

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
6/21	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom and in City Hall Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/21	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Zoom and In City Hall Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/23	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	Zoom and in City Hall Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/23	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom and in City Hall Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

COVID19 Weekly Update

This week, Governor Scott announces state has reached its 80% vaccination goal and has [lifted all state COVID-19 restrictions](#). This puts us all in the “Universal Guidance” step in the Vermont Forward Plan. This means there are no capacity restrictions and masks and physically distancing are only encouraged to those who are unvaccinated. The Guidance that remains is as follows:

- Unvaccinated individuals seeking recommendations should reference the [Department of Health website](#).
- Masks are recommended for unvaccinated youth childcare/summer camp attendees and organizers during indoor activities this summer.
- The Federal Transit Administration still requires [masks on public transportation](#) for all riders through September 13, 2021.

However, to ensure the continued federal funding of important programs that were established during the COVID-19 times, like the hotel/motel housing program, the Governor has signed an [Executive Order](#). This order does the following:

- Maintains the National Guard's Active Services status
- Extends Vermont's access to federal funding for expanded emergency non-congregate housing and feeding programs (the hotel/motel housing program and [Everyone Eats](#))
- Allows bars and restaurants to continue pick-up and delivery of alcoholic beverages for the two-week period between the expiration of the Emergency Declaration and July 1, when recently enacted legislation makes this a permanent change.

From this week moving forward, there will be less information regarding COVID-19 updates and resources in the weekly report. Folks should make sure they are checking the State's website for timely COVID related updates.

City Updates:

- COVID-19 POOL IMPACTS:
 - The State has released new guidance for Vermont Child Care/Out of School Programs, which will impact the City's Summer Camp Day Care Program. The City's Summer Camp Day Care Program uses the pool and previous proposals for opening the pool included asking visitors to wear masks out of the water, which is now being rescinded.
 - For schools, child care and summer camps, the Health Department recommends that unvaccinated people 2 years and older wear masks when inside this summer.
 - Therefore, all Pool facilities will be open to the public, but we will be asking the unvaccinated to wear masks inside the Pool House, to protect the Day-Camp children- most of which are too young to be vaccinated.
- The City issued a new internal policy for staff, permitting staff who choose to provide proof of vaccination status to go unmasked at work. Other staff will be asked to continue to wear masks to protect themselves and others. It is recommended that staff continue to wear masks around members of the public, regardless of vaccination status.
- 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 6th, 2021. Mask wearing will still be required inside City Facilities for those who are unvaccinated at this time.
- Committees/Boards/Task Force Meetings must return to either in-person or a hybrid in person/zoom model. If Committees/Boards/Task Forces would like to

continue a hybrid model, they have been notified that they still need to provide an in-person accessible location and a set way to engage with the zoom/online meeting. Both locations (online and in-person) will need to be warned properly.

- City Council Meetings will be remote/zoom hybrid moving forward, with staff in the Council Chambers. The Council plans to return in person at their July meeting.

Overall Updates:

- Vaccine Clinic Information
 - Walk-in Clinics are now more widely available for vaccinations- no appointments needed! Find a location [here](#).
- Business Operations Update
 - All business restrictions and requirements are lifted.
 - Employers and employees seeking operational recommendations should reference the Vermont [Department of Health website](#) and the Department of Labor's [VOSHA Memo on workplace safety](#)
 - Health Care providers should reference should reference Vermont [Department of Health guidance](#). Health Care providers should also be aware OSHA has released an [emergency temporary federal COVID-19 standard](#).
 - Long Term Care Facilities should continue to reference [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) guidance](#).
 - Schools should reference Agency of Education [end of year guidance](#) as well as [Fall 2021 operations guidance](#).
 - Child care providers should reference Vermont [Department of Health guidance](#).

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.](#)



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.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Computer Upgrades new

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

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 and Swim Lessons are on sale now, and Pool is slated to open in July!

1. Daily Pool pass prices have changed slightly- see the chart on our [Pool webpage](#).
2. Swim lessons run in two series, both two weeks long for half an hour M-F. Dates are July 1-23 or August 2-13. More info on our [Swim lessons webpage](#).
3. Other information can be found in our [Pool FAQ](#), or by reaching out to the Recreation Department at 802-225-8699 or email nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org.

Capital Kids Summer Day Camp, plus Tennis and Frisbee Camps, accepting registrations

The Recreation Department is offering a range of opportunities for youth camp experiences this summer! Whether you're seeking full-time care for your child(ren) or a one-week opportunity, you can find the [forms you need to register here](#).

MSAC Director to transition to new role in same department, City to hire new MSAC Director

After ten years in the role of Director at Montpelier Senior Activity Center, Janna Clar is looking forward to a transition into a different role in the City's integrated Community Services Department! MSAC shares some staff with the City's Recreation, Parks & Trees Divisions. Janna's new role will eventually support Communications, Development and Advocacy for all of them, similar to the position left vacant by the May departure of Becca Jordan, which prompted Janna's request for the change (with some tweaks). So, she's not "leaving" altogether and looks forward to staying engaged with the MSAC team and wider community in new ways. She'll also support emerging departmental priorities like the eventual Rec Gym Project and Outdoor Recreation for Economic Development.

