

Newsletter

## *THE TIDAL WAVE*

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### LOVE MELTS ICE

On April 18, the Indivisible Coastal Alliance hosted Love Melts Ice, a protest demonstrating solidarity against ICE actions in our community and the continuing

possibility of a future DHS takeover of Newport's airport to install an ICE detention facility.

It was a perfect day, full of music, plenty of signage, and good vibes. The famous Indivisible knitters and crocheters were on hand, as were representatives from local Latino and Mesoamerican organizations,



volunteers manning the Indivisible table, and our tireless Indivisible Safety team.



After an opening in recognition of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, speakers included BOC candidate Cathie Rigby (left), immigration attorney Kate Sinkins, and Oregon State Representative candidate Melissa Bird (right).



Also taking the stage were The Daray Baye Fall Senegalese Drummers (left), (and clockwise): Dylan Crawford, Pipedance, Chandler Davis and James Ferguson, and Barbara Lee Turrill.



# MORE SCENES FROM THE RALLY....

For even more photos, please visit the website. *Photos by Barb Ward and Rebecca Stone*



## ON THE IMMIGRATION FRONT

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Immigration is front and center in our fight for Democracy, and local attorney Kate Sinkins, who spoke at the recent Love Melts Ice rally (right), is on the front lines. Having recently opened her own law firm in Lincoln City at 2370 North Highway 101, Sinkins is one of the few immigration lawyers on the Oregon Coast. From that vantage point she shares her perspective of this fraught situation below. She can be reached at: 541-868-9988; [kate@katesinkins.com](mailto:kate@katesinkins.com); [www.katesinkins.com](http://www.katesinkins.com).*



## THE COMPLEXITIES OF IMMIGRATION

By Kate Sinkins, Esq.

Immigration is a difficult subject because people have strong feelings about it. Some believe the American Dream is within reach for immigrants crossing the U.S. border. Others want to close the borders to our country and deport anyone who is undocumented.

As with most divisive issues, there are valid arguments on each side, and as a society, we must ponder the consequences of our actions:

Those who believe the American Dream is worth striving for also need to understand that children of immigrants coming to start small businesses may also have children who will need additional academic resources if English is their second language.

Additionally, there is the issue of assimilation. Does American society wish to be homogenous or do we celebrate our differences?



On the other hand, industries such as agriculture, hospitality, retirement communities, and nursing rely on immigrant labor and argue they cannot find American citizens willing to work for the rate they are paying immigrants. Those who believe the U.S. should close

the borders and deport every undocumented person will need to understand that Americans may not step up to fill the employment gap that will result because many of the jobs performed by immigrants call for working outside, require physical strength, and involve repetitive movements, and lower pay than American citizens would accept.

So, the question is, how will American society change if each perspective occurs in a vacuum, recognizing that nothing really exists in a vacuum? While also recognizing that there will always be people fleeing persecution whether they live in Central and South America or from countries where war has been embedded in their history for the past century.

As the world changes, so do state and federal laws. In Oregon, the past short legislative session resulted in multiple bills affecting immigration. For example, the Legislature passed Promoting Safe Access to Education (SB 141), which strengthens campus protections against immigration enforcement, including verifying warrants, requiring superintendent review, and consulting legal counsel, consistent with existing sanctuary statutes. This protects students and encourages schools of all levels to ask to see a warrant rather than permitting immigration enforcement officers immediate access into a building. It also gives school administrators time to consult the superintendent and the district's legal counsel, and allows parents to come to the school, as well as any lawyer who might represent the child.

Equally important is HB 4111, which strengthens anti-discrimination protections and which bars the use of a party's or witness' immigration status as evidence in civil cases. That allows anyone to file a lawsuit, as well as protecting people who are witnesses to an event on a peripheral level, such as a witness to a car accident. The bill also protects workers from employer retaliation over lawful work authorization updates and expands Oregon's profiling laws to include immigration status.

This means law enforcement and state employees cannot seek to use a person's immigration status as a means of pulling over their car or detaining someone just based on the color of their skin or the existence of an accent.

Both bills reflect the values of the residents of Oregon.

