

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
9/30	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Links

Improve Public Health and Safety

Shelter update

We have a tentative agreement with Good Samaritan Haven to provide winter shelter (and perhaps longer) at the former Elk's building for 15-20 beds starting in November. This is subject to state approval and Good Sam obtaining all necessary permits.

City Hall update:

City Hall remains closed. We have an internal Rebuilding Team that will start meeting next week in order to determine what the next steps of the process are for not only City Hall but for the other City properties that were damaged in the flood as well. We'll be meeting with FEMA officials next week to map out the process for moving ahead with these projects.

Flood Follow Up new:

As discussed, this week, City staff is performing an after action review of flood response and lessons learned. Our goal is to create a written summary for future use if needed. We are actively exploring funding sources for a Flood Recovery officer and have spoken with people who were central to that effort in Waterbury in 2011.

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Where Can I Get More Updates from the City? The City of Montpelier is expanding the ways we share information and keep our community informed. You can now sign up for general updates from the City of Montpelier using the "Notify Me" feature on the City's website.

How to sign up: Go to <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/> and click on the "Notify Me" tile in the popular links, fill in the subscription box with your email, then check the box next to the "City of Montpelier" list name. You'll receive an email with a link asking you to confirm your subscription. Once your email is confirmed, you'll start receiving updates.

City Council Meeting Location new: MRPS Superintendent Libby Bonesteel approved our request to use the High School Library for Council meetings for the foreseeable future. In the event of meeting conflicts, we will either change our date or hold that meeting virtually. This location is accessible and is all set up for ORCA and remote connection. This will start with the September 9th meeting.

Community Meetings about Flood Recovery update:

Paul Costello has led two very successful community conversations on August 10th and 22nd. The third and final in the series will be held on September 7th.

FEMA and the City will be conducting a town hall meeting in September focusing on FEMA programs.

Pending Legal

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

Create More Housing

FEMA Housing new:

FEMA has reached out to the City about placing “FEMA Trailers” (which are temporary housing units) for people who have been displaced by the flood in Montpelier. The most likely location would be at Country Club Road. We hope that this installation will result in construction of some infrastructure that can be used for future housing development. That outcome is not certain though. They would like to begin construction soon and expect these units could be in place for 18-24 months.

Improve Community Prosperity

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

Benefit Concert for Flood Relief new:

Montpelier Alive, Barre Area Development, the City of Montpelier and others are partnering to hold a benefit concert on Saturday, September 9th from 3 to 7 on the State House Lawn (pending approval from BGS). Scheduled performers are Guagua, Rey Vega, Dwight & Nicole and the Dave Keller Band. This event had been considered for the Country Club Road location but is moving to the State House Lawn to create a better and safer experience for all involved. Performances and support are being donated so that all proceeds can go to the Montpelier and Barre flood relief funds.

Clean Up Day August 26th:

Department of Public Works will be assisting the State of Vermont on flood recovery Clean Up Day this Saturday, August 26th. Last week, Governor Scott announced the launch of the statewide “Clean Up Day” to support cleanup efforts in Vermont following this summer’s severe flooding. Orange bags will be available at the Volunteer Hub between Shaws and the Drawing Board and on the VCFA Green on Saturday, August 26 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

****The Department of Public Works weekly newsletter can be found on the City’s Department of Public Works webpage.****

Employment and Personnel Announcements

Staff Development

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 Meeting:
- Click here for Live Stream:

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Council Meeting Agenda Schedule and Strategic Planning Items on following pages

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

9/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR Workshop • Ballard & King results • Outside Agency Policy • 2023 Strategic Plan wrap up • Staff Appreciation 	9/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year End financials • 2024 Strategic Planning
10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Preview • Strategic Planning cont. • Winter Schedule 	10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Plan Draft
11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	11/15?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget 	12/20?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget

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

11/15 and 12/20 dates are possible conflicts with School Board

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 Updates

- **The volunteer hub continues!** 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 our new site: www.montpelierhub.com for all things Montpelier Flood Response Hub!
 - If you'd like to stay informed on all the hub activities, subscribe to our email list found on **the City of Montpelier's Resource Log**, which has all resources related to flooding event in Downtown Montpelier: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=467>
- **For more updates and resources**, 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>
- **MSAC Fall Class Registration begin on Monday, August 28th** [See the full fall lineup of classes at: https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes](https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes). [Deadline to register is Friday, September 22nd](https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes), and most classes begin the first week of October.
- **OLLI Lecture Series returning to MSAC this Fall!** The OLLI lecture series begins on Wednesday, September 20th with Singer and Historian Linda Radtke for ***From Parlors to Polls: Vermont Suffragettes***. Go to learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt and register online, or pick up a brochure in our office for other registration options.

- **Sprouting Change: A FEAST Senior Meals Fundraiser**

- ***Can you be a champion for local food and nutrition?***
- After the July 2023 flood, FEAST Senior Meals is looking to support us and sprout change from now until September floodwaters devastated our farm, which provided vital our Meals on Wheels program. We're asking you to food and nutrition through this small dollar donation drive.
- By going to our website, www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST, donate \$15, which is the average cost of a meal for client, friend to do the same. Together, we can regrow our local food system and sustain our operations during this critical time of year for our older adult neighbors in Central Vermont.



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- **FEAST Farmstand is returning soon!** Although we lost almost all our annual crops at the FEAST Farm, the FEAST Farmstand will be returning on Wednesday, September 6th with donated produce and other goodies to sell. We have not set a return date yet, but we will have an announcement in the next couple of weeks. 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

- **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 – Closes on Sunday, August 27th**
 - 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!
 - We will soon close on Sunday, August 27th, so please come out and enjoy your community pool before summer ends.
- **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 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.

Montpelier Parks

- **Parkapalooza 2023 – Thank you Montpelier!**

- Montpelier's summer concert series has ended for the summer, and we cannot thank you enough for your support! Obviously, the flood had a huge impact on our summer tradition, which forced us to cancel half of our scheduled concerts. Despite these challenges, you showed up and local music with us and all that we love about Central Vermont— family time outside, community and the arts.
- We want to thank all of our sponsors as well, some who were greatly affected by the flooding: Barr Hill, Community National Bank, Foxfire Tree Care, Hunger Mountain Coop, Isham-Berwick Insurance, National Life Group, and VSECU. We also want to thank our supporting sponsors: Bolduc Metal Recycling, Capitol Grounds, Fecteau Homes, Sarducci's restaurant, and the Wayside restaurant.
- Last, we want to thank our food vendors, the bands, and all our staff and volunteers who made these concerts possible. We will be back next summer with a full lineup of amazing local bands and food vendors. Until then, keep supporting Montpelier!