

Wareham for Law and Democracy Newsletter Dec. 1-8

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Updates For the Week of Dec. 1 - 8

Sat. Nov. 29
Stand Out
Attendance

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Welcome to the final month of a tough year, but one that has shown our community's resilience and commitment to each other. In this season of giving, we can see how important it is that we give back to our community whether it's our time, our money or our voice.

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Take Action Now!

- Community Gathering with 🍪 homemade treats 🍰 to discuss 2026 goals on Weds. Dec. 10, 6:00 - 7:30 (Council on Aging 48 Marion Rd, Room 428 [register now!](#))
- Saturday Stand Out 🇺🇸 at Wareham Town Hall from 11:30 - 12:30 every Saturday!
- Saturday Sing Out 🎵 at Wareham Library from 10:00 -11:00 Sat., Dec. 13 & 20. Warm up before the Stand Out!
- Overpass Banner Brigade 🚚 on Fridays and Sundays from 3:00 - 4:00 (see details below)
- Social Gathering at Stone Path Malt 🍷 Tues, Jan. 20 6:00 - 8:00 (see details below)



ATTENTION!

Wareham 3rd & 4th Graders are invited to read books to raise money to help buy food for Damien's Food Pantry!

For every book (up to 1,000!) that 3rd & 4th graders read and then write a paragraph about during January, local residents will donate \$1.00 (for a total of up to \$1,000!) to Damien's Food Pantry. Put your FIRST name and date at the top of your paper. Write the name of the book that you read and write a paragraph to tell us what the book is about. Turn in your paper to the box in The Wareham Free Library Children's Room no later than **January 30, 2026.**

Confronting ICE

by Luke Cushmanick

The violent, unethical and frequently illegal treatment of immigrants and other targeted communities in our country has shocked and horrified me. But what's involved with directly helping them? With protecting them in our towns, in their homes and workplaces and, most

frighteningly, in person?

I volunteered for **Wareham's ICE Watch** team, took LUCE's verifier training, and here's what I learned.

We can do something. We can protect and aid our neighbors, and we can do it safely and legally.

[LUCE](#) is a coalition of immigrant-led grassroots organizations committed to justice, equity and, most importantly, the security of people targeted with hatred. They operate the LUCE Defense Hotline (617-370-5023) for reporting potential ICE actions and coordinating a team to investigate. And they provide training to volunteers along with resources for those harmed by the actions.

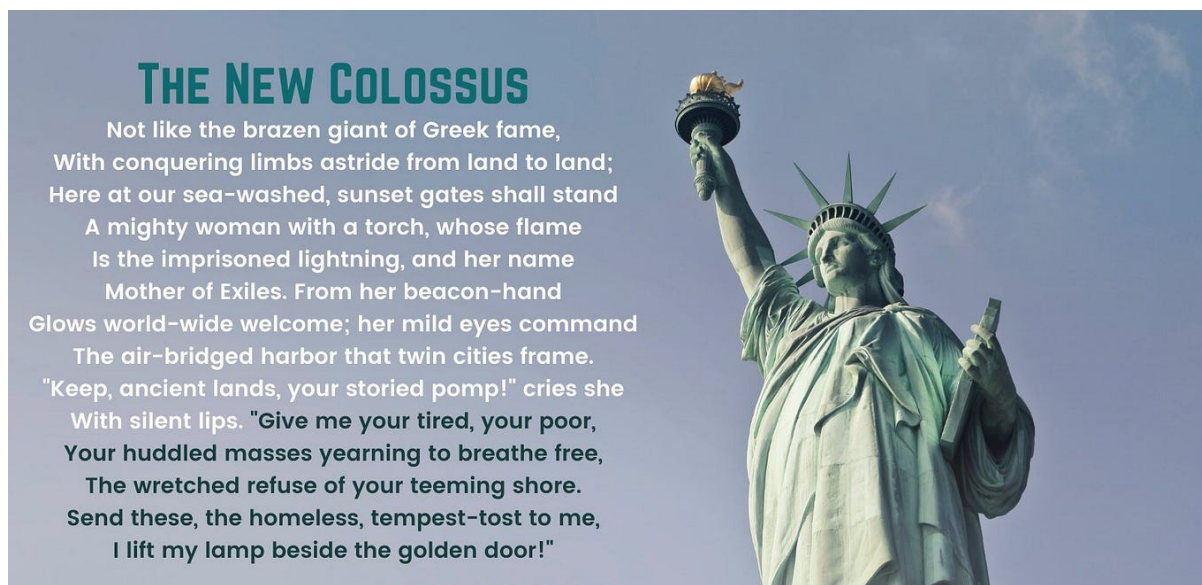
The crucial lesson they teach is that everyone's safety is the first priority. Verifiers are there to document and this alone can prevent illegal and violent actions. Questioning the presence of potential agents can drive them off even before they can carry out their assignment. And if people are harassed or detained, verifiers can remind them of their rights and aid their family members. All of this is coordinated through LUCE who ensure that verifiers have been trained and have practiced interactions, that they approach the scene safely in teams and that support is a phone call away.

