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Coralville's Flock cameras idea draws ire

Flock cameras help in criminal investigations

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Coralville residents are standing up for privacy as the city eyes a new camera system.

The scuffle originated from the Coralville Police Department's interest in Flock cameras, which are used to aid in criminal investigations. Flock cameras work as automatic license plate readers and store data for up to 30 days.

At least 10 residents addressed the Coralville City Council during their regular meeting on July 8.

The Coralville City Council has budgeted \$19,000 for Flock cameras in Fiscal 2026. A website, StopFlocking.us, has been established in opposition to

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A Flock camera is positioned on a pole along State Road 46 west of Ellettsville on Aug. 8, 2024. RICH JANZARUK/ HERALD-TIMES



'Good Trouble Lives On' rally coming to Iowa City

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Community cohesiveness is the goal of Iowa City's latest political rally.

Local residents and citizens nationwide will organize on Thursday, July 17, to protest what organizers are calling "attacks on our civil and human rights by the Trump administration."

The "Good Trouble Lives On" rally will be held 7-9 p.m. at City Park, a "non-violent action" aimed at reminding the Trump administration that "in America, the power lies with the people," according to a press release.



Executive Director Ryan Bobst speaks during the North Liberty Community Pantry grand opening on July 14 at 350 W. Penn St. in North Liberty. JULIA HANSEN/IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN

Local pantry celebrates milestone with new facility

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A food and clothing asset for thousands of families in Johnson County recently celebrated its 40th birthday in its new, spacious home.

Volunteers, donors and leaders of the North Liberty Community Pantry officially cut the ribbon on its recently opened 10,500-square-foot home on Monday, July 14. Area leaders referenced the pantry's growing impact as they celebrated four decades.

Executive Director Ryan Bobst said the new facility was "the result of the collective efforts of hundreds of volunteers, donors and community partners whose support, generosity and belief in our mission have made this vision a reality."

Many of the pantry's largest donors contributed thousands to the cause, according to sheets posted around the building. More than 150 people stopped by to watch the ceremony and get a look inside the space.

A fast-growing food pantry

The North Liberty Community Pantry began as an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church in 1985. It served a small group of friends and neighbors for nearly two decades.

The pantry expanded in 2004. By

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What is 'Good Trouble Lives On?'

The nationwide protest marks the fifth anniversary of the passing of civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis, which will honor his legacy by continuing his call to make "good trouble, necessary trouble." The famous quote is one of Lewis's theses for peaceful, collective action to challenge injustice, and create meaningful change through his lifelong career as an activist.

Lewis was an original Freedom Rider during the Civil Rights Movement and served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 to 2020.

What to expect from the 'Good Trouble Lives On' protest

The Transformative Justice Coalition, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Black Voters

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