

Tues. Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee	6:00 PM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>
Tues. Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Energy Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>
Tues. Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Historic Preservation Commission Meeting	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>
Wed. Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>
Wed. Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>
Wed. Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	<a href="#">Click HERE to view Agenda and Zoom Access</a>



## Public Health and Safety

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CITY OF MONTPELIER RESPONSE UPDATE

As we are almost half-way into August, it can seem hard to keep up with all of the changes and statistics around the Coronavirus pandemic. The State has made it clear that Vermont is not an exception to the virus, and virus cases are trending upwards in the surrounding region. As a community, we need to stay committed to wearing masks, washing our hands, physically distancing, and taking other measures to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Also, as the State and our local schools have been making their reopening plans, and with the new mask mandate, now is a good time to talk to kids about masks. The Vermont Health Department and UVM have made some helpful resources available [here](#).

*As a reminder:* [The Governor has made it mandatory to wear a mask starting August 1<sup>st</sup>](#). The State requires that masks are worn in public spaces (indoors & outdoors) when social distancing is not possible. This order applies to everyone over the age of 2, with a few health exceptions.

#### State Updates:

- **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** The Governor announced expanded eligibility for Economic Recovery Grants for Vermont businesses that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Starting August 3rd, businesses with at least one W-2 employee, which now includes those who are the owner of the business, are also eligible and encouraged to apply.
  - At this time, eligible businesses include those who have experienced a 50% or greater drop in total revenue in any one-month period from March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, when compared with the same month in 2019.
  - More information can be found at the [ACCD Economic Recovery Grant](#) page.

- **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** The VT Department for Children and Families announced the launch of the [Operational Relief Grant Program](#), to help child care programs offset pandemic-related expenses and losses.
- **August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** The Governor held a press conference, focused mainly around school reopening guidelines, changes, and updates:
  - Revised School Guidance has reduced the distance required between young children from 6 feet to 3-6 feet.
  - School Sports can begin practice September 8<sup>th</sup>. No scrimmages between schools are permitted. Mask will be required for all players, officials, staff, and spectators. Players will need to wear masks while playing, except in cross-country running.

#### **General City Updates:**

- City Hall Reopening:
  - The City Hall building will be open 8:00am-4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are highly suggested, masks and physical distancing are required.
    - The porta-johns behind City Hall and the Senior Center will remain until we are able to open City Hall full-time.
- The Senior Center:
  - The Senior Center will be slowly reopening for limited in-person services.
  - Plans are to host multiple FEAST Together events through zoom, giving residents a way to connect over a meal. The next event is Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, and you can register by email [msac@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac@montpelier-vt.org) or by phone 223-2518.

#### **Regional Aid Groups Update:**

- The City is maintaining a list of situational updates and regional resources for those who may need them on the COVID-19 Response page on the website here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1155/Coronavirus-Response>
- The Community Call Center is still functioning:
  - Community Call Center hours will be 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, open weekdays. You may call or text (802) 636-2025.
- The Capital Area Neighborhoods (CAN) contact information:
  - [MontpelierCAN@gmail.com](mailto:MontpelierCAN@gmail.com) and (802) 828-7375
- Open Meal Sites and their locations are being tracked and posted on the Montpelier Mutual Aid website: [www.MontpelierMutualAid.org](http://www.MontpelierMutualAid.org)



Responsive and Responsible Government

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/PARK AVENUE**

#### **TEMPORARY PARKLET APPROVALS**

City Council has enacted a temporary parklet ordinance for the purpose of providing additional business expansion opportunities during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Temporary Parklet Application](#)
  - (All applications will be submitted to the City Manager’s Office at [cniedermayer@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:cniedermayer@montpelier-vt.org))
- [Temporary Parklet Ordinance](#)

This temporary ordinance is in place through October 25, 2020.

**Approved Temporary Parklets:**

- The North Branch Café (currently opting not to use it)
- Three Penny Taproom
- Julio's Cantina



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UPDATE FROM THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE

MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

LANGDON STREET

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

ORCA MEDIA

ORCA Media supports the City of Montpelier by live streaming videos to local TV and on YouTube. Recently, Comcast changed the government channel to 1085.

- Click here to access City Council Meetings: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council>
- Click here for Live Stream Events: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events>



**Sustainable Infrastructure**

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

TAYLOR STREET WEEKLY REPORT

DON’T FLUSH THAT

Due to the public health crisis, not only is our city seeing a shortage on toilet paper, but many communities are as well. Department of Public Works would like to remind everyone what should NOT be flushed. Flushing items listed below could cause sewer blockages, in which could cause plugged and overflowing toilets, poorly draining sinks and showers, raw sewage backing up through floor drains, manholes overflowing onto the ground or into nearby surface waters, health hazards and nuisance odors, increases in the City’s maintenance costs and costly maintenance and repair bills for YOU.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| • Paper towels           | • wiper                  | • Tampons and pads |
| • Baby wiper             | • Cloth or paper napkins | • Diapers          |
| • Moist towelettes       | • Shop towels            | • Cat litter       |
| • Cosmetics and cosmetic | • Condoms                | • Cigarette butts  |

- Dental floss
- Latex gloves
- Hypodermic needles
- Facial tissues
- Fats, oils or grease
- Clothing or rags
- Medications (pills or liquid)
- Bandages
- Cotton balls
- Food scraps
- Swiffer pads
- Plastic of any kind

Thank you,

City Manager



William Fraser

### Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

8/26	Community Policing Discussion Homelessness Task Force COVID-19 Update		
9/9	Net Zero 2030 Plan Home Energy Ordinance Public restrooms COVID-19 Update	9/23	New Budget Process Special Election Warning (if needed) COVID-19
10/14	Strategic Plan Progress Update Review 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter Budget status	10/28	Legislative Priorities 2021
11/11	Veteran’s Day– may need to change date) Childcare Option Study	11/25	(Thanksgiving Eve – may need to change date) Preliminary Budget Discussion
12/9	Implement Housing Initiatives Budget	12/23	(near Christmas, may need to change date) Budget
1/13/21	Budget Public Hearing Strategic Plan Progress Update Review 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter budget status	1/28/21 Thursday	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing Approve Warning Review/Approve Petitions
2/10/21	City Manager Review	2/24/21	TBD
3/2/21	Annual Meeting Election	3/10/21	Organizational Meeting

### REPORTS DUE:

- Universal Recycling Law – Periodic updates
- MDC/MA Partnerships – Periodic updates
- Protect, Maintain and Improve Built Infrastructure – Update in October
- Supporting the Community in Rebound from COVID 19 – Regular updates