

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
10/10	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
10/10	Special Housing Committee	6:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
10/10	Montpelier Senior Center Advisory Committee	5:30 PM	MSAC	Agenda
10/10	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
10/11	Complete Streets Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
10/11	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Montpelier High School and Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>

## Improve Public Health and Safety

### Washington County Mental Health Clinician **update**:

We are pleased to introduce Annie Kasper as our new crisis response team member. Annie has recently relocated from Texas where she has extensive experience with investigations and those experiencing mental health crisis. Annie will be working for Washington County Mental Health Services and will be shared by our police department and the Barre City Police Department. Annie is currently attending the Washington County Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) where she is building great relationships with our community partners. After completing CIT, she will spend the month of October working with WCMH and their orientation program.



## Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

**Building Repair and Flood Resiliency RFP – Posted:** The City is seeking professional services to provide alternative options and cost estimates to retrofit, renovate, and mitigate future damage within historic buildings. All repairs will be to bring the buildings back to pre-flood condition, meet flood hazard mitigation standards, and provide options to prevent future events. Bids are due on 10/19, 11:00AM and a pre-bid site visit is being held on 10/10, 8:30AM starting at City Hall. For more detail please visit: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/bids.aspx?bidID=60>

### **Post-Flood Communications Improvements**

We've learned a lot from the challenges we've faced as a community in the wake of the flood. Here's how we're working to improve the way we communicate and share information with our residents: <https://montpelierbridge.org/.../post-flood.../>

### **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 update:**

We are working with FEMA to finalize the layout for their project.

## Improve Community Prosperity

**\*\*The Community Services Department weekly newsletter can be found at the end of the 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.\*\***

## Employment and Personnel Announcements

**NOTE – the City is currently in a hiring freeze due to financial circumstances.**

### **Municipal Job Openings**

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

## Reminders

### **Upcoming Billing Dates**

Per state statute: "The tax collector shall, at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for the payment of taxes by vote of the municipality, mail to each taxpayer at his or her last known address a notice stating

the amount of his or her grand list, the tax rate, the amount of taxes due from him or her, and when the same are payable.” (Cite as: 32 V.S.A. § 4772)

This year, property tax bills were mailed out during the last week of August with the first installment of property taxes due on 10/2, at least 30 days after bills were mailed per the state statute noted above. This date is much later than the normal 8/15 due date and was extended because the City was finishing the reappraisal process.

The second property tax installment is due November 15<sup>th</sup> (postmarks accepted). A late payment penalty of 5% will be applied immediately following the due date and for the following 5 days. After the first 5 days, the penalty will increase to 8%. Interest is charged at a rate of 1% per month for the first 3 months and then 1.5% per month thereafter.

Water and sewer bills for the period of July, August & September will be mailed out by the end of October and are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are unable to make your payments by their due dates, please contact Beverlee Hill at 802-223-9512.

### **Alternate Side Winter Parking Begins November 15<sup>th</sup>**

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the City adopted new winter parking regulations called Alternate Side Winter Parking. Alternate Side Winter Parking helps the City clear each side of the street from snow, slush, and gravel during winter months when inclement weather can be unpredictable.

Alternate Side Winter Parking begins November 15<sup>th</sup> and ends April 1<sup>st</sup>. Alternate Side Winter Parking is in effect regardless of weather conditions.

### **Guidelines for Winter Parking**

**From 12:00 AM-5:00 PM:** All cars must be parked on the correct side of the street as indicated by whether building numbers are odd or even according to the ODD or EVEN calendar day. Parking on ODD sides of the street on odd-numbered calendar days and EVEN sides of the street on even-numbered calendar days.

**From 5:00 PM-11:59 PM Transition Period:** Move your vehicle to the other side of the street at any time during this transition period.

