

Vermont Indivisible Digest, July 3, 2026 - July 10, 2026

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters and emails from across Vermont's Indivisible network. Please note that while all efforts are made to ensure accuracy, information should be verified using the provided links. This digest covers the date range of July 3, 2026, to July 10, 2026. It summarizes communications from the following groups: Indivisible Randolph, Deerfield Valley VT Indivisible, Onion River Indivisible, Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Greater Falls, Grafton Indivisible (Supporters of Democracy), Lean Left Vermont, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Indivisible Hardwick, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible (Defend Democracy), Indivisible Brattleboro, Bennington Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, and Indivisible Queen City Vermont. Please note that Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. Per strict editorial guidelines, no content or emails from Indivisible Brandon or Indivisible Calais were summarized or included in this digest.

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Overview

Happy 250th Birthday, America! Post-Fourth of July energy is incredibly high across Vermont's Indivisible network, with numerous groups reporting massive turnouts for Independence Day parades. Indivisible members from Randolph, the Champlain Islands, Rutland County, and Greater Falls braved the heat (and sometimes the rain) to march with giant banners, decorated floats, and messages defending democracy. It is clear that the movement is making itself highly visible, with community response remaining overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the ongoing fight against authoritarianism.

With 17 weeks (or 116 days) left until the critical midterm elections, chapters are shifting into high gear to protect the vote and support fighting Democrats. Groups like [Lean Left Vermont](#), [Bennington Indivisible](#), and [Indivisible Brattleboro](#) are calling on members to join phone banks, postcard brigades, and poll observer recruitment efforts for key states like New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. There is also a strong push to support progressive state candidates before the August 11 Vermont primary, with multiple candidate forums and tracking tools like [Oath.vote](#) being heavily shared.

Finally, the spirit of "Good Trouble" is echoing powerfully throughout the state this week. A massive coordinated push to demand that Citizens Bank divest from private ICE detention centers is bringing activists to local bank branches across Chittenden County. Simultaneously, groups are actively preparing for the upcoming "Good Trouble Lives On" weekend of action (July 17-19) to honor the late Congressman John Lewis. From art projects and lantern making to rallies and documentary screenings, Vermont activists are working hard to ensure that civil rights, voting access, and immigrant justice remain front and center.

Key State and Local Campaigns

De-ICE Citizens Bank Protests (Featured in Champlain Valley Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Queen City Vermont, Indivisible Brattleboro) Citizens Bank is being targeted by multiple groups for providing financial backing to private prison corporations like CoreCivic and The GEO Group, which operate ICE detention centers. Activists are holding weekly Saturday protests outside local branches in South Burlington, Williston, Essex Junction, and Putney Road to raise community awareness and demand the bank sever these ties. **Action:** Take the [De-ICE Citizens Bank pledge](#) and register with the [Not With Our Money, Citizens!](#) campaign.

Good Trouble Lives On: John Lewis Weekend of Action (Featured in Three Rivers Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Queen City Vermont) Honoring the legacy of the late Congressman John Lewis, groups are participating in a nationwide weekend of action July 17-19 under the theme "Teach! Reach! Preach!" Events include rallies, lantern making, documentary screenings, and voter engagement initiatives designed to protect civil rights and voting access. **Action:** Check out [Good Trouble Lives On](#) to find ways to get involved or volunteer to be a [rally Marshal](#).

United We Stitch Community Quilt Project (Featured in Rutland County Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible) Activists are participating in a nationwide community art project called "United We Stitch" (or Becoming America) to create flag-sized panels or quilt squares answering the prompt "What does democracy mean to me?" The Vermont panels will eventually be displayed at the State House in Montpelier on September 20. **Action:** Learn more about the [national United We Stitch project](#) and [Vermont's Quilt plans for Sept 20th](#).

