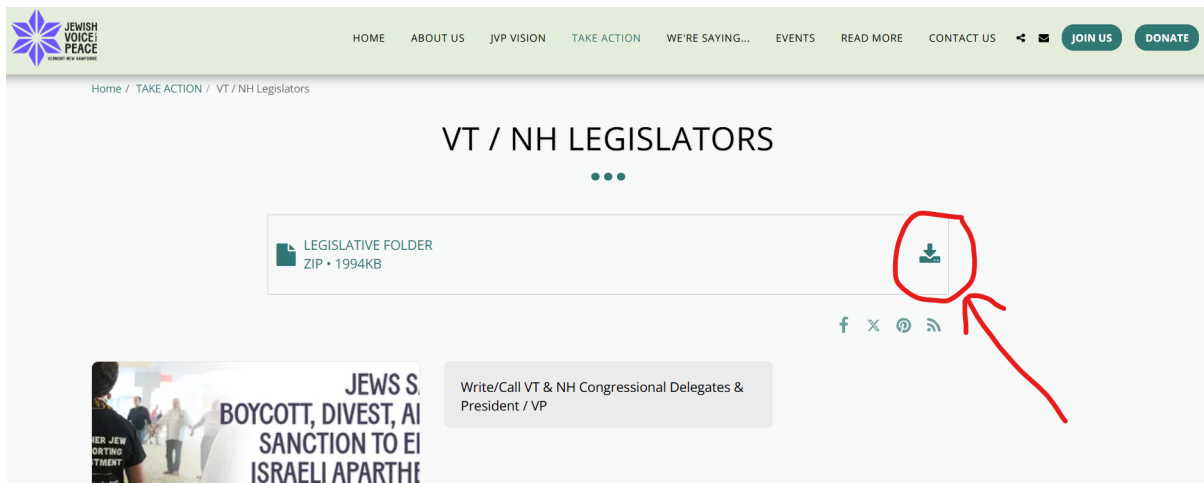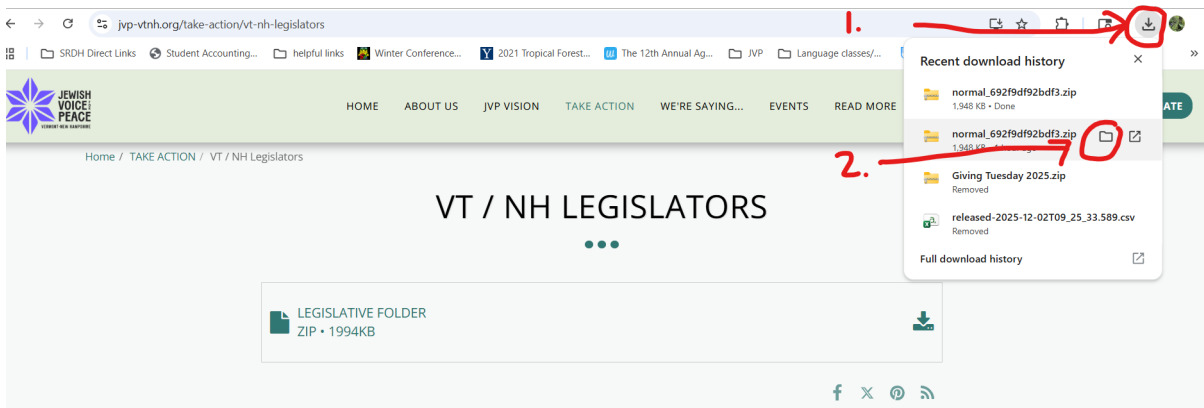# How to Use JVP VTNH Legislative Maps

