

To the Residents of East Palestine Ohio

Marilyn Leistner (last mayor of Times Beach, MO) and I wanted to express our thanks to the residents of East Palestine and beyond who welcomed us with open arms during our 4-day whirlwind visit, 24-28 September. Thank you for your hospitality and willingness to share your stories with us. We are very mindful of your situation and what you're going through after the Feb 2, 2023 train derailment and chemical release.

During the 26 September slide presentation at Dr. Tsai's in Darlington PA, Marilyn shared many of the similarities her dioxin contaminated community experiences in the 1970 & 1980s to the present time, that your communities are going through. She listed the various health issues Times Beach residents experienced to include:

TIMES BEACH – HEALTH ISSUES DUE TO EXPOSURE TO DIOXIN AND OTHER CHEMICALS?

- Bloody Noses
- Throat closing
- Hives
- Lips swelling
- Seizures
- Hyperthyroid
- Endometriosis
- Menstrual
- Alcoholism
- Abuse
- Dysplasia
- Various Cancers
- Leukemia
- Alcoholism
- Abuse
- Miscarriages
- Stillbirths
- Stress
- Miscarriages
- Stillbirths
- Rashes

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We see that there is a protest rally scheduled for this Saturday near the East Palestine welcome sign. Here are a few photos of the effective protests the Times Beach residents participated in:





Marilyn urges the community to unite as one voice and continue to be loud and put pressure on your elected officials to get the attention of the President of the United States to sign the national declaration of disaster so that federal assistance may be accessed.

Marilyn says:

“Don’t give up the fight! Go after the government to represent your community demands all the way up to the President for his approval.”

Thanks again! Marilyn Leistner (last mayor of Times Beach MO) and Dr. Sue Olsen, Environmental Relocation Policy Researcher.