

# ITALEO Newsletter



## UPCOMING MEETING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Sicilian Sports Club  
1296 E. Ridge Rd.  
Rochester, NY

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## UPCOMING EVENT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul Fire Exempt



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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

### Regulation of Convertible Pistols and Pistol Converters (the “Glock Ban”) Chapter 55 of the Laws of 2026

**Synopsis:** As part of the state budget process, Governor Hochul signed legislation regulating the possession and sale of certain altered firearms.<sup>1</sup> This new law has been commonly referred to as “the Glock ban” but does not name any specific manufacturer. The law amends the Penal Law to define a “convertible pistol,” firearms that have a design feature (a cruciform trigger bar) common to Glock-pattern and many other striker-fired pistols, as a “machine-gun” when equipped with a pistol converter. This bulletin analyzes the provisions most relevant to police chiefs and command staff.

#### Scope and Key Terms

The law amends Penal Law § 265.00 to add several definitions. A “pistol converter” is a device installed in or attached to the rear of the slide of a semi-automatic pistol that replaces the backplate and interferes with the trigger mechanism, enabling the pistol to fire rapidly or automatically with one continuous pull of the trigger.<sup>2</sup> A “convertible pistol” is any semi-automatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar<sup>3</sup> that can be readily altered by hand or with common household tools<sup>4</sup> so that it can be converted into a machine-gun by installing or attaching a pistol converter. The definition expressly excludes hammer-fired semi-automatic pistols and any striker-fired semi-automatic pistol that lacks a cruciform trigger bar.

The practical effect of these new terms in the Penal Law is that the amended definition of “machine-gun” (Penal Law § 265.00(1)) now includes any convertible pistol that is equipped with a pistol converter. A converter-equipped convertible pistol is now a machine-gun under New York law, and existing machine-gun restrictions and criminal penalties will apply. Second, a convertible pistol without a converter attached is not, by itself, a machine-gun, and the law does not criminalize a lawful owner’s mere possession of such a pistol.

<sup>1</sup> The law also does contain measures aimed at impeding the production of firearms through use of 3D printers, as discussed in this bulletin.

<sup>2</sup> Pistol converters — commonly called “switches” or “auto sears” — are separately classified as machine guns and prohibited under federal law; their possession was already unlawful before this enactment.

<sup>3</sup> Penal Law § 265.00(40) defines a “cruciform trigger bar” as a component in a semi-automatic pistol that links the trigger and the firing pin and has its sear incorporated in a cross-shaped surface.

<sup>4</sup> The statute enumerates “common household tools” as screwdrivers, pipe wrenches, pliers, hacksaws, crowbars, electric drills or rotary tools, hammers, chisels, files, and crescent wrenches. A notch, tab, or other material on the frame does not prevent “ready alteration” if it can be removed with such tools.

#### Summary

Effective August 25, 2026, a convertible pistol equipped with a pistol converter is defined as a machine-gun under New York law. As a result, existing machine-gun provisions of the Penal Law — including criminal possession of a weapon and the manufacturing and transport offenses of § 265.10 will apply.

The law also adds three new offenses to Penal Law § 265.10:

- **Convertible-pistol sales (§ 265.10(10)).** A dealer in firearms or gunsmith who, on or after May 31, 2027, sells, transfers, disposes of, or transports or ships as merchandise a convertible pistol is guilty of a class D felony.
- **Transferring digital firearm code (§ 265.10(11)).** Knowingly selling, transferring, distributing, providing, or selling access to digital firearm-manufacturing code to a person who does not hold both a gunsmith license and a valid federal firearms license is a class A misdemeanor, subject to several exceptions.
- **Possessing digital firearm code (§ 265.10(12)).** Possessing digital firearm-manufacturing code with intent to manufacture a prohibited item illegally, or to distribute it to a person prohibited from possessing the product or to an unlicensed person, is a class A misdemeanor.

The new law also empowers the Superintendent of the Division of State Police to promulgate any rules necessary to implement this law and is directed to publish — before the effective date and annually thereafter — a list of the pistols the Superintendent has determined to be convertible pistols.

#### Exemptions for Police and Peace Officers

Police officers and peace officers are exempt from the possession restrictions on convertible pistols. This exemption is categorical — meaning that officers may continue to use these firearms both on and off-duty. Additionally, the new law continues to exempt police and peace officers

from the transport and shipping criminal penalties that apply to machine guns. Police officers and peace officers are permitted to transport and ship a machine gun for purposes of disposal.

**What You Need to Know:** The State Police convertible pistol list is the practical key to enforcement and compliance. Monitor for its publication and distribute it to command staff, firearms instructors, property and evidence personnel, and pistol-licensing staff so that field and administrative decisions rest on the official list rather than ad hoc judgments about a given model.

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**From:**

New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

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Rochester, NY 14612

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40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Ogden, NY  
June 5, 2026

ITALEO was represented well with President Jessica Franco and Sgt. At Arms, Mark D'Angelo along with Erin Rogers, Gary Galetta and Denny Wright and possibly more.





**AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

| JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><u>11:00 AM-9:00 PM CRAFT FAIR &amp; MARKET</u><br/>Explore local crafts and goodies at our Craft Fair and Market. Shop unique products from talented artisans and enjoy community-made treats.</p> <p><u>11:00 AM-6:00 PM FAMILY ACTIVITIES</u><br/>Celebrate America's Birthday with various themed events and family geared activities.</p> <p><u>4:30 PM WATERMELON EATING CONTEST</u><br/>Compete for the much-loved "Red, White and Chew Cup". With various age brackets available, everyone is encouraged to join the fun.</p> <p><u>6:00 PM CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT</u><br/>Join us for our third annual Freedom Toss Cornhole Classic. Bring your game face and your summer spirit! All skill levels are welcome.</p> <p><u>7:00 PM-11:00 PM STREET DANCE</u><br/>Dance the night away with Uptown Groove at our Street Dance event.</p> | <p><u>7:45 AM 2 MILE FUN RUN/8:15 AM 10K</u><br/>Lace-up your running shoes and join us for our annual race.</p> <p><u>11:00 AM PARADE</u><br/><u>1:00 PM DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE</u><br/>Join the vibrant, community-driven parade between IHS and Town Hall. Enhance the experience with a professional presentation of the Declaration of Independence by esteemed community leaders, law enforcement, and first responders.</p> <p><u>11:00 AM- 9:00 PM CRAFT FAIR &amp; MARKET</u><br/>Explore local crafts and goodies at our Craft Fair and Market. Shop unique products from talented artisans and enjoy community-made treats.</p> <p><u>11:00 AM-6:00 PM FAMILY ACTIVITIES</u><br/>Join us as we celebrate America's Birthday with various themed events and family geared activities.</p> <p><u>9:30 PM FIREWORKS</u><br/>Experience one of the region's largest fireworks displays on July 4th! Bring your loved ones to Town Hall for a spectacular show under the stars.</p> |
| <p><u>BAND SCHEDULE</u></p> <p><u>BEVERAGE GARDEN (11:00-11:00 PM)</u></p> <p>1:30 PM-3:00 PM - THE PETTY PROJECT</p> <p>3:30 PM-6:00 PM - APPETITE 4 VOLTAGE</p> <p>7:00 PM-10:30 PM - BB DANG</p> <p><u>SHOW WAGON</u></p> <p>7:00 PM-11:00 PM - UPTOWN GROOVE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><u>BAND SCHEDULE</u></p> <p><u>BEVERAGE GARDEN (11:00-9:30 PM)</u></p> <p>1:30 PM-3:00 PM - MITTY AND THE FOLLOWERS</p> <p>4:00 PM-6:00 PM - NNB PARTY ROCK EXPERIENCE</p> <p>6:00 PM-9:30 PM - THE REAL NEWS BAND</p> <p><u>GAZEBO</u></p> <p>8:00 PM-9:30 PM - IRONDEQUOIT CONCERT BAND</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |





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**JULY 18TH 3 PM - 11 PM  
JULY 19TH 12 PM - 6PM**

**SPENCERPORT FIREMAN'S FIELD**  
75 SOUTH UNION ST.  
SPENCERPORT, NY 14559

Volunteers Needed! Interested? [Click Here](#)

## July

### [America 250: A Commemoration with Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass](#)

July 3, National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House  
The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House will hold a free community event in Susan B. Anthony Square Park. Come listen to historic speeches by Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, which will enhance your appreciation of this national milestone.

### [Independence Day Celebration – Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

July 4, Genesee Country Village & Museum  
Celebrate Independence Day at Genesee Country Village & Museum! Join us for a naturalization ceremony, a 19th-century parade, and a pie-eating contest, along with a day filled with patriotic fun and community spirit.

### [Town of Greece 4th of July Celebration](#)

July 4, Greece Town Hall  
This free event includes activities for the whole family. Enjoy a variety of food and beverage trucks, live music, and fireworks.

### [Town of Irondequoit Red, White and YOU! 250th Birthday Celebration](#)

July 4, Irondequoit Town Hall  
Town-wide Special Event, including but not limited to a craft fair, watermelon eating contest, and fireworks.

### [America 250 Celebration](#)

July 12, ESL Ballpark  
Taking place from 5 to 9 p.m., this celebration has something for everyone, like live music, food and drinks, and a fireworks finale.



ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY PRESENTS

**Festa Italiana**

FOOD!  
MUSIC!  
VENDORS!  
RAFFLES!  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**COMING SOON!! CHECK NEW DATE - FRIDAY, JULY 31**

FRIDAY FESTA HAPPY HOUR! • FISH FRY FESTA SPECIAL! • HOMEMADE ITALIAN TREATS! • LIVE MUSIC WITH SOME OF ER'S FINEST! • FREE BOOKS! • KID'S ACTIVITIES! • ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

**JULY 31, 2026  
4:00-9:00 PM  
ST. NICHOLAS HALL**

206 MADISON ST.  
EAST ROCHESTER  
NEW YORK, 14445

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**ITALIAN FLAG FLOWN**

**ITALIAN ANTHEM PERFORMED**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

**6:45PM**

**GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM**

**CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS AT ROCHESTER RED WINGS**

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS (\$7): CONTACT SAM MELONI**  
**SMELONI55@YAHOO.COM OR (585) 402-5761**

**August****Churchville Summerfest: Stars and Stripes 250!**

Aug 14-15, Churchville Park

Organized by the Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce, the event will include a community picnic, a Red, White, & Blue-themed fashion show, historical trivia, and, of course, fireworks.