Step 1: Download the folder containing the map from the JVP Website
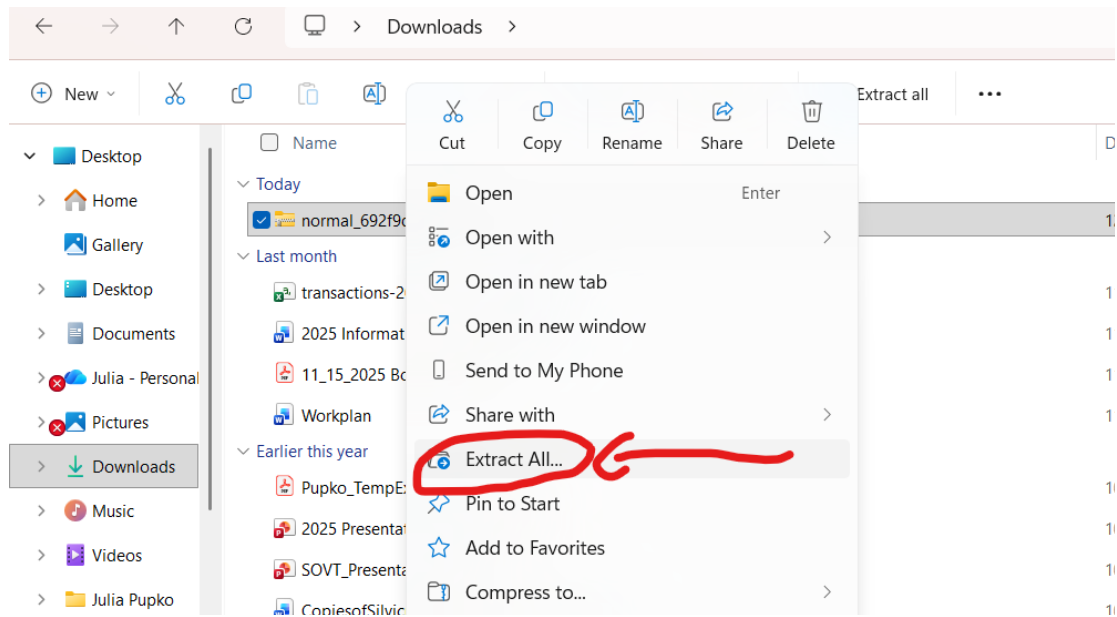
A. Navigate to **Take Action** -> **VT / NH Legislators** on the JVP VTNH Website (direct link here)

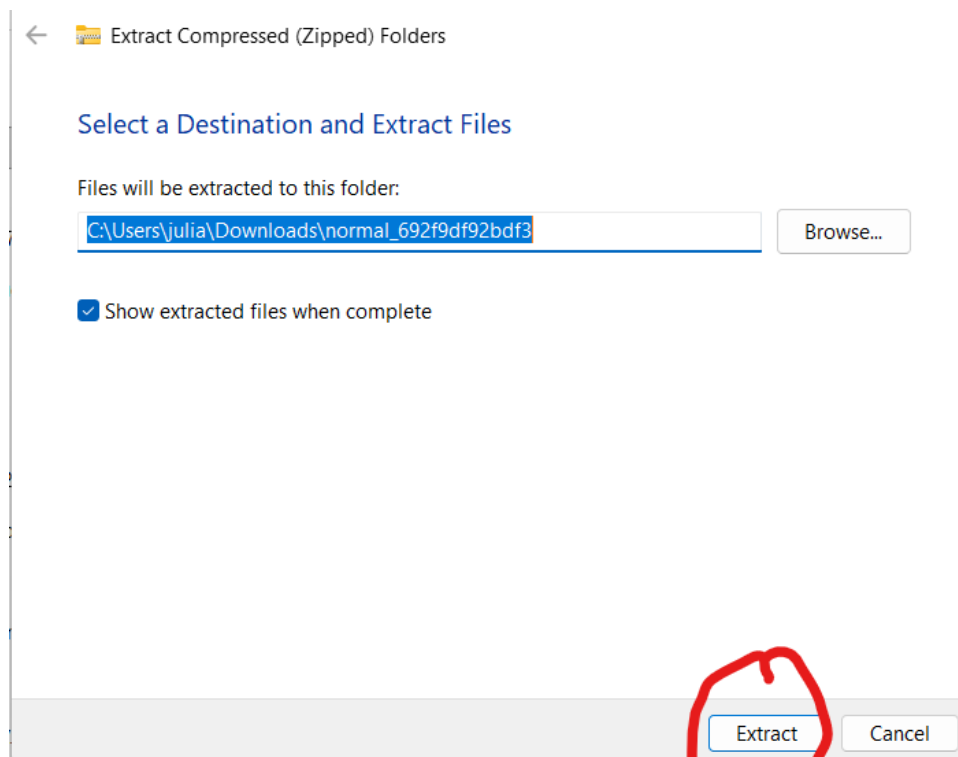B. Click the **Download Arrow** for the VT or NH Legislative Folder:

