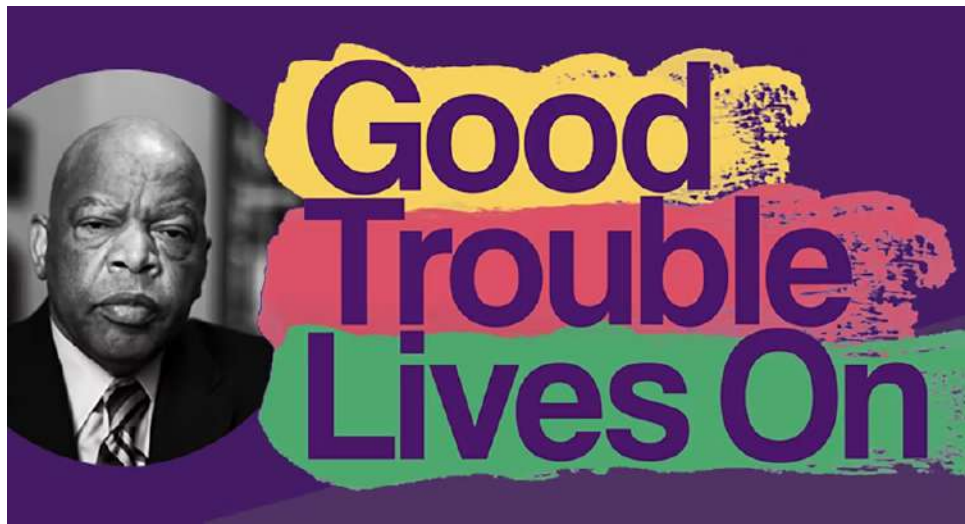




NEWSLETTER

What's Happening This Weekend?



A NATIONAL WEEKEND OF ACTION—JULY 17-19

On the 6th anniversary of his death, we join the nation in honoring civil rights icon and Congressman John Lewis, who spent decades bravely confronting and challenging voter suppression and other injustices through peaceful, nonviolent action (“Good Trouble”). In the legacy of John Lewis, it is our turn now to make Good Trouble, and that includes taking peaceful, nonviolent action to protect voting rights in our nation.

There’s a 2020 documentary entitled “John Lewis: Good Trouble” by Dawn Porter, available on streaming services. View the trailer here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_oEkOdIXdo

And see a recent article by Mitch Jackson on John Lewis and Good Trouble:

https://open.substack.com/pub/mitchthelawyer/p/make-good-trouble-it-is-your-job?utm_campaign=post-expanded-share&utm_medium=web

There will be Good Trouble Lives On protests and rallies across the nation throughout the weekend (<https://www.goodtroubleliveson.org/>) including in South Hero and nearby towns. We hope to see you there!

Friday, July 17, 4:00-5:45pm—South Hero Good Trouble Lives On Rally

In front of the Worthen Library on Community Lane, South Hero VT

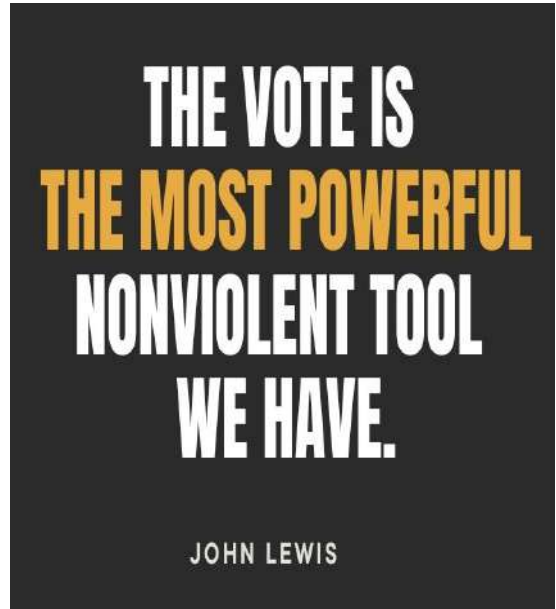
<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/987521/>

Hosted by Indivisible Champlain Islands

At our Good Trouble Rally in South Hero, will we honor the legacy of John Lewis. Protect Voting Rights! Oppose Voter Suppression!

