

| Date | Committee  | Time     | Location                       | Links                           |
|------|--|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5/1  | Design Review Committee                            | 5:30 PM  | City Council Chambers and Zoom | <a href="#">Agenda and Zoom</a> |
| 5/1  | Development Review Board Meeting                   | 7:00 PM  | City Council Chambers and Zoom | <a href="#">Agenda and Zoom</a> |
| 5/2  | Montpelier Housing Committee                       | 6:00 PM  | Memorial Room and Zoom         | <a href="#">Agenda and Zoom</a> |
| 5/2  | Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee | 7:00 PM  | Zoom                           | <a href="#">Agenda and Zoom</a> |
| 5/3  | Homelessness Task Force                            | 11:30 AM | City Council Chambers and Zoom | <a href="#">Agenda and Zoom</a> |

## 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 April 26, 2023](#)

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 21.15 per 100k (similar to last week)
  - Weekly case count: 132
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 3.04 per 100K
  - 19 total new admissions with COVID-19
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average): 1.33% (similar to last week)

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

### **COVID-19 Reminders:**

- **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](#)

**Homelessness Emergency Motel Exodus update:** The Homelessness Task Force is working on moving a resolution forward for Council to consider regarding the motel program and those exiting on 6/1 and 7/1. This resolution is under review by City staff and will likely come forward on the 5/10 meeting agenda.

**Barre Street Crosswalk Update update:** DPW put out a pedestrian crosswalk sign and is going to look at signage and pavement marking improvements. In the longer term, when the traffic signal is completed at Main/Barre, this crosswalk will be evaluated.

### **Montpelier Police Department Updates:**

**Cyber Security with NU:** Chief Nordenson met with Professors from Norwich University's cyber security/digital forensic disciplines on Monday to examine ways we could support each other. Those discussions will be ongoing.

**Drug Detection training:** Officer Goslin and K9 Atlas completed their third week of drug detection training in NH

**New Data Reports:** We have added a quarterly data report summary to our webpage. We hope to add additional useful data to future reports. The report can be found here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5685>

**Administrative Professionals Day:** April 26<sup>th</sup> was administrative professionals day. A big thank you to Bonnie Breault, the public safety administrator for both the police department and fire department. Bonnie keeps both agencies moving forward and we appreciate all she does for us and our community.

Reminder to stay informed and sign up for VT Alerts: <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>

## **Provide Responsible and Engaged Government**

### **Reappraisal**

The reappraisal project is making good progress and property owner cooperation has been very strong. We expect to send initial notices of changed values to all property owners in mid-May. Assessor Marty Lagerstadt will provide an update to the Council on May 10<sup>th</sup> with as much data as is available at that time about overall change to the grand list, review of the project, and next steps in the process.

**Updated Agenda Center:** Our website administrator CivicPlus recently rolled out a new and improved version of the Agenda Center function on our website. The update makes it easier to find and view agenda packet items and allows you to preview documents before downloading

them. We've updated our "How-To" instructions to match the upgrades. Check it out here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/129/Agendas-Minutes>

### **Pending Legal**

The City currently has no active litigation.

## **Create More Housing**

**Country Club Road Update:** The project team is putting together three conceptual designs that will be presented to the public mid-April and then will be presented to City Council in May with the public findings and the team's recommendations. At this juncture, the project team is looking for feedback from the public and the Council on these final concept designs. The design chosen by the Council will evolve into the Actionable Master Plan and mark the transition into Phase 2 of Master Planning.

Once again, the City will host three public engagement sessions to get the public's feedback on the final concept designs and will be soliciting feedback via a City-wide survey. The meetings will match the same style and format as previous public engagement sessions for the Country Club Road Site project. Just like before, the purpose of hosting a series of meetings and provide a video with the survey on the website is to provide a variety of opportunities for community members to participate and engage with the project.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> onsite at 203 Country Club Road from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Memorial Room at City Hall and on Zoom from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The third meeting will be held on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

More details will be made available on Monday, April 17th. For Zoom meeting links and lots more information about this project, click or copy and paste this link into your web browser to view the project webpage: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1296/Country-Club-Road-Site-Property-Developm> or go to [www.Montpelier-VT.org](http://www.Montpelier-VT.org) and click on the "Community" tab for a link to the page.

