

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
5/16	Special City Council Meeting to approve the Corporate Cup Street Closure Permit	1:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/16	MEAC Municipal Working Group Sub Committee	5:30 PM	Manager's Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/16	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/16	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/17	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/17	Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Memorial Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/18	Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/18	Conservation Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/19	Housing Task Force	5:00 PM	Memorial Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link

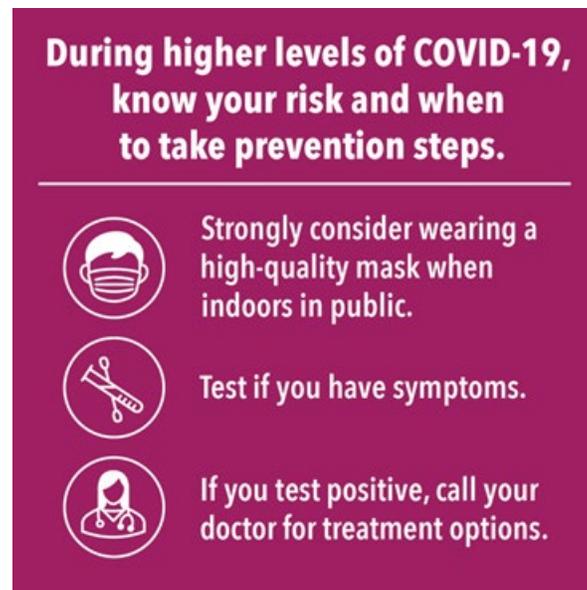


Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Response

Update: The State has released their newest [COVID-19 Modeling Report from May 3rd 2022](#). According to their data, "The 7-day average has increased from 285 to 326 (+5%)

cases per day over the last week” and “Vermont reported 2,317 new COVID-19 cases this week, 318 more cases compared to last week”. Hospitalizations due to COVID also increased over the week- including the number of patients needing to be in the ICU. The VT Dept. of Health states “COVID-19 is spreading at higher levels in VT. Reassess your own risk and strongly consider when to take prevention steps, like wearing a mask. Get tested if you have symptoms and seek treatment if you are positive & high risk”.



With this continued trend of increased cases, please make sure you are taking steps to remain healthy and to protect yourself and others!

COVID-19 Reminders:

- It is now recommended that those age 50+ or those who are immunocompromised age 12+ receive a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The FDA’s guidance can be found [here](#). Find vaccination clinics [here](#), or call your preferred pharmacy.
- The health department now recommends that people who test positive isolate for five days, with the caveat that if you still have symptoms after completing isolation, you might choose to take extra precautions such as wearing a mask, which helps protect you and the people around you from getting or spreading COVID-19. More information can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness>
- **Keep up to date with CDC Recommendations!** You can find the CDC’s updates regarding COVID-19 on their website [here](#). They have released an updated chart regarding their quarantine and isolation guidelines [here](#).

Montpelier Police Department K9 Program:

The Montpelier Police Department (MPD) is excited to announce that it has been awarded a \$32,000 grant from the Stanton Foundation to begin a new K9 Program. This grant allows for MPD to procure a K9, covers training and logistics costs for both the animal and the handler, and pays for additional necessary equipment to outfit patrol vehicles as well as a protective vest for the dog. After an internal selection process, Officer Mike Goslin has been nominated to serve as the K9 handler and is expected to attend training in Boston in the fall.

MPD has not had a narcotics detection dog since the retirement of K9 Jake over five years ago. The re-start of the department's K9 program is in response to the increase in overdoses and overdose-related fatalities in our community and throughout Washington County. The K9 will also be able to assist in finding children, senior members suffering from cognitive-related issues, and other individuals who have become lost in the forested areas of our community. MPD will continue its tradition of provided mutual assistance to other municipalities and law enforcement agencies across the state with its new K9 team. MPD would like to sincerely thank the Stanton Foundation for this exciting opportunity! The Stanton Foundation provides grants to law enforcement for K9 programs, supports education for at-risk children, and promotes adoption nationwide and worldwide.



Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

Paint Drop N' Swap: This Saturday at the ARCC: Join the CVSWMD team this Saturday, May 14th at the Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC) to participate in our free [Paint Drop N' Swap event!](#)

We accept household paints, stains, and sealers for free year-round at [the ARCC](#), and we have been testing all of the cans that come in before the Paint Drop N' Swap to make sure they are able to be reused! You can also drop off used household paints, stains, and sealers, in their original containers, the day of the event - the paint does not need to be reusable to drop it off.

