

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
4/26	Police Review Committee	5:00 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
4/26	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
4/28	Social & Economic Justice	8:30 AM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
4/28	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>
4/28	City Council Meeting	6:30	Zoom	<a href="#">Agenda and Zoom Link</a>



## Public Health and Safety

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

This week, Governor Scott announced that 60% of adult Vermonters should be able to be vaccinated by May 1st, even considering the pause in the Johnson & Johnson vaccine administration. The Federal Advisory Panel on vaccinations meets this weekend, and the State anticipates hearing about Johnson & Johnson vaccinations resuming by Tuesday. Currently, more than 210,200 people in Vermont have received all doses needed to be fully vaccinated. The State is also reporting that 52% of BIPOC Vermonters have made an appointment and/or been vaccinated.

The State also announced today that new official safety guidance on Summer Camps from ACCD is coming out shortly, and they will discuss changes at Tuesday's press conference. This update may inform changes to the City's recommendations around opening the pool, and Council will receive that recommendation on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Overall State Updates:

As a reminder, the Governor has announced he has extended the VT State of Emergency for another month- it is now in place [through May 15<sup>th</sup>](#).

#### o Vaccine Updates

- On April 29th vaccine registration will open to out-of-state college students and part time residents.
- COVID-19 vaccine registration is available through both the website and the phone number:
  - Sign up for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at [HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine) or by calling (855) 722-7878
  - Appointments are needed, no walk-ins will be accepted.
  - If you're home bound you can call 833-722-0860 M-F from 8:30-4:30 to make an appointment.
- Vaccination updates can be found via the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#)

- Please check the [Public Health Vermont website](#) for any questions about getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Education Update
  - [Education Secretary French](#) stated that the federal government is extending funding for school meals programs through June of 2022.
  - [Secretary French](#) Says also reported that there were no positive COVID-19 cases in school staff testing for the third week in a row. The State will be ending the surveillance testing program for school staff after next week.
  - In-person graduation and end-of-year celebrations, such as proms, will be permitted this spring, and the Agency of Education will be putting out guidelines later today, April 23.
- Travel and Quarantine Guideline Updates
  - As part of Vermont's phased reopening plan, there is new travel guidance, effective April 9, 2021: except for international travel, travel no longer requires quarantine. [More information here.](#)
- Regional Health Update & VT Case Modeling Response Updates:
  - Case count and outbreak information can be found on the [VT Health Department dashboard.](#)
  - Vermont Modeling Updates: [The April 20<sup>th</sup> presentation can be found here.](#)
  - The weekly summary report on cases can be found [here](#), which this week it discusses cases between March 5, 2020 – April 21, 2021 and spotlights 'Facilities Experiencing More Than One Outbreak'
- Other State Programs
  - Unemployment Work-search Requirement Update: The Governor announced today that the State will be re-instituting the work-search requirement for folks receiving unemployment benefits in the first two weeks of May.
- New Federal Financial Assistance Program for Families who have Lost a Family Member to COVID-19:
  - Beginning April 12th, as part of the federal emergency relief package, financial assistance will be available for families who have lost a family member due to COVID-19. Call the Federal emergency hotline to sign up: 844-684-6333
- Financial Assistance for Small Businesses
  - Vermont businesses continue to be encouraged to take advantage of the federal and sector-specific financial assistance programs currently available including:
    - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#): The deadline has been extended until May 31st. The Vermont District Office of the SBA continues to offer [two weekly webinars](#) on First and Second Draw PPP loans and PPP loan forgiveness.
    - Vermont Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding: A second round of [sole proprietor grants](#), ranging from \$1,500 and \$10,000, are now open to qualifying sole proprietors on a first come, first served basis. Technical

assistance resources are available at the [grant program website](#). The application closes May 26, 2021.

### **COVID Testing Availability:**

- **Testing dates/locations and preregistration found here or call 2-1-1 for registration assistance:** <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>
  - Upcoming Montpelier Testing Dates:
    - [04/29 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 134 State St. \(parking lot\)](#)
    - [05/06 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 134 State St. \(parking lot\)](#)

