

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
6/13	Special Council Meeting	5:00PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/13	Cemetery Commission	12:00 (Noon)	Green Mount Cemetery	Agenda
6/13	Recreation Advisory Committee	5:30 PM	Senior Center and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/13	Planning Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/14	Community Advisory Board	5:00 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/14	Investment Committee	5:30	City Managers Conference Room and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/14	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	North Branch Recreation Park Pavilion	Agenda
6/14	Historic Preservation Special Meeting	6:00 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/14	Historic Preservation	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers and Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/15	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/15	Montpelier Conservation Commission	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/16	Montpelier Housing Task Force	5:00 PM	Zoom and City Council Chambers	Agenda and Zoom Link



Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Response- Updated

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 8th 2022](#).

Statewide community levels: Low. The rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Vermonters is below 200. New COVID-19 admissions are below 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: 155.13 per 100K o Weekly Case Count: 968 (decrease of over 500 from previous week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 8.33 per 100K o 52 total new admissions with COVID-19 (decrease from previous)
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average): 3.45% (decrease from previous 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

Sustainability Coordinator Position Update

The position was posted last week.



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

Pool Opening Updates:

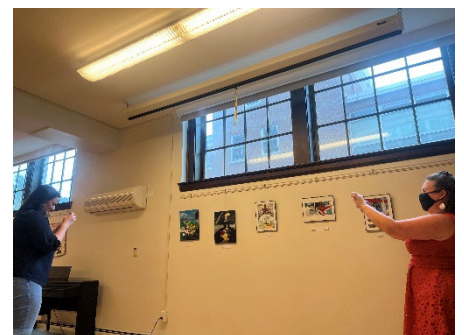
Currently, the City Pool is still planning to be open on time for this year's swimming season. Opening day is Saturday June 11th, hours are 1-5:30pm. Opening Week will be June 13th through June 17th, where General Swim will be 3pm-6pm Monday-Friday. Concessions will begin the second operating weekend. We also anticipate having the Tower installed the second operating week as well.

PLEASE NOTE: We are still low on lifeguards, and so some operating hours may be different. Please check the Rec website and Facebook for up-to-date information here: <https://www.facebook.com/MontpelierRec> and <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/844/Montpelier-Pool>

Community Services Department Shared Info Updates/Events/Collaborations

- **Pride Gallery in the News!**

- MSAC held its first Pride Art Gallery this past Friday. We had a wonderful time appreciating the art our local artists made and of course had an even better time celebrating our LGBTQIA+ friends and allies with a small party in our community room
- We were fortunate to have NBC 5 cover our Pride Art Gallery in their wrap-up of all the Pride events going on Friday evening. Watch the report here: <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/montpelier-hosting-first-pride-celebration-all-weekend-long/40193232>
- And here are some highlights from inside the event:





- **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. Alec Ellsworth will be performing live music at our grand opening this Wednesday.
- 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.

FEAST FARM STAND

Wednesdays 1-3 pm | Starting June 15
 Montpelier Senior Activity Center
 58 Barre St., Montpelier

Local, in-season produce grown at the FEAST Farm in Montpelier.
 Low cost vegetables, music, workshops
 & community offered to all.

City of Montpelier | FEAST | AARP | Council on Aging

- **A Call to Service: MSAC is looking a new AmeriCorps Member this September**
 - Calling all gap year students, recent college grads, and young professionals! MSAC is looking for a new Aging in Place Coordinator to serve MSAC's mission of being a gathering place of healthy aging, lifelong learning and delicious meals for older adults.
 - This is a dynamic role where the member will be working to create a vibrant intergenerational community that offers a little help to the older adults who need and deserve it.
 - The position is full-time (40 hrs/wk for 48 wks), and members will receive a living allowance of \$12,150 (pre-tax) plus an education award of \$3,247.50 (also pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. MSAC will offer the member with a \$250/mth rental subsidy and a ServSafe food handling certification as part of their service.
 - Our VHCB AmeriCorps position begins September 7th, 2022 and ends August 11th, 2023. The deadline to apply is August 24th 2022, and prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-amicorps/positions>

- **Summer Class Registration is Now Open**
 - Summer classes are open for members and the public!
 - Registration Forms & Instructor Bios can be found on our Classes webpage: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes>. The Registration Form has full instructions for registration as well as Zoom training info. The order of classes below is the same as on the Registration Form. Membership information can be found at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/364/Become-a-Member>. Call our office at [223-2518](tel:223-2518) or email msac@montpelier-vt.org if you have questions.
 - We've got everything from beginners yoga and Pilates to rug hooking and creative writing classes, so make sure to check them out in our summer program guide or on the website.

- **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. We will be traveling to the museum in a large air conditioned bus with bathroom facilities in the back.
 - 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

Council Meeting Agenda Schedule and Strategic Planning Items on following pages.

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*) (bold for date required)

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 • District Heat Budget? 	7/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Tax Rate – special call-in meeting
7/20	<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 • CAN Update • Storm Water Utility Update • Elks Club Update
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 • 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 	10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

? = 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	