

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
5/24	Police Review Committee	5:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/24	Planning Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/26	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/26	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/26	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

This week, the State updated us on how many Vermonters have been vaccinated. Currently, more than 400,000 Vermonters, 74.9% of the eligible population have started the vaccination process. The state will aim to hit the Vermont Forward Plan's 80% mark by offering increased convenient locations for vaccination.

Vaccination registration is open to Vermonters ages 12 to 15, following the CDC's action late this week authorizing use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for this age group. More information is on the Health Department's Website: <http://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine>

Reminder: Update to Mask Mandate and Vermont Forward Plan

Governor Phil Scott has announced that as a result of Vermont meeting the necessary vaccination threshold of 60% of the population receiving at least one dose, the state will move to [Step 3 of the Vermont Forward Plan](#) more than two weeks ahead of the anticipated schedule.

Additionally, following [updated guidance](#) from the CDC, the Governor signed an [executive order](#) lifting the State's masking and physical distancing requirements for fully vaccinated individuals in Vermont. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose of your COVID-19 vaccine.

Step 3 of the Vermont Forward plan [increases gathering sizes at events](#) and [lifts all travel restrictions](#) around quarantine or testing when traveling to or from the state. As a result, the certificate of compliance is no longer required from guests at lodging properties.

Overall State Updates:

- Vaccine Updates
 - COVID-19 vaccine registration is available through both the website and the phone number:
 - Sign up for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine or by calling (855) 722-7878
 - Appointments are needed, no walk-ins will be accepted.
 - If you're home bound you can call 833-722-0860 M-F from 8:30-4:30 to make an appointment.
 - Vaccination updates can be found via the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#)
 - Please check the [Public Health Vermont website](#) for any questions about getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Education Update
 - Masks are still required at school-based settings in the situations that were previously laid out in the state guidance. Vaccinated individuals are not exempt from masks in school settings.
- Regional Health Update & VT Case Modeling Response Updates:
 - Case count and outbreak information can be found on the [VT Health Department dashboard](#).
 - Vermont Modeling Updates: [The May 18th presentation can be found here.](#)
 - The weekly summary report on cases can be found [here](#), which this week it discusses cases between March 5, 2020 – May 19th, 2021 and spotlights “Cases among Black, Indigenous and People of Color”

COVID Testing Availability:

- **Testing dates/locations and preregistration found here or call 2-1-1 for registration assistance:** <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>
 - Upcoming Montpelier Testing Dates:
 - [05/27 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 134 State St. \(parking lot\)](#)

City Updates:

- The City's reopening plan has been adopted by City Council, and the summary of the plan is that a majority of all City Facilities will be open to the public July 6th, 2021. Mask wearing will still be required inside City Facilities.

COVID-19 Reminders:

- Reminder: Mental Health Support & Food Access
 - The State shared some resources to assist folks in seeking help for any mental distress, or in need of mental health care. Resources can be accessed through calling 2-1-1 or via the [State's website for COVID-19 support](#).

- If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs emotional support, help is available 24/7:
 - Call your [local mental health crisis line](#).
 - Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the [Crisis Text Line](#).
 - Call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at 1-800-273-8255. For more info, visit healthvermont.gov/suicide.
 - Get connected to Alcohol and Drug Support Services at [VT Helplink](#).
 - Get self-help tips and connect to mental health services at [COVID Support VT](#).
- If you need help accessing food, there are also many resources on the State and Local level. Please call 2-1-1 or access [WIC](#), [Hunger Free Vermont](#), [3SquaresVT](#), or other resources outlined via Hunger Free Vermont [COVID-19 response](#).
 - There are also local agencies hosting food access programs such as: the [Vermont Foodbank](#), [Everyone Eats](#), and the [Montpelier Food Pantry](#).
- Reminder: Financial Assistance for Small Businesses
 - Vermont businesses continue to be encouraged to take advantage of the federal and sector-specific financial assistance programs currently available including:
 - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#): The deadline has been extended until May 31st. The Vermont District Office of the SBA continues to offer [two weekly webinars](#) on First and Second Draw PPP loans and PPP loan forgiveness.
 - Vermont Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding: A second round of [sole proprietor grants](#), ranging from \$1,500 and \$10,000, are now open to qualifying sole proprietors on a first come, first served basis. Technical assistance resources are available at the [grant program website](#). The application closes May 26, 2021.



