

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
11/14	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/14	Recreation Advisory Board	5:30 PM	Country Club Road and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/15	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/16	Social and Economic Justice Committee	8:00 AM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/16	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/16	Public Art Commission	5:00 PM	City Manager's Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/16	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Updates:

Surveillance Report: The State is using the COVID-19 Surveillance Report as their key public facing COVID data document. Here is the most recent [Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report from November 7, 2022.](#)

For this seven-day reporting period, the rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Vermonters is below 200.

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 70.83 per 100k o Weekly case count: 442 (decrease from previous week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 6.09 per 100K o 38 total new admissions with COVID-19 (decrease from previous week)
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average): 4.25% (decrease from previous week)

The [CDC's COVID-19 County-level report also has Washington County Vermont](#) as a 'low' community spread level area.

Vermont Department of Health recommendations: [Protect Yourself & Others](#)
CDC recommendations: [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

COVID-19 Reminders:

- It is now recommended that all children, ages 6 months through 5 years, get the COVID-19 Vaccination. Find vaccination clinics [here](#), or call your preferred pharmacy.
- **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

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Public Records

I will provide a written response to comments made at this week's meeting.

General Business

- Request to discuss a charter change regarding gun regulation. Will need to be taken up at a future meeting.
- Homelessness Task Force. Five new members were appointed,
- Transit Center Lease. Has been discussed previously.
- Langdon St. Curbs. Referred to DPW
- Garbage Cans overflowing. Referred to DPW
- Restroom Committee. Seeking members now.
- Quality of life enforcement such as loud vehicles. Referred to MPD
- Information about potential Mayoral and Council vacancies. Will be fully publicized once plans are final.

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. Filings by appellants challenging the validity of sections of the city's zoning ordinance have been dropped.
- *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.* This case, concerning non-citizen voting, was argued in the Vermont Supreme Court on Wednesday October 27th. Case is pending decision from the Court.

Create More Housing

Improve Community Prosperity

****The Community Services Department weekly newsletter can be found at the end of this report, beginning after strategic plan items.****

Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

DPW will be replacing a water main on School Street this fall. Construction will begin November 16th, and the road will be closed to automobile traffic through December 16th. The street will be open to traffic at night. Sidewalks will remain open throughout the duration of the construction.

DPW will be updating the Public Works page on the City's website with updates about this project. [Click here](#) to view the project web page.

****The Department of Public Works weekly newsletter can be found at the end of this report, beginning after strategic plan items.****

Employment and Personnel Announcements

Finance Director update

We are reviewing applications from the 9 received. We are interviewing three candidates on Monday.

DPW Director update

Congratulations to Kurt Motyka for his appointment as Public Works Director and to Zach Blodgett for his appointment as Deputy Public Works Director.

Police Chief update

I met with members of the Police Department. I'll announce information on the selection process early next week.

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 four open officer positions.

FT Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk: The Montpelier Police Department is seeking applications for the position of Emergency 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.

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.

MSAC Seeks AmeriCorps member for September 2022: Calling all gap year students, recent college grads, and young professionals! MSAC is looking for a new Aging in Place Coordinator to serve MSAC's mission of being a gathering place of healthy aging, lifelong learning and delicious meals for older adults. This is a dynamic role where the member will be working to create a vibrant intergenerational community that offers a little help to the older adults who need and deserve it. Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameri-corps/positions>

DPW Staffing

The Department of Public Works currently has 7 vacancies within the department. They are currently looking for a Engineer, Equipment Supervisor, Mechanic 1, two water/sewer division truck drivers, and two street division maintenance worker/ truck drivers. DPW is actively seeking new employees for the open positions.

