who wants to meet with constituents during the advocacy days.



They are creating an opportunity to push for a ceasefire to stop the horrific war in Gaza, secure the return of hostages, send humanitarian aid to reverse the effects of famine and prevent a full-blown regional war.

Maryam with NIAC New York has asked interested WESPAC members to contact her at [msabbaghi@niacouncil.org](mailto:msabbaghi@niacouncil.org) and cc Etan ([emabourakh@niacouncil.org](mailto:emabourakh@niacouncil.org)).

Here is a form to be a volunteer to demand a ceasefire as well:

<https://www.niacouncil.org/news/volunteer-to-demand-a-cease-fire/>

## Decommissioning Indian Point

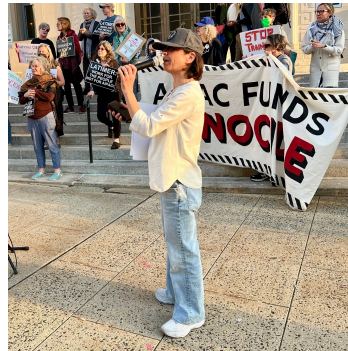


Holtec, the multinational corporation that owns Indian Point, has said that it will take an additional 7 years to finish decommissioning. They are blaming the delay on their inability to dump the last of the tritiated water into the Hudson River. A more realistic assessment is that the Decommissioning Trust Fund is doing very well in earning interest and the corporation is now very involved in securing federal funds to reopen Palisades nuclear plant - which they purchased to decommission. They are also pushing their design for small modular reactors, despite the fact that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not approved the design. A case from the 5th Circuit forbidding them from using their land in Texas for Consolidated Interim storage is headed to the Supreme Court. The next meeting of the Decommissioning Oversight Board will be held April 25th at Cortlandt Town Hall, 6 PM. Nuclear expert Arnie Gunderson will be presenting in person about the safe storage of tritiated water. You can attend by Zoom or in person. For details and to register click [here](#).

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## Latimer Rally, White Plains

Photos courtesy of Andrew Courtney, 3.14.24



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## Westchester Cooperative Network

If you are part of a group that is seriously considering forming a worker owned business, the Westchester Cooperative Network can connect you with the necessary training, legal assistance and financial support to make this vision a reality! All details and the application form are available on our website at

<https://www.westchestercooperative.net/>



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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](#) and a [Facebook page](#), and we meet frequently via Zoom. During the past month we focused on Gaza and forced starvation, demanding a ceasefire and immediate food deliveries. We are also supporting Jamaal Bowman for re-election; our focus this month was on collecting signatures on nominating petitions. We have also endorsed William Wagstaff for Westchester DA. Many people are angry that our government is supporting Israel in its war; please join our vigil any Saturday at noon in Hastings (as shown in this photo) to demand peace & justice! And for more information, email [fbrodhead@aol.com](mailto:fbrodhead@aol.com).

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## Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse Presents: The Kennedys

Sat. April 13, 2024, 7:30 pm

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468  
Rosedale Ave., White Plains, NY

[The Kennedys](#) -- Pete and Maura -- have been recognized frequently for their harmonies and instrumental prowess.

Their music blends elements of country, bluegrass, Western swing and janglepop. When performing live, Pete plays acoustic and electric guitars, an electric sitar, bass, mandolin, and ukulele, while Maura plays acoustic and electric guitars and ukulele.

They have performed in clubs and theatres throughout the United States and Ireland. Their Half a Million Miles CD celebrated Pete and Maura's first decade of married life and their first 500,000 tour miles as increasingly beloved purveyors of an exuberant blend of lively musical genres.

Pete Kennedy's debut novel Floodwood is a mixture of fantasy and mythology which will appeal to area residents as it includes a werewolf running loose in suburban Westchester County (NY)!

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Audience songfest at 6:45 pm. \$30 in advance, \$35 at door.

For special advance ticket offer, with no service fees, go to [Coffeehouse page](#) and fill out [form for reservation](#) and then you pay at the door.

Refreshments available

Ample Parking

