

vermont indivisible digest June 28, 2026 to July 4, 2026

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters compiled from across Vermont's Indivisible groups. Please note that all information should be independently verified. This digest covers the date range of June 28, 2026, through July 4, 2026, summarizing content from the following groups: Defend Democracy (Upper Valley), Rutland County Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible St. Johnsbury, Indivisible Randolph, Three Rivers Indivisible, Indivisible Queen City Vermont, Bennington Indivisible, Lean Left Vermont, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Indivisible Hardwick, Indivisible Middlebury, and NEK Indivisible. Please note that Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. No emails were summarized from Indivisible Calais or Indivisible Brandon, in accordance with our operational guidelines. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with any questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

Happy 250th birthday, America! It is a massive week for democracy here in the Brave Little State, with Indivisible chapters turning out in droves to celebrate Independence Day. From South Hero to St. Johnsbury to Bennington, volunteers are throwing on their red, white, and blue, breaking out the "No Kings" banners, and marching in local parades to remind onlookers that the American experiment belongs to "We the People." You can find links to [local celebrations and democracy actions](#) filling up the events calendar as we carry the spirit of the revolution forward.

While we celebrate our freedoms, activists across the state are simultaneously fighting to protect our vulnerable neighbors. This week saw an enormous, coordinated push against the expansion of ICE. Activists are demanding [No New ICE Offices in Derby or Newport](#), and organizing local protests outside Citizens Bank branches to pressure them to [cut ties with the private prison operators](#) cashing in on immigrant detention. Multiple groups are also stepping up to support fellow Indivisible chapters in Maryland battling a mega ICE detention center, proving that our solidarity stretches far beyond state lines.

Finally, our eyes are securely fixed on the upcoming elections. With primary season in full swing here in Vermont, groups are encouraging members to meet with progressive candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and the State Legislature to ensure our values are represented in Montpelier. Nationally, [Lean Left VT](#) is leading a massive charge to flip the Pennsylvania State Senate, cure votes, and recruit poll watchers in vital swing states like New Hampshire and North Carolina. The chaos from the right wing is meant to overwhelm us, but this week's newsletters prove that community action is our best antidote.

Key State and Local Campaigns

No New ICE Offices in Derby/Newport Summary: Multiple groups are rallying to prevent the expansion of ICE operations and data surveillance centers in Derby and Newport, Vermont. This campaign aims to stop federal agents from expanding their unconstitutional deportation programs in our border communities. (Featured in multiple newsletters: Camel's Hump Indivisible, NEK Indivisible, Mad River Valley). **Action:** Sign the petition to keep ICE out of the NEK and share it on your local Front Porch Forum. [Sign the Petition Here](#) or [Learn More](#).

De-ICE Citizens Bank Summary: Activists are targeting Citizens Bank branches across the state to demand they cut their \$2.5 billion financial ties with CoreCivic and The GEO Group, the corporate operators of ICE prison camps. This multi-group effort includes coordinated, non-violent protests outside bank branches in South Burlington and Williston. (Featured in multiple newsletters: Champlain Valley Indivisible, Queen City Vermont Indivisible). **Action:** Take the boycott pledge and register with the Not With Our Money, Citizens! campaign. [Take the De-ICE Pledge](#) and register [here](#).

John Lewis "Good Trouble" Weekend (July 17-19) Summary: Vermonters are organizing "Teach! Reach! Preach!" events to honor the legacy of Congressman John Lewis and his fight for civil rights. Weekend activities will include banner drops, civic education, and a massive community rally featuring inspirational speakers and musicians in Middlesex to challenge voter suppression. (Featured in multiple newsletters: Mad River Valley, Three Rivers Indivisible, NEK Indivisible, Queen City VT Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible). **Action:** Join the national mass call or sign up to participate in local events like the one at Camp Meade. [Learn about Good Trouble Lives On](#).