For more information visit the City's website at: [Jobs • Montpelier, VT • CivicEngage \(montpelier-vt.org\)](https://montpelier-vt.org/jobs)

Parks Seeks a Community Conservation Steward

The Montpelier Parks Department seeks an environmental leader who will serve alongside their team in continuing their efforts to plan conservation projects and perform physical service activities for the City's natural areas. **Our VHCB AmeriCorps position begins on a rolling basis and ends August 11th, 2023.** Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameri-corps/positions>

Reminders

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

Council Meeting Agenda Schedule and Strategic Planning Items on following pages

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Agenda • Energy Update – buildings, fleet, other • Homelessness Task Force recommendation for temporary shelter 	12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Legislative Delegation • Budget • Possible Charter Changes & Ballot items • Audit Report • Country Club Road Site update • CVPSA
12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Charter Change discussion 	1/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Workshop
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First PH Budget • First PH Warning • Adopt Charter Language • First PH Bonds • Homelessness Plan? 	1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If needed for budget
1/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd PH and adopt Budget • 2nd PH and adopt Warning • PH on Charter Changes • 2nd PH Bonds • Review petitions 	2/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireworks? • Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits? • PRC – Progress Update • City Manager’s Review
2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Club Road Site update? • ADA update 	3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Meeting Election
3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Meeting 	3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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

Pending Items:

- Potential nuisance violation hearing
- City Plan – summer 2023
- Outside Agencies/Community Fund Policy – spring 2023

CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

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

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
November	ADA Transition Projects/ Net Zero Projects Update/ FEAST Program Updates/ **BUDGET** /, Future Plans for Outdoor Recreation and Economic, Development Parks Commission Survey
December	**BUDGET**

- City Master Plan (Summer 2023)
- Homelessness Plan (January)
- Barriers to Housing (in City Plan)

Note: items in the recently approved plan update have not yet been scheduled

Department of Public Works Weekly Updates November 10, 2022

East State Street

Crews began camera line work and jetting of the sewer main during the week of October 24th.

Contract #1 of the East Street project includes the disconnection of the existing storm sewer system from the existing sanitary sewer system, also known as a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) connection. The design includes a new outfall constructed through the Rialto bridge abutment.

This concept and other construction details are currently being reviewed by the State of Vermont, Water Investment Division. The City has received confirmation from the State that the project will be funded using Clean Water State ARPA dollars. This project is anticipated to begin spring of 2023.

Road Work

Route 2 Montpelier NH 6400 (45)

Next week there could be some intermittent work taking place on the project. This work could result in some alternating one-way traffic using flaggers.

Route 2 Montpelier-Berlin NH Deck (48)

This project is complete!



Other DPW Projects

Stormwater Utility

DPW presented their first report on this project to the City Council on Wednesday, October 26th, and is in the process of creating a dedicated page on the City's website for this project.

Information about this project was included on the Winter Parking Regulations information flyer that was sent out in the water/sewer bills this week and is available on the Public Works webpage [here](#). The project consultant is working on evaluating the potential rate structure. A meeting of the Stormwater Utility Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 18th.

The City Council approved awarding the contract to Brown and Caldwell who will develop the Montpelier Stormwater Utility and will help coordinate a robust public engagement process for this project.

DPW is actively performing infrastructure assessments, overviews, and data analysis as this project gets into full swing.

The City's goal is to complete the project by July 1 of 2023. There will be opportunities for staff to report back to the City Council on the status as well as for the public to be involved.

What is a Stormwater Utility?

A stormwater utility is a dedicated funding mechanism to pay for a community's stormwater management program. The revenue generated for the utility's fee supports stormwater-related services and improvements. City Council identified this in the FY23 strategic plan.

State Street Combined Sewer Overflow

The City Council awarded the contract for this project to Hebert Excavation at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 26th. DPW will be working with Hebert Excavation to develop a project timeline and schedule. DPW anticipates this project will be completed by July 1, 2023.

Main/Towne Hill Water Main Replacement

This project is nearing completion. Crews have been paving the trench where the water main was installed. Next week, Pike Industries will be coming in to do a light leveling of pavement within the project area. The process will provide a thin layer of temporary pavement over the work area.

DPW will be performing paving restoration upon completion of the contracted work. Crews have completed the storm work and water main crossing beneath the river.

Background Info

DPW will be replacing a 450 ft. section of water main beginning at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Main Street and ending at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Easy Street. The water main will be upsized from the current 6-in-diameter pipe to the required 12-in-diameter pipe, and a permanent trench patch will be installed. DPW is evaluating the possibility to extend the paving limits up to the crest of the hill to address the poor pavement condition on Towne Hill Road between Main Street and Dover Road.

