

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
3/29/2023	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
3/29/2023	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	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 for March 22, 2023](#)

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 41.51 per 100k
 - Weekly case count: 259
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 4.65 per 100K
 - 29 total new admissions with COVID-19
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average): 3.20% (slight increase from last week)

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

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

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](#)

Parker Advisors Report New

City staff are reviewing on the report. We will provide a written follow up. We're also assembling more information about the Rec Center building and considering alternative locations for a potential Hub and Shelter. Here is a [link](#) to the presentation that was made at the March 22, 2023 meeting.

Dispatch Bill New

Senate Finance reviewed S.139 yesterday. This bill would create a statewide system for financing and operating dispatch centers under the auspices of the E-911 Board which would be expanded and renamed. Barre City Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth, Montpelier Dispatch Supervisor Carrie McCool, VLCT Advocate Gwynn Zakov, Steve Whitaker, and I all testified. It was my understanding that the bill needed to be voted out of committee by today in order to make crossover. As of last night it was not clear whether that would happen.

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Annual Report

The 2023 Annual report is now available on line at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5634>. Print copies are now available at City Hall, the Library and the Senior Center.

Pending Legal

The City currently has no active litigation.

Create More Housing

Country Club Road New

As per the discussion this week, work will proceed on assembling more information for a later update. Here is a [link](#) to the presentation that was made at the March 22, 2023 City Council meeting.

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

****The Department of Public Works weekly newsletter can be found on the City's Department of Public Works webpage ([linked here](#)). ****

Employment and Personnel Announcements

Municipal Job Openings

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

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.

APPLY NOW! Root To Fork Coordinator: This position serves under the Montpelier Parks & Trees Department through the VHCB AmeriCorps Program. Starting March 1st, 2023, become a part of combatting food insecurity in Central Vermont through supporting the FEAST initiative of the City of Montpelier. You will work under staff supervision to support three areas of the FEAST initiative: FEAST Meals Program, FEAST Farm Program, and FEAST Farm Stand Program. More information about this position can be found on either VHCB’s website (www.vhcb.org) or the City of Montpelier Parks & Trees Department’s website (www.montpelier-vt.org/parks).

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 (<i>TENTATIVE</i>)			
4/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan • Road Maintenance update? • Fireworks? • Homelessness Report follow up • Heaton Woods Loan • Arts Commission presentation • Code of Conduct • Group Norms 	4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA update • FEAST update • 12-16 Main St • East State Street
5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water & Sewer Budgets • Water & Sewer Rates • Water & Sewer Infrastructure Plan (if state completes review)? • Stormwater Utility 	5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Schedule • Casella/Leachate? • Outside Agencies Policy

6/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Heat Budget • District Heat Rates 	6/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
7/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		<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)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Master Plan (Summer 2023) • Barriers to Housing (in City Plan) <p><i>Note: items in the recently approved plan update have not yet been scheduled</i></p>

CURRENT PENDING PROJECTS THAT WILL NEED COUNCIL ATTENTION – not yet scheduled

- Public Restroom
- Future of Barre St. Rec Center
- Reappraisal
- City Plan Hearings
- Confluence Park

Community Services Department Report Week in Review: March 20th – 24th

- Senior Activity Center Office Hours:
 - Monday – Thursday | 8:30am – 3pm
 - Friday | Office Closed
- Recreation Department Office Hours:
 - Monday – Friday | 8:30am – 4pm
- Parks & Trees inquiries can be fielded at either office.

For all things from Community Services, go to: www.montpelier-vt.org/cs

Download our March Newsletter and Spring Program Guide: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) News



- **OVER \$12,000 Raised so far! Join the March and Donate** The March for Meals Gala is now over, but our fundraising campaign continues through April 7th with our exciting [Silent Auction](#), and 100 people for \$100 (which is 50% filled). Help us nourish Montpelier from Root to Fork. **Donate online here** bit.ly/MFM23Donate, or check out the 20 awesome items in our **Silent Auction here:** <https://sites.google.com/view/march-for-meals-2023/home>

who attended our all of our supporters as well as everyone \$12,000, nearly for March for Meals! **INCREDIBLE**

- **In the News:** MSAC attended both the Selectboard communities



- **Thank you to everyone Gala on Saturday!** Thank you to who showed up Saturday night, who has helped us raise over triple what was raised last year Thank you also to our volunteers!

