

National Occupy protest movement reaches York

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UPDATE: Because of a large response, the 7 p.m. Wednesday Occupy York meeting has been moved to the UAW Hall, 3562 Gillespie Drive, York 17404.

A first meeting of Occupy York will be held Wednesday night as local residents join a national movement protesting the actions of Wall Street.

The meeting will be at the Starbucks at 2521 E. Market St. in York at 7 p.m. "to address the local and national problems we face," according to organizer Maria Payan.

Payan said the meeting will include planning a rally and discussing the purpose of the group.

"Our democracy is never going to work as long as money controls the policies," Payan said.

Similar groups have sprouted up across the country, starting with the original group that has peacefully protested on Wall Street because of issues they have with the decisions of big businesses.

According to the Occupy Wall Street website, the group says its participants are among "the 99 percent that will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1 percent."

The Occupy movement encourages citizens to find a public space to peacefully assemble and raise awareness of their concerns.

A Facebook event page for the York meeting had about 20 people who had signed up as of Tuesday morning.

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