

vermont indivisible digest, 2026-06-22 to 2026-06-27

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters from various Vermont advocacy groups, and all information should be independently verified. This digest covers the date range of June 22, 2026, to June 27, 2026. It summarizes emails from Champlain Valley Indivisible, Defend Democracy, Indivisible Randolph, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Lean Left Vermont, Queen City Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, Bennington Indivisible, Indivisible Champlain Islands, and Green Mountain Alliance / Milton-Westford-Georgia / Rail City Indivisible. Please note that Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. Emails from Indivisible Brandon and Indivisible Calais were explicitly excluded and not summarized in this digest. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

Welcome to your late-June update! Across Vermont, Indivisible groups are rolling up their sleeves to defend democracy, protect civil rights, and prepare for Independence Day. We're seeing a massive, coordinated push from groups like Lean Left VT to support battleground states, specifically targeting upcoming elections in New Hampshire and North Carolina with phone banking and poll observer recruitment. Members are digging in to build democratic power at the grassroots level by ensuring everyone who is eligible has a voice at the ballot box.

On the state and local front, the focus remains firmly on human rights and holding powerful entities accountable. A major ongoing campaign is targeting Citizens Bank to demand they stop funding private ICE detention centers, with multiple protests coordinated across the state. In overwhelmingly positive news, Governor Phil Scott signed two crucial civil rights bills this week, and the Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund met its \$1 million fundraising goal, proving that community-driven organizing works!

As we approach the 4th of July, many chapters are using the holiday to celebrate our democracy while fiercely resisting authoritarianism. From participating in local parades in South Hero, Fairfax, Waterbury, and Bennington to hanging banners and holding overpass rallies, the state is energized. Groups are also mobilizing around local elections, hosting candidate forums, and gearing up for voter registration and postcard campaigns to ensure a strong, informed turnout this November.

Key State and Local Campaigns

De-ICE Citizens Bank Protests Activists are demanding Citizens Bank stop funding private prison companies like The GEO Group and CoreCivic, which run ICE detention centers with documented human rights abuses. Local branches are facing protests, and customers are publicly pledging to withdraw their funds. *(Mentioned in: Champlain Valley Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro)* **Action:** Join a local protest or take the pledge to move your money. **Link:** <https://www.de-icecitizensbank.org/take-action>

Fourth of July Parade Visibility Groups are organizing to march in local Independence Day parades to visibly support democracy and resist fascism. Participants are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue, carry banners, and distribute action materials to spectators. *(Mentioned in: Indivisible Champlain Islands, Bennington Indivisible, Green Mountain Alliance, Indivisible Brattleboro, Indivisible Randolph, Queen City Indivisible)* **Action:** Walk with your local Indivisible chapter in upcoming parades across the state. **Link:** <https://mobilize.us/s/XMQvjw> (Fairfax Shuttle) | <https://queerconnectbennington.com/pride-2026/> (Bennington Pride)

Healthcare is a Human Right Following Governor Scott's veto of S.190—a bill aimed at providing targeted relief from rising health insurance premiums—advocates are mobilizing at the town level. The Vermont Workers' Center is supporting a drive to place healthcare resolutions on 2027 Town Meeting Day ballots to build a statewide mandate. *(Mentioned in: Camel's Hump Indivisible)* **Action:** Sign up to help get healthcare on the ballot in your town. **Link:** <http://www.healthcareisahumanrightvt.org/>

Defending Democracy Overpass Rallies Volunteers are gathering on highway overpasses across the state, holding banners to catch the attention of motorists and encourage voting. The "Five Bridges Brigade" covers 33 miles of I-89, while other chapters maintain a steady presence on I-91. *(Mentioned in: Indivisible Randolph, Defend Democracy, Indivisible Brattleboro)* **Action:** Join a scheduled "Honk and Wave" rally on a local overpass. **Link:** <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/937733/>

State & Local Candidate Forums Ahead of the Vermont Democratic primaries, chapters are hosting and promoting forums to hear directly from state senate and local candidates. These events provide a platform to learn candidates' stances on critical local issues with opportunities for audience questions. *(Mentioned in: Champlain Valley Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible)* **Action:** Attend an upcoming Democratic Primary forum for Chittenden-Central or Windsor Senate. **Link:**

https://vermontconservationvoters.com/event/chi-c_forum/

Tax the Rich Vermont Campaign The Tax the Rich VT Coalition is organizing an educational event and campaign training to effectively communicate the importance of taxing the wealthy. The training will cover how to overcome opposition talking points, followed by an organized canvassing effort. (*Mentioned in: Camel's Hump Indivisible*) **Action:** Attend the campaign training and canvass in Barre. **Link:** <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tax-the-rich-vermont-campaign-training>

