

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
8/1	Montpelier Housing Committee	6:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
8/2	Complete Streets Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
8/2	Energy Advisory Committee Sub-group GRIP	7:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
8/2	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

Flood Response

Not much new to report since Wednesday's meeting. We're getting clarifying information out about permits and building requirements.

Shelter

We are in active negotiations with Good Samaritan Haven to provide winter shelter (and perhaps longer) at the former Elk's building for 15-20 beds starting in November. While this location isn't ideal, most downtown alternatives are not available right now due to flood damage,

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Facility Tours

The City Manager's office is scheduling facility tours for Council members. Please let Mary Smith know if you are interested.

Budget New

The flood will have a major impact on the city's budget. We will not collect rooms/meals/alcohol taxes to the extent projected, parking revenues have gone away, and we will likely have many tax abatements due to damages which will reduce our property tax revenue.

In addition, we will have reconstruction expenses which will probably exceed reimbursements from FEMA and insurance, especially as we seek to make improvements.

As a result, we have placed ALL projects not already under contract on hold, we are delaying ALL equipment purchases, and imposing a partial hiring freeze until we get a better handle on our financial outlook.

Strategic Planning New:

Due to flood disruptions, we are pushing this back to

Council Retreat

The City Council is seeking a date which will work for a council retreat.

Pending Legal

Moody vs. City of Montpelier. Insurance case filed regarding a pot hole. Costs handled by VLCT PACIF, City represented by Attorney Brian Monaghan

Create More Housing

Country Club Road update: Following on the Council approval of the Actionable Plan, staff will lay out the decision matrix and timing for the various steps needed to move forward. Based on disruption from the flood, the Council workshop on this topic will be moved back to at least September 13th.

Planning Department Update:

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

Employee Training

FBI LEEDA Training: Sgt Chris Quesnel completed the FBI LEEDA Leadership Training Program.

The mission of the FBI LEEDA program is: To advance the science and art of law enforcement leadership and promote the exchange of information to improve law enforcement management practices through training, education, and networking among police professionals across the United States and beyond.

FBI LEEDA Training Cpl Michael Philbrick has completed the FBI LEEDA media and public relations course.

Municipal Job Openings

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

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

Upcoming Agenda Items (<i>TENTATIVE</i>)			
8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan 2023 report • Outside Agency Follow up? • Year End Financials? 	9/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Plan draft • CCR Workshop • Vendor Ordinance?
9/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Strategic Planning 	10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Preview • Strategic Planning • Winter Schedule
10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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

Reminder that there is no meeting on August 9th.

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

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Utility – delayed due to DPW staffing

Community Services Department Report, Week in Review: July 24th – 28th

Community Services Department Updates

- **Community Services Department offices are open for business and activities.** The Montpelier Senior Activity Center is now open for all business and activities. The Recreation Department across the street will reopen for programming next week and continues to be open for business now. City hall business is temporarily operating out of MSAC, so please stop by!
- **At the Parks Department,** crews have continued to assist in the volunteer efforts downtown. We plan to host our Parkapalooza concert series next Thursday, August 3rd after missing the first three weeks. We ask the public to follow our social media pages for the latest updates on cancellations for Parkapalooza.
- **The Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC)** is now set up at the Recreation department until Saturday, July 29th. Learn more: <https://vem.vermont.gov/flood/marc>.
- **We want the public to know that this crisis isn't over.** While we may be back in operation again, please understand that there is active recovery going on nearby, so please be safe and stay updated through our online channels:
- **Check out the Resource Log** on the City website for all resources related to flooding event in Downtown Montpelier: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=467>
- **You should also follow** the City of Montpelier's Facebook page: [@MontpelierVT](#) and our new Volunteers pages: [@MontpelierVolunteers](#) on Facebook and Instagram
- You can also follow our Community Services Departments pages: [@MontpelierSeniorActivityCenter](#), [@MontpelierRec](#), and [@MontpelierParks](#).

Website: 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.**



Left: The volunteer hub is still open on Main Street | Top Right: City of Montpelier's crew serves in downtown Montpelier. | Bottom Right: AmeriCorps member Jen operates the tool library.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)

- **Read the July Newsletter and Summer Program Guide here:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **We're here to help!** Despite changes at MSAC recently, we're here to support you with regular activities and space to escape the summer heat. Come inside and enjoy this community space.
- **Montpelier E-Bike Lending Library (A New Perk for MSAC Members!)**
 - If you want to try something new or just have a new ride to get around downtown, the MELL program is something you should try, even for a week. The booking system is open now for weekly rentals from the Saturday Farmers Market. This year's program will continue through the week of October 28 - November 4. Reservations can be made online here: <https://webreserv.com/montpelierebikelendinglibraryvt>.
 - Make sure to sign the electronic waiver in advance of your pick-up: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/lmmontpelier/>. If an e-bike is unavailable, please fill out the waitlist here: <https://forms.gle/M9MTkosA5CJFSNzU6>.
- **FEAST Farmstand is on pause for the season!** Due to the unfortunate loss of our annual crops at the FEAST Farm, the FEAST Farmstand is now on pause until we can assess next steps.
- **Seeking Some Fun?** Join our wide variety of drop-in groups, most open to all ages. Hankingering for music? Poetry? Drumming? Dancing? Community service? Games? Coffee & Conversation? Book discussions? Meals? Drag Bingo? We've got it all!

