Improve Public Health and Safety

COVID-19 Updates:
Omicron-specific COVID-19 boosters are now available in Vermont! The updated booster is for people 12+ who 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. Learn more about these boosters!


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

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hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 is below 10%.

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 88.14 per 100k
  - Weekly case count: 550 (decrease from last week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 8.33 per 100K
  - 52 total new admissions with COVID-19 (increase from previous week)

The CDC’s COVID-19 County-level report also has Washington County Vermont as a ‘low’ community spread 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.

Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund update. The City received an update on our Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund score (ERAF) from the state due to the hard work of city staff in a number of departments. The ERAF score determines how much money the city would receive from FEMA’s Public Assistance grants to pay for damage resulting from declared disasters. After a disaster the federal government covers 75% of costs and the rest is state or local. Vermont adopted the ERAF program to reward and encourage communities to become more disaster resilient. Montpelier now qualifies for the maximum state cost share of 17.5%. Our efforts mean we will only be required to cover the remaining 7.5% of disaster recovery expenses.

To receive the maximum benefit the City needed to meet all of the following:
- Be a part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which requires the City to adopt and enforce flood plain regulations.
- Adopt road and bridge standards at least as strict as the state standards.
- Adopt a Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).
- Adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)
- Adopt either a River Corridor Protection Ordinance or participate in specific programs in the Community Rating System (the City did both).

Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

Sustainability/Facilities Coordinator New:
With our new Building Inspector coming on board Monday, Chris Lumbra will begin transitioning his work to this new position. We expect him to remain engaged with helping the new BI for two weeks before really taking on the new position full time.
Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Polco (National Citizen Survey) Community Survey Update:
We received the first information from this survey this week. It can be viewed on the city’s website and the direct link is here. We are still waiting for the final report and analyses. We plan to review this at the October 12 Council meeting.

General Business 9/28

- Restroom Committee: Council Member Casey is arranging a meeting.
- Beth Burgess Report on homelessness: has been sent to the City Council.
- Parker Associates Contract: Has been signed and executed.
- Sustainable Montpelier Coalition: The City is aware of their staff changes, and we have great concerns about the impact on CAN. We are arranging a meeting with Board Members (but have been delayed due to individual schedules) to discuss this issue.
- Website: Upgrade work is in progress, will take a year to complete. In the meantime, we have staff going through attempting to clean up items.

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

203 Country Club Road New:
We will have an updated report on the public process at the next meeting. However, the following three events have been scheduled with more information to come:
1st - On-site
Where: 203 Country Club Rd
When: 12pm - 1:30pm

2nd - Hybrid
Where: City Hall & Virtual
When: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

3rd - Virtual
Where: Zoom
When: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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**Improve Community Prosperity**

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**Office Notice for Community Services Department**
Phone calls have been hard to answer and return due to a shortage of staff. Please try emailing for quicker response: nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org

- **Recreation**
  - NO REGISTRATIONS OVER THE PHONE! Registrations can be done by mailing or dropping of forms and payment to 58 Barre Street. Registration forms and a locked drop box are located in the side entrance of 58 Barre Street (The MSAC Building).
  - At this time, we are not able to take credit card payments in the office. Please email nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org to get set you up with online payment through the city website.

- **Office Hours:**
  - **Mondays** 9am-3pm (Closed 1-2pm)
  - **Tuesdays & Wednesdays** 9am – 3pm
  - **Thursdays** 9am-12:30pm (Closed 12:30-3pm)
  - **Fridays** Closed for customer service.

**Community Services Department**

- **CS Team to Engage in a Full-Day Team Building Experience:** Offices will be closed at MSAC and the Rec Center on Friday, September 30th while the whole team engages in a full-day team building experience. Nathan Suter will be joining the team in the morning to guide us through a number of exercises designed to bring everyone together around the core work we all do: good service. The afternoon will find the team engaging in a brainstorming activity at the 203 Country Club Road property.

- **Montpelier PLACE (Join us on Wednesday 10/5 from 4am-6:30pm at the FEAST Farm)**
This celebratory meal will include a tour of the city’s FEAST Farm, a farm-to-table meal from the grill, a thank you to the FEAST volunteers, and a forward looking planning discussion aimed at increasing local food access and sourcing for our community. The presentation will be emceed by Hans Estrin of UVM Extension. All are welcome to join and participate in this important discussion!

