

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
5/23	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/25	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda TBD, Please check City's Website for Updates
5/25	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Response

Update: The State is no longer releasing COVID-19 Modeling Reports, but will be using the COVID-19 Surveillance Report as their key public facing COVID data document. Here is the most recent [Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report for May 18th 2022](#). According to their data, Vermont still has **HIGH** levels of COVID cases and so does Washington County, according to the CDC. There are three reported outbreaks of cases in Washington County active now, really reminding us that we all need to continue to take steps to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy!

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](#).



Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

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



Improve Community Prosperity

Recreation Staffing Update: Potential Impacts to the Pool NEW

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!

Summer Camps in Need of Staffing: Potential Impacts to Camp Schedules NEW

The Recreation and Parks Departments both run summer camps, and both programs require full staffing to keep children safe! Each camp program operates with a ratio of adults to children set through best practice and licensing requirements. We are currently facing a shortage in camp counselors and educators, particularly in our FEAST Farm Camp and Summer Rec Camp. If we are unable to hire an appropriate amount of counselors for the summer, we may need to reduce camp sizes or cancel programs. Counselor and educator positions start between \$13.50-\$18 an hour.

More counselors means a more robust and set summer camp schedule- so if you are interested, please reach out! Applications can be completed online at this link <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx> to the City's job portal. You will find all camp related jobs under the "Community Services Department" section of the Montpelier job's webpage.

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.

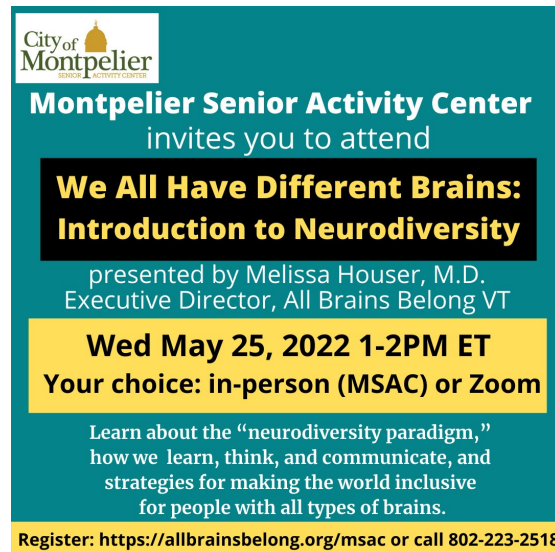
Montpelier Senior Activity Center News & Updates:

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!



The flyer is for the City of Montpelier Senior Activity Center. It features a teal background with a yellow banner for the event title and date. The text is white and yellow. The City of Montpelier logo is in the top left corner. The event title is 'We All Have Different Brains: Introduction to Neurodiversity', presented by Melissa Houser, M.D., Executive Director of All Brains Belong VT. The date is Wednesday, May 25, 2022, from 1-2 PM ET. The event is available in-person at the MSAC or via Zoom. A brief description of the event is provided, along with a registration link and phone number.

City of Montpelier
Montpelier Senior Activity Center
invites you to attend

**We All Have Different Brains:
Introduction to Neurodiversity**

presented by Melissa Houser, M.D.
Executive Director, All Brains Belong VT

Wed May 25, 2022 1-2PM ET
Your choice: in-person (MSAC) or Zoom

Learn about the “neurodiversity paradigm,”
how we learn, think, and communicate, and
strategies for making the world inclusive
for people with all types of brains.

Register: <https://allbrainsbelong.org/msac> or call 802-223-2518

Community Services New Staff: NEW

On May 16th, the CS Team was thrilled to welcome Matt Wilson to the position of Communications and Development Coordinator! Matt is coming to us with a robust background in sustainability and communications and is ready to hit the ground running. He is already hard at work on a new Newsletter for MSAC, mapping out a communications and marketing strategy, and many other tasks. Please join us in welcoming Matt! (mwilson@montpelier-vt.org)

With the upcoming departure of Harry Divack, the team is hard at work ensuring a smooth transition by systematically redesigning everything. We'll miss Harry!

EVENTS at MSAC:

We All Have Different Brains Lecture with Mel Houser, Ph.D

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 – Order by Friday, May 20th!

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

Water/Sewer:

The City of Montpelier's Water/Sewer Division has been working on replacing water meters and MXU's (electronic readers) that are not obtaining proper readings. These readings have come up on a zero consumption list. Our crew repaired 17 meters last week and are scheduled to repair 15 next week. The city's vector has been out working on storm drains on Berlin Street throughout the week.

Streets:

Our crews within the Street Division have been out early sweeping the downtown streets. The city's flower pots were put out and flowers are scheduled to arrive on or around May 26th as well as DPW installing a few bike racks on meters in the downtown area.



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

Municipal Job Openings

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

FT Police Department- Patrol Officers For applications and more information, click [here](#) or email recruiting@montpelier-vt.org. We have one more open officer position.

Seasonal Recreation Positions: Day Camp, Pool Clerk, Lifeguards, and Pool Director for Spring-Summer 2022

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

Mowing, driving tractors, maintaining sports fields, keeping parks and facilities clean. Call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.

Summer Pool Lifeguards and Pool Clerks: 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. 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. Email amcmullen2@montpelier-vt.org for more information.

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.

FT Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1: 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: 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 please receptacles within the sidewalk. Questions? Please contact Jasmine Benson with DPW at 802-223-9508.

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (<i>TENTATIVE</i>) (bold for date required)			
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 • Public Records Fee Policy 	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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Task Force Report Planning- Housing Trust Fund Recommendations 		
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 Public Bathrooms 	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 Strategic Plan Workforce Development Plan? (Possibly removed due to higher priorities)
9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development Begin Strategic Planning Process Elks Club Update 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

? = 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**