Montpelier Recreation News

The Montpelier Recreation Gym will be reopening for programming next Monday, July 31st. We thank you for your patience as we assist in flood relief.

- **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.

- **Montpelier Public Pool Opens for the Summer!**
 - The Montpelier Pool is open to the public with full regular hours: 1-7pm from Monday to Friday, and 1-5:30pm on the weekends. Please check our website or Facebook page for the latest updates on closures and event announcements. We're excited for a long summer of fun activities there!
 - **Summer Pool Passes:** Purchase Pool Passes by filling out the Pool Pass Purchase Form on the website or in the office. The form must be returned to the Rec Center (55 Barre St) in order your passes to be processed. We do accept credit cards payments at the Rec Center Offices. We do also except cash or checks. Checks can be made out to: Montpelier Recreation Department. Mail: "Montpelier Recreation Department Attn: Haidi Arias 58 Barre St., Montpelier, VT 05602"
 - **SPECIAL NOTE:** Family swim requires an individual to be entering 9th grade or they must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older. Children aged 8 and under must be always accompanied by an adult. Children 4 and under must have an adult in the water with them.

- **Special Events at the Pool This Month:**
 - **FLOODLE NIGHT** Bring your favorite floats and noodles and let your family enjoy floating around the pool. Must have passed raft test to go in the deep water.
 - WHEN: Tuesday, August 1
 - TIME: 4:30 - 7 pm
 - **MEMBER GUEST DAYS** People with passes may bring a guest for free on the following dates:
 - DATES: August 5
 - TIME: During General and Family Swim for that day.
 - **PIZZA AT THE POOL** Pizza will be for sale.
 - WHEN: Tuesday, August 8th
 - TIME: 5 - 6 pm

- **Summer Baseball with the Vermont Mountaineers** Pick up a game schedule at the Montpelier Rec Dept and Montpelier Senior Activity Center, or view games online at: www.thevermontmountaineers.com. Thank you to National Life Group for being a presenting sponsor.

- **Fall Youth Soccer Registration is Now Open!**
 - Fall is only a few months away, and Montpelier Recreation will be opening up Fall Youth Soccer for registration starting July 1st. Our fall youth soccer program covers grades K-6 and all skill levels. Sign up information to come soon, so learn more on our website (www.montpelier-vt.org/838/Recreation), social media pages, or by stopping into our office at 55 Barre Street.
 - **Coaches & Referees Needed!** Parents and guardians are needed to help coach and referee this fall. Please mark your calendars for our organizational meeting in early September! Meeting info TBA later in the summer; follow our newsletter, website, and social media pages for the latest updates.

- **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

- **Spring Pickleball Clinics for Adults (18+)**
 - **Beginner Skills Clinic | June 23 - July 21*** All clinics are taught by USPTA Tennis Professional and Pickleball Instructor Scott Barker.
 - **Info:** Fridays from 2-3pm at the Elm St. Tennis Courts (Rec Area)
 - **Registration:** Register online or by filling out a form.

- **2023 Summer Noontime Basketball**
 - 2023 Summer Noontime Basketball takes place in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm.

- 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 cover all session through August 31st:
 - Montpelier Residents: \$90
 - Non-Montpelier Residents: \$135
- **Capital Kids Summer Day Camp (June 26th – August 18th)**
 - The Capital Kids Summer Day Camp is starting soon! Learn more: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/843/Capital-Kids-Day-Camp>
 - **Weekly Themes:**
 - **Week 6:** July 31 - Aug. 4; Ninja Warrior; Field Trip: Get Air
 - **Week 7:** Aug. 7 - 11; Wacky Olympics Sports; Specialty: Mini Golf Course
 - **Week 8:** Aug 14 - 18; Best of the Summer Finale; Field Trip: Lake Groton

Montpelier Parks

- **Parkapalooza 2023! Cancelled for July 27th.**
WE WILL RETURN on August 3rd for a special concert with Barika!

- Montpelier’s summer concert series is coming back to the Tuning Forks Soundstage on Thursday, August 3rd at 5:30pm with featured artist Barika. Arrive early, and plan for fun times throughout the summer. Each family friendly event will feature live music, our giant slip ‘n slide, and a huge open space for people to gather and listen to live music. We have a great lineup of local and regional bands. Now in its sixth year, Parkapalooza celebrates all that we love about Central Vermont— family time outside, community and the arts.

