

Vermont Indivisible Digest [May 23 - May 29, 2026]

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters from various Vermont Indivisible groups. Information should be verified before taking significant action. This digest covers the date range of May 23 to May 29, 2026. It includes summarized content from Defend Democracy (Corinth/Topsham), Indivisible Middlebury, Lean Left Vermont, Rutland County Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Indivisible St. Johnsbury, Indivisible Randolph, NEK Indivisible, Queen City Vermont Indivisible, Bristol Area Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, and Indivisible Champlain Islands. Emails from Indivisible Brattleboro and Onion River Indivisible were received but not summarized as they were automated replies containing no new newsletter content. Please note that Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. This project is an autonomous AI tool maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible. Please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

This week's newsletters reflect a highly mobilized statewide network intensely focused on pressing Governor Phil Scott to sign critical legislation before the session wraps up. Across multiple groups, Vermonters are uniting to demand protections for immigrant communities by keeping ICE out of sensitive locations like hospitals and schools. Concurrently, environmental and ratepayer advocates are pushing hard for accountability regarding the expansion of massive AI data centers in the state, battling right-wing corporate lobbying in the process.

Corporate accountability remains a dominant theme for local activists, particularly regarding the banking and tech industries. Coalitions in Burlington, Middlebury, and the Northeast Kingdom are turning up the heat on Citizens Bank for financing ICE detention centers run by the GEO Group and CoreCivic, with coordinated protests and account-closing campaigns well underway. Beyond local protests, communities are gathering for joy and solidarity, organizing Pride festivals, potlucks, and storytelling slams as they dig in for the long haul.

On the national and electoral front, Indivisible chapters are rolling up their sleeves for the 2026 midterms. From writing Reclaim Our Vote postcards to running weekly phonebanks targeting swing states like Pennsylvania and North Carolina, groups are highly focused on voter access and registration. Simultaneously, activists are fighting back against the regime's corruption, raising alarms over the \$1.8 billion slush fund aimed at paying out January 6th insurrectionists, and demanding Congress intervene to stop unauthorized military conflicts.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Protecting Immigrant Communities (S.209 & S.227) (Mentioned in CVI, Queen City, Bristol Area, NEK, Defend Democracy) The Vermont legislature has passed two vital bills that prohibit warrantless civil immigration arrests in sensitive locations, including schools, hospitals, and polling places. Advocates warn that federal databases are outdated, putting recently naturalized citizens at risk of ICE detainment while attempting to vote or learn. *Action:* Contact Governor Scott immediately and urge him to sign S.209 and S.227 into law to protect our neighbors from abusive outside law enforcement. *Link:* [Message Governor Scott](#)

Holding AI Data Centers Accountable (H.727) [EDITOR'S NOTE: The legislature failed to override the Governor's veto.] (Mentioned in Bristol Area, Champlain Islands, Camel's Hump) A critical bill designed to regulate the deployment of massive data centers to protect Vermont's electric grid, environment, and ratepayers has reached the Governor's desk. The legislation is currently facing heavy opposition from right-wing, Koch-funded groups like Americans for Prosperity. *Action:* Call Governor Scott to demand he sign H.727 and prioritize Vermonters over billionaire corporate interests, and tune into VPIRG's webinar to learn more about the environmental stakes. *Link:* [VPIRG Data Center Webinar Registration](#)

De-ICE Citizens Bank Campaign (Mentioned in Middlebury, CVI, NEK) Indivisible chapters are joining a targeted national campaign to pressure Citizens Bank into cutting its financial ties with the GEO Group and CoreCivic, the two largest private prison operators housing ICE detainees. Actions include roadside demonstrations, withdrawing funds, and participating in national days of action. *Action:* Join the June 6th protest at the South Burlington branch or learn how to safely close your Citizens Bank account. *Link:* [De-ICE Citizens Bank Info](#)

Defending Tenant Rights (H.772) [EDITOR'S NOTE: This bill failed to pass on the 3rd reading!] (Mentioned in Camel's Hump) The Vermont Senate is voting on a bill that could empower landlords to obtain criminal no-trespass orders against a tenant's guests without the tenant's request or consent. Advocates argue this is a blatant breach of a renter's right to due process, privacy, and association. *Action:* Send a message to your State Senator urging them to oppose H.772. *Link:* [ACLU-VT Action to Protect Tenant Rights](#)

Funding Immigration Legal Representation (*Mentioned in Camel's Hump*) As the legislative session draws to a close, advocates are making a final push to ensure the state budget includes funding for immigration legal representation. Having access to a lawyer provides life-changing protection in immigration court and helps prevent unjust deportations. *Action:* Urge the Budget Conference Committee to fund immigration legal representation for Vermonters. *Link:* [Democracy Vermont Action Page](#)