National Actions

- **Protect the Vote in NH and NC:** Join Lean Left VT's PowerHour to recruit poll observers and voter assistance hotline volunteers to ensure eligible voters in New Hampshire and North Carolina can cast their ballots. <https://www.mobilize.us/leanleftvt/event/892175/>
- **Protect Mail-In Voting:** Submit public comments opposing a new USPS rule that would require states to share information about voters requesting mail-in ballots, effectively giving the federal government tracking power over elections. Email PCFederalRegister@usps.gov. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/06/02/2026-10968/ballot-mail-for-federal-elections>
- **Oppose AI Mass Surveillance:** Call your U.S. Senators and Representatives to demand they hold the line for civil liberties and oppose warrantless AI mass surveillance following the expiration of FISA. <https://act.indivisible.org/go/917784>
- **Demand Dignity for Detained Immigrants:** Urge Members of Congress to escalate oversight actions concerning the human rights abuses and horrifying conditions at Delaney Hall and other ICE detention centers. <https://act.indivisible.org/sign/solidarity-hunger-strikers-demand-congressional-action-against-trumps-mass-detention-regime/>
- **Block Media Consolidation:** Sign the petition to block the proposed mega-media merger between Warner Brothers and Paramount. <https://blockthemerger.com/#take-action>

Success stories and Bright spots

- The Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund successfully surpassed its goal of raising over \$1 million to support civil rights and legal protection in Vermont!
- Governor Phil Scott heard the voices of pro-democracy coalitions and signed two crucial civil rights bills: S209 (prohibiting civil arrest in sensitive locations) and S227 (creating immigration protocols in Vermont schools).
- Following intense activist pressure regarding ties to private ICE detention centers, Jersey City, NJ, announced it will divest its funds from Citizens Bank.
- Grassroots pressure paid off as the U.S. Senate successfully refused to attach Trump's voter suppression project (the SAVE Act) to the supplemental ICE and Border Patrol appropriation.
- Migrant Justice's partnership with Vermont Way Foods has brought human-rights-focused "Cheese with Dignity" to over a dozen local co-ops and farmstands.

Upcoming events calendar

June 24, 2026, 4:00 PM, Migrant Justice Rally, 96 Colchester Ave Burlington, Migrant Justice / Three Rivers Indivisible
<https://click.actionnetwork.org/>

June 24, 2026, 6:30 PM, Barn Party to Meet Chittenden State's Attorney Sarah George, 2899 Hinesburg Rd Richmond, Camel's Hump Indivisible

June 24, 2026, 6:30 PM, Singing Resistance, St. Paul's White River Junction, Three Rivers Indivisible

June 24, 2026, 7:00 PM, Canvass Training, Virtual, Volunteer Blue / Lean Left VT
<https://www.mobilize.us/activateamerica/event/965851/>

June 25, 2026, 8:30 AM, Change is Possible - Vermont Healthcare Discussion, 435 Community Dr S Burlington, Camel's Hump Indivisible <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxVJSaZTsCsVB57RRLuKZkEKoRF9fCzf5oNvn5PTnFXgs7MQ/viewform>

June 25, 2026, 12:00 PM, Stand Against ICE, 426 Industrial Ave Williston, Champlain Valley Indivisible
<https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/896871/>

June 25, 2026, 3:00 PM, What's the Plan With Leah and Ezra, Virtual, National Indivisible
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/874938/>

June 25, 2026, 4:30 PM, Postcard Brigade, McCullough Library North Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

June 25, 2026, 5:00 PM, Indivisible Statewide Call, Virtual, Vermont Indivisible Network

<https://indivisible.zoom.us/meeting/register/GSIYFn9GT8Ccn20NWvbmfg>

June 25, 2026, 6:00 PM, Candidate Forum: Democratic Primary for Chittenden-Central Senate, O'Brien Community Center Winooski, Champlain Valley Indivisible https://vermontconservationvoters.com/event/chi-c_forum/

June 26, 2026, 4:00 PM, Rt. 302 Overpass Rally (Exit 17), P&H Truck Stop Wells River, Defend Democracy <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/937733/>

June 26, 2026, 4:00 PM, Rt. 113 Overpass Rally (Exit 14), Park 'n' Ride Thetford, Defend Democracy <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/937738/>

June 26, 2026, 4:30 PM, Stand Up for Democracy, Bayside Park Mallets Bay, Champlain Valley Indivisible <https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/933440/>

June 26, 2026, 4:30 PM, Richmond Overpass Rally, Richmond Park & Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible <https://www.mobilize.us/camelshumpindivisible/event/897180>

June 27, 2026, 10:00 AM, Non-Violent Direct Action Training, Montpelier, 350VT / Camel's Hump Indivisible https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEaYszGikaYoJKTYGGAoLrUuxRQW7w2L_6Ed28tSqlknfYHA/viewform

June 27, 2026, 10:15 AM, Bennington Pride Parade, 216 Main St Bennington, Bennington Indivisible <https://queerconnectbennington.com/pride-2026/>

June 27, 2026, 11:00 AM, De-ICE Citizens Bank, 84 Pearl Street Essex Junction, Champlain Valley Indivisible / Camel's Hump Indivisible <https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/970290/>

June 27, 2026, 11:00 AM, Bradford Overpass Rally, Route 5 and 25 Bradford, Defend Democracy