School Street Water Main Replacement

DPW will be replacing a water main on School Street this fall. Construction will begin **November 16th**, and the road will be closed to automobile traffic through December 16th. The street will be open to traffic at night. Sidewalks will remain open throughout the duration of the construction.

DPW will be updating the Public Works page on the City's website with updates about this project. [Click here](#) to view the project web page.

Please see the project location map below for supplemental information.

Landlords, we depend on you to inform your tenants about this upcoming project.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Public Works office at (802) 262-6276, or email Jasmine Benson at jbenson@montpelier-vt.org

Map of School Street Road Closure with Detour Routes



Grout Road Bridge

Permits for this project were submitted to the state and a project easement has been signed.

The timeline for this project has been pushed back slightly. DPW is hoping to bid the project out by November this year and is anticipating starting construction by spring 2023. This project is being funded through ARPA grants and a Class 2 Highway Structure grant.

FAQs

"I read it in the DPWNews"

Leaf Pickup

Throughout the next week, DPW will be picking up bagged leaves left at the curbside. Bags should contain leaves only: **No brush, garden debris, or flower stalks** will be accepted. Leaves raked into the street **MUST** be bagged for removal, and all bags must be securely tied.

The leaf pick-up schedule is as follows:

Mondays: Barre Street to East State Street areas.

Tuesdays: East State Street to Main Street areas.

Wednesdays: Towne Hill, North Street, Elm Street, Cliff Street, Court Street, Meadow areas.

Thursdays: Terrace Street and Lower State Street area.

Fridays: Berlin Hill, River Street, Colonial Drive, and National Life Drive areas.

Street Sweepers Under Repair

Both street sweepers have been awaiting maintenance. DPW anticipates one of the machines will be ready for operation next week.

Staffing Shortages

Please keep in mind staffing shortages may affect our ability to respond to inquiries in a timely manner. All hands are on deck attending to the needs of the community. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Careers

Join Our Team!

Full job descriptions and requirements are posted on the City's website: Montpelier-vt.org/jobs

The City of Montpelier, Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged.

- **(1) Mechanic I**
- **(1) Equipment Division Supervisor**
- **(2) Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1**
- **(2) Water/Sewer Truck Driver, Level 1**

How to Apply:

Pick up a job application:

- **In-person** at 783 Dog River Road Montpelier VT 05602
- **By email** Jasmine Benson at jbenson@montpelier-vt.org
- **Online:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../DPW-Application-Revised...>

Submit a letter of interest along with a completed job application and resume to Jasmine Benson at jbenson@montpelier-vt.org.

Contact Information



How to Subscribe to the
DPW Weekly Newsletter:

1. Go to <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/>
2. Scroll down and click on the gold 'Notify Me' banner
3. Add your email address then click 'Sign in'
4. Click the  icon in front of DPW News!

Got Questions or Comments?

Montpelier Department of Public Works - Phone: (802) 262-6276

Kurt Motyka, Interim Director kmotyka@montpelier-vt.org

Jasmine Benson, Project Assistant jbenson@montpelier-vt.org

Website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/167/Public-Works>

Facebook: Department of Public Works – City of Montpelier

Emergency Dispatch: (802) 223-3445

Community Services Department Report | Week of November 7 – 11, 2022

Office Notice for Community Services Department

Senior Activity Center Office Hours:

- **Monday – Thursday** 8:30am – 3pm; **Fridays** Closed for customer service

Recreation Department Office Hours:

- **Monday – Friday** 8:30am – 4pm

Parks & Trees inquiries can be fielded at either office.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) News

