

4/22, the Montpelier City Council continued suspension of all Task Force, Committee, and Advisory Board meetings that are not required by law, through June 30th.

Mon., June 1 st	Design Review Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Click here to access the Zoom Meeting
Mon., June 1 st	Development Review Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Click here to access the Zoom Meeting
Wed., June 3 rd	Special City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Click here to access the Zoom Meeting



Public Health and Safety

MASK ORDER

The Vermont Health Department advised that they prefer we use the authority of the Governor's Executive Order for a mask requirement rather than a health order. Therefore we have prepared the agenda item accordingly.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CITY OF MONTPELIER RESPONSE UPDATE

Everyone stay safe out in the heat! Remember to wear sunscreen and drink enough water! Also, remember that the Coronavirus is also still a present health threat. We want to remind you to continue practicing 6 ft. physical distancing, wearing masks when you go outside, and to choose activities that keep you away from others!

We want to share updates on the City's actions to keep residents and employees safe and healthy:

State Updates:

- **May 22nd, 2020:** The Governor issued [Addendum 15](#) to Executive Order 01-20, which has additional guidance for Outdoor restaurants, bars and other establishments that offer food and drink. The Governor also held a press conference that highlighted the following updates:
 - ACCD put out guidance regarding opening restaurants for outdoor dining- the Governor is allowing this guidance to go into place today, May 22nd via Addendum 15 and the [ACCD Memo](#)
 - ACCD will be putting out guidance to allow barbershops and salons to open starting May 29th – with limits and safety measures to protect employees and customers
 - There will be additional openings in health services in the coming weeks
 - Churches, and other formal places of worship, will be allowed to open to 25% capacity starting May 23rd 2020
 - The State has cancelled all “traditional fairs and festivals for this season” as they are unable to abide by health and safety guidelines, via Addendum 15.
- **May 27th, 2020:** Governor Scott held a press conference that highlighted the following information:
 - Highlighted that while Vermont's data trends are positive, there are many states in our region that have been seeing increased numbers of positive cases and deaths through COVID-19. He stated that this information needs to be taken into account when looking at the State's re-start strategy.

- The Governor may announce an increase to the number of folks allowed at personal gatherings and announce further guidance regarding indoor dining later this week.
- **May 29th, 2020:** Governor Scott issued [Addendum 16](#) to Executive Order 01-20 which has additional guidance for Close Contact Businesses and changes to requirements for Social Gatherings. The Governor also held a press conference that highlighted the following updates:
 - ACCD will be releasing guidance to make sure that interior maintenance operations/services can begin June 1:
 - These services includes: close contact businesses such as gymnasiums, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors business.
 - Increasing the social gathering size to 25, starting June 1, does not change the 25% capacity limit for business and non-profit and government entity operations, including, but not limited to, retail, recreational, dining, worship and event spaces.
 - ACCD will be releasing guidance around allowing limited overnight campers to be in the state
 - Facial coverings are still important for protecting yourself and others
 - There has been a small cluster of new cases in Winooski, but the Health Department is working on tracing, testing, and providing education and follow up in partnership with the Emergency Agencies to provide support.

General City Updates:

- The City would like to remind residents that while the Governor’s orders may allow for Gyms to open June 1st, the Recreation Center will remain closed until our staff returns from their furlough, which may occur July 1st or 30th.
- The City is finalizing its Phase I reopening plan, which was shared at the Council’s May 27th Regular Council Meeting. Council requested to move the agenda item to its next regular meeting, so the plan will be reviewed Wednesday June 10th.
- Recreation Update: Our summer camp programs will be moving forward for summer 2020. The Recreation department is creating its operations plan to ensure compliance with State regulations and more information will be shared soon.

Regional Aid Groups Update:

- The City is maintaining a list of situational updates and regional resources for those who may need them on the COVID-19 Response page on the website here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1155/Coronavirus-Response>
- THRIVE has begun to scale-down the WNOC-RRCC. After Friday, May 15, the WNOC-RRCC structure will become dormant but will remain accessible if a future community emergencies.
 - However, the Community Call Center is still functioning:
 - WNOC-RRCC formed the call center as a local platform to receive guidance and connection to regional resources in addition to VT 2-1-1. This service will continue to be administered by Capstone Community Action.
 - **Starting Monday, May 18, the Community Call Center hours will be 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, open weekdays. You may call or text (802) 636-2025.**
- The Capital Area Neighborhoods (CAN) contact information:
 - MontpelierCAN@gmail.com and (802) 828-7375
- Open Meal Sites and their locations are being tracked and posted on the Montpelier Mutual Aid website: www.MontpelierMutualAid.org

Remember to look out for yourself, each other, your neighbors, and friends. This is a situation we can only get

through together.



Responsive and Responsible Government

POLICE CHIEF PROCESS

I am finalizing details with our top candidate. Reference and background checks have been successfully completed. We will have an announcement and press event next week to introduce the next Police Chief.

DOWNTOWN VITALITY OPTIONS

We will have recommended options for parklets, sidewalk use and Langdon Street ready for the June 10th meeting. The State is holding a Streets for Success webinar on Tuesday to provide information to local governments seeking to allow for expanded business spaces.

BUDGET

The Finance Director is pulling together a projection for FY21. We will present an outline of potential budget adjustments on June 10th as well as a summary of the FY20 budget status to date.