United We Stitch Art Project Summary: Several chapters are participating in a nationwide community art project where Vermonters are invited to create flag-sized cloth panels expressing their hope for America's future. The panels will be combined into a massive quilt displayed on the VT State House lawn on September 20, 2026. (Featured in multiple newsletters: Mad River Valley, Bennington Indivisible, Middlebury Indivisible, NEK Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible). **Action:** Sign up to create a panel

reflecting your democratic values—no sewing experience is required! [Join United We Stitch](#).

Universal Primary Care Advocacy Summary: Local activists are pushing to make publicly financed universal primary care a major issue during the 2026 primaries and general elections. Advocates want to ensure it is publicly funded without the involvement of for-profit insurance companies, which remains a key distinction from the Governor's current stance. (Featured in Indivisible Middlebury). *Action:* Ask candidates at local forums if they support publicly financed universal primary care and write letters to the editor. Read the [Elevator Pitch](#).

Engaging in Local Democratic Primaries Summary: With the August 11 primary fast approaching, local groups are encouraging members to educate themselves on candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and the State Legislature. Chapters are hosting meet-and-greets, sharing forum recordings, and helping progressive candidates march in July 4th parades. (Featured in multiple newsletters: Rutland County Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, St. Johnsbury, Hardwick, NEK Indivisible). *Action:* Watch the recent Democratic Gubernatorial and Lt. Governor [Candidate Forums](#) to make an informed voting decision before you cast your ballot.

National Actions (if any)

- **Flip the Pennsylvania State Senate:** Lean Left Vermont's Giving Circle is partnering with Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania to raise funds for their 12-week coordinated door-knocking and digital ad program. The goal is to flip the PA state Senate and allow critical pro-environmental legislation to pass. [Donate Here](#).
- **Stop the ICE Detention Center in Maryland:** Hagerstown Rapid Response is fighting DHS plans to convert an 825,000-square-foot warehouse into a massive ICE detention facility holding 1,500 people. They are asking Indivisible chapters nationwide to submit public comments to overwhelm the environmental review process before the deadline. [Submit a Public Comment Here](#) or visit [NoKingsNoCamps.com](#).
- **Hands Off Our Vote 2026:** Donald Trump has repeatedly signaled his intent to interfere with the midterm elections through state-by-state voter purges and intimidation. National Indivisible is launching a program to protect the vote, ensuring eligible voters can cast ballots and that they are counted. [Join the Hands Off Our Vote campaign](#).
- **Oppose Warrantless AI Mass Surveillance:** With the expiration of FISA, there are growing threats regarding mass data collection and unconstitutional sweeping of private information. Call your U.S. Senators and Representatives to demand they hold the line against warrantless AI mass surveillance. [Take Action to Oppose AI Surveillance](#).
- **Protect the Vote in NH and NC:** Lean Left Vermont is running "Power Hour" phone banks every Sunday to recruit poll observers and voter assistance hotline volunteers in states experiencing aggressive GOP-led voter suppression. [Sign up for a Lean Left Power Hour](#).

Success stories and Bright spots

- Federal judges successfully blocked parts of Donald Trump's March 2025 and March 2026 anti-voting executive orders, halting his unconstitutional attack on mail-in voting and his attempt to create a national voter database.
- 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.
- The U.S. Senate successfully refused to attach Trump's voter suppression project (the SAVE Act) to the supplemental ICE and Border Patrol appropriation, thanks to relentless activist phone banking.
- Governor Phil Scott heard the voices of pro-democracy coalitions and signed two crucial civil rights bills (S209 and S227), effectively prohibiting civil/immigration arrests in sensitive locations and protecting student privacy in Vermont schools.
- 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.

