

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
6/14	Recreation Advisory Board	5:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/14	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/14	Planning Commission Meeting	12:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/14	Cemetery Commission	12:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/15	Park's Commission Meeting	6:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/15	Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/16	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom/City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/16	Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting	5:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
6/17	Housing Task Force	5:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>



## Public Health and Safety

### COVID19 Weekly Update

As of Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 79.6% of eligible Vermonters have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which means only **2,093** more people are needed to reach Governor Scott's goal to vaccinate 80% of the eligible population. The Governor has said he will lift the remaining COVID-19 restrictions when it is reached. There are LOTS of walk-in vaccination clinics scheduled for this weekend, a list of which can be found [here](#).

Governor Scott also discussed municipal mask mandates this week, saying "State restrictions will be lifted once we hit 80% and that will apply to towns, unless they declare a state of emergency... lawyers may disagree, but from his perspective there's no cause for municipalities to require masks once restrictions are lifted". The Governor

also discussed the ending of the State of Emergency- which is currently set to expire on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The thought would be that if the State hits the 80% threshold before that date, the emergency order could be amended and allowed to expire.

Currently, the [City Council's Mask Order](#), which requires masks to be worn inside all publically accessed buildings, is still in place through June 15<sup>th</sup> or until the Governor lifts the State of Emergency, whichever is first.

### **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](https://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine) or by calling (855) 722-7878
  - Vaccination updates can be found via the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#)
  - Reminder: Vaccination registration is open to Vermonters ages 12 to 15
  
- Vaccine Clinic Information
  - Walk-in Clinics are now more widely available for vaccinations- no appointments needed! Find a location [here](#).
  
- Education Update
  - The VT Agency of Education has released new guidance for Fall 2021:
    - [Instructional Operations for Fall 2021](#)
    - [COVID-19 Prevention Recommendations for End of the School Year](#)
    - [Updated: End of School Year Gatherings and Graduations](#)
  
- 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 June 8, 2021 presentation can be found here](#).
  - The weekly summary report on cases can be found [here](#) which this week it discusses cases between March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

### **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>
  - Montpelier Testing Days/Times:
    - [134 State St. \(parking lot\)/ Every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.](#)

## **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 fully open to the public July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mask wearing will still be required inside City Facilities for those who are unvaccinated at this time.

## **Resources:**

- Support for Businesses
  - Economic Recovery Bridge Program
    - The [Economic Recovery Bridge Program](#) provides \$30 million in funding to businesses who can show a net loss on their 2020 federal tax returns. The program will give priority during the first 30 days to businesses that have yet to receive any state or federal financial support from COVID-19 recovery programs. The application portal will go live the week of June 7th.
  - Business Vaccine Clinics
    - If businesses are interested in creating pop-up clinics for their employees or customers or in having a vaccination booth at an upcoming event, please submit your information through the [State's Vaccine Clinic Registration form](#).
- Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program Reopened
  - The Vermont Housing Finance Agency is accepting applications again from Vermont homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments due to the pandemic. For mortgage assistance, visit [www.vhfa.org/map](http://www.vhfa.org/map) or call (888) 714-2260 to learn more and apply.
- 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](http://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](#).



## 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, contact: [JHuettenmoser@Montpelier-vt.org](mailto:JHuettenmoser@Montpelier-vt.org).



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### **Computer Upgrades new**

The City's computer systems were all upgraded to Office 365 during the overnight between Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. This has resulted in some short term glitches and email delays. We apologize for any inconvenience which may have occurred.

### **Outdoor Recreation as Economic Development new**

Parks Director Alec Ellsworth made an excellent presentation to the Leadership Team in May about recreation opportunities in Montpelier which tied into our economic development goals. The Team felt that this would be a valuable presentation to share with the City Council and the public. This item is on next week's agenda.

### **Collective Bargaining**

We are now in active negotiations with all four unions in the Police, Public Works, and Fire Departments.



## More Housing

### **Possible Projects**

The housing initiative on Northfield Street received very positive feedback from neighbors. As a result, the developers are considering possible expansion of the project. The City continues to work on another potentially large housing project which could include TIF.