On the local front, however, I have spoken with residents in Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Newport and Toledo who describe feeling unsafe going into Walmart, Grocery Outlet, Fred Meyers, etc. in case ICE officers lock the doors and arrest everyone. Nothing like this has happened on the coast to my knowledge.

Our law enforcement officers have not been accused of racially profiling, nor do they ask a person's immigration status. Yet, I received eight calls the day a Newport resident was arrested last week at the courthouse, asking if ICE was conducting a raid.



I am grateful the coast has not experienced an ICE surge, but there are still plenty of coastal residents who do not feel safe due to the current president's decision to demonize immigrants, despite two of his three wives being immigrants.

# GET OUT THE VOTE CAR CARAVAN

On May 2, our intrepid ILC members festooned their cars ... in one case, a motorcycle and sidecar .... with Get Out the Vote signage. Some 15 vehicles hit the road out of the Safeway parking lot, heading first through Lincoln City, where people waved and gave us the thumbs up in exchange for friendly honks.



Then we made our way into Taft, with a swing down 51st. Back out on the 101 we detoured through Cutler City, then on to Glen Eden Beach. Once we headed North again, we paraded through town once more, then made our way into Otis for a foray into the Panther Creek area. Our last procession took us through Road's End before returning to the Safeway parking lot. The whole trip took two hours. It was a fairly relaxing way to GOTV! It was a good first run. But next time we need more festooning! If you'd like to see a video of the parade, visit:

<https://www.instagram.com/ind.lincolncity/>

*Photos and video by Ann Chung*



# FLOWER TO THE PEOPLE !

By Rebecca Stone; Photos by Ann Chung

An intimate group of about a dozen artistes gathered at the Lincoln City Cultural Center

recently to make little paper flowers out of crepe paper streamers and wire stems. Around the stems, we wrapped VOTE stickers. Just pretty, little reminders to people to exercise their right to vote. Especially critical at this time when the federal government is trying to curtail voting through gerrymandering and intimidation.

The idea for the flower making was borrowed from the American Legion Auxiliary's symbolic red poppy, which is worn to honor veterans. The impetus was May Day. Many of us remember that, as kids, we used to make baskets of flowers to leave on doorsteps. It was a sweet tradition that seems to have vanished. But the idea of "Freedom Flowers" linked to the idea of GOTV can blossom beyond May Day.

So why not turn up the tunes on a rainy day and crank out some flora. Or, imagine a flower-making cocktail party with friends! If we could do this periodically, we could have a ton of flowers to dispense to friends, neighbors, and businesses come November! And at that point it could say "VOTE BLUE!"

For those who missed the workshop, there are many ways to make flowers, but all you really need are a few rolls of colored crepe paper streamers and some light-gauge wire, or floral wire. Pipecleaners also come in handy to form stamens. Here's a link that helped me and, because we are making smaller flowers, from there I sort of took off on my own:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7nU8OebUYw>, and for a video of the workshop

by Ann Chung: <https://www.instagram.com/ind.lincolncity>



# THE SITUATION ACCORDING TO HOYLE

By Rebecca Stone

A small group of concerned constituents was recently invited to a discussion session in Newport with US Rep. Val Hoyle. It was clear that we all wonder what we can do to help ensure free and fair elections in the face of so many efforts by the Trump administration to interfere with voting.

Hoyle isn't alone in her opinion that Trump knows he can't win fairly. An added danger is that there are many who truly believe that there is massive voter fraud in our country — even without evidence. It makes for a volatile cocktail of deceit and paranoia.

But Hoyle said she is focused on making sure we have elections in 2026. The bottom line, she and others say, is that we must win in November 2026. “If we lose in November, we lose our democracy,” said Hoyle.

Hoyle, who describes herself as a labor Democrat and an economic populist more aligned with progressives, said she is working with a broad-based coalition of progressives and those now being called “New Democrats” aka moderate Democrats. “We must stand up for working people,” she said. “We need an agenda that delivers for working people through a broad coalition.

*Left: US Rep. Val Hoyle and Oregon Coast Community College Board Member Marion Mann, who is also a member of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County, Oregon, discuss the current state of affairs.*



Regarding the war with Iran, Hoyle said that as an economic populist she strives to work against spending on a war no one wants. She and others are also working on war powers resolutions.

