



NEWSLETTER

What's the Good News?



Did “No Kings” last week make a difference? Yes! Early voting is up everywhere but especially where there were “No Kings” events.

Find up-to-date voting data and forecasting on several sites, including <https://onpointpolitics.us/>

To help us maintain that energy and enthusiasm, check out this new song and video – “No Kings” by The Resizers Band: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OldYjnfutY>

The Question We All Need To Ask: Have You Voted Yet?



I think we can agree with Bernie Sanders when he says,

“This is the most consequential election in the modern history of our country, and none of us can sit this one out.”

Now is the time. If you didn't receive a ballot, contact your Town Clerk. If you haven't voted yet, please make a plan to do so.

If you know other folks who haven't voted, **please let them know what is at stake and urge them to vote.** Pass this on.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR POWER

IT'S TOO LATE TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT BACK, BUT YOU CAN STILL VOTE.

–Drop it off and vote early. You can personally hand in your ballot at your Town Office during regular business hours or deposit your ballot in the locked drop box at your Town Office which will be available 24/7 until close of business on November 2. Once you return your ballot, you can track it online at the ***Vermont Voter Portal*** at <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>

–Voting in person on Election Day is always an option. If you do not return the ballot by November 2, bring your ballot with you to vote at the Town Office on Election Day, November 3.

–If you make a mistake while filling out the ballot, **follow the directions at the top of the ballot and visit the Town Clerk** for a new ballot. If you lose your ballot, visit your Town Clerk for a ballot.

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR RIGHT
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR IMPACT**

Trying to decide how to vote? Here are some suggestions to help you:

–Election Guides: Find **Election Guides** in recent issues of *The Islander* and *Seven Days*, and online at ***VTDigger.org***.

–Candidate Websites and Events: The candidate websites are a good source of information, and watch or sign up for updates on events where you can meet the candidates.

--Candidate Interviews and Debates: In the federal and statewide races, you can find **candidate interviews and debates on Vermont Public:** https://www.vermontpublic.org/about-us/2026-09-14/vermont-public-2026-general-election-debates?utm_source=website&utm_medium=mininav&utm_campaign=election2026.

--Legislative Scorecards: If you wonder how incumbent candidates in the VT House and Senate have voted on VT legislative issues, **VPIRG** has **Legislative Scorecards** for the issues they are following: <https://www.vpirg.org/legislative-scorecards/>



Why Vote Early? It means your voice is **locked in and safe**. It gives you room to fix anything that **goes wrong**, such as a missing signature. It means **not waiting in line on Election Day or dealing with any potential interference or chaos** that day. It means **not worrying if something comes up** that could prevent you from getting to the polls on Election Day. And **dropping off the ballot means not worrying about any meddling** that the Trump regime may try with return of ballots by mail.

What Else Is Happening?

Sunday, October 25, 9am-5pm – Non-Violent Direct Action Training
At Putney Community Cares, 54 Kimball Hil, Putney VT

The ICE Out Vermont Alliance is planning a day of action in Williston on November 6, as noted below. Everyone who plans to **participate in the civil disobedience part of the November 6 action must have completed non-violent direct action (NVDA) training** beforehand. For those who have not had NVDA training, register for training in Putney on October 25: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSela1qPfTrIfW74puLcYTRCFkUDua0QuUvzfRLTjbu8sp3CfA/viewform>

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30pm – “Get Out the Vote” Event and Potluck
in the Worthen Library in South Hero and Virtual

ACLU VT invites you to a “Get Out the Vote” Event and Potluck at the Worthen Library in South Hero.

Join the post carding and other “Get Out the Vote” activities. Bring a dish and share with your community or participate virtually.