### **Follow up to Housing Task Force Report [new](#)**

Based on the Council discussion this week, staff will prepare a summary of actions which can be taken within the scope of our present authority. This will be reviewed with the Housing Task Force and the City Council.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **Community Services Department Updates**

**[Montpelier City Pool](#) Passes go on Sale Monday, June 14, and Pool slated to open in July!**

1. Pool Hours are approximate and will be dependent on available and trained lifeguard staff and may change as needed
2. The Pool House, one of the rafts, and ¼ of the pool's swimming area are reserved for the City's Summer Camp program- to keep our Summer Camp youth separated to align with our licensure requirements for the program, and to keep vulnerable unvaccinated youth physically distanced from others
3. In deference to the Summer Camp program, and to keep unvaccinated youth safe, the City is requesting visitors wear masks when not actively swimming
4. Daily Pool pass prices have changed slightly- see the chart in the [FAQ](#)
5. Other information can be found in our [Pool FAQ](#), or by reaching out to the Recreation Department at 802-225-8699

**Montpelier Recreation is still hiring for Lifeguards, Pool Staff, Summer Camp Subs and Seasonal Maintenance!**

[Click here](#) for more information, and spread the word – great summer jobs and training available! If you have questions, please call the office at 225-8699.

**Capital Kids Summer Camp, Tennis and Frisbee Camps starting the week of June**

### **14 (later for Frisbee)!**

[Click here](#) for registration forms, and spread the word – great and affordable options available! Free lunches begin at Summer Camp the week of June 21! If you have questions, please call the office at 225-8699.

### **Craft Night in Hubbard Park with [Notion Fabric & Craft](#), In-person: Wednesdays, 5-7pm!**

CRAFT NIGHT IN THE PARK The sun is shining, the door is open to the outside world, and Notion is partnering with [Montpelier Parks](#) to bring you Community Craft Night in [Hubbard Park](#) every Wednesday from 5-7 this summer starting on June 9th (next week)! Grab your handheld project and join us at the New Shelter (Old Shelter on 6/15) for crafts, conversation, and community. We are so excited to connect with you in person!

### **Elders Together Drop-in Group to meet in-person at MSAC: Tuesday, June 15, 1-2:30pm**

Join this monthly group from 1:00-2:30pm for our first in-person gathering indoors since last Fall! Come early for FEAST Curbside lunch if you wish, or bring your own! Contact Mary Alice Bisbee at [maryalicebisbee@gmail.com](mailto:maryalicebisbee@gmail.com) or call 223-8140 to RSVP or ask questions. Carpooling is possible. Past topics of discussion among this older group have included health care, housing, transportation, and life experiences. They look forward to determining upcoming topics.

### **Montpelier Senior Activity Center Adult and Youth Class Registration Starts June 14, Classes begin early July**

On June 14, MSAC starts registration (online, by mail and drop-off) for 34 weekly Summer class series (July-September) offered online, in-person at 58 Barre Street, and outdoors at a variety of locations including Hubbard Park, Green Mount Cemetery and others. During the week of July 5-9, Summer classes start. Classes include 10 Yoga series at various levels, 5 Bone Builders, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, Qigong, plus Drawing, Digital Photography, Singing Rounds, Creative Writing, Painting and Rughooking! Class lengths range from 3 to 12 weeks with a variety of affordable options.

[Click here for more details](#), and forms are being updated currently – a bit behind our normal schedule as we have a key staff vacancy at this time!

### **Zoom Trainings for Video and Phone, Open to All Ages, with Montpelier Senior Activity Center**

- **Phone Basics, Zoom 102: Thursday, June 17 | 2:00—3:00 pm**

Have you heard about Zoom but want to try it out, learn more and practice? Join MSAC's AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin to receive patient assistance. If group times aren't convenient, he can help one on one. Contact Andrew at 262-6287 or email [msac-ameri-corps@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac-ameri-corps@montpelier-vt.org) to sign up.

## **The Power of a Healthy Plate, Nutritional Education Event, June 15th at noon (FREE)**

Jaya Davis, RD, LD from the Southwestern VT Council on Aging, presenting: Does what you eat and drink matter? Can eating healthy make you feel better? The power of nutrition and healthy eating can help improve a variety of diseases. We will explore the different chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, faced by so many. Together we will learn ways to create a healthy plate and stick with the best portion sizes for you. Join here: <https://bit.ly/2OYsuOo>

