



Weekly News Roundup February 24, 2020 - February 28, 2020

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Upcoming Events

Transportation Fair

March 1, 2020 | 11 am - 2 pm - Plumley Auditorium, Northfield

Do you want to learn more about sustainable transportation options in Northfield and around Vermont? Interested in riding the bus but don't know how to get started? Want to learn more about walk ability and what bike / PED is?



Stop by the Northfield Transportation Fair to learn about all the ways you can sustainably get to and from Northfield and around the state. Enjoy tasty treats as you learn the ins and outs of Electric Vehicles from your neighbors who are EV drivers. Learn about bus commuter options from GMT and try out an electric bike! Learn what incentives and programs are available for you to go electric or commute sustainably. Enter raffles for local and sustainable prizes.

Emergency Training for Senior Town Officials

March 9, 2020 | 1:00-5:00 pm, Barre Municipal Building (149 Websterville Rd, Websterville 05678)

Senior town and city officials and other municipal personnel play an important part of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery in most communities. Town Managers, Select board members, Mayors, and other executives who make decisions for town taxpayers are often a necessary part of the disaster response and recovery process. Understanding the process of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery is critical for those decision makers in communities. Time can be lost if responders need to explain emergency procedures and processes during a disaster.

Vermont Emergency Management urges those executives, town officials, school officials, and others to take part in a four-hour training that gives an overview of emergency response. Incident Command System 402: ICS for Executives and Senior Officials explains how responders handle emergencies.

To register please visit <https://vermont.csod.com> or contact the Vermont Emergency Management training office at dps.emhstraining@vermont.gov for assistance

Save the Date - Planning & Zoning Roundtable

March 31, 2020 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm | CVRPC, Montpelier

A roundtable will be hosted for Planning Commissioners & Municipal Officials. Likely topics of discussion will be housing and forest integrity. If you have have a particular question or topic you'd like to have added to the agenda, please contact [Clare Rock](#).



Town Meeting Day

On Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2020, citizens across Vermont come together in their communities to discuss the business of their towns. For over 200 years, Town Meeting Day has been an important political event as Vermonters elect local officers and vote on budgets. For information and resources visit your municipality's website, or the **Secretary of State's website**.

Women Woodland Survey

Vermont Coverts is looking for feedback from women who love Vermont's woodlands or own Vermont's woodlands to help us as we build a women's network to reach out and share about our forests.

[Survey Link](#). The survey will take less than 15 minutes.

UVM Health Network/CVMC's 2019 Community Health Assessment

Central Vermont Medical Center routinely conducts community health needs assessments (CHNA) to understand current health trends, needs, and assets. Federal legislation requires hospitals to conduct community health assessments every three years. Community assessments. The information gathered during this process is used to help CVMC and other organizations in our community develop plans that address our biggest needs and challenges so that we can better direct our efforts and resources.

Their Community Health Needs Assessment covers CVMC's health service area which primarily serves the region of Washington County, VT with an estimated 2018 population of 60,317 people living in 20 towns in over 695 square miles. In addition to Washington County, CVMC's service area includes a few outlying towns in Orange County: Brookfield, Orange, Washington, and Williamstown.

You can view the 2019 reports below:

[2019 Community Health Needs Assessment](#)

[2019 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy](#)

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Public Art Design Grant

The Vermont Arts Council has announced that FY2020 grant funds are available to communities that are poised to integrate works of public art into upcoming infrastructure projects. The Council seeks proposals for projects that provide opportunities for artists to engage with community in the design of public art for an interior or exterior site that is accessible to the public. The design may be for temporary or permanent works of art. [Guidelines](#).

Vermont nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities are eligible to apply. Community groups without tax-exempt status may apply using a fiscal agent. A fiscal agent must be a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in Vermont. All applicants (or the fiscal agent) must have a D-U-N-S Number. Proposals from Vermont [designated downtowns, village centers, or neighborhood development areas](#) are encouraged.

Northern Border Regional Commission - 2020 Economic and Infrastructure Development (EID) Grant

On February 25th the Northern Border Regional Commission announced the opening of the **2020 Economic and Infrastructure Development (EID) Grant** round. You can read the announcement here: <http://www.nbrc.gov/news>.

In Vermont every county is eligible for the funding; eligible applicants are municipalities, public

and not-for-profit entities. Approximately \$4.5M in NBRC EID monies will be awarded to support economic development in the following areas:

- Transportation infrastructure
- Critical infrastructure / Construction
- Telecommunications infrastructure (Broadband)
- Workforce, businesses, entrepreneurial and technology development
- Resources and open space conservation, tourism and recreation
- Renewable and alternative energy
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More information about timeline and application process can be accessed [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

MARCH

Mar 2 4:00 pm Executive Committee, CVRPC Office

Mar 10 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Central VT Chamber, Berlin

Mar 12 TBD Green Mountain Transit General Manager Candidate Public Event, GMT, Burlington

Mar 17 4:00 pm Regional Plan Committee, CVRPC Office

Mar 24 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Central VT Chamber, Berlin

Mar 26 4:00 pm Project Review Committee, CVRPC Office

Mar 26 5:30 pm Home Efficiency Roundtable, Middlesex Town Office

Mar 26 7:00 pm Mad River Valley Planning District, MRVPD Office, Waitsfield

Mar 31 6:00 pm Planning & Zoning Roundtable, CVRPC Office

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