

# LT. GOVERNOR ZUCKERMAN NEWSLETTER

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One of the true joys of being Lt. Governor is having the opportunity to meet with organizations around the state and learn of the different ways they support Vermonters and our communities. There are many opportunities to have an impact, whether it is supporting a 'Farm to School' event, participating in a survey or simply showing your appreciation by listening to Veterans. Below is a sampling of upcoming events and activities that highlight the best of Vermont.

Thank you for staying connected.



## VT CELEBRATES FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

*By: Betsy Rosenbluth, VT FEED Project Director*

October is Farm to School Month, declared by U.S. Congress in 2010 to celebrate a national movement with big local impacts. Vermont schools serve around 14 million school meals each year, and Farm to School programs are making sure they do a lot more than just fill bellies. Vermont schools contribute more than \$1.4 million each year to the state economy by purchasing local foods, and expansion of school nutrition programs have helped reduce childhood hunger in Vermont by 37% from 2010-2015. Additionally, almost 4 out of 5, or 79% of VT primary and secondary schools have at least some level of farm to school integration, with 66% of schools spending more than 10% of their food budget on local products.

[Farm to School events](#) are happening all around the state - find a harvest dinner or community celebration near you and see first-hand how schools and communities are celebrating the Farm to School movement! For more information about Farm to School in Vermont, visit [vermontfarmtoschool.org](http://vermontfarmtoschool.org).

## LT. GOVERNOR 2018 MOVIE SERIES FINALE

Please join me on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM for '[The Devil We Know](#)': the [story of the PFOA cover-up](#). It follows a group of citizens in West Virginia as they take on a powerful corporation after they discover it has knowingly been dumping a toxic chemical (PFOA) into the drinking water supply. Following the movie will be a panel discussion and Q&A period. Bennington Fire Facility, 3rd floor Meeting Room, 130 River Street, Bennington.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 19 4:15PM

*Modified* Movie Screening and Panel Discussion. Main Street Landing, Black Box Theater, Burlington

### October 23 6:00PM

Vermonters Against Private Prisons Rally. State House Lawn, Montpelier

### October 25

12:00 – Vermont Businesses For Social Responsibility Fall Conference. Killington Grand Hotel

7:00 - Lt. Governor Movie: *The Devil We Know*. Bennington Fire Facility, 130 River St.

### October 27 6:30PM

Rutland Halloween Parade

### October 28 7:00PM

*Coming Home* Screening. Goodrich Library, 202 Main ST, Newport

### October 29 5:30PM

Vermont Women's Fund Benefit and Celebration. Davis Center, UVM, Burlington

### November 1 7:00AM

Live with Charlie & Ernie on WVMT 620AM

### November 4 1:00PM

Veterans' Town Hall. Contois Auditorium, Burlington and American Legion Post 31, Rutland

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

## VETERANS TOWN HALL

In a June 2015 *Vanity Fair* article, Sebastian Junger highlighted the challenges of post-traumatic stress among veterans. He suggested “making every town and city hall in the country available to veterans who want to speak publicly.” He believed holding these community forums would “return the experience of war to our entire nation, rather than just leaving it to the people who fought.” **On November 4th at 1pm at Burlington's Contois Auditorium and Rutland's American Legion Post 31, veterans are invited to speak, unscripted, about what their service means to them.** Non-veterans are encouraged to attend and listen. There is no Q&A, debate on the merits or justifications of war, recriminations or accusations. This is simply a chance for veterans to tell their community what it felt like to go to war. These events are non-political, and all perspectives are valued. For details, visit [vtvetstownhall.eventbrite.com](http://vtvetstownhall.eventbrite.com) (RSVPs encouraged) or email [btvvetstownhall@gmail.com](mailto:btvvetstownhall@gmail.com).

## VERMONT WATERSHED POLLUTION SURVEY

*By: Mallory Curtis, UVM Student*

I'm a senior at the University of Vermont. As part of a class project, we are helping the Department of Environmental Conservation communicate the issue of watershed pollution to the state of Vermont. Our group is currently conducting a survey to gauge how much citizens know and/or care about this issue. Our hope is to have our survey answered by the three main groups that visit the DEC's website: concerned citizens, business owners, and legislators. **I hope you will [complete our brief survey](#) so we can accurately assess Vermont's perception of the issue.**

## VT HUMANITIES COUNCIL FALL CONFERENCE AT UVM

The hope that tomorrow will be better than today is a key element of America's self-image. But Americans have not always been optimistic. Enjoy 14 breakout sessions and four plenary talks on the topic of “**The Ebb and Flow of Optimism through American History**” at the Vermont Humanities Council's 45th annual Fall Conference, which will be held at the University of Vermont on November 16 and 17.

Plenary speakers include Ibram X. Kendi, author of *Stamped from the Beginning*; Heather Cox Richardson, Boston College Professor of History; David W. Blight, Yale University Professor of American History; and Mary Lou Kete, UVM Professor of English.

The \$129 registration fee (\$79 for students) includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and snacks. A limited number of scholarships are available for Vermont educators and the general public. [Learn more about the conference.](#)

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