### **COVID-19 Reminders:**

- Reminder: Mental Health Support & Food Access
  - The State shared some resources to assist folks in seeking help for any mental distress, or in need of mental health care. Resources can be accessed through calling 2-1-1 or via the [State's website for COVID-19 support](#).
  - If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs emotional support, help is available 24/7:
    - Call your [local mental health crisis line](#).
    - Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the [Crisis Text Line](#).
    - Call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at 1-800-273-8255. For more info, visit [healthvermont.gov/suicide](http://healthvermont.gov/suicide).
    - Get connected to Alcohol and Drug Support Services at [VT Helplink](#).
    - Get self-help tips and connect to mental health services at [COVID Support VT](#).
  - If you need help accessing food, there are also many resources on the State and Local level. Please call 2-1-1 or access [WIC](#), [Hunger Free Vermont](#), [3SquaresVT](#), or other resources outlined via Hunger Free Vermont [COVID-19 response](#).
    - There are also local agencies hosting food access programs such as: the [Vermont Foodbank](#), [Everyone Eats](#), and the [Montpelier Food Pantry](#).

### **City Updates:**

- The City is presenting its Reopening Plan to Council April 28<sup>th</sup> at the regular Council Meeting.



## Environmental Stewardship

### **NO BURN ORDER**

The fire department has issued a no outside burn order until further notice. With the recent dry conditions it is currently unsafe for any outdoor burning. We expect this order to be in place until at least late next week. Any questions or concerns please call Fire Chief Robert Gowans.

[rgowans@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:rgowans@montpelier-vt.org) 802-371-9633.



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### **FEDERAL FUNDING**

#### **Summer Matters Funding**

In the pool opening conversation at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, the Summer Matters grant program was discussed as a funding opportunity for the pool. To make sure there is clarity on the amount of funding that the City's summer programs can receive, note that the State is directing around \$1.5 million of the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to support programs that are not directly connected with a local school or school districts to increase program capacity in Summer 2021. The City will be participating in a seminar to learn more about this funding opportunity on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

More information can be found here: <https://www.vermontafterschool.org/summermatters/>

### **MORE FEDERAL FUNDING**

We have been told that announcements about earmark applications will be made on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Therefore we will schedule a discussion of federal funds use for the May 12<sup>th</sup> agenda since we will know what projects are in play.

Reminder that direct applications for earmarked funds were made for the following:

1. East State St.: preliminary and final design
2. State St. Sewer & CSO Construction
3. WRRF Phase 2 Construction
4. Rec Center Renovations
5. Confluence Park
6. Public Access Restrooms
7. Cemetery Chapel Building Repairs

City staff is creating a summary of potential uses for the incoming \$2.158M in federal funds. Items fall into certain categories:

- Projects and equipment which were deferred as a result of the FY20 and FY21 budget mitigation plans to address the sudden revenue losses.
- Projects and equipment which were not funding in the FY22 budget due to projected revenue shortfalls.
- Major projects in development which exceed the annual capital plan and would normally require bonding and/or multiple funding sources.
- Current projects facing budget constraints.
- New projects and economic initiatives which have been proposed in the last year or less.

As may be expected, our current project list far exceeds the amount of new funding.

### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

After delaying negotiations with two unions for a year due to COVID, we will be undertaking bargaining with all four units (Fire/EMS, DPW, Police Patrol/Dispatch, Police Supervisors) this spring with the goal of having agreements ready for July 1. I'll brief the Council as we go along. The Police Supervisors unit is newly formed and these will be the first substantive negotiations with them. On the consent agenda for next week is a "base" contract which simply articulates their current terms

and conditions. There are no economic changes included.



## More Housing

City of Montpelier to proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Fair Housing Month in Montpelier, and the City Council urges all individuals, agencies, and institutions—public and private—to contribute to the observance by continuing our efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our community and to increase housing opportunities for all.

The City Manager's office and Planning & Development Department continue to work regularly on two potential private housing projects in Montpelier. One may require use of TIF for infrastructure.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES**

#### **A Pro-Active, Insightful Approach to Estate Planning 4-session Class Series starts April 27**

With Attorney Claudia Pringles | 4 Tuesdays, starts 4/27 | 6:30—8:00 pm | via Zoom video/phone | \$20 MSAC members / \$45 public | Ages 15+

People need to keep in mind as they plan for their own futures and for their transfer of responsibility to their loved ones. Among the areas on which Attorney Pringles will focus are the importance of matching skills and temperament to task when choosing who will play key roles involved in Estate Planning, such as Executor, Trustee, Power of Attorney Agent, Advance Directive Agent, and Guardians; how transparency in your Estate Planning process can help keep peace in your family; safeguarding the assets of family members who have difficulty managing such on their own; protecting oneself and one's loved ones in the event of disability or incapacitation; and making sure that your wishes are carried out in such a way that what you want to happen actually will happen, and happen with the least amount of stress to your loved ones. This class will be presented in readily understandable, conversational English—not in legal jargonese. Each session will include opportunities for Q & A. Won't you consider signing up or encouraging a friend or family member? Get full details and register for this and dozens of other classes / programs at:

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes>, or find a hard copy form at 58 Barre St., MSAC side door vestibule. To support attendance, Zoom training at two levels available with Andrew in groups or one-on-one at MSAC: call 262-6287.