The Harvest Meal at the FEAST Farm is a fundraising event for FEAST Senior Meals and the farm. Please consider donating: https://donorbox.org/supportfeastfarm

This fall, the University of Vermont Extension, North Branch Nature Center, and the Montpelier Community Services Department will be presenting the Montpelier PLACE (or Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement) Event Series. This is a series of community events celebrating the sites and stories in Montpelier’s unique heritage and ecology. Join us this fall on a citywide exploration to discover what makes our Capital City so special! These events will be held from September 17th – December 2nd. The schedule of events include:

- **10/5**: Harvest Meal at FEAST Farm (4 – 6:30 PM @ FEAST Farm)
- **10/22**: History on the Land: Hubbard Park (9 – 11 AM @ Hubbard Park)
- **10/29**: Ecology of Hubbard Park (10 AM – 1 PM @ Hubbard Park)
- **11/9**: Montpelier’s Built Environment (6:30 – 8 PM @ Kellogg-Hubbard Library)
- **11/18 & 11/19**: Montpelier Underfoot (7 – 8:30 PM on 11/18 | 9 AM – 12 PM on 11/19 @ North Branch Nature Center)
- **12/2**: River Art Walk (4 – 8 PM @ TBD)

**Community Services Department Job Openings:**

- **MSAC Seeks an Aging-in-Place Coordinator for immediate hire**
  - MSAC is looking for someone to serve MSAC’s mission of being a gathering place of healthy aging, lifelong learning and delicious meals for older adults.
  - **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-americorps/positions

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)

**Fall 2022 Class Registration is still open for some classes.** Please see the list below of available spots in classes.

- **Continuing Pastels with Joyce Kahn**
- **Spanish from Scratch with Carlos Reyes**
- Tai Chi with Judy Copa
- Tai Chi with Ellie Hayes
- Qigong with Ellie Hayes
- Chair Yoga with Ragan Sheridan
- Somatic movement: Calm your Nervous System with Amy LePage
- Somatic movement: Stand Up Straight with Amy LePage
- Somatic movement: Move it or Lose it with Amy LePage
- How to Conduct a Simple Cleanse with Lisa Masé
- Healthy Gluten-Free Cooking with Lisa Masé

- **Osher Lectures to Return to MSAC:** Osher is offering their Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) lectures at MSAC again this fall from September to November with an incredible line-up of presentations. See highlights from this past week’s lecture with author and genealogist Maudean Neill:

  40 attendees packed inside MSAC for the second presentation of the OLLI series. Maudean Neill shared the dark and unsettling history of the Ku Klux Klan in Vermont during the early 20th century. She shared personal accounts from descendants of KKK members living in Vermont and recounted gatherings of the hate group in our city and surrounding towns.

Institute (OLLI) lectures at MSAC again this fall from September to November with an incredible line-up of presentations. See highlights from this past week’s lecture with author and genealogist Maudean Neill:

- Join us on Wednesday, October 5th in the MSAC Community Room for a talk on the art of photography and how you can capture the moment (**Capturing The Moment**) with photographer Jeb Wallace-Brodeur. Register online: [https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osopher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/](https://learn.uvm.edu/program/osopher-lifelong-learning/olli-statewide/central-vermont/)
• **MSAC to Collaborate with the Montpelier High School:**
  o **Harvesting Stories:** MSAC members are gathering with tenth-grade students to share stories from their own lives about how the places they have lived or visited have impacted them. Guest speakers include MSAC members including Maxine Leary, Linda Quinlan, Rob Mermin, Mary Alice Bisbee and David Lipton. 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.
  o **Kitchen Interns:** After such a successful high-school internship program with students helping in the FEAST Kitchen last spring, MSAC staff and MHS staff are again collaborating to bring students into the kitchen. The first student will be visiting MSAC’s kitchen this week!
  o **Tech Café:** In collaboration with Dr. Mel Houser of All Brains Belong, Matt McLane at the High School, Meredith Holch from CVCOA, contacts at the VT Tech Assistance Program, and Sarah Lipton at MSAC, a new program of training for students will be underway soon to develop them into technology trainers for older adults using iPads and other devices.

