

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
8/16	Public Art Commission	5:00 PM	Zoom and City Manager's Conference Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/16	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/16	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/17	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Zoom and City Manager's Conference Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/17	Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom and Memorial Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/18	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/18	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/18	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	Zoom and City Manager's Conference Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/18	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
8/19	Montpelier Housing Task Force	5:00 PM	Zoom and City Manager's Conference Room	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>



## Public Health and Safety

### **COVID-19 Updates**

This week, the Governor and his team [shared data](#) that shows that even though Vermont's vaccination rate is very high and improving, case numbers have been rapidly rising. It remains super important to get your vaccination! Find an appointment [here](#).

#### **City of Montpelier Staff Mask Policy Updates: [New](#)**

Because of the rise of local COVID-19 cases, the City has amended its staff mask wearing policy. If the CDC designates Washington County as a "high-level" area of transmission of COVID-19, (the CDC threshold for "high" transmission is 100 cases per 100,000 residents), then the City will require City Staff to wear masks indoors or when in external meetings, regardless of their vaccination status. CDC determination of "high-levels" of transmission can be found [here](#). Unvaccinated employees are still always required to wear masks while indoors.

The City strongly recommends that all visitors wear masks to any indoor City facilities. The City Council will be discussing a mask requirement for visitors at City Hall or other City Facilities at their August 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **Schools and Masks: [Update](#)**

State officials have asked all students and school staff members to plan to wear a mask in the first several weeks of school. Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools [shared this letter from the Superintendent](#) that outlines the following: "Students and staff in every building are required to wear a mask while indoors until further notice. Masks may be removed when students and staff are outside the school building. Masks are required on all school buses".



## Environmental Stewardship

No updates for this week.



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### **ARPA Funding – Council Agenda Scheduling Change**

We received excellent news this week that county funding for Vermont will be re-allocated to municipalities. We have not received details of the final amounts but suspect it will be close to our original funding estimates. Once we know the formal amounts we will return to the Council for consideration of use. Due to the projected length of the 8/18 meeting, I am moving discussion of the \$50,000 “on hold” until 8/25.

### **Collective Bargaining Update**

We made very significant progress with both the Fire/EMS and DPW unions this past week. The Fire contract is in final draft and review stage. It should be ready to come to Council on 8/25. DPW negotiations are down to a couple of final issues. It is possible that they could be ready for 8/25 as well.

Police Supervisor and Patrol negotiations have gone well. Due to schedules, though, we won't be meeting again until 8/24 so any potential Council ratification will be in September at the earliest.

We are beginning a review of compensation for all nonunion employees as well.

### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

We will all enjoy the break until August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note, though, that the meetings on both the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be very full with some substantive issues. You may want to plan for slightly longer than usual sessions. We are still holding September 8<sup>th</sup> for Strategic Planning only.



## More Housing

### **Homelessness New**

DCF Commissioner Sean Brown will attend the next City Council meeting to discuss the State's plans and strategies regarding homelessness. It's possible that this conversation will be tied in with the encampment policy but will occur regardless of whether the policy is ready to be brought forward again on that date.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **Community Services Department**

#### **Hiring: FEAST Senior Meals Program Manager at Montpelier Senior Activity Center**

The City of Montpelier seeks a dynamic applicant for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) FEAST Senior Meals Program Manager. To learn more about FEAST, visit: [www.montpelier-vt.org/feast](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/feast). FEAST is in the process of an exciting re-design in Fall 2021.

MSAC operates as a destination for Central VT's aging population to take a variety of classes, to socialize, and to access nutrition, wellness opportunities and more, in-person and remotely. The FEAST Manager is responsible for the management of MSAC's Meals on Wheels, Curbside pickup and congregate meal programs, FEAST volunteers, federal nutrition contract obligations and advocacy. The FEAST Manager co-supervises an Americorps member and participates in regional networking related to food security and social justice. The FEAST Manager is also an important member of the Community Services Department Team.

Wage is competitive and position is for 30 hours per week. Excellent and comprehensive benefits package. Female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three professional references electronically to Sarah Lipton, currently in the role and transitioning to Director of MSAC: [slipton@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:slipton@montpelier-vt.org). More information about MSAC is on our website at [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac).

#### **Hiring: Apply now for a September start Americorps position: Aging in Place Coordinator**

The position improves quality of life for area older adults by (1) participating in development for the newly established MSAC at Home program, based on the "Village" models 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 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 stipend, rental subsidy, and the chance to serve the community in vital ways!

#### **Youth Soccer Registration is open; deadline August 24 to sign-up**

Stop by the office to sign-up between 8-4, call 802-225-8699 or email [nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org) with questions. Registration forms are at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/939/Registration-Forms>. Cash, checks and credit card options.

### **More Recreation Programs for Fall will be announced soon**

Stay tuned by visiting our website at [www.montpelier-vt.org/rec](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/rec) or calling 225-8699.

