

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
10/4	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/4	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/5	Investment Committee	5:30 PM	City Manager's Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/5	Transportations and Infrastructure Committee	6: 00 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/6	Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/6	Community Fund Board	10:00 AM	City Manger's Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/6	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/6	Complete Streets Committee	5:30 PM	Memorial Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

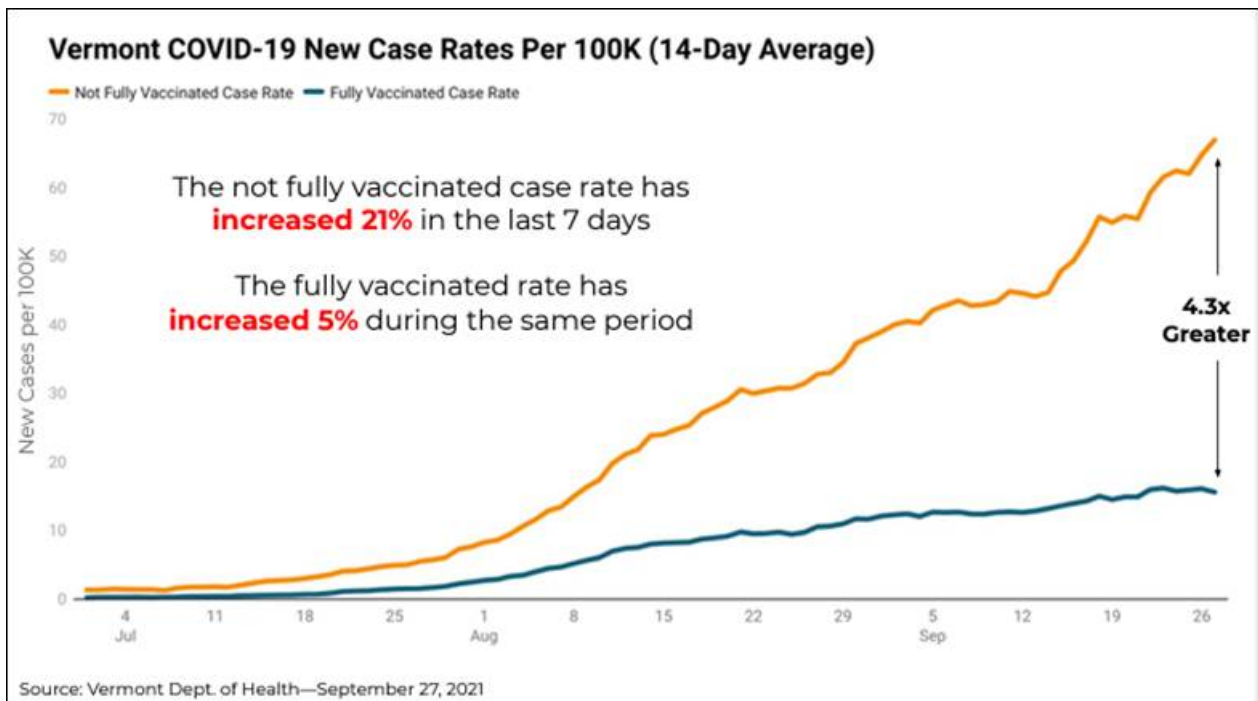
COVID-19 Response- Updated

New: You can now get a booster shot of Pfizer vaccine if you received your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine six months ago or more and are:

- age 65 or older; or
- age 18 or older with certain medical conditions that put you at high risk of getting severely ill with COVID-19; or
- age 18 or older who are more likely to be exposed to or spread COVID because of where you work; or
- age 18 or older and are Black, Indigenous or a person of color (BIPOC) or are age 18 or older and live with someone who is BIPOC.

More information available here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

New: The State has updated their [weekly COVID-19 Data report](#). The report shows that the COVID-19 case rate in the unvaccinated population has increased **21%** in the last 7 days, while the case rate in people who are vaccinated has increased 5% in the same time-period:



The report also states that you hospitalizations for the unvaccinated remain 3.1x higher if you get sick with COVID-19 than someone who is fully vaccinated.

The CDC continues to list Washington County has a [High Level of Community Transmission](#) and they recommend that everyone in Washington County should wear a mask in public, indoor settings.

It is imperative you get your vaccinations to protect yourself and others! Visit healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine to make an appointment.

