

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
6/6	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/7	ADA Committee	10:00 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/7	Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee	6:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/8	Homelessness Task Force	11:00 AM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/8	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Response

Update: The State is using the COVID-19 Surveillance Report as their key public facing COVID data document. Here is the most recent [Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report for June 1st 2022](#).

Statewide community levels: High. The rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Vermonters is above 200. New COVID-19 admissions are above 10 per 100,000 Vermonters per day, and the percent of staffed hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 is below 10%.

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 236.70 per 100K
 - Weekly Case Count: 1477 (Decrease from last week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 10.26 per 100K
 - 64 total new admissions with COVID-19 (increase of one admission from last week)
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average): 4.04% (decrease from last week)

Vermont Department of Health recommendations: [Protect Yourself & Others](#)

CDC recommendations: [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

COVID-19 Reminders:

- It is now recommended that those age 50+ or those who are immunocompromised age 12+ receive a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The FDA's guidance can be found [here](#). Find vaccination clinics [here](#), or call your preferred pharmacy.
- The health department now recommends that people who test positive isolate for five days, with the caveat that if you still have symptoms after completing isolation, you might choose to take extra precautions such as wearing a mask, which helps protect you and the people around you from getting or spreading COVID-19. More information can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness>
- **Keep up to date with CDC Recommendations!** You can find the CDC's updates regarding COVID-19 on their website [here](#). They have released an updated chart regarding their quarantine and isolation guidelines [here](#).



Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

District Heat update

We have submitted the application for the Northern Borders Grant. As you heard at this week's meeting, we're pursuing a snow melt station which will be a big environmental and operational improvement. It will also add another customer to the district heat system. A Council update is planning for June 8th.

Sustainability Coordinator Position Update

The position is being posted today.



Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Community Surveys and Outreach

We have a draft survey nearly ready to go out to the public. We have also got everything set up now to begin using the online polling features. We will be rolling this out soon.

General Business 5/25

Cannabis Tax – the State did not authorize municipalities to collect additional taxes on cannabis sales. Nor did the State allocate additional revenues to host localities. The only potential local revenue for the city would be through enacting a local sales tax, the additional 1% would apply to cannabis sales.

Trash on Bike Path and elsewhere – this is a continual problem. The city's trash contractor does not have capacity or staff to add additional pick up dates. We are looking at alternatives including hiring a seasonal worker (assuming we can find one).

Idling truck – the city has a policy against idling vehicles except under some specific circumstances (mostly temperature related). We will follow up with reminders to staff.

Pride Month declaration – we will follow up with the caller to prepare a declaration for the Mayor.

Pending Legal

- *Appeal of Zoning Permit.* Neighbors have appealed DRB approval of a permit to move a barn structure. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh. We are monitoring the case. Recent filings by appellants have challenged the validity of sections of the city's zoning ordinance.
- *Abdo Banfield v. City of Montpelier.* Appeal of DRB determination upholding decision of the Zoning Administrator. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh.
- *Ferry et al v. City of Montpelier.* The Superior Court dismissed the suit challenging the legality of the city's non—citizen voting provision but upheld the plaintiff's standing to raise the issue/. The plaintiffs have now appealed this decision to the Supreme Court. The City is likely to file a cross appeal challenging the standing decision.



Create More Housing

Elks Club Project

With the approval of the RFP and funding plan, we'll be moving forward seeking a project manager.



Improve Community Prosperity

Recreation Staffing Update: Potential Impacts to the Pool **NEW**

The Montpelier Recreation Department is in urgent need of more summer lifeguards! Without bringing 8-10 more individuals on as lifeguards, the City may not have enough staffing to open the pool with its typical schedule. Not having enough lifeguards to safely staff the pool means we would need to reduce hours and/or limit the amount of the pool that can be used at one time- closing half of it at a time to public access.

More lifeguards means a more normal schedule and the City is actively trying to recruit more staff. We have advertised through the schools, via the paper, and all social media.

Applications can be completed online at this link <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx?JobID=71> to the City's job portal, or you can email the Rec Director Arne McMullen directly at amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org. Our pool staff jobs have flexible schedule, start pay at \$13+ an hour, and reimburse for trainings and certifications!

Summer Camps in Need of Staffing: Potential Impacts to Camp Schedules NEW

The Recreation and Parks Departments both run summer camps, and both programs require full staffing to keep children safe! Each camp program operates with a ratio of adults to children set through best practice and licensing requirements. We are currently facing a shortage in camp counselors and educators, particularly in our FEAST Farm Camp and Summer Rec Camp. If we are unable to hire an appropriate amount of counselors for the summer, we may need to reduce camp sizes or cancel programs. Counselor and educator positions start between \$13.50-\$18 an hour.

More counselors means a more robust and set summer camp schedule- so if you are interested, please reach out! Applications can be completed online at this link <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx> to the City's job portal. You will find all camp related jobs under the "Community Services Department" section of the Montpelier job's webpage.

