

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
02/12	Cemetery Commission	12:00 PM	City Manager's Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
02/12	Recreation Advisory Board	5:30 PM	Senior Center and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
02/13	Senior Activity Center Advisory Council	2:45 PM	Senior Center	Agenda and Zoom Link
02/13	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
02/14	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Council Chamber and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
02/15	Conservation Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

Montpelier Police Department Weekly Report

*** COFFEE WITH A COP ***

MPD will be holding our next Coffee with a Cop event on Saturday, 10 February 2024 at 10 AM at the @montpelierfarmersmarket located at the Caledonia Spirits Distillery (@barrhillgin) at 116 Gin Lane in Montpelier.

What is @coffeewithacop you ask?

It's a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. In thousands of cities and towns in all 50 states, and in many other countries, "Coffee with a Cop" has done wonders for community trust, police legitimacy, and partnership building.

Community members come to a local "Coffee with a Cop" for a variety of reasons, but no matter why, they are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local police department.

One of the keys to "Coffee with a Cop's" success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members. Instead, it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

Free coffee generously provided by @birchgrovebaking!

All are welcome! We'll see you there!

*** 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>

WEEKLY STATISTICS

INCIDENTS - For the week of February 2 – February 8, the Montpelier Police Department (MPD) logged 168 new incidents (calls for service and/or proactive initiations).
TRAFFIC - MPD conducted 70 traffic stops and directed patrols. Most of these car stops were for speed or other traffic violations.
ARRESTS - MPD made 3 arrests in the past week. Disorderly Conduct - 1 and DUI – 3.
TRAINING – Several MPD officers attended ERU training.
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...>

[Grant Data](#)

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=132>

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

Legislature

We are closely tracking funding for flood relief, abatement relief, and mitigation in both the FY24 Budget Adjustment Act and the FY25 Budget. We'll provide more details as we get them.

General Business Follow Up:

None this week

Pending Legal

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

National Life Tax Appeal. Appeal of the Board of Civil Authority decision to Superior Court. City represented by Attorney Robert Fletcher.

Sign Up for 1-page Summaries of City Council Meetings: Don't have time to attend a meeting or watch the video? Get a 1-page summary of every City Council Meeting sent to your email the following day. Summaries contain highlights of agenda items and discussions, any action taken by the Council, and links to follow-up information. Sign up **here:** <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/list.aspx>

Create More Housing

Country Club Road

Staff will be making a presentation to the Council on the 14th laying out next steps, work plan, and schedule for moving forward. Many of the items are identified in the actionable plan but we will have more specifics for you.

Improve Community Prosperity

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

Eclipse Planning

There will be a total eclipse of the sun on Monday, April 8th at 3:25 PM. Montpelier is in the path of “totality” and will be completely dark for about 2 minutes. Experience in other communities shows that many people – in the thousands - will visit cities in the eclipse path. The state is aware and is making statewide preparations. Montpelier Alive and a City team are working on local plans including safety, sanitation, viewing locations, etc. More to come on this as the date gets closer.

Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

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

Water Line Plan new

DPW, our engineers, and the State have completed the plan for addressing priority water lines with the most leaks over the next 10 years. The DPW Director will present this plan next week along with recommended funding sources.

Employment and Personnel Announcements

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

Municipal Job Openings

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

Reminders

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*)

2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoning Amendments 1st ● Building Code 1st ● Leachate ● CCR Work Plan ● W/S Budgets ● Water Line Plan ● City Manager's Review 	2/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoning Amendments 2nd ● Building Code 2nd ● Audit Report
3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City Meeting Election Day 	3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organizational Meeting ● Council Overview ● Cemetery Commission ● Eclipse Update ● Set Date for Retreat
3/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan – Infrastructure ● Capital/Equipment Plan ● DPW overview ● FEMA Building Update 	4/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan – Housing ● Short Term Rentals 1st ● CCR Update ● Planning & Development Overview
4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan – Resiliency ● Short Term Rentals 2nd ● MCRR Update ● Net Zero Update ● FEMA projects update 	5/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan – Community Prosperity ● Shelter Update ● Parks Overview ● Montpelier Alive Update ● Set Summer schedule
5/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan – Public Health and Safety. ● Police Overview ● Fire/EMS Overview ● Recreation Overview ● Senior Center Overview 	6/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water/Sewer Rates ● Admin (City Manager, Finance, HR, Clerk, Assessing) Overview ● Revised Communication Plan
6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set Tax Rate? 	7/10	

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

Community Services Department Updates

- **For Community Services 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](#).
- **Reminder: our offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.**

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)

- Follow our website for the latest event info: www.montpelier-vt.org/MSAC.
- Read the February Newsletter and Winter Program Guide here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/MSACNewsletter>
- Our next FEAST congregate lunch will be Thursday, February 15th at noon inside MSAC. This special lunch will include a meet and greet with MSAC Program & Membership Director Amy Pitton. Menu: fettucine alfredo, garlic bread, salad, chocolate cake. Appetizers will be served. All are invited to lunch!
- The MSAC Assessment Team will present their findings to the membership on Friday, February 16th at 10am. There will be an opportunity for members to respond to the findings. This presentation will be hybrid (in person and Zoom) and recorded. Scan the QR code or visit our website to access the Zoom link. Questions? Contact our office: 802-223-2518.
- The next MSAC potluck lunch is Friday, February 23rd at noon inside MSAC. Please RSVP by email nanmunno0@gmail.com. Bring your best homemade dishes!
- Check out some of MSAC's Drop-in groups! We've got several drop-in groups to stay engaged in the cold months of the year. Visit our website www.montpelier-vt.org/MSACClasses to learn more about our classes and drop-in groups.



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Montpelier Recreation News

- Summer Day Camp Registration opens February 19th. Check the Recreation website for details on how to sign up in the next week: www.montpelier-vt.org/Rec
- Open Gym is open 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.

- **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

- **Noontime Basketball**

- 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

- **Ice on Fire**

- Thank you to the hundreds of Central Vermont families who celebrated deep winter with us this past week! We hope you enjoy the remaining weeks of winter and return next winter for Ice on Fire.
- We want to thank our event co-host and producer AllTogetherNow VT for their support of Ice on Fire!



- **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).