***Lou Gramm meets fans at House of Guitars on Titus Avenue***

People lined up outside the House of Guitars in Irondequoit for a meet and greet with local music legend Lou Gramm on June 20, 2026.

Gramm signed his new album and books that were available to purchase inside the music shop along with T-shirts.

Irondequoit officers were on hand, including our very own President Jessica Franco & Membership Coordinator, Heidi Zimmer. Also pictured are Sgt. Fitzak with Officers Evershed & Riola.





# ITALEO SUMMER PICNIC 2026

**August 8th, 2026 12PM-4PM**

*St. Paul Exempt  
690 Thomas Ave  
Rochester, NY 14617*



*Menu  
Pulid Pork  
BBQ Chicken Legs  
Rolls & Butter  
Salt Potatoes  
Cajun corn  
Baked Beans  
Garden Salad*

Cut and mail below portion with your payment

**ITALEO, PO Box 17344, Rochester, NY 14617-0344**

*Checks Made payable to ITALEO. Note "PICNIC" in memo.*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

# Members \$10

# Non-Members \$15

# Kids 13 Under - FREE

☐

Yes, I will bring a store bought dessert

Ticket Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ITALEO represented at the Officer Anthony DiPonzio Bocce  
Tournament held at the Italian American Community Center 6/13/2026



Pictured (left to right); TEAM ITALEO:  
Ed Bernabei, Joe Corona, Tom Albano & Joan Uveino



Pictured (left to right):  
Joseph Cimino, Anthony DiPonzio, Mark D'Angelo & Ed Bernabei



## Calendar of Events:

| DATE                     | EVENT                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 21 <sup>st</sup>    | <b>Irondequoit<br/>Chamber of Commerce<br/>Networking Event</b><br>Grapes & Gratitude<br>Vine & Tap, 4768 Lake Ave.<br>5:30PM – 7:30PM |
| July 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | <b>ARPALER Picnic</b><br>Braddock's Bay Park                                                                                           |
| August 8 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>ITALEO Annual Picnic</b><br>St. Paul Exempt                                                                                         |
| August 11 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Italian Heritage Night At the<br/>Ball Park</b><br>Red Wings Event                                                                  |
| August 11 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Sicilian Sports Club<br/>Member Appreciation Dinner</b><br>6:30PM – 10PM                                                            |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>ICL Columbus Day Luncheon</b><br>ITALEO (Host Club)<br>Location TBD                                                                 |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>ITALEO Christmas Party</b><br>Webster Golf Club                                                                                     |

## RECIPE CORNER

### Lemon Gelato

<https://orsararecipes.net/lemon-gelato>

#### Ingredients

- 3 Lemons
- 1 cup Heavy Whipping Cream
- 3/4 cup Powdered Sugar
- 5 Ice Cubes



#### Instructions

##### To Make the Lemon Shells:

1. Slice off the very bottom of 2 of the lemons to allow the lemons to be able to be placed upright without rolling over. Set the sliced pieces aside.
2. Carefully cut off the tops of the lemons and set them aside.
3. Gently scoop out the pulp and seeds from the lemons using a spoon or citrus spoon, being careful not to pierce the lemon skin. Reserve the lemon juice and the thin pulp in a small dish. Discard the seed and the hard lemon skin/pulp.
4. Stand the hollowed-out lemon shells upright and place the thin bottom pieces inside each lemon to close off any holes at the bottom. Place the tops of the lemons on top of each lemon and place in the freezer to harden. You can place each lemon in a cup and cover with plastic wrap to keep separate from other items in the freezer.

##### To Prepare the Gelato Mixture:

1. Zest the third lemon and add it to the reserved lemon juice/pulp in a small dish. Cover with saran wrap and place into the freezer until frozen.
2. Once frozen, place into a blender or food processor along with the ice cubes and blend. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the heavy whipping cream and powdered sugar. Use a whisk or electric mixer to blend until you have a smooth whipped cream texture.
4. Add the blended lemon mixture into the whipped cream bowl and fold to gently mix together.

##### To Fill the Lemon Shells:

1. Take the frozen lemon shells out of the freezer and remove the tops. Pour in the gelato mixture into each shell to the top. Place the tops back on the lemons and place on a tray or plate and put them in the freezer. Allow the gelato inside the lemons to freeze for at least 3 hours or until it becomes firm and scoopable.
2. Pour any of the remaining lemon gelato into a freezer safe container and place in the freezer to enjoy once frozen.

If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe  
to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:

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