Community Services Department Shared Info Updates/Events/Collaborations

Recreation's Capital Kids Summer Day Camp Registration is open

Click [here](#) for info and registration form, which includes options for signing up for FEAST Farm Camp as well. The Community Services / Recreation office is also processing registration for Mountaineers baseball camp again this year.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center News & Updates:

- **Feeding 100 Meals at Veteran's Luncheon**
 - MSAC was closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day, but we were proud to host a Veteran's Luncheon last Friday for Memorial Day weekend. We were honored to serve 100 meals to the many veterans in our community who have served us time and again. Thank you for attending!
 - We also have more thanks to spread around! Thank you to FEAST Program Manager Kim Myers and Chef Shalonda James for organizing these meals. Thank you to the Swingin' Over 60 band who helped make our luncheon more alive. And of course, thank you to WebIndustries for their sponsorship of the event!



**Left: Veteran volunteer handing out flags to meal recipients
Right: MSAC Director, Sarah Lipton, with WebIndustries volunteers. Thank you WebIndustries for your sponsorship.**

- **Pride Gallery**

- On June 3rd from 4-8pm, MSAC is proud to be participating in Montpelier's first Pride Festival and hosting an Art Walk celebration filled with art, music, poetry, and community. We will be composing live poetry and music from 4-6 PM, so get there early!
- Artists featured include: Nate Buck, Cameron Niedermeyer, Sarah Lipton, Laura Smith, Ashley Strobridge, and more. Join the fun and help us celebrate our LGBTQIA+ friends and their allies!
- And on June 4th, we will be tabling at the state capital lawn for their Pride celebration. Join us then!



Left: MSAC Director, Sarah Lipton, hoisting the Pride flag above the MSAC building.

Right: A closeup of the flag from the second floor of MSAC.

- **End of Life Education Series**

- On Wednesday, June 1st Cynthia Stadler APRN, from BAYADA Hospice, hosted a four-part series exploring important issues encountered towards the end of life. She will be introducing new topics each session and allow plenty of time to discuss questions, concerns, and thoughts that participants wish to bring.
- Sessions will be in-person at MSAC and refreshments will be served. Topics include Advance Care Planning (more than just a will!); Screening of the film Being Mortal; Understanding and Communicating Through Dementia; and Taking Control at End of Life.
- Call to register: [802-223-2518](tel:802-223-2518)

- **Tai Chi on the College Green**

- Drop-in to weekly practice sessions for people familiar with the Yang long form of Tai Chi with Judy Copa. The gatherings will be weekly for as long as people show up and are weather dependent.
- Classes began on Wednesday, June 1st at 10:30am at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Join us next Wednesday! For questions, email: judy@madriver.net.
- **FEAST Farmstand**
 - MSAC is happy to announce that we're opening the FEAST Farmstand this summer. Starting on June 15th and open on Wednesdays from 1pm-3pm, the FEAST Farmstand is a low-cost, city run, senior centered farm stand serving anyone who would benefit from access to local, healthy vegetables sold under the market rate. We hope to foster community engagement through cooking demonstrations, live music, and yoga classes.
 - The Farmstand will run through October, and we hope to serve plenty of healthy, locally-grown produce during that time. If you want to stop by, we will be located in front of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center at 58 Barre Street. We are also looking for volunteers to help us run the farm stand. We are seeking individuals who would be available from 10:30am-1:30pm every Wednesday. We prefer volunteers who can commit to doing it every week on a regular basis, but we welcome all the help we can gather.
- **Clark Museum**
 - Trips are slowly coming back to MSAC, and the first trip will be to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, Mass. The trip will be on July 11th, and registration is now open for MSAC members. Beginning June 6th, registration will be open to the public, and all must register before June 24 by calling [802-223-2518](tel:802-223-2518). The trip costs \$75, and trip participants may bring their own lunch or enjoy lunch in the café there.
 - About the Clark Museum: The major exhibit there is Rodin in the United States: Confronting the Modern. It considers the artist's legacy in America from 1893 to the present. While there has been much consideration of Auguste Rodin's (1840–1917) reputation in France and throughout Europe, less attention has been paid to his reception in America. This exhibition tells the story of the collectors, art historians, critics, gallerists, and philanthropists—notably, many of whom were women—who endeavored to make Rodin known in the United States. Included are approximately fifty sculptures and twenty-five drawings. Check <https://www.clarkart.edu> for more information.
 - Finally, we want to send a big thank you to Tina Muncy for helping us get trips back up and running at MSAC. We cannot wait to take more trips!



Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure



Employment and Personnel Announcements

June Work Anniversaries!

Here is everyone hired in a past June, and their tenure with the City. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication! We appreciate you very much!

