



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

July 21, 2026

Plan to attend the **General Meeting on Wednesday, July 22** at the Corvallis Community Center where we'll be discussing our plans to get out the vote (GOTV) for the November midterm elections! We're also kicking off our endorsement process for the November 2026 election! If you'd like to get involved and help shape the process, email membership@indivisiblebc.org.

YOU can make a difference, by taking direct action or helping behind the scenes. If you are interested in **increasing your engagement** with Indivisible Benton County and/or **welcoming new members**, please email membership@indivisiblebc.org.

You can also send postcards to voters. Cards, addresses, and scripts will be provided. A \$10 donation for stamps is requested. See dates on the calendar below.

Stay in the know as conditions change by [signing up for Indivisible's Hands Off Our Vote campaign](#) to get notified of key voting deadlines in our state, get updates on any threats to your voting rights and learn how to counter them, and be ready to mobilize in defense of your vote. You'll also play an important role in rapid response moments whenever and wherever they try to pull their dirty tricks.

CALENDAR

July

- **7/22** | Vigil for those killed by ICE. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/22** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/23** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #2. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/24** | Visibility Brigade banner-making. 4 pm. Email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.
- **7/25** | Visibility Brigade freeway bannering. Noon-2 pm. Email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.
- **7/25** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.

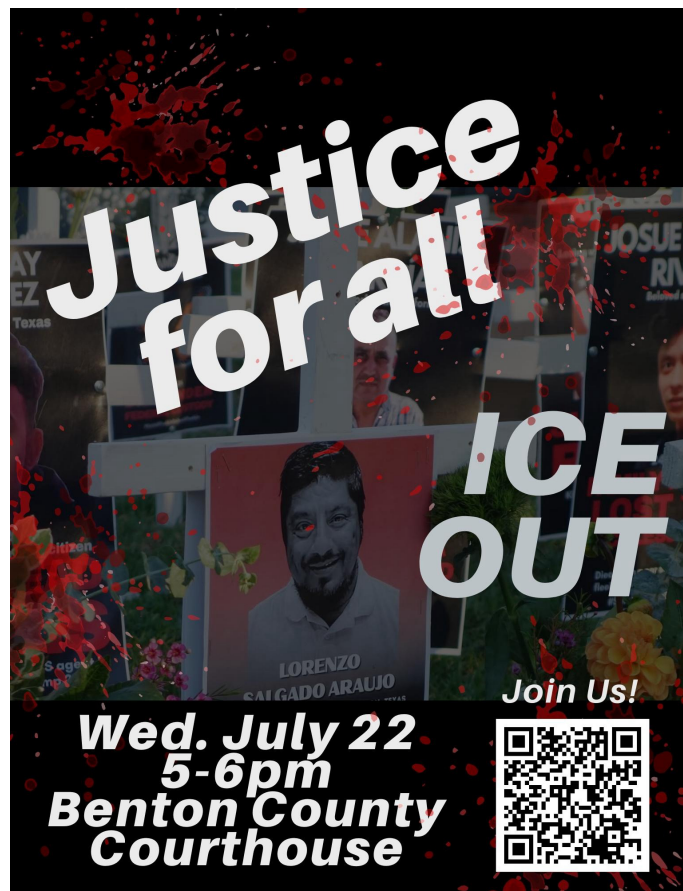
August

- **8/1** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/5** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/6** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #3. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/7** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/8** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/15** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/18** | Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network with Tina Kotek. Register for the call [HERE](#).
- **8/18** | "What is Democracy?" documentary screening with pizza. Corvallis Community Center. 5:30-7:45pm. \$5.
- **8/19** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/20** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #4. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/22** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/27** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #5. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/29** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)

Responding to the Immigration Assault: What You Can Do Right Now

"The most common thing I hear from people who are not directly targeted by the immigration assault is some version of: *I want to do something. I just don't know what.*" - Scot Nakagawa, The Anti-Authoritarian Notebook

Read on for [Scot's response](#), which includes specific things people can do, from simple actions to deep commitments. And check out Robert Reich's reporting on how [ICE is now even WORSE](#).



JULY 22 VIGIL FOR THOSE KILLED BY ICE

ICE shot and killed two innocent people less than a week apart in early July. Join Indivisible Benton County's Visibility Brigade and the Corvallis Singing Resistance on **Wednesday, July 22**, from **5-6 pm** at the **Benton County Courthouse** for a special action to remember and honor Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, and the others who have died at the hands of ICE and CBP.