C. A popup should open on your screen once the download is complete. If not, select the **Downloads** icon on your browser. Once you have done this, find the most recent download and select the **Folder icon: Show in Folder** (shown in screenshot below). Alternatively, you can open your Downloads folder in the File Explorer on your computer.
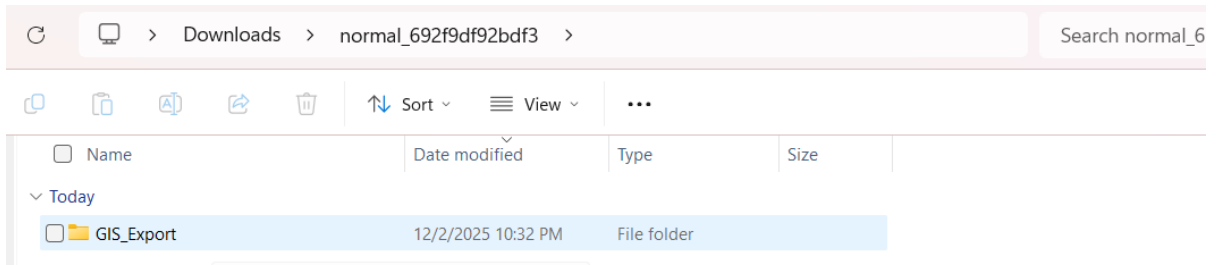
D. Click the folder once to select it, then right click on the folder. You will see an option to **Extract all…** Select this:
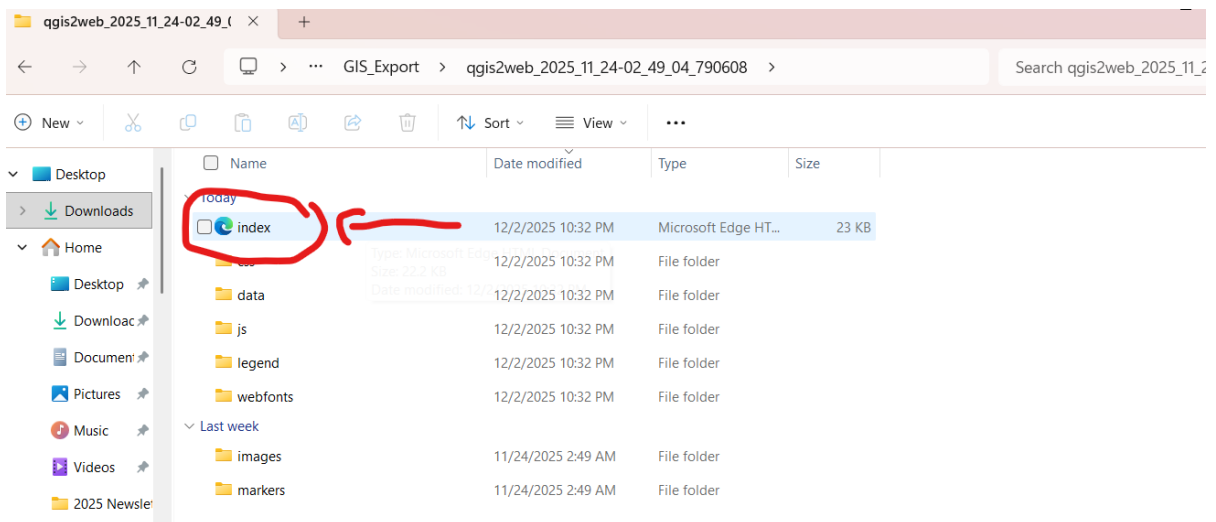