#### **Zoom Training 201**

Thursday, April 29 | 10—11 am | Free | Online | Registration Required

Have you been on Zoom enough to know the basics but want to learn more? Join MSAC's AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin to take the next step in your Zoom knowledge. This training will discuss how to schedule your own Zoom meeting, how to use the screen share function, save the chat notes, and more. Contact Andrew at 262-6287 or email [msacamericorps@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msacamericorps@montpelier-vt.org) to register for this new training designed to enhance your understanding of Zoom beyond the basics. Two more trainings to come in May (level 101 and 201).

## **Cooking with Willing Hands**

Thursday, April 29 | 11:00 am | online

Join FEAST and the Southern VT organization Willing Hands for an online cooking demo this month. This is part of the series of nutrition education events brought to you by the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Email [vista@willinghands.org](mailto:vista@willinghands.org) for more information.

## **AARP Tax-Aide Clinic at Montpelier Senior Activity Center Wraps up**

Lead coordinator/volunteer Georgia Valentine shared the following message: "With enormous thanks to the Staff at MSAC and a group of dedicated volunteers, and despite the procedural constraints of COVID, we managed to serve 80 clients this season, down just slightly from last year. We surely hope to be back to full steam next year." MSAC Staff offers immense gratitude to Georgia and all the volunteers, along with all those who made contributions to MSAC after having their tax returns prepared.

## **FEAST Farm Journal**

Submitted by Leila Faulstich-Hon | ECO Americorps | Trees and Watersheds Steward City of Montpelier Parks and Trees Department

We are at the brink of full-on farm season! It is a time of planning and waiting patiently for the last frost date to inch closer. At the farm, the sun spills over the ground, melting any last traces of ice and warming the soil. In early April, our Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps (MYCC) members helped string up the pea trellises and straighten row cover. We also did some intense spring cleaning of the shed, which unearthed "treasures" that hadn't seen the sun for years. Because we don't have our own greenhouses yet, we are starting our seedlings in Montpelier High School's greenhouse. Tomatoes and kale already have their first full set of true leaves, which are green and robust-looking. It's beautiful to imagine them growing large in the field, next to squash and peas, onions and potatoes, near the chattering sound of high schoolers tending their classroom plots, and the new farm manager David, driving a tractor, his figure wavering like a beam of light in the distance.

## **FEAST Curbside TO-GO: Tuesdays & Fridays, 12-12:30 pm, served at 58 Barre St.**

Seniors 60+, drive up to the side door of MSAC every Tuesday and Friday to receive your delicious, hot FEAST To-Go takeout meal. We have shifted to Curbside Pickup for your safety and ease. We'll have signs to remind you where to go. You can see our menu on our website. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288 or email us at: [feast@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org).

**FEAST To Go March Menu** for Tuesdays/Fridays, [click here](#).

**FEAST at Home (Meals on Wheels):** Do you have an older adult in your life who needs more access to delicious, healthy food? Is there someone in your life who is struggling to eat more nutritionally? Let us know because we can help! Have them call the office to be connected to our robust (and yummy!) program. Call 262-6288 or email [feast@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org).

## **Volunteer for FEAST**

FEAST has begun the planning process for re-opening in July to have meals together again and go back to daily hot meal delivery. As we ramp back up to serving meals inside and delivering daily hot meals, we are going to need a lot more help again. If you or someone you know is interested in helping us bring nutritious, delicious meals to seniors who need them, please let us know by calling or emailing us: 802-262-6288, <mailto:feast@montpelier-vt.org>.

We are seeking the following:

- Meals on Wheels Drivers
- FEAST Together Volunteers in the kitchen and as servers
- FEAST Special Events Volunteers

**FEAST Presents: Online Resources**

FEAST Senior Meals Program works hard to bring you more than just delicious, nutritious food. We work to bring you social enrichment, community engagement, and robust resources to ensure that you are thriving as you age in place. As we continue to contend with limited social engagement due to the ongoing pandemic, we have worked to bring you a new list of online resources to ease some of your isolation. Enjoy perusing these resources listed on our website, and let us know if you have questions: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1241/FEAST-Resources-Partners>.



