



## Weekly News Roundup July 27, 2020 - July 31, 2020

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### Upcoming Events

#### **New VT Building Energy Code Trainings**

August 5, August 11, & August 27, 2020

Efficiency Vermont is administering Building Energy Code trainings on behalf of the Public Service Department. The most recent versions of the Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES) and Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) become effective on September 1, 2020.

Upcoming online trainings offered: <https://www.encyvermont.com/events/list?type=training>

Next RBES training 8/5/20 from 9am-11:30am

Next CBES trainings 8/11/20 from 1-3:30pm, and 8/27/20 from 9:30am-12pm

There are recordings of previous RBES and CBES trainings from this summer posted here: <https://www.encyvermont.com/online-trainings>.

#### **Vermont Preservation Trust - Navigating Uncertainty**

August 25, 2020 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Examine the impacts and constraints on fundraising due to Covid-19 as it affects nonprofits in Vermont. Explore fundraising possibilities for nonprofits and community groups with a focus on historic preservation, local gathering places, arts, culture, and education.

This workshop will focus in particular on community-based organizations that are already planning or implementing campaigns for local projects.

This Zoom meeting will be limited to 18 participants and encourages participation by all. [Register here.](#)

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### Community News

#### **Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the [Congress of the New Urbanism \(CNU\)](#) is pleased announce the completion of **[Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods](#)**. This how-to manual promotes practical, small steps that Vermont's cities, towns and villages can take to address widespread regulatory barriers that limit the choice of conveniently located homes available at prices Vermont's people can afford.

The guide culminates a year of work with six Vermont communities through the [Project for Code Reform](#). CNU worked with DHCD and Vermont's [Regional Planning Commissions](#) to create the new guide, focusing on increasing housing access and affordability in walkable centers.

The guide emphasizes incremental changes that can have a big impact in a single neighborhood or area of town, making it easy for communities to create solutions right for their needs and circumstances. This focus helps local leaders test approaches, build political will, and gain community support as they go, before moving on to other reforms.

During this time of uncertainty and intense separation, the need for communities to come together to find new ways to adapt and become and resilient becomes even more important. We hope communities large and small can use the guide to expand access and inclusion in housing, increase vitality and transform into even better places for their residents, businesses, and visitors.

You can download the guide [here](#). In the coming weeks, printed copies of the guide will be mailed to all cities and towns with zoning regulations.

### **Vermont Fuel Tank Inspection Deadline: August 15**

Vermonters who heat with fuel oil are encouraged to get their tank inspected this summer. According to Vermont regulations, tanks that have not been inspected within the past three years can not be filled after August 15, 2020. Contact your fuel provider to confirm that your fuel oil tank has been checked by a Vermont Certified Tank Inspector. If your tank has not been inspected, schedule an appointment soon. [Learn More »](#)

### **Berlin Seeks Town Administrator**

The Town of Berlin, Vermont (pop. 2,867) seeks an engaging, collaborative and dynamic Town Administrator. Berlin is located between the capital city of Montpelier and the city of Barre in central Vermont. It hosts both the traditional rural setting of Vermont with a large commercial presence consisting of retail and industrial. It is the home of Central Vermont Medical Center, the Knapp State Airport, the headquarters of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont as well as other well-known businesses.

A detailed job description and more information is available at [www.berlinvt.org](http://www.berlinvt.org).

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## **COVID 19 Updates**

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### **Masks On Vermont**

Governor Scott's mandatory statewide mask order begins Aug. 1. The Vermont Department of Health has published a [toolkit](#) to assist organizations in helping to spread the message of the importance of wearing masks.



### **News from CVRPC**

[CVRPC Municipal Updates](#) are available on our website with COVID-19 resources. Check back often as they are updated weekly.

If your community has a need, we can assist you with, please contact us at [CVRPC@cvregion.com](mailto:CVRPC@cvregion.com) - Stay Safe!

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## **RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines**

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### **VTrans 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program Now Open**

The 2020 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program is now open, and applications are due by Wednesday, September 30th. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects. As in previous years, there will be workshops provided to potential applicants. It is strongly recommended that an official representative of the applicant attend one of these sessions (held August 11 and 12). All grant program materials, including the Application Guide and templates, may be found [here](#).

## Upcoming Meetings

*Please note that CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings*

### **AUGUST**

Aug 3 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Aug 11 6:30 pm, Board of Commissioners Meeting, TBD

Aug 27 4 pm Project Review Committee, TBD

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