Since 2011, MSAC completed a capital campaign, moved back into a post-fire renovated facility at 58 Barre Street, and added an enhanced commercial kitchen. Membership and overall participation doubled in the decade, including significant growth and support by residents and voters of six supporting towns. MSAC staff and the amazing MSAC community have tripled the number and breadth of classes offered in a typical quarter, maintained affordability, enriched overall offerings, added the FEAST senior nutrition program and MSAC at Home services and built a strong and diverse communications and fundraising foundation. During the pandemic, Team MSAC has pivoted to support older adults with consistent FEAST meal service, remote class programming on Zoom, wellness calls and technology training.

MSAC is on the cusp of an exciting new chapter as it re-opens to in-person services this summer, re-designs its FEAST program, builds MSAC at Home services and a lending library of technology devices, and continues its model as a "Senior Center without walls." It's an exciting time for a new leader! The posting with a link to full job

description and application instructions should be up soon -- if not already -- [here on the City job posting page](#) and elsewhere! Spread the word!

MSAC to host THREE important governance meetings Tuesday, June 22!

- **3 Attendance options:** In-person, Zoom video, Zoom phone
- To get link/number for remote attendance, please RSVP to msac@montpelier-vt.org.
- To receive assistance learning how to do Zoom, contact Andrew: 262-6287 or msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org.

1. Last Meeting of FY21 MSAC Advisory Council (including outgoing AC members) | Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 11:30am-12:15pm

Agenda includes re-opening updates, status of hiring processes and last minute details for Annual Meeting.

Minutes of May 10, 2021 Meeting

2. MSAC Annual Membership Meeting for MSAC | Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 12:45-2:15pm

Agenda includes recognition of staff and members, introduction of newly elected AC members, report on the past year, looking ahead to the next year, Annual Survey results so far, raffle drawing, story-telling by Willem Lange, Q&A and member feedback.

Minutes of June 18, 2019 Annual Meeting (no 2020 Annual Meeting due to COVID)

3. First Meeting of FY22 MSAC Advisory Council (including newly elected AC members) | Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 2:30-3:00pm

Short agenda includes election of Chair and Vice Chair, discussion of sub-committees for consideration and scheduling of next meeting(s).

FEAST Farm Walking Tour, Tuesday, June 29 at 2pm

Come learn about Montpelier's own FEAST Farm, which plans to grow several thousand pounds of food to support the FEAST Senior Meals Program as well as Montpelier's Just Basics Food Pantry. Join Dave Hersberger, new FEAST Farm Manager to learn about the in-depth process of bringing this food to your table. No-till organic gardening is focused on preserving soil health in order to grow healthy, delicious vegetables. The healthier your soils, the more nutritious your

produce is. This no tilling style of farming incorporates a diverse garden ecosystem that not only creates healthy soil and nutritious produce, but also allows you to grow really healthy plants that are resistant to pests and are extremely productive. A good example of what we do is incorporating garden rows that are specifically planted for beneficial pollinator insects that help control pests as well as increasing pollination of our flowering produce.

No hills on this walk, but the ground is earthen, so please be prepared as well as bringing sunscreen, bug spray, etc. Several community partners will be tabling as well! Location: 5 Home Farm Way. Contact us for directions, ride request, or more info! 262-6288 or feast@montpelier-vt.org. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1235/FEAST-Farm>

Montpelier Senior Activity Center Adult and Youth Class Registration Continues, Classes begin early July

Did you know most of our classes are open to the public from teenagers on up? MSAC has started summer class registration (online, by mail and drop-off) for 32 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 and financial aid is available. .

[Click here for more details](#), registration forms and class descriptions.

MSAC at Home is now offering fall prevention & simple indoor chores 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.

Additionally, MSAC at Home is now offering 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 to learn more or to sign up for any of these services. As a reminder, all MSAC at Home services are provided for free or by optional donation at this time. For more info, see the MSAC at Home FAQs [here](#).

Craft Night in Hubbard Park with Notion Fabric & Craft, Continues 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! Grab your handheld project and join us at the New Shelter for crafts, conversation, and community. We are so excited to connect with you in person!

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.

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.

Starting July 6th: Picnic with us inside or out!

Starting July 6th, MSAC's doors will be open for FEAST-ers to bring their meals inside on Tuesdays and Fridays. Simply pick up your meal at the side entrance, and bring your meal inside, or sit outside at one of the tables in the front courtyard. Volunteers will be on hand to offer you water and collect your silverware. Enjoy music (Fridays), fresh air, delicious meals – and each other's company again!



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 6th.

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 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*)

7/21	4 th Quarter Financials 4 th Quarter Strategic Plan Update Social Economic Justice Committee Report? LHMP Approval Stormwater Utility discussion Stormwater Master Plan update Appoint Public Restroom Committee	TBD	Special call in meeting to set tax rate
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

? = 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