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6/28	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

Governor Scott announced that the state has reached its 80% vaccination goal and has [lifted all state COVID-19 restrictions](#). This puts us all in the “Universal Guidance” step in the Vermont Forward Plan. This means there are no capacity restrictions and masks and physically distancing are only encouraged to those who are unvaccinated. The Guidance that remains is as follows:

- Unvaccinated individuals seeking recommendations should reference the [Department of Health website](#).
- Masks are recommended for unvaccinated youth childcare/summer camp attendees and organizers during indoor activities this summer.
- The Federal Transit Administration still requires [masks on public transportation](#) for all riders through September 13, 2021.

Walk-in Clinics to get a vaccine are now more widely available- no appointments needed! Find a location [here](#).

The City’s reopening plan has been adopted by City Council, and the summary of the plan is that a majority of all City Facilities will be fully open to the public July 6th, 2021. Mask wearing will still be required inside City Facilities for those who are unvaccinated at this time.



Environmental Stewardship

Volunteer with Montpelier Parks!

Do you have a hankering to get outside and do something positive to help the community? We have a volunteer project for you! We usually host at least 1 community volunteer day every week to do something different around our parks. It might be trail work, planting trees, pulling invasive plants, working at the FEAST Farm, or something else, but you'll get to do meaningful work with our great crew and other volunteers.

To sign up for our listserv email, contact: JHuettenmoser@Montpelier-vt.org.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Computer Upgrades new

The City's computer systems were all upgraded to Office 365 during the overnight between Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th. This has resulted in some short term glitches and email delays. We apologize for any inconvenience which may have occurred.

Collective Bargaining

We are now in active negotiations with all four unions in the Police, Public Works, and Fire Departments.



More Housing

Possible Projects

The housing initiative on Northfield Street received very positive feedback from neighbors. As a result, the developers are considering possible expansion of the project. The City continues to work on another potentially large housing project which could include TIF.

Follow up to Housing Task Force Report new

Based on the Council discussion this week, staff will prepare a summary of actions which can be taken within the scope of our present authority. This will be reviewed with the Housing Task Force and the City Council.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Community Services Department Updates

FEAST Farm Camp, Capital Kids Summer Day Camp, Tennis and Frisbee Camps, all accepting registrations!

FEAST Farm is a collaborative program of the City of Montpelier's Community Services divisions: Parks, Recreation, and the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC). FEAST Farm was launched early in 2020 and provides nutritious, local food to our aging population through the [FEAST Senior meals program](#). Additionally, we endeavor to bring people of all ages to the farm in order to provide them with meaningful work and volunteer experiences and to educate them about sustainable agriculture. We invite kids ages 7-10 to join us in growing food for our neighbors. Together we will immerse ourselves in the daily cycles of farming for a one-week session. During the week, we will

plant, harvest, and taste our way through the farm. We'll also explore the surrounding ecosystem, and discover the biodiversity that helps support the food we eat. Two sessions starting August 2 and August 9, both from 9am-1pm. [Registration form is here.](#)

Our **Recreation Division** is also offering a range of opportunities for youth camp experiences this summer! Whether you're seeking full-time care for your child(ren) or a one-week opportunity, you can find the [forms you need to register here.](#)

FEAST Farm Walking Tour, Live Music, Treats, and More! Tuesday, June 29 at 2pm

- Come learn about Montpelier's own FEAST Farm, which plans to grow several thousand pounds of food to support the FEAST Senior Meals Program as well as Montpelier's Just Basics Food Pantry. Join Dave Hersberger, new FEAST Farm Manager to learn about the in-depth process of bringing this food to your table. No-till organic gardening is focused on preserving soil health in order to grow healthy, delicious vegetables. The healthier your soils, the more nutritious your produce is. This no tilling style of farming incorporates a diverse garden ecosystem that not only creates healthy soil and nutritious produce, but also allows you to grow really healthy plants that are resistant to pests and are extremely productive. A good example of what we do is incorporating garden rows that are specifically planted for beneficial pollinator insects that help control pests as well as increasing pollination of our flowering produce.
- No hills on this walk, but the ground is earthen, so please be prepared as well as bringing sunscreen, bug spray, etc. Several community partners will be tabling as well! Live Music by Alec Ellsworth and Friends. Treats by Good Taste Catering. Facebook event to share: <https://fb.me/e/8yNL8uE8k>.
- Location: 5 Home Farm Way. Contact us for directions, ride requests (by 6/29, 9am), or more info! 262-6288 or feast@montpelier-vt.org. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1235/FEAST-Farm>

Montpelier City Pool Passes and Swim Lessons are on sale now, and Pool is slated to open in July!

1. Daily Pool pass prices have changed slightly- see the chart on our [Pool webpage](#).
2. Swim lessons run in two series, both two weeks long for half an hour M-F. Dates are July 1-23 or August 2-13. More info on our [Swim lessons webpage](#).
3. Other information can be found in our [Pool FAQ](#), or by reaching out to the Recreation Department at 802-225-8699 or email nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org.

What will you do and learn this summer? Montpelier Senior Activity Center Adult and Youth Class Registration Continues, Classes begin early July

Did you know most of our classes are open to the public from teenagers on up? MSAC has started summer class registration (online, by mail and drop-off) for 32 weekly Summer class series (July-September) offered **online, in-person at 58 Barre Street**, and outdoors at a variety of locations including **Hubbard Park, Green Mount Cemetery**

and others. During the week of July 5-9, Summer classes start. Classes include **10 Yoga series** at various levels, **5 Bone Builders, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, Qigong**, plus **Drawing, Digital Photography, Singing Rounds, Creative Writing, Painting and Rughooking!** Class lengths range from 3 to 12 weeks with a variety of affordable options and financial aid is available. .
[Click here for more details](#), registration forms and class descriptions.