## **New offerings from MSAC at Home: Home evaluations for preventing falls & Limited indoor assistance!**

MSAC at Home is thrilled to announce a partnership with local occupational therapist Nina Otter (OTR/L) for essential aging in place services! Nina has generously offered to donate her time to perform home evaluations for fall risk prevention, and has the ability to make recommendations for you and your home for safer mobility and function. After your home evaluation, Nina will provide you with a written report of those recommendations. If part of those recommendations involve obtaining mobility assistance devices (walkers, canes, etc.), MSAC will work to connect you to Wayward Wheels in Montpelier, an organization that lends such equipment for free to people who cannot afford to pay for it. Given Nina's fulltime workload and newly arrived son, space and towns served will be limited in this new program and filled on a first come, first served basis (eligible towns are Berlin, Middlesex, Moretown, and Montpelier). If you are interested in learning more about this program or requesting a home evaluation, please contact MSAC's Aging in Place Coordinator Andrew Gribbin at 802-262-6287 or via email at [msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org). Nina is a longtime resident of central Vermont and has worked as an occupational therapist at Woodridge Rehabilitation and Nursing in Berlin for a number of years.

Additionally, MSAC at Home is now expanding its offerings to include limited indoor assistance. To start with, this will include installing AC units, changing screen/storm windows, changing smoke alarm batteries and light bulbs, lifting or moving heavy items (within the same household), and taking out the trash and recycling. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, all local and state COVID protocols will be followed at all times. Contact Andrew Gribbin at 802-262-6287 or [msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org) to learn more or to sign up for any of these services. As a reminder, all MSAC at Home services are provided by donation at this time.

**MSAC is Grateful to Web Industries, VT Community Foundation, Hoehl Family Foundation, National Life Group Charitable Foundation & Central Vermont Council on Aging!**

All of the above organizations recently awarded Montpelier Senior Activity Center generous grants to support either MSAC's general operating expenses or our FEAST Senior Nutrition Program. Thank you, community! We are also grateful to individual donors and small businesses!

- \$1,100 from Web Industries (FEAST/Veterans Luncheon)
- \$5,000 from the VT COVID-19 Response Fund of the VT Community Foundation (FEAST)
- \$5,000 from COVID-19 Relief Funds from Central Vermont Council on Aging (FEAST)
- \$15,000 from National Life Group Charitable Foundation (GOE)
- \$60,000 from Hoehl Family Foundation, paid in \$20,000 installments annually for three years (GOE)

### **FEAST Senior Meals Program of MSAC**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org).



## **Sustainable Infrastructure**

### **Trash and Recyclable Containers Around Town**

With the onset of summer and the re-opening, Public Works will be increasing our emptying of trash and recyclable containers. Our contractor will continue Tuesday pickup and also add a Friday pickup beginning July 1 that will continue into early Fall. As may be needed, we will consider placing additional containers in areas with heavy traffic once we see the effects of the return to a "more normal" summer. Between now and July 1 Public Works will continue to monitor the level of trash being placed in the



containers and remove excess waste/recycling until our contractor begins their aforementioned summer schedule. Please note that Public Works will not be emptying the entire contents of any container. For a variety of reasons this is not practical. But, as we've been doing throughout, we'll manually make room, via removal, of sufficient trash or recycling to avoid spillovers and allow for continued pedestrian use.

### **Public Restrooms new**

With COVID-19 restrictions slowly being removed, more restrooms will become available to the public. These will include City Hall and the Police Station starting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Staff will be advertising for members of a Public Restroom Study committee as per the Council action on Wednesday. Committee will include 2 Council Members, 2 Homelessness Task Force members, 2 members of the public, and 1 representative from Montpelier Alive. Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer will be the staff for this committee.



## 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. The City has applied for 2 grants at this time to renovate the space into a parklet until long-term plans are formalized. Grant updates will be shared as they are received.



## 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

### **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](mailto:susan.lemere@wcmhs.org) or contact MPD and we can assist with connecting you to Susan.

### **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*)

6/16	Fund Reserves - consent Water/Sewer Master Plan Outdoor Recreation as Economic Development (presentation)	TBD	Special call in meeting to set tax rate
7/21	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan Update Social Economic Justice Committee Report? LHMP Approval Stormwater Utility discussion Stormwater Master Plan update Appoint Public Restroom Committee	8/18	VEIC Net Zero Report – possible joint meeting with School Bd. District Heat Rates Conduit Policy Police Committee Report?
8/25	FY23 Budget Process Rec Center Update Economic Development? 12-16 Main Street Update?	9/8	Strategic Planning
9/22	Legislative Agenda	10/13	

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

### **PENDING ITEMS**

CVPSA Report

Park Land Purchase

MAPA for Zoning – joint meeting with Planning Commission and DRB