Environmental Stewardship

Volunteer with Montpelier Parks!

Do you have a hankering to get outside and do something positive to help the community? We have a volunteer project for you! We usually host at least 1 community volunteer day every week to do something different around our parks. It might be trail work, planting trees, pulling invasive plants, working at the FEAST Farm, or something else, but you'll get to do meaningful work with our great crew and other volunteers. To sign up for our listserv email JHuettenmoser@Montpelier-vt.org.

City of Montpelier awarded Federal Funds for Hubbard Park Expansion

The City of Montpelier was awarded \$258,000 from the United States Forest Service's (USFS) Community Forest Program as matching funds to expand Hubbard Park. The funds will be used as a 50% match to acquire additional acreage for Montpelier's beloved park behind the State House. This additional land will conserve important natural resources such as wetlands and rare natural communities, as well as provide permanent public access for outdoor recreation. This project is part of a larger effort to ensure more community members have access to the health and wellness benefits parks and trails provide, and to work towards making Montpelier a destination for outdoor recreation. The Montpelier Parks Commission, along with partners such as the Trust for Public Land, are working toward a goal for all residents to be able to access greenspace within a 10-minute walk from home.



Responsive and Responsible Government

FEDERAL FUNDING - Updated

The initial review indicates that the lost revenue and water/sewer/broadband categories are most relevant to our direct needs.

City staff is creating a summary of potential uses for the incoming \$2.158M in federal funds.

Reminder that we will receive \$1.079M this year and another \$1.079M next year. Items fall into certain categories:

- Projects and equipment which were deferred as a result of the FY20 and FY21 budget mitigation plans to address the sudden revenue losses. This will exceed the \$1.079M for this year. About \$400K worth will need to go into the 2022 funding.
- Projects and equipment which were not funded in the FY22 budget due to projected revenue shortfalls. These would come from the 2022 funding after the \$400k already deferred.

The remaining categories will be subject to funding eligibility.

- Major projects in development which exceed the annual capital plan and would normally require bonding and/or multiple funding sources.
- Current projects facing budget constraints.
- New projects and economic initiatives which have been proposed in the last year or less.

Today we submitted applications for earmarked funds to Senator Sanders for the following:

1. East State St.: preliminary and final design
2. WRRF Phase 2 Construction
3. Rec Center Renovations
4. Confluence Park
5. Public Access Restrooms
6. Cemetery Chapel Building Repairs
7. Senior and Multi Use Van

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - Updated

We begin active negotiations with the Fire Union on Tuesday the 18th and with the DPW Union on Tuesday the 25th. We meet with both Police unions on the 18th to establish a bargaining schedule.



More Housing

Possible Projects

The City Manager's office and Planning & Development Department continue to work regularly on two potential private housing projects in Montpelier. One may require use of TIF for infrastructure. The other has recently sent a notice to neighbors about a housing initiative on Northfield Street.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Montpelier Recreation has several needs to get the Pool safely re-opened to the public, including lifeguard positions open!

- **PAID lifeguard, seasonal maintenance and other positions** are available – preferred deadline for applications is ASAP to help us prepare for our early July opening. Learn more at the Rec website employment page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>
- **VOLUNTEERS** are wanted to help with some scraping and painting at the Poolhouse as well, and possibly with other projects. Contact Rec Director, Arne McMullen, directly at amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org.

Summer Camp registration is underway, Pool passes are coming in June!

Rec summer camp and after-school childcare registration are underway! Visit the Spring Program Guide for details on these and dozens of other youth and adult opportunities with our Parks, Recreation and Senior Activity Center, and our Community Services Summer Guide will be out around June 4. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5506/Community-Services-Spring-2021-Program-Guide>

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Zoom Training 201

Thursday, May 27 | 10:30—11:30 am | Free

Have you been on Zoom enough to know the basics but want to learn more? Join MSAC's AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin to take the next step in your Zoom knowledge. This training will discuss how to schedule your own Zoom meeting, how to use the screen share function, save the chat notes, and more. Contact Andrew at 262-6287 or email msac-ameri-corps@montpelier-vt.org to register for this new training designed to enhance your understanding of Zoom beyond the basics.