## **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

**The Montpelier Parks Department is seeking a City Arborist starting in May!** The City of Montpelier is looking to fill the City Arborist position within the Parks & Trees department. This position offers a comprehensive benefits package and \$25.38-\$26.67/hr. depending on experience. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Parks Director Alec Ellsworth at [aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org). Applications will be accepted until April 30th at 11:59pm.

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

#### Join our Department of Public Works Department: Openings:

- (1) Water Treatment Plant Entry Level Operator
- (1) Staff Engineer
- (1) Intern Engineer

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](mailto: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](mailto:jbenson@montpelier-vt.org).

**APPLY NOW! Root To Fork Coordinator:** This position serves under the Montpelier Parks & Trees Department through the VHCB AmeriCorps Program. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.vhcb.org)) or the City of Montpelier Parks & Trees Department's website ([www.montpelier-vt.org/parks](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parks)).

**Mental Health Clinician:** Montpelier Police, Barre City Police and Washington County Mental Health are still looking for a police mental health clinician to work with our agencies. If you have any interest either call Chief Nordenson at 802-223-3445 or apply directly at : <https://wcmhs.applytojob.com/apply/rZGj0OPhbn/Police-Mental-Health-Clinician>

## 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*

| <b>Upcoming Agenda Items (<i>TENTATIVE</i>)</b> |   |             |  |
|---|---|-------------|--|
| <b>5/10</b>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water &amp; Sewer Budgets</li> <li>• Water &amp; Sewer Rates</li> <li>• Water &amp; Sewer Infrastructure Plan (if state completes review)?</li> <li>• Stormwater Utility</li> <li>• Reappraisal Update</li> <li>• Summer Schedule Survey Presentation</li> </ul> | <b>5/24</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casella/Leachate?</li> <li>• Outside Agencies Policy</li> <li>• DID Budget</li> <li>• 12-16 Main</li> <li>• CCR Update?</li> <li>•</li> </ul> |
| <b>6/14</b>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Heat Budget</li> <li>• District Heat Rates</li> <li>• Project Updates</li> </ul>  | <b>6/28</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCR Decisions</li> </ul>  |
| <b>7/12</b>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>   | <b>7/26</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>  |

? = 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:**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Tentative Topic(s)</b>  |
|--------------|--|
|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Master Plan (Summer 2023)</li> <li>• Barriers to Housing (in City Plan)</li> </ul> |

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

## **Community Services Department** **Report** **Week in Review: April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

For all things from  
Community Services, go to:  
[www.montpelier-vt.org/cs](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/cs)

- **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.**

### **Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) News**

- **The May Newsletter just released! [Download it and Spring Program Guide:](https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter)**  
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **Weekly congregate lunches—every Thursday at noon. Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the meal by calling or emailing:** FEAST Manager Poa Mutino at 802-262-6288 or email: [emutino@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:emutino@montpelier-vt.org).
  - **Subscribe to our e-newsletter to learn about upcoming menu items:**  
[www.montpelier-vt.org/304/newsletter](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/newsletter).
  - **Learn more about FEAST by viewing our updated webpage:**  
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST>, or on [Facebook](#).
- **Coming up soon to the FEAST Kitchen!**
  - **FEAST’s Mother’s Day Lunch (May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm):** Chef Joey Buttendorf is returning to be our Guest Chef for the week! Bring your mother, or mothers, bring your kids, to our fabulous lunch in the FEAST Kitchen. Menu coming soon!
  - **Memorial Day Veteran’s Luncheon at MSAC (May 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm):** Veterans, come and join us for a special lunch in the FEAST Kitchen. We will honor your service with a delicious menu to be announced very soon. Please feel free to come in your dress uniforms!
- **National Life Day of Service: May 9<sup>th</sup> at MSAC** National Life Group’s Executive Leadership Team will kick off its first Week of Service since before the pandemic by spending the morning preparing and handing out meals at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center’s (MSAC) FEAST Kitchen on Tuesday, May 9. Thank you to National Life Group for continuing to support ending hunger in our community.
- **Tech cafés at MSAC:** the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, Montpelier High School, and All Brains Belong are teaming up to put on tech cafés each Thursday from now until May 18<sup>th</sup>. Any and all tech-related questions can be asked. You will work with a MHS student who will guide you through your problem. There are 3 time slots for sessions: 8:45-9:30am, 10-11am, and 1:30-2:30pm. All sessions are RSVP-only, and to RSVP, please