Join us in front of Worthen Library for a **sign waving protest** (and signs about voting rights are encouraged), inspirational **speakers** (you can still join in), and **information tables**. We'll wrap up at **Two Heroes Brewery** and **Public House** next door.

Find out More! Contact:
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Friday, July 17, 5:30-7:30pm—Burlington Good Trouble Lives On Rally

At the Unitarian Universality Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington VT

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/980583/>

Hosted by Queen City Indivisible, Third Act, ACLU, and Reverend Co'Relous Bryant



The Burlington Good Trouble Rally will feature **3 speakers** who will speak on:

Teaching what's going on with civil rights;

Preaching an inspirational message in the spirit of John Lewis; and

Reaching out to people about voting.

Various organizations will have tables.

Saturday, July 18, 12-1pm—Winooski Good Trouble Lives On Rally

In Rotary Park, 35 Main St., Winooski VT

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/985989/>

Hosted by White Vermonters Against Racism

Join the Winooski Good Trouble Lives On Rally for a sign waving protest in support of voting rights and democracy!

Signs promoting the legacy of John Lewis and voting rights are encouraged!

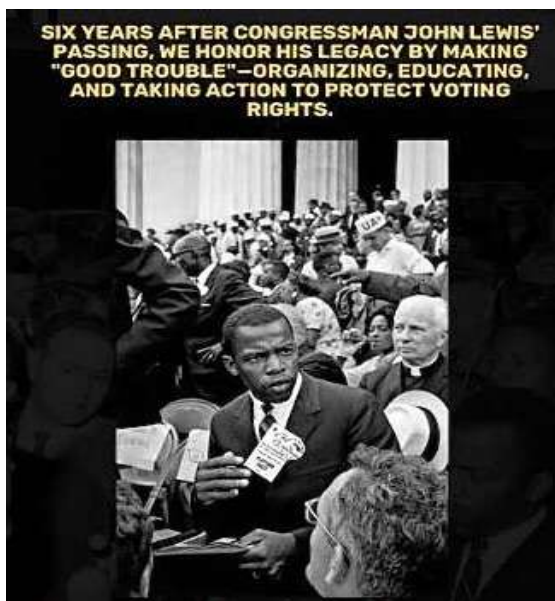


Sunday, July 19, 4-6pm—Middlesex: Good Trouble Lives On at Camp Mead

Camp Mead, 961 US-2, Middlesex VT

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/979061/>

Hosted by Camel's Hump Indivisible and Reverend Co'Relous Bryant



Join the Middlesex Rally at Camp Meade with a Concert on the Green from 5 - 8PM.

During intermission, Reverend Co'Relous Bryant will share a few empowering words.

Local organizers will also host **action tables** throughout the evening for all who wish to participate! Make art, join a mailing list, **register to vote**, write a postcard, and more.

What Else Is Happening In July and August?

Sunday, July 19, 1:30-4:30pm—United We Stitch Workshop in Waitsfield

A workshop is being held at the Village Meeting House in Waitsfield for Vermonters interested in participating in a nationwide project to create flag-sized cloth panels for display in all 50 states, including on the Vermont State House lawn, on Sunday, September 20, 2026. Learn about the project at www.unitedwestitch.com, and check out an inspiring video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnEZgYdITGw>. The Waitsfield Workshop will offer brainstorming, technique demonstrations, and space to work. To sign up for the project, RSVP for the workshop, or just to learn more, contact the Vermont hosts at Indivisible Mad River Valley. Find out More! Contact: IndivisibleMRV+UWS@gmail.com

Friday, July 24, 4-5pm—Defend Democracy Protest in South Hero

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblechamplainislands/event/982416/>

Another summer weekend perfect for defending the democracy we love at our weekly “Honk & Wave”! Join us every Friday between the Worthen Library and Two Heroes Brewery.