## Sustainable Infrastructure

### **WRRF gets National Recognition:**

Our *Water Resource Recovery Facility Aging Infrastructure / Organics to Energy* project was awarded Public Works project of the year for small cities through the American Public Works Association. This is a nationally competitive program and a great recognition for the City of Montpelier. Congratulations to the DPW and ESG teams!

### **STUMP DUMP:**

Need to get rid of lawn debris, stumps and branches? City of Montpelier Stump Dump is open!! Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call the City Garage at 802-223-9510 before going to dump to approve of your items!



## Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

### **Parklets**

You can find the parklet application on the city's website [here](#).

Permits have been granted to Three Penny Taproom, Positive Pie, Julio's, Oaks & Evelyn and J. Morgan's.



## Employment and Personnel Announcements

### **Municipal Job Openings:**

- Afterschool Age Childcare Director. More information can be [here](#).
- Water/Sewer Mechanic Truck Driver, Level 1. More information can be [here](#).



## Reminders

### **DON'T FLUSH THAT**

The 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

### **Montpelier, Vermont, Partners with ParkMobile to Offer Contactless Parking**

**Payments** Residents and visitors can now easily pay for parking from their mobile device through ParkMobile! ParkMobile is the #1 parking app in the U.S., and has a new partnership going live with our City, enabling residents and visitors to pay for parking on their mobile device. The ParkMobile app is now available at more than 600 on and off-street spaces throughout the city.

**ParkMobile** is available for both iPhone and Android devices. To pay for parking with the ParkMobile app, a user enters the zone number posted on the stickers and signs around the meters. The user then selects the amount of time needed and touches the "Start Parking" button to begin the session. The user can then extend the time of the parking session right from the app without having to go back to the meter. We are excited to add this to our parking options! Other payment options, such as coins and credit cards, will still be accepted.

### **Social Worker Available to Residents**

The Montpelier Police Department, the Barre City Police Department and Washington County Mental Health have partnered in providing an onsite social worker to help residents in crisis or needing an extra hand during the pandemic. Susan Lemere has been a friendly and effective presence in town for the last several month, but COVID has slowed our outreach efforts down. If you would like to speak to Susan please contact her through email at: [susan.lemere@wcmhs.org](mailto:susan.lemere@wcmhs.org) or contact MPD and we can assist with connecting you to Susan.

### **City Hall Outdoor Wi-Fi Hotspot**

The City of Montpelier, through the Department of Public Service (PSD) Wi-Fi Hot Spot Program has installed a public Wi-Fi outside the City Hall Building (39 Main Street Montpelier). This PSD sponsored project is in response to the widespread closure of facilities due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which has significantly limited folks' ability to access free and reliable internet. The need for access to a reliable internet connections for healthcare, education, and government services has grown exponentially while existing public access points have become suddenly unavailable due to social distancing requirements. Vermont PSD has assisted the City in addressing this emergency gap in available public Wi-Fi by contracting for the rapid installation of a commercial-grade outdoor Wireless Access Point. They have installed 190 hotspots throughout the State as part of this program. Montpelier is pleased to have been included. The City Hall Wi-Fi site is accessible at all hours from a parked vehicle on the road or in-person in the courtyard in front of City Hall and the parking lot to the



immediate right of the building. As a COVID-19 safety precaution, the City discourages users from congregating outside. The Wi-Fi name is “**Montpelier Hotspot**” and you should be able to connect without a password. You can track all the State Vermont Public Wi-Fi sites here: [Wi-Fi Hotspot Map](#)

**Leadership Team Agenda:**

The City’s Leadership Team, which consists of Department Heads and some other key staff, conduct a monthly meeting to address issues or topics which are too complex to be handled in regular staff meetings. This past week the team selected the topics for this coming year, I thought you might be interested in knowing what the group has chosen.