We will hold up signs, each with the name of one person who has died this year, and spread out along 4th Street in front of the Benton County Courthouse. A larger banner will float above: JUSTICE FOR ALL! ICE OUT!

We need 35 sign and banner holders. Can you help? We will meet up on the courthouse steps at 4:45 pm and finish by 6 pm (in time to attend the Indivisible Benton County General Meeting at 6:30.) Folks carrying the signs are asked to wear black/dark clothes.

Sign up via this Mobilize link: <https://mobilize.us/s/jmnFCp> or send an email to visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.

Every protest is a food drive! Good Trouble Corvallis will again be collecting non-perishable food to distribute to food banks.

Singing Resistance participants will gather at 5:00 in the shade around the courthouse and sing about 30 - 40 minutes.

ICE OUT! July 25 National Day of Action: I-5 Overpass Bannering

Join Indivisible BC's Visibility Brigade Saturday, July 25 in solidarity with people across the country to

call for justice for those who have died at the hands of ICE. We will banner on an I-5 overpass from 12-2 pm. To sign up, email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.



Banner Making Session: On Friday, July 24 from 4-5:30 we'll gather at the Unitarian Fellowship (2945 NW Circle) to message the banners for Saturday. Sign up for banner making here: <https://mobilize.us/s/Ghshlx> or send an email to visibilitybrigade@indivisible.org.



Thursday, July 23: Connect with Immigrant Justice Orgs
Thursday, August 6: Roles & Rapid Response Strategies
Thursday, August 20: Funnel Support for Immigrant Justice
Thursday, August 27: Use Signal for Organizing

When ICE comes to your community, do you know what to do? This summer, Indivisible is giving you a blueprint. Immigrant Justice Summer is a five-call national training series that will level up how you show up for immigrant justice. You'll get aligned with the organizations already leading the response in your community, build a concrete plan for your role, and grow your circle of neighbors ready to act. By the end, you'll be equipped to mount a safe, hyper-local, immigrant-aligned response when ICE comes to your community.

[Learn more and sign up for the remaining calls.](#)

If you missed the first call, you can [watch the recording here](#).

SCROLL DOWN TO THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR A WEEKLY TRENDS REPORT FROM PIRC.

Two Opportunities to Deepen Your Understanding of Democracy

In Community:

Mark your calendars and join Third Act for an evening of viewing the documentary film *"What is Democracy?"* by Astra Taylor. A [thought provoking documentary](#) for our time.

When: August 18th, 5:30pm-7:45pm

Where: Corvallis Community Center - OAK Room
2601 Tyler Ave

Running time: 107 minutes.

Pizza! Contribute \$5, as we plan to pause the movie halfway through and will have pizza delivered to share.

This will be a great opportunity to talk with each other about how we can apply what we learned from the movie to support democracy locally.

At Home:

Timothy Snyder and Musk School have released a 10-part lecture he gave on history and fascism.

<https://youtu.be/IQA9sYBSkTc?si=nZ8EeCZ-7xN6C4v>

And did you know Indivisible Benton County has a [youtube channel](#)? Watch videos from local protests and events. Subscribe to be notified when we add watch lists and relevant videos from other sources over time.

Support Local Community Events

NO DATA CENTER

Do you want Salem City Council to address your concerns about building a data center in your community?

Ways to Participate

Scan here for email and [contact info](#) for Salem City Council

Make your voice heard in-person or online
City Council Meeting
Monday July 27 6-8 pm
Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library

Stop the development of Verrus Data Center in SE Salem!

Salem is under threat with the proposed development of the Verrus Data Center in Southeast Salem. This data center will consume vast amounts of water and electricity, vital resources that residents depend on daily.

Instead of bringing prosperity or creating new job opportunities, it will siphon off resources while contributing little to our local economy.

[Sign the petition!](#)



Join us for the Benton County Democrats Picnic and Pie auction!

