

# Community Spotlight

## Railroad Strike and Worker Solidarity

Reduced crew size, drastic changes to work schedules, slashed compensation and heightened safety hazards while corporate-owned railroads continue to post profits are contributing to the upcoming rail worker's strike (date estimated to be mid-September). Learn more at [solutionaryrail.org](http://solutionaryrail.org).



## Forest Defense is Climate Defense Rally

**September 6, 8 AM**  
**Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**  
**1111 Washington St SE, in Olympia.**

Everyone is invited to a rally to stop the clearcutting of Washington's last remaining mature legacy forests. Tell the DNR Washington forests are for ALL the people.

## Public Meeting on 3900 Boulevard Road Project

**September 14, 6 - 8 PM**  
**Olympia Regional Learning Academy's (ORLA) Learning Center**  
**2400 15th Ave SE in Olympia**

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity's Project & Artisans Group Architecture and Planning will host a meeting for the public about their vision and next steps for the development at 3900 Boulevard Road.



## The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

**September 15, 5 PM Zoom video**

Call 360.491.9093 or email [glenanderson@integra.net](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) for Zoom link and agenda details.

## Democratic Socialists of America – Olympia

**September 16, 4 PM Zoom meeting**

Oly DSA general membership meetings are held the third Saturday of every month and are open to the public. Interested folks should reach out to us ahead of time at [info@olydsa.org](mailto:info@olydsa.org).



## World Rivers Day action

**Backbone Campaign**  
**September 25, 12 PM**

An overpass, intersection or bridge in your community



In recognition

of World Rivers Day, we are mobilizing folks to protect the rivers and streams in their communities. Backbone's focus will be advocating for a free-flowing Snake River. By breaching the 4 dams on the Lower Snake, we open up thousands of miles of pristine, cool salmon habitat—urgently needed by salmon and the over 100 species that depend on them. RSVP to [info@BackboneCampaign.org](mailto:info@BackboneCampaign.org) to join this or another action. We'll follow up with you.

## International Day of Peace (9/21) to International Day of Nonviolence (10/1)

**Organized by Campaign Nonviolence**  
**Sept 21 to Oct 2**

Help build a culture rooted in nonviolence. From renewable energy to housing for all, we're connecting the dots between the issues and proposing a bold vision for nonviolent solutions to our pressing crises. Local groups are encouraged to pick 1-3 actions and contact us to join monthly calls and trainings and/or to endorse specific actions.

Direct questions to [rivera@paceebene.org](mailto:rivera@paceebene.org).

## Parallax Perspectives—“Some People in the Military Refuse Orders”

Watch any time at [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org) or on cable Channel 22 in Thurston County Mondays at 1:30 PM, Wednesdays at 5:00 PM, and Thursdays at 9:00 PM

This month, Glen interviews Jeff Paterson and Stephanie Atkinson, who share first-hand experiences, insights, and information about people in the military who refuse to fight wars. Both now work with Courage to Resist ([www.couragetoresist.org](http://www.couragetoresist.org)), helping people refuse military orders.

Questions? Contact Glen Anderson at 360.491.9093 or email [glenanderson@integra.net](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net).

## South Sound Artisan Guild's Artisan Market

**September 17, 10 AM – 8 PM**  
**Capital Mall, 625 Black Lake Blvd SW**  
**Olympia, WA 98502**  
**Free parking & admission**

Handcrafted, upcycled, artisan-created and unique items for sale. In addition to traditional retail products, artisan created merchandise will include photography, digital art, and authors.

Questions? [SouthSoundArtisanGuild@gmail.com](mailto:SouthSoundArtisanGuild@gmail.com)



**October 15, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
**Thurston County Fairgrounds**  
**3054 Carpenter Rd SE Lacey, WA 98503**  
**This is an indoor and outdoor event**

Free entertainment by local performers

Free parking & admission

Handcrafted, upcycled, artisan-created and unique items for sale. In addition to traditional retail products, artisan created merchandise will include photography, digital art, and authors.

Questions about vending requirements: [SouthSoundArtisanGuild@gmail.com](mailto:SouthSoundArtisanGuild@gmail.com)

## Stories of Food, Food as Story

Window Seat Media in collaboration with local teaching artists

**Four workshop sessions:**  
**September 24 – November 6**  
**GRuB farmhouse**  
**2016 Elliott Ave NW, Olympia**

\$5-\$500 (select what works best for you!)

Participants will explore their history and cultural heritage through food traditions. Workshop sessions will be led by local teaching artists who will guide participants through the process of identifying a food tradition through which they can learn about their history or culture, conducting oral history interviews to document

the tradition, using interview transcripts and memorabilia as source material to create a short piece of creative nonfiction, an audio story, or a visual journal and reflecting and sharing stories through playback theatre.

Learn more and register at <https://www.windowseatmedia.org/post/stories-of-food-food-as-story>



## Saturday Market at West Central Park

**Saturdays, May through October,**  
**9 AM – 2 PM**  
**1919 Harrison Ave.**  
**NW in Olympia**



[Saturdaymarketwcpnc.org](http://Saturdaymarketwcpnc.org)

## ONGOING RESOURCES

### Rosie's Place

**Drop-in: 520 Pear St. SE in Olympia**  
**12 PM – 3 PM, Ages 12-24**

Get lunch, hang out, watch a movie.

One of over 20 Community Youth Services programs, Rosie's Place provides a warm, safe place for homeless and at-risk youths, to help them identify their strengths, and to empower and support them as they work toward self-identified goals.

### Young Overnight Shelter

**Ages 18-24**  
**9 PM – 8:30 AM**



For more information, contact Tasha Church, program director, at 360.943.0780, ext. 135 or go to [www.communityyouthservices.org](http://www.communityyouthservices.org)

### Home Share

Home Share Program helps match people who can't afford to buy or rent a home to find affordable, semi-permanent housing.



Before matches are made, reference and background checks are conducted and lengthy interviews are held. Managed by South Sound Seniors. Contact Rebecca Hutchinson, Home Share Program Manager, at 360.586.6181 ext. 111 or [rhutchinson@southsoundseniors.org](mailto:rhutchinson@southsoundseniors.org).

## Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women & Families

MMIWF is a grassroots family, survivor-led organization. Our work is not chosen, it is the result of our loved one's going missing, being murdered, being exploited, being trafficked, domestically abused, sexually assaulted, and systematically sexualized and oppressed. The reality for us was that we had no resources or services to aid us in the pursuit of visibility and justice for our sisters, ourselves and loved ones. To learn more visit [mmwipfamilies.org](http://mmwipfamilies.org).