Location and Hours: 540 N Main Street, Barre 10:00am - 3:00pm

Trash Clean Up

In addition to the upcoming Green Up day activities, the City has submitted a grant application to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District for a more complete trash/litter clean up including items which should not be handled by volunteers. This is particularly focused on the river banks and under downtown bridges. Award has yet to be determined.

District Heat

Our Letter of Intent was received by the Northern Borders Regional Commission and we've been asked to complete a full application for the grant funding. The District Heat project focus is proposed to add a new 'snow melt' site using District Heat and adding new hook ups for customers. The full grant is due by June 3rd, and an application draft will be on the Council's agenda for approval at their May 25th meeting.



Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Community Surveys and Outreach

We are continuing to meet with our partners at Polco about outreach efforts. Thank you to Council for approving questions and giving feedback on what priorities Council has

regarding the formal survey. We will communicate timeline updates as they occur and formal outreach strategies are being developed now.

Pending Legal

- *Appeal of Zoning Permit.* Neighbors have appealed DRB approval of a permit to move a barn structure. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh. We are monitoring the case. Recent filings by appellants have challenged the validity of sections of the city's zoning ordinance.
- *Abdo Banfield v. City of Montpelier.* Appeal of DRB determination upholding decision of the Zoning Administrator. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh.
- *Ferry et al v. City of Montpelier.* The Superior Court dismissed the suit challenging the legality of the city's non—citizen voting provision but upheld the plaintiff's standing to raise the issue/. The plaintiffs have now appealed this decision to the Supreme Court. The City is likely to file a cross appeal challenging the standing decision.



Create More Housing

203 Country Club Rd (Elk's Club) Property Project

The City has now established a webpage for the 203 Country Club Project, available through the following link: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1296/203-Country-Club-Road-Property-Developme> . This is where we will share news, surveys, summaries of feedback about the project, and other material.



Improve Community Prosperity

Recreation Staffing Update: Potential Impacts to the Pool

The Montpelier Recreation Department is in urgent need of more summer lifeguards! Without bringing 8-10 more individuals on as lifeguards, the City may not have enough staffing to open the pool with its typical schedule. Not having enough lifeguards to safely staff the pool means we would need to reduce hours and/or limit the amount of the pool that can be used at one time- closing half of it at a time to public access.

More lifeguards means a more normal schedule and the City is actively trying to recruit more staff. We have advertised through the schools, via the paper, and all social media.

Applications can be completed online at this link <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx?JobID=71> to the City's job portal, or you can email the Rec Director Arne McMullen directly at amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org. Our pool staff jobs have flexible schedule, start pay at \$13+ an hour, and reimburse for trainings and certifications!

Community Services Department Shared Info Updates/Events/Collaborations

Recreation's Capital Kids Summer Day Camp Registration is open

Click [here](#) for info and registration form, which includes options for signing up for FEAST Farm Camp as well. The Community Services / Recreation office is also processing registration for Mountaineers baseball camp again this year.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center News & Updates:

Fundraising Updates:

MSAC recently received a total of \$7,600 from the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) in the form of three ARPA funded grant awards that will support: the new FEAST Farm Stand that will open in front of MSAC in mid-June (focused on offering \$1/a piece produce from the FEAST Farm for older adults); necessary new kitchen equipment (a warming box to ensure hot meals go out hot, and the electrical work to install it); and financing to support the purchase of Village Database software to assist with the MSAC at Home program serving older adults with a little help from the community for chores.

Thank you so much to our important community partner, CVCOA!

UPCOMING EVENTS at MSAC:

Real Estate 101

Held at Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Call to register: 802-223-2518

Wednesday, May 18, 1pm

Volunteer Training Event for FEAST/Kitchen & Farm

Held at Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Call to register: 802-223-2518

Wednesday, May 18 @ 6pm-7pm & Thursday, May 19 @ 1pm-2pm

We All Have Different Brains Lecture

Held at Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Call to register: 802-223-2518

Wednesday, May 25 @ 1pm

Veterans Recognition Curbside Luncheon

Held at Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Drive thru pick-up meal

Call to order meal: 223-2518

Friday, May 27 @ 12pm

Director's Tea with Sarah Lipton

Held at Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Call to register: 802-223-2518

Tuesday, May 31, 11am



Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

Street Cleaning Update:

For general awareness, we have been behind on our street-sweeping as we have been facing significant equipment issues. Our Vacuum Sweeper has been out of commission all spring, and our Mechanical Sweeper has been in need of repair as well. Our Mechanical Sweeper was repaired earlier this week, and we've been running it daily. Our Vacuum Sweeper had damage to a non-serviceable part and we are waiting for the replacement to arrive.