“Our responsibility is to make sure that Americans can live and have a path to the middle class. This war doesn’t do this. Unfortunately, we don’t currently hold the levers of power,” said Hoyle.

She cautions though, “If we win and are in charge, we actually have to do something.” She contends that Democrats are great on ideas but not so much on execution. “We get too analytical and academic,” she noted. “We need to show up, tell the truth, and get stuff done.”

For example, she said that we need to reset our entire tax system. “When Democrats are back in control we have to move things through appropriations so they can pass with a 51 vote. But we can’t just say: ‘you deserve better’... what does that even mean?”

Of course, the burning question on everyone’s minds pertained to ICE and whether DHS would resume its plan to build a detention center at Newport’s airport.

According to Hoyle, they are no longer planning on coming to Newport. “We’re a small community and they thought they could just roll right over us,” she said. “They were wrong,” she said, crediting the significant push back from residents in and around the Newport area as well as protests staged up and down the Oregon Coast.

Hoyle said that she now has people from other states that are fighting detention center development coming to her to ask what we did to push back. She said that we have become somewhat of a role model in our country.

In regard to a recent ICE arrest in Newport and other such arrests throughout her district, Hoyle noted, “They move people as fast as possible, before they can contact their attorneys.” But she adds that her office is equipped to act as a liaison with Tacoma, where detainees are typically sent.

When asked about the Administration’s plan to quadruple the logging of Oregon’s public forests, and whether the BLM had gotten back to our congressional leaders who had requested a 60-day extension from the deadline of March 23 for public comment, Hoyle didn’t skip a beat. “They never got back to us.”

She says that one strategy if the Administration starts to move ahead on the expanded logging plan is to be ready with a string of lawsuits. Another she is proposing is to put public forest lands into trusts with various tribes throughout our area. Additionally, she has floated the idea of placing lands under state jurisdiction to fight the repeal of the

Roadless Rule, which many experts, including Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology, say mitigates wildfire risk. She is consulting with entities such as Oregon Wild.

Her advice on combatting the Trump agenda? “The best defense against an out-of-control Administration starts with our local seats.”

Get out and vote!

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS

Speaking of Getting Out the Vote, another strategy being employed by the Lincoln County Democrats is the Neighborhood Leader Program. It seeks to engage possible on-the-fence registered Democrats in the county via door knocking. If you want to get involved like coordinator Amy Yarrington (left) and volunteer Mary Beth Guerena (right) or more information, visit:



<https://lincolncountymdemocratsoregon.com/get-involved/neighborhood-leaders/>

## AND HELPING TO MAKE SURE VOTES COUNT...



To help GOTV going from now till May 19, Marla Vardell, not one to sit still, woke up the other morning with an idea. She is staking out the McKay’s parking lot (with their permission) to remind people that using the onsite ballot box is the best way to ensure their votes count.

Information on the possibility of posting ballot box encouragement near post offices is pending. To join Marla, contact her at: [marla.vardell@gmail.com](mailto:marla.vardell@gmail.com).

# NOW... MORE ON DIGITAL SAFETY

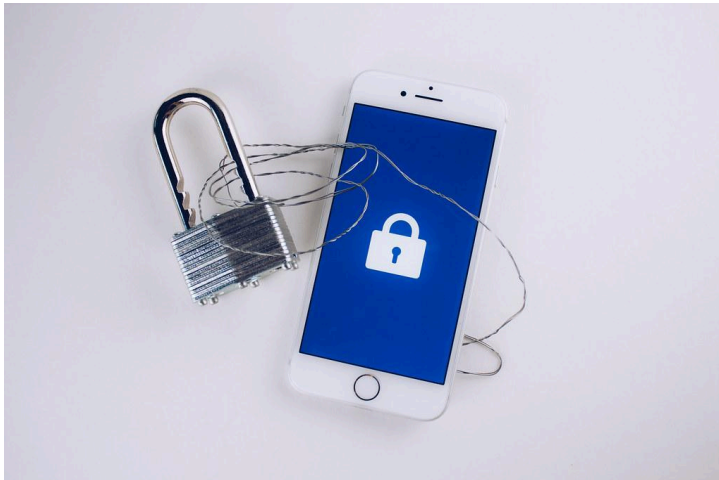
*Now is not the time to let your guard down!*

By Roberta Baker

Awareness is a good thing. If we are aware and armed with facts, we can take effective action. We want you to know about steps to take that will protect your privacy and security.