email or call Matt: [mwilson@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:mwilson@montpelier-vt.org) or 802-262-6284 by the Wednesday before the next session.

- **MSAC Advisory Council Election is happening now through June 1<sup>st</sup>:** MSAC members can help decide their leadership for 2023. You should receive a ballot in your mailed newsletter, but you can also grab a ballot from our office or complete it online: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3YNFN7](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3YNFN7).
- **We have two classes coming up that you don't want to miss out on!**
  - **Strength through Resistance Band Exercises** is a one-time workshop on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Open to the public and is for ages 18+. \$25/members & \$35/public. Register at our office.
  - **Somatic Movement: Free Your Feet** is a 4-week class running from Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Open to the public and is for ages 18+. \$30/members & \$45/public. Register at our office.
- **MSAC Trips are back all summer long!**
  - **North Branch Cascades Walk:** Monday, June 5th | 1-4pm | Cost: \$10
  - **Eshqua Bog:** Friday, June 23rd | 9am-3pm | Cost: \$10
  - **Shelburne Museum:** Wednesday, July 12th | 9:30am-3pm | Cost: \$64
  - **See details and register online:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/313/Trips>
- **Seeking Some Fun?** Join our wide variety of drop-in groups, most open to all ages. Hanking for music? Poetry? Drumming? Dancing? Community service? Games? Coffee & Conversation? Book discussions? Meals? Drag Bingo? We've got it all!

### Drop In Groups

*\$5 suggested donation appreciated for drop-in groups to help keep our space beautiful.*

**Coffee & Conversations** | Mondays | 9:30-10:30 am | on-going | MSAC Community Room  
**Artists Group In-Person at MSAC** | Mondays 10am-12 pm | MSAC Art Room  
**Tuesday Walks** | Tuesdays | 9:30 am | on-going | meetup locations vary week to week  
**Readers' Choice** | Tuesdays | 12:45 - 1:45 pm | MSAC Activity Room  
**Italian Group** | Tuesdays | 1:15 - 2:30 pm | MSAC Resource Room  
**Scrabble** | Tuesdays & Fridays 1-3pm | MSAC Art Room  
**Trash Tramps Outdoors** | Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | meets at 1:50 pm inside MSAC  
**Winter Poetry Group** | every other Wednesday | 10:30 am-12 pm | MSAC Resource Room  
**Crafters Group In-Person at MSAC** | Wednesdays | 12-2:30 pm | MSAC Art Room  
**Bridge** | Thursdays | 12:30-3:15 pm  
**Community Jam with Experienced Musicians** | Biweekly 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 6:15-8pm | MSAC Community Room  
**Ukulele Players** | Biweekly 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 3:30-5pm | MSAC Community Room



## Montpelier Recreation News

- **Day Camp Counselors Needed!** We're still looking for Day Camp Counselors to lead throughout the summer at Capital Kids Summer Camp for summer 2023. Interested? Learn more about this job and all available positions on our website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>. Contact Assistant Director Haidi with any questions: 802-225-8691 or [harias@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:harias@montpelier-vt.org).
- **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](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/rec), or visit our office at 55 Barre Street during regular business hours for forms and more information.
- **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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>)**
  - 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 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - **April Break Vacation: April 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.**
  
- **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.