2021	April	20-21 Strategic Plan Updates
	May	Outdoor Recreation as an Economic Destination
	June	Outdoor Activity
	July	20-21 Strategic Plan Updates
	August	Leadership Philosophy
	September	Equity Plan from Creative Discourse & Work
	October	2022-2023 Strategic Planning
	November	Budget Congress
	December	COOP Plans/Hazardous Mitigation Planning
2022	January	Strategic Plan & Budget Updates
	February	Aging-friendly Communities
	March	Choosing Leadership Meeting Topics

**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 access City Council Meetings: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council>
- Click here for Live Stream Events: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events>

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

## Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

4/28	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter Strategic Plan update E-911 Road Naming 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading Strategic Planning Update Work Summer Meeting Schedule Home Energy Labeling Ordinance 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading Pool Opening Options Winter Operations Review? COVID 19 reopening plan?	5/12	FY23 Budget Process Economic Development? Federal Funds Plan
5/26	Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan approval MEAC Energy Use update	6/9	Utility Rates Stormwater Utility Water/Sewer Master Plan District Heat Rates Stormwater Master Plan update?
6/23	Tax Rate Fund Reserves MEAC/VEIC Net Zero Plan update	7/14	Police Committee Report?
7/28	Social Economic Justice Committee Report?	8/18?	Date to be determined

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

### **PENDING ITEMS**

CVPSA Report

## 2021 CITY OF MONTPELIER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### LEGISLATIVE AGENDA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

On the whole, the City of Montpelier requests that policymakers:

- Support legislation that grants cities and towns greater flexibility.
- Support legislation that provides funding to cities and towns.
- Oppose legislation that removes authority from cities and towns.

- Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates or directly or indirectly shifts costs to cities and towns.

In order to help fulfill its commitments to its residents, the City of Montpelier calls on the legislative delegation to support the following policies:

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

- ☐ Advocate for the safe return to work of State employees in local office buildings
- ☐ Advocate and support direct municipal funding that protects Cities and Towns from financial disaster during the COVID crisis
- ☐ Allow a delay in reappraisal requirements or a return to the 80% threshold

<u>H.48</u>	The General Assembly finds that the continued spread of COVID-19 in the State of Vermont has the potential to jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of Vermonters voting in their 2021 annual municipal meetings. These meetings include annual town meetings, which are required by general law to be held on the first Tuesday of March; annual school district meetings, which are generally required to be held between the months of February and June; and other municipal annual meetings with meeting dates controlled by charter
<u>S.9</u>	An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19

## COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

- ☐ Support the general statutory authority to adopt local option taxes
- ☐ Support programs and initiatives that spur locally driven, right-sized economic growth, especially programs like TIF, that provide infrastructure improvements to support that growth

<u>H.152</u>	Would establish an education property tax yield for homesteads and the non-homestead property tax rate
<u>H.159</u>	Would create a Better Places Program to support projects that create, activate, or revitalize communities and public spaces.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Continue funding Microtransit opportunities
- ☐ Advocate for global warming solutions and for any opportunities that support ecological protection, the reduction of PFAS, net zero goals, and conservation of our natural resources
- ☐ Support expanding the Net Metering limit for municipalities or Montpelier specifically

<u>H.100</u>	An act relating to electric bicycles
<u>H.123</u>	Would create a vehicle miles traveled tax applicable plug-in electric Vehicles
<u>H.144</u>	An Act relating to requiring inspection of wastewater systems
<u>H.94</u>	An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions
<u>S.44</u>	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a Vermont Green New Deal to invest in actions that curb climate change. The Vermont Climate Council would implement and oversee the Vermont Green New Deal to fund energy conservation programs, prioritizing weatherization, renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, and the use of electric vehicles. This bill would also create a new income tax surcharge on high incomes that would be deposited into a Vermont Green New Deal Fund to be administered by the State Treasurer

## INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, & WELCOMING CITY

- ☐ Advocate for any opportunity for additional Human Services funding for supporting those experiencing homelessness
- ☐ Support funding for public restrooms to serve all people using State and City facilities

<u>H.134</u>	An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance
<u>H.139</u>	Would include employer contributions to health insurance in the amount of wages used to determine an injured worker's

	weekly benefit and to prohibit an employer from terminating an employee because the employee is absent from work while the employee is receiving temporary total disability benefits
<u>S.55</u>	An Act relating to paid vacation leave
<u>H.93</u>	An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes

## PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- ☐ Continue funding for a Social Worker to support Barre City and Montpelier's Police Departments
- ☐ Focus on moving towards a regional public safety model and look critically at public safety cellular provider coverage