- **Closed for Veterans Day:** The Montpelier Senior Activity Center will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day. We are fortunate to work with some veterans and spouses of veterans at the Senior Activity Center, and we would like to highlight one of our veterans here:
 - Clay Poitras, husband to MSAC member Gail Poitras. Clay was a veteran of the Vietnam War and grew up in Burlington. A naturalist and avid birder, Clay spent many hours in the Vermont wilderness. His career in the Vermont State Government lasted 37 years! We want to thank Clay for his service, and we thank Gail for sharing her husband's story with us!
 - Read more about Clay's life in his obit:
<https://www.guareandsons.com/obituaries/Clayton-Poitras-Jr?obId=22188979>
- **MSAC & FEAST Receive \$1,000 Grant from Hunger Mountain Co-op:** The FEAST Kitchen received a \$1,000 grant from the Hunger Mountain Co-op in order to update and repair appliances. Thank you HMC for your support!
- **Fundraising For FEAST:** The FEAST Senior Meals program operates on the support of our community. Please consider donating this holiday season and help give healthy meals to older adults in our community: bit.ly/MSACDonate
- **Congregate Meals Have Returned!** MSAC came to dine with our return to congregated meals. With the support of Capstone's Everyone Eats program, FEAST will host congregated meals on Wednesdays for the next couple of months by serving prepared meals catered by the Woods Lodge in Northfield. Only 40 meals will be available for this pilot return to indoor dining and a reservation is required to reserve a spot. Call 802-262-6288 to reserve your seat. See highlights from this past Wednesday's meal:



Clay
Poitras



Curt Lindberg and his granddaughter argued the case for saving biodiversity and read passages from his new book, [Our Better Nature: Hopeful Excursions in Saving Biodiversity.](#)

- **Applied Public Health: Balancing Public Health Guidance During a Pandemic** | VT Health Commissioner, Dr. Mark Levine joined us on Wednesday to discuss the state's response to COVID and the decision-making during the pandemic. Register online: <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/>
- **Final OLLI Lecture at MSAC this Fall: Wednesday, November 16 | 1:30pm – 2:30pm | MSAC Community Room:** Join us for the final OLLI Series lecture at MSAC this Fall with author, **Susan Abbott** on her perception of the 500-mile ancient pilgrimage route, the El Camino de Santiago. She will share her sketches and photographs from the trip. Register online: <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/>.
- **NOTE: There are three more OLLI Lectures after Wednesday, November 16th!** These will be held at the Savoy Theatre and be film discussions. Go to <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/> and sign up for these, which start on **Wednesday, November 30th**.

Montpelier Recreation News

- **Registration:** NO REGISTRATIONS OVER THE PHONE! Please deliver registration forms either:
 - in person at the Recreation Center
 - by mailing forms and payment to 58 Barre Street, or
 - using [our online registration platform](#)

Extra registration forms and a locked drop box are located in the side vestibule of 58 Barre Street (the Senior Activity Center) for after-hours use.

- **2022 Ski & Skate Sale**
 - This year the Montpelier Ski & Skate Sale will return from its pandemic hiatus. Join us Saturday, December 3rd at the Barre Auditorium from 9am – 2pm. Vendors will be able to drop off merchandise on Friday, December 2nd from 9am – 3pm. Merchandise drop-off will be open to the public from 3 – 7pm on that Friday.
 - Visit our website to learn more about the 2022 Ski & Skate Sale: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1309/Events>. Email or call our Recreation Programs Manager Haidi Arias with questions related to the Ski & Skate Sale: harias@montpelier-



bit.ly/MontpelierRecEvents

vt.org | (802) 225-8691.

- **2022-23 Pickleball Open Gym**

- The Montpelier Recreation Center offers two indoor courts. We encourage 6 players per court with a 12 player max. Open gym is for adults (18+). Please bring your own paddles. The Recreation Department will supply balls to play on open gym days. All levels are welcomed. See below for days and times.
- Find us on playerlineup.com. Search: "Montpelier Rec Center PB"
- Open Gym Schedule (based on skill level)
 - Beginner: Mondays - 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Wednesdays - 9 – 10:30 am
 - Intermediate: Mondays & Thursdays - 9 – 10:30 am
 - Advanced: Wednesdays - 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Fridays - 9 – 10:30 am
- Open Gym Fees:
 - **Walk-Ins:** Montpelier Residents: \$4; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$6
 - **Punchcards (22 visits):** Montpelier Residents: \$30; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$45

- **2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball**

- Are you ready to shoot some hoops? Register now for 2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street. Basketball is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm starting September 1st and continuing through the end of the year.
- Our program fee covering admission through the end of December has been prorated to \$45 for residents and \$67.50 for non-residents.
- The walk-in fee is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Register at the Recreation office.