- **Free Kids Bike Rodeo:** Sunday, May 7 | 10am-12pm | Montpelier High School
  - Montpelier's Complete Streets Committee is hosting a free Bike Rodeo for kids on Sunday, May 7th from 10am-12pm at Montpelier High School. Join us for a fun bike skills course for children ages 5 years and up. Plan to arrive by 11:15am to complete skills course. Rain date: May 14th.
  - What to bring: Leave your lassos and spurs at home, but each participant will need a working bike or scooter, helmet, and to be accompanied by an adult. Need a helmet? Let us know when you register. A bike mechanic will be on-site for quick fixes.
  - What we provide: We will offer facilitated instruction and a certificate of completion! Participants will visit skill stations for a bike and helmet check, rules of the road, starting and stopping, riding straight, making turns, and more.
  - Registration: This event is free. Registration is requested, but not required. Learn more and register via this link: <https://bit.ly/2023MontpelierBikeRodeo>. Or scan the QR code to the right!
  - If you have questions, please contact lead organizer Holly Fowler: [Holly@NorthboundVentures.com](mailto:Holly@NorthboundVentures.com). Thank you to Northfield Savings Bank, Kiwanis Club Montpelier, Freeride Montpelier, Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Association, Slopestyle Ski & Ride, and Onion River Outdoors.



## Montpelier Parks

- **Dogs in Hubbard Park Subcommittee:** we're still looking for volunteers to join us on this important subcommittee of the Parks Commission. If you're interested in volunteering and want to learn more about you can help decide dog walking policy in Hubbard Park, go to: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/468/Dogs-in-the-Park-Subcommittee>.
- **The Montpelier Parks Department is seeking a City Arborist starting in May!** The City of Montpelier is looking to fill the City Arborist position within the Parks & Trees department. This position offers a comprehensive benefits package and \$25.38-\$26.67/hr. depending on experience. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Parks Director Alec Ellsworth at [aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org).

- Applications will be accepted until April 30th at 11:59pm. We are hoping to fill this position as soon as possible. Go to [www.montpelier-vt.org/210/Parks-and-Trees](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/210/Parks-and-Trees) to learn more about this position and download the job description.
- **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](mailto:lfaulstich@montpelier-vt.org) with any questions.
    - Session 1: June 26 - July 14
    - Session 2: June 17 - August 4
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  - You can also go to the City of Montpelier Parks & Trees Department's website: [www.montpelier-vt.org/parks](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parks).

April 28, 2023

## DPW Projects

### Stormwater Utility

The most recent meeting of the Stormwater Utility Committee was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The next committee meeting which was scheduled on 5/5/23 has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

#### Background

The City now has a webpage dedicated to this project on the Public Works page linked under the “Projects” tab. [Click here](#) to go to the Stormwater Utility webpage.

The Stormwater Utility Committee will work closely with the selected consultant to address the feasibility of the utility, the financial impacts of said utility, and engage the public throughout the development of the utility. [Click here](#) to learn more about the committee on the City’s website.

### Tip of the Week

#### Vermont Municipal Equipment and Field Day - May 10<sup>th</sup>!

Join Public Works employees from around the state at the Vermont Municipal Equipment and Field Day on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Barre Civic Center.

Learn about the people and machines that keep our cities and towns running smoothly. Exhibits are open from 7:30am – 2:00pm.

### Route 2 State Resurfacing Project

UPDATE: Friday, April 28, 2023

**TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION:** Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 5, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., motorists can expect alternating one-way traffic controlled by flaggers from the Middlesex/Montpelier town line to the intersection of Bailey Avenue and State Street. Flaggers will be present to assist motorists through the work zone and as needed uniform traffic officers or flaggers will be present at the intersection of Baily Avenue and State Street to assist motorists.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:** Crews will begin milling from the Middlesex/Montpelier town line to the intersection of Bailey Avenue and State Street. Signal work may occur at the intersection of Bailey Avenue and State Street, most of this work will occur outside of the roadway.

Here's the link to the state's most recent weekly Construction Update for the Montpelier U.S. 2 and U.S. 302 Resurfacing Projects <https://conta.cc/3Hk4Vay>

### About the Project

The State is paving Route 2 from Montpelier's town line with Middlesex near Dairy Creme all the way to the town line with Berlin near Preston's Kia past the roundabout. The route will follow Route 2 to State Street, then turn right to follow Bailey Ave across the bridge. It will then follow Memorial Drive to the Route 2/302 roundabout. The contractor will be submitting their full project schedule in the next 1-2 weeks.

