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**LT. GOVERNOR MOLLY GRAY TO ENGAGE WITH ORLEANS COUNTY  
COMMUNITY ON “RECOVER STRONGER TOUR”**

**What:** This summer, Lt. Governor Gray will be spending time in communities meeting directly with Vermonters impacted by the pandemic. Together, they will identify the additional resources needed by working families, businesses, communities, and non-profits to not only recover, but recover stronger, from Covid-19. Vermont is set to receive an historic \$2.7 billion in relief through the American Rescue Plan Act. To embrace this opportunity and to make investments that serve the needs of Vermont communities, the Lt. Governor will center the experiences and voices of Vermonters in the process. This includes taking stock of lessons learned from the pandemic and capturing stories of innovation, perseverance, and resilience. Orleans County will be the sixth stop on the Recover Stronger Tour.

**Friday, September 10, 2021:**

10:00-10:40	<p>Lago Trattoria</p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray will meet with local restaurant owners Michelle and Frank Richardi to discuss post-pandemic hurdles facing the hospitality industry, particularly concerning the impact of US/Canada border closures. The Richardi's own and operate two restaurants and a candy store in downtown Newport; Lago Trattoria, The Warehouse, Sugar Mountain Fudge &amp; Candy Shoppe.</i></p> <p><a href="#">95 Main St. Newport, VT 05855</a></p>
10:45-11:45	<p>Pomerleau Park</p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray has extended an open invitation to those in the Essex &amp; Orleans County communities to join her for a family-friendly conversation on the future of Vermont. Lt. Governor Gray wants to hear firsthand the experiences and concerns of Vermonters coming</i></p>

	<p><i>out of the pandemic and ideas for investment and a stronger recovery from Covid-19.</i></p> <p><a href="#">2035 Pomfret Rd, Pomfret, VT 05067</a></p>
12:00-1:00	<p>North Country Career Center (Main Campus)</p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray will receive a tour of NCCC from Director Gwen Bailey-Rowe and engage with a number of programs; Culinary Arts, Transportation Science, Animal Systems, STEM Mechatronics, Health Sciences, Welding. Discussions will center on workforce development.</i></p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray will also meet with two NCCC students to learn more about their journey as women studying in male-dominated professional fields.</i></p> <p><a href="#">209 Veterans Ave, Newport, VT 05855</a></p>
1:15-2:00	<p>North Country Career Center (Land Lab)</p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray will tour the NCCC Land Lab to observe the Natural Resources and Heavy Equipment programs in action. As with all NCCC programs, they provide hands-on experience for students in high-demand career fields in Vermont.</i></p> <p><a href="#">633 Upper Quarry Rd, Newport, VT 05855</a></p>
2:30-4:00	<p>Orleans County Fair</p> <p><i>Lt. Governor Gray will visit the fair to engage with community members and meet with fair organizers to discuss the impact of the pandemic on organizing community events the past two years, and the importance of safe community gatherings after isolation.</i></p> <p><a href="#">278 Roaring Brook Rd, Barton, VT 05822</a></p>

**Notes:** Lt. Governor Gray addressed the top concerns shared with her by Vermonters on the first half of her Recover Stronger Tour in a recent commentary, which can be read [here](#).

The Recover Stronger Tour will continue through September with stops in Orange, Washington, Chittenden, Bennington, and Windham counties. A full report of Recover Stronger Tour findings and reflections will be released this fall.

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