As mentioned at a previous meeting, our government can track and profile people like us and organizations like ours. This is not new — the same thing happened during the McCarthy era and the civil rights movement. What is new is the way we communicate, which is often through text and email. Therefore, it's important to know how to protect ourselves and each other from scrutiny. But since these strategies require some degree of technological savvy, it is important to identify who needs help and who can assist.

A related concern arises because large companies, such as Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Instagram, X, and others own and sell our data. They build databases from our online responses and searches and sell to advertisers. This is why, for example, when you are online, you see ads for some products and not others and why some websites are at the top of a list when you search the web. On the other hand, they could also sell the same information to other platforms — like the government. So, it is smart for us to be aware that our digital presence is neither secure nor private.



There are ways we can fly below the radar, including the following steps. As you read the list, consider which you could do and which you would need help to accomplish.

## Phone Security

### **1) Eliminating Biometric Identification**

**Rely on a password or passcode instead of face or fingerprint ID. Otherwise, if someone grabs your phone, they can unlock it by holding it up to your face or using your finger.**

### **2) Locking down your phone.**

**Use this phone setting (typically found in “privacy and security” under your phone’s settings) during a protest or Rapid Response. This way, you can use**

your phone, but you can't be tracked. It limits certain phone functions, so you might prefer to use this only when necessary.

## Email, Text and Phone Security

These last two steps are for safe, secure encrypted emailing, texting and calling. Use them on a regular basis. They might be the things that require the most help for setting up, but they are also the most important, since we are communicating with each other on an almost daily basis.

### 1) Using Proton VPN (Virtual Private Network)

The Proton app is for secure, encrypted emailing. If you have already set this up, would you be willing to help other folks do it, too?

### 2) Using Signal

The Signal app is for secure, encrypted texting and phone calls. If you already use Signal, would you be willing to help others do it?

## **ILC Digital Safety Questionnaire**

We don't know who already uses these strategies and who needs help. Please answer the following and send your responses to Roberta:

[robertareneebaker@yahoo.com](mailto:robertareneebaker@yahoo.com)

### 1. I need help to (choose all that apply):

- a) stop using biometrics
- b) lock down my phone
- c) use Proton
- d) use Signal

### 2. I already know how to (choose all that apply):

- a) stop using biometrics
- b) lock down my phone
- c) use Proton
- d) use Signal

### 3. I am willing to help someone else (choose all that apply):

- a) stop using biometrics
- b) lock down my phone
- c) use Proton
- d) use Signal



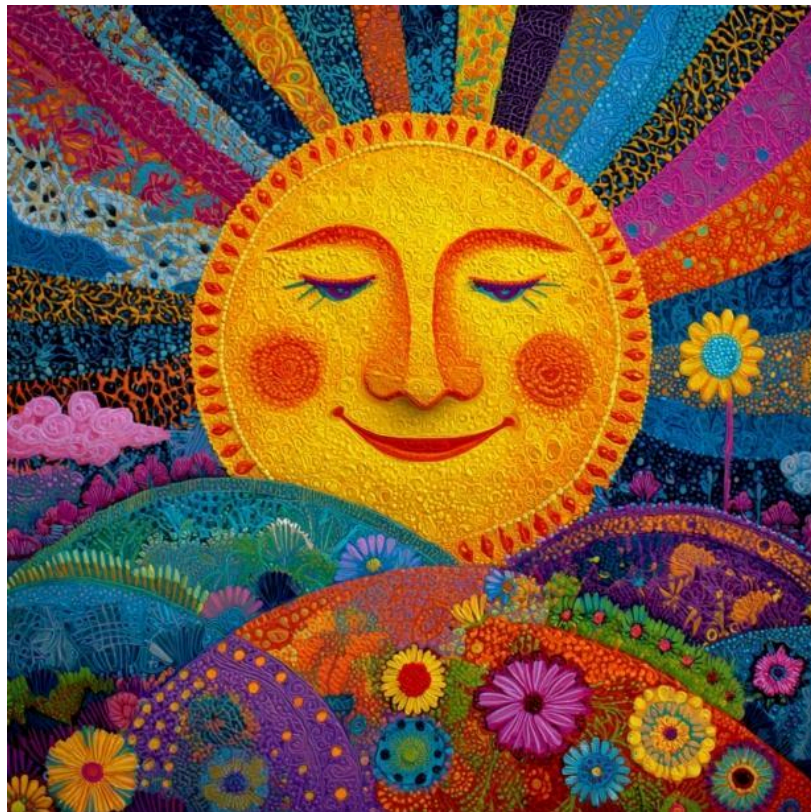
## JERRY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS DEDICATION

