

Vermont Indivisible Digest 2026-08-01 to 2026-08-08

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Overview

Welcome to your weekly digest of Vermont's pro-democracy organizing! With the Vermont state primary rapidly approaching on August 11, local groups are in high gear with Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts, hosting phone banks, postcarding parties, and literature drops to support community-focused candidates up and down the ballot. Major endorsements—including Amanda Janoo for Governor—are driving grassroots enthusiasm and mobilizing volunteers across multiple counties. To make sure your voice is heard, head over to the [Vermont Voter Portal](#) to find your ballot and polling place.

Beyond the ballot box, groups are standing up firmly for immigrant rights and protesting ICE expansions. Coordinated regional actions are targeting new ICE facilities in the Northeast Kingdom and Williston, alongside passionate community fundraisers to protect neighbors facing deportation, such as Mohsen Mahdawi. Organizations like [Migrant Justice](#) and local Indivisible chapters are equipping Vermonters with rapid-response training to counter aggressive detention policies safely and effectively.

Nationally, activists are focused heavily on voter protection in critical swing states like Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and New Hampshire. Partnering with initiatives like The States Project and Red2Blue, volunteers are combating voter suppression and ensuring that mail-in ballots are secured and counted. From weekly overpass visibility rallies to intensive community workshops on having difficult conversations across political divides, Vermonters are proving that consistent, local organizing is the strongest antidote to authoritarianism.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Get Out the Vote for the VT Primary With the August 11 primary election approaching rapidly, groups statewide are pushing high-turnout initiatives to ensure fair representation. Activities range from checking voter registrations to deep canvassing and primary election awareness. *Action:* Make your plan to vote, check your registration, and locate your polling place using the official state resources. *Links:* [Vermont Voter Portal](#), [VT Digger Primary Guide](#) (Occurs in multiple newsletters: Champlain Valley, Champlain Islands, Middlebury, Corinth/Topsham, Three Rivers, Bennington)

Opposing ICE Expansion and Deportations Activists are organizing fierce resistance against ICE's plans to build new offices in Derby and Newport, as well as maintaining a spotlight on ICE facilities in Williston. Groups are also mobilizing to prevent the deportation of neighbors, including a major community fundraiser and visibility actions for Mohsen Mahdawi. *Action:* Sign the petition to stop ICE in Derby, and join roadside protests at Williston facilities. *Links:* [Petition: No New ICE Offices in Derby/Newport](#), [Williston ICE Property Manager Info](#) (Occurs in multiple newsletters: NEK, Camel's Hump, Champlain Valley, Corinth/Topsham, 50501 VT)

Amanda Janoo for Governor Endorsements and Campaigning Gubernatorial candidate Amanda Janoo has drawn significant support from local groups for her concrete plans on systemic change, universal primary care, and a greener Vermont. Local chapters are mobilizing to knock on doors, write postcards, and host meet-and-greets ahead of the primary. *Action:* Read her platform, attend a local coffee chat, or join a literature drop. *Links:* [Amanda Janoo Campaign](#), [Bennington Coffee Chat Signup](#) (Occurs in multiple newsletters: Middlebury, NEK, Bennington, Camel's Hump)

Standing Up for Democracy (Visibility Rallies) Visibility brigades are maintaining a constant presence on street corners, greens, and I-91 overpasses across the state. These weekly demonstrations keep anti-authoritarian messaging in the public eye while fostering community resilience and defiance. *Action:* Grab a sign and join an overpass or local green visibility event in your area. *Links:* [UVRiseUp Events](#) (Occurs in multiple newsletters: WeCAN, Rutland, Champlain Valley, Randolph, Champlain Islands, Bennington, Three Rivers)

Rethinking Sanctuary and Homelessness in Burlington The Burlington Forward initiative and local city council policies surrounding unhoused individuals are sparking critical debates about what "sanctuary" truly means. Advocates emphasize that before moving or citing vulnerable populations, the city must ensure safe destinations and center the voices of the most impacted. *Action:* Speak out at the Burlington City Council meetings and demand compassionate, well-supported policies. *Links:* [Burlington Forward Resolution](#), [Burlington Public Forum](#) (Featured in 50501 Vermont)