Remembering our Veterans, Curbside Pick-up Luncheon

Friday, May 28th 12pm - 1pm | 58 Barre Street

FEAST is delighted to bring back an annual tradition of celebrating and remembering Veterans with a Curbside Pick-up Luncheon. Though we will not be able to gather inside together, we will be bringing much of the cheer to our Veterans at the curb as they drive around MSAC to pickup a celebratory lunch. Expect live music from the MSAC band and a local fiddler, flags waving, posters displayed, and even a special guest appearance or two, thanking Veterans. **Menu: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Brownies** (vegetarian option: BBQ Tempeh) Call us to register to pickup your meal: 802-262-6288 or feast@montpelier-vt.org.

FEAST Senior Meals

- **Meals on Wheels** (formerly known as FEAST at Home) is available to Montpelier and Berlin residents over 60 who need it. Our fabulous volunteers deliver a bulk pack of locally prepared frozen meals once a week, and we work to offer pandemic-safe social engagement and nutrition education too. There is no charge for meals, but donations are gladly accepted. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving our delicious & nutritious meals on wheels, just call us at the FEAST office: 262-6288 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.

- **Curbside Pickup meals** (formerly known as FEAST To-Go) are offered to seniors 60+ from anywhere (not just Montpelier residents) twice weekly. Call to register and simply drive up to the side door of MSAC on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12-12:30pm to receive a delicious, hot takeout meal. If you are new to the program, you will be asked to fill out a short nutritional survey. You can see our monthly menu on our website [here](#). Suggested donations are \$7-\$10. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Department of Public Works General Questions:

Who is in charge of DPW? Donna Barlow-Casey is the Public Works Director

Who is in charge of the Street Division? Dan Perry is the Supervisor of the Street Division

Who is in charge of the Water Division? Sid Cushing is the Supervisor of the Water/Sewer Division.

What is the mailing address to DPW? 39 Main Street Montpelier, VT 05602

What are the phone numbers for DPW's Divisions?

- Office (802) 223-9508
- City Garage (802) 223-9510
- Waste Water Recovery Facility (WRRF) (802) 223-9511
- Berlin Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (802) 229-1401

Who do I call/contact if there is a DPW-related issue in my neighborhood and/or to provide feedback (example: pothole that needs to be filled, feedback about new winter parking initiative, or water main break)? During business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, contact Jasmine Benson at 802-223-9508. If it is after hours, contact Montpelier Police Dispatch at 802-223-3445.

Does DPW have a road work/project schedule for 2021/2022? No, we do not have a schedule yet for projects. The following information is what DPW knows so far: (this is subject to change)

- **Cummings Street Reconstruction & Main Street Water Line Replacement-** DPW received the preliminary engineering design from the consultant. Staff is reviewing the design/permitting documents to submit to the State of Vermont for approval. Currently anticipating construction starting in June/July. Permit was submitted to the State of VT.
- **State Street Sewer and Drainage Project-** Staff has received the preliminary engineering design for this project. City staff is working with the engineering consultant to perform smoke testing this week and help finalize the design plans. Once this project has completed final design, we will be advertising for bids. The responsible employer ordinance will be incorporated within this project. Currently review design plans.
- **Crack Sealing:** Bids were opened for City crack sealing with Indus being the low bidder. This project is on the consent agenda for Council approval on 4/14. Start date is unknown at this time. Will start after July 1
- **Pavement Markings:** Bids were opened for City wide pavement markings with Fresh Coat being the low bidder. This work is anticipated to occur in May and be completed by mid-June. Began line striping last week.

- **Street Paving:** Bid documents have not yet been prepared. Streets will include Barre Street, Hubbard Street, and likely Pleasant view Street.
- **Hubbard Park Stormwater Project:** Working to complete the necessary permits. Project will be constructed once permits are received likely late fall.
- **Main Street Water line:** Permit was submitted to the State to replace the water line on Main Street from Liberty to Jay. Hopeful construction schedule will be between end of June and August 13th.
- **Granite Street Sidewalk Project:** Still waiting on review comments from the State. Project will be bid in the next few weeks with construction tentatively scheduled for late summer/ fall.
- **Grout Road Grant:** Applied for a grant to replace Grout Road Bridge. Waiting to hear back
- **Main Street Class II paving:** Applied for a grant to re-pave Main Street from the roundabout to Towne Hill waiting to hear back.
- **Wheel rut patching on Memorial Drive:** In-house work to be completed by DPW prior to July 1. Work will consist of patching the rut from Granite Street to Dunkin Donuts on the lane coming into town.