Jerry Conlogue was recently nominated for Unsung Hero of the Year, a part of Lincoln City's annual Community Days Awards. Event chair Sandy Gruber presented him with a plaque recognizing his daily protests against tyranny on the corner of Hwy. 101 and NE 22nd in Lincoln City. He's been out there for an hour every day, and April 12, 2026 marked 365 days he's been at it. When asked if he had anything he'd like to say about the honor, in typical Jerry fashion, he demurred. "This isn't about me. It's about 'we'."



Watch the moment Gruber tracked him down on the street:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iF5hY6myTfh8rNeh8GUWfxwotLkqTPM9/view>



## MEDIA CORNER

Here are some ILC members' recommendations on the latest good reads, podcasts, etc. to help keep us up to snuff on the latest developments and thinking in this confusing world. Share yours!

Timely story in the News Times:

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/news\\_free/immigration-enforcement-threatens-housing-security-rippling-through-local-economies/article\\_ec0cc1d6-3c4b-45cb-a113-0b471696a18d.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/news_free/immigration-enforcement-threatens-housing-security-rippling-through-local-economies/article_ec0cc1d6-3c4b-45cb-a113-0b471696a18d.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

Lincoln County Democrats Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/06b9985656a4/democrats-step-up-13855217?e=8ed3cf0883>

Joyce Vance substack

[https://joycevance.substack.com/p/the-law-of-war-c97?utm\\_campaign=post&utm\\_medium=email&emci=11c3b66e-8f33-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&emdi=78064989-9a33-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&ceid=7787462&triedRedirect=true](https://joycevance.substack.com/p/the-law-of-war-c97?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email&emci=11c3b66e-8f33-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&emdi=78064989-9a33-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&ceid=7787462&triedRedirect=true)

Heather Cox Richardson substack: Letters From an American and Politics Chat:

[heathercoxrichardson.substack.com](https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com) ... actually anything by her

Paul Krugman substack: [paulkrugman.substack.com](https://paulkrugman.substack.com)

Miles Taylor: Defiance News: <https://www.defiance.news/>

William Kristol, Andrew Egger, Benjamin Parker:

[https://www.thebulwark.com/p/trump-for-himself-not-for-you-gold-statue-golf-course-ballroom-arch-arlington-cemetery-putin-ukraine-war-coming-end?utm\\_campaign=email-half-post&r=99pw1&utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.thebulwark.com/p/trump-for-himself-not-for-you-gold-statue-golf-course-ballroom-arch-arlington-cemetery-putin-ukraine-war-coming-end?utm_campaign=email-half-post&r=99pw1&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

### BOOKS:

Undue Process, Julia Ainsley

Timothy Snyder, *On Freedom and On Tyranny*.

Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan, *Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump*. Expected release date is June 23.

Matthew D. Taylor, *The Violent Take It by Force: The Christian Movement that is Threatening Our Democracy*

## AND...

Though ILC is a secular political organization, we decided to include this link to the newsletter of a church that has supported many of our activities, for the reasons outlined here by Shar Walbaum:

*Trump and his people have hijacked Christianity. A good faith, followed by many across our country, has been weaponized. They use the rhetoric of end-times prophecies to justify hate speech and hateful actions.*

*Know the facts. According to Pew research, 23% of people in the U.S. are Evangelical Christians. Of those, about two thirds embrace end-time prophecies and want to foster them. A small minority — about 14.5% — support the rhetoric from the White House. These beliefs have been hijacked to fulfill political ambitions.*

*Christians across the world are horrified and are speaking out.*

*Check out:*

Newsletter, *Pilgrim's Progress*, from the Lincoln City Congregational Church:

