

vermont indivisible digest, 2026-10-02 to 2026-10-09

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters intended to provide a convenient, consolidated overview of local activism efforts. All information should be independently verified before taking action. This digest covers the date range of October 2, 2026, to October 9, 2026, and summarizes emails from Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, Bennington Indivisible, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Lean Left VT, WeCAN, Indivisible Greater Falls, Indivisible Randolph, Indivisible Hardwick, Queen City Indivisible, NEK North Indivisible, Rutland County Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible, Indivisible St. Johnsbury, Three Rivers Indivisible, and Bristol Area Indivisible. Please note that emails from Indivisible Brandon and Indivisible Calais were not summarized in this edition. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

With just over a month to go until the critical midterm elections, Indivisible groups across Vermont are kicking their organizing into high gear. The resounding message from every corner of the state is simple but powerful: turn out the early vote and make these elections "too big to rig." Activists are hitting the pavement, the phones, and the postcards, aiming to safeguard democracy from authoritarian threats by proving that our civic institutions still belong to the people.

The centerpiece of this week's newsletters is the massive anticipation for the "[No Kings: Vote Early](#)" day of action on Saturday, October 17th. Local groups are getting incredibly creative to drive early voter turnout, transforming ballot drop-offs into community-wide celebrations. From Halloween-themed "Vote Floats" in Rutland and "Night of the Living Voters" in Hardwick to parades, live music, and cider-fueled rallies in Brattleboro and Bellows Falls, Vermonters are stepping up to ensure everyone casts their ballot early and securely.

Simultaneously, Vermonters are showing up to fiercely protect the most vulnerable members of our communities. The [Shut Down ICE VT](#) week of action has drawn immense support, with daily vigils, protests, and community-building events in Williston to oppose the surveillance nerve center operating in our own backyard. Between defending our immigrant neighbors and pushing forward crucial progressive state legislation, the energy across Vermont right now is absolutely electric.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Holding Governor Scott Accountable & The Scott Has Got To Go Website Governor Phil Scott has continually failed to protect marginalized communities, vetoed crucial environmental regulations on data centers, and prioritized corporate interests over the working class. Several newsletters, including Camel's Hump and Corinth/Topsham Indivisible, are urging voters to hold him accountable by [writing fact based front porch forum posts](#) and supporting the "scott has got to go website" campaign. **Action:** Educate your community on his record by sharing the [latest list](#) of gubernatorial failures and submit letters to the editor.

All Hands on Deck for Amanda Janoo for Governor Progressive and Democratic groups statewide are rallying heavily behind Amanda Janoo for Governor. Newsletters from Greater Falls, Bennington, Hardwick, NEK, Champlain Valley, and Bristol are aggressively organizing door-to-door canvasses and text banks to share her vision of community-driven governance. **Action:** Join a local [Janoo canvass or phone bank event](#) to help turn out the vote before November 3rd.

Shut Down ICE VT Week of Action A statewide mobilization is currently underway in Williston to protest ICE's National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center, with participation highlighted by Queen City, Bennington, St. Johnsbury, NEK, and Champlain Valley Indivisible. Activists are demanding an end to ICE surveillance and deportations in our state. **Action:** Attend a local vigil, art build, or non-violent direct action training by visiting shutdownicevt.org.

Vote YES on Prop 3 and Prop 4 Vermonters have the opportunity to pass two critical constitutional amendments: Prop 3, which protects collective bargaining rights, and Prop 4, which ensures equal protection under the law regardless of race, sex, gender identity, or disability. Rutland, Queen City, NEK, and Champlain Valley are pushing hard to educate voters on these measures. **Action:** Learn more about [Prop 3](#) and [Prop 4](#) and ensure you vote "Yes" on the back of your ballot.

Protecting Gender-Affirming Care in Vermont In response to nationwide attacks on transgender rights, the ACLU of Vermont has launched a campaign to ensure gender-affirming health care remains protected and accessible in the state (highlighted by St. Johnsbury Indivisible). **Action:** Speak up for transgender Vermonters by taking action through the [ACLU of Vermont's advocacy portal](#).

Local Candidate Endorsements and Voter Guides To combat ballot confusion, groups like Rutland County Indivisible and St. Johnsbury Indivisible have evaluated candidates and published comprehensive voter guides for the State House and Senate.

Action: Check out your local chapter's [2026 VT Voter Guide](#) to support candidates who refuse corporate cash and protect the environment.

National Actions

Lean Left Sunday Power Hours Lean Left VT is running critical Sunday phone banks targeting voters in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire to cure ballots, recruit poll observers, and provide election information. **Action:** [Sign up for the next Power Hour](#) to ensure every swing state voter's voice is heard.

Election Observer Training Fearing intimidation tactics at the polls, the League of Women Voters is training volunteers to serve as nonpartisan poll observers to document and report election interference. **Action:** Register for the [virtual Election Observer Training](#) on October 21st or 24th.