Director Sarah Lipton Berlin *and* Middlesex Town meetings earlier this week. Both expressed tremendous support

for MSAC and all the services provided to their residents, and both are trying to determine a way to make up the deficit in funding for FY24. A total of \$18,600 will still be coming in from the towns of Calais, Worcester, East Montpelier and Moretown. This Times Argus article explains more:

https://www.timesargus.com/news/local/feast-or-famine-meals-on-wheels-hits-speed-bump-in-berlin-and-middlesex/article_e67a37bb-e1f7-5b52-8902-2904387a7b7f.html

- **Grants Work:** The MSAC team has been hard at work on a slew of grants. See here, and wish us luck!
- **Congregate lunches are now weekly: Join us on Thursday, April 6th for our next one. Please RSVP by calling or emailing:** FEAST Manager Poa Mutino at 802-262-6288 or email: emutino@montpelier-vt.org.
 - Subscribe to our e-newsletter to learn about upcoming menu items: www.montpelier-vt.org/304/newsletter.
 - Learn more about FEAST by viewing our updated webpage: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST>, or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FEASTSeniorMeals/>

Grant Dates	Funder	Framework	Specified Request	Amount Requested
3/15/2023	Community Challenge Grant Program (AARP)	AARP	Personnel & Farm	\$46,150
3/15/2023	Federal CDS Funding (Sanders)	General Needs	Personnel Programs	\$199,800
3/15/2023	VASCAMP	Foot Clinics	Foot Clinic funding	\$7,746
3/31/2023	National Life Grant	General Needs	Personnel Facilities	\$108,147
4/1/2023	Montpelier Alive	Events	Central VT Health Fair	\$2,000
4/15/2023	Walmart Community Fund	Programmatic	FEAST Congregate Meals	\$5,000
			TOTAL:	\$368,843

- **So Many Reasons to Love Trees with Montpelier Tree Board Chair John Snell [OLLI]** We ended our Spring 2023 OLLI series at MSAC with Sequoia-sized speaker. John Snell entertained our crowd of 60 with his many photographs and stories of being a tree steward for over a quarter century.
 - **Note:** the Spring 2023 OLLI series continues with Rick Winston’s film screenings at the Savoy Theatre for the next three weeks.
 - You must register for all OLLI events in advance by going to the OLLI website: learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt. You can also register over the phone by calling **802-656-5817**. *Programs are canceled when Montpelier schools close due to weather. Fees are \$8/program or \$40/70 for singles/couples for all 11 programs.*
- **Dumbbell Sale at MSAC:** MSAC is hosting a fundraising sale on its gently used dumbbells from the Activity Room. We’re asking **\$15/pair or best offer**. Visit our front office at 58 Barre Street for more information and to see the dumbbells. Cash, check, or credit card are accepted.
- **MSAC Rummage Sale | Drop Off Dates: March 27th & March 28th 9am-4pm | Sale Dates: March 31st 10am-5pm & April 1st 10am-2pm** The MSAC Rummage Sale has returned after a long pandemic pause. Join us

starting on Friday, March 31st for two days of rummaging through gently used treasures supplied by you, our lovely community. We will be accepting donations for the event beginning the Monday on the week of the event, March 27th. Please drop off your items to our front office.

- Acceptable items for the sale include: clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, housewares, linens, books, arts, jewelry, and antiques in good condition. What is not accepted are: upholstered items, electronics, large furniture, and VHS or cassette tapes.
- **Reminder:** Saturday, April 1st is our bag sale, which means everything you can fit into a reusable bag (MSAC will have a limited supply to give out) will be **\$4!** Also, we're still looking for volunteers to help out throughout the week of the sale. If you have a pick-up truck for transportation of unsold items, we would especially like to talk to you. Call our office with questions: [802-223-2518](tel:802-223-2518).
- **FEAST Kitchen will be closed next week:** March 27th – March 31st due to the Rummage Sale. We will continue regular operations on Monday, April 3rd. Questions? Contact FEAST Manager Poa at: 802-262-6288 or emutino@montpelier-vt.org.
- **Seeking Some Fun?** Join our wide variety of drop-in groups, most open to all ages. Hankering for music? Poetry? Drumming? Dancing? Community service? Games? Coffee & Conversation? Book discussions? Meals? Drag Bingo? We've got it all! See list here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1250/Drop-in-Groups>

Montpelier Recreation News

- **Day Camp Registration is now open!** Capital Kids is back for summer 2023, and we cannot wait for our campers to have fun after a long school year. To register, please visit our website: www.montpelier-vt.org/rec, or visit our office at 55 Barre Street during regular business hours for forms and more information.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt returns to Hubbard Park on Saturday, April 8th.** The Hunt starts at 10am, and we're asking families to arrive by at least 9:45am to have time to find parking. Free event! For kids 12 and under. Please note that for the comfort and safety of everyone, the Egg Hunt is a dog free event. Thank you!
- **Program Registration** – You can 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](#) (**ONLY IF YOU HAVE A USER ACCOUNT ALREADY! Please call 802-225-8699 for setup assistance**)