### **Capital Kids Afterschool Childcare Program Registration is underway – service starts August 26!**

To learn more about our affordable, state-licensed program with subsidies and available 2:30-5:30pm throughout the school year, visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare>, call the office at 802-225-8699 or email [nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org) with questions.

### **Montpelier City Pool last day open will be August 22; season passes now 50% off!**

Last day of early lap swim at 7-8am is Friday, August 20. Daily Pool pass prices, schedules, FAQs and closure announcements can be found on the [Pool webpage](#) or by reaching out to the Recreation Department at 802-225-8699 or email [nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org).

### **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 **Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm**, with music beginning at 6pm. The musical lineup includes:

- ◆ 8/19: Patti Casey and the Wicked Fine Players
- ◆ 9/2: Sabouyouma (rescheduled from July rain cancellation)
- ◆ 9/23: Barika (rescheduled from July rain cancellation)

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! 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. Food truck may be available at some events.

Parkapalooza sponsorship is 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.

**Elders Together Drop-in Group**, Monday, August 16, 1-2:30pm at Montpelier Senior Activity Center. (Email [maryalicebisbee@gmail.com](mailto:maryalicebisbee@gmail.com) or call 223-8140 for more information, to RSVP and request carpooling.)

### **August 20th: Field of Dreams Baseball Card Collection Show and Tell**

Every Friday after FEAST Curbside, we invite members to bring something to show or a story to share, around 12:45pm. We're excited to announce that on Friday, 8/20, we will

all have the opportunity to see an incredible collection of autographed baseball cards, lovingly collected and curated by Tim White. To enjoy the baseball celebration, FEAST will be offering to-go fresh popcorn following the day's menu of beef enchiladas and summer vegetables. Join us, and re-live the field of dreams...call 262-6288 to reserve a meal! Note: at this time, FEAST meals are not served inside due to COVID increases.

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

#### **FEAST Curbside Pick-up Meals**

All seniors are welcome to pick up a Curbside meal on Tuesdays and Fridays. Simply pickup your meal outside between 12 and 12:30. 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 Meals Inside on-hold for now**

With COVID numbers rising in our region, we are encouraging all people to mask inside MSAC regardless of vaccine status, and we have decided to pause from serving meals inside at this time until further notice, effective August 13.

**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).

#### **Volunteer for FEAST**

As we ramp back up to serving meals inside and delivering daily hot meals, we are going to need a lot more help again. If you or someone you know is interested in helping us bring nutritious, delicious meals to seniors who need them, please let us know by calling or emailing us: 802-262-6288, [feast@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org). We are seeking the following:

- Meals on Wheels Drivers
- FEAST Curbside Picnic Volunteers
- FEAST Special Events Volunteers
- FEAST Farm Support



**Sustainable Infrastructure**

No updates for this week.



## Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

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

As discussed at the last Council meeting, the Guertin Park structure will be moved to 12-16 Main Street as soon as feasible, currently planned for the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>, pending DRC permit approval. The Public Art Commission will also be installing public art on the 16 Main Street lot soon!

Conversation about the longer term uses of this property will be held later this fall.



## Employment and Personnel Announcements

### **Montpelier Senior Activity Center Director Hired: Welcome Sarah Lipton!**

After receiving eight qualified applications, the hiring committee had narrowed down the selection and interviewed two finalists. Both finalists went through panel interviews with the Montpelier Senior Activity Center Advisory Council and the City's Leadership Team. We are happy to announce that the job has been offered to and accepted by Sarah Lipton, who is currently the City's FEAST Program Manager. Sarah will be transitioning into her new role within the coming weeks. Welcome Sarah!

### **Municipal Job Openings:**

Visit the City website for more information: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx>

- **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](#).
- **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. Call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.
- **FEAST Senior Meals Program Manager at Montpelier Senior Activity Center:** The City of Montpelier seeks a dynamic applicant for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) FEAST Senior Meals Program Manager. To learn more about FEAST, visit: [www.montpelier-vt.org/feast](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/feast). Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three professional references electronically to Sarah Lipton, currently in the role and transitioning to Director of MSAC: [slipton@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:slipton@montpelier-vt.org).



## 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*)

8/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness Issues: State Representative Presentation and Encampment Policy Review</li> <li>• VEIC Net Zero Report</li> <li>• Social Economic Justice Committee Report</li> <li>• Traffic Calming (MTIC) Update</li> <li>• District Heat Rates – Consent</li> <li>• Masks in City Facilities Discussion</li> </ul>	8/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Committee Report</li> <li>• Stormwater Utility discussion</li> <li>• Stormwater Master Plan</li> <li>• Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Update</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Update- End of Year</li> <li>• Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan Approval</li> <li>• Fire and DPW Contracts</li> <li>• ARPA Funds Update</li> </ul>
9/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Planning Session for 2021-2022</li> </ul>	9/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Agenda</li> <li>• Adopt Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Economic Development?</li> <li>• 12-16 Main Street Update?</li> <li>• Rec Center Update</li> </ul>
10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials</li> <li>• FY23 Budget Process</li> </ul>	10/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holiday Season meeting calendar</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