5 HOME FARM WAY

I am meeting with all of the key stakeholders involved in this property on Tuesday morning. This may help inform the Council discussion at the June 10th meeting.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

We have often eliminated or moved one summer meeting depending on the status of issues before the Council. We'll put this on the agenda for June 10th. Currently scheduled summer dates are July 8, July 22, August 12 and August 26.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

MSAC PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS NOW ONLINE!

We are pleased that some of our community partners have created online versions of events that would have been offered in our facility this spring, and more are in the works for in the future. These are free and open to the public, with registration through the partners and instructions in the descriptions.

Compost Basics: A CVSWMD Webinar

Thursday, June 4, 1:00 pm

In this webinar, you'll learn how to compost successfully - whether you're starting for the first time, or are a compost veteran. We'll cover cold composting, as well as active and passive management techniques. You'll leave with strategies for jump-starting an old pile, keeping smells down and animals out, and how to compost safely during this time of COVID-19. We'll also review Vermont's food scrap ban from the landfill, and other

options for managing food scraps in addition to home composting. Join Cassandra Hemenway, Outreach Manager at the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, trained and certified in turning food waste into soil! Also presenting is Theron Lay-Sleeper, CVSWMD outreach coordinator, and lifelong composter. Register through CVSWMD at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/backyard-compost-basics-a-free-webinar-tickets-103866425274>



Sustainable Infrastructure

DPW STREET & WATER/SEWER DIVISIONS

The City of Montpelier's Street Division and Water/Sewer Division had a short work week due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Our Street Division completed several tasks throughout this week including the following:

- Repaired the Sink hole on Ridge Street (manhole)
- Placed cold patch asphalt in Pot holes
- Pushed off material at the Stump Dump
- Daytime painting of crosswalks on Elm Street
- Night time painting of Berlin Street/ Granite Street and River Street / Main Street intersections
- Placed calcium Chloride on dirt roads throughout the city
- Cleaned trucks and equipment and organized tools
- Swept several streets throughout the city (performed by Equipment Division)

Next week our Street Division will put out our flower barrels, continue painting crosswalks, mark out for long line painting, continue placing cold patch asphalt as needed for pothole repairs, and place hot mix asphalt for larger street repairs. Our Equipment Division staff will continue assisting the Street Division with street sweeping. Our crew will also assist the Water Division on the Highland Avenue water leak as long as weather permits.

The City of Montpelier's Water/Sewer Division also completed several tasks throughout the short week including the following:

- Installed seasonal meters at the Peace Park and at the State House lawn
- Set up hydrant for demolition of building on Granite Shed Lane
- Repaired curb stop cap at on Terrace Street
- Performed final water meter readings
- Cleaned syphon sewer lines with the Vactor truck
- Cleaned clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Marked out for Dig Safe tickets and addressed other resident concerns
- Sewer pump station checks and maintenance

Next week our Water/Sewer Division plans to repair the water leak on Highland Avenue as long as weather permits, pave areas excavated for water leak repairs, assist the Street Division with placing the flower barrels, perform sewer pump station checks and maintenance, water meter repairs as needed, as well as marking out for Dig Safes tickets.

MONTPELIER SENIOR BANNERS

Do our Montpelier Seniors, Class of 2020 cross your mind in this time of public crisis? The Department of Public Works, Montpelier Fire Department and MRPS-PIE (the school parent fundraising group) are working in collaboration to honor our 2020 seniors by creating banners that are being hung throughout the City recognizing their accomplishment. In Montpelier, City departments have a culture of collaboration and take the initiative to do good works supportive of our residents. In this challenging time, it's important to celebrate our graduating seniors and point a positive spotlight on them. Take a walk or run, hop on a bike or skateboard, drive downtown - give notice to

the graduates of 2020!



WRRF

The contractor continued cleaning Digester #1 this week and will go through next week. Work also continued on the fabrication of the new digester cover. Next week the electrical subcontractor will resume work in the dewatering room for the new screw presses and drum thickeners.

CLARENDON AVENUE PROJECT

The contractor began to remobilize onsite this past week. They performed topsoil restoration in various locations. There is no work scheduled for next week, with construction now scheduled to begin on Monday June 8th, 2020.

DON'T FLUSH THAT

Due to the public health crisis, not only is our city seeing a shortage on toilet paper, but many communities are as well. Department of Public Works would like to remind everyone what should NOT be flushed. Flushing items listed below could cause sewer blockages, in which could cause plugged and overflowing toilets, poorly draining sinks and showers, raw sewage backing up through floor drains, manholes overflowing onto the ground or into nearby surface waters, health hazards and nuisance odors, increases in the City's maintenance costs and costly maintenance and repair bills for YOU.

- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Moist towelettes
- Cosmetics and cosmetic wipes
- Cloth or paper napkins
- Shop towels
- Condoms
- Tampons and pads
- Diapers
- Cat litter
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Latex gloves
- Hypodermic needles
- Facial tissues
- Fats, oils or grease
- Clothing or rags
- Medications (pills or liquid)
- Bandages
- Cotton balls
- Food scrapes
- Swiffer pads
- Plastic of any kind



William Fraser
City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

6/10	COVID-19 Downtown Ordinances FY21 Budget Lobbying Committee Summer Schedule Chapter 13 Ordinance 5 Home Farm Way	6/24	COVID-19 FY21 Budget Personnel Plan Tax Stabilization Mowatt/TKS
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