Upcoming events calendar

July 4, 10:00 AM - March with Indivisible St. Johnsbury on July 4! - Four Seasons Park, St. Johnsbury - Indivisible St. Johnsbury

July 4, 10:30 AM - Marchers Needed for Joyful 4th Parade - Southworth Street, Williamstown, MA - Greylock Together Indivisible

July 4, 10:30 AM - South Hero 4th of July Parade - Landon Rd and South St, South Hero - Indivisible Champlain Islands

July 4, 11:00 AM - Roadside Visibility Honk & Wave - 1001 Shelburne Road, South Burlington - Champlain Valley Indivisible

July 4, 12:00 PM - Protest Manchester - Roundabout in Manchester - Bennington Indivisible

July 5, 4:00 PM - Overpass Honk & Wave - Pond Village Pub Overpass, Randolph - Indivisible Randolph

July 6, 4:30 PM - IMRV Monthly Meeting - The Village Meeting House, Waitsfield - Indivisible Mad River Valley

July 7, 5:30 PM - July Membership Meeting (States Matter) - Queen City Brewery, Burlington - Queen City Vermont Indivisible

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

July 8, 11:00 AM - Indivisible St. Johnsbury Weekly Meeting - Universalist Unitarian Congregation, St. Johnsbury - Indivisible St. Johnsbury

July 8, 5:30 PM - Meet Aly Richards (Candidate for Governor) - Second Congregational Church, Bennington - Bennington Indivisible

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

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

July 10, 4:30 PM - Stand Up for Democracy - Bayside Park in Colchester - Champlain Valley Indivisible

July 10, 5:00 PM - Candidates of Color Forum - Virtual via Town Meeting TV - Policy for The People

July 11, 10:00 AM - Saturday Four Corners Protest IN COSTUME - 4 Corners, Bennington - Bennington Indivisible

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

July 13, 5:30 PM - NEKI "What's Next?" Meeting - Dailey Library in Derby & Virtual - NEK Indivisible

July 13, 6:30 PM - TRI-COW Monthly Meeting - Main Street Museum, WRJ - Three Rivers Indivisible

July 15, 6:00 PM - After Hours Indivisible St Johnsbury - Wandering Vine, St. Johnsbury - Indivisible St. Johnsbury

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

July 18, 11:00 AM - De-ICE Citizens Bank Protest - 68 Helena Dr, Williston - Champlain Valley Indivisible & Williston for Equity and Democracy

July 19, 5:00 PM - Good Trouble Lives On! John Lewis Day - Camp Meade, Middlesex - Camel's Hump Indivisible & Mad River Valley

July 25, 8:00 AM - Tabling at the Farmers Market - 345 Pine St, Burlington - Queen City Vermont Indivisible

July 29, 4:30 PM - Postcarding Party & Social - Lawson's in Waitsfield - Indivisible Mad River Valley

A Great Call to Action

"How did they convince the widely separated population of 13 colonies, covering a vast distance, to come together and throw off the tyrannical rule of England? They did it with IDEAS. They did it with WORDS. They did it with the PRINTING PRESS. That's really all they had... So, it seems to me, that we should be able to defeat the tyranny growing in Washington DC right now. We have far more powerful tools, better communication, better transportation, and a framework of democracy... We, The People, have the power. We just have to use it. We are citizens, not subjects. We just have to choose FREEDOM." — *Indivisible Champlain Islands*

Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Hagerstown Rapid Response:** <https://nokingsnocamps.com> / <https://blog.hagerstownrapidresponse.com/>
- **Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG):** <https://vpirg.org> / <https://democracyvt.org>
- **Field Team 6:** <https://www.fieldteam6.org/>
- **Lean Left Vermont:** <https://www.leanleftvt.org/>
- **Migrant Justice:** <https://migrantjustice.net/>
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP):** <https://www.vaapvt.org/>
- **Swing Left:** <https://swingleft.org/>
- **Protect Democracy:** <https://protectdemocracy.org/>
- **ACLU Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org/>
- **Vermont Workers' Center:** <https://workerscenter.org/>
- **NEK Rainbow Coalition:** <https://nekrc.org/>
- **Northeast Kingdom Organizing (NEKO):** <https://nekorganizing.org/>
- **Rights & Democracy VT:** <https://radmovement.org/vt>
- **Activate America:** <https://www.activateamerica.vote/>
- **Oath:** <http://oath.vote>
- **rePlay Arts:** <http://www.replayarts.org>
- **Women Building Peace:** <https://www.womenbuildingpeace.us>