Permits:

Who do I talk to about **building** permits? Building permits are handled by Planning. You can contact Audra at 802-223-9506. Building permit information can also be found on the cities website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/779/Permits>

Who do I talk to about **DPW** permits? Jasmine Benson within DPW handles permits, she can be reached by phone at 802-223-9508 or email jbenson@montpelier-vt.org. DPW permits can be found on the cities website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/575/Public-Works-Permits>. (This includes all permits)

STUMP DUMP:

Need to get rid of lawn debris, stumps and branches? City of Montpelier Stump Dump is open!! Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call the City Garage at 802-223-9510 before going to dump to approve of your items!



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

12-16 Main Street Long Term Use

We have recently received a couple of inquiries about the area facing Main Street for possible private development. This raises the question of the future use of the property. Some of you may recall that a prior Council had expressed a preference for green or open space there but deferred a decision until after completion of the downtown Master Plan. That plan indicated that private development was well suited for that location. This item will be on a future agenda.

Parklets

You can find the parklet application on the city's website [here](#).

Permits have been granted to Three Penny Taproom, Positive Pie, Julio's, Oaks & Evelyn and J.



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Municipal Job Openings:

- **Staff Accountant** The professional in this position will be responsible for accounts payable and receivable functions, construction project accounting, grant management as well as submission of state and federal fund reimbursement requests for more information click [here](#).
- **Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk:** This full-time career position involves the appropriate call handling of both emergency and non-emergency requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and determining the nature and urgency of those calls. For more information click [here](#).
- **Seasonal Park/Recreation Maintenance Staff.** Mowing, driving tractors, maintaining sports fields, keeping parks and facilities clean. This is a busy, hands-on physical job that requires some heavy lifting and being on your feet for long periods of time. Visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment> for more information about the positions available and how to apply. Or call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.
- **PAID lifeguard, seasonal maintenance and other positions** are available – preferred deadline for applications is ASAP to help us prepare for our early July opening. Learn more at the Rec website employment page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>



Reminders

DON'T FLUSH THAT

The 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 | • Diapers | • Medications (pills or liquid) |
| • Baby wipes | • Cat litter | • Bandages |
| • Moist towelettes | • Cigarette butts | • Cotton balls |
| • Cosmetics and cosmetic wipes | • Dental floss | • Food scrapes |
| • Cloth or paper napkins | • Latex gloves | • Swiffer pads |
| • Shop towels | • Hypodermic needles | • Plastic of any kind |
| • Condoms | • Facial tissues | |
| • Tampons and pads | • Fats, oils or grease | |
| | • Clothing or rags | |

Social Worker Available to Residents

The Montpelier Police Department, the Barre City Police Department and Washington County Mental Health have partnered in providing an onsite social worker to help

residents in crisis or needing an extra hand during the pandemic. Susan Lemere has been a friendly and effective presence in town for the last several month, but COVID has slowed our outreach efforts down. If you would like to speak to Susan please contact her through email at: susan.lemere@wcmhs.org or contact MPD and we can assist with connecting you to Susan.

Leadership Team Agenda:

The City’s Leadership Team, which consists of Department Heads and some other key staff, conduct a monthly meeting to address issues or topics which are too complex to be handled in regular staff meetings. This past week the team selected the topics for this coming year, I thought you might be interested in knowing what the group has chosen.

2021	May	Outdoor Recreation as an Economic Destination
	June	Outdoor Activity
	July	20-21 Strategic Plan Updates
	August	Leadership Philosophy
	September	Equity Plan from Creative Discourse & Work
	October	2022-2023 Strategic Planning
	November	Budget Congress
	December	COOP Plans/Hazardous Mitigation Planning
2022	January	Strategic Plan & Budget Updates
	February	Aging-friendly Communities
	March	Choosing Leadership Meeting Topics

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>

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (**TENTATIVE**) Schedule Reflects Revised Meeting Dates approved by the City Council on May 12th.