**Montpelier Recreation**

• **2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball**
  o Are you ready to shoot some hoops? Register now for 2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street. Basketball is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm starting September 1st and continuing through the end of the year.
  o 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.

• **2022 Open Gym at the Recreation Gym**
  o Join us at the Rec Gym this fall and winter for open gym hours six days a week! Hours are posted on our website at [https://www.montpelier-vt.org/915/Rec-Center](https://www.montpelier-vt.org/915/Rec-Center)
  o The Recreation Department gym is located at 55 Barre Street.
  o **Walk In Fees:**
    ▪ *Pickleball*: Resident $2 / Non Resident $3
    ▪ *Noontime Basketball*: Resident $4 / Non-Resident $6
  o **Open Gym:**
    ▪ K-8 Resident $1.50 / Non Resident $3
    ▪ 9-12 Resident $2 / Non Resident $4
    ▪ Adult Resident $3 / Non Resident $6
    ▪ Family Resident $6 / Non Resident $12
  o Register at the Recreation office.

• **General Updates**
  o The Capital Kids Afterschool Program still has openings in the program and details can be found on our website: [https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare](https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare)
Afternoon and evening Open Gym for basketball will begin at the Recreation Department gym in early October. The schedule will be announced soon and will include time scheduled specifically for players in middle school and younger grades, as well as time for high school players. Admission fees will be collected at the door.

There are still spots open in our Tae Kwon Do program in both sessions, Ages 6-8 and Ages 9 and Older. Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Registration details for our Youth Basketball program will be announced soon.

Montpelier Parks

- Thank You To All Who Attended The PLACE Series At The Queen Bee’s Brunch at Barr Hill
  - The Montpelier Community Services Department and Montpelier PLACE want to thank pollinator ecologist Jason Mazurowski, Erica Hample and all attendees who came to the second PLACE event this past Sunday. We had a great afternoon exploring the impact that bees and other pollinators play in Vermont’s ecosystem. We learned how to identify different bee species in Vermont and what we can do to protect our pollinators.
  - Join us on Wednesday 10/5 from 4-6:30 pm for the Harvest Meal at FEAST Farm (5 Home Farm Way, Montpelier VT). We’ll tour the farm, enjoy a wonderful harvest meal, and learn more about the issue of food security in Montpelier and how the FEAST Farm impacts local food access. For directions to the event, go to [https://bit.ly/FEASTFarmDirections](https://bit.ly/FEASTFarmDirections).
  - The Harvest Meal at the FEAST Farm is a fundraiser event for the FEAST Farm and its programs. Please consider either before or after the event by going to [https://donorbox.org/supportfeastfarm](https://donorbox.org/supportfeastfarm). Or donate at the event when you come. Every dollar helps us grow our produce and our programs!

- Ent Workshop on September 29th, 2022
  - The Parks crew made Ents for the Enchanted Forest. Check them out below:

- Enchanted Forest on October 14th and 15th, 2022
  - Enchanted Forest is returning this October, and tickets will be on sale soon. Check our Facebook page @MontpelierParks or go to alltogethernowvt.org to
buy the tickets online when they go on sale. We cannot wait to see you in Hubbard Park this October.

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

Assistant City Manager New:
I announced this week that Kelly Murphy, formerly Finance Director, has been appointed as Assistant City Manager.

Finance Director New:
With Kelly Murphy moving to Assistant Manager, we are beginning the search process for a new Finance Director

Public Works Director
As noted earlier, I have appointed Kurt Motyka as Acting Director. We have begun the search process for a permanent director.
Municipal Job Openings

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

**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-americorps/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-americorps/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

