

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 15 th	Design Review Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Click here to view the Agenda and Zoom Access
Tue., June 16 th	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Click here to view the Agenda and Zoom Access
Wed., June 24 th	Regular City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	TBA



Public Health and Safety

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CITY OF MONTPELIER RESPONSE UPDATE

Today is day 92 since the Governor issued the State of Emergency for Vermont due to COVID-19. We know that this situation remains stressful and it is draining to keep up with all the changes. However, the Coronavirus is still a present health threat. We want to remind residents to continue practicing 6 ft. physical distancing, wearing masks when they go outside, and to choose activities that keep them away from others. But, if we all take appropriate mitigation steps, we can start to make strides moving our community forward.

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

State Updates:

- **June 9, 2020:** Winooski COVID-19 Outbreak Update:
 - The Health Department continues to work with local officials and community partners to test residents and trace contacts in an effort to contain the COVID-19 outbreak that emerged recently in Winooski.
 - The outbreak is now known to include people in neighboring Burlington. As of Monday evening, a total of 68 cases are thought to be associated with the outbreak.
 - Vermonters should continue to wear a face covering, keep a 6-foot distance from others, wash their hands often and stay home if they are sick.
 - The department is offering additional testing every day this week. More than 2,000 specimens have been collected at the pop-up test sites that have been running in Winooski and Burlington.
 - Test sites are currently scheduled through June 26.
 - Find locations and make an appointment to be tested at humanresources.vermont.gov/popups or by calling 2-1-1.
- **June 10, 2020:** The Governor also held a press conference where he discussed the following updates:
 - Outbreak Update: There are now 74 Total Cases associated with the current Winooski outbreak- some are also located in Burlington. The median age of those who have COVID-19 is around 20 years old. No hospitalizations or deaths are related to this outbreak currently.
 - Dr. Levine discussed that "asymptomatic" folks can still share this disease, and that folks may not even know they have COVID-19. He noted that the virus can be spread with folks without symptoms regardless of them later developing more overt symptoms.
 - The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation announced that they have a gift for the High School Graduating Class of 2020- Every member of the class of 2020 from all Vermont High schools will 1

free course of their choosing from Community College of VT this fall, all expenses paid via the Foundation.

- The Governor discussed that they have plans for opening the schools in the fall for in-person instruction, and they reviewed what the plan may look like.
- **June 12, 2020:** The Governor also held a press conference where he discussed the following updates:
 - Governor Phil Scott announced the second phase of the Administration's \$400 million dollar Economic Recovery and Relief Package. Phase 2 uses \$90 million to bring economic support through financial assistance to struggling businesses, housing and community recovery efforts, broadband expansion, and regulatory modernization. [See full details of the plan](#) as it goes to the legislature for consideration and action.
 - The Winooski-Burlington outbreak: There are now a total of 81 cases.
 - Dr. Levine used his time to remind Vermonters that the virus is still circulating, and there is a real risk of spreading it even if you are asymptomatic
 - The Governor stated he may be extending the State of Emergency, currently ending June 15th. His announcement will be made Monday June 15th.

General City Updates:

- Recreation Program Updates:
 - City summer "[Capital Kids Day Camp](#)" will be moving forward for summer 2020. The Recreation department is creating its operations plan to ensure compliance with State regulations and that information will be shared with those registering for camp.
 - [ACCD issued new guidance for organized sports](#). Effective June 15, 2020, some intra-squad activities and practices can begin to take place. Group numbers, including players, coaches and officials, may not exceed current limits on social gatherings – currently 25 or fewer individuals. The Recreation Department has changed its rental policy to accommodate:
 - [City of Montpelier Field Rental Guidelines: Effective 6/15](#)
 - Effective June 15th 2020, the City of Montpelier will allow limited rentals of the City owned fields for sports team and sports camp use. All teams and camps will be held responsible for following the guidelines put in place by the State, and any renters will be required to stay within those rules.
 - Any renters will need to provide their own cleaning and disinfectant supplies, including washing stations as needed.
 - Competition between Vermont clubs (i.e., inter-squad games) is currently anticipated to be able to resume starting July 1st 2020, but for now there is not to be any games between teams, only inter-team scrimmages.
- The City finalized its Phase I Reopening Plan and the plan was approved by City Council Wednesday June 10th. The plan, which is still subject to change in response to State guidance, can be found [here](#).

City Council's Mask Ordinance:

- City Council adopted an [Emergency Order](#) requiring the wearing of masks inside public Montpelier business establishments that went into effect Thursday June 4th.
- The order requires any person, whether an employee, a customer, or a visitor who enters a public business establishment located in the City of Montpelier to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment in the presence of others, with a limited number of exceptions.

- This Order shall remain in effect until the Montpelier City Council amends, rescinds, or suspends this Order or until the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Vermont, whichever occurs first, which is currently June 15th, unless the Governor amends that order.