Sign Up/Find out More! Email Emmy at: eauld@acluvt.org



Thursday, October 29, 6-7pm – “Get Out the Vote” Phonebank

ACLU VT is holding a non-partisan Phone Bank to call Vermont voters who haven't voted in one of the previous two Midterm elections to encourage them to vote this year. Training is provided. Register at: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/pGftEiaiNEmqMTXpGI4uiQ2?emci=98538f14-42bb-f111-a6a9-000d3a56d2f7&emdi=4645cbfc-47bb-f111-a6a9-000d3a56d2f7&ceid=7782169>

Friday, October 30, 4-5pm – Defend Democracy Protest in South Hero
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblechamplainislands/event/982416/>

As we close in on Election Day, it is more critical than ever that we show up and join in the Friday “Honk & Wave” rally. We need to remind everyone to vote like our future depends on it, because it does!

Bring your signs and flags and music, and your family, friends and neighbors! Let's make some noise!

Join us on the sidewalks between the Worthen Library and Two Heroes Brewery. Find out More! Contact: mailto:ici.honk@indivisibleci.org



Tuesday, November 3, 7:00am-7:00pm – Election Day 2026!

If you haven't voted early, this is your last chance to vote in the Midterm Elections, and you must vote that day in person at your polling place. You can even register that day in person with ID if you haven't registered already. Bring your ballot with you to vote on Election Day.

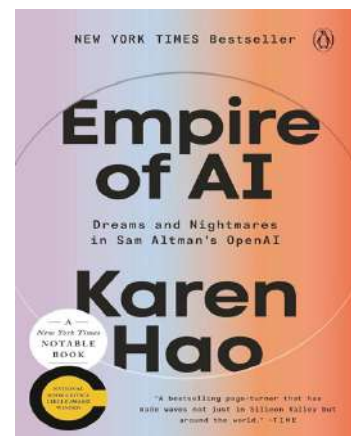
If you don't have a ballot, you can still get a ballot and vote by signing an Affidavit of No Ballot Cast from the Town Clerk.

South Hero Residents please note: If you wait to vote in person on Election Day, the polling place will be at the South Hero Congregational Church at 24 South St. in South Hero.

Grand Isle Residents please note: There is an additional local issue that did not get on the ballot that all registered voters automatically received. This issue is whether to approve the adoption of a Draft Grand Isle Charter dated August 17, 2026 ("Town Charter"): <https://grandislevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/GRE26-001-Town-Charter-ReDraft-Grand-Isle-Charter-08-06-26-w-8-17-26-as-approved-date-mis.pdf>. See an explanation of what happened and how to cast your vote on the Town Charter at: <https://grandislevt.org/town-charter-how-to-vote/>. You can vote on this early or on Election Day. Currently, a Vermont Absentee Ballot Request (obtained from the Town Clerk) must be filled out in order to get the special ballot from the Town Clerk needed to vote on the Town Charter.

Thursday, November 5, 5:30-6:30pm – Pro-Democracy Book Club
in the lower level of the Worthen Library in South Hero

AI is in the news every day, which is why you need to read the next book: the new bestselling page-turner **Empire of AI** by Karen Hao. It's the inside story of Sam Altman's OpenAI (which launched ChatGPT) and the people controlling the AI technology. Read and find out why Hao asserts: "I've found only one metaphor that encapsulates the nature of what these AI power players are: empires." All are welcome to join the discussion on November 5. Find out More! Contact: ici.bookclub@indivisibleci.org



Friday, November 6, 9am – ICE Out Vermont Day of Action, Williston

ICE Out Vermont Alliance's Day of Action in Williston will begin at 9am with a funeral procession from the National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center at White Cap Business Park (426 Industrial Ave) to the Law Enforcement Support Center (188 Harvest Lane) where a sit-in will then take place.

The sit-in is limited to those who have completed non-violent direct action training (see above for training on October 25). Go to <https://iceoutvt.org/take-action> for general information about the day and facilities and register for an October 27 zoom meeting to get updates at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/udjZGcW-TE-xPwW8WTWCNg-/registration>

Election Day Approaches, But It's Not Too Late To Act!