Find out More! Contact: ici.honk@indivisibleci.org



Thursday, August 6, 5:30-6:30pm—Pro-Democracy Book Club, S. Hero

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, which became law at midnight last Friday, is deeply tied to the “Abundance” movement. The Book Club’s next book, *Abundance* by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson, kickstarted this movement, which is now embraced by many Democrats but is also subject to considerable controversy. It’s time to read this book! And join the discussion! All members are welcome. Meet at 5:30pm in the basement of Worthen Library in South Hero. Find out More! Contact: ici.bookclub@indivisibleci.org



Tuesday, August 11–Primary in Vermont

The Vermont Primary Voting is Underway. Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas is encouraging primary voters to **vote by mail by requesting an early ballot** and returning it, if by mail, at least a week before the August 11 primary election to be certain it arrives in time. **The ballot must arrive back at the town clerk's office by August 11.**

There's a difference in the process for early voting between the primary election and the November general election. In the general election, every registered voter will automatically be sent an early ballot 45 days before the election. In contrast, **early ballots are not automatically sent out to all voters for the primary election.** You must request an early ballot from your town clerk by phone or in person, or request online on the **Vermont Voter Portal:** <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>.

If you request an early ballot, you'll receive primary ballots for the Democrats, Republicans, and Progressives. **If you return the ballot by mail, you'll fill out one, which you'll sign and date and put in a sealed envelope, and you'll put the other unused ballots in a second envelope.** You return both envelopes to your town clerk by mail or in person.

If you prefer to vote in person on August 11 but you had requested an early mail in ballot, remember to bring the ballot with you to the polling place. If you can't find it, you'll be asked to fill out a form. Town clerks have a record of all ballots sent out to ensure that no person votes twice.

You can **check your voter registration status** and other personal information, **view the ballots and candidates**, and see more **detailed candidate information**, including candidate websites and social media, on the **Vermont Voter Portal:** <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>

There are several other good sources of Vermont primary election information that are a bit more user friendly than the Voter Portal. Check out the **Vermont Public** website, including "Latest Vermont Election News", and the **Ballot Ready** website for detailed candidate information.

VermontPublic.org: <https://www.vermontpublic.org/election-2026>

BallotReady.org: <https://www.ballotready.org/elections/vermont-primary-election-750e7a04-5a65-476f-9b12-e09d76e38393>

Election Protection News and Opportunities!

Election Protection—What's Going On?

Election protection is an extremely critical issue this year. *Protect Democracy*, which describes itself as a nonpartisan, anti-authoritarianism group, provides a helpful explanation on its website about how the Trump administration plans to interfere with the 2026 elections: <https://protectdemocracy.org/executive-override/>

Postcard Warriors— Postcards are still available!

Button from the Peace Resource Project

The Midterms are fast approaching. And getting out the Vote has never been more crucial. Post carding provides an opportunity to be active in making that happen where it matters most, and from your own home. Contact Doug for postcards and get in on the action!

Find out More! Contact:
ici.postcards@indivisibleci.org



Phone Banking, on Sundays, 4-6pm—Virtual Event

If you have a computer and have wanted to try phone banking, there's an opportunity to help recruit poll observers and voter assistance hotline volunteers for New Hampshire and North Carolina where legislatures are working hard to suppress the vote.

Lean Left Vermont's "Sunday Power Hour" provides training and the opportunity to sit in on live calls with an experienced caller. Visit their website <https://www.leanleftvt.org/take-action>. Register at <https://www.mobilize.us/leanleftvt/event/892175/> if interested.

Lean Left Vermont provides ways to get actively involved in engaging and educating voters, getting out the vote, and protecting voter rights in key states. Find out More! Contact: gotvcvi@gmail.com

More Protests!



De-ICE Citizens Bank– Saturday, July 18, 11am-12pm

In front of Citizens Bank, 68 Helena Dr., Williston—Register at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/977069/>

Citizens Bank is financing private prisons that hold ICE detainees in abysmal conditions. The protest on July 18 will be nationwide. Please bring signs specific to this protest.

<https://www.de-icecitizensbank.org/>



Weekly Protest in Milton–Every Saturday 11am-12pm

Milton-Westford-Georgia Weekly Honk & Wave for Democracy

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/892881/>

in front of Hannaford Milton, 259 US 7, Milton VT

Weekly Protest in Williston–Every Wednesday 12-1pm

Stand Up Against ICE at White Cap Business Park, Williston—Register at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/896871/>

in front of ICE surveillance center, White Cap Business Park

426 Industrial Ave, Williston VT

We welcome any comments, questions or suggestions concerning this newsletter. Contact: ici.newsletter@indivisibleci.org