Statewide Primary Candidate Forums (*Mentioned in Middlebury, CVI, Bennington, NEK*) With the August primary approaching, multiple grassroots coalitions are hosting or promoting forums for Democratic candidates running for Governor (Amanda Janoo and Aly Richards) and Lieutenant Governor. Groups are actively mobilizing members to meet the candidates and learn their stances on housing, healthcare, and affordability. *Action:* Watch the recordings of the candidate forums or RSVP for upcoming local meet-and-greets. *Link:* [Gubernatorial Forum Livestream](#)

National Actions

- **Stop the Jan. 6 Insurrectionist Slush Fund:** The President's administration negotiated a legal settlement to create a \$1.8 billion slush fund that could reward the rioters who attacked the Capitol. *Action:* Call Senators Sanders and Welch, and Rep. Balint to support bills taxing these ill-gotten payouts at 100%. *Link:* [Jan. 6 Police Officers Sue to Block Payout](#)
- **Phonebank to Swing States with Lean Left:** Join the Sunday Power Hour to call voters in Pennsylvania and North Carolina, verify their registration, and ensure they are ready for the November midterms. *Action:* Sign up for Lean Left VT's upcoming Power Hour phone banks. *Link:* [Register for Sunday Power Hour](#)
- **Tell AT&T to Drop Their ICE Contract:** AT&T holds a massive \$90.8 million contract providing high-speed networks and data access to ICE, enabling violent deportations. *Action:* Sign the petition demanding the corporation terminate this contract immediately. *Link:* [MoveOn AT&T Action](#)
- **Block the Unauthorized War with Iran:** Following the expiration of the 60-day deadline for congressional authorization, activists are demanding an end to military conflict with Iran. *Action:* Email or call Congress to do its duty and hold the regime accountable. *Link:* [No Iran War Email Action](#)
- **Demand Release of the Epstein Files:** Push for transparency and accountability for abusers by demanding the full release of the Epstein files. *Action:* Sign the petition urging Republican members of Congress to release the files. *Link:* [Tell Congress to Release the Files](#)

Success Stories and Bright Spots

- Following a targeted pressure campaign highlighting the financing of private detention centers, the student union at Brown University successfully pulled half a million dollars from Citizens Bank.
- Jasmine Clark won the Democratic nomination for Georgia's 13th congressional district, aided directly by Indivisible phone bankers nationwide.
- Champlain Valley Indivisible successfully held a "Reasons to Stand Up" silent march with 37 participants and 11 marshals circling downtown Burlington to raise awareness for democracy.
- A federal judge dismissed the Justice Department's lawsuit attempting to turn over Arizona voters' private information, marking the department's sixth straight loss on the issue.
- Democrat Chedrick Greene won the special election in Michigan's 35th Senate District by 19 points, flipping a seat that had previously only leaned Democratic by a single point.
- Voters in Louisiana successfully launched a statewide petition drive to recall Governor Jeff Landry after the MAGA confederation eliminated one of the state's two Black-majority districts.

Upcoming Events Calendar

May 26, 2026, 6:00 PM - VT Governor Democratic Primary Candidates Forum, Colchester Meeting House, 830 Main St, Colchester (Sponsoring coalition including VPIRG, ACLU-VT, and others) [Link](#)

May 27, 2026, 12:00 PM - Stand Up Against ICE in Williston, 426 Industrial Ave, Williston (Champlain Valley Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 27, 2026, 6:00 PM - Legislative Update & Data Center Accountability Call, Virtual (VPIRG) [Link](#)

May 27, 2026, 6:30 PM - Heather Cox Richardson on Win Today, Build for Tomorrow, Virtual (Lean Left VT / Swing Blue Alliance) [Link](#)

May 27, 2026, 6:30 PM - Singing Resistance, Veterans Park or Zen Center, White River Junction (Three Rivers Indivisible)

May 28, 2026, 6:30 PM - Story Slam: The Long Haul, Main Street Landing, 60 Lake Street, Burlington (Queen City Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 29, 2026, 4:30 PM - Amanda Janoo for Governor Meet & Greet, Burnham Hall, Lincoln (Bristol Area Indivisible / Solidarity Tech) [Link](#)

May 29, 2026, 4:30 PM - Stand Up for Democracy in Malletts Bay, W. Lakeshore Drive near Bayside Park, Colchester (Champlain Valley Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 29, 2026, 4:30 PM - Coming Together to Protest, Richmond Park & Ride, Richmond (Camel's Hump Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 29, 2026, 5:00 PM - Epstein Off Campus Protest, Black Family Visual Arts Center, 22 Lebanon St, Hanover, NH (Three Rivers Indivisible)

May 30, 2026, 9:00 AM - First Vermont Indivisible Statewide Gathering, Knoll Farm, Waitsfield (Defend Democracy / Indivisible MA/ME/VT) [Link](#)

