

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
11/27	Community Fund Board	11:00 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/28	Investment Committee	5:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/28	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/29	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
11/29	Restroom Committee	3:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

Montpelier Police Department weekly report

WINTER PARKING IN EFFECT

Alternate Side Winter Parking began on November 15th and ends April 1st and is in effect regardless of weather conditions.

See the City's website for more winter parking information and guidelines.

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1192/Alternate-Side-Winter-Parking>

INFO –

MPD is committed to transparency, accountability, and improving access to information. We have been working hard to create this organized database on our website to fulfill these goals and hope this information will help address community concerns. The Montpelier Police Department's website provides information monthly about arrests, traffic stops, crimes, and calls for service. Please go to the links below for access:

Media Logs

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=39>

Monthly Arrest Reports

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=130>

Monthly Traffic Stop Data

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=125>

Monthly Raw Data Tables - Arrests / Traffic Stops / Calls for Service

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../Monthly-Raw-Data-Tables...>

Our report for the third quarter of 2023, as well as previous quarterly reports, are available at this link: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=124>

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Possible Charter Changes

We understand that a petitioned request for at least one charter change will be submitted. I don't know whether the Council will want to propose any changes. In any event, I am attaching a memo with the required timelines.

Pending Legal

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

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Create More Housing

FEMA Housing update:

The City of Montpelier has finalized a lease agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to locate twenty 20 FEMA trailers at the City-owned property on Country Club Road. These emergency housing trailers will house individuals who were displaced by the catastrophic flooding in July of this year.

The City and the General Services Administration Public Buildings Service (GSA) signed the 1-year lease of approximately 25 acres of the 133-acre property with the opportunity for four 3-month extensions. The total acreage will be divided into three sections. Eight and a half acres will be designated for housing the trailers, approximately 16 acres will remain as greenspace, and one acre will be reserved for snow storage. FEMA will be paying the City \$42,768 per month for the use of the property.

FEMA will be extending and connecting utilities for water infrastructure, power, and sewer to the site, which the City will be able to reuse once buildout begins for long-term housing on the property.

The lease also includes provisions for a PO Box system for trailer residents, a bus stop within the temporary group housing site, and 24-hour security provided by FEMA to ensure the safety of residents and the protection of the property.

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.****

Stump Dump Temporarily Closed

The Montpelier Stump Dump is currently closed to the public while we work to ensure permit compliance. The City of Montpelier was recently notified by the State of Vermont about a permit compliance issue with Montpelier's Stump Dump located off Finch Road. The City was notified that fill material was encroaching on two Class 2 wetlands. The facility is required to obtain a solid waste utility permit to comply.

➤ Where Can I Bring Yard Waste While the Stump Dump is Closed?

While the Stump Dump is closed, those looking to dispose of yard waste can use the Casella Transfer Station at 378 East Montpelier Rd., or any other transfer station listed on the Central Vermont Solid Waste District website. Learn more about where to dispose of lawn and yard waste on the CVCSWD website here: <https://www.cvswwd.org/leaf-and-yard-waste.html>

Questions? Please contact the [Department of Public Works](#) at 802-223-9508.

Winter Operations: Clearing Rights-of-Way for Snow Removal

Winter is coming! With snow on the way, DPW is reminding businesses and residents to make a plan to relocate dumpsters, storage units, and any other items in the public right-of-way so our crews can safely remove snow on streets and sidewalks. Public rights-of-way are streets, sidewalks, and City-owned parking spaces.

Please make sure large items are clear from the right-of-way by the start of Winter Operations on Wednesday, November 15th. Clearing these items will help DPW safely plow the streets and sidewalks without damaging private property and City equipment. If you have any questions about the best location for your items, please call the [Department of Public Works](#) at 802-223-9508.

Thank you for your help keeping our City thriving throughout the winter!