5/26	Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan approval MEAC Energy Use update Housing Task Force Federal Funds Update/Plan Mask Ordinance Update	6/9	Utility Rates Stormwater Utility Water/Sewer Master Plan District Heat Rates Stormwater Master Plan update
6/16	Fund Reserves Economic Development 12-16 Main Street FY23 Budget Process? MEAC/VEIC Net Zero Plan update	7/7	Set Tax Rate Police Committee Report? VEIC Net Zero Report? 4 th Quarter Financials
7/21	Social Economic Justice Committee Report? 4 th Quarter Strategic Plan	8/18	
8/25		9/8	

? = Date is tentative, may shift to a different date

PENDING ITEMS

- CVPSA Report
- Park Land Purchase
- MAPA for zoning

2021 CITY OF MONTPELIER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

On the whole, the City of Montpelier requests that policymakers:

- Support legislation that grants cities and towns greater flexibility.

- Support legislation that provides funding to cities and towns.
- Oppose legislation that removes authority from cities and towns.
- Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates or directly or indirectly shifts costs to cities and towns.

In order to help fulfill its commitments to its residents, the City of Montpelier calls on the legislative delegation to support the following policies:

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- ☐ Advocate for the safe return to work of State employees in local office buildings
- ☐ Advocate and support direct municipal funding that protects Cities and Towns from financial disaster during the COVID crisis
- ☐ Allow a delay in reappraisal requirements or a return to the 80% threshold

<u>H.48</u>	The General Assembly finds that the continued spread of COVID-19 in the State of Vermont has the potential to jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of Vermonters voting in their 2021 annual municipal meetings. These meetings include annual town meetings, which are required by general law to be held on the first Tuesday of March; annual school district meetings, which are generally required to be held between the months of February and June; and other municipal annual meetings with meeting dates controlled by charter
<u>S.9</u>	An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19

COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

- ☐ Support the general statutory authority to adopt local option taxes
- ☐ Support programs and initiatives that spur locally driven, right-sized economic growth, especially programs like TIF, that provide infrastructure improvements to support that growth

<u>H.152</u>	Would establish an education property tax yield for homesteads and the non-homestead property tax rate
<u>H.159</u>	Would create a Better Places Program to support projects that create, activate, or

	revitalize communities and public spaces.
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Continue funding Microtransit opportunities
- ☐ Advocate for global warming solutions and for any opportunities that support ecological protection, the reduction of PFAS, net zero goals, and conservation of our natural resources
- ☐ Support expanding the Net Metering limit for municipalities or Montpelier specifically

<u>H.100</u>	An act relating to electric bicycles
<u>H.123</u>	Would create a vehicle miles traveled tax applicable plug-in electric Vehicles
<u>H.144</u>	An Act relating to requiring inspection of wastewater systems
<u>H.94</u>	An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions
<u>S.44</u>	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a Vermont Green New Deal to invest in actions that curb climate change. The Vermont Climate Council would implement and oversee the Vermont Green New Deal to fund energy conservation programs, prioritizing weatherization, renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, and the use of electric vehicles. This bill would also create a new income tax surcharge on high incomes that would be deposited into a Vermont Green New Deal Fund to be administered by the State Treasurer

INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, & WELCOMING CITY

- ☐ Advocate for any opportunity for additional Human Services funding for supporting those experiencing homelessness
- ☐ Support funding for public restrooms to serve all people using State and City facilities

<u>H.134</u>	An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance
<u>H.139</u>	Would include employer contributions to

	health insurance in the amount of wages used to determine an injured worker's weekly benefit and to prohibit an employer from terminating an employee because the employee is absent from work while the employee is receiving temporary total disability benefits
<u>S.55</u>	An Act relating to paid vacation leave
<u>H.93</u>	An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- ☐ Continue funding for a Social Worker to support Barre City and Montpelier's Police Departments
- ☐ Focus on moving towards a regional public safety model and look critically at public safety cellular provider coverage

<u>H.1</u>	An act relating to mental health insurance benefits
<u>H. 109</u>	An act relating to parking ticket enforcement
<u>H.126</u>	Would establish a pedestrian safety pilot program, allow municipalities to seasonally install pedestrian crossing signs in crosswalks, allow municipalities to lower certain speed limits on state highways, and express the intent that the Traffic Committee should not increase the speed limit on a state highway in response to a municipality's request that it be lowered
<u>H.145</u>	Would amend the standards for law enforcement use of force to make clarifying changes and prevent the use of hindsight in evaluating law enforcement conduct and narrow the definition of prohibited restraints
<u>S.19</u>	An act relating to a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs
<u>S.30</u>	An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms at childcare facilities, hospitals, and certain public buildings
<u>S.40</u>	An act relating to the use of colored signal lamps on fire department and emergency medical service vehicles

