

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
10/16	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/16	Recreation Advisory Board	5:30 PM	58 Barre Street (Senior Center) and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/17	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/17	Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/18	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/18	Special City Council Meeting	5:30 PM	58 Barre Street (Senior Center) and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
10/18	Conservation Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

Montpelier Convenience Store Robbed At Gunpoint

On October 12, 2023, at approximately 2031 hours, the Montpelier Police Department responded to an armed robbery at a convenience store located in downtown Montpelier. It was reported a lone male entered the store, pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded cash and other items. The suspect fled prior to the officers' arrival. The Montpelier Police Department is asking anyone with information as to the identity of the suspect to contact Detective Sergeant Jeff Pearson at (802) 223-3445.



Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

City office relocations New

Today, the Finance Department moved back into City Hall in their old offices. The offices will still not have carpeting or new sheet rock until more permanent work is done on the building. The Assistant City Manager will move into the former Montpelier Alive office and the Communications Coordinator will move into the Finance area.

Starting next week, the Planning and Development office will move into the Police Community Room (just recently occupied by Finance) and Montpelier Alive will move to the offices formerly occupied by the Assistant City Manager and Communications Coordinator.

These moves will allow the activity space at the Senior Center to resume full use. It also moves city offices in closer proximity to operations at City Hall and has better security.

We continue to look for an improved space for the Community Justice Center which is still at the Senior Center.

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>

We have had 6 firms express interest in this project.

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. We have settled on the boundaries of the temporary housing which are consistent with the outline shown to the Council. We are completing the remainder of the lease and infrastructure agreements.

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 15th (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 15th.

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 15th.

On October 14th, 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 15th and ends April 1st. 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 (*TENTATIVE*)

10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Strategic Planning 	10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised FY24 Budget Strategic Plan follow up Rec Building Update Senior Center Richard Sheir re: communications
11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCR Use Policy Short Term Rentals FY25 Budget preview Community Center 	11/15	
12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 Budget 	12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 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 is now a remote operation** If you need help or wish to volunteer, please find all hub information on their website: 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 19th 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!
- **Growing Up in Montpelier: A Talk with Former Senator Patrick Leahy | Sunday, November 5th from 2-3:30 pm at MSAC** This is a free, ticketed event presented by the Montpelier Historical Society: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/senator-patrick-leahy-growing-up-in-montpelier-tickets-718190435927>

- **OLLI Lecture Series returning to MSAC this Fall!** The next OLLI lecture is Wednesday, October 18th with 251 Club of Vermont Executive Director Stephanie Young for *The 251 Club of Vermont: Visiting All of Our Cities and Towns!*. Go to learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt and register online, or pick up a brochure in our office for other registration options.

- **Vermont Author Book Series at MSAC continues!** Thank you to Marilyn Neagley for joining us this week and speaking about her memoir *Attic of Dreams*. And thank you to Jessica from Bear Pond Books for hosting our table.

- Author Rick Winston is our next speaker coming up on Thursday, November 2nd from 1:30-3 pm. He will discuss his memoir *Save Me A Seat: A Life with Movies*. Purchase a copy at Bear Pond Books: <https://www.bearpondbooks.com/book/9781578691289>.



- **FEAST Farmstand on Wednesdays through December 27th!** FREE produce on Wednesdays from 8-11 am. www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST.



- **Keys Bags Names Words: A FREE Film Screening at the Savoy Theatre.** Saturday, October 28th from 2-4pm at the Savoy Theatre in downtown Montpelier. This screening is co-hosted by the Vermont Department of Health, the Central Vermont Council on Aging, the Barre Area Senior Center, and the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. Please join us for the screening and discussion afterwards. Learn more and grab a ticket online: <https://savoytheater.com/movies/key-bags-names-words/>
- **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 IS NOW REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC!** Join us from Wednesday to Saturday for fun and action in the Rec Gym during the evening hours.
- **Ski & Skate Sale at the Barre Auditorium | Saturday, October 21st 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.
- Volunteers needed! Contact Haidi at 802-225-8691 to learn more and ask any questions about the Ski & Skate Sale.
- **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 20th and 21st!**
 - Enchanted Forest will return to Hubbard Park on October 20th and 21st. 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!

- **Tickets are sold out. Please watch out for tickets going on sale next September.**
- This event is co-created by AllTogetherNow! and Montpelier Parks & Trees Department. For general questions, please email us at info@alltogethernowvt.org. For accessibility questions contact Leila at 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!