

City Updates - Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Clerk's Office

- The Clerk's Office has resumed some operations at City Hall. Hours of operation are 8:30am - 4:30pm.
- City Hall is **not** ADA-accessible at this time due to the damaged elevator. If you need assistance accessing the Clerk's Office, please call ahead at 802-223-9500 or email John Odom or Sara McMillon.
- The Clerk's Office is asking residents who need to make payments to take them to the Senior Center or the drop box in the back of the building.
- If you need to view items in the vault, please make an appointment using the form on the Clerk's webpage here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/162/City-Clerk>

City Offices at MSAC

- The Planning and Community Development and Finance Departments are continuing with full operations at MSAC. Please email, call, or stop by in person at 58 Barre Street for City business in these departments.
- The Montpelier Community Justice Center has joined Planning and Finance at MSAC. See their webpage for more information on their services: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/371/Community-Justice-Center>
- The MSAC building is fully ADA-accessible.
- You can drop off bill payments after hours at the MSAC lock box in the vestibule inside the side entrance.
- Beginning Monday, Josie will no longer be staffing the desk at the side entrance. You may enter through the main door to access City offices on the first and second floors.

Cemeteries

- Green Mount Cemetery has seeded down the front roadside that was affected by the flood. They are still working on road washouts and a drainage issue.

Montpelier Police Department

- In addition to increased patrols and investigating recent crimes, MPD is participating in a public safety campaign aimed at promoting crime prevention strategies to reduce and prevent thefts from vehicles and homes. The 9 P.M. Routine encourages residents to conduct security checks at their homes and vehicles each evening to ensure their property is secure.

How do I Participate in the 9 P.M. Routine?

Set a reminder on your phone or device at 9 P.M. (or earlier) each evening and ensure the following tasks have been completed:

- Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates, and sheds have been locked
- Exterior lights, security cameras, alarm systems have been activated
- Valuables from vehicles (including keys), yards, and patios have been brought inside

Montpelier Food Pantry

- The Montpelier Food Pantry has moved to the City Center on East State Street. The entrance is by the parking garage next to the City Center.

Volunteer Hub

- The volunteer hub is now operating remotely. While there is no longer a physical presence at 12 Main Street, the hub continues to provide help and support to community members. To request help or lend help, please visit the new volunteer hub website at <https://montpelierhub.com/> website, or by calling 802-828-7103.
- The volunteer e-newsletter has shifted to a bi-monthly schedule. They will be sending out an email every first and third Monday of the month with new volunteer updates, flood assistance updates, and more. Please subscribe using the form on the City of Montpelier's Community Services page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/944/Community-Services-Department>.

Disaster Recovery Center

- The nearest Disaster Recovery Center is in Barre at 16 Auditorium Drive.
- Other locations include:
 - Barton: Memorial Building, 17 Village Square
 - Wardsboro: Wardsboro Town Hall
 - Waterbury: Armory, 29 Armory Drive
 - Hours for all locations are Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm, Saturday: 9am-2pm, closed Sundays.

Rebuild Progress

- The City's internal Rebuilding Team is meeting weekly to determine what the next steps of the process are for repairing City Hall and other City properties damaged by the flood. The City expects it will be 1-2 years before all staff are able to return to City Hall.