School COVID-19 Updates:

Updated: Memo regarding [Recommendations for Contact Tracing](#). Due to the current conditions and case numbers, the Health Department will resume the process initiated during the 2020-21 school year, whereby schools will conduct internal contact tracing in partnership with the Health Department.

City of Montpelier Mask Policy Updates:

As a reminder, the City Council has implemented a mask wearing requirement for all visitors to City facilities, regardless of a person's vaccination status.



Environmental Stewardship

Net Zero Action Plan Final Report

The Net Zero Action Plan was developed for the City of Montpelier in close collaboration with several City departments, the School District, and the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee (MEAC). The purpose of the action plan is to lay out a realistic pathway to achieving the goal of net zero energy by the year 2030 without being overly prescriptive. This action plan provides helpful information that can be used to develop the necessary strategies to dramatically reduce and eventually eliminate fossil fuel use. The final report can be found [here](#).

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - update

The LHMP that received Council approval was submitted to Vermont Emergency Management, who then submitted the plan for final approval by FEMA. This week, on Tuesday September 28th 2021, FEMA notified the State and the City that our LHMP has been approved! Congratulations to the City's internal team, the LHMP Committee, and another thank you to Council for support throughout this process.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Collective Bargaining - update

With the approval of contracts this week, we have concluded bargaining with all four unions. We will next bargain with DPW and the two Police Unions in 2024 and Fire in 2025. We are currently undertaking a review of compensation for all nonunion employees.

Strategic Planning Process Continues: Updated

The Council met on September 22nd to continue their discussion around priorities for their FY22-23 City Council Strategic Plan. They received a draft of overall vision and mission statements to discuss at their next meeting, and went into depth voting for their prioritized Strategies. The top strategies were as follows:

1. Goal: Improve Community Prosperity
 - a. Goal: Actively Support Economic Development and Promote Outdoor Economic Development
2. Goal: Provide Responsible and Engaged Government
 - a. Strategy: Communicate Effectively
3. Goal: Create More Housing
 - a. Strategy: Increase Available Housing Units
4. Goal: Practice Good Environmental Stewardship
 - a. Strategy: Promote Conservation of River, Water and Land Resources
 - b. Strategy: Address Climate Change issues
5. Goal: Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure
 - a. Strategy: Address New or Improved Infrastructure Needs
 - b. Strategy: Implement Long-term DPW/Infrastructure Plans
 - c. Strategy: Continue Infrastructure Funding Strategies
6. Goal: Improve Public Health and Safety
 - a. Strategy: Address Homelessness in the community
 - b. Strategy: Provide Policing which fits Montpelier's needs and Effective Mental Health

The City's Leadership Team will continue to meet and flesh out these Strategies with proposed initiatives. The Council has been sent individual polls to help them prioritize their preferred Initiatives that fall under these Goals and Strategies, and will finalize those at their next meeting.

General Business Responses

9/22

- The **restroom committee** has, indeed, not met. It would be appropriate for this committee to consider the use of City Hall and/or Transit Center restrooms and related costs for each of those options.
- The City Manager met with Council Member Bate to discuss the **CVPSA public records request** that was referenced. CVPSA is the agency who needs to respond.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

MPD Advanced Interview Training Workshop

This week, the Montpelier Police Department has hosted an Advanced Interview Training workshop in Montpelier with officers, deputies and investigators from police

agencies throughout the state. The training was provided by Mark Anderson of Anderson Investigative Services at <https://andersoninvestigative.com/>. Mark has a wealth of knowledge and experience coming from his years of service with multiple agencies including the U.S. Department of Justice, the DOJ Inspector General, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

On behalf of MPD, we want to thank Mark and Cathy Anderson for better preparing us to provide unparalleled trauma-informed, professional law enforcement services to our community! We also want to thank the officers, investigators and deputies who attended the training and their respective agencies for the commitment to allowing them to be here. They were an outstanding group of people and we are glad to serve along side of them in service to Vermont!

Community Services Department- Updates/New

Community Services Department Shared Items / Collaborations

Volunteers needed for Senior Center, Parks, and Recreation

Current volunteer needs include: people with carpentry, wall-patching and painting skills, Savoy DVD archive monitors, people willing to help with Fall outdoor chores and vegetable harvesting, technology tutors, meals on wheels drivers and kitchen assistance.

