

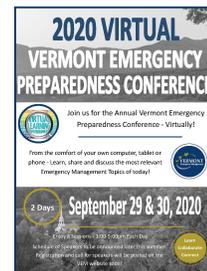
Weekly News Roundup July 20, 2020 - July 24, 2020

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Upcoming Events

Save the Date - Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference 2020

Vermont Emergency Management has announced that the 2020 Preparedness Conference will take place this year...as a virtual event! The conference will be held September 29th & 30th from 1-5pm each day. Please see [flyer](#) for additional details.



Buy Local Learning Exchange

July 28, 2020 | 12:00 - 1:30 PM

For anyone interested, VCRD and the Governor's Local Response Team are organizing a workshop on promoting "Buy Local" efforts around the state. Register here - <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdO-spzkeE9DpaL90QxAekGwELoEBeaUd>.

Vermont Bumble Bees: Natural History and Conservation Webinar

July 29, 2020 | 07:00 PM

Wild bees pollinate wildflowers and most crops in Vermont, including blueberries, tomatoes, squash, and one of the state's essential commodities: apples. But about half of Vermont's bumble bee species have either vanished or are in serious decline. Join Vermont Center for Ecostudies biologist and Outdoor Radio co-host Kent McFarland as he shares the amazing world of Bumble Bees and their conservation. Register in advance for this meeting: https://vtcostudies-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvdOyprD0sGtzzF_bvPRrfhVY6Zlnlfcf

Virtual Housing Summit

August 11 & 12, 2020 - | 6:00 pm

Population Health Learning Collaborative is putting on a free virtual housing summit on August 11th and 12th. There are a number of sessions on a wide range of topics. Because the summit is online, sessions are free. Participants can also choose to pay for enhanced participation opportunities. Visit <https://improvepophealth.org/affordable-housing-virtual-summit>.

Community News

CVRPC is Hiring Planning Technicians

CVRPC is seeking to fill two or more Planning Technician positions for summer and fall 2020. These positions are open until filled. [Full details available here](#). Please share with your networks.



Mill Street/Route 110 Intersection Realignment Project Survey

As part of the Agency of Transportation's commitment to excellent customer service, and to

continue to find ways to improve project delivery, VTrans is gathering feedback from the public for this project. Please find a link to the survey [here](#). It will take less than 3 minutes to complete and your responses will help inform future construction planning.

Upcoming CVSWD Hazardous Waste Collection Events

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Special Collections held by Central Vermont Solid Waste District. Details [here](#).

- August 1st, Barre Town Garage, 129 Websterville Rd.
- August 15th, Bradford Town Garage, 348 Fairgrounds Rd.
- September 26th, Montpelier Department of Labor, 5 Green Mountain Dr.



Roxbury State Forest

The State of Vermont, working with [The Trust for Public Land](#), a national non-profit conservation organization, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and private donors, has acquired 108 acres in Roxbury on Route 12A and Cram Hill Road. Read the [Press Release](#) on Third Branch Forest.

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COVID 19 Updates

Masks On Vermont

Masks mean business! Wearing a mask in public is a simple way to stop the spread of COVID-19. It also gets Vermonters back to work. CVRPC staff masked up during a recent virtual staff meeting for a screenshot in support! For more info, visit [#MasksOnVT](https://HealthVermont.gov/MasksOnVT)



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 - Stay Safe!

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Notice of Funds Available for COVID-19 Small Business Technical Assistance Program

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has issued a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) for Small Business Recovery Technical Assistance. The NOFA can be found online at <https://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/Small%20Business%20Recovery%20TA.pdf>. Questions are due July 24th by 1 p.m. The deadline for proposals is August 3rd at 1 p.m. Please direct all inquiries to the contact on the NOFA.

2020 Municipal Planning Grants Announced

[Municipal Planning Grants](#) have helped communities implement town plan recommendations and jump start initiatives to find wastewater solutions, update zoning regulations to increase local housing options, and develop strategic plans to diversify the local economy.

Towns may apply for up to \$22,000 and joint applications from several municipalities (a consortium) may apply for up to \$35,000. A wide range of municipal planning and implementation activities are eligible for funding.

Please review the [Program Description](#) for eligibility requirements. Application Deadline: October 1, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you would like assistance preparing a grant application or advice about a project idea, please contact us at cvrpc@cvregion.com

Grant Opportunities for Towns: Digitization of Land Records

The first guidance as required under [Act 137 is now available](#), regarding the **Digitization of Land Records**. \$2 million will be issued to qualifying municipalities to reimburse certain costs associated with making digital copies of land records available online for public access through a secure portal. The grants are being issued to provide economic support to town offices which have been impacted by increased customer demand due to the COVID-19 public health emergency but are otherwise unable to successfully allow those customers to search land records. The funds can be used both to pay necessary expenditures that qualifying municipalities face and costs directly associated to digitizing land records.

The actual application is still under development and should be available soon. **However, because of the federally mandated deadlines for CRF eligibility, applicants intending to use a vendor for digitization are strongly encouraged to immediately begin their procurement process.**

Visit <https://tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus/municipal-grants> for more information, and contact Jill Remick at jill.remick@vermont.gov with any questions.

Update on VTrans Grants

VTrans will be delaying grant awards until a full year Transportation bill is passed and signed into law as it doesn't yet know how available funding may affect creating a balanced budget. The magnitude of the impact of reduced revenue in the Transportation fund due to COVID-19 is still evolving. The Legislature recently approved, and Governor Scott signed, the T-bill providing a 1st quarter Transportation Budget to allow more time for the funding picture to become more certain. The Legislature will be returning later this summer and working to create a budget for the remainder of the state fiscal year.

Upcoming Meetings

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

JULY

July 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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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