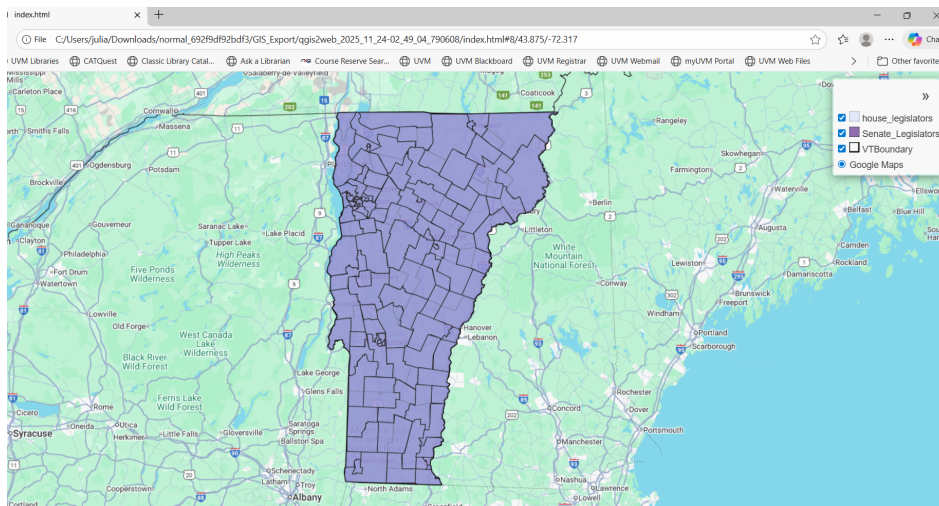E. Make sure "**Show extracted files when complete**" is checked, then click **Extract**.

F. You will now see a folder named GIS_Export. Open the folder:

G. Within this folder, you will see a second folder with a long name, likely starting with qgis2web. Enter the folder. You will now see a bunch of folders and an HTML link called **index**. Ignore the folders and just click the HTML link:
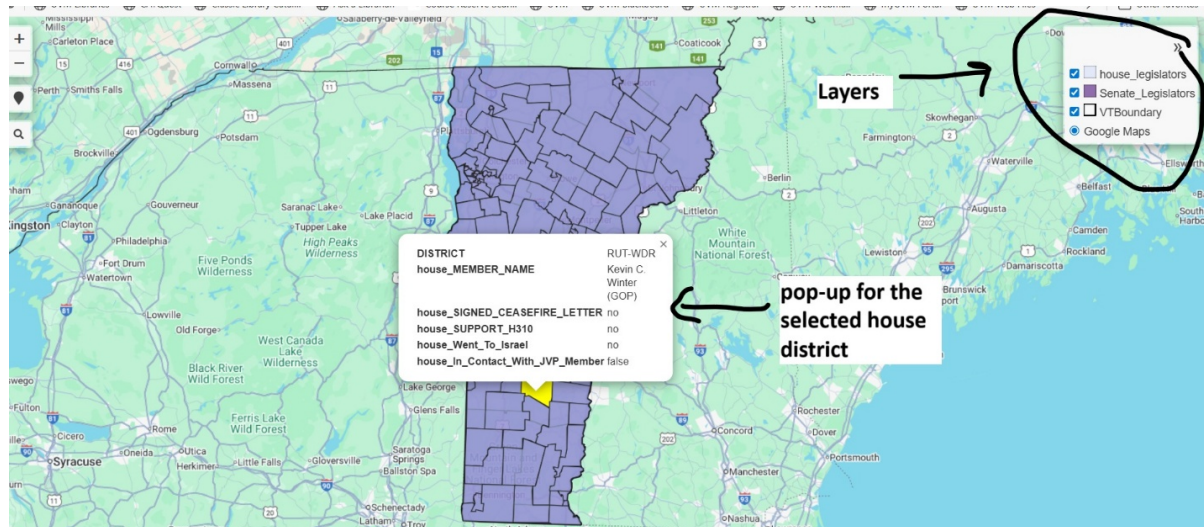