#### **Downtown**

**1:00 AM -6:59 AM:** No Parking is allowed

**7:00 AM-12:59 AM:** Daytime Parking is allowed as usual (regardless of the day)

### **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

Upcoming Agenda Items ( <i>TENTATIVE</i> )			
10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoning Public Hearing</li> <li>• Confluence Park</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Wrap Up</li> </ul>	10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Strategic Planning</li> </ul>
10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Plan Draft</li> <li>• Revised FY24 Budget</li> <li>• FY25 Budget Preview</li> <li>• City Hall update</li> <li>• Rec Building Update</li> <li>• Senior Center</li> </ul>	11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCR Use Policy</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
11/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY25 Budget</li> </ul>
12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY25 Budget</li> </ul>	1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

? = 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"> <li>• Stormwater Utility – delayed due to DPW staffing</li> </ul>

## Community Services

### Department Updates

- **The volunteer hub is now a remote operation** If you need help or wish to volunteer, please find all hub information on their website: [www.montpelierhub.com](http://www.montpelierhub.com).
- **For more updates and resources**, follow the City of Montpelier's main page: [@MontpelierVT](#); and Volunteers page: [@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 October Newsletter and Fall Program Guide here:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **Next FEAST congregate lunch is Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon inside MSAC. Menu:** pumpkin soup, garlic bread, chickpea salad, and apple crisp.
- **MSAC Potluck Lunch |Friday, October 27 | 11:45am - 1pm | MSAC**
  - Mark your calendars for the FIRST MSAC POTLUCK LUNCH, on Friday, October 27th from 11:45 am - 1 pm. All are welcome to dine whether or not you contribute a dish. Please RSVP by emailing or calling Nancy Munno: Nanmunno0@gmail.com or 802-793-6644. Please let us know you plan to come, whether you'll bring a dish, what it is (if you know) and if you need a ride.
  - This potluck is volunteer-run and will mostly not be using the kitchen on this first trial run. If you can, please bring your own plates, mugs and utensils. We'll have compostable cups, plates, forks and knives for those who don't bring their own. RSVPs will give us an idea of numbers but no one will be turned away for not RSVPing. Donations will be VERY appreciated to help us do this again!
- **OLLI Lecture Series returning to MSAC this Fall!** The next OLLI lecture is Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with UVM Professor Tony D'Amato for *Tree Species Migration: Coping with Climate and Other Changes*. Go to [learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt) and register online, or pick up a brochure in our office for other registration options.
- **Marilyn Webb Neagley Book Talk | October 12, 2023 | 1:00-2:30 pm at MSAC**
  - Attic of Dreams is a lyrical memoir tracing a life of healing from family dysfunction and jumping headlong into a life of natural curiosity, art, and activism. Themes explored include home and community; addiction and secrecy; recovery and restoration; the arts and the natural world; growth and wholeness; and how the changing times and culture are perceived through older eyes.
- **FEAST Farmstand on Wednesdays through December 27th!** FREE produce on Wednesdays from 8-11 am. [www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST).
- **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

- **OPEN GYM REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Ski & Skate Sale at the Barre Auditorium | Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-2pm.**
  - Come and purchase winter gear at the Montpelier Ski & Skate Sale on Saturday, October 21st from 9am to 2pm. We'll be at the Barre Auditorium again this year, so come out and pick up some great gear at great prices. Questions? Contact Haidi at 802-225-8691.
- **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.

- **Capital Kids Afterschool Program suspended until January** Due to low staffing, the Capital Kids Afterschool Program will be suspended for the fall semester.
- **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

- **Enchanted Forest returns to Hubbard Park on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>!**
  - **TICKETS ON SALE NOW:** [https://alltogethernowvt.org/enchanted\\_forest](https://alltogethernowvt.org/enchanted_forest)
  - Enchanted Forest will return to Hubbard Park on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a guided walk in Hubbard Park from the New Shelter to the Stone Tower and back again. Along with the jack-o-lantern lit trail, visitors will find the forest filled with art, music, song, and magic. At the Tower, visitors will spread out on the hillside to watch a performance and return along the path to the New Shelter. Each tour will take about one hour. Wear your costumes!
  - **No tickets are sold at the event—only online.** Ticket prices are \$7 per child, \$15 per adult, or \$35 for a family of four.
  - This event is co-created by AllTogetherNow! and Montpelier Parks & Trees Department. For general questions, please email us at [info@alltogethernowvt.org](mailto:info@alltogethernowvt.org). For accessibility questions contact Leila at [lfaulstich@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:lfaulstich@montpelier-vt.org). This event is weather dependent. We have on occasion had to cancel tour times on account of hard rain or lightning. In the event of a cancellation, we do not offer refunds on the tickets. Celebrate the season, and join us for Enchanted Forest this October!