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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters from across Vermont's Indivisible network. All information should be verified independently. This digest covers the date range of June 13, 2026, to June 21, 2026, and summarizes emails from the following groups: Indivisible Brattleboro, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible St Johnsbury, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible (Defend Democracy), Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bristol Area Indivisible, Lean Left Vermont, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Three Rivers Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, and Indivisible Greater Falls. Please note that Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. Content from Indivisible Brandon and Indivisible Calais was explicitly excluded from this summary. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

This week's newsletters are buzzing with energy as Vermont's Indivisible groups mobilize on multiple fronts, from the ballot box to the streets. With the midterms fast approaching (just 141 days out!), groups across the state are leaning heavily into voter protection and outreach. Lean Left Vermont, Bristol Area Indivisible, and Camel's Hump Indivisible are coordinating massive postcarding and phonebanking efforts targeting crucial swing states like New Hampshire, North Carolina, and New York. At the same time, local economic frustrations are being channeled into action through campaigns like [Sticker Shock Summer](#), helping activists bridge the gap with neighbors over the soaring cost of living and the need for a [Fair Share for Vermont](#).

Simultaneously, a massive wave of resistance against authoritarian overreach and ICE brutality is sweeping the state. Multiple groups rallied to support Pastor Steven Tendo, an asylum seeker facing imminent deportation in St. Albans, demonstrating the power of community solidarity. This local fight is echoed by coordinated statewide pushes against the expansion of ICE facilities, protests at Delaney Hall, and pressure campaigns aimed at getting Citizens Bank to divest from private detention centers. Whether through municipal resolutions or direct roadside visibility, Vermonters are making it clear that federal intimidation tactics will not go unchallenged.

Finally, the spirit of democracy is being joyfully celebrated as we head into the Fourth of July and the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. Chapters from Brattleboro to Greater Falls are organizing floats, banners, and marchers for local Independence Day parades to remind their communities that "We the People Means Everyone." This patriotic push was beautifully complemented by watch parties across the state for the "Rise Up, Sing Out!" concert, blending grassroots community-building with a fierce defense of First Amendment rights.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Defending Pastor Steven Tendo from Deportation

- *Summary:* Pastor Steven Tendo, a Ugandan asylum seeker, healthcare worker, and valued Vermont community member, faced an ICE check-in in St. Albans with orders to bring his passport for deportation. A massive showing of public support is critical to proving his community ties and pressuring officials to halt his removal.
- *Action:* Join the community presence at the ICE Field Office to stand in solidarity with Steven and demand his right to remain in the U.S. ([Read more on VTDigger](#)).
- *Mentioned in:* Indivisible St Johnsbury, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Defend Democracy, Camel's Hump Indivisible.

First Amendment "Rise Up, Sing Out!" Watch Parties

- *Summary:* In response to authoritarian crackdowns, the Committee for the First Amendment hosted a national livestreamed concert celebrating the freedoms of speech, press, and assembly. Local chapters hosted watch parties featuring potlucks, community building, and even mock birthday celebrations for Donald Trump to raise awareness and morale.
- *Action:* Watch the recorded stream online at NoKings.org/Livestream or riseupsingout.com to celebrate our democratic rights.
- *Mentioned in:* Indivisible Brattleboro, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible St Johnsbury, Bennington Indivisible.

Marching for Democracy in July 4th Parades

- *Summary:* To honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, groups are reclaiming patriotism by marching in local July 4th parades. Activities include building floats, carrying "Signs of Democracy," and hosting community art builds.

- *Action:* RSVP to march with your local group, wear your blue Indivisible shirts, or volunteer to build floats and paint signs.
- *Mentioned in:* Indivisible Brattleboro, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Greater Falls.