Thank You to the Poll Observer Volunteers!

The shifts in the Islands for Poll Observers on Election Day are nearly full. Thank you to all who have volunteered! Observers will receive specific instructions, but for questions contact: indivisibleciwork@gmail.com

How to “Get Out the Vote” Through Phone Banking

Why does phone banking matter? Here is a video from *Indivisible National's* website sharing stories of why these members phone bank: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIQAgLY1I4o>

In addition to the ACLU Phone Bank on October 29 mentioned above, here are a few of phone banking opportunities before Election Day:

–*Indivisible National* is conducting Phone Banks for Congressional and Senate races: <https://2026.indivisible.org/phone-banks/> - calls

–*GrayPAC* is conducting Senior-to-Senior Phone Banks called Party Line to reach fellow seniors about what's at stake and help turn out voters: <https://www.mobilize.us/graypac/event/1031295/>

–The *Environmental Voter Project* is conducting Phone Banks to turn non-voting and seldom-voting environmentalists out to vote in this election: <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/get-involved>

–*Lean Left Vermont* will be switching Phone Banks as needed to recruit and confirm poll observers, follow up on mail-in ballots, and get out the vote: <https://www.leanleftvt.org/take-action>

How to Canvass in NY-21 With Other Vermonters

Contact Jim Dumont at dumont@gmavt.net about joining Vermonters who are knocking on doors in New York in support of **Blake Gendebien** in NY-21 (<https://blakegendebienforcongress.com/>). There's a Zoom Training on Saturdays at 10am that covers the canvassing process.

How to Support the People Who Report The Truth

Trump is continually attacking the press, branding journalists as treasonous or worse for accurately reporting the news. **We need to support the independent journalists who are putting it all on the line to report what is happening in this country.**

Think about who your go-to people are who warn and inform and report the truth. If they have a **paid subscription**, that presents an opportunity to support them. **It's in our best interest to make sure they are well funded for the fight ahead.**

What's Next? Time to Revisit “Hands Off Our Vote”



A Message from Indivisible National: Be ready to mobilize

“We all hope that voting and the counting of ballots goes smoothly. But **in the event of major issues**, a coalition of organizations will be **ready for mass protests and mobilization** – we’ll settle for nothing less than free, democratic elections, and **if need be we’ll take to the streets and stay there until democracy prevails**. The right to vote is a core Constitutional value worth protecting, and together we’re an unstoppable force.” <https://indivisible.org/campaigns/our-vote/>

And There's More!

Video from Robert Reich – “What I tell people who ‘don’t do’ politics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hM5kj44_Q0&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Video From the Cast of *Hamilton* – “2026: Time for the Midterms”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayWiE_gL9mU

Finally, Check Out The Blue Wave Secret Message Hat From *Ravelry*:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/blue-wave-secret-message-hat>



Weekly Protests!

Weekly Protest in South Hero – Every Friday 4-5pm

Defend Democracy Protest in South Hero

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblechamplainislands/event/982416/>
between Worthen Library and Two Heroes Brewery, South Hero

Added: Weekly Protest in Williston – Every Monday 12-1pm

Stand Against ICE in Maple Tree Place – Register:

<https://www.mobilize.us/champlainvalleyindivisible/event/1001752/>

at the back entrance by the parking lot, DHS/ICE Debt Mgt Center
166 Sycamore St., Williston VT

Weekly Protest in Williston – Every Wednesday 12-1pm

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

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

in front of ICE surveillance center, White Cap Business Park
426 Industrial Ave, Williston VT

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 St. Albans – Every Saturday 11am-12pm

St. Albans Stands Up for Democracy

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/797327/>

corner of Main St. and Fairfield St., St. Albans VT

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

Northern Vermont Stands Up for Democracy

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/819163/>

Fairfax Community Center, 1210 Main St., Fairfax VT
Food is collected for the Fairfax Food Shelf during the rally.

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