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       | • 203 Country Club Road public process  
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       | • Review Polco Survey  
       | • Mutual Aid report |
| 10/26 | • Winter Schedule  
       | • Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development  
       | • Stormwater Utility update  
       | • WRRF Update  
       | • Communications update – strategy, website, CAN  
       | • Preliminary Budget Discussion |
| 11/9  | • ADA Update  
       | • TIF/Tax Stabilization  
       | • City Building Energy Policy?  
       | • Community Energy Fund?  
       | • Barriers to Housing?  
       | • FEAST Update  
       | • Fireworks? |
| 11/16 | • Legislative Agenda  
       | • Homelessness Plan?  
       | • Charter Changes  
       | • Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits? |
| 12/14 | • Budget/Charter Changes |
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       | • PRC – Progress Update |
| 12/21 | • First PH Budget  
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       | • Adopt Charter Language  
       | • First PH Bonds |
| 1/4   | • Budget Workshop |
| 1/11  | • First PH Budget  
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           | • 2<sup>nd</sup> PH Bonds |
| 2/8   | • |
| 2/22  | • |
| 3/7   | • City Meeting Election |

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

### Pending Items:
- Potential nuisance violation hearing
- Emerald Ash Borer update
- City Plan – summer 2023
### CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

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

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- City Master Plan (Summer 2023)
Main Street Repaving
Rain delayed some of the work last week. Crews will be finishing up structure adjustments this week in preparation for final paving on Friday, October 7th. The project is scheduled to be completed on Monday, October 10th.

Travelers in this area should plan to expect some traffic delays and allow for extra travel time.

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.

Paving Projects
DPW has several paving projects planned to start in early October with final paving slated for mid-October. As of this week, all paving projects are on track as scheduled. Surface milling on all streets listed below is scheduled to begin the week of October 3rd with paving soon to follow.

The following streets are to be repaved:
- Roberts Street
• Pleasant View Street – DPW connected two drainage pipes into the City’s storm system which will prevent icing
• Wheelock Street
• Valerie Avenue
• Blodgett Avenue
• Phelps Street

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.
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)
On Monday, October 3rd, they plan to pave the top coarse of pavement on each side of the new railroad crossing. They will also be working outside the roadway along the tracks throughout the week performing miscellaneous tasks. This work will result in lane shifts to maintain two-way traffic but some alternating one-way traffic using flaggers could occur.

Route 2 Montpelier-Berlin NH Deck (48)
The new bridge is open to traffic. Next week the contractor will continue to remove the temporary roadway and temporary bridge. This work will result in alternating one-way traffic using flaggers.

Other DPW Projects

Storm Water Utility
DPW is actively performing infrastructure assessments, overviews, and data analysis as this project gets into full swing.

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
State Street Combined Sewer Overflow

Bids for this project will open in early October of this year. Once bidding closes, the City Council will approve awarding the project to a contractor who will have the option to start construction this fall. DPW anticipates this project will be completed by July 1, 2023.

DPW held a pre-bid meeting on 9/15, allowing contractors to ask and answer questions as part of the bidding process. This is common for large-scale projects.

Main/Towne Hill Water Main Replacement

The City Council approved awarding the bid to Heber Excavation at last night’s City Council Meeting. Bids for this project opened Wednesday, 9/20 with Hebert Excavation coming in the lowest at $191k. This project is tentatively scheduled to start sometime in October 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. Upon completion of the project, a permanent trench patch will be installed. DPW is evaluating the possibility to extend the paving limits up to the crest of the hill to address the poor pavement condition on Towne Hill Road between Main Street and Dover Road.

Grout Road Bridge

Permits for this project were submitted to the state and a project easement has been signed.
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.

FAQs

Heard on the Street

Streetlight Installation
DPW replaced a streetlight and installed a new pole at Main and School Street intersection. The new fixture now illuminates the crosswalk. Concrete around the new poles was poured this week.

Confluence Park Clean-up
Due to staffing shortages, this project has been postponed until October 7th. In tandem with other City staff, DPW will work on clean-up in Confluence Park. Clean-up will focus on the area near the Winooski River.
Join Our Team!

Full job descriptions and requirements are posted on the City’s website: 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.

• (1) Mechanic I
• (2) Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1
• (2) Water/Sewer Truck Driver, Level 1

How to Apply:
Pick up a job application:
• In-person at 783 Dog River Road Montpelier VT 05602
• By email Jasmine Benson at jbenison@montpelier-vt.org
• Online: https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../DPW-Application-Revised...

Submit a letter of interest along with a completed job application and resume to Jasmine Benson at jbenison@montpelier-vt.org.

Contact Information

Got Questions or Comments?

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