

MSAC Members, Do You Want to Ride an E-Bike this Summer?

About Montpelier E-bike Lending Library

The Montpelier E-bike Lending Library (MELL) begins the 2023 season with the two e-bikes from the program of Local Motion that were out on multi-day loans last season – a standard city e-bike and a longtail cargo ebike. New, and coming soon this season, are two more types – a fat tire e-bike and a three wheeler cargo bike (e-trike). The addition is thanks to a grant from the VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) giving support to MELL through fiscal sponsor Net Zero Vermont.



The goal is to provide residents with an opportunity to try any or all of these four different types of electric powered bikes, to see how they meet transportation needs, fit in their daily lives, and to learn what works best for them, before making any financial commitment. In our vision and values, the lending library is a step towards an affordable bike share scheme for Montpelier and communities throughout Central Vermont.



How does it operate?

MELL is volunteer led, offering e-bike lending free of charge. Loans are for 7 days, starting on Saturday, with pick-up from 12-1pm at the Capital City Farmer's Market (CCFM). Return is on the following Saturday from 9-10am at the same venue, the Saturday Farmer's Market. MELL volunteers also offer demo/try-outs of about a half hour during the Saturday Farmers Market between 10am-12pm at least once every month – look out for the schedule in the CCFM (market)

newsletter. Reservations can be made over the six-month lending season, May through October.

In 2023, we're giving first access and priority to members of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center and the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Montpelier. However, the first part of the season up to the week of June 24 - July 1 is saved for those on the wait list from last season.

The booking system then opens for periods of two-months at a time, beginning July. Publicity will be through the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) and then the Capital City Farmers Market (CCFM). The first 7-day loan is Saturday July 1 to Saturday July 8. The last loan is for the week October 28 - November 4. Early in the season we try to give priority to those on the wait list who we were unable to serve during the previous season. Reservations can be made online here:

Web page for reservations - MELL (Montpelier E-Bike Lending Library): bit.ly/ReserveMELL

Sign the electronic waiver in advance of your pick-up here. bit.ly/MELLSmartWaiver

If an e-bike is unavailable, please fill out our waitlist! bit.ly/MELLWaitList

For more information about e-bike lending libraries, as well as e-bike rebates, incentives and other resources please contact the MELL Coordinator Hanif Nazerali by email hnazerali@cs.com or check the Local Motion webpages: <https://www.localmotion.org/ebikes>

Montpelier High School Alumni, Come Celebrate!

First Annual Montpelier High School Alumni Roundup Reunion Friday & Saturday, July 14-15, 2023

The first annual Montpelier High School Alumni Roundup is a reunion fundraiser welcoming all classes, faculty, staff, coaches, and respective families to celebrate their Montpelier High School experience and give back to both the school and Montpelier community. The week-end-long event kicks off with a Welcome Back party at Langdon Street Tavern on Friday night. The fun continues on Saturday at the Montpelier Pool & Pavilion for an afternoon of games and activities. Join the Facebook group and register for the event using the link below!



Register:

<https://bit.ly/MHSReunion23FB>



Montpelier's Independence Day Celebration - July 3rd 2023

Get ready for Montpelier's biggest celebration of the year! Come for the day, stay for the fireworks. Find the full list of events and activities throughout the city at:



<https://montpelieralive.com/july-3rd-schedule>



This year's Family Fest kicks off with 'Dance, Sing, and Jump Around' with Liz Benjamin and music by Joanne Garton and Company. It starts at 3:00 pm (all ages welcome), and is followed by an appearance by the Big Nazo puppet group and the Providence Drum Troupe, both back by popular demand! In addition, there will be two bouncy houses on the State House Lawn, sponsored by Capital Community Church. Food trucks and other State Street vendors start selling at 3 pm. Find gifts, face painting, and delicious foods from all around the world (28 vendors in all!).

The Montpelier Mile starts at 6 pm, followed by the fabulous parade, with returning community favorites such as Catamount Pipe Band, Hannaford's Fife and Drum group, AllTogetherNow's enormous puppets, Shidaa Project's West African drumming, and the HoneyBee Steelband. Following the parade, local celebrity Chad Hollister performs on the Main Stage, bringing energetic music to the State House Lawn. Julia Fortin of U32 High School sings the National Anthem, and a captivating Fireworks display caps the day!

Find street closures, parking and parking restrictions as well as information on taking the Green Mountain Transit shuttle on our website at: <https://montpelieralive.com/july-3-2023-event-logistics>. Volunteers are a crucial part of hosting the City's biggest event of the year and this year's event is packed full of activities for everyone! Montpelier Alive is seeking volunteers for this year's event and volunteers can find positions to help with all aspects of the day. The list of volunteer roles and shifts (to view only): bit.ly/July3rdVolunteersMontpelier. To register to volunteer: bit.ly/July3rdVolunteerRegistrationMontpelier. Questions about volunteering? Contact the volunteer coordinator Yasi Zeichner at volunteer@montpelieralive.org.

Find out everything you need to know about attending
Montpelier's Independence Day Celebration at <https://montpelieralive.com/july3-2023>.