

## GENESEE VALLEY GUARDIAN

## **Genesee Valley Indivisible's Newsletter**

Geneseo, New York 14454

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https://geneseevalleyindivisible.org

### **Genesee Valley** Indivisible

Weekly Community Meeting

Thursday, May 22nd 6:30pm to 8pm

St. Michael's Episcopal Church 23 Main St., Geneseo, NY 14454

#### **Entrance**

Back door marked Parish Hall.

### **Chairlift Available**

Email in advance, please.

Parking
Behind the church & on Main St.

### **Optional Donation**

\$1/person towards expenses.

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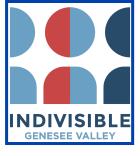
## **EVENTS**

NOW, conveniently posted on the Genesee Valley Indivisible website!

https://geneseevalleyindivisible.org/events/

(Go ahead. Be brave. Look ahead to June and July.)

And check back frequently this week. More events will be added.





# One hundred days, plus or minus, of Genesee Valley Indivisible.

Walter E. Pond, Ph.D., GVI Organizer

May 19, 2025

Think about what it means to be in this fight for the long haul. Each of us, sometimes, wishes that the next big rally or some flagrant action against the Constitution by the current Administration will bring down the Autocrat's house of cards. We hope that a Democrat in Congress or a decision by the Supreme Court will render the feckless, crypto-ponzi-schemer, felon helpless.

Any of these quick, dramatic, Hollywood-movie endings is very unlikely. The same goes for the Congressional Republicans, who are fighting among themselves, but still pushing a "big beautiful bill" out of one committee and into another, so that it can be voted upon before Memorial Day. Then the Senate will wrestle over it for the month of June. And, even if the budget process doesn't drag on to Labor Day or Halloween, there will still be nonsense coming from the White House and an off-off-year election to be fought this fall.

As Adam Kinzinger said in a <u>short video message</u> last Saturday, the GIs fighting in World War II slogged through battles, mud, cold, and discomfort -- or worse -- for four years to defeat the dictator of their generation. We should be prepared for a similar long haul. It was only while watching this video that the last shreds of my own wishful thinking fell away.

The absence of a magical solution is not a cause for despair. In a short 100-ish days, we have become a group that **IS** ready for the long haul! I know this because I feel our collective motivation to protect our Constitution, due process of law, and an equal playing field for everyone is as strong as it was the first time we met in the Wadsworth Library basement.

Next week we have two rallies to attend and an important No Kings event in mid-June. Our new website is live this week, and will become the cornerstone of our outreach and education efforts. By the end of the month we will know if we are having a County-wide Community Forum, or if the Board of Supervisors is declining that option, leaving us to be the heat of summer in Livingston County 2025!

In Solidarity,

Walter E. Pond, Ph.D. GVI Organizer May 19, 2025



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Beautifully said by Michael Moore:

"This morning I have been pondering a nearly forgotten lesson I learned in high school music. Sometimes in band or choir, music requires players or singers to hold a note longer than they actually can hold a note. In those cases, we were taught to mindfully stagger when we took a breath so the sound appeared uninterrupted.

Everyone got to breathe, and the music stayed strong and vibrant.

Yesterday, I read an article that suggested the administration's litany of bad executive orders (more expected on LGBTQ next week) is a way of giving us "protest fatigue" - we will literally lose our will to continue the fight in the face of the onslaught of negative action. Let's remember MUSIC.

Take a breath. The rest of the chorus will sing. The rest of the band will play. Rejoin so others can breathe. Together, we can sustain a very long, beautiful song for a very, very long time. You don't have to do it all, but you must add your voice to the song. With special love to all the musicians and music teachers in my life." - Michael Moore

Notes of a **May 5th meeting** with the Livingston County Administrator are available **here**.

Listen to, or read, additional thoughts about defending democracy for the long haul, but with an emphasis on the **positive developments of last week**. Robert Hubbell's May 17th 30-minute <u>video</u> and <u>transcript</u>.

## **UNITE for Change**

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