

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
7/12	Planning Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	Zoom and City Managers Conference Room	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/12	Cemetery Commission	12:00 PM	Cemetery Garage	Agenda
7/12	Recreation Meeting	5:30 PM	Zoom and the Rec Building	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/12	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/13	Community Advisory Board	5:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/13	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 PM	Zoom and Memorial Room	Agenda and Zoom Link
7/14	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

City Hall Reopened!

We opened our doors back on the 6th, and the City is pleased to be welcoming back the community into its facilities! We do ask that unvaccinated folks to please wear a mask inside City buildings.



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.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District offering Free Equipment and Services to Landlords of Multi-unit Housing

If you're a landlord of multi-unit housing in one of CVSWMD's 19 member towns (*see list below), we have free equipment and services (limits apply) to help you manage recycling, food scraps and other solid waste management at your housing sites.

Assistance may include:

- Free Compost pails for tenants
- Free Recycling bins for tenants

- Free Compost bins and Green Cones for on-site composting (comes with peripherals and training)
- Onsite Compost consultation
- Signage for recycling, food scrap and trash stations
- Reimbursement for Food scrap hauling for the first two months for eligible sites
- Reimbursement for projects like building compost bins and tote enclosures

This is a USDA grant-funded program that is available through mid-September only. Landlords of qualifying multi-unit properties in CVSWMD member towns can learn more and [apply on our website.](#)



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 for the next seven weeks**, with music beginning at 6pm. The musical lineup includes:

- TO be rescheduled due to weather cancellation 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.

Montpelier City Pool Passes and Swim Lessons are on sale now, and Pool has opened as of July 6!

1. The Recreation maintenance team and DPW have worked very hard to remedy malfunctions, install new parts and get the pool working after a year of closure!
2. Daily Pool pass prices, schedules, and closure announcements can be found on the [Pool 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.

MSAC's July *Active Times* newsletter available

Inside you'll find our re-opening news, a volunteer profile of Linda Hogan, a report on our Annual Meeting and Advisory Council announcements, MSAC at Home service updates, Trip announcements for August, Summer class and drop-in group details, an updated weekly calendar, events with MSAC and community partners, Hiring announcements for the MSAC Director and our Americorps position, FEAST menu, a Farm Tour report, Parkapalooza, City Pool news and more! Click [here](#) to read the 16-page issue in full.

Elders Together Drop-in Group to Meet Tuesday, July 13, 1:00-2:30 at MSAC, 58 Barre St. Theme: Technology topics

Email maryalicebisbee@gmail.com or call 223-8140 for more information, to RSVP and request carpooling.) On July 13, we'll discuss technology topics such as "apps," and members are welcome to bring their smart phones, tablets or other portable devices.

MSAC Trips are back: Two in August!

Registration for trips begins July 16 for (1) a Brunch Cruise on Lake Memphremagog and (2) a Walk at the new Cascades trail on the North Branch River between Worcester and Elmore. Forms and flyers will be available at the office and on the [MSAC Trips website](#), and payment is due prior to a seat being reserved in your name. Thank you to

volunteer Tina Muncy for spearheading the return of MSAC trips by planning and leading these two for August, and look for more in September and October! Call MSAC with questions at 223-2518 or email Norma at nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org.

MSAC's Annual Survey Deadline Extended to July 30!

If you're an area older adult, your input matters to us and will help us plan the next year's services, programs and priorities! If you haven't already, please take ten minutes or less to fill out the Annual Survey, preferably online: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1095/Annual-Survey>, or by paper copy picked up at MSAC's 58 Barre Street side door or requested by USPS or email. All completed online or paper surveys must reach MSAC by July 30, 2021.

What will you do and learn this summer? Montpelier Senior Activity Center Adult and Youth Class Registration Continues, Most classes are starting this month!

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 in-person now) 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. 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. A featured new class to consider:

- **Community Dance Lab** with Alana Rancourt Phinney | State House Lawn SW corner | 2 Tuesdays, starts 8/10 | 9:00-10:30am | Open to public | Ages 9+ (adult accompaniment under Age 12) | \$15 member / \$30 public
In this two-day workshop accessible to all bodies and abilities, we will use movement as our primary language and co-create a new dance! We will use improvisation to generate ideas, choice-making, discovering connection, and a sense of belonging in our new group. We will be a playful dancing ensemble for the time we are together and create a new collective story! And, in the end, we'll all have a dance we can take with us and 'share forward' with friends and family! Folding chairs will be available for those who prefer or need to dance seated. Age 12 and under requires adult accompaniment.

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!

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.

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.

Picnic with us inside or out!

Since July 6th, MSAC’s doors have opened 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:

- **Police Department- Patrol Officers:** The Patrol Officer is responsible for the efficient performance of required duties in conformance with the laws and the Department's rules, regulations and policies. Duties shall consist of, but are not necessarily limited to, a number of general police responsibilities necessarily necessary to the stability and safety of the community. For applications and more information, click [here](#) or email recruiting@montpelier-vt.org.
- **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*)

7/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special call in meeting to set tax rate for FY22 • Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Certification 	7/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Quarter Financials • 4th Quarter Strategic Plan Update • Updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval? • Appoint Public Restroom Committee • City Encampment Response Policy Review
8/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEIC Net Zero Report – possible joint meeting with School Bd. • District Heat Rates • Conduit Policy • Social Economic Justice 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? • Police Committee Report?
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