



COLONIE INDIVISIBLE 2025

A Look Back Over the First Year

Thank you to everyone who helped to make 2025 a success. You helped us defray expenses, donated generously to neighbors in need, attended meetings, joined protests, and shared your thoughts, questions and good ideas. Looking ahead, we will continue to support each other as we make plans for 2026.

Who we are: Colonie Indivisible is a grassroots movement of concerned citizens with a mission to help elect progressive leaders at every level of government and rebuild our democracy.

Colonie Indivisible (CI) was organized in February of 2025 as an affiliate of **National Indivisible**, a non-profit organization established in 2016 that is deeply rooted in non-violent political action. Committed fundamentally in local activism that holds elected officials accountable, Indivisible is a 501 (c) 4 organization. Its mission is to defeat authoritarianism through peaceful protests and activity.

Affiliating with National Indivisible brings significant benefit:

- **National impact.** Indivisible has approximately 3,000 local affiliates throughout the US.
- **National perspective.** Indivisible was established by two former congressional staff members, now married, who host weekly interactive ZOOM conversations with rank-and-file members.
- **Impact Potential.** Indivisible is a member of a progressive national coalition of other non-profit groups that share a commitment to non-violent political protest. (e.g. ACLU, Citizen Action)
- **Professional staff.** Indivisible offers training programs (e.g. Know Your Rights; Social Media Strategies; Safety and Personal Security)
- **Financial support and structure.**

- **Statewide Coalition.** Indivisible groups throughout the state have access to the Indivisible NYS coordinator, Sarah Reeske, for state-specific areas of concern.

In addition, CI is part of the fourteen-member **Capital Region Coalition** of local Indivisibles. Members are: Bethlehem Indivisible, Bethlehem Morning Voice Huddle, Capital Women, Colonie Indivisible, Guilderland Indivisible, Helderberg Indivisible, Indivisible ADK Saratoga, Indivisible Albany, Indivisible Stephentown, Indivisible Schenectady, Rensselaer County Women for Change, Troy Indivisible, Watervliet Huddle, and We Get Out the Resistance.

The **Capital Region Coalition** coordinates large local protests (No Kings 1 on Wolf Rd., Good Trouble on Central Ave. and No Kings 2 on Western Ave.) and provides a clear, unified media presence. Participation also gives CI access to shared resources (safety training, safety vests, walkie-talkies).

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In 2025 we had eight **in-person membership meetings** that offered timely information, mutual support, networking, volunteer opportunities and community outreach. Here is an overview:

In **March**, our initial Meet & Greet took place at Professor Java's, in **April** we introduced members to Mary Panzetta, a local volunteer who presented Share My Kitchen Table; in **May** our presenters were Sara Weinman, Outreach Coordinator for the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, and Kelley Gourley, Director of Operations for the Albany Chapter of Refugee and Immigrant Support Services (RISSE); our speaker in **July** was Sarah Reeske, NYS Coordinator for Indivisible; in **August** we introduced Manik Elahi, President of Albany County Young Democrats; the **September** meeting featured Alison McLean Lane, Albany County Democratic

Elections Commissioner; and in **October** our guests were Democratic candidates for Colonie Town Council and Colonie Town Court. The December meeting gives CI members an opportunity to help **make plans for 2026**.



A Year of Protests

February 5 – Stand with Ukraine on the corner of Central Ave. and Wolf Rd.

April 5 - Hands Off in Capital Park, Albany - **Estimated crowd of 4,000.**

April 8 – Protesting the proposed Tesla dealership on Central Avenue at the Planning Board meeting and on Route 9 at Colonie Town Hall

April 19 –Protesting DOGE cuts and supporting due process for Abrego Garcia (Troy)

May 1 – Protesting Elise Stefanik outside a fund-raiser (Halfmoon)

May 10 – Protesting Elise Stefanik at a GOP picnic/fundraiser (Bethlehem)

May 31 –AVELO Airlines/ICE Protest at the Wolf Rd.-Albany Shaker intersection

June 10 – Protesting proposed Tesla dealership at the Colonie Planning Board Meeting

June 14 – No Kings Day of Defiance on Wolf Rd. – **Estimated crowd of 10,000.**

June 28 – AVELO Airlines/ICE Protest on the corner of Wolf and Albany Shaker

July 12 – Rte. 7 Overpass

July 17 –Good Trouble Immigrant Rights Protest – Central Ave., Albany

July 19 –Rte. 7 Overpass

July 21 – Oppose ICE; Support Immigrants - McCarty Ave., Albany

July 26 – Stop AVELO protest across from Albany Airport

July 26 – Rte. 7 Overpass

August 2 – Rte. 7 Overpass

August 5 – Migrant Ministry Caravan at Siena College

August 6 –Protest AVELO at Albany County Executive Office – State St., Albany

August 8 – Sand Creek Rd. rush hour protest

August 9 – Rte. 7 Overpass

August 14 -Sand Creek Rd., rush hour protest

August 16 –Protesting Elise Stefanik at Young Republican fund raiser - Wolf Rd.

August 21 – Sand Creek Road rush hour protest

August 23 – STOP AVELO monthly protest at the airport

August 23 – Rte. 7 Overpass

August 28 – Sand Creek Rd. rush hour protest

September and October – Weekly Sand Creek Rd. and Rte. 7 Overpass protests continue

October 18 – No Kings 2 Western Ave. between Stuyvesant Plaza and Manning Blvd.
Estimated crowd of 20,000.

Local political activities in 2025

- Together with the League of Women Voters, CI members hosted Voter Registration events in area Price Chopper Markets.
- Partnering with Troy Indivisible, CI members are working on plans to increase voter registration and participation among students at Siena, RPI, Hudson Valley, Russell Sage, and Bryant & Stratton.
- In October CI hosted an interactive discussion with Colonie Democratic candidates on the November ballot.
- In the fall many CI members volunteered to deliver campaign literature/canvass for Colonie Democrats.

Local community support & outreach

CI hosted multiple Share My Kitchen Table events and postcard writing parties to support get-out-the-vote efforts in other states. CI volunteers sent out 4,000 postcards in this “off-year” election season.

CI members brought generous quantities of food and supplies to monthly meetings for local immigrant families supported by RISSE and USCRI. At the October 18 NoKings2 protest, Colonie Indivisible members again donated a large quantity of food items for the Regional Food Bank. Our table on the corner of Brevator and Western also collected \$90 in cash and \$550 in grocery gift cards for RISSE and USCRI families.

CI also has a Rapid Response committee that actively monitors local ICE activities. Volunteers quietly deliver groceries to families afraid to leave their homes. CI members distribute Know Your Rights cards to local businesses in an effort to make our community safer for immigrants.

Looking Ahead

As we face new challenges and opportunities, we are grateful for the support we have received. Thank you for helping to protect our democracy and care for our community.

*With gratitude,
The Colonie Indivisible Coordinating Committee*