Also, even with the weather heating up- it's still cold in the mornings! Public Works crews can't sweep unless night-temperatures are consistently over 32 degrees as the amount of water used to keep dust down can freeze.

Our DPW team updated us on some of the efforts they have been making in spite of the equipment and weather challenges:

- scraped all priority street shoulders with mini loader to remove the bulk of debris,
- swept sidewalks by hand,
- hand swept and picked up debris on State St and Main St in areas not reachable with sweeper,
- cleaned up both roundabouts, and
- sweeping the shoulders to have them clean for contractor to do fog lines.

This morning, the DPW crews were out sweeping the downtown concentrating on State St, Main Street, School St., Barre St (to Hubbard) and Elm St (State St to Spring St).



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Employee Work Anniversaries for May!

Here is everyone hired in a past May, and their tenure with the City! Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication!

MAY		
Name	Hire Date	2022 Service Anniversary
Meredith Crandall	5/1/2018	4
Jacob Larrabee	5/4/2004	18
Ken Christman	5/5/2008	14
Joe Yaeger	5/6/2014	8
Daniel Peterson	5/7/2018	4
Mike Miller	5/19/2014	8
Annette King	5/22/2001	21
Chris Gray	5/24/2011	11

Cara Barbero	5/24/2018	4
Andy Marineau	5/27/2008	14
Nick Bresette	5/30/2006	16

Planning & Community Development Staff Updates:

The Planning Department is happy to announce that Josh Jerome started work this week as the City’s new Community & Economic Development Specialist. Josh is a Montpelier resident and comes to the us following a career that has included working as the Executive Director of the Barre Partnership and, most recently, the Economic Development Director and Zoning Administrator for the Town of Randolph. He brings a fresh perspective and new skills the CED Specialist and is settling into his new role. You can reach out to Josh at jjerome@montpelier-vt.org with questions or to welcome him to City Hall.

With Josh’s arrival we bid a big farewell to Kevin Casey who was the Community Development Specialist for Montpelier for the last ten years. Kevin transformed the CD Specialist position over his tenure and was a key player to a number of big projects in the City over the last decade. His experience as a licensed real estate agent helped improve a number of housing programs and was instrumental in some major land purchases including helping to buy the only house on Old Country Club Road to facilitate the Bike Path Construction and purchasing the former Elks Club Property this year. Fortunately, Kevin is not leaving the area but instead will be focusing on his real estate career full time.

Lastly, we want to say congratulations to Planning & Zoning Administrator Meredith Crandall whose four year anniversary was last week and to Director Mike Miller who has now been with the City for eight years.

Municipal Job Openings

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

FT 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. We have one more open officer position.

Seasonal Park/Recreation Maintenance Staff: Spring-Summer-Fall 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.

Summer Pool Staff: The Montpelier Recreation Department is seeking seasonal pool staff for the municipal swimming pool this summer. Full and part-time positions are available. Staff will start work June 11 - August 21. There will be pre-season training prior to the start of the pool season. Training dates to be announced. Responsibilities would include supervising patron activity in and around the swimming pool, teaching swimming lessons, and front desk responsibilities. Applicants who do not hold a current Lifeguard

certification could be accepted contingent on successful completion of a lifeguard course prior to the pool opening date, and reimbursement would be paid at end of season. Please submit a resume and cover letter describing your interest and qualifications. Please submit to amcmullen2@montpelier-vt.org or Montpelier Recreation Department, 58 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Please submit applications by March 31.

Pt Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk: The Montpelier Police Department is seeking applications for the position of Emergency Dispatcher/Clerk. This part-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. The position requires a considerable degree of initiative and independent judgment within procedural boundaries in responding to emergency and non-emergency situations. The dispatcher is also the first point of contact for those that come to the police station seeking assistance.