Stop ICE Expansion in the Northeast Kingdom (Featured in Rutland County Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible) There is a coordinated pushback against ICE's plan to build new offices in the border towns of Derby and Newport, Vermont. Petitions are

circulating to stop this expansion and protect local communities from an increased immigration enforcement presence. **Action:** [Sign the petition to stop new ICE facilities in Vermont.](#)

VT Gubernatorial Candidate Endorsements and Forums (*Featured in Indivisible Hardwick, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible*) Groups are heavily promoting engagement with the upcoming August 11 Vermont primary, highlighting progressive candidates and circulating videos of recent candidate forums to educate voters. Indivisible Hardwick is specifically pushing a petition urging Senator Bernie Sanders to endorse Amanda Janoo. **Action:** Watch the [recorded Gubernatorial Candidate Forum](#) or check out candidate schedules to get informed before the primary.

Extreme Weather People's Hearing (*Featured in Camel's Hump Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible*) In response to repeated climate disasters in the state, VPIRG and the Climate Action Campaign are hosting a hearing with U.S. Senator Peter Welch and U.S. Rep. Becca Balint. This is an opportunity for Vermonters to share firsthand impacts of severe floods and heat waves and to demand action from Congress. **Action:** [Sign up for the Extreme Weather People's Hearing in Barre.](#)

Freedom For All: Concert for Detained Immigrants (*Featured in Grafton Indivisible / Supporters of Democracy*) A fundraising concert is being hosted to support legal services for detained immigrants in Vermont. Donations support the critical work of the Vermont Asylum Assistance Project. **Action:** Attend the concert on July 30th in Grafton to support the [Vermont Asylum Assistance Project](#).

Support for Healthcare Workers (*Featured in Camel's Hump Indivisible*) Local advocates are mobilizing to support healthcare workers, including UVM health staff, as they march for safe staffing, fair contracts, and care that prioritizes Vermonters over profits. **Action:** [Sign the petition to tell UVM Health our community stands together.](#)

National Actions

- **Stop OMB's Attack on American Science:** Trump has proposed a rule to create a committee of political appointees that would decide all Federal grants without scientific peer review, directly threatening public health and research budgets. [Stop OMB's attack on science!](#) Comments are due July 13.
- **Immigrant Justice Summer Training Series:** Join National Indivisible's virtual training to learn a concrete blueprint for organizing a safe, hyper-local response when ICE surges in your community. [Sign up for Immigrant Justice Summer Call #1.](#)
- **Hands Off Our Vote Program:** Prepare for attempts to undermine the midterm elections by joining Indivisible's new program to ensure every voter can cast their ballot and that every vote is counted. [Sign up for Hands Off Our Vote Action Alerts.](#)
- **Defund the Illegal War with Iran:** Email your Members of Congress and urge them to hold the line and refuse to fund Trump's unauthorized war with Iran using taxpayer dollars. [Email Congress: No Iran War.](#)
- **Reject Trump-Netanyahu Military Partnership:** Tell Congress to reject provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would deepen US-Israeli military entanglement without proper oversight. [Email Congress: Reject Military Partnership.](#)

Success stories and Bright spots

- **Indivisible Greater Falls Won First Prize!** Their creative "SOS Democracy" float, featuring a battered Lady Liberty and energetic dancers grooving to Aretha Franklin's *RESPECT*, won first prize out of twenty entrants at the Saxtons River 4th of July parade.
- **Massive Parade Turnouts:** Indivisible Champlain Islands had over 30 members march in the South Hero parade to roaring applause, while Rutland County Indivisible members successfully marched in both the Castleton and Brandon parades.
- **Fundraising Goals Crushed:** Lean Left Vermont's grassroots network successfully raised \$12,338 (amplified by a matching grant) for the States Project in New Hampshire during the month of June.
- **Jersey City Divests from ICE:** After intense grassroots pressure from activists regarding financial ties to private ICE detention centers, Jersey City, NJ, officially announced it will divest its funds from Citizens Bank.
- **Vermont Civil Rights Protections Signed:** Governor Phil Scott heard the voices of pro-democracy coalitions and signed two crucial civil rights bills (S209 and S227) into law, prohibiting immigration arrests in sensitive locations and protecting student privacy in Vermont schools.

