

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
9/12/2022	Planning Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link
9/14/2022	Homelessness Task Force Meeting	11:30 AM	City Hall City Council Chamber and Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link
9/14/2022	Regular City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Hall City Council Chamber and Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Updates:

NEW: Omicron-specific COVID-19 boosters are now available in Vermont. The updated booster is for people 12 and older who have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series and received their last booster or additional dose at least two months ago. Look for Pfizer Bivalent Booster 12+ and Moderna Bivalent Booster 18+ [in the list of walk-in clinics](#).

Surveillance Report: 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 from September 7th 2022](#).

In their report State of Vermont says that statewide community levels are **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: 79.17 per 100k
 - Weekly case count: 494 (decrease from previous week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 5.61 per 100K
 - 35 total new admissions with COVID-19 (decrease from previous week)

The [CDC's COVID-19 County-level report also has Washington County Vermont](#) as a 'low' community level area.

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

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

COVID-19 Reminders:

- It is now recommended that all children, ages 6 months through 5 years, get the COVID-19 Vaccination. Find vaccination clinics [here](#), or call your preferred pharmacy.
- **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](#).
- **Remember:** The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has changed to the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Anyone is able to call this free hotline by dialing "988". This is in addition to "211" for referrals for services and supports in the area. The Pathways Vermont (which addresses homelessness) Support Line also is available at 833-888-2557. Residents can also go to www.mentalhealth.vermont.gov for a list of available resources.

NEW: Updated ERAF Score

We received an update on our Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund score (ERAF) which determines how much money we would receive for damage from FEMA Public Assistance grants after disasters. In general, after a disaster the Federal government covers 75% of costs and the rest of recovery costs are split between the State and Local government. Due to our new ERAF score, the City of Montpelier will now be receiving the maximum State cost share of 17.5%. Our efforts mean that in the case of a disaster, we will only be required to cover the remaining 7.5% of disaster recovery expenses.

Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Polco Community Survey

We'll send out the report as soon as it's received (estimated arrival is Sept. 14th) and will schedule a review on the September 28th meeting prior to strategic planning.

From the Assessor's Office:

The official 2022 Montpelier Grand List has been lodged and can be viewed at the City Clerk's Office or online. New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC) representatives continue to visit residential properties. We appreciate the cooperation of all residents and if anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 802-223-9505.

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

Improve Community Prosperity

Community Services Department Updates

Happy Labor Day! The Community Services Department celebrated Labor Day this past Monday, and we want to thank all of the hard work our team members have put into keeping our programs, classes, and events running smoothly over this past year. We also want to welcome our newest team members: Haidi Arias (Recreation), Tom Leahey (Recreation), Nermina Beslagic (MSAC), and Shannyn Morse (MSAC).

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)

- **Fall 2022 Class Registration:** Fall class registration at MSAC begins next Tuesday, September 6th. Registration will remain open until Thursday, September 22nd. Preview all the classes and register on our website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes>
 - We have **nearly 50** classes available this semester including: Drawing Nature, Intro to English Country Dancing, Bone Builders, Music Appreciation: Beethoven, Neurodiversity & The Aging Brain, Cooking Demos with Lisa Masé, and much more.
- **Support FEAST at our Taste of Montpelier:** Come out and support the FEAST Senior Meals Program at the upcoming Taste of Montpelier Festival this Saturday, September 10th from 1-4 PM and purchase one of our scrumptious baked goods – come find our table on State Street!
- **MSAC applies for Hunger Mountain Cooperative Community Fund:** The Hunger Mountain Cooperative Community Fund is an annual fund that has distributed over \$73,000 through 59 community grants over the past decade. Their goal is to fund small-scale project that offer large impacts on local communities and specifically local food systems. MSAC applied to the HMC Community Fund to replace its aging dishwasher in the FEAST Kitchen.
- **Trash Tramps and GRIT Party @ MSAC:** Friends of Trash Tramps and GRIT are invited to a party at MSAC on Tuesday, September 13. We'll be jointly celebrating: the stalwart Trash Tramps who have been picking up litter in downtown Montpelier on a weekly basis for seven years, and the pioneers of GRIT, the Graffiti Removal Infrastructure Team, who are making great strides in their first season cleaning up the city's abundance of graffiti. The party will be

held at 3:45 pm in the Community Room of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street.