June 27, 2026, 3:00 PM, March in the Waterbury Not Quite Independence Day Parade, State Complex Waterbury, Camel's Hump Indivisible <https://www.katarinaforvermont.com/events/join-katarina-in-nqid-parade>

June 27, 2026, 4:00 PM, Emilie Kornheiser Campaign Kickoff, Brattleboro Common, Indivisible Brattleboro

June 28, 2026, 9:30 AM, Tax the Rich Campaign Training, Old Labor Hall Barre, Tax the Rich VT / Camel's Hump Indivisible <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tax-the-rich-vermont-campaign-training>

June 28, 2026, 3:00 PM, Patchwork Community Event, Lebanon ArtWays Tunnel, Three Rivers Indivisible

June 28, 2026, 4:00 PM, PowerHour Poll Observer Recruitment, Virtual, Lean Left VT <https://www.mobilize.us/leanleftvt/event/892175/>

June 28, 2026, 4:00 PM, Five Bridges Brigade Overpass Rally, I-89 Hebard Hill Rd Randolph (and other locations), Indivisible Randolph

June 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, An Artist Responds to War Film Screening, Briggs Opera House White River Junction, Three Rivers Indivisible

June 28, 2026, 6:30 PM, Banner & Poster Making, White River Craft Center Randolph, Indivisible Randolph

June 29, 2026, 6:00 PM, Candidate Forum: Windsor Senate, Hartford Town Hall White River Junction, Three Rivers Indivisible <https://vermontconservationvoters.com/event/windsor-senate/>

June 30, 2026, 5:30 PM, ARC Meeting, 80 Canal St Brattleboro, Indivisible Brattleboro

July 1, 2026, 5:30 PM, Meet Mike Pieciak, The Coffee Bar Bennington, Bennington Indivisible <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mikeinbennington>

July 3, 2026, 6:00 PM, Celebrate Independence Day, Lake Street & College Burlington, Queen City Indivisible

July 4, 2026, 10:00 AM, Independence Day Parade, Flat St Brattleboro, Indivisible Brattleboro

July 4, 2026, 10:45 AM, Independence Day Parade, Landon Rd & South St South Hero, Champlain Islands Indivisible

July 4, 2026, 11:00 AM, Fourth of July Roadside Visibility, 1001 Shelburne Rd South Burlington, Champlain Valley Indivisible / Queen City Indivisible <https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/973727/>

July 4, 2026, 12:30 PM, Fairfax July 4th Parade, St. Luke's Huntville Rd Fairfax, GMA / MWG Indivisible

July 7, 2026, 5:30 PM, July Membership Meeting, Queen City Brewery Burlington, Queen City Indivisible

July 7, 2026, 6:00 PM, IRV Meeting, Randolph Senior Center, Indivisible Randolph

July 10, 2026, 7:00 PM, Candidates of Color Forum, Virtual, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 11, 2026, 10:00 AM, July Meeting, Beloved Community Church Brattleboro, Indivisible Brattleboro

July 15, 2026, 7:00 PM, Milton Westford Georgia Indivisible Meeting, Milton Grange Hall, MWG Indivisible

July 17, 2026, 12:00 PM, Good Trouble Lives On! Weekend of Action, Various Locations, Three Rivers Indivisible
<https://www.goodtroubleliveson.org/>

July 18, 2026, 12:30 PM, July's Postcarding Party, Westford Brick Meeting House, GMA / MWG Indivisible

July 30, 2026, 10:30 AM, Bennington County Democrats Postcards, Apple Barn Bennington, Bennington Indivisible
<https://www.mobilize.us/vtdems/event/975992/>

A Great Call to Action

"On July 4th we celebrate America's 250th Birthday! 250 years of progress toward The American Dream of equal rights and opportunities for all Americans. The American Revolution-The Abolition of Slavery-Women's Suffrage-The Civil Rights Act-The Voting Rights Act-The Marriage Equality Act are giant leaps American activists have made and defend. Once again this progress is not only being threatened but being reversed by the forces of greed, hate and ignorance. Once again we must stand up and resist. On July 4th we have an opportunity to demonstrate our undeniable support and defense of our belief in liberty and justice for ALL..." — Doug Kiser, Postcard Warriors Team Leader, **Indivisible Champlain Islands**

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund:** <https://www.vermontlegaldefensefund.com/>
- **Lean Left Vermont:** <https://www.leanleftvt.org>
- **Vermont Workers' Center (Healthcare Is a Human Right):** <http://www.healthcareisahumanrightvt.org/>
- **The States Project:** <https://statesproject.org> (Donations via [ActBlue](#))
- **Vermont Conservation Voters:** <https://vermontconservationvoters.com>
- **ACLU Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org/>
- **Queer Connect Bennington:** <https://queerconnectbennington.com/>
- **UVRiseUP:** <http://uvriseup.org>
- **Women Building Peace:** <https://www.womenbuildingpeace.us/>

- **rePlay Arts:** <http://www.replayarts.org>
- **Blue Wave Postcards:** <https://shop.bluewavepostcards.org>
- **WeCAN (Brattleboro Community Calendar):** <https://www.wecantgether.net/>