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

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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*)

12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 Budget Meet with Legislators VLCT re: funding Adopt Strategic Plan Charter Items? 	12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 Budget
1/3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 Budget 	1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget PH Warning PH Bond PH if needed Charter PH if needed
1/17 If needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY25 Budget Charter PH if petition 	1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget PH Warning PH Bond PH if needed Charter PH if needed Petitions Zoning Amendments
2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Amendments Short Term Rentals Manager's Review 	2/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bond PH if needed Charter PH if needed Short Term Rentals
3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Meeting Election Day 	3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational Meeting Council Overview
3/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	4/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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

11/15, 12/20, 1/3, and 1/17 dates do not have location set yet

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)

- **A Rising Tide: An Appeal to Members & the Public:** Your commitment to our organization in the past year cannot be understated. With your support, we've been able to weather the storm of flood recovery, leadership changes, and the ongoing challenges stemming from COVID-19. You've supported us with your donations, your thoughtful comments, and your activism. Thank you!
 - Despite all that support, we're still in need of your help... We've set our 2023 Appeal Goal for \$50,000. We envision MSAC thriving as it had before the pandemic with twice-weekly congregate lunches, classes filling up every room each day of the week, creating space for high-quality events and speakers to come visit, and hosting programs that cater to all needs and wants of older adults in our Montpelier community.
 - If you can donate \$25 today, you can help us return to those days. We know this year has been hard on all of us. We appreciate any support you can give this holiday season, even if it is sharing our appeal with friends and family.
- **MSAC Holiday Dinner on November 28th!** Calling all members! We want to celebrate you this holiday season with a ham dinner. Your support of our appeal campaign will help keep us afloat through this fiscal year, and we want to thank you. MSAC staff members will be serving and preparing meals for November 28th (Giving Tuesday) from 11:30 – 1pm. Live music and a special presentation will round out the festivities! Please stay for the talk about Brain Health and Healthy Aging with the Vermont Department of Health later in the afternoon at 2:45pm.
- **Read the December Newsletter and Winter Program Guide (available next week) here:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **MSAC is hiring for a Program and Membership Director!** The City of Montpelier seeks a dynamic candidate to manage MSAC membership and programming for a progressive and comprehensive Senior Center. This position is responsible for Senior Center operations and reports to the Director of Recreation and Senior Services. This position will oversee MSAC programs, member benefits, volunteers, staff, instructors, and FEAST Senior Meals. Salary and benefits up to \$68,000, and interested applicants should apply through the City of Montpelier's website: bit.ly/MSACJob2023. This position will remain open until filled. For more information, visit www.montpelier-vt.org/MSAC.

- Next FEAST congregate lunch is Thursday, December 7th at noon inside MSAC. The menu will be published soon.
- **OLLI Lecture Series continues at the Savoy!** The next OLLI lecture is Wednesday, November 29th with *The Shop Around The Corner* (1940): a film screening at the Savoy Theatre. Go to learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt and register online, or pick up a brochure in our office for other registration options.
- **Subaru Share the Love event with FEAST Senior Meals & 802 Subaru!**
 - Now through January 2nd, during the Subaru Share the Love event, local Subaru retailers will support local charities and organizations like FEAST Senior Meals. Go to our website to learn more: www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST.



Subaru is sharing the love with FEAST Senior Meals

Support Meals on Wheels from now until January 2nd by buying or leasing a Subaru from a local Subaru retailer.

SUBARU share the love[®] EVENT
November 16 through January 2

Learn more:
<http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove>

- **FEAST Farmstand on Wednesdays through December 27th!** FREE produce on Wednesdays from 8-11 am. www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST.
- **Readers' Choice begins on Tuesday December 5th at 12:30pm in the Activity Room.**
- **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 back at the Rec Gym from Wednesday to Saturday during the evening hours.**
- **Dodgeball at the Rec Gym – Tuesdays from 7-9pm | \$55 for Montpelier Residents for the season! | Learn more online: www.montpelier-vt.org/rec.**
- **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

- **Support the Parks Legacy Fund!**
 - All of our Parks were created through generous donations of land or funds from people who felt passionate about keeping land open and accessible for future generations. This spirit of generosity has led to the amazing network of parks and trails that we enjoy today.
 - Our Parks Legacy Fund supports the strategic expansion of our Parks System, and matches grant funds for large capital improvement projects.
 - You can support this goal through a donation of funds, stock, or a legacy gift.
 - Please consider an annual donation as part of your annual giving plan.
 - Some of our recent successful projects include:
 - 78-acre expansion to Hubbard Park in 2021
 - Construction of a Universally Accessible Trail from the New Shelter to the Tower in Hubbard Park in 2022.
 - To learn more about the fund, please contact Parks Director Alec Ellsworth at aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org.
 - All donations to Montpelier Parks are tax deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the tax code (just like donations to a 501(c)(3), just a different tax number).