- There will be make-your-own ice cream sundaes, along with sherbet and a variety of drinks. We'll be sharing stats and highlights (via a slideshow and some "tools of the trade") and presenting the coveted "golden tongs" and "golden brush" awards. To help with planning, please let us know if you can attend. Please RSVP by September 9, and we hope to see you there!
- **Osher Lectures to Return to MSAC:** Osher will be offering their Lifelong Learning Institute lectures at MSAC again this fall from September to November with an incredible line-up of presentations. Join us on Wednesday, September 21st in the MSAC Community Room for a discussion on the US Senate with former US Senate aide Diane Derby.
- **MSAC to Collaborate with the Montpelier High School:**
 - MSAC members will be gathering with the tenth-grade students to share stories from their own lives about how the places they have lived or visited have impacted them. The students will be participating in a unit of study entitled "Harvesting Stories," which is intended to help students investigate the way people shape and are shaped by our environment. Students will have the opportunity to read a variety of "place-based" writing, including essays, non-fiction stories, and fictional tales that in some way connect to ideas of place, identity, society, and nature.
 - Guest speakers will also be joining the class to share and discuss place-based stories and include MSAC members including Maxine Leary, Linda Quinlan, Rob Mermin, Mary Alice Bisbee and David Lipton. By the end of the unit, students will have had the chance to observe and creatively write about their environment and how this shapes their identities, as well as to interpret the stories of others. The goal of the unit is to have students deepen their understanding of how we can develop relationships with other people and with the earth that can help us imagine and create a more sustainable and hopeful future.
- **FEAST Farm Stand**
 - We held our thirteenth FEAST Farm Stand this past Wednesday. Produce for sale this week included: Corn, Tomatoes, Onions, Basil, Arugula, Zucchini, Squash, Cucumbers, and Shallots.
 - Join us for our final farm stand of 2022 on **Wednesday September 14th from 1-3pm.** We will have an **Live Music from Jolynda Burton and Sarah Lipton starting at 1pm.** Please drop in and enjoy the live music and fresh produce!
 - Check out some of the highlights from this week:



Historian Charlie Morrissey invigorated our audience of nearly 20 people with his oral history stories from Vermonters both famous and infamous.



Marc Gwinn of Edward Jones serenaded us with songs from the 1960s to today. We thank him for taking our requests and being a radiant presence outside at the farm stand.

Montpelier Recreation

- **2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball**
 - Are you ready to shoot some hoops? Register now for 2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball at the Recreation building gym at 55 Barre Street. Basketball is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:45am – 1:15pm starting September 1st through the end of the year.
 - Program fee is \$90 for residents and \$135 for non-residents. The walk-in fee is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Register at the Recreation office.
- **General Updates**
 - Youth soccer is starting this weekend. The soccer fields for Kindergarten-2 at 203 Country Club (the former Elk's club) are now lined and there have been some new goals built.
 - The Afterschool Program is starting its fourth week. There are still openings in the program and details can be found [here](#).
 - The Recreation Department is catching up on outdoor facilities, due to inclement weather earlier this week.

Community Services Department

- **Fall Program Guide: Available Tuesday, September 6th**
 - The Community Services Department is excited to announce that our Fall Program Guide will be available starting next week. Download from the website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/944/Community-Services-Department>
 - This guide includes all the latest offerings from all CS departments for Sept. – Nov.

Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

The Parks Department is working on the following projects:

Hubbard Park Universally Accessible Trail Construction underway:

We have begun construction on a universally accessible interpretive trail in Hubbard Park. This is a project we've been planning since 2020, and we're really excited to see it finally coming to fruition. The contractor, Timber & Stone LLC, is beginning on the tower path just below the tower. Park visitors can expect some small detours and a lot of trail construction activity in that area for the next several weeks.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update:

This Summer, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been detected in many locations throughout Montpelier. The Montpelier Tree Board and Parks & Trees Dept. is launching a new campaign to continue slowing the spread of this invasive pest, we need your help! Here's what you can do:

- Plan ahead! Use the [homeowner's guide to EAB](#) to identify Ash on your property and determine your best option.
- Contact the Tree Warden Alec Ellsworth at aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org if you see signs of infection. Our EAB response team can look at your trees and help you make a plan.

****The Department of Public Works has a new weekly newsletter. It can be found at the end of this report, beginning after strategic plan items.****

Employment and Personnel Announcements

Public Works Director – New:

DPW Director Donna Barlow Casey announced her retirement this week. She will begin transitioning out next week and will be available as needed through October 24th. We congratulate her on a great career, thank her for her many contributions to the city, and wish her the best for her next phase of life.

I am meeting with the DPW crew next Tuesday morning and will have a more specific announcement about plans to select the next Director after that meeting,

Municipal Job Openings

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

Assistant City Manager: This position reports directly to the City Manager and is part of the senior leadership team. The Assistant City Manager is a professional position with primary responsibility for communications, cross-departmental project management, community services and general administration. They may have additional responsibilities for government operations, policy analysis, emergency management, budget management and other areas of city government as assigned by the City Manager. Assignments may vary based on the skill set of the successful candidate. The work involves close cooperation and coordination with department heads, advisory boards, the City Council, residents, and the business community. Attendance at evening meetings is necessary. Montpelier is a vibrant and engaged community with a committed and professional workforce.

The successful applicant will have the following qualifications:

- A BA/BS in Public Administration or a related field. MA/ MPA preferred.
- Significant experience in a key management position within a dynamic public or non-profit agency.
- Direct experience in municipal government and/or familiarity with Vermont municipal regulations/policies is preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, a strong work ethic, good public presentation/discussion skills, team player, grace under pressure and solid departmental management abilities are needed.
- Understanding of the International City/County Management Association Code of Ethics is preferred.
- Must have or obtain a valid Vermont driver's license.
- Residence in Montpelier is preferred, although individual circumstances will be considered with regard to residency

The salary is currently set at \$94,120 annually. May vary some based on qualifications. The City offers an excellent benefits package and a dynamic professional environment. Montpelier is an equal opportunity employer. Please electronically submit a cover letter and resume by September 14, 2019 to tchambers@montpelier-vt.org. The selection process may include background check, drug test and/or psychological exam. Complete job description is available at www.montpelier-vt.org

Building Inspector / Health Officer: The city is seeking an individual to help guide citizens, building owners, and developers on the proper practices and standards required for safe development. The quality and manner of construction is critical to public health and safety which is why building codes have been enforced in Montpelier for more than 100 years. As the City continues to grow, the work of the Building Inspector / Health Officer is vital to ensure both new development and renovation work, are performed in compliance with adopted codes and standards, and in a manner that provides for the appropriate level of safety and protection, while at the same time returning the most benefit to the community and the property owner. A detailed job description is available at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/jobs.aspx>

The Building Code and Health Enforcement Department is a hybrid department between the Fire Department and Planning & Community Development. The day to day supervision of the Building Inspector / Health Officer is the responsibility of the Director of Planning & Community Development but many tasks are accomplished in collaboration, or through consultation with, the Fire Chief. As public building inspection in the City is through a contract with the State Division of Fire Safety, the appointment of a Building Inspector must be approved by the Division.

All candidates must have the ability to attain and maintain the NFPA Fire Inspector or ICC Fire Inspector Certification. The City will pay for training and certification.