<p><u>EO-01-21</u></p>	<p>This Executive Order creates the Agency of Public Safety, effective April 15, 2021. The executive order cites the Department of Public Safety's ten-point strategy, which includes accelerating the organization of state law enforcement operations, modernizing data collection, expanding crisis response, enhancing the development of model policies and community oversight models, and addressing issues in training and dispatch. The new agency, headed by a secretary and deputy secretary, would include a Department of Fire Safety and Emergency Management, a Department of Law Enforcement, and a Division of Support Services. The Criminal Justice Council, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, and the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board would be added to the agency in July.</p> <p>VLCT fully supports EO-01-21, an order that will affect local governments and law enforcement agencies. Last November, the VLCT Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the proposal to move the Vermont Police Academy to the Department of Public Safety.</p>
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RESPONSIVE & RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

- ☐ Support decision-making at the local level that recognizes the capacity of local officials and voters to govern themselves on issues of local import, including streamlined adoption and full implementation of municipal charters
- ☐ Approve any pending and future recommended charter changes
- ☐ Support legislation allowing removal of "red line" deed restrictions
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with the City's Adopted Strategic Plan <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/7156/2020-2021-Strategic-Plan-Brochure-with-full-Work-Plans?bidId=>

<p><u>H.82</u></p>	<p>An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services</p>
<p><u>H.154</u></p>	<p>Would deem a municipal office vacant whenever a municipal officer fails to take a required oath of office within one week of election or appointment.</p>
<p><u>H.164</u></p>	<p>Would require a town to vote to allow the operation of any type of licensed cannabis establishment prior to such an establishment operating within the town.</p>
<p><u>S.14</u></p>	<p>An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density</p>

<u>S.15</u>	An act relating to correcting defective ballots
<u>S.25</u>	An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures
<u>S.50</u>	An act relating to ranked choice voting

STAFF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Police Department:

- ☐ Monitor the implementation of S. 124 and S. 119 to ensure any mandates are implemented in ways that do not adversely affect MPD policies. MPD policies based on National, evidence-based best practices, and 21st Century Policing recommendations.
- ☐ Monitor amendments made to H.133 An act relating to emergency relief from abuse orders and relinquishment of 11 firearms
- ☐ Work with the Vermont Police Association and Vermont Chiefs of Police to represent the Montpelier Police Department interests. These interests include advocating for policies that reflect community partnerships, accountability and transparency, officer safety and wellness. It also includes expressing concern for policies and procedures that may compromise officer safety.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center:

- ☐ Support legislation promoting investment in technology and broadband equity and access for all Vermonters, especially Older Vermonters, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of encouraging Telehealth and Social Connection.
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with priorities and principles of the Older Vermonters Act: Act 156 (passed in 2020)
- ☐ Support legislation that provides direct and robust funding to senior centers and senior meal sites as they fulfill important state and federal priorities and goals for increasing socialization, reducing isolation, providing evidence-based exercise and Fall Prevention programs, and more.
- ☐ Support legislation that allocates part of VT's federal Older Americans Act funding (especially Title 3B funds) directly to senior centers and community organizations who provide services such as wellness programs, exercise classes, tax clinics, foot care clinics and more.
- ☐ Support legislation for Long Term Care Medicaid Waiver coverage for meals on wheels funding
- ☐ Support legislation advancing affordable housing for older adults and people with

disabilities

- ☐ Support legislation protecting and promoting renters' rights
- ☐ Attend the Older Vermonters Caucus when scheduled again
- ☐ Enhance communication with advocates representing organizations that support older adults, including VT Association for Senior Centers and Meal Providers, Community of VT Elders, and VT Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Planning & Development:

- ☐ Track Act 250 exemptions for designated areas and tracking any proposed housing bills.

Community Justice Center:

- ☐ The Justice Reinvestment II (S.338, Act 148) may result in increased referrals without increased funding.
- ☐ Update statutory language so it reflects the reality of the programs and services CJs provide.

Clerk: Continue to participate in the process of developing and supporting a broad election procedures bill (no bill number yet available)