Over The River NH Canvassing Vermont groups near the border (WeCAN, Brattleboro, Lean Left, NEK) are sending weekly canvassing brigades into New Hampshire to knock on doors for NH Democrats and U.S. Senate candidate Chris Pappas. **Action:** [Sign up to canvass in NH](#) to help secure the Senate majority.

Phone Banking for Maine (Troy Jackson & Matt Dunlap) National Indivisible is targeting Maine in a massive effort to finally unseat Susan Collins and elect leaders who serve working families instead of billionaires. **Action:** Join the [Indivisible phone bank for Maine](#) on October 14th.

Postcarding to Swing States Multiple chapters, including Brattleboro and Champlain Valley, are hosting massive writing parties to send thousands of postcards to voters in Texas, Virginia, Nevada, and North Carolina. **Action:** Join a local postcard party or request materials via [Turnout PAC](#).

Success stories and Bright spots

- St. Johnsbury's Recreation Department received a Technical Assistance Support Grant from Local Motion to develop concepts for improving biking and walking connections in the downtown area.
- The NVRH West Wing expansion in St. Johnsbury successfully surpassed its \$5.5 million fundraising goal to improve emergency and pharmacy services.
- Attorney General Charity Clark and Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas successfully defeated a DOJ lawsuit that attempted to force Vermont to hand over sensitive personal data from voter records.
- Vermont's community repair and reuse culture is rapidly growing statewide, supported by EPA funding to help residents fix goods rather than throw them away.
- The VA awarded over \$18 million to community organizations in Vermont and New Hampshire to help house and support veterans experiencing homelessness.

Upcoming events calendar

October 10, 10:00 AM - Rutland Weekly Rally - Main St. Park, Rutland - Rutland County Indivisible

October 10, 10:00 AM - Bradford Rally - Intersection of Rtes 25 and 5, Bradford - Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

October 10, 10:30 AM - Indivisible Greater Falls Monthly Meeting - 24 Main Street Community Building, Saxtons River - Indivisible Greater Falls

October 11, 4:00 PM - [Lean Left Sunday Power Hour Phone Bank](#) - Virtual - Lean Left VT

October 13, 5:00 PM - Sign-making session for No Kings - Grand Isle Fire Station Conference Room - Indivisible Champlain Islands

October 14, 5:30 PM - [Phone Bank for Maine](#) - Virtual - National Indivisible

October 17, 10:00 AM - [No Kings: Vote Early Rockingham!](#) - Town Hall, Bellows Falls - Indivisible Greater Falls

October 17, 10:00 AM - No Kings: Vote Early Waterbury - Waterbury Town Offices - Camel's Hump Indivisible

October 17, 10:00 AM - No Kings: Vote Early St. J - St. Johnsbury Welcome Center - Indivisible St. Johnsbury

October 17, 11:00 AM - [Bennington No Kings Vote Early Action](#) - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bennington - Bennington Indivisible

October 17, 12:00 PM - [Vote Early ~ Use Your Superpower!](#) - The Common, Brattleboro - Indivisible Brattleboro

October 17, 1:00 PM - No Kings IV: Night of the Living Voters - Downtown Hardwick - Indivisible Hardwick

October 17, 2:30 PM - No Kings VoteFest & Rally - Worthen Library, South Hero - Indivisible Champlain Islands

October 17, 2:30 PM - [Lightworkers Film Screening](#) - Marquis Theatre, Middlebury - Indivisible Middlebury & Bristol Area Indivisible

October 17, 3:00 PM - No Kings: Vote Early Stowe - Akeley Memorial Building, Stowe - Camel's Hump Indivisible

October 17, 4:00 PM - Promote the Vote Richmond - Volunteer Green bandshell, Richmond - Camel's Hump Indivisible

October 24, 5:30 PM - [Election Observer Training](#) - Virtual - League of Women Voters VT

A Great Call to Action

"What terrifies you this Halloween season? For us in Indivisible Hardwick, its threats to our democracy, fascism, and imagining a world without access to affordable housing, quality education, and healthcare. But when it comes to voting, we aren't spooked! Join us for No Kings IV on Saturday, October 17th... We will have sign-making, a costume contest, games, and a short march to Town Hall to drop off our early ballots. Bring your favorite Halloween treat to share, or just bring yourself!" — Indivisible Hardwick

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- [League of Women Voters of Vermont](#)
- [Migrant Justice](#)
- [VPIRG \(Vermont Public Interest Research Group\)](#)
- [Vermont Conservation Voters](#)
- [ACLU of Vermont](#)
- [Rights & Democracy VT \(RAD-VT\)](#)
- [Vermont Workers' Center](#)
- [Northeast Kingdom Organizing \(NEKO\)](#)
- [NEK Rainbow Coalition](#)
- [Movement Voter Project](#)

- [Vermont State Employees Association \(VSEA\)](#)
- [Vermont AFL-CIO](#)
- [Windham County NAACP](#)
- [350VT](#)
- [Peace & Justice Center](#)