



Westerly ARC Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter

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"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

– Chief Seattle

Celebrate Indigenous People's Day October 10, 2022

Embrace



October 9

This Week's Protest

On Sunday, October 9, we welcome **Leslie Dunn** to the ARC stage. Leslie, a founding member of ARC as well as a member of the Steering Committee, is a candidate for the Westerly School Committee. She is a graduate of Westerly High School (2010) and Johnson and Wales (2014) where she majored in Sports, Entertainment and Event Planning.

Leslie will share her story of growing up in Westerly, her decision to run for political office and what she sees as the top issues facing the school system in Westerly. She says, "I am running because I believe that the integrity of a thriving community rests within its education system." She is one of three candidates endorsed by the Democratic party.

Join us at Pompelmo Gelateria at 31 High Street in Westerly on Sunday, October 9 at 1pm right after the Sunday peaceful protest, to chat with Leslie and other candidates, and enjoy a free gelato!

Note: Westerly ARC does not endorse any candidate but upon request we welcome candidates to our Sunday peaceful protest to share their stories and platforms.



Last Week's Protest

Under the cloudy, cool skies of October several members of ARC stood together on the post office steps discussing the latest events and news of the day. Leslie Dunn who was the planned speaker for the day decided to reschedule her presentation to the October 9th gathering. This space continues to be a place for open discussion, sharing of ideas and current events as well as more formal presentations.

If you or someone you know would like to tell a story, read a poem, play some music or express a concern please let us know so that we can put them on our agenda for a Sunday presentation.

We meet every **Sunday from 11:00-1:00** on the steps of the Westerly Post Office on High Street. Join us anytime!

Meet the Candidates, Stay Informed

There are many upcoming opportunities to learn about candidates for local and state offices. Mark your calendar and plan to attend one or more of these events. Bring a friend! Make an informed decision!



“CHILL” WITH THE CANDIDATES

Kevin J Lowther II
Town Council Candidate

Leslie S Dunn
School Committee Candidate

Victoria Gu
Senate District 38 Candidate

Sun
10/9
1 - 3 pm



Enjoy delicious gelato from
Pompelmo Gelateria and meet
some of the candidates for state
and local offices



Westerly ARC Steering Committee member Madeline Labriola will host this event at her home at 54 Beach Street on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30-7:30. Spread the word and bring a friend!

RSVP



October 13
Westerly Town Council
Candidate Forum

Westerly Town Hall,
6:30pm



October 20
Westerly School
Committee and Senate
District 38 Candidate
Forums

Town Meetings

Westerly ARC encourages those who can to attend Westerly Town Council and School Committee meetings. Your presence and involvement is an important way to show our elected officials that creating a more equitable and inclusive town and school system must always be a priority.



Monday, 17 Oct - Town Council Regular Meeting 5:30 pm

Wednesday, 19 Oct - School Committee Meeting 5:00 pm

Monday, 24 Oct - Town Council Workshop and Regular Meeting 5:30 pm

Here is the link to meeting schedules and agendas:

<https://clerkshq.com/westerly-ri>



Voters' Corner

Mail-In Ballot Application Due by: Oct 18

Election Day: November 8

[Click button below for sample ballot](#)

Voting Resources

- Vote.RI.gov - Update your voting record, register to vote, find your polling place, view a sample ballot, apply for a mail ballot and more!
- [League of Women Voters of Rhode Island](#) - a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government; conducts candidate forums and has many local resources.
- Vote.org - online voter guides for every state, including where to vote, what's on the ballot, voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and more!

Act

Here are a few ongoing ways you can support the work of Westerly ARC.

[View our Calendar](#)



Share

Spread the news!
Forward this newsletter to at least one person you think might be interested in it. Ask them to sign up for our newsletter on the [Westerly ARC website](#).

We have **over 200 subscribers** as of now; help us reach an even wider audience!



Donate

ARC member Amanda Dunn continues to collect toiletries, personal care items, and non-perishable food to distribute to our community. Please bring your donations to Amanda at our Sunday rallies. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



Show Up

Stop by one of our weekly protests, join one of the events listed in this newsletter, attend a town meeting, sign up for one of the trainings linked above.

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."
— Elie Wiesel

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Educate



Bystander Nonviolence Skills Training

There are many trainings available that help us explore active, assertive nonviolent reactions to the divisiveness and tensions that continue to surround us. On Saturday,

October 1 a member of ARC attended the **Meta Peace Team Bystander**

Training offered on Zoom. During the 4-hour workshop many good skills for dealing with difficult situations were shared.

For instance, when confronted by a contentious person it is important for the peacemaker to:

1. CENTER themselves and rise to their highest self.
2. LISTEN with their whole body(heart, eyes, compassion) while looking for common ground.
3. AFFIRM the person by finding the common ground in their position.

Using these techniques are not designed to win an argument but to be present and listen.

Click below to read more about what you can do when you see someone being harassed.

[Read More](#)

Free Bystander Training Offered by Right to Be

Right to Be is an organization that provides free online bystander training. Check their website for information about schedules and other types of free training. Please let us know if you participate in a training and how it went!

“Right To Be’s work ranges widely, but our goal is simple: we want to build a world where everyone has the Right To Be who they are, wherever they are. A world that’s free of harassment and filled with humanity.”



Peace Parade Postponed

As a result of the inclement weather on Saturday, October 1 our neighbors and co-peace activists Nonviolent Schools RI and Toward an Anti-Racist North Kingston (TANK) postponed their Peace Parade until the spring. We will keep you updated on further details.

Up Next

Calendar of Events

15 September–15 October	Hispanic Heritage Month
9 October 2022	Meet and Greet Candidates for state and local offices, Pompelmo Gelateria, 1:00pm (after protest)
10 October 2022	Indigenous Peoples' Day
11 October 2022	Meet the Candidates, (Kevin Lowther, Leslie Dunn, Victoria Gu), 5:30–7:30, 54 Beach St, RSVP
13 October 2022	Westerly Town Council Candidate Forum, Westerly Town Hall, 6:30pm
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Westerly Anti-Racism Coalition

Join our weekly protests

Sundays 11-1

Downtown Westerly Post Office steps

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