Experience in the building trades or fire service is preferred. Associates degree is also preferred; work experience as defined above may be substituted for the Associate's degree on a six months for semester basis.

Proficiency with computers is needed, including word processing, data base management, the internet, and other technologies, as well as an aptitude to learn new applications in order to accomplish various tasks. Candidate must have a valid driver's license. A criminal background check will be performed in advance of hiring, as well as reference checks from former employers.

This is a full-time, unclassified (salaried) position within the City with a current pay range of \$63,580 to \$74,800 with an excellent benefits package. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Tanya Chambers, City Hall, 39 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602-2950 or to tchambers@montpelier-vt.org. This position will be posted until filled and active review will begin after September 2nd. Montpelier is an equal opportunity employer. Should you have questions regarding this position, please contact Chris Lumbra at clumbra@montpelier-vt.org.

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

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

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.

MSAC Seeks AmeriCorps member for September 2022: 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. Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-amicorps/positions>

DPW Staffing

The Department of Public Works currently has 5 vacancies within the department. There are 2 open positions within the streets division, 2 within the water/sewer division, and 1 split position between the streets and mechanic divisions. DPW is actively seeking new employees for the open positions. For more information visit the City's website at: [Jobs • Montpelier, VT • CivicEngage \(montpelier-vt.org\)](#)

MSAC seeks a Part-Time Temporary Kitchen Assistant

MSAC needs more helpful hands in its FEAST Kitchen. We're seeking an individual who is ready to assist in processing produce and other tasks in the kitchen as needed. This is a great career building opportunity, and while prior kitchen experience is preferred, we will train you. Contact Sarah Lipton if interested: slipton@montpelier-vt.org.

Parks Seeks a Community Conservation Steward

The Montpelier Parks Department seeks an environmental leader who will serve alongside their team in continuing their efforts to plan conservation projects and perform physical service activities for the City's natural areas. **Our VHCB AmeriCorps position begins on a rolling basis and ends August 11th, 2023.** Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-amicorps/positions>

Reminders

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

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

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st reading Parklet ordinance • Year End Financial Report • Hunting at Elks Club • Elks Club Public Process Plan • Homelessness Task Force • HUB Lease • Composition of Public Art Commission • Collective Bargaining Update 	9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Reading Parklet ordinance • Review Community Survey results • <u>Begin Strategic Planning Process</u>
10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Strategic Planning</u> Mutual Aid Update/Report 	10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Schedule • Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development • Stormwater Utility update • WRRF Update • TIF/Tax Stabilization • City Building Energy Policy? • Community Energy Fund? • Communications update – strategy, website, CAN • Preliminary Budget Discussion
11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFAS/Leachate • ADA Update • PRC – Internal Affairs • Homelessness Plan? • Barriers to Housing? • FEAST Update • Fireworks? • Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits? 	11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Agenda • PRC – Public Drinking • PRC – Fair & Impartial Policing
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget/Charter Changes • PRC – Progress Update 	12/21	Budget

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

Pending Items:

- Potential nuisance violation hearing
- Emerald Ash Borer update
- City Plan – spring 2023

CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

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

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
September	Strat Planning/ Workforce Development program , Stormwater Utility Updates
October	Strat Planning, (Fall/Winter 2022)/Mutual Aid Issues with Middlesex and Berlin, Homelessness Plan, Barriers to Housing, Parks Commission Survey/Review Community Survey results, Accomplishments and Future Plans for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development
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 or moved to a later agenda date • City Master Plan (spring 2023) 	

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Road Work

Main Street Repaving

Rainy weather this week delayed the adjustment of structures along Main St. Beginning the week of September 12th, crews will be onsite adjusting structures to the final grade in preparation for paving on September 17th. You may notice some minor raveling (pothole formation) in locations where a manhole structure exists below grade. This is due to the steel plate flexing as vehicles pass over it. DPW will be placing cold patch as an interim measure as needed until the final structure adjustments are finished. DPW is working with Pike Industries on a solution to repair the entry and exits approaches of the roundabout back to where the project started.