FT Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1: Montpelier, Vermont has a current opening for a Street Maintenance worker within the Streets Division of Public Works. The person filling this position will work with a streets crew performing skilled work in winter operations, construction, maintenance and repair of streets, drainage culverts, sidewalks, signage, and other appurtenances in the City Right of Way.

FT Water/Sewer Truck Driver Level 1: Montpelier, Vermont has a current opening in the Water-Sewer Division of Public Works. The person filling this position will work with a water and sewer crew performing skilled work in the construction, maintenance and repair of water distribution, raw water distribution, wastewater collection and wastewater transmission systems.



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. 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>

City-wide Reappraisal Property Inspections Continue!

We have begun the process of a city-wide reappraisal of all real property. Representatives from the New England Municipal Consultants will visit each property in the city to gather data. The inspection process will start in late 2021 and continue through the spring of 2023. NEMC will mail notices to property owners in advance of conducting

inspections.

Stump Dump:

Need to get rid of lawn debris, stumps, and branches? The City Stump Dump is open! Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call the City Garage at 802-223-9510 before going to dump to approve of your items!

Trash Receptacles:

Please, always, place trash receptacles for pick up at the corner of the driveway, behind the sidewalk. If you do not have a sidewalk on your street, please place receptacles on the corner of the drive, in the street closest to the curb. (Not obstructing traffic). Please do not place receptacles within the sidewalk. Questions? Please contact Jasmine Benson with DPW at 802-223-9508.

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*) (bold for date required)

5/16	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Special City Council Meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Closure Review for Corporate Cup 	5/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Raised Bed Project at 12-16 Main St Approval</i> ○ <i>Northern Borders Grant Application</i> • USDA Grant Public Hearing • WRRF- Air Quality Updates • Elks Club Funding/RFP • Home Energy Ordinance • City Building Energy Policy • Public Records Fee Policy • Housing Task Force Report • Planning- Housing Trust Fund Recommendations • Public Bathrooms?
6/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water/Sewer Fund Budgets • Water/Sewer Rates • A&R Leachate Update? • GMT Transit Presentation • District Heat Update • Zoning Fee Schedule • PRC-Officer Recruitment Standards Recommendation Discussion 	6/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC – Prostitution and Sex Work • Use of ARPA Housing Funds • Elks Club Update • TIF/Tax Stabilization Updates • 12-16 Main St Future? • Permanent Parklet Ordinance review
7/13: Exact date TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Tax Rate – special call in meeting. 	7/20 Proposed New Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Reading Parklet Ordinance • PRC – Fair and Impartial Policing • Equity Update report • Strategic Plan Update • Year End financial report • Elks Club Update
8/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed no meeting 	8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC – Internal Affairs • PRC – Citizen review • Website/Public Outreach Update • 2nd Reading Parklet Ordinance • CAN Update • Storm Water Utility Update • Elks Club Update
9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Community Survey results • PRC – Public Drinking • PRC – Progress Update • Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits • Economic Development 	9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development • Begin Strategic Planning Process • Elks Club Update

	Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development Plan? (possibly removed due to higher priorities) 		
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? = Date is tentative, may shift to a different date

CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

Topics from the FY22-23 City Council Strategic Plan for Future Council Agendas:

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
May	VRC Confluence Park Presentation, Stipend Implementation Plan Recommendation (from SEJAC) Public Restrooms/ District Heat (end of heating-season wrap up)
June	Economic Development – Strategic Plan, TIF, Tax Stabilization Updates/ Workforce Development program
July	Creative Discourse Recommendations Status Update
August	Website Updates / Capital Area Neighborhoods Presentation/ Stormwater Utility Updates (tentative)
September	Economic Development Strategic Plan Contract (Launch) / Strat Planning/ Accomplishments and Future Plans for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development / Parks Commission Survey/Review Community Survey results
October	Strat Planning, City Master Plan (Fall/Winter 2022)/ Mutual Aid Issues with Middlesex and Berlin
November	ADA Transition Projects/ Net Zero Projects Update/ FEAST Program Updates/ **BUDGET** / PFAS Updates
December	**BUDGET**

Topics Pending Scheduling:

- Homelessness Plan – Homelessness Task Force
- Update Barriers to Housing Study – Housing Task Force
- **May be removed from list**