

# LT. GOVERNOR ZUCKERMAN NEWSLETTER

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The end of the year is a time for reflecting on our family and community, expressing gratitude, snuggling up by the fire, and setting intentions for the New Year.

I am very grateful to the people of Vermont for giving me another opportunity to serve as your Lt. Governor. The last two years have been an incredible honor. I have spoken and listened to thousands of Vermonters share some of their deepest fears and express their hopes for our future. Being a public servant is both difficult and amazing. **I cherish all the connections I've made and will work to remember and bring your voices and ideas into the legislative arena.**

There are many opportunities to build on, and significant challenges to tackle, during the 2019-'20 Legislative Biennium. As a farmer, father and elected official, I am constantly reminded of the interconnections in all that we do. I see great opportunity to come together as Legislators, Activists and Diverse Communities to find areas of intersectionality and unite our goals for a stronger and brighter future.

Issues I'm sure we will be debating in Montpelier include clean water, jobs and financial stability, energy and the environment, criminal justice, health care and transportation. Each person is impacted by these issues in different and important ways. Your voice and experience will help us find solutions to these challenges because every person's health and success is intertwined with everyone in our community regardless of race, gender, age, or ethnicity.

I know that your legislators and other Statewide office holders are thinking about these and many other issues as we enter the new year. I encourage you to share your thoughts at the dinner table, in a community or town meeting, or by reaching out to me or your other elected officials. **Your ideas, solutions, and experiences will be what help us work to build a better Vermont.**

I hope to see you at the State House or in your local community in the upcoming months and look forward to serving you in 2019.

Thank you for staying connected.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 9, 2019

10:00 - 2019-'20 Legislative Biennium begins. Senators and Representatives are sworn in. State House, Montpelier  
6:00 – *'Dawnland'* movie and discussion. The Schoolhouse, 8 Catkin DR, South Burlington

### January 10

11:25-Lt. Governor sworn in. Senate Chamber, State House, Montpelier  
1:30-Governor sworn in and gives State of the State address. State House, Montpelier

### January 11, 18 & 25

8:30-10:00 – Weekly *'Coffee with Constituents'* hosted in Lt. Governor's Office. State House, Montpelier

### January 17

10:00 - Visit Jericho Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
4:00 – Reception and talk on Endangered Alphabet Project. State House Cafeteria, Montpelier

### January 24

10:00 - Visit Central Vermont Career Center, 155 Ayers ST, Barre  
2:00 – Governor's Budget Address, State House, Montpelier  
5:30 – Lt. Governor's Movie Series *'Reinventing Power.'* State House Cafeteria, Montpelier

**For a complete list of events please visit the calendar at:**  
[www.LTGov.vermont.gov](http://www.LTGov.vermont.gov)

## ‘COFFEE WITH CONSTITUENTS’

**Please join me on Friday, January 11th for the start of my weekly ‘Coffee with Constituents’ event.**

Every Friday, during the legislative session, my office is open from 8:30-10:00AM for community conversation. Last year I made some great connections, learned new ideas, introduced allies, discussed legislative solutions, and built friendship with a wide variety of Vermonters. My staff and interns are also available to answer questions, look up legislation, point you to committee rooms and introduce you to your legislators. Everyone is invited to this weekly event and no reservation is required. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

## STATE HOUSE SCHEDULE

Citizens are welcome to visit the State House, sit in on Committees as they meet, observe House and Senate floor activity, meet with legislators and discover Vermont history. The State House is open for visitors:

Monday 7:00AM – 5:00PM

Tuesday 7:00AM – 8:00PM (Senate Convenes at 9:30. House Convenes at 10:00.)

Wednesday & Thursday 7:00AM – 8:00PM (Senate and House Convene at 1:00.)

Friday 7:00AM – 5:00PM (Senate Convenes at 11:30. House Convenes at 9:30.)

## #VTLtGovVisits

Being Lt. Governor provides me a unique opportunity to visit all corners of Vermont, explore communities, learn about unique businesses, hear ideas, and gather information to share with my colleagues in Montpelier. In the last two years I have attended many Rotary and Chamber of Commerce meetings, visited with students from kindergarten through college, toured ski areas, participated in community meetings, learned about new businesses, walked in parades, celebrated events and more. If there is something special happening in your community that you think I should attend, please contact my office with the details.

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## ENDANGERED ALPHABETS PROJECT

If you’ve visited my office, you have probably noticed the large piece of cherry wood with interesting lettering. It reads, ‘*People of the Dawn Land*’ in a custom Abenaki font. It was created by Tim Brookes, founder of the Endangered Alphabets Project, and will eventually have a permanent home in the State House in recognition of the Abenaki nation.

For the month of January works from the Endangered Alphabets Project (EAP) will be displayed in the State House Cafeteria. EAP is a Vermont based non-profit whose mission is to play an active role in preserving endangered cultures by using their writing systems to create unique artwork and educational materials. The carvings bring together elements of calligraphy, woodwork, linguistics, anthropology and human rights to address a question that is rarely asked, but directly affects hundreds of millions of people worldwide: what happens when a culture loses its alphabet? **On January 17 at 4:00PM, Lt. Governor Zuckerman and David Schultz, from the State Curator’s Office, will host a talk by Tim Brookes and reception for this project in the State House Cafeteria.** We hope you can join us. [For more information visit their website.](#)