Travelers in this area should plan to expect some traffic delays and allow for extra travel time. DPW will be sharing updates throughout the construction process on the City's Facebook page and Front Porch Forum.

DPW Engineer Zach Blodgett is the primary contact for this project at the Department of Public Works and can be reached by email at zblodgett@montpelier-vt.org. We thank you for your patience while we complete this necessary paving project.

Main & Barre Street Intersection

In March 2022, Montpelier residents approved the funds for the Main and Barre Street intersection project in which the planning phase is underway. DPW is continuing through the design process as if this were a standalone project to be constructed in 2023. Ideally, this project, the Barre Street path extension, and the Main Street Railroad crossing project would be constructed together.

Due to incompatible project schedules, merging the projects is not feasible. The railroad project is a State project and has been scheduled for construction in 2024. The bike path project is being delayed due to additional federal and state permitting, funding and review processes and the estimated construction schedule is not known at this time. The City will need to coordinate with the State on the required rail improvements before advancing the traffic signal project.

At the September 14th City Council meeting, the Council will be voting on a consent agenda item to award Stantec the engineering contract for the Barre Street Recreation Path Project.

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Paving Projects

DPW has several paving projects planned to start in mid-September with final paving slated for early October. The following streets are to be repaved:

- Roberts Street
- Pleasant View Street
- Wheelock Street
- Valerie Avenue
- Blodgett Avenue
- Phelps Street

Paving and Sidewalk replacement on Phelps Street will begin in September and wrap up in early October.

Surface milling on these streets will place between October 10th will begin the week of September 19 and 13.

Fog Seal Treatments

Fog seal is a spray used to rejuvenate asphalt on recently paved roads to extend longevity. It helps to seal the road and prevent water from entering the sub-base, and rejuvenates the pavement, and slows down the rate of deterioration.

Fog seal has been completed on:

- College Street
- Barre Street between Granite Street and Pioneer Bridge
- National Life Drive

During fog seal application, road markings are temporarily covered up. DPW will repaint road markings after all paving projects are completed in that area.

Crosswalk markings have been completed on Liberty Street. Fog sealing on Liberty Street will be postponed until the summer of 2023 to reduce the disturbance in the neighborhood already impacted by the Main St. repaving project.

East State Street

Contract #1 of the East Street project includes the disconnection of the existing storm sewer system from the existing sanitary sewer system, also known as a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) connection. The design includes a new outfall constructed through the Rialto bridge abutment.

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This concept and other construction details are currently being reviewed by the State of Vermont, Water Investment Division. The City has received confirmation from the State that the project will be funded using Clean Water State ARPA dollars. This project is anticipated to begin spring of 2023.

Route 2 Montpelier NH 6400 (45)

Next week they will continue to work on the new railroad crossing and performing other work outside of the roadway. Use caution as traffic is being shifted away from the work area to allow the contractor to work on the new crossing half at a time. The work will result in some alternating one-way traffic on Route 2 using flaggers.

Pioneer St. Montpelier STP 6400 (30)

No work is scheduled next week.

Route 2 Montpelier-Berlin NH Deck (48)

Next week the contractor will be working on the approaches to the bridge in preparation for paving. They will also be installing the new bridge rail and approach rail. This work will result in some alternating one-way traffic using flaggers.

Other DPW Projects

Storm Water Utility

A stormwater utility is a dedicated funding mechanism to pay for a community's stormwater management program. The revenue generated for the utility's fee supports stormwater-related services and improvements. City Council identified this in the FY23 strategic plan. The City Council approved awarding the contract to Brown and Caldwell who will develop the Montpelier Storm Water Utility.

The State of Vermont has approved the contract agreement, and a kickoff meeting with the committee and project team will occur. The City's goal is to complete the project by July 1 of 2023. There will be opportunities for staff to report back to the council on the status as well as for the public to be involved.