<u>H.1</u>	An act relating to mental health insurance benefits
<u>H.109</u>	An act relating to parking ticket enforcement
<u>H.126</u>	Would establish a pedestrian safety pilot program, allow municipalities to seasonally install pedestrian crossing signs in crosswalks, allow municipalities to lower certain speed limits on state highways, and express the intent that the Traffic Committee should not increase the speed limit on a state highway in response to a municipality's request that it be lowered
<u>H.145</u>	Would amend the standards for law enforcement use of force to make clarifying changes and prevent the use of hindsight in evaluating law enforcement conduct and narrow the definition of prohibited restraints
<u>S.19</u>	An act relating to a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs
<u>S.30</u>	An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms at childcare facilities, hospitals, and certain public buildings
<u>S.40</u>	An act relating to the use of colored signal lamps on fire department and emergency medical service vehicles
<u>EO-01-21</u>	This Executive Order creates the Agency of Public Safety, effective April 15, 2021. The executive order cites the Department of Public Safety's ten-point

	<p>strategy, which includes accelerating the organization of state law enforcement operations, modernizing data collection, expanding crisis response, enhancing the development of model policies and community oversight models, and addressing issues in training and dispatch. The new agency, headed by a secretary and deputy secretary, would include a Department of Fire Safety and Emergency Management, a Department of Law Enforcement, and a Division of Support Services. The Criminal Justice Council, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, and the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board would be added to the agency in July.</p> <p>VLCT fully supports EO-01-21, an order that will affect local governments and law enforcement agencies. Last November, the VLCT Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the proposal to move the Vermont Police Academy to the Department of Public Safety.</p>
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**RESPONSIVE & RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT**

- ☐ Support decision-making at the local level that recognizes the capacity of local officials and voters to govern themselves on issues of local import, including streamlined adoption and full implementation of municipal charters
- ☐ Approve any pending and future recommended charter changes
- ☐ Support legislation allowing removal of “red line” deed restrictions
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with the City’s Adopted Strategic Plan <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/7156/2020-2021-Strategic-Plan-Brochure-with-full-Work-Plans?bidId=>

<u>H.82</u>	An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services
<u>H.154</u>	Would deem a municipal office vacant whenever a municipal officer fails to take a required oath of office within one week of election or appointment.
<u>H.164</u>	Would require a town to vote to allow the operation of any type of licensed cannabis establishment prior to such an establishment operating within the town.
<u>S.14</u>	An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density
<u>S.15</u>	An act relating to correcting defective ballots

<u>S.25</u>	An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures
<u>S.50</u>	An act relating to ranked choice voting

## STAFF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

### ***Police Department:***

- ☐ Monitor the implementation of S. 124 and S. 119 to ensure any mandates are implemented in ways that do not adversely affect MPD policies. MPD policies based on National, evidence-based best practices, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing recommendations.
- ☐ Monitor amendments made to H.133 An act relating to emergency relief from abuse orders and relinquishment of 11 firearms
- ☐ Work with the Vermont Police Association and Vermont Chiefs of Police to represent the Montpelier Police Department interests. These interests include advocating for policies that reflect community partnerships, accountability and transparency, officer safety and wellness. It also includes expressing concern for policies and procedures that may compromise officer safety.

### ***Montpelier Senior Activity Center:***

- ☐ Support legislation promoting investment in technology and broadband equity and access for all Vermonters, especially Older Vermonters, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of encouraging Telehealth and Social Connection.
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with priorities and principles of the Older Vermonters Act: Act 156 (passed in 2020)
- ☐ Support legislation that provides direct and robust funding to senior centers and senior meal sites as they fulfill important state and federal priorities and goals for increasing socialization, reducing isolation, providing evidence-based exercise and Fall Prevention programs, and more.
- ☐ Support legislation that allocates part of VT's federal Older Americans Act funding (especially Title 3B funds) directly to senior centers and community organizations who provide services such as wellness programs, exercise classes, tax clinics, foot care clinics and more.
- ☐ Support legislation for Long Term Care Medicaid Waiver coverage for meals on wheels funding
- ☐ Support legislation advancing affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities
- ☐ Support legislation protecting and promoting renters' rights

- ☐ Attend the Older Vermonters Caucus when scheduled again
- ☐ Enhance communication with advocates representing organizations that support older adults, including VT Association for Senior Centers and Meal Providers, Community of VT Elders, and VT Association of Area Agencies on Aging

***Planning & Development:***

- ☐ Track Act 250 exemptions for designated areas and tracking any proposed housing bills.

***Community Justice Center:***

- ☐ The Justice Reinvestment II (S.338, Act 148) may result in increased referrals without increased funding.
- ☐ Update statutory language so it reflects the reality of the programs and services CJs provide.

Clerk: Continue to participate in the process of developing and supporting a broad election procedures bill (no bill number yet available)