National Actions

- **Protect the Vote in Swing States** Join Lean Left VT and partners to call voters in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and New Hampshire. Phonebanks aim to recruit poll observers and assist young voters and voters of color with securing and returning mail-in ballots. *Links:* [Lean Left Power Hour Signup](#)
- **Indivisible's "Hands Off Our Vote" Program** Counter election subversion by joining Indivisible's national initiative to ensure all eligible voters cast their ballots and have them counted accurately. *Links:* [Hands Off Our Vote Toolkit](#), [Election Protection 101 Training](#)
- **End Corporate Rule (We the People Amendment)** Sign the petition to demand lawmakers support the We the People Amendment, which seeks to end corporate personhood and restrict corporate money in elections. *Links:* [Sign the Petition](#)
- **Stop Crypto Corruption (CLARITY Act)** Urge the Senate to vote NO on the CLARITY Act, a toothless regulation bill that enables crypto-corruption and fails to protect consumers or close massive money-laundering loopholes. *Links:* [Tell Your Senator: Stop Crypto Corruption](#)
- **Postcards to Voters** Write to registered voters in critical states like North Carolina to encourage them to vote early. Organizations provide the addresses and messaging; you provide the postcards and stamps. *Links:* [Postcards to Voters](#), [Reclaim Our Vote Guidelines](#)

Success stories and Bright spots

- **Citizens Bank Divestment Victory:** Following months of intense, nationwide pressure, Citizens Bank announced it will exit credit facilities for private prison companies CoreCivic and GEO.
- **DOJ Defeated on Voter Rolls:** The DOJ lost its 17th District Court case attempting to seize unredacted voter registration rolls, with even Trump-appointed judges tossing the lawsuits.
- **DOJ Subpoenas Dropped:** Highly intrusive subpoenas against New York Times reporters were unilaterally withdrawn by the DOJ after intense judicial scrutiny, protecting First Amendment press freedoms.
- **Media Pushback on Election Lies:** Major networks including NBC, ABC, and CNN took a unified stand against disinformation by refusing to televise Donald Trump's July 16th speech due to baseless claims of election interference.
- **Reflecting Pool Lawsuit Withdrawn:** A lawsuit alleging vandalism at the Reflecting Pool was withdrawn after the damage was traced back to a botched repair job by a hand-picked contractor instead of protesters.
- **Minds Are Changing:** Activists in Taos reported that after a year of daily protesting, a local critic who had frequently harassed them pulled over specifically to apologize for past hostility and admit the protesters' signs were right.

Upcoming events calendar

August 3, 3:00 PM: [Get Out the Vote Postcarding](#), Tenney Library Newbury VT, Third Act Orange East & Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

August 3, 5:30 PM: Phonebank for Abdul El-Sayed William Lawrence Donavan McKinney, Virtual, Rutland County Indivisible

August 4, 10:30 AM: Tuesday Protest on The Common, The Common Park Place Brattleboro, Vera Riley / WeCAN

August 4, 6:00 PM: Indivisible Randolph Meeting, Randolph Senior Center 6 Hale St, Indivisible Randolph

August 4, 6:30 PM: [Conversation with Secretary of State Copeland Hanzas](#), Fletcher Free Library Burlington, Queen City Indivisible & Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 4, 6:30 PM: Phonebank for Peggy Flanagan, Virtual, Rutland County Indivisible

August 5, 12:00 PM: [Stand Against ICE in Williston](#), 426 Industrial Ave Williston, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 5, 5:00 PM: [North Carolina Protect the Vote Phone Bank](#), Virtual, Champlain Valley Indivisible & Lean Left VT

August 5, 5:30 PM: [Priestley - Lucenti Debate](#), Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium, Fairlee Democrats

August 5, 6:00 PM: United We Stitch, Rutland Free Library Fox Room, Rutland County Indivisible

August 5, 6:30 PM: Phonebank for Justin J. Pearson, Virtual, Rutland County Indivisible

August 6, 12:00 PM: Vigil for Sanity and Compassion, The Green Putney, Janet Langdon / WeCAN

August 6, 3:00 PM: [What's the Plan? Call](#), Virtual, National Indivisible

August 6, 4:30 PM: Postcard Brigade, McCullough Library North Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

