

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
08/07	Design Review Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
08/07	Development Review Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Zoom Only	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
08/08	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 PM	Zoom Only	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
08/09	Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	Zoom Only	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>

## Improve Public Health and Safety

### 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.

### FAQ Spotlight:

**I heard the first pass of debris pickup is complete, but my pile is still here. When will my debris be picked up?**

The first pass of disaster debris pickup is nearly complete in both residential and commercial areas. Commercial areas are eligible for one pass of debris removal, but residential debris removal is eligible for an additional pass.

The contractor will be starting the second pass of residential debris removal on Monday, August 7th. If you still have disaster debris from your residence that has not been removed yet, please make sure it is set out in the debris pick-up zone in front of your residence and separated as shown in the graphic.

# Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

**Community Discussions:** The Montpelier City Council will be conducting a facilitated conversation about the future of the city after the recent flood. These discussions will provide an opportunity to consider many of the ideas suggested in our community in the aftermath of the flood. The meeting or meetings will be led by a neutral facilitator. Details such as date, time, location, format, and facilitator have yet to be finalized but will be announced soon.

**Will the due date for property taxes change?** At this time, the City is still undergoing the reappraisal process. Due to the flood, reappraisal grievance hearings will be delayed. Tax bills have not yet gone out. The first quarter installment date will be later than normal but has not yet been set because the reappraisal is not yet complete. The City will make an announcement as soon as the tax bill due date is set.

**Budget:** 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 report out on FY2023 progress at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting and will work on FY2024 in September.

## **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. Due to the disruption from the flood, the City Council workshop on this topic will be moved back to at least September 13, 2023.

## 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>

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

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

**Reminder that there is no meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

**Community Services Department Report, Week in Review:**  
**July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Services Department Updates**

- **Community Services Department offices are open for business and activities.** The Montpelier Senior Activity Center and Montpelier Recreation Gym are open for all business and activities. City hall business is temporarily operating out of MSAC, so please stop by!
- **We want the public to know that this crisis isn't over.** While the City of Montpelier is slowly opening again, please understand that there is active recovery going on throughout the city, so please be safe and stay updated through our online channels listed below. **The volunteer hub is still active at Barre & Main Streets until further notice!**
- **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](#).

**Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)**

- **Read the August Newsletter and Summer Program Guide here:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **Red Cross Blood Drive this Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at MSAC** The blood drive runs from 8:30 am – 1 pm. Register online through NE Red Cross Chapter or call 1-800-RED CROSS.
- **We're here to help!** [we're here to support you with regular activities and space to escape the summer heat. Come inside and enjoy this community space.](#)

- **Thank you to all who joined us for our congregate lunch on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

- Our next lunch will be Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon. No need to RSVP, but if you have any questions, please call the FEAST office: 802-262-6288.
- Lunches will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at FEAST Senior Meals inside the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. Recommended donation is \$10, although no one will be turned away from being unable to pay.



- **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. Thank you for your support of FEAST during this tumultuous time.
- **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!

### **Montpelier Recreation News**

**The Montpelier Recreation Gym has now reopened for programming! We thank you for your patience as we assisted in flood relief. Note: the Red Cross will be using our gym on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm.**

- **The Red Cross is offering immediate financial assistance for qualified households from 9am to 5pm this weekend at the Rec Gym (55 Barre Street)—**Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the American Red Cross is offering immediate financial assistance for those who need help recovering and

whose primary residences were destroyed or sustained eligible structural damage. To be eligible for Red Cross immediate financial assistance, households must apply for the program and must meet all the following requirements:

- Applicant’s pre-disaster primary residence (renter or homeowner) is located in a confirmed disaster impacted geographic area.
- Applicant is the head of household and not listed on any other Red Cross assistance application related to the flooding in Vermont.
- Applicant’s primary residence was destroyed or suffered eligible structural damage.
  - Eligible damage is indicated by significant structural damage to a residence that requires extensive repairs. This may include substantial failure of the roof, walls, or foundation, or a water line above 18 inches.
  - A residence that is destroyed is one that is a total loss or with damage so extensive that repair is not feasible.
- Primary applicant’s identity and proof of residence details were verified. If your home was not visited by a Red Cross damage assessment representative after the disaster, please bring one of the acceptable damage qualification documents with you to a Red Cross enrollment center to apply for assistance.

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- **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:**

- **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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](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
- **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 31<sup>st</sup>:
      - Montpelier Residents: \$90
      - Non-Montpelier Residents: \$135
- **Capital Kids Summer Day Camp (June 26<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>)**
  - 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 27<sup>th</sup>.**  
**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.

