



Weekly News Roundup September 4, 2020

Upcoming Events

Visit our Website

Washington County COVID-19 Recovery Forum: Response and Recovery to Renewal September 10, 2020 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Local Solutions and Community Action Team established by Governor Phil Scott invites you to join a virtual COVID-19 recovery discussion to connect with others in Washington County to:

- Share challenges and ideas for community recovery and resilience as we look ahead to the coming fall/winter months.
- Connect to others working to build long-term community and economic resilience
- Meet with a “visiting team” of state, federal, business, and non-profit leaders who will share recovery strategies from across the state and ideas for resources and support

To Register Visit: www.vtrural.org/recovery/washington

Agenda:

6:30pm - Opening Session

6:40pm - Breakouts: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | Community Unity & Health | Housing & Homelessness | Rethinking Employment & Supporting Business Recovery

8:10pm - Closing Session

All ARE WELCOME. Coming together to discuss recovery strategies and build ongoing resilience is vital and your voice is critical. Registration is required: www.vtrural.org/recovery/washington Once you are registered, you will receive instructions to join via computer, mobile device, or phone.

For assistance with registration contact info@vtrural.org or 802-223-6091.

Virtual EMD Roundtable - Save the Date!

September 14, 2020 | 5:00-6:00 pm

CVRPC is hosting a virtual EMD roundtable with the following agenda:

- Update on Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) sharing agreements
- Overview of CARES Program
- Feeding during Disasters
- Upcoming VEM trainings
- Open Q&A Discussion: EMD support needed, COVID roundtable, etc.

Please reach out to vinson@cvregion.com if you have specific topics related to the agenda items you'd like to address at the roundtable. An agenda will be posted soon with log in information.

Clean Water Board Meeting

September 16, 2020, 2:00 pm

The Clean Water Board will meet to review and approve the draft State Fiscal Year 2022 clean water budget before posting for public comment.

- Meeting RSVP: Please RSVP by completing this [online form](#) by Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm (noon). Your RSVP will help us better plan to host the public meeting

remotely.

- Attend Remotely: The meeting will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams due to COVID-19 social distancing. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) for full meeting audio and visual. If you require a call-in option to participate (e.g., computer does not have a microphone), RSVP using the above-linked form and call-in details will be sent to you directly.
- Agenda and Materials: To be posted on the [Clean Water Board Meetings webpage](#) in advance.

Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (VBSR) Annual Conference Future Forward

September 22, 2020

VBSR's 30th Annual Conference will explore three important themes: Anti-Racism, Business Resiliency in the Era of COVID, and The Climate Crisis. Learn More & Register [Here](#).

Community News

#Buy Local Vermont

[#BuyLocalVermont](#) is a program created by the State of Vermont that uses CARES Act funding to aid Vermont businesses and residents struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The [#BuyLocalVermont](#) program—powered by GoNift.com—promises to bring in the foot traffic needed to quickly increase sales for restaurants, retail stores, entertainment and performing arts venues, lodging and tourism related businesses. The program will begin incentivising purchases on Sept. 8, 2020, via a limited time **\$30**

[#BuyLocalVermont](#) offer, given to residents on a first come, first served basis. When a resident activates their offer, they'll be matched with participating local Vermont businesses where they can use those funds. It's a program that puts real money in the hands of residents and jump starts sales for the small businesses powering our communities. More info about adding your business or registering for funds @ [gonift.com/vermont](#). ACCD also has available an information slide deck and webinar for details on the process to sign up - <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/buy-local-vermont-program-overview-webinar>



New Stormwater General Permit 3-9050 ("3-Acre General Permit") Issued

The Department of Environmental Conservation has issued General Permit 3-9050 (The "3-acre General Permit") which will go into effect on December 1, 2020. The Final GP 3-9050, and the response to public comment, are available at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/9050>.

Applications for new development, and permit renewal, should continue to use GP 3-9015 and GP 3-9010 until December 1, 2020.

The website will be updated to include a "summary of changes" in the final GP 3-9050 relative to the draft GP, and will develop a table of the schedule for submitting the required permit applications for "three-acre sites." Please direct questions concerning the applicability of GP 3-9050 to particular projects to the Stormwater Program staff for the project area <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/contacts>.

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is September 12th – 19th

Find ideas for educating your community about this invasive pest and how it will be changing our forests on VTinvasives at <https://vtinvasives.org/emerald-ash-borer-awareness-week-toolkit>.

Activities include hosting an ash walk or tree tagging event, and posts ready for social media.

We are encouraging everyone to submit a story, poem, drawing, photograph or memory of an ash tree that is meaningful to you to the Vermont Land Trust <https://vlt.org/ash>



If you would like [laminated EAB Trailhead signs](#) to post on local trails, send a request for up to three signs with your mailing address to: Ginger.Nickerson@uvm.edu

COVID 19 Updates

Updated ACCD Guidance for Retail, Sports, and Close Contact Businesses

ACCD has posted the following updated guidance this week:

- Guidance clarifying mask regulations in retail when a sneeze guard in use;
- Guidance requiring face masks for all organized sports
- Contract tracing requirements for event venues

Read the updated guidance [here](#).

News from CVRPC

Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) are available on our website.

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

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Second AFG-COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) Application Period for Volunteer and Combination Fire Departments this Fall

FEMA is providing an additional chance for volunteer and combination fire departments to apply for funding under the FY 2020 AFG-S. Through this funding opportunity, FEMA will directly award funding for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other supplies to support COVID-19 response. This includes reimbursement for expenditures made since Jan. 1, 2020. Grants will be awarded, using a competitive process, to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of AFG-S.

Volunteer and combination fire departments are eligible to apply in this round even if they had a successful application in the first round. (Applications must support new capabilities.) Departments that applied in the first round but were unsuccessful must reapply to be considered for funding in this round.

FEMA has not yet opened the application period, but they have begun hosting webinars to prepare applicants. The webinar schedule can be found here:
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/workshops>.

Upcoming Meetings

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

SEPTEMBER

Sept 7 Office Closed - Holiday

Sept 1 5 pm Regional Energy Committee Roundtable, Via Technology (See above)

Sept 8 4:30 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 8 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 10 6:30 pm Washington County COVID-19 Recovery Forum, Via Technology (see above)

Sept 14 5:00 pm EMD Roundtable, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 15 6:30 pm LEPC #5 Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 24 4 pm Project Review Committee Meeting, TBD

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