### East State Street

DPW staff is still waiting for 90% final design plan comments from the State. Staff presented roadway configuration alternatives to the City Council for review on 4/26/23. As discussed at the meeting the project has now been separated into two contracts. Staff anticipates that Contract #1 will be advertised for bidding in the upcoming month. For contract #2 City Council selected alternative #3 to progress to the final design. They requested an update prior to bidding contract #2 with a revised estimated cost for alternative #3. [Click here](#) to view DPW's presentation on YouTube.

DPW engineers continue to work on project final design for both contract #1 & #2. 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.

The City has received confirmation from the State that the project will be partially funded using Clean Water State ARPA dollars. DPW received a \$1.4 million dollar grant as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dedicated to CSO projects. Most of the funding for this project will come from a low-interest loan from USDA, Rural Development. The City also received a \$3.25 million grant which will support both the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Phase 2 project and the East State Street project. East State St. construction is anticipated to begin summer of 2023.

### Grout Road Bridge

The project has been awarded to Winterset Inc. Winterset will be providing a project schedule in the next 1-2 weeks. They have indicated a start date in early mid-May of this year. Staff has been actively reviewing construction submittals. [Click here](#) to view the preliminary plans.

### State Street Sewer & Drainage Improvement Project

A portion of State Street's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is getting an upgrade. The project is now underway. Crews set the first sewer manhole structure and completed approximately 120' of pipe installation. This week an elevation conflict occurred between an active steam tunnel and the proposed location of the



sewer main. Staff is actively working with the contractor, Buildings Grounds and Services (BGS) and the design engineer to develop alternatives. Next week they will be installing the second sewer manhole and they will start to relocate the traffic control barriers as work progresses towards Taylor Street. By the end of next week, they anticipate paving areas that have been disturbed.

Two-way traffic will be maintained as much as possible throughout construction, but travelers should be prepared for some delays in this area. Under no circumstance should vehicles park within the designated construction zone. Parking meters have been bagged to maintain traffic flow. Anyone in violation will be immediately towed at the owner's expense.

[Click here](#) to read more about this project on the City's website. If you'd like to receive updates about this project, please reach out to Evelyn Prim, the City's Communications Coordinator, at [eprim@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:eprim@montpelier-vt.org) to be added to our distribution list. DPW

will also continue to provide weekly project updates here as well.

## Water Distribution System - Preliminary Engineering Report

The City's consultant Engineer, Dufresne Group Engineering has completed a 90% draft report of the water distribution system. This report reviews alternatives for pressure reduction in various locations around the system compared to the current practice of aging infrastructure replacement. The report also includes the cost estimates associated with the various alternatives. The conclusion of the report provides a recommended approach. This draft report has been submitted to the State of VT Water Supply Division and is subject to change based on the comments received. The report can be found at this link: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/201/Water-Filtration>

To view the State's comments, click the following link: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/9527/PER-5272-2-Preliminary-Engineering-Report-Correspondence-4-17-23>

Staff is working with Dufresne Group ahead of the next City Council meeting on 5/10 to develop a response to the state comments.

Public comment on the report can be sent to the DPW Director at [kmotyka@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:kmotyka@montpelier-vt.org) or make comments after the presentation at the City Council meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## FAQs

*“I read it in the DPWNews”*

**Sewer Main Connection on Main St. VT-Alert**

A contractor closed a section of roadway on Main St. on Tuesday, April 28 to connect their sewer service to the City’s main line. The work was coordinated to be completed while students were on school break. The pavement patch that was completed is temporary and a permanent repair will need to happen in the coming weeks. No additional road closures are anticipated.

**Careers**

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- (1) Water Treatment Plant Entry Level Operator
- (1) Staff Engineer
- (1) Intern Engineer

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jbenson@montpelier-vt.org).

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