August 6, 5:00 PM: [United We Sip Waterbury](#), The Bidwell Waterbury, Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 6, 6:00 PM: [PA Vote-by-Mail Campaign Phone Bank](#), Virtual, Champlain Valley Indivisible & Lean Left VT

August 6, 8:00 PM: [Immigrant Justice Summer Training](#), Virtual, National Indivisible

August 7, 2:30 PM: Patriots Protest Persistently!, Brattleboro Common, Indivisible Brattleboro

August 7, 3:30 PM: Kurn Hattin Overpass Visibility Brigade, Kurn Hattin Rd/I-91 Overpass Westminster, Indivisible Greater Falls

August 7, 4:00 PM: [Phone Bank for Jonathan Cooper](#), Virtual, Bennington Indivisible

August 7, 4:00 PM: [Defend Democracy Rally & Get Out the Vote](#), Worthen Library South Hero, Indivisible Champlain Islands

August 7, 4:30 PM: [Stand Up for Democracy in Malletts Bay](#), W. Lakeshore Dr. at Bayside Park, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 7, 4:30 PM: [Camel's Hump Making Courage Visible](#), Richmond Park and Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 7, 5:00 PM: RCI's Weekly Rally, RCI Park (Main and West) Rutland, Rutland County Indivisible

August 8, 10:30 AM: Indivisible Greater Falls Monthly Meeting, 24 Main St. Community Building Saxtons River, Indivisible Greater Falls

August 8, 11:00 AM: [Stand Up for Voting Rights in South Burlington](#), 1001 Shelburne Rd, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 8, 12:00 PM: Weekly Protest, The Roundabout in Manchester, Bennington Indivisible

August 8, 12:00 PM: Gaza Protest, In front of Brattleboro Post Office, Nancy Braus / WeCAN

August 8, 2:00 PM: [Phone Bank for Jonathan Cooper](#), Virtual, Bennington Indivisible

August 9, 10:00 AM: [Meet Amanda Janoo Coffee Conversations](#), Pangaea Cafe North Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

August 9, 3:00 PM: [Phone Bank Info Session in Stowe](#), Stowe (RSVP for location), Lamoille Valley Visibility Brigade / Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 9, 4:00 PM: [Lean Left Power Hour Phone Bank](#), Virtual, Lean Left VT

August 9, 7:00 PM: [Community Fundraiser for Mohsen Mahdawi](#), Unitarian Church Montpelier, Beth Jacob Synagogue & UCM

August 10, 12:00 PM: [Stand Against ICE](#), Maple Tree Place Williston, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 10, 5:30 PM: [NEKI Strategic Planning](#), Dailey Library Derby or Virtual, NEK Indivisible

August 11, 10:00 AM: [Postcard Party!](#), Myer's Bagels Burlington, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 13, 3:30 PM: [Postcard Party!](#), Burlington Beer Company Burlington, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 13, 6:00 PM: [BCI Membership Meeting](#), Virtual, Bennington Indivisible

August 18, 5:30 PM: [Protecting Democracy Committee Meeting](#), Virtual, Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 18, 6:00 PM: [A Conversation with Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas](#), Pierson Library Shelburne, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 18, 6:30 PM: Skills for Disagreeing Better Workshop, Chandler's Esther Mesh Room Randolph, Indivisible Randolph

A Great Call to Action

"A note from a reader: We, here in Taos, have been protesting every single day without a break from 9 - 10 AM since April 5, 2025. A few weeks ago, one of our veteran protesters had a car stop at the corner where she was standing with her sign and the Hispanic occupants said they wanted to talk to her. They drove around the corner, parked and came back. They said to her, *'We have been giving you the finger for over a year now and we want to apologize for doing that. We have come to realize all of your signs are true. We are so sorry.'* If anyone thinks their street protests aren't doing any good, they should hear this very true story and take heart that one little instance like this may be duplicated time and time again all over the country." — *Indivisible Randolph*

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

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- [ACLU Vermont](#)
- [Workers Center VT](#)
- [Northeast Kingdom Organizing](#)
- [VPIRG](#)
- [Rights & Democracy VT](#)
- [League of Women Voters of Vermont](#)
- [Peace & Justice Center](#)
- [NOFA-VT](#)
- [Windham County NAACP](#)
- [350VT](#)
- [Braver Angels](#)
- [The States Project](#)
- [Swing Blue Alliance](#)