Some of the surprising things I learned are:

- Don't call the police. They do not have jurisdiction to interfere with ICE.
- Posting on social media spreads more fear, not more awareness. Call LUCE instead.
- ICE is not everywhere, they are moving from city to city just to give that impression.

LUCE needs more than just verifiers. They need volunteers to work the phone lines, people who can drive affected families to safety and provide access to mutual aid organizations, technical help to optimize communication's security and effectiveness, and of course [donations](#).

We have always been, and always will be a nation of immigrants. We have often been cruel to the newest Americans (and to the original Americans). The vast majority of us, on all sides, know immigration is beneficial and do not endorse the violent, hateful policies now in practice. Together we can restore the American values so beautiful captured on our Statue of Liberty.





Action Updates

Community Meeting

Help us set group goals at this month's community meeting! We've minimized the presentation and maximized the discussion time so we can chart our course for 2026. The meeting will take place Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Wareham Council on Aging at 48 Marion Road, Room 428. And we're bringing homemade treats for everyone! [Please register](#) so we bake, frost and slice enough for everyone!

Overpass Banner Brigade

Our overpass banner crew is lighting up the evening commute over Rt. 25, put on your bright holiday clothes and some festive lights and join us! We'll continue to shine Liberty's light from 3:00 to 4:00, Fridays and Sundays, over Rt. 25.

Fridays we meet at [Tihonet Road, which has a dirt parking spot on the west side of the road at the end of the cranberry bog](#), just south of the overpass .

Sundays we meet at [Maple Springs Road, near the westbound entrance to Rt 25, with parking in the DOT Park & Ride lot](#) just south of the overpass.

Jan. 20 Antiversary at Stone Path Malt

Stone Path Malt is opening just for us on Tuesday, Jan 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 for our first social gathering. We're asking for a suggested donation of \$10 to fund WLD's community building actions. The evening will have only brief announcements so instead we can spend the time with friends and neighbors and the great food and drink available at Stone Path Malt.

Saturday Sing Out!

Let's lift our voices in harmony at our Saturday Stand Outs with [this list of chants and song lyrics](#) you can pull up on your phone, or better yet, print out a copy! And if you're interested in really harmonizing, join the rehearsals at the Wareham Library from 10-11am on Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th right before the stand outs!

Weather Warnings

When winter treats us to some cold, snowy days that make travel hazardous (and staying inside appealing), we'll send out an email on Saturday morning at 10:30 to let you know if we're declaring a snow day. That doesn't mean that you can't go, but if you do, dress warmly and drive safely!

♥ Thank You ♥

We know the times are scary and actions may feel futile but every bit helps. Coming to the Saturday Stand Out for an hour makes each of us appreciate a community of kindred

spirits. Calling a friend who's struggling to ask How are you? lightens their day. Even opening this email encourages us to keep writing them. Thank you for caring.



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