May 30, 2026, 11:00 AM - Stand Up for Democracy on Shelburne Rd, Intersection of Shelburne Rd and Hannaford Dr, South Burlington (Champlain Valley Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 30, 2026, 11:45 AM - Pack Walk: Dogs for Democracy, East End Park, Woodstock (Three Rivers Indivisible)

May 30, 2026, 12:00 PM - Essex Pride Fest, Maple Street Park, 75 Maple Street, Essex Jct (Champlain Valley Indivisible) [Link](#)

May 31, 2026, 3:30 PM - Five Bridges Brigade Overpass Protest, Southbound I-89 Hebard Hill overpass, Randolph (Indivisible Randolph)

May 31, 2026, 4:00 PM - Sunday Power Hour Phonebank to PA, Virtual (Lean Left VT) [Link](#)

June 1, 2026, 10:30 AM - Post Card Party, Solomon Wright Public Library, 97 Main St, Pownal (Bennington County Democrats) [Link](#)

June 1, 2026, 4:30 PM - IMRV June Meeting, The Village Meeting House, Waitsfield (Indivisible Mad River Valley) [Link](#)

June 1, 2026, 5:30 PM - QCVI Membership Meeting, Queen City Brewery, 703 Pine Street, Burlington (Queen City Indivisible)

June 1, 2026, 6:30 PM - TRI-COW Potluck & Meeting, Main Street Museum, 58 Bridge St, White River Junction (Three Rivers Indivisible)

June 2, 2026, 4:00 PM - Amanda Janoo Universal Healthcare Meet & Greet, American Flatbread, Middlebury (Indivisible Middlebury) [Link](#)

June 3, 2026, 5:30 PM - RCI Monthly Meeting with ACLU's Emmy Auld, Rutland Free Library, Rutland (Rutland County Indivisible)

June 4, 2026, 4:30 PM - Postcard Thursdays, Bennington Community Market, Bennington (Bennington Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 5, 2026, 6:00 PM - Pride Prom, JAM, White River Junction (Three Rivers Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 5, 2026, 6:30 PM - Protest: Respect It Defend It Use It Book Tour, Patagonia, 191 College Street, Burlington (St. Johnsbury / BAI / Camel's Hump) [Link](#)

June 6, 2026, 11:00 AM - De-ICE Citizens Bank National Day of Action, 1117 Shelburne Rd, South Burlington (Champlain Valley Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 6, 2026, 11:00 AM - Survival Revival People's Fair, Barton Fairgrounds, Barton (NEK Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 6, 2026, 1:00 PM - Resistance Skills & Strategy Training, Location shared upon registration, Burlington (VPIRG / Bennington Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 7, 2026, 11:45 AM - Northshire Pride: Circle of Visibility, Manchester Town Green & Roundabout, Manchester (Bennington Indivisible)

June 7, 2026, 2:45 PM - BAI Chapter Meeting: Big Tech & State Senate Candidate Hannah Sessions, St. Ambrose Church, Bristol (Bristol Area Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 8, 2026, 4:00 PM - Act 181 and Act 59 Listening Session, American Legion, Bennington (Bennington County Conservation District) [Link](#)

June 8, 2026, 5:30 PM - NEKI "What's Next?" Virtual Meeting, Virtual (NEK Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 9, 2026, 5:30 PM - Field Team 6 Text Arcade, Village Meeting house, Waitsfield (Indivisible Mad River Valley)

June 11, 2026, 5:00 PM - Protecting Vermont's Elections Call with Sec. of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Virtual (Third Act / NEK Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 14, 2026, 7:30 PM - Rise Up, Sing Out: A Concert for the First Amendment, Virtual Watch Parties (Rutland County / NEK Indivisible) [Link](#)

June 15, 2026, 6:00 PM - A Conversation with Bill McKibben, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College Street, Burlington (Queen City Indivisible) [Link](#)

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **ACLU-VT:** acluvt.org
- **Bennington County Conservation District:** bccdvt.org
- **Let's Grow Kids:** letsgrowkids.org
- **Migrant Justice:** migrantjustice.net
- **No Kings Coalition:** nokings.org
- **NEK Rainbow Coalition:** nekr.org
- **Northeast Kingdom Organizing:** nekorganizing.org
- **Planned Parenthood of Vermont Action Fund:** plannedparenthoodaction.org
- **Rights & Democracy VT:** radmovement.org
- **Team Up NC:** teamupnc.org
- **Third Act Vermont:** thirdact.org
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project:** vaapvt.org
- **Vermont Chapter of Sierra Club:** sierraclub.org/vermont
- **Vermont Conservation Voters:** vermontconservationvoters.com
- **Vermont-NEA:** vtnea.org
- **Vermont Workers Center:** workerscenter.org

- VPIRG: vpirg.org