



Northside United

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As you may know, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested a Mexican national residing in Northside recently. Although Ithaca is a Sanctuary City, ICE officials can come into this area. They will not be assisted by local enforcement personnel but they can make arrests.

In order to assist our neighbors who face this danger, several Northside United members attended the Rapid Response Training sponsored by Tompkins County Immigrant Rights Coalition. The following actions were recommended:

IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER:

- You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions about your citizenship status, birthplace or place of residence. If you wish to remain silent, say, "I have the right to remain silent."
- Never lie. Do not falsely claim to be a U.S. citizen or to be lawfully in the U.S.
- If you are a U.S. citizen, politely say, "I am a United States citizen." You may show your driver's license which proves that you lawfully reside in the U.S.
- Do not open the door to police without a warrant. Ask them to slip a search warrant under the door.
- **Most importantly, DO NOT sign anything.**
- If you feel your rights have been violated during an interaction with an immigration officer, call the New York Civil Liberties Union in Syracuse at 315-471-2821

IF YOU WITNESS AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER MAKING AN ARREST

- Take pictures or videotape. [*You may want to use Facebook Live which allows you to upload your video as you film. This will get your video out even if an officer smashes or takes your phone. The ACLU also offers a free live streaming app.*]
- If you can, get the officer's name and badge number and what agency
- Record the time and location of the incident and what exactly happened.
- Ask the person being arrested whom you should contact for them.
- Contact the Tompkins County Immigrant Rights Coalition at 607-277- 8699. For more information, contact Carlos Gurierrez (guty712@hotmail.com), Beth Harris (beth55harris@gmail.com) or Patricia Rodriguez (prodriguez@ithaca.edu)

Neighborhood News

At the May 1 Northside United meeting we welcomed Liz Warner, family services coordinator for Habitat for Humanity Tompkins/Cortland. She introduced us to Mohammad, Rashida and their family. They will be moving into one half of a two family, side by side house on Morris Street at Third Street.

Construction started in mid-may with a Mother's Day Build. It will take about a year to complete the building and Mohammad and Rashida are really happy to have their own home right downtown.

Habitat is a global non-profit organization in 70 countries which helps people get their own home. Habitat requires the home owners to get a mortgage and to engage in hundreds of hours of labor in order to qualify for the homes built. All of the work is done by volunteers.

No experience is necessary; novices are welcome. For more information:

<http://tchabitat.com>



At their annual lunch on May 4th, Ithaca Neighborhood Housing awarded Northside United the 2017 Lucy J. Brown Leadership Award which reads: "Northside United has been a strong presence in their neighborhood. They believe it is important that all residents of Northside feel included, no matter their economic status, age or cultural background. Northside United provides

monthly dinners that bring neighbors together to learn about each other. We salute you!" We appreciate the recognition.



Tim Logue, Director of Engineering for Ithaca has secured a three year grant (50K) for traffic calming remediation and upgrades for the Northside area starting with Hancock Street. Planning will take place this year and the public will be asked to submit ideas and concerns for improvement. A petition is already circulating asking for a four way stop at the intersection of Hancock and First Streets. This will be available at the June 5 Northside United meeting.

Anyone interested can also contact Ducson Nguyen at ducsonnguyen@gmail.com.



In April, Northside United sponsored a lesson in Karen, a language of the Karen people of Burma. Many of our neighbors in Northside are Karen and speak this language. A charming young woman, Paw Bleh, taught us some key phrases in Karen. Although none of us will be fluent any time soon, we do want to make our Burmese neighbors feel at home and we would welcome the opportunity to practice. We have had the pleasure of tasting the delicious foods of Burma at our dinners and at the Northside Celebration and we look forward to sampling more.



COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

FIRST ANNUAL NORTHSIDE YARD SALE—SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Spring has finally arrived! Yard Sale Time!
Start cleaning out those closets, attics and basements, sheds:
any place where you store your stuff.

Set up a table in front of your home on Saturday, June 10 (choose a time that works for you!) and wait for the customers. If you don't have much stuff to sell, get together with a neighbor and share a table!
Some tables will be set up at the Friends Meeting House on the corner of Third and Madison for people who wish to donate items for sale.

For information and to put your table on the yard sale map call Melynda Wissar at 315-729- 5072.

Remember: Your Trash may be someone else's Treasure!!

Saturday, June 10—the time to make some do-re- mi.

Summer Events of Interest

• June 3: Greater Ithaca Activities Annual Festival 11–6. Activities, good food, bounce house, charity basketball tournament, entertainment. Volunteers needed. Contact Kerry Philips @ 272-3622

• June 17: Juneteenth Celebration at Southside Community Center

• Talking Circles on Race and Racism: Two Sessions in June June 2–3: A people of color caucus.

June 16–17: A white caucus Sessions: Friday from 5:30–8:30. Saturday from 9:30–6. Contact: talkingcircles@multiculturalresourcecenter.org

• Women's Healing: Mind, Body and Spirit—A gathering for women to share their life experiences. All women welcome. Saturday, August 5 from 6–9 Place to be announced. Contact Phoebe Brown at 319-0028

THE FOURTH ANNUAL NORTHSIDE CELEBRATION

AUGUST 12 FROM 3-6 P.M

at the Friends Meeting House,

corner of Third and Madison Streets.

Remember the fun you had last year!

Come again and bring your neighbors.

Free Food, Music and other entertainment!

Lots of Activities for Kids.

All are welcome to bring ideas and help with the planning at the June 5 Meeting of Northside United.

If you have a special gift or talent that you would like to share with your neighbors, now is the time.