We will be gathering on **Sunday, Aug 2, at 2 pm** at the **Rotary Shelter in Willamette Park** to enjoy a summer afternoon, grill some burgers and dogs, and auction off some delicious pies. Bring a side dish to share, a beverage, and plan to bid on some pies.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

HOUSE PARTY

JOANNA ROBINSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • HD-15

Sunday, July 26th

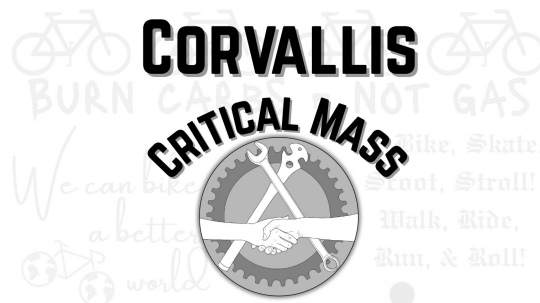
1:00-3:00 pm

The Home of Marie Long & Jan Bechler
3025 NW Hurleywood Dr.
Albany, OR 97321

www.joannarobinsonforeregon.com

Meet Joanna Robinson and learn about her campaign and vision for change. Light refreshments will be served.

PLEASE RSVP HERE



Critical Mass is a worldwide movement where cyclists gather 1x per month to bike together in a festive and radically pro-bike environment. We ride through the streets of Corvallis for an hour+ and encourage all ages and skill levels to join us. The ride will end at a location where we can enjoy music, snacks (BYOB), and good company. No bike? Skate, roll, or scoot with us instead!

JOIN US ON 3rd SATURDAYS

CENTRAL PARK

MEET @ 4:30 - RIDE @ 5:00

JUNE 20, JULY 18, AUG 15, SEPT 19, OCT 17, ETC...

Have Signal?

Scan me!!!



And join our community chat

LGBTQIA2S+
SUPPORT GROUP

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

at Manyworld DIY
1013 NW Taylor Avenue

5:00-6:30PM



Join the new Liberation Library Book Club!




3:30-5:30pm
First Sundays of each month at manyworld

Masks required and provided

Low barrier to entry, meetings will consist of group reading aloud and discussion, books available for borrow



Summer Snack + Water Drive

Bottled water
 Granola/protein bars
 Peanut butter packs
 Applesauce pouches
 Trail mix/ nuts
 Fruit snacks
 Fruit leather
 Beef jerky
 Freeze-dried meals
 Chips



Drop off Hours:
10am-1pm
 Tuesday + Wednesday
 225 SW 4th St, Corvallis
10am-1pm
 Thursday
 Albany Public Library

Help our Outreach team provide nonperishable
 snacks and bottled water to youth across Linn
 and Benton County this summer !

Contact Ben at 541-760-5825 or
ben.martens@jacksonstreet.org



Call for Volunteers



Scan the QR code to get involved!
Volunteer meetings happen every other Thursday
online or in person at our main office at 6pm!

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/
MidWillametteTransSupportNetwork/
VolunteerApplication](https://www.cognitoforms.com/MidWillametteTransSupportNetwork/VolunteerApplication)



EVENTS THIS MONTH

1025 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany

1ST	Medical Drop-In Hours 2:30-3:30 OHP Support Hours 2:30-3:30PM
4TH	BBQ Party 4-7PM
8TH	Linn County Mental Health Drop-In Hours 3:30-5:30PM
10TH	Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Game Night 5:30-7PM
11TH	Luca Watch Party 4:30-6:30PM
15TH	STI Testing 3-6PM
17TH	Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Name Change Workshop 5:30-7PM
18TH	Karaoke Night 5-7PM
22ND	Recovery Rocks 4:30-6:30PM
24TH	Breakfast Club 8-9:30AM Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Craft Night 5:30-7PM

Questions?
Call 541-220-2955 or email ysc@jacksonstreet.org



**CHANCE
Summer Essentials:**

- Water bottles!!!
- Electrolyte packets / drinks
- Sunscreen / Aloe
- Weather-Appropriate Clothing
(Tank Tops, Shorts, Sandals, Flip Flops)
- Deodorant / Hygiene Items
- First Aid Supplies, Chapstick
- Protein bars / Drinks
- Individually Wrapped Snacks / Foods
- Hats / Sunglasses / Umbrellas
- Backpacks / Bags
- Bugspray

Help CHANCE make a difference in our community for those who need it most this summer. Drop-off donations can be delivered at any of our locations!

www.chancerecovery.org
P: (541) 791-3411



OUT OF THE CLOSET CLOTHING SWAP

FREE

Find a new outfit or change out your wardrobe at our inclusive clothing swap hosted at the Trickster's Apothecary. **All sizes and gender expressions encouraged!** Snacks and free drinks available inside!