FEAST Senior Meals Program of MSAC

Meals on Wheels (formerly known as FEAST at Home) is available to Montpelier and Berlin residents over 60 who need it. Our fabulous volunteers deliver a bulk pack of locally prepared frozen meals once a week, and we work to offer pandemic-safe social engagement and nutrition education too. There is no charge for meals, but donations are gladly accepted. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving our delicious & nutritious meals on wheels, just call us at the FEAST office: 262-6288 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.

Curbside Pickup meals (formerly known as FEAST To-Go) are offered to seniors 60+ from anywhere (not just Montpelier residents) twice weekly. Call to register and simply drive up to the side door of MSAC on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12-12:30pm to receive a delicious, hot takeout meal. If you are new to the program, you will be asked to fill out a short nutritional survey. You can see our monthly menu on our website [here](#). Suggested donations are \$7-\$10. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.

Starting July 6th: Picnic with us inside or out!

Starting July 6th, MSAC's doors will be open for FEAST-ers to bring their meals inside on Tuesdays and Fridays. Simply pick up your meal at the side entrance, and bring your meal inside, or sit outside at one of the tables in the front courtyard. Volunteers will be on hand to offer you water and collect your silverware. Enjoy music (Fridays), fresh air, delicious meals – and each other's company again!



Sustainable Infrastructure

Trash and Recyclable Containers around Town

With the onset of summer and the re-opening, Public Works will be increasing our emptying of trash and recyclable containers. Our contractor will continue Tuesday pickup and also add a Friday pickup beginning July 1 that will continue into early Fall. As may be needed, we will consider placing additional containers in areas with heavy traffic once we see the effects of the return to a “more normal” summer. Between now and July 1 Public Works will continue to monitor the level of trash being placed in the containers and remove excess waste/recycling until our contractor begins their aforementioned summer schedule. Please note that Public Works will not be emptying the entire contents of any container. For a variety of reasons this is not practical. But, as we’ve been doing throughout, we’ll manually make room, via removal, of sufficient trash or recycling to avoid spillovers and allow for continued pedestrian use.

Public Restrooms new

With COVID-19 restrictions slowly being removed, more restrooms will become available to the public. These will include City Hall and the Police Station starting on July 6th.

Staff will be advertising for members of a Public Restroom Study committee as per the Council action on Wednesday. Committee will include 2 Council Members, 2 Homelessness Task Force members, 2 members of the public, and 1 representative from Montpelier Alive. Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer will be the staff for this committee.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

12-16 Main Street Long Term Use

- We have recently received a couple of inquiries about the area facing Main Street for possible private development. This raises the question of the future use of the property. Some of you may recall that a prior Council had expressed a preference for green or open space there but deferred a decision until after completion of the downtown Master Plan. That plan indicated that private development was well suited for that location. The City has applied for 2 grants at this time to renovate the space into a parklet until long-term plans are formalized. Grant updates will be shared as they are received.



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Municipal Job Openings:

- **Staff Accountant** The professional in this position will be responsible for accounts payable and receivable functions, construction project accounting, grant management as well as submission of state and federal fund reimbursement requests for more information click [here](#).
- **Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) Director:** The City of Montpelier, seeks a dynamic applicant for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) Director, to lead a progressive and dedicated multi-purpose Senior Center Department. The Senior Center operates as a destination for Montpelier's aging population to take a variety of classes, to socialize, and to have congregate meals. The Director would be responsible for the management of MSAC programs, volunteers, staff, and for assisting the member-elected Advisory Council. The MSAC Director would also be responsible for the MSAC budget and Departmental Strategic Plan. This also includes oversight of the City's FEAST senior nutrition program- which provides in-person and delivered meals for the homebound and eligible in our community. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three professional references electronically by July 9th 4:00PM to Cameron Niedermayer, Assistant City Manager, cniedermayer@montpelier-vt.org. For more information click [here](#).
- **Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk:** This full-time career position involves the appropriate call handling of both emergency and non-emergency requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and determining the nature and urgency of those calls. For more information click [here](#).
- **Seasonal Park/Recreation Maintenance Staff.** Mowing, driving tractors, maintaining sports fields, keeping parks and facilities clean. This is a busy, hands-on physical job that requires some heavy lifting and being on your feet for long periods of time. Visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment> for more information about the positions available and how to apply. Or call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.
- **PAID lifeguard, seasonal maintenance and other positions** are available – preferred deadline for applications is ASAP to help us prepare for our early July opening. Learn more at the Rec website employment page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>



Reminders

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 or contact MPD and we can assist with connecting you to Susan.

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*)

7/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Quarter Financials • 4th Quarter Strategic Plan Update • Social Economic Justice Committee Report? • Updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval • Stormwater Utility discussion? • Stormwater Master Plan update • Appoint Public Restroom Committee • City Camping Policy Review 	TBD	Special call in meeting to set tax rate
8/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEIC Net Zero Report – possible joint meeting with School Bd. • District Heat Rates • Conduit Policy • Police Committee Report? 	8/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY23 Budget Process • Rec Center Update • Economic Development? • 12-16 Main Street Update?
9/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning Session 	9/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Agenda

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

PENDING ITEMS

CVPSA Report

Park Land Purchase

MAPA for Zoning – joint meeting with Planning Commission and DRB