



NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2025

WELCOME to Indivisible Scarborough! We are part of a national, non-violent, grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy and defeat the Trump agenda. We:

- Participate in rallies in opposition to the awfulness going on in our country right now.
- Write letters and postcards to our Federal, state and local elected officials supporting legislation that meets our goals and opposing legislation that does not.
- Support candidates at all levels of government who share our values.
- Write letters-to-the-editor.

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SUPPORT Indivisible Scarborough! You can donate quickly & easily to support the work of Indivisible Scarborough. Your donation helps with expenses for our poster-making, meeting costs, speakers, get-out-the-vote activities, and more. Please check out our Indivisible Scarborough donation page at ActBlue, where you can donate safely & privately!

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Reflections on Our November 19 Monthly Meeting

In October several of us had the privilege of hearing Prof. Noah Feldman, constitutional scholar from the Harvard Law School, address Maine lawyers, law students, and other interested non-legal folks about “The Rule of Law”. It was wonderfully insightful, and we replayed the speech (via video) at our November 19 Monthly Meeting.

Most of us are aware of the rule of law as a structure of rules (laws) that our Congress, representing we the governed, have developed to guide our lives and interactions. A unique feature of our American rule of law is that we apply these rules equally to all, not selectively to some at the whim of some powerful person. The Lady of Justice, with scales, sword, and blindfold, applies the law equally to all. The motto on the Supreme Court building says, “Equal Justice Under Law”. That is supposed to protect us all. Recently, courts at many

levels have struggled to decide cases and enforce laws equally, but the Trump administration has consistently broken laws or applied them unequally. But when the power in government switches parties – as it inevitably does – we should all still be able to count on “equal justice” being applied. Only if “equal justice under law” is maintained can all feel safe, regardless of one’s party or political belief, no matter who is in power.

But Feldman pointed out a second -- and even more important -- aspect of the rule of law: the rule of law as an American way of life. Every American -- regardless of political philosophy or affiliation – can wake up every morning believing that laws will be applied equally to him or her. We do not fear that we will be selectively indicted or convicted, based on opposing whoever is in power at the moment. We trust the courts at all levels to apply “equal justice under law” so much that this has become our way of life. This trust has recently been under attack as well, and trust, once broken, takes a long time to repair. It may take generations to repair the loss of trust in “equal justice under law”.

So, Feldman argues, protecting the rule of law as truly “equally applied to all”, and the rule of law as an American way of life, benefits us all, regardless of our political ideology or affiliation. We should each speak out, however and to whomever we can, whenever we see the rule of law NOT being equally applied, or actions eroding our trust in that equal application as our American way of life. Not to do so ultimately hurts us all...which is why we all should be on the same side in protecting our rule of law.

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ACTIONS TODAY

- **Support Immigrant Rights by supporting passed (but not yet signed) Maine law LD 1971 via the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)** – LD 1971 prevents Maine law enforcement from handing over people to ICE, was passed by the Maine Legislature, and sits on Gov. Mills’ desk awaiting signature. You can learn about ILAP and LD 1971, and send Gov. Mills an email encouraging her to sign LD 1971 [here](#). You can also reach Gov. Mills directly [here](#).
- **12/10 Meeting by Maine Citizens Action for Democracy (MECAD)** – On 12/10 at 2-4 PM MECAD is hosting Bill Burgess, organizing Leader of The Council on American Democracy (TCAD) to share important developments in exploring a new federal-state affiliation between TCAD and MECAD to defend Democracy. Indivisible Scarborough supports this important work and encourages your attendance to learn more.

- **Food is still being denied** to about 170,000 Mainers due to slow return of SNAP programs after the Federal shutdown. Please consider donating – cash is best -- to food banks:
 - Scarborough Food Pantry ([Donate to Scarborough Food Pantry](#))
 - South Portland Food Cupboard ([Donate to South Portland Food Cupboard](#))
 - Preble Food Bank ([Donate to Preble Street Food Bank](#))
 - Good Shepherd Food Bank ([Donate to Good Shepherd Food Bank](#))

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RALLIES in our Immediate Area Opposing Trump Agenda: Look for emails from Bobbie Goldman on the latest details on these rallies. All rallies are PEACEFUL and JOYOUS. Carpool if possible. BYO signs if possible. The best signs invite people to change their minds, not just express anger.

- **Indivisible South Portland weekly Rallies** --The closest and easiest access rally in our area, especially for people with walkers and wheelchairs. They rally at Erskine Park, Broadway @ Waterman in South Portland, at the traffic light nearest the Casco Bay Bridge, Saturdays from 11:00 AM to Noon. Park FREE near Dunkin or in shopping center behind. Bring FOOD donations for the South Portland Food Cupboard, [donation list here](#)
- **Greater Portland weekly Rallies** -- The largest rally in our area. Their weekly rally is at Monument Square, Congress Street @ Preble Street in Portland, Saturdays from 11:00 AM to Noon. Parking can be a challenge and is expensive!

INTERFAITH VIGIL near Cumberland County Detention Center: Greater Portland Interfaith Organizing Group conducts Interfaith Vigils on Wednesdays at 2:45-3:15 PM at the corner of Congress Street and County Way in Portland, near the Cumberland County Detention facility.

Each vigil is clergy-led, and includes songs, silence, prayer, or other spiritual practices to honor the sacred worth of all people involved — those detained in the nearby Detention Center, officers, and our entire community. Signs are provided, or you can bring your own affirming these ideas. [Contact us](#) for more information.

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COMING UP: Monthly Indivisible Scarborough Meetings, all are welcome!

- **Wednesday, December 17, 3:00 PM, Founders Room.** Our focus will be on efforts to restrict and remove ICE from Maine.

- **Wednesday, January 21, 3:00 PM, Founders Room.** ACLU Maine will join us to educate us on “Know Your Rights”. This meeting is being jointly sponsored by the Piper Shores Diversity Interest Group.

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- **Steering Committee Meetings** – The Indivisible Scarborough Steering Committee meets several times per month, on Friday afternoons at 2:30 in the Cadillac Lounge. Anyone is welcome to join us and add your thoughts to our discussions and decisions. Ask for information on dates [here](#).
- **Sources you might find helpful**
 - Heather Cox Richardson (daily newsletter) – [Subscribe here](#)
 - Joyce Vance (former prosecutor, legal analysis) [Subscribe here](#)
 - Chop Wood, Carry Water, (actions today) – [Subscribe here](#)
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