Indoor and Outdoor Space Rentals available with Senior Center, FEAST Kitchen, Parks and Recreation

Trying to resume pandemic-paused group meet-up or schedule a one-time special event or meeting? We have affordable indoor and outdoor spaces in many shapes and locations, some with audio-visual available. We also rent out our fully licensed commercial kitchen when not in use for FEAST senior meals production. To learn more or request space at Community Services Department facilities, visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/337/Facility-Rentals> or call 225-8699. Masking required indoors in all city facilities by all people at this time, regardless of vaccine status.

Montpelier Parks & Trees Division items

Learn more about the [Hubbard Park Expansion Project](#) and Fundraising Campaign: Two events online and in-person

We have the opportunity to add 80 acres to Hubbard Park this year. Join Parks staff and Parks Commission members to hear details and ask questions about this exciting opportunity! To learn more and pledge / donate toward our \$100K remaining goal, [click here](#). Event details:

- **Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 pm on Zoom Video/Phone** For Zoom link or number, contact jclar@montpelier-vt.org or call 802-262-6284.

- **Wednesday, October 13, 5:30 pm at Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre St.**(limited to 30 attendees). To RSVP, email jclar@montpelier-vt.org or call 802-262-6284.If we surpass the COVID capacity, we will schedule another event.

Feast Farm Journal: Sept.—Oct. ~by Leila Faulstich, Parks VHCB Americorps member

These days, I have a lot of love in my heart for Feast Farm. Jac continues to manage it; she is an intelligent, kind and keen-eyed leader. Our new Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps (MYCC) crew came on Monday to help us weed and harvest. As we introduced them to the Feast Farm project, the radicalness and potency of what we are doing really struck me. How incredible it would be if every city had a farm to feed its citizens! If every high schooler had the opportunity to learn about tending the land for class credit! (Time to dream). The farm is at peak harvest. The tomatoes are so abundant they leave Cara slack-jawed. The colors on the rows--purples, reds, greens, marigold goldens, russets, oranges-- are dizzying. This month we harvested turnips, red and yellow onions, chard, summer squash, zucchini, cucumbers, kale, potatoes, shishito peppers, red peppers, jalapenos, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, spring onion, eggplant and beets. And there's so much more to come! We know this abundance won't last-- a first frost nips the near future... But in the meantime, come visit us, and the vegetables, and the old John Deere tractor, and the woodchuck holes, and the out-of-control weeds, and the long river, and the wavering, late-summer light.

Preparing for Winter Walk

Saturday, October 16, 10:00am (rain date, October 17) | Free | For all ages

Meet at the New Shelter in Hubbard Park, Montpelier for this easy to moderate walk. Join Naturalist Gail Johnson for a walk exploring how trees and animals get ready for winter. Finding leaves that have changed color, we'll learn why they change color, and how deciduous leaves transfer food they make to the bottom of the trunk before they fall. We'll find animals and relate them to the ways animals prepare for winter: either migration, physical change, storage of food, or locating and readying a winter home. Gail has beautiful photographs and physical props to illustrate the topic. Just show up and share!

Enchanted Forest at Hubbard Park

Friday, October 29 & Saturday, October 30

Our family-friendly, enchanting event featuring a candlelit walk, art, music and more, in partnership with All Together Now, is on! Ticket sales will be online and at the Community Services office at 58 Barre Street starting October 4. Check Facebook and the website here for updates and a link to tickets soon, which sell out fast:
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1188/Upcoming-Events>

Parks Crew needs help on the FEAST Farm!

Even though summer is slowing down, veggies growing at Feast Farm are not!

Please [join us for volunteer work days](#), every Wednesday morning (9am-12pm) until the season is over. We will be working on harvesting produce for the FEAST Senior Meals Program, the Montpelier Food Pantry, as well as the Montpelier-Roxbury School "Backpack Program." We'll also be preparing for winter by planting cover crops. We have tasks for folks of all ages and abilities!

Please sign up for a time slot [HERE](#). No need to stay for the whole time, but it's helpful for us to know how many people will be joining. Directions to the farm are on the spreadsheet. Feel free to email Jacqueline at jhuettenmoser@montpelier-vt.org with questions.

