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## 16 LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS ACROSS STATE

by **Andrew Kolstee**  
LPNY Chair

May 30, 2023 was the deadline for filing independent petitions. Despite the State of New York's attempts to kill third parties, we still have candidates running. A total of 16 Libertarian candidates have filed petitions to be placed on the general election ballot this fall.

In Chautauqua County, incumbent Sherman Village Trustee and Deputy Mayor is running for reelection to another 4-year term. Sanders was the first Libertarian to be elected to office in Chautauqua County.

In Chemung County, Craig Colwell is running for Elmira City Council in District 6. Colwell is the County Affiliate's Chair and ran for County Legislature in 2022.

In Chenango County, Tom Quitter is running for Supervisor in the Town of Guilford. Quitter is the County Affiliate's Chair and previously ran for U.S. Senate in 2022 and State Senate in 2020.

In Erie County, LPNY 1st Vice-Chair Duane Whitmer is running for County Executive. He previously ran for Congress (2020)

and County Comptroller (2021).

In Madison County, LPNY Secretary Mark Braiman is running for Cazenovia Town Council.

In Oneida County in the Town of Ava, there are two candidates: Keith Redhead for Town Supervisor and Kathleen Redhead for Town Tax Collector.

In Onondaga County, Craig Shute is running for Lafayette Town Supervisor.

In Niagara County, Wendi Szabo is running for Royalton Town Council.

In Steuben County, incumbent Prattsburgh Town Councilwoman Angela Einwachter is running for re-election.

In Yates County, there are three candidates running for County Legislature in District 3, in which there are 4 positions available: Jeff Bradley, Jan Enos, and Philip Rahr. All three are officers



*Craig Colwell petitioning for Elmira City Council District 6 in Chemung County*

of the Yates County Libertarian Party.

In Ulster County, there are three candidates: Suzanne Timbrouch for County Legislature District 3, Chris Madden for County Legislature District 19, and Michael Kavanagh for District Attorney.

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# DO WE NEED LESS GOVERNING?

by **Werner Hetzner**  
Albany County Member-At-Large

Do we need less governing?

"There are two possible ways for people to relate to each other, either voluntarily or coercively."  
- Doug Casey

Let's start by distinguishing force from power...real power attracts cooperation; it has little need for force.

When a government can't depend on allegiance and voluntary compliance it must force obedience. As government demands submission the question becomes: How much and what

kind of submission is acceptable?

'Government' is just a different word for 'Law'. A government's legitimacy and moral right to use state power is only justified and lawful when consented to by the people. Otherwise it is forced on people. An ideal government requires no forced obedience because people voluntarily consent to the laws.

Should values be forced on us and choices restricted by any party? Those who complain about government ought to strive for less of it but all they really do is complain about not having enough of it to impose their rule over

others. Can't we try to liberate instead of regulate each other? Wasn't America supposed to be about individual liberty instead of forced obedience?

All laws steal choices. They create privileges for some and steal inalienable rights from others in the process. They prohibit and limit choices for some people and make you obey someone else's choices. It's like being told where to sit on the bus. Laws can make you do things you would not want to do if you were free. Was it meant to be this way?

What can be more valuable than choice? What do you have when you have no choice?

## HELP US PASS A3312

**This bill will lower the ballot access thresholds back to the previous standards: the number of votes needed to get ballot access to 50,000 (from 130,000 or 2%), and lower the petition signature requirement for a statewide office to 15,000 (from 45,000). Contact your representatives in the New York State Legislature and ask them to support this bill!**



# LIBERTY EVENTS IN WESTERN NEW YORK ERIE COUNTY LP CHICKEN BBQ; FREEDOM WEEKEND IN BERGEN

by Andrew Kolstee  
LPNY Chair

There were two recent events in Western New York. The Erie County Libertarian Party had a Chicken BBQ event on Saturday June 3, 2023 in which they partnered with Friends Feeding Friends to fundraise and feed some of the homeless population in Buffalo.

Then, on the weekend of June 10-11, 2023, Freedom Weekend was held at the Firing Pin in Bergen, Geneesee County, New York. 2020 Libertarian Party Vice Presidential nominee Spike Cohen was among the speakers. Contact Duane Whitmer at [chairman@eriecountylp.org](mailto:chairman@eriecountylp.org) to get involved.



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## CHAUTAUQUA

### NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., July 6, 2023 @ 6:30 PM  
Lakeview Hotel & Restaurant  
Mayville, NY  
and Zoom  
(first Thursdays)

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## CHEMUNG

### NEXT MEETING:

Tues., July 11, 2023 at 6 PM  
at Ill Eagle Taphouse  
(2nd Tuesdays)

## CHEMUNG, cont.

### TRIVIA NIGHT:

Wed., June 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
at Ill Eagle Taphouse  
(4th Wednesdays)

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## CHENANGO

Chenango LP Chair Tom Quitter is running for Guilford Town Supervisor. Contact him to get involved.

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## COLUMBIA

### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., July 19, 2023 @ 7 PM  
Claverack Free Library  
and Google Meet  
(third Wednesdays)

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### NEXT MEETING:

TBD  
Held Monthly via Zoom

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### NEXT MEETING:

TBD  
via Google Meet

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## KINGS (BROOKLYN)

### NEXT MEETING:

Tues., July 18, 2023 at 3 PM  
@ Fourth Avenue Pub  
76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
(third Tuesdays)

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### NEXT MEETING:

Fri., Jun. 30, 2023 @ 10 AM  
Hamilton Public Library  
13 Broad Street  
Hamilton, NY 13346

### CONTACT:

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## MONROE

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

### NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., July 6, 2023 @ 7 PM  
(first Thursdays)

### CONTACT:

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## MONTGOMERY

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## NASSAU

### NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., July 13, 2023 at 7 PM  
@ Landmark Diner  
(2nd Thursdays)

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### NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

Held 4th Tuesdays

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Wed., July 19, 2023 at 6 PM  
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374 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512  
(2nd Thursdays)

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Sat., July 9, 2023  
OBA Grill  
104-02 Metropolitan Ave.,  
Forest Hills, Queens, NY  
(2nd Saturdays)

## RENSSELAER

Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., July 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Alexis Diner, North Greenbush  
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## ULSTER

### NEXT MEETING:

Mon., July 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY  
(second Mondays)

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## WAYNE

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Sat., June 23, 2023 at 11 AM  
at Yellow Mills Diner  
in Palmyra, NY  
(fourth Saturdays)

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## WESTCHESTER

Rajib Maitra is working on planning a meeting in the future on behalf of Chair Bill Schmidt. He can be contacted at [rajib.maitra1@gmail.com](mailto:rajib.maitra1@gmail.com)

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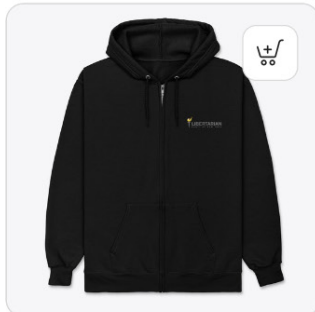
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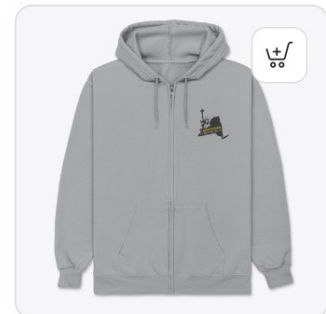
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