

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
7/06	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom and Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/06	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Zoom and Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/06	Transportation Infrastructure Committee	6:00 PM	Zoom and the Manager's Conference Room	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/07	Social & Economic Justice Committee	8:30 AM	Zoom and Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/07	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom and Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/07	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom and Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

City Facilities will be reopened to the public Tuesday July 6, 2021. Unvaccinated folks are asked to wear masks within all City Facilities.



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.

Montpelier Parks & Outdoor Recreation Survey

Montpelier Alive and the City of Montpelier Community Services Department are seeking feedback from residents that will help guide the development of parks and outdoor recreation in Montpelier for the next decade. They have released an online survey as part of a project to enhance recreational access and equity and harness outdoor recreation to boost economic development in Montpelier. The survey is available online at www.montpelieralive.org/survey.

The survey is open to anyone, regardless of town of residence, and takes about ten minutes to complete. This survey is focused on how people use Montpelier's Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities. Anyone who completes this survey can enter to win one of 20 \$25 gift certificates to Montpelier businesses.

The survey is part of a collaboration between Montpelier Parks and Montpelier Alive to develop higher quality outdoor recreation facilities that both serve residents and attract visitors to town. The project is made possible by a grant from Ten Minute Walk and the Trust for Public Land.



Responsive and Responsible Government

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

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

Parkapalooza Summer Concert Series returns to Hubbard Park!

The City of Montpelier's Community Services Department announces the return of Parkapalooza, Hubbard Park's Free Summer Concert Series. This family-friendly, outdoor concert series will be held at the Tuning Forks Stage in Hubbard Park and will feature live music from talented local and regional bands. The events will be held **every Thursday from 5:30-7:30 pm from July 8 to August 19**, with music beginning at 6pm. The musical lineup includes:

- 7/8: Barika
- 7/15: VT Bluegrass Pioneers
- 7/22: The Renegade Groove
- 7/29: Sabouyouma
- 8/5: Nina Sklar and the Weather Birds
- 8/12: High Summer
- 8/19: Patti Casey and the Wicked Fine Players

Each event will also feature the Park's 100' long slip 'n slide (weather permitting), and plenty of space to roam and play outside in Hubbard Park. Parking is inside Hubbard Park, accessible via Winter St., Spring St., or Corse St. in Montpelier. Concert-goers are encouraged to walk or carpool when possible. The events are offered free to the community, but donations will be accepted at various locations!

Food vendors may be added at a later date, but as of this release, this year's Parkapalooza is BYO everything, so bring whatever food and drink you need to keep yourself satisfied and consider these as "carry-in, carry-out" Park events.

This year's event is **sponsored by the following local businesses: Presenting Sponsors:** Caledonia Spirits Distillery, Community National Bank, Hunger Mountain Co-op, Isham-Berwick Insurance, Vermont State Employees Credit Union. **Supporting Sponsors:** AroMed, Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Montpelier Construction, Noyle Johnson Group, Onion River

Outdoors, Sarducci's Restaurant, Union Mutual Insurance and Vermont Compost.

FEAST Farm Tour Report: A Resounding Success!

By Sarah Lipton, FEAST Program Manager

On Tuesday, June 29, not only did the 15 Montpelier high school students working at the farm this summer through the new [Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps](#) (MYCC) gather together under the tent at [Montpelier's FEAST Farm](#) (5 Home Farm Way), but there were families with young children who scarfed down the garlic-scape scones (baked by Good Taste Catering with the farm's own scapes), while listening to the jaunty fiddle tunes of Park Director, Alec Ellsworth.

Joining them were older adults from the community, most of the management team for the City of Montpelier, Mayor Anne Watson, and representatives from the Central Vermont Council on Aging, the State Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), local church community members, VT Foodbank representatives, Allison Levin from Community Harvest of Central Vermont, and of course the extraordinary Parks Department staff who have made the Farm possible.

And then Senator Bernie Sanders showed up!

The goal of the Farm Tour was to raise more awareness of the Farm and all the intricacies of not only the partnerships that make it possible, but the true innovation occurring within the program. The FEAST Farm grows beautiful, organic produce to feed the senior community who receives the nutritious meals from the FEAST Senior Meals Program. Senator Sanders wanted to learn more from the youth in the MYCC program about their experience and held an engaging conversation with them.

When asked, Senator Sanders confirmed he did not know of any other capital city producing its own food for its community in this way. In speaking with Mary Woodruff from DAIL, it was clear that the model of the FEAST Farm is something that Vermont would like to see replicated in other communities. It was clear, as well, that Senator Sanders was touched by the program and will bring word of this back to Washington.

If you would like to learn more about the FEAST Farm, the FEAST Senior Meals Program, and find out how to get involved, reach out to FEAST Program Manager Sarah Lipton at: slipton@montpelier-vt.org or 262-6288.