Vermont Gubernatorial & Legislative Primary Forums

- *Summary:* With the August 11 primary approaching, multiple organizations are hosting candidate forums to introduce voters to those running for Governor (Amanda Janoo and Aly Richards) and local statehouse seats. The goal is to ensure voters understand candidates' positions on housing, healthcare, education, and civil rights.
- *Action:* Attend a local forum to ask questions and learn about the progressive candidates stepping up to run.
- *Mentioned in:* Rutland County Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible MRV, Three Rivers Indivisible.

Restricting Local Cooperation with ICE

- *Summary:* Communities are pushing back against ICE incursions by advancing municipal resolutions and investigating new corporate spaces. St. Johnsbury's selectboard discussed restricting local law enforcement's cooperation with ICE, while Williston residents are probing a new 40,000 sq ft office space potentially tied to DHS/ICE.
- *Action:* Attend selectboard meetings to demand transparency and establish strict policy boundaries between local police and federal immigration enforcement.
- *Mentioned in:* Indivisible St Johnsbury, Champlain Valley Indivisible.

Economic Justice and the Fair Share for Vermont Campaign

- *Summary:* As part of the national [Sticker Shock Summer](#) campaign, Vermonters are connecting the high cost of groceries and housing to policy choices that protect billionaires. The [Fair Share for Vermont](#) initiative aims to close tax loopholes to fund essential community services.
- *Action:* Attend the Tax the Rich VT Coalition training in Barre to learn how to communicate these issues and canvass effectively.
- *Mentioned in:* Camel's Hump Indivisible.

De-ICE Citizens Bank Campaign

- *Summary:* Citizens Bank provides pivotal financial support to the GEO Group and CoreCivic, the two largest private prison companies operating ICE detention camps. Activists are pledging to pull their money and pressuring the bank to cut ties.
- *Action:* Take the [De-ICE Citizens Bank pledge](#) and sign the [Not With Our Money, Citizens!](#) petition.
- *Mentioned in:* Champlain Valley Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible.

National Actions

- **Stop the USPS from Halting Ballot Delivery:** Trump has pressured the USPS to stop delivering mail to states refusing to turn over voter records, potentially halting ballot delivery in Vermont. [Submit your public comment to the USPS](#) to reject this rule before July 2.
- **Oppose Todd Blanche for Attorney General:** Trump has nominated his personal fixer to be AG, threatening to weaponize the DOJ against political enemies and protect insurrectionists. Use the [Not Above the Law Toolkit](#) to lobby senators to block his confirmation.
- **Oppose Warrantless AI Mass Surveillance (FISA):** FISA expired on June 12 and is under threat of being supercharged by AI. [Call your US Senators](#) and [Representatives](#) to uphold the Constitution and block authoritarian surveillance grabs.
- **Demand the Removal of Trump's DNI Nominees:** Bill Pulte has gained dangerous access to 18 agencies' surveillance data, and Jay Clayton is an unqualified loyalist nominated for DNI. [Email your Senators](#) to demand a qualified intelligence professional instead of a hack.
- **End the Illegal Blockade on Cuba:** Trump's energy blockade on Cuba is causing devastating humanitarian effects. Tell Congress to oppose military action and regime-change funding, and [sign the petition for humanitarian relief](#).

Success stories and Bright spots

- **Vermont Passes Landmark Anti-ICE Laws:** Governor Phil Scott signed S.209 and S.227 into law, successfully prohibiting ICE and immigration officers from making warrantless arrests in public spaces like libraries, hospitals, and schools.

- **Jersey City Divests from Citizens Bank:** Following intense activist pressure regarding the bank's ties to private ICE detention centers, Jersey City, NJ, announced it will divest its funds from Citizens Bank.
- **Senate Blocks Trump Voter Suppression:** Grassroots pressure paid off as the Senate successfully refused to attach Trump's pet voter suppression project (the SAVE Act) to the supplemental ICE and Border Patrol appropriation.
- **Cheese with Dignity Hits Shelves:** Migrant Justice's new partnership with Vermont Way Foods has brought human-rights-focused "Cheese with Dignity" to over a dozen local co-ops and farmstands.
- **Education Reform Defense:** Intense grassroots organizing successfully protected the autonomy of Vermont's rural school districts by stripping forced merger mechanisms from H.955.