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:
 - **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

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE REPORT

The new Abstract (Preliminary) Grand List was lodged with the City Clerk on Tuesday, June 9 and Change of Appraisal Notices were mailed to property owners.

There were 121 Real Estate appraisal changes and 195 Personal Property value changes this year.

The Municipal Grand List increased by \$6.3 million over last year but is subject to adjustments which may occur during the grievance process. This is the most substantial net increase in the Grand List in many years.

The deadline to file a Grievance is Thursday, June 25, and grievance hearings will be held on that date.

POLICE CHIEF

Monday marks Brian Peete’s first day as a city employee. He will be working on transition with Chief Facos through June 30th. Chief Peete will assume command of MPD on July 1st.

FY21 BUDGET

We have reached out to agencies and groups who will be impacted by potential budget adjustments and informed them that this will be considered on June 24th.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

BLACK LIVES MATTER

As per the Council's votes today, the City will assist with street closure and security for the painting of Black Lives Matter on State Street tomorrow. Additionally, we will order a BLM flag and raise it as soon as possible.

FLAG POLICY

Related to the BLM flag, we have already reached out to communities around the country for examples of policies concerning the flying of non-governmental flags. These include flags such as POW-MIA, First Responders, Pride, and many others.

MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

MSAC Garden Angels Work Wonders at 58 Barre Street Courtyard!

Special thanks to Liz Le Serviget, Amy Davenport, Ann Moulton, Didi Brush and Kristin Glaser for helping weed, water, mulch and beautify our 58 Barre Street courtyard gardens this season! For anyone seeking volunteer options that help you get your hands in the dirt, we are also offering shifts every Monday with the Community FEAST Farm – next item.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Mondays (Three 2-hr shifts): Help Parks and MSAC Team grow food for FEAST Senior Meals!

Would you like to help provide local older adults with fresh, local food? This summer, the Parks Department and MSAC are teaming up to grow fresh food for Montpelier Senior Activity Center's FEAST senior meals program (including Meals on Wheels). We are in need of volunteer help with weeding, planting, watering, harvesting, and more. We are looking for volunteers to sign-up to help for 2-hour shifts on Mondays. No special skills or abilities are necessary! Please bring water and work gloves. [Sign-up here](#) or email Jacqueline Huettenmoser at eco-ameriacorps@montpelier-vt.org for more information. This is the link to the sign-up sheet https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xQZqxvF_o_4jV_yDa6t_DzfHysHG_HGAA1RDNJhJWc/edit#gid=0

MSAC promoting public education events now online!

We are pleased that some of our community partners have created online versions of events that may have been offered in our facility had we not closed for the pandemic, 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.

Recycle Right: From Blue Bin to Beyond: Free Webinar with Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District

2 Wednesdays, June 17 OR July 8 | 10:30 am

Ever get confused by what goes in and what stays out of your recycling bin? Why is there a recycle symbol on Styrofoam when it can't get recycled in Vermont? We'll review recycling basics, why it's important to have a contamination free bin, how to avoid "wish cycling." We'll also talk about extra recycling options that are easy, and free. Visit <http://www.cvsmd.org/workshop-registration.html> to register or learn the specifics of this and other upcoming seminars, including future dates.



GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY REPORT

Green Mount Cemetery Staff have been quite busy with burials. Patrick and Carl participated in their first Zoom burial with Chairperson Jake Brown operating the video. This burial was in the natural section (now called "The Orchard"). One of the woman's daughter lives in Nashville ,Tennessee and with the Covid - 19 virus could not attend. So a short ceremony with the Funeral Director acting as the clergy occurred on Zoom for folks from Tennessee, Florida, Georgia , Vermont and a medical unit from the Middlebury Hospital to witness. No family members or friends attended.

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)

6/24	COVID-19 Personnel Plan 5 Home Farm Way Budget Employee A&B Award – May 2020 VFW Award CAN Network – Thank You to Volunteers Flag Policy	7/8	COVID-19 Stormwater Master Plan Tax Stabilization Mowatt/TKS
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7/22	No meeting	8/12	Equity Action Plan implementation Design Review
8/26	Community Policing	9/9	Net Zero 2030 Plan
9/23	New Budget Process	10/14	Strategic Plan Progress Update Review 1 st quarter Budget status
10/28	Legislative Priorities 2021	11/11	(Veteran's Day– may need to change date) Childcare Option Study
11/25	(Thanksgiving Eve – may need to change date)	12/9	Implement Housing Initiatives Budget
12/23	(near Christmas, may need to change date) Budget	1/13/21	Budget Public Hearing Strategic Plan Progress Update Review 2 nd quarter budget status
1/27/21	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing	2/10/21	City Manager review
2/24/21		3/2/21	Annual Meeting Election

REPORTS DUE:

Universal Recycling Law – Periodic updates

MDC/MA Partnerships – Periodic updates

Protect, Maintain and Improve Built Infrastructure – Update in October

Supporting the Community in Rebound from COVID 19 – Regular updates