

# The Berkeley Indivisible Bulletin

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## **NO KINGS 3.0 MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 1 PM MARTINSBURG**

### **TRO Stops Construction of Williamsport ICE Facility**

On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. District Court of Maryland issued a Temporary Restraining Order which stopped for 14 days any construction of a warehouse near Williamsport that the Trump administration is attempting to convert into a mass immigration detention facility. The TRO resulted from a suit brought by Anthony G. Brown, Maryland's Attorney General against DHS and ICE. His statement reads in part "We will not let DHS and ICE rush through the proper legal process in their haste to ramp up deportations. We will keep fighting to make sure the law is followed and Marylanders are protected."

### **Bedington Data Center Planned**

A building of 1.9 million square feet is planned for the 548 acre site, with a total demand for 600 megawatts of power capacity. Berkeley County officials expressed support for the economic impact of the data center project, but noted that local government agencies, including the Berkeley County Commission and Berkeley County Planning Commission, have no oversight of this project under the new rules West Virginia issued to implement the 2025 HB 2014 legislation. The project will occupy several parcels of land located near the intersection of Berkeley Station, Scrabble, and Bedington roads. Check out **Eastern Panhandle Citizens Against Data Centers**.

### **Bedington Data Center Town Hall**

Will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm at the Bedington Ruritan Club, 3947 Williamsburg Pike.

## Berkeley Indivisible General Membership Meeting

Hang onto this date for our next General Membership Meeting: Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. We're still arranging a convenient location and will let you know when we do. We'll be discussing future events, ways to accomplish our mission other than through protests (though they are important), support for political candidates, data centers, and anything else you would like to bring up. Please come, we need your help. Caramel popcorn will be served.

## Palestinian Film Festival

Don't miss the opportunity to see these three compelling and important films by Palestinian film makers, one of which is an Oscar nominee. They include: *The Voice of Hind Rajab* (**Friday, March 20 at 7:30 pm**), *Palestine 36* (**Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 pm**) and *All That's Left of You* (**Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 pm**). Presented with support from the Eastern Panhandle T.E.A.M. (Together Educating and Advocating for Peace in the Middle East). Avoid the hassle of buying three separate tickets and get a **15% discount** by buying a **three-film pass** that will admit you to all Festival films and discussions at the Shepherdstown Opera House on March 20 and 21, 2026. Shepherdstown Opera House for my information.

## Coal Wins, We Lose

During the last week of the session, West Virginia lawmakers passed legislation requiring utilities to prioritize using electricity produced by in-state coal plants instead of purchasing power from regional markets. It also requires plants to operate at a minimum capacity of 69%. Though previously challenged in federal court, if implemented, this mandate will again lead to higher costs for ratepayers, many of whom already struggle with electricity bills. In the US coal accounts for about 16% of electrical energy generation, in WV 83%.

## ICE Arrests in West Virginia Overturned

In late January, state leaders touted large-scale arrests of 650 immigrants by ICE officers and over a dozen local law enforcement agencies. Federal judges, however, have repeatedly ruled that ICE is violating the due process rights of immigrants by holding them without a hearing in the state jail system run by Gov. Patrick Morrisey's administration. Here's a link to more about this in the *Mountain State Spotlight*

<https://mountainstatespotlight.org/2026/03/05/ice-arrests-wv-cooperation/>

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UPCOMING **NO KINGS 3.0 PROTEST**. IF YOU HAVE THE  
TIME, WRITE US AT [berkeleyindivisible@gmail.com](mailto:berkeleyindivisible@gmail.com).**

**THANKS!**