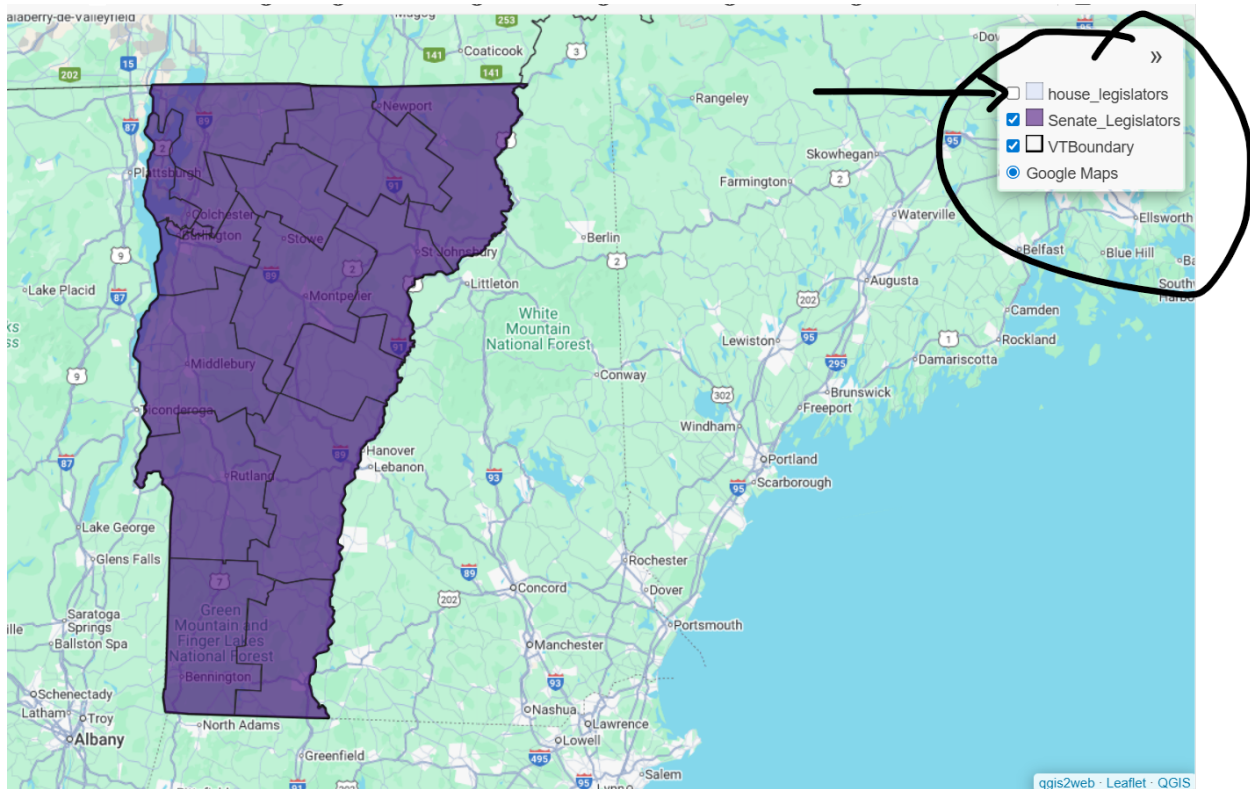H. The map will open in your browser:

Step 2: Using the Map

A. The map has several Layers, or visual datasets. The two layers containing the information we are interested in are named **house_Legislators** and **senate_Legislators**. When you open the map and click on any part of it, you will receive a pop-up that gives you information on the **respective house members** for that district:
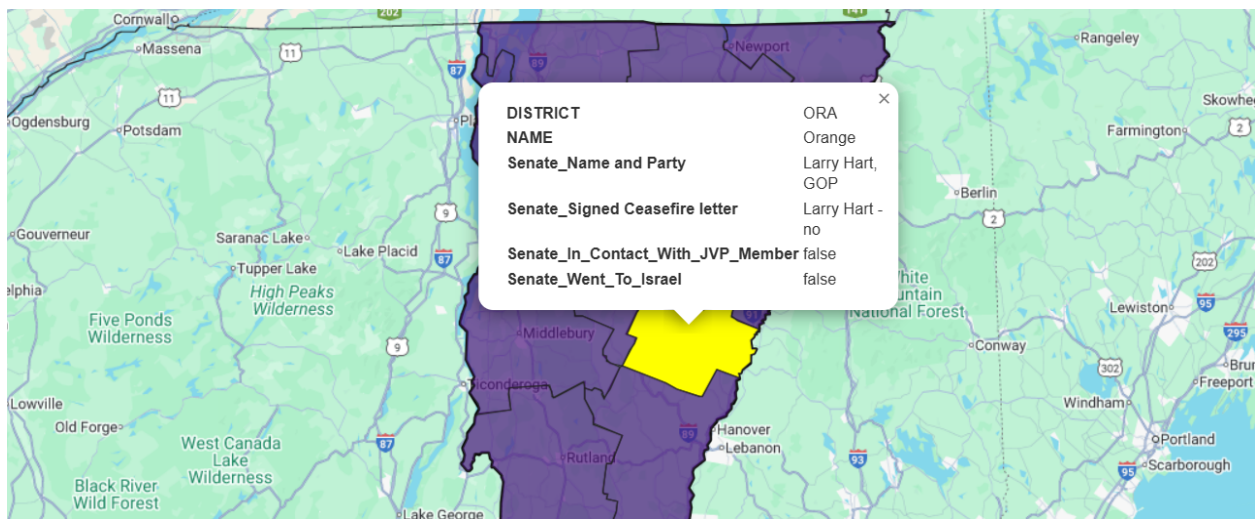

