

LT. GOVERNOR ZUCKERMAN NEWSLETTER

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Our democracy depends on participation. In my newsletters, at public events and in individual meetings, I work to empower citizens to participate in many different ways. Now I'm asking you to vote!

Vermont's Primary is on August 14th. Typically, less than 30% of eligible voters cast a ballot in the Primary. In Vermont, we have many options that make voting easy and convenient. These include early voting, vote by mail and same day voter registration. On the back you will find a message from Secretary of State Jim Condos with information on early voting, access, and polling locations. I hope you find it helpful.

On August 5th, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th amendment, providing all citizens equal rights and protection. In Vermont we work hard to ensure this is the case, but we know we can, and must, do better to fully realize these rights for all. As our demographics change, and we become more diverse, we must recognize our implicit biases and reaffirm our commitment to lead the nation with inclusivity and open policies that protect all Vermonters. On the back you will find information about one event addressing this, I hope you can attend.

This year the Legislature passed a bill to promote racial justice reform throughout the State by mitigating systemic racism in all systems of State government and creating a culture of inclusiveness. To support this work the Legislature created a Racial Equity Advisory Panel. The Panel will consist of five members from diverse backgrounds who represent the interests of communities of color throughout the State and have experience working to implement racial justice reform.

The Committee on Committees, of which I am a member, will appoint one member. If you would like to be considered, please submit a letter of interest, outlining your experience working on racial justice reform, and your resume to megan.polyte@vermont.gov. You can find additional details on the bill and the role and responsibility of the [Racial Equity Advisory Panel here](#).

Vermont summers offer so many opportunities to connect. I hope to see you at a parade, county fair or at the World's Largest Astronomy Lesson on August 10th in St. Johnsbury, details on the back.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28 1:00PM

Barre Heritage Festival Parade

August 2

7:00AM - Live with Charlie & Ernie in the Morning.

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9:15AM -Public & Land Grant Universities Panel on Cannabis. Larner College of Medicine, UVM

August 9 7:15AM

Williston Rotary Meeting, Williston Federated Church, 44 N. Williston Road

August 10 5:30PM

World's Largest Astronomy Lesson. Main Street, St. Johnsbury

August 14 Primary Election Day!

August 15 12:00PM

Vermont Farm Bureau Annual Picnic. Ainsworth Farm, South Royalton

August 18 Afternoon

Visiting Vermont State Fair. Rutland

August 19 12:30PM

Bennington Battle Day Parade. Bennington

August 23 6:00PM

Lt. Governor Movie:

"Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom."

Montshire Museum, Norwich

For a complete list of events please visit the calendar on our website:

www.LTGov.vermont.gov

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL

We the People: Equal Protection Under the Law? Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the ratification of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution

Sunday, August 5, 2:00, Strafford Town House, 227 Justin Morrill Memorial Highway, Strafford.

Dr. Shirley Jefferson, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Diversity and Associate Professor of Law at Vermont Law School, will be presenting the pulse of equality in the United States by examining the struggle to ensure and protect the full realization of equal rights for all. A discussion panel of elected officials and representatives of civil rights and social justice organizations will then lead an audience discussion about the current state of our Constitution's promise of equal rights and protections for all. Supported in part by the Vermont Humanities Council.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Preregistration is required.

<https://store.morrillhomestead.org/product/we-the-people-equal-protection-under-the-law/>

WORLD'S LARGEST ASTRONOMY LESSON

Friday, August 10th (rain date: August 11th) we hope to break the Guinness Record for the Largest Astronomy Lesson in the World! The Fairbanks Museum is closing down Main Street, shutting off the street lights, and throwing a block party that's going to be out of this world! Starting at 5:30pm, we'll host 1200+ of our closest friends as we share STEM lessons, science experiments and more! PLUS we'll have some of the area's best food vendors on hand! At 7:30pm, our attempt to break the World Record begins. Museum Science Educator Bobby Farlice-Rubio will lead us in an Astronomy Lesson from high above the crowd. Beginning at 9:00pm, Meteorologist Mark Breen will broadcast his annual VPR Star Gazing Party live and on-site. This event is free and open to the public- all ages are welcome. Come explore and help break a new record! For up to date information, visit fairbanksmuseum.org/stargazingparty

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE JIM CONDOS

The August 14th Vermont Primary Election is only a few short weeks away. Voting is the bedrock of our democracy. When you go to the polls on Election Day, you're helping shape the future of our towns, our state, and our country. I'm proud of the many things we've done in this state to ensure access to the ballot box for eligible voters. Make sure to get out and vote!

Early voting is one of the best ways to increase voter access, and even right now you can vote early for the August Primary, either in-person at your local Town or City Clerk's office, or by requesting a ballot be mailed to you. Requests can be made by phone, email, walk-in or [online](#). Make sure your ballot is returned to your municipal clerk by 7pm on Election Day to ensure it's counted.

If you don't know your polling place, you can find it on [my website](#). The polls will be open until 7pm, and don't forget that you can vote early with your municipal clerk during regular business hours every day up until the election.

My office works hard to share accurate voter information on both [Facebook](#) (/Secretary of State Jim Condos) and [Twitter](#) (@VermontSOS), so give us a follow to stay up to date. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us there! See you at the polls!

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