Sat. August 1st
12pm-4pm
812 SW 4th Street

follow us @trickstersapoth

OPEN HOURS
FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 12-24

1025 PACIFIC BLVD SE ALBANY



Mondays 1-6PM
 Tuesdays 1-7PM
 Wednesdays 1-7PM
 Thursdays 1-5PM
 Fridays 7AM-4PM
 Saturdays 1-7PM

S E R V I C E S

- SHOWER
- LAUNDRY
- TEACHING KITCHEN
- FOOD PANTRY
- CLOTHING CLOSET
- RESOURCE CLOSET (BASIC NEEDS SUPPLIES)
- YOUTH SPACE

 **Jackson Street**
YOUTH SERVICES

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IMMIGRATION TRENDS REPORT FROM PIRC

We want to uplift the community and our coalition partners. If you have a community event that you would like us to consider including in our weekly newsletter or website, please email newsletter@indivisiblebc.org.

 **PIRC WEEKLY UPDATE**
 JULY 17, 2026

THE DATA:

- 16 detentions reported to the PIRC hotline July 10 - July 16
- Counties in Oregon where detentions occurred: Klamath, Clark, Yamhill, Clackamas, Jackson, Multnomah, Deschutes, with an additional Clark County, WA detention also reported
- Detentions in cars/parking lots reported in at least 6 counties this week
- 42 detentions reported July 1-July 16

 **PIRC 1-888-622-1510**

Partial Timeline of Recent Events:

Wednesday, July 1 - NYTimes reports DHS says it detains 10,000 US residents in 5 days. DHS says agents are told to arrest more US residents, work weekends.

Tuesday, July 7 - ICE agents shoot and kill Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston, Texas. The Trump administration smears Lorenzo. His children, US citizens, speak out. Protests emerge immediately in opposition to the killing

Monday July 13 - ICE agent David Brouillette shoots and kills Joan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, 26, in Biddeford, Maine

- ICE and Trump ecosystem smear Joan
- Reports show Joan was not the person targeted in the ICE operation
- Video emerges that appears to contradict ICE claims

Tuesday July 14

- Juan Jairo Coronilla Duran struck and killed by a vehicle while running when ICE encountered him and 3 others in a Florida parking lot.
- DHS Director Mullin claims ICE is halting traffic stops until more training and body cams can be implemented

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TRENDS WE ARE OBSERVING THIS WEEK

While the number of detentions overall reported to PIRC this week dropped below 20, we are noticing an increase in detentions of:

- Venezuelan asylum seekers (10 thus far in July)
- People who are in cars OR parking lots (over half of reported detentions this week)
- As well as some ongoing detentions after interactions with local law enforcement

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- Karolina Rojas, wife of Joan Guerrero in Maine, speaks publicly
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- ACLU releases their latest report: "Agents of Chaos and Cruelty: How the Trump Administration's National Deportation Policing Force Has Attacked American Communities"

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People across the country, including here in Oregon, should not be afraid they will be assaulted by unmarked vehicles and masked men working for an authoritarian administration to meet an arbitrary quota. As we have seen nationally and locally, ICE creates a great public safety threat.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**CONTACT YOUR SENATORS
& REPRESENTATIVES TO
DEMAND PUBLIC
OFFICIALS HALT ICE
OPERATIONS.**

TELL YOUR ELECTEDS:

**ICE is not
welcome
in Oregon.**

**We want food,
housing, and
healthcare for
our families and
neighbors, not
racist state
violence.**

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We have New Email Addresses!

Email info@indivisiblebc.org, with general questions, comments, and suggestions.

Email newsletter@indivisiblebc.org, to send items for the newsletter (space permitting, and subject to editorial review).

Email voter@indivisiblebc.org with questions or comments about voter outreach.

Email legislative@indivisiblebc.org for legislative-related issues.

Email events@indivisiblebc.org for questions about specific events.

Email community@indivisiblebc.org for questions about community outreach activities.

To read about the general organization of our committees, visit our website [HERE](#).

Our Mission

Indivisible Benton County

is a grassroots organization of volunteers committed to advance bold and progressive actions and policies.

We are determined to resist corruption, authoritarianism, and inequality.

We educate, engage, and mobilize to promote values of inclusion, tolerance and fairness with the goal of helping build a more perfect and representative government that is

For The People and By The People.

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