<https://lcucc1949.wordpress.com/newsletter-pilgrims-progress/>

## AND...

### ILC's Letters to the Editor On A Roll

Shout out to ILC members who have been sharing their views in the local press. Links are included below, though you may hit a pay wall. Our digital guru Nora Sherwood was able to create a link on the more recent ones that will take you directly to the letters, we will post more as we go:

<https://indivisiblelincolncityor.org/letters-to-the-editor-1>



## LETTERS FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS

Jane Mulholland: <https://tinyurl.com/LCLeaderMar11>

Jay Roelof:

<https://lincolnchronicle.org/businesses-shouldnt-trade-loss-of-nature-for-profitability/>

Rebecca Stone:

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/commentary-federal-government-plans-to-expand-logging-in-oregon-without-public-hearing/article\\_2ac0db5e-0aef-4f6e-b2f7-40658965ddd1.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/commentary-federal-government-plans-to-expand-logging-in-oregon-without-public-hearing/article_2ac0db5e-0aef-4f6e-b2f7-40658965ddd1.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

Shar Walbaum:

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-voting-on-autopilot/article\\_06a0fdec-ef39-47a5-8068-3c0c034dd7dc.html](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-voting-on-autopilot/article_06a0fdec-ef39-47a5-8068-3c0c034dd7dc.html)

Andrea Guiney:

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-commission-candidates/article\\_043c4076-b044-48ab-8de5-04e7267cb741.html](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-commission-candidates/article_043c4076-b044-48ab-8de5-04e7267cb741.html)

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-the-future-of-lincoln-county/article\\_8ba7a1e5-59b6-4f24-a9d8-0e4aa53b19fd.html](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-the-future-of-lincoln-county/article_8ba7a1e5-59b6-4f24-a9d8-0e4aa53b19fd.html)

Jay Roelof:

[https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-open-letter-to-sen-anderson/article\\_82d81c57-08af-4f58-a31e-14163efe90e6.html](https://www.newportnewstimes.com/opinion/letter-open-letter-to-sen-anderson/article_82d81c57-08af-4f58-a31e-14163efe90e6.html)

Kimmarie Skondin:

<https://lincolnchronicle.org/vote-chuck-don-and-rigby-for-county-commission-in-may-primary/>

# REPORT FROM THE ALLIANCE

*Dogs have become regular fixtures of today's protests, so apparently that got Indivisible leaders thinking...*

By Shar Walbaum

The Oregon Coast Indivisible Alliance (OCIA) has grown to 15 resistance groups representing more than 30 communities from Long Beach, WA, to Brookings, OR. Some groups are within county or small regional coalitions. Representatives from nine coastal Indivisible groups recently gathered in Florence to discuss next steps for the OCIA.

Those attending included:

Pacific County Indivisible

Indivisible North Coast Oregon

Indivisible Tillamook County Action

Indivisible Lincoln City

Indivisible Waves

Florence Indivisible

Dunes City Indivisible

Indivisible Coos County/North Bend

Indivisible Reedsport

We agreed to work on a mission statement and website. Also, we selected our first OCIA "synchronized coast resistance action" (each group does it the same day/same

time). It will be a PIRATE DOG PARADE in September and include a contest between dogs dressed like the OCIA mascot (see attached). Photos of winners in each town will comprise the the 2027 OCIA Calendar!

Initial planning is currently underway.



# Mark your calendars!

Upcoming actions, events, workshops, to-dos, or training sessions

- May 16: Signs of Fascism from 2-3 (contact Shar at [sharwalbaum@gmail.com](mailto:sharwalbaum@gmail.com) for more info).
- May 19: last day to drop off your ballot in the Drop Box.
- May 26: Next ILC meeting at OCCC from 5-7pm



## ONGOING ACTIONS

- Daily from noon to 1: Stand with Jerry on Hwy 101 and NE 22nd in Lincoln City.
- Every Saturday, 12 - 1pm, Newport Resistance Rally, Hwy 101 & US 20 in Newport. Signs are provided or bring your own personal sign.
- Thursdays at noon: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>
- Don't forget the Epstein Files
- Coming: Demystifying White Christian Nationalism, Tillamook Pastor Tim Mayne. More info to come
- Start making Freedom Flowers for November



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