Upcoming events calendar

July 7, 2026, 5:00 PM, United We Sip, The Big Spruce in Richmond, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 7, 2026, 6:00 PM, Drinks for Democracy, Caja Madera in Hardwick, Indivisible Hardwick

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

July 8, 2026, 6:00 PM, Extreme Weather People's Hearing, 46 Granite St in Barre, VPIRG / Climate Action Campaign

July 8, 2026, 7:00 PM, Learn More About ICE Activities in Williston, Williston Town Hall, Williston Equity and Democracy

July 9, 2026, 3:00 PM, "What's the Plan?" Zoom Discussion, Virtual, National Indivisible

July 9, 2026, 6:30 PM, Dinner and Auction Benefit for Venezuela, Lake Paran Rec Center in North Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

July 9, 2026, 8:00 PM, Immigrant Justice Summer Call #1, Virtual, National Indivisible

July 10, 2026, 4:30 PM, ICE Out and No Kings Protest, Richmond Park & Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 10, 2026, 5:00 PM, Weekly Rally, RCI Park (Main and West) in Rutland, Rutland County Indivisible

July 11, 2026, 10:00 AM, Saturday Four Corners Protest in Costume, Downtown Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

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

July 11, 2026, 10:30 AM, Monthly Meeting, 24 Main Street Community Building in Saxtons River, Indivisible Greater Falls

July 11, 2026, 11:00 AM, Weekly Rally in Bradford, Valley Floors lot (Rt 5 and Rt 25), Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

July 11, 2026, 11:00 AM, De-ICE Citizens Bank Protest, 1117 Shelburne Rd in South Burlington, Champlain Valley Indivisible

July 11, 2026, 4:00 PM, Monthly Meeting, Blake Memorial Library in East Corinth, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

July 12, 2026, 1:00 PM, Stand With LeeAnn and Healthcare Workers Rally, Corner of Prospect and Pearl in Burlington, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 12, 2026, 4:00 PM, Lean Left Power Hour Phone Bank, Virtual, Lean Left Vermont

July 13, 2026, 6:30 PM, Lantern Making and Monthly Meeting, rePlay Arts in White River Junction, Three Rivers Indivisible

July 17, 2026, 5:30 PM, Good Trouble Lives On Rally, Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington, Indivisible Queen City Vermont

July 17, 2026, 7:00 PM, Good Trouble Documentary Screening, UV Food Coop in White River Junction, Three Rivers Indivisible

July 18, 2026, 11:00 AM, De-ICE Citizens Bank Protest, 68 Helena Dr in Williston, Champlain Valley Indivisible / Camel's Hump Indivisible / Queen City Indivisible

July 19, 2026, 5:00 PM, Good Trouble Lives On! John Lewis Day, Camp Meade in Middlesex, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 30, 2026, 7:00 PM, Freedom For All: A Concert for Detained Immigrants, Grafton Community Church, Grafton Indivisible (Supporters of Democracy)

A Great Call to Action

"This regime is counting on us to be too discouraged, or too disinterested or too fearful, to stand up to them. But they are wrong. We will continue to show our outrage and demand our rights, LOUDLY, consistently and together. We will STAND UP, and we will SPEAK UP, and we will SHOW UP. And they cannot stop us." — *Indivisible Champlain Islands*

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania:** <https://www.conservationpa.org/>
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP):** <https://www.vaapvt.org/>
- **VPIRG (Vermont Public Interest Research Group):** <https://www.vpirg.org/>
- **Working Families Party:** <https://workingfamilies.org/>
- **ACCE Institute:** <https://www.acceinstitute.org/>
- **AFSCME 3299:** <https://afscme3299.org/>
- **Vermont Covered Bridge Society:** <https://www.vbridges.com/>
- **rePlay Arts:** <http://www.replayarts.org/>
- **Women Building Peace:** <https://www.womenbuildingpeace.us/>
- **VT Mask Collective:** <https://linktr.ee/vermont.mask.collective>
- **UVRiseup:** <http://uvriseup.org/>
- **Migrant Justice:** <https://migrantjustice.net/>
- **Activate America:** <https://www.activateamerica.vote/>
- **The States Project:** <https://statesproject.org/>
- **Field Team 6:** <https://www.fieldteam6.org/>
- **Oath:** <http://oath.vote>
- **ACLU Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org/>
- **Union of Concerned Scientists:** <https://www.ucsusa.org/>