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State Street Combined Sewer Overflow

At the City Council meeting on 8/24, staff held a public meeting on the Finding of No Significant Impact on the project. Bids for this project will open in early October of this year. Once bidding closes, the City Council will vote to approve a contractor who will have the option to start construction this fall. DPW anticipates this project will be completed by July 1, 2023.

Vactor Dump Station

This project is nearing completion. DPW will be paving around the structure and installing a fence around the station. The new station will be a cleaner and more efficient way to catch and filter wastewater collected from sewer cleaning as well as debris from street sweeping.

Brick Arch Replacement at The Gary Home

Work on the brick arch at the Gary Home on Main Street is complete. Work will continue at the Gary Home site (outside of the brick arch replacement portion) which may cause some short-term pedestrian detours.

Main Street Water Main Replacement

This project is out to bid with the bid opening date of September 21, 2022. DPW will be replacing a 450 ft. section of water main beginning at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Main Street and ending at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Easy Street. The water main will be upsized from the current 6-in diameter pipe to the required 12-in diameter pipe. Water main pipes and appurtenances for this project have been ordered, resolving previous supply chain concerns. An existing failing culvert crossing Towne Hill Road, adjacent to Easy Street will also be replaced. DPW anticipates construction on this project will begin in September of this year.

Water Main Break

DPW responded to a water main break on School Street this week. Water is currently back on, but the condition of the pipe is brittle and will require more work later to resolve the issue long-term. Due to the increase in recent water main breaks, DPW is trying to expedite the replacement process to decrease the inconvenience to the community when breaks happen.

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Grout Road Bridge

The timeline for this project has been pushed back slightly. DPW is hoping to bid the project out by November 1st of this year and is anticipating starting construction by the spring of 2023. This project is being funded through ARPA grants and a Class 2 Highway Structure grant.

Roadside Mowing

DPW's mower is currently under repair, prompting crews to extend the timeline one week for project completion. DPW will continue mowing alongside overgrown roadways, sidewalks, and portions of the bike through the week of 9/12.

FAQs

Heard on the Street

Q. What's the deal with fog sealing and painted crosswalk markings?

A. Spraying the road with a sealant serves a couple of purposes. It helps to seal the road and prevent water from entering the sub-base, rejuvenates the pavement, and slows down the rate of deterioration. The spray penetrates the road surface by roughly 3/8" and improves the flexibility of the surface by restoring oxidized components. Fog sealing a street in the first 1-5 years of its life has been shown to extend the overall life of the pavement by approximately 2 to 4 years.

During fog seal application, road markings are temporarily covered up. DPW will repaint road markings after all paving projects are completed in that area. The City had intended to use the spray that didn't require pavement markings to be re-painted, however, that option turned out to be too costly. Given the high demand for painted crosswalks in the early part of the spring/summer, the Street crew thought they could proceed with painting under the assumption that our markings could be retained.

Careers

Join Our Team!

Full job descriptions and requirements are posted on the City's website: [Montpelier-vt.org/jobs](https://montpelier-vt.org/jobs)

The City of Montpelier, Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged.

- **Dual Position: Mechanic I & Streets Maintenance Worker**



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- Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1
- Water/Sewer Truck Driver, Level 1

How to Apply:

Submit a letter of interest along with a completed job application.

Pick up a job application:

- In-person at 783 Dog River Road Montpelier VT 05602
- By email Jasmine Benson at jbenson@montpelier-vt.org
- Online: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../DPW-Application-Revised...>

Contact Information

Got Questions or Comments?

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Contact the **Montpelier Department of Public Works:**

Phone: (802) 262-6276

Email: jbenson@montpelier-vt.org

Website: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/167/Public-Works>

Facebook: Department of Public Works – City of Montpelier

Emergency Dispatch: (802) 223-3445