

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
7/19	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
7/19	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
7/20	Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom and Memorial Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
7/21	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
7/21	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	Zoom and City Manager's Conference Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
7/21	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>



## Public Health and Safety

### **COVID-19 Updates:**

The COVID-19 virus is still a threat to Vermont and our community! Remember that anyone 12 and older can get a vaccine - [find a location near you here!](#) If you feel like you need to be tested, locations can be found [here](#).

Also, remember that the most important prevention tip is that if you are not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask helps protect you and the people around you from getting or spreading COVID-19.



## 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).

### **Montpelier Parks & Outdoor Recreation Survey**

Montpelier Alive and the City of Montpelier Community Services Department are seeking feedback from residents that will help guide the development of parks and outdoor recreation in Montpelier for the next decade. They have released an online survey as part of a project to enhance recreational access and equity and harness outdoor recreation to boost economic development in Montpelier. The survey is available online at [www.montpelieralive.org/survey](http://www.montpelieralive.org/survey).

The survey is open to anyone, regardless of town of residence, and takes about ten minutes to complete. This survey is focused on how people use Montpelier's Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities. Anyone who completes this survey can enter to win one of 20 \$25 gift certificates to Montpelier businesses.

The survey is part of a collaboration between Montpelier Parks and Montpelier Alive to develop higher quality outdoor recreation facilities that both serve residents and attract visitors to town. The project is made possible by a grant from Ten Minute Walk and the Trust for Public Land.



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### **Collective Bargaining Update**

I am sending a confidential memo with a summary of bargaining status. I will update the council in Executive Session on Wednesday night.

### **Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District offering Free Equipment and Services to Landlords of Multi-unit Housing**

If you're a landlord of multi-unit housing in one of CVSWMD's 19 member towns (\*see list below), we have free equipment and services (limits apply) to help you manage recycling, food scraps and other solid waste management at your housing sites.

Assistance may include:

- Free Compost pails for tenants
- Free Recycling bins for tenants
- Free Compost bins and Green Cones for on-site composting (comes with peripherals and training)
- Onsite Compost consultation
- Signage for recycling, food scrap and trash stations
- Reimbursement for Food scrap hauling for the first two months for eligible sites
- Reimbursement for projects like building compost bins and tote enclosures

**This is a USDA grant-funded program that is available through mid-September only.** Landlords of qualifying multi-unit properties in CVSWMD member towns can learn more and [apply on our website.](#)



## 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.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **Community Services Department Updates**

#### **Parkapalooza Summer Concert Series continues at Hubbard Park!**

The City of Montpelier's Community Services Department invites all to Parkapalooza, Hubbard Park's Free Summer Concert Series. This family-friendly, outdoor concert series is held at the Tuning Forks Stage in Hubbard Park and features live music from talented local and regional bands. The events are held **every Thursday from 5:30-7:30 pm for six more weeks**, with music beginning at 6pm. The musical lineup includes:

- ◆ 7/22: The Renegade Groove
- ◆ 7/29: Sabouyouma
- ◆ 8/5: Nina Sklar and the Weather Birds
- ◆ 8/12: High Summer
- ◆ 8/19: Patti Casey and the Wicked Fine Players
- ◆ TO be rescheduled: Barika

Each event also features the Park's 100' long slip 'n slide (weather permitting), and plenty of space to roam and play outside in Hubbard Park. Parking is inside Hubbard Park, accessible via Winter St., Spring St., or Corse St. in Montpelier. Concert-goers are encouraged to walk or carpool when possible. The events are offered free to the community, but donations will be accepted at various locations!

Food vendors may be added at a later date, but as of this release, this year's Parkapalooza is BYO everything, so bring whatever food and drink you need to keep yourself satisfied and consider these as "carry-in, carry-out" Park events.

This year's event is **sponsored by the following local businesses: Presenting Sponsors:** Caledonia Spirits Distillery, Community National Bank, Hunger Mountain Co-op, Isham-Berwick Insurance, Vermont State Employees Credit Union. **Supporting Sponsors:** AroMed, Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Montpelier Construction, Noyle Johnson Group, Onion River Outdoors, Sarducci's Restaurant, Union Mutual Insurance and Vermont Compost.

**Montpelier City Pool Passes and Swim Lessons are on sale now, and Pool is approaching its third week open!**

1. The Recreation maintenance team and DPW have worked very hard to get the pool working and maintain it after a year of closure!
2. Daily Pool pass prices, schedules, and closure announcements can be found on the [Pool 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](mailto:nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org).

### **Volunteer Profile: Linda Hogan in the *Active Times* newsletter**

*Linda Hogan has volunteered countless hours of service to Montpelier Senior Activity Center in the past several years leading art classes, organizing and hanging art and poetry shows, leading the Photo Club discussions and walks, and more. Painter, educator, photographer, silversmith, poet, radio host... Linda Hogan has been all of these and more over the course of a career dedicated to serving and celebrating the arts. Born into a family of artists, Linda grew up in and around Cape Cod, MA; her mother, a skilled weaver, wove Linda's silken wedding dress; Linda's beloved grandmother, an accomplished painter who moved freely between media, helped instill a love of exploration that informs Linda's work to this day...*

Click [here](#) to read the rest of the cover page profile of Linda by Neville Berle and the 16-page newsletter in full.

### **MSAC's Annual Survey Deadline Extended to July 30!**

If you're an area older adult, your input matters to us and will help us plan the next year's services, programs and priorities! If you haven't already, please take ten minutes or less to fill out the Annual Survey, preferably online: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1095/Annual-Survey>,

or by paper copy picked up at MSAC's 58 Barre Street side door or requested by USPS or email. All completed online or paper surveys must reach MSAC by July 30, 2021.