Montpelier Recreation Division items

Annual Ski Skate Sale is Cancelled this Year

We are sad to announce that due to our understaffed team, lack of access to the right space for the event, and the pandemic being a general disruption to operations, this is the right decision for this year. We hope to be back in 2022 for this great community event and wish everyone well as you gear up for the cold recreation season....eventually!

Recreation Programs and Facility Access for Youth & Adults!

We've got Tae Kwon Do for Youth & Adults, Tennis clinics for ages 6-13 and access to many outdoor facilities for drop-in pickleball, tennis and more. The gym remains closed most of the time but is available for rental; masking required inside city facilities. See our website, call 225-8699 or stop by the office at 58 Barre Street (the senior center) to get more information.

Capital Kids Afterschool Childcare Program still has space for kids from all towns!

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 with questions.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center Division items

Montpelier Senior Activity Center welcomes many new staff!

Sarah Lipton has transitioned to her role as the new Director of MSAC. Janna Clar has transitioned to her new role of Communications & Development Coordinator for Community Services (MSAC, Parks & Rec), Kim Myers is the new FEAST Program Manager, Maddie Sholar is the new Americorps Aging in Place Coordinator, and Albert Sabatini is starting in mid-October as the new FEAST Kitchen Manager / Chef. Join us in welcoming new members to the team!

MSAC's October 2021 *Active Times* is hot off the press!

Click on the image at left or [here](#) to read the full 12 pages of great contents, including a Director's Dispatch from Sarah Lipton, a profile on volunteer Noah Sexton, a Q&A with Americorps member Maddie Sholar, lots of updates about FEAST Senior Meals Program and the FEAST Farm, many events coming this month and next, updates on

Fall classes and more announcements and resources from MSAC, Parks & Rec, and our community partners. Please note that the table of contents has moved to page 2!

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Lectures Return to MSAC for two events after 19 month hiatus!

A happy crowd of 30 masked, distanced older adults enjoyed Osher's first event Wednesday, September 29 at MSAC: "Spirits" with "Banjo" Dan Lindner, Musician. Next up is "Heart and Eyes: A Lens on the World" with Elliot Burg, Photographer, on Wednesday, October 6 at 1:30-3:00pm. Limited seating for COVID safety. Advance registration is required with OSHER (not MSAC) at: learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt or phone 802-656-5817. Price is \$8/session or \$20 for these two programs and three films Nov.-Dec. To learn more about OSHER and other Fall in-person and online programs, visit <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/>.

Got smartphone or iPad Questions? Technology Tutor Available at MSAC! Next session: Friday afternoons, October 1, 3:30-4:30

Local high school student, Russell Clar, is available for twenty-minute appointments at Montpelier Senior Activity Center to assist seniors with smartphone set-up, settings adjustments, email questions, Google Docs, photo-editing, or bring other questions/needs and he'll do his best to help! To reserve a slot or get your name on a future list, call the MSAC main office at 223-2518 or email msac@montpelier-vt.org.

The Anti-Inflammatory Diet

with Lisa Mase | on Zoom | 1 Tuesday, 10/5 | 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Open to public | Ages 15+ | \$20 member / \$25 public. We will explore the common causes of inflammation and learn which foods are best for reducing and eliminating it. We will prepare and sample anti-inflammatory recipes and leave with inspiration for healthy cooking. Sign up in advance at MSAC or online at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes>.

VT Home Energy Profile Clinics

Friday, Oct. 8 OR Oct. 22 | 4:00-5:30pm | Free | in-person at 58 Barre Street | Pre-registration is required

Mayor Anne Watson and the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee, together with Efficiency VT and the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership, bring you this free clinic from MSAC's Community Room. The clinic will be most effective if you bring your own laptop or other device.

The VT Home Energy Profile is a useful tool to help homeowners assess the energy efficiency of their own home. It's generated either by answering questions about the home or by entering utility bill information. In the end, there are some recommendations to homeowners about next steps they may take to make their home more efficient. This workshop will assist attendees in filling out survey questions to get a VT Home Energy Profile for their homes, making sure it makes sense and is done correctly. To learn more:

<https://www.netzeromontpelier.org/home-energy-information-ordinance>

To pre-register and receive electronic resources via email in advance, email

msac@montpelier-vt.org or call 802-223-2518 by the Wednesday prior to each event (10/6, 10/20), indicating the date you will attend and your mailing address or email address for materials distribution before or after clinics.

Fall Adult and Teen Classes with MSAC: Sign up now!