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

- **2022-23 Pickleball Open Gym**

- The Montpelier Recreation Center offers two indoor courts. There is a 12-player maximum per session. 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 welcome. 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
 - **Beginner/Intermediate:** Thursdays → 1:30 – 3 pm
 - **Intermediate:** Mondays → 9 – 10:30 am | Wednesdays → 1:30 – 3 pm | Thursdays → 1:30 – 3 pm
 - **Intermediate/Advanced:** Fridays → 9 – 10:30 am
 - **Advanced:** Tuesdays → 9 – 11 am
- Open Gym Fees:
 - **Walk-Ins:** Montpelier Residents: \$4; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$6
 - **Punch Cards (22 visits, pickleball only):** Montpelier Residents: \$45; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$60

- **2023 Spring Noontime Basketball**

- **Are you ready to shoot some hoops?** 2023 Spring Noontime Basketball takes place in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm, continues through April 30th, 2023.
- Open Gym Fees:
 - Walk-Ins: Montpelier Residents: \$4; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$6
 - Punch Cards (22 visits, basketball only): Montpelier Residents: \$45; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$60
 - Season passes will now be pro-rated covering the sessions through the end of April: \$45 for residents and \$65 for non-residents

- **2023 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 (Spring Semester March 27th – June 14th)**
 - The Capital Kids Afterschool Program is now beginning to register for the Spring semester. Learn more: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare>
 - Payments are due before the start of each week. See all rates on our website.
 - Closures: Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 29th.
 - April Break Vacation: April 24th-28th.
- **Tae Kwon Do – Spring 2023 – Located at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center’s Activity Room (upstairs)**
 - Instructor Matthew Girouard welcomes beginners to join his Tae Kwon Do classes. This is a class for people who want to learn the art of Tae Kwon Do and is an instructional class. Tae Kwon Do will be offered twice a week for ten weeks.
 - There are two classes available: 2526-A is for students aged 6-8 years old, and 2526-B is for students 9 years and older. Both classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays. 2526-A meets from 5-6 pm while 2526-B meets from 6-7 pm. Class size ranges from 10-20 students.

Montpelier Parks

- **Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps (MYCC) is looking for Summer 2023 workers!** Are you a local youth entering grades 10+? Are you interested in conservation work and helping your community? Learn more and apply on our website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1233/MYCC>.
 - Members of the Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps (MYCC) have the opportunity to work hard and have fun as part of a small conservation focused team. This summer, MYCC will be working to protect our natural surroundings while enhancing recreational opportunities in Montpelier.
 - **Job Details:** This is a paid 30 hours/week position which runs Tuesday-Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm. The program is available to High School aged students in Central VT. MYCC members may work on a number of projects centered on creating a more connected, sustainable Montpelier. Whether building bridges in the North Branch Park, harvesting crops at the FEAST Farm, or creating new trails in the Hubbard Park Expansion, every project is meaningful and community-based.
 - This summer we'll have two 3-week long sessions. New members can sign up for 1 session, and returning members can sign up for up to 2 sessions. During each session, crews of 5-7 corps members will rotate work on Parks, Trails, and Farm. MYCC is a great program for youth who want to do physically satisfying, community-based, paid conservation work. Reach out to Leila Faulstich-Hon at lfaulstich@montpelier-vt.org with any questions.
 - Session 1: June 26 - July 14
 - Session 2: June 17 - August 4
- **APPLY NOW! Root To Fork Coordinator:** This position serves with the Montpelier Parks & Trees Department through the VHCB AmeriCorps Program. Starting March 1st, 2023, become a part of combatting food insecurity in Central Vermont through supporting the FEAST initiative of the City of Montpelier. You will work under staff supervision to support three areas of the FEAST initiative: FEAST Meals Program, FEAST Farm Program, and FEAST Farm Stand Program.
 - To apply, go to VHCB’s website www.vhcb.org and search for the Root to Fork Coordinator position; or visit <https://bit.ly/ParksRootToForkCoordinator>.
 - You can also go to the City of Montpelier Parks & Trees Department’s website: www.montpelier-vt.org/parks.

- **APPLY NOW! Farm Manager:** The City of Montpelier Community Services Department seeks a Farm Manager to oversee the food production at the FEAST Farm program for the 2023 season. The Farm Manager is responsible for planning, growing, harvesting, and coordinating the delivery of food on the farm. They will also be responsible for supervising the wide range of parks staff, volunteers and school groups working on the farm. Because the farm program is only entering its fourth year, we are looking for a Farm Manager who can think creatively, is excited about working towards food justice, and has strong communication skills.
 - To apply, go to the Parks' website <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1235/FEAST-Farm> to find the job description, then apply with your cover letter and resume to Leila at: lfaulstich@montpelier-vt.org.
- **Final versions of the Draft Management Plans are live!** [The Montpelier Parks Commission has published the final version of the draft management plans for Hubbard and North Branch River parks. To view the plans, go to: \[bit.ly/MPParksPlan22\]\(https://bit.ly/MPParksPlan22\)](#)