Montpelier City Pool Passes and Swim Lessons are on sale now, and Pool is slated to open July 6!

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. Some sections are full now –register today! 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 the week of July 5!

Did you know most of our classes are open to the public from teenagers on up? MSAC offers multiple methods for summer class registration (online, by mail, drop-off to our lockbox, and at the office starting 7/6) for 30 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, 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. Featured new classes:

Chinese Calligraphy with a twist! 2 Series (different dates)

with Ellie Hayes | MSAC Art Room & State House | 3 Wednesdays, **7/14-7/28 AND/OR** 3 Wednesdays, 8/18-9/1 | 1:30-2:30pm | Open to public, may become hybrid online and

Singing Rounds Outside

with Naomi Flanders | Outdoors at Hubbard Park | 10 Tuesdays, starts **7/6** | 3:00-4:00pm | Open to public | Ages 18+ | \$35 member / \$60 public

Yoga for Osteoporosis & Osteopenia

with Ragan Sheridan | Zoom | 8 Fridays, starts **7/16**, skips 8/6, 8/13 | 4:00-5:00pm | Open to public | Ages 18+ | \$35 member / \$60 public

Moderate Early Evening Yoga

with Barbara Alpert | Outdoors at Rec Tent, Poolside Dr. | 10 Tuesdays, starts **7/13** | 5:15-6:15pm | Open to public | Ages 18+ | \$35 member / \$60 public

Zoom Training 101: Wednesday, July 7, 1-2pm | Free and online with MSAC

Join MSAC's AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin to learn the fundamentals of Zoom. Topics will include an overview of Zoom functions, including using the mute/unmute buttons, turning your video on/off, using the chat function, and more. Whether you've never been on Zoom or would like a chance to practice the fundamentals, this training is for you! Contact Andrew at 262-6287 or msac-ameriCorps@montpelier-vt.org to register. Zoom 201 on July 22!

MSAC Advisory Council Recognitions and Welcomes

Thank you to outgoing Advisory Council (AC) members--Bob Barrett, Mary Alice Bisbee and Bill Doelger--all recognized for their unique contributions at the Annual Meeting on June 22. Welcome to newly elected AC members Mariah Lane, Jean Olson and Rick

Winston, who started their two-year terms on June 22. Welcome back to Dianne Maccario and Laura Morse, both of whom were elected for a second term. Finally, on June 22, the AC also recognized two volunteers who really went “Above and Beyond” this past year with MSAC service: Mary Carlson and Laura Morse.

MSAC at Home, supporting Aging in Place:

Get help with basic indoor and outdoor chores, fall prevention home evaluations, technology training and more! MSAC’s VHCB Americorps member Andrew Gribbin is keeping busy developing these great services! FAQs on our website with more information: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1244/MSAC-at-Home>

MSAC is recruiting for our next VHCB Americorps member (Aging in Place Coordinator) to start September 8!

It’s hard to believe that Andrew Gribbin’s 11-month term will end in August, but we’re starting recruitment for our next member! The Goal of the position is to improve quality of life for area older adults by (1) participating in program development for the newly established MSAC at Home program, based on the “Village” models that have been successful in other communities around the state and country (2) assisting MSAC’s thriving FEAST Senior Meals Program, and (3) assisting seniors in accessing technology through training and development of MSAC’s new tech-device lending library.

You can find all the details here:

<https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/programs/amicorps/MSAC.pdf>. Please spread the word to folks who might be interested in a great position with wonderful professional development benefits, a living stipend, a rental subsidy, and the chance to serve the growing MSAC community in vital ways! Andrew and Janna are also happy to field questions about the role and what is ahead this year! Application deadline is July 31.

Savoy DVD Archive Re-opens at MSAC!

Tuesdays & Fridays | 11am—1pm | MSAC

Starting July 9, Joyce Werntgen (MSAC volunteer extraordinaire) will resume hosting DVD archive access at MSAC. The new schedule overlaps with FEAST Curbside meals distribution every Tue/Fri from 12-12:30pm, so pick-up a meal and a DVD! DVD borrowing (by optional donation) will once again be available to both Savoy members and MSAC members. Complete list of DVD titles and more info can be viewed at <https://www.savoytheater.com/dvd-archive>.

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!

Volunteer for FEAST

As we ramp back up to serving meals inside and eventually delivering daily hot meals in October, we are going to need a lot more help. 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, feast@montpelier-vt.org.

We are seeking the following:

- FEAST Curbside Picnic Volunteers
- FEAST Farm Support
- FEAST Special Events Volunteers
- FEAST Meals on Wheels Drivers



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

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 *Update

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. These grants were **not** awarded to the City, and we will continue to look for funding opportunities and form other use recommendations.



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 see City Council Meetings: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council>
- Click here for Live Stream: <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 • 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? • Stormwater Utility discussion? • Stormwater Master Plan 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