Upcoming events calendar

June 18, 3:00 PM - What's the Plan with Leah and Ezra - Virtual - Rutland County Indivisible & Three Rivers Indivisible

June 18, 4:30 PM - Postcard Party - McCullough Library, North Bennington - Bennington Indivisible

June 18, 6:00 PM - Legislative Roundup Action Call - Virtual - Rights and Democracy & Champlain Valley Indivisible

June 19, 4:00 PM - South Hero Honk and Wave - Worthen Library, South Hero - Indivisible Champlain Islands

June 19, 4:30 PM - Stand for Democracy - Richmond Park & Ride, Richmond - Camel's Hump Indivisible

June 19, 5:00 PM - Weekly Rally (Juneteenth Theme) - RCI Park (Main & West), Rutland - Rutland County Indivisible

June 20, 10:00 AM - Constituent Coffee Hour - Wilder Club and Library, Wilder - Three Rivers Indivisible

June 20, 10:00 AM - Rutland County Pride Festival - Downtown Rutland - Rutland County Indivisible

June 20, 11:00 AM - Saturday Rally for Decency - Intersection of Rts 5 & 25, Bradford - Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

June 20, 11:00 AM - Stand Up for Democracy - Rte 2A and Marshall Ave, Williston - Champlain Valley Indivisible

June 20, 12:00 PM - Anti-war Rally - St. J Welcome Center, St. Johnsbury - Indivisible St Johnsbury

June 21, 1:00 PM - United We Stitch Workshop - Location TBA - Bristol Area Indivisible

June 21, 4:00 PM - PowerHour: Recruit NH Poll Observers - Virtual - Lean Left Vermont

June 22, 5:30 PM - IMRV Informal Gathering - Lawson's, Waitsfield - Indivisible Mad River Valley

June 24, 6:30 PM - Barn Party with Sarah George - 2889 Hinesburg Rd, Richmond - Camel's Hump Indivisible

June 25, 5:00 PM - Vermont Indivisible Statewide Call - Virtual - Vermont Indivisible Network

June 26, 4:00 PM - I-91 Overpass Rallies - Exits 14 (Thetford) and 17 (Wells River) - Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

June 27, 10:15 AM - Bennington Pride Parade - Hemmings Motor News, Bennington - Bennington Indivisible

June 28, 9:30 AM - Tax the Rich Campaign Training - Old Labor Hall, Barre - Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 1, 5:30 PM - Monthly Meeting: America at 250 - The Maples, Rutland - Rutland County Indivisible

July 3, 10:00 AM - Castleton Independence Day Parade - Amtrack Depot, Castleton - Rutland County Indivisible

July 4, 10:00 AM - Independence Day Parade - Flat St. to the Common, Brattleboro - Indivisible Brattleboro

A Great Call to Action

"Here in Vermont, the affordability crisis is not just about prices going up. It is about who is being asked to pay, who is being allowed to profit, and who is protected when budgets get tight. That is why the Fair Share for Vermont campaign matters: it's time to claw back decades of tax breaks and loopholes so we can fund housing, schools, health care, child care, climate resilience, and the services working families need. And this connects directly to the ongoing crisis at Delaney Hall... When

public resources are used to destroy lives instead of supporting communities, we need to say clearly: these are political choices." — *Camel's Hump Indivisible*

Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **ACLU Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org/>
- **Migrant Justice:** <https://migrantjustice.net>
- **Vermont Conservation Voters:** <https://vermontconservationvoters.com/>
- **Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG):** <https://www.vpirg.org/>
- **Rights and Democracy Vermont:** <https://www.radvt.org/>
- **Women's March:** <https://womensmarch.com>
- **Committee for the First Amendment:** <https://riseupsingout.com/>
- **Upper Valley DSA (UVDSA):** <https://www.uppervalleydsa.org/>
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project:** <https://www.vaapvt.org/>