- **2022 Open Gym at the Recreation Center**

- Join us at the Rec Gym this fall and winter for open gym hours! Hours are posted on our website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/915/Rec-Center>. The Recreation Department gym is located at 55 Barre Street
- **Open Gym:**
 - K-8 Resident \$1.50 / Non Resident \$3
 - 9-12 Resident \$2 / Non Resident \$4
 - Adult Resident \$3 / Non Resident \$6
 - Family Resident \$6 / Non Resident \$12

- **Capital Kids Afterschool Program (Winter Semester)**

- The Capital Kids Afterschool Program is now beginning to register for the Winter semester starting on Monday, November 28th, 2022 through March 24th, 2023. Learn more: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare>



- **Youth Basketball (Winter 2022-23)**

- Youth Basketball registration for the Winter 2022-23 season is now open for grades K-2 and 3-6. Sign up online at bit.ly/MontpelierCSRegistration. Or download the registration form on our website: www.montpelier-vt.org/939/Registration-Forms. Drop it off to the side entrance lock box at the Senior Activity Center (58 Barre Street, Montpelier).

- **Sugarbush Youth Ski Program Winter 2022-23**

- Sugarbush Resort is hosting our Youth Ski Program this winter. Join the Mt. Ellen Snow Blazers, and develop your foundational skills for skiing for years to come. Sign up on our registration forms page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/939/Registration-Forms>. Contact our Programs Manager for more information: harias@montpelier-vt.org | (802) 225-8691.



Sugarbush Sunday AT Mount Ellen Youth Recreational Program

Ski Sugarbush Starting in January 2023!

Download Registration Forms Online and Drop Off To The Recreation Building Before...

Friday, November 18th

See You On The Mountain!

City of Montpelier Sign up: bit.ly/MontpelierRecRegister Sugarbush

The poster is a blue graphic with white and red text. It features silhouettes of skiers and ski equipment. At the bottom, it includes the logos for the City of Montpelier and Sugarbush.

Montpelier Parks

- **Draft Management Plan Update from the Montpelier Parks Commission:** The

Montpelier Parks Commission is requesting the public's feedback on their draft management plans of Hubbard Park and North Branch River Park. **The plans will be available in late November / early December** and will be found on our website:

bit.ly/MPParksPlan22

- Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, December 13th for the public comment forum for these draft management plans. Feel free to submit feedback to our Parks Commission anytime before or after the meeting: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/464/Parks-Commission>

- **The Universally Accessible Interpretive Trail featured in local news outlets!**

- The Parks Department recently completed the first part of the Universally Accessible Interpretive Trail, and they were featured in the local news. WCAX aired a segment about the trail and interviewed walkers in the park, as well as our Parks Director Alec Ellsworth. Check it out on their website:

<https://www.wcax.com/2022/10/23/hubbard-park-set-undergo-major-upgrades/>

The Bridge also ran a feature on the new trail that can be found here:

<https://montpelierbridge.org/2022/10/new-hubbard-park-trail-will-be-for-all-ages-and-all-abilities/>

Community Services Department News

- **Montpelier PLACE – Montpelier Underfoot**
 - Join us next **Friday, November 18th from 7-8:30pm at North Branch Nature Center and Saturday, November 19th from 9 am-12 pm at Gateway Park on Route 2**. Discover how Montpelier's local geologic and geographic setting has shaped the city's modern infrastructure, architecture and personality. Led by Sean Beckett of North Branch Nature Center. This two-part event includes a Friday evening presentation followed by a field outing on Saturday morning. Attendance of one day of the event is not mandatory for participation in the other. Field outing will include less than ½ mile of walking on mostly flat, wide trails. For more information, go to: <https://northbranchnaturecenter.org/place/>
 - **About Montpelier PLACE:** This fall, the University of Vermont Extension, North Branch Nature Center, and the Montpelier Community Services Department will be presenting the Montpelier PLACE (or *Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement*) Event Series. This is a series of community events celebrating the sites and stories in Montpelier's unique heritage and ecology. Join us this fall on a citywide exploration to discover what makes our Capital City so special! These events will be held from September 17th – November 19th. The remaining schedule of events include:
 - **11/18: Montpelier Underfoot Pt. 1** (7 – 8:30 PM @ North Branch Nature Center)
 - **11/19: Montpelier Underfoot Pt. 2** (9 AM – 12 PM @ Gateway Park)