B. In this pop-up, you will see the following information. Note: NH map only contains **District** and **house_MEMBER_NAME** at this time. Here is a breakdown of what it means:

  a. **District**: Abbreviated district name for the selected district.

  b. **House_MEMBER_NAME**: name of the legislator(s) and their party for the selected district.

  c. **House_SIGNED_CEASEFIRE_LETTER**: yes: signed ceasefire resolution; no: did not sign ceasefire resolution.

  d. **House_SUPPORT_H310**: yes: were one of the supporting legislators for this bill, no: were not one of the supporting legislators for this bill.

  e. **House_Went_To_Israel**: yes: went to Israel in 2025, no: did not go to Israel in 2025.

  f. **House_In_Contact_With_JVP_Member**: true: are in contact with a JVP member. False: Are not in contact with a JVP member.
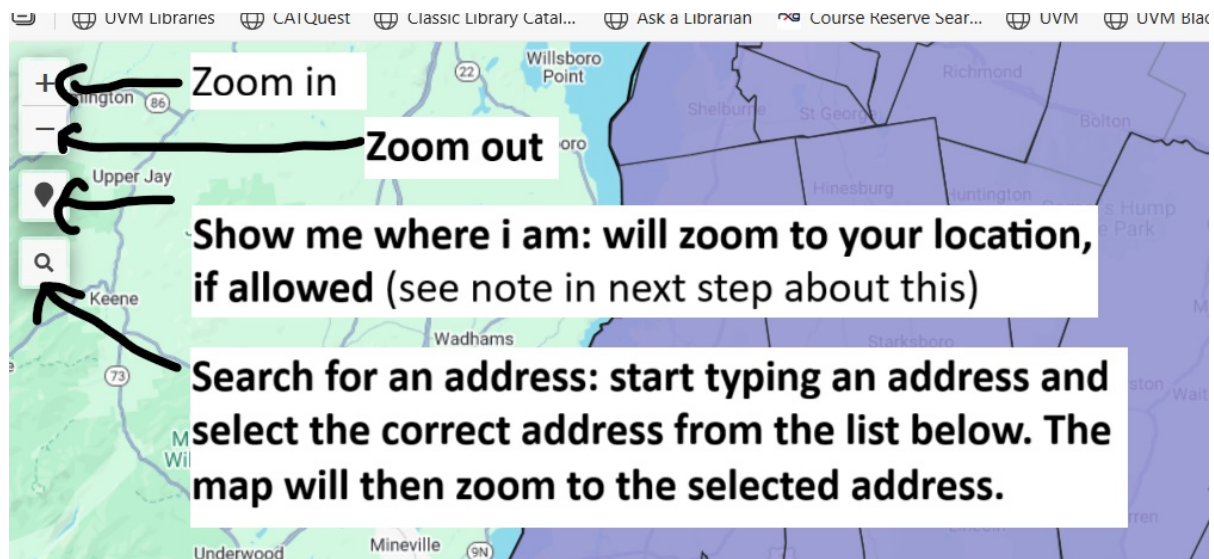
C. If you want to view information for the senators, you will need to turn off the **house_legislators** layer. To do this, uncheck the blue box to the left of **house_legislators:**

D. When you click on the senate districts, you can now see a pop-up with the information for the senators:

E. Here are some other functions of the map. On the left hand side, you will see the following icons: **Zoom in**, **Zoom out**, **Show me where I am**, and **Search for an address**. If you use the "Find my location" or search address feature, the map will take you to the respective location. You can then click on the location to determine legislator information for that address. You can toggle the house_legislator layer on and off by checking or unchecking the box, then clicking on the location, to see representatives for both chambers for that address. Below is a screenshot that shows the icons and what each one means:

F. Note: when selecting "**Show me where I am**," you will receive a pop-up asking if you will allow the site to use your location. You must click **Allow** or **Just this time** to use this feature.