JUNE 2022		
Name	Hire Date	2022 Service Anniversary
Leon Eggleston	6/15/2004	18
Brian Peete	6/15/2020	2
Corey Line	6/16/2015	7
Serena Baker	6/25/2018	4
Wade Cochran	6/26/2006	16
Daniel Ruggles	6/27/2006	16
Carrie McCool	6/27/2013	9

Municipal Job Openings

Visit the City website for more information: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx>

Sustainability Coordinator: The City of Montpelier is seeking a Facilities and Sustainability Coordinator. This is a key staff position for facility management, implementing the City's Net Zero plan, and recommending energy policy. Develops and manages practices and programs within the municipality's government and in concert with City residents and businesses. This position will focus on the City's commitment to reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, ecological impact, and overall costs; strengthening reliability, resiliency, and sustainability; sustaining investments in facilities, and employing new technologies and energy infrastructure. To view the complete job description, go to [here](#).

Recreation Administrative Assistant: Position performs skilled work in office administration and management. Position is lead on creating documentation and infrastructure support for Community Services and Recreation Programming. Position has frequent and direct interaction with the general public in person or via the phone and email concerning service requests, program registrations, and complaints, etc. Email cover letter and resume to amcmullen2@montpelier-vt.org.

FT Police Department- Patrol Officers For applications and more information, click [here](#) or email recruiting@montpelier-vt.org. We have one more open officer position.

Seasonal Recreation Positions: Day Camp, Pool Clerk, Lifeguards, and Pool Director for Spring-Summer 2022

Seasonal Park/Recreation Maintenance Staff: Spring-Summer-Fall

Mowing, driving tractors, maintaining sports fields, keeping parks and facilities clean. Call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.

Summer Pool Lifeguards and Pool Clerks: Staff will start work June 11 - August 21. There will be pre-season training prior to the start of the pool season. Training dates to be announced. Applicants who do not hold a current Lifeguard certification could be accepted contingent on successful completion of a lifeguard course prior to the pool opening date, and reimbursement would be paid at end of season. Email amcmullen2@montpelier-vt.org for more information.

FT Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk: The Montpelier Police Department is seeking applications for the position of Emergency Dispatcher/Clerk. This part-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.

FT Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1: The person filling this position will work with a streets crew performing skilled work in winter operations, construction, maintenance and repair of streets, drainage culverts, sidewalks, signage, and other appurtenances in the City Right of Way.

FT Water/Sewer Truck Driver Level 1: The person filling this position will work with a water and sewer crew performing skilled work in the construction, maintenance and repair of water distribution, raw water distribution, wastewater collection and wastewater transmission systems.



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. 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>

City-wide Reappraisal Property Inspections Continue!

We have begun the process of a city-wide reappraisal of all real property. Representatives from the New England Municipal Consultants will visit each property in the city to gather data. The inspection process will start in late 2021 and continue through

the spring of 2023. NEMC will mail notices to property owners in advance of conducting inspections.

Stump Dump:

Need to get rid of lawn debris, stumps, and branches? The City 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!

Trash Receptacles:

Please, always, place trash receptacles for pick up at the corner of the driveway, behind the sidewalk. If you do not have a sidewalk on your street, please place receptacles on the corner of the drive, in the street closest to the curb. (Not obstructing traffic). Please do not place receptacles within the sidewalk. Questions? Please contact Jasmine Benson with DPW at 802-223-9508.

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE) (bold for date required)			
6/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water/Sewer Fund Budgets • Water/Sewer Rates • Leachate Update • Legislative wrap up • District Heat Update • Zoning Fee Schedule • PRC-Officer Recruitment Standards Recommendation Discussion 	6/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC – Prostitution and Sex Work • Use of ARPA Funds? • Elks Club Update • TIF/Tax Stabilization Updates • 12-16 Main St Future • Permanent Parklet Ordinance review • City Building Energy Policy
7/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Tax Rate – special call-in meeting 	7/20 New Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Reading Parklet Ordinance • PRC – Fair and Impartial Policing • Equity Update report • Strategic Plan Update • Year End financial report • GMT My Ride report • Public Bathrooms • Elks Club Update
8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC – Internal Affairs • PRC – Citizen review • Website/Public Outreach Update • 2nd Reading Parklet Ordinance 	9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Community Survey results • PRC – Public Drinking • PRC – Progress Update • Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAN Update • Storm Water Utility Update • Elks Club Update 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development Plan? (Possibly removed due to higher priorities)
9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development • Begin Strategic Planning Process • Elks Club Update 	10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning • Mutual Aid Update

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

CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

Topics from the FY22-23 City Council Strategic Plan for Future Council Agendas:

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
July	Creative Discourse Recommendations Status Update
August	Website Updates / Capital Area Neighborhoods Presentation/ Stormwater Utility Updates (tentative)
September	Strat Planning/ Accomplishments and Future Plans for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development / Parks Commission Survey/Review Community Survey results, / Workforce Development program
October	Strat Planning, City Master Plan (Fall/Winter 2022)/Mutual Aid Issues with Middlesex and Berlin, Homelessness Plan, Barriers to Housing
November	ADA Transition Projects/ Net Zero Projects Update/ FEAST Program Updates/ **BUDGET** / PFAS Updates
December	**BUDGET**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be removed from list 	