**MSAC is Hiring: Apply now for a September start Americorps position: Aging in Place Coordinator (deadline July 31).**

The Goal of the position is to improve quality of life for area older adults by (1) participating in program development for the newly established MSAC at Home program, based on the “Village” models that have been successful in other communities around the state and country (2) assisting MSAC’s thriving FEAST Senior Meals Program, and (3) assisting seniors in accessing technology through training and development of MSAC’s new tech-device lending library. You can find all the details and application instructions at: <http://bit.ly/36FBTzm>. Please spread the word about this great position offering professional development, a living stipend, rental subsidy, and the chance to serve the community in vital ways! We are happy to field questions at 262-6287; application deadline is July 31, and applications must be made following instructions at the link above.

### **MSAC at Home, supporting Aging in Place: Get help with basic indoor and outdoor chores, fall prevention home evaluations, technology training and more**

Americorps member Andrew Gribbin is busy developing these great services! To learn more about MSAC at Home, make a request for help with chores, technology or fall-prevention home assessments; or to learn about volunteering opportunities, visit [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac-at-home](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac-at-home), contact Aging in Place Coordinator Andrew Gribbin: [msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac-amicorps@montpelier-vt.org) or call 262-6287.

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

**Meals on Wheels** 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 and 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** 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 \$5-\$10, and the fee is \$7-10 if you’re under age 60. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288 or email us at: [feast@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org). Reservations are not required to get meals.

### **Picnic with us inside or out!**

Our doors have opened for FEAST-ers to bring their Curbside pickup meals inside on Tuesdays and Fridays or sit outside at one of the tables in the front courtyard. Volunteers are on hand to offer you water and collect your silverware. Enjoy music, fresh air, delicious meals – and each other’s company again! On Fridays, and optional show and tell occurs after lunch at 12:45pm.

### **MYCC Starts 2nd Session:**

The Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps (MYCC) started its 2nd 3-week session this week. 20 High Schoolers from MHS and U-32 are working in our Parks, along the Siboinébi Path, and at the FEAST Farm. If you see them around town please thank them for their efforts!



## **Sustainable Infrastructure**

### **Water Shutdown/ Street Closure**

Starting next Tuesday, 7/20 and continuing through Thursday 7/22 Liberty St. will be closed at the intersection of Main St. in order to facilitate construction of the Main St. water main. On Tuesday, 7/20 a significant water shutdown will be required in order to connect the new piping to the existing system. The water shutdown will include Main Street from School Street to Liberty Street as well as Spring Street. Hydrants will be out of service during the shutdown. The shutdown is scheduled to start at 8am and is estimated to last approximately 8 hours. Notices will be distributed to impacted properties today

### **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**

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

### **Guertin Park, 12-16 Main Street Long Term Use Update**

Problems continue with the structure in its current location. As you know, we've unsuccessfully pursued grants to move the structure to the 12-16 Main St area along with other improvements. We believe we can relocate the structure – without the other improvements – using city staff and equipment.

I have received another inquiry about this property, this time as a potential parking option for a new business opportunity in downtown.



## Employment and Personnel Announcements

### **Municipal Job Openings:**

- **Police Department- Patrol Officers:** The Patrol Officer is responsible for the efficient performance of required duties in conformance with the laws and the Department's rules, regulations and policies. Duties shall consist of, but are not necessarily limited to, a number of general police responsibilities necessarily necessary to the stability and safety of the community. For applications and more information, click [here](#) or email [recruiting@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:recruiting@montpelier-vt.org).
- **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](#).
- **Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) Director:** The City of Montpelier, seeks a dynamic applicant for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) Director, to lead a progressive and dedicated multi-purpose Senior Center Department. The Senior Center operates as a destination for Montpelier's aging population to take a variety of classes, to socialize, and to have congregate meals. The Director would be responsible for the management of MSAC programs, volunteers, staff, and for assisting the member-elected Advisory Council. The MSAC Director would also be responsible for the MSAC budget and Departmental Strategic Plan. This also includes oversight of the City's FEAST senior nutrition program- which provides in-person and delivered meals for the homebound and eligible in our community. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three professional references electronically by July 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM to Cameron Niedermayer, Assistant City Manager, [cniedermayer@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:cniedermayer@montpelier-vt.org). 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 see City Council Meetings: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council>
- Click here for Live Stream: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events>

Thank you,

William Fraser, City Manager

## Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

7/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials</li> <li>• Updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval?</li> <li>• Appoint Public Restroom Committee</li> <li>• City Encampment Response Policy Review</li> <li>• Hotel/Garage legal update</li> <li>• Collective Bargaining update</li> </ul>	8/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEIC Net Zero Report –</li> <li>• District Heat Rates</li> <li>• Social Economic Justice Committee Report?</li> <li>• Traffic Calming (MTIC)</li> <li>• Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan?</li> </ul>
8/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater Utility discussion</li> <li>• Stormwater Master Plan</li> <li>• Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Update</li> <li>• Police Committee Report</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan Update</li> <li>• Rec Center Update</li> </ul>	9/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Planning Session</li> </ul>
9/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Agenda</li> <li>• Adopt Strategic Plan</li> <li>• FY23 Budget Process</li> <li>• Economic Development?</li> <li>• 12-16 Main Street Update?</li> </ul>	10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials</li> </ul>

? = 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

Conduit Policy

Housing Task Force Report follow up

WRRF Dryer Update

City Master Plan