We've got 32 affordable, diverse, online, in-person and hybrid options in the Arts, Humanities, so many forms of movement, and ten options of yoga. Visit our website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes>, stop by MSAC at 58 Barre Street or call us at 223-2518 to learn more or get help to register! Lots of space left in these classes in particular!

Arts & Humanities: Drawing Basics, Digital Photography, Writing Tuesdays, Opera IV, Slow Jam Drop-in Group

Movement (Non-Yoga): Bone Builders, Movement for Parkinson's & Other Neuro-movement Challenges, Somatic Movement

Yoga: Chair Yoga, Yoga for Osteoporosis & Osteopenia, Moving into Stillness: Yoga & Meditation, Moderate Yoga Thursdays

FEAST Veggie Fiesta: You are Invited to Volunteer in the Kitchen!

Montpelier's FEAST Farm has grown above and beyond...and the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) is seeking volunteers to help us process the beautiful produce so we can use it this fall and winter to incorporate into our FEAST Senior Meals. Join us for 1.5+ hours, and enjoy kitchen camaraderie and a special Mediterranean lunch prepared for you by our lead kitchen volunteer, a chef from Tunisia! Volunteer Fiestas will take place in the beautiful MSAC Kitchen (58 Barre St, Montpelier) on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 – 12:30pm. If you are interested, please RSVP with your available date(s) by clicking on our [signup sheet here](#). Alternately, email feast@montpelier-vt.org or call 262-6288 to learn about volunteering in other ways with FEAST now or later this Fall.

Slow Jam Drop-in Group for Music-making, with experienced musicians | at MSAC Community Room | Biweekly Thursdays, 2nd of six dates is 10/14 | 6:15- 8:15pm| Open to public | Age 14+ | Suggested donation: \$5 per session

MSAC will offer a "Slow Jam" on an every other Thursday basis. The purpose of the Slow Jam format is to get the players familiar with the jam protocols associated with traditional and Celtic music as well as build confidence to participate in other jams. The session will start with a short instruction followed by playing familiar tunes at a slower than normal tempo and focus on playing by ear once the key of the song is announced. All acoustic instruments are welcome (no amplification please). Local musicians experienced in the jamming will lead the group. All ages and levels of playing are welcome to participate. These sessions are meant for beginning and intermediate level players with some basic familiarity with their instruments and will not include in-depth instrument instruction. These sessions focus on fun and learning. There is a suggested

donation of \$5 for each session that you attend to help support MSAC and the local musician leaders. No one is turned away for inability to contribute. Registration is encouraged but not necessary. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/6634/Fall-2021-MSAC-Class-Reg-Form?bidId=>

FEAST Senior Meals Program of MSAC:

Thank you, Capstone Community Kitchen Academy!

We are grateful to Chef Joey and her team at Capstone's Community Kitchen Academy for preparing our nutritious, delicious FEAST senior meals for the month of October! This partnership ensures that we have the space and time to gear up our own kitchen and onboard our new Kitchen Manager / Chef to reopen FEAST meal production at MSAC in November.

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. Reservations are not required to get meals.

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.

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. 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 Gazebo Relocation: Updated

The City's zoning permits for relocating the Guertin Park structure were approved September 14th, 2021. This puts us moving it on or after September 29th. Parks and DPW had new ideas for the location of the gazebo on the 12/16 Main St. lot to better sit with the newly installed public art at 16 Main St. Staff may ask the DRC to approve amendments to the site plan at their first October meeting, and will communicate with Council if that occurs.



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Municipal Job Openings- Updates:

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 necessary to the stability and safety of the community. For applications and more information, click [here](#) or email recruiting@montpelier-vt.org. **We have two more open officer positions.**
- **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](#). **There is one vacant position.**



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 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*)

10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Committee Report • Homelessness Task Force • 1st quarter financials • FY23 Budget Process • ARPA Fund Use • Strategic Plan, Continued 	10/19 or 10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential joint meeting with Barre City to receive CVPSA Televate report
10/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Season meeting calendar • Legislative Agenda • DID presentation • Strategic Plan Completion • 12-16 Main Street Update? 	11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec Center Update?
11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRRF Dryer Update 	12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Budget
12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Review 	12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Review

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

PENDING ITEMS

- Conduit Policy
- Housing Task Force Report follow up
- City Master Plan