



Weekly News Roundup November 13, 2020

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Upcoming Events

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

The next meeting of LEPC5 will be Monday, November 16 at 6:30pm, held virtually via GoTo Meeting. Access information is available on our [website](#).

Old Growth Forests: A Virtual Tour of Ancient Woodlands

November 17, 2020 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Old growth forests are complex places—ancient, mysterious, and, frankly, messy. Learn about old growth forests in Vermont and in the northeast—what they are, why they are important in the face of climate change, and how you can recognize them. Hosted by the Vermont Land Trust. Virtual, Please register for link by visiting <https://vlt.org/event/old-growth>

Vermont Working Communities Challenge Awards Announcement

November 19, 2020 | 12:00-1:00 pm ET

Please join Governor Phil Scott, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston President Eric Rosengren, and Vermont leaders as we announce the four (4) communities selected to receive 3-year implementation grants for the Working Communities Challenge. Leaders from the four communities will share their ambitious efforts to strengthen their local economies and build healthy communities. The Working Communities Challenge is a unique three-year grant competition supported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, the State of Vermont, national and local philanthropy, and private sector employers.

[Register Here](#)

Community News

Draft Washington Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for Public Comment 11/12 to 11/27

The Town of Washington is pleased to receive public comments on the Town's draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Copies of the plan can be found at <https://centralvtplanning.org/towns/washington/>, and at the Washington Town Clerk's Office. Please send all comments to Harry Roush (Washington.asst.clerk@gmail.com) and Zachary Maia (Maia@cvregion.com) by November 27.

Virtual Home Energy Visits Available from Efficiency Vermont!

If you've thought about making your home more efficient, but don't know where to start, now's the time! You can get a no-cost over the phone or virtual energy consultation from an expert at Efficiency Vermont. They'll show you the most cost-effective ways you can save money, save energy, and improve the comfort of your home. Learn more about your options at www.buttonupvermont.com/visit

Share Your Ideas for the Future of Vermont: Take the VCRD VT Proposition Survey
VCRD has been hard at work these last couple months on The Vermont Proposition: synthesizing the input from thousands of Vermonters into the beginnings of a conceptual framework for the state's future. The Vermont Proposition initiative will develop a set of transformational goals designed to optimize the best of Vermont— for our economy, environment, communities, and people — and propose bold priorities for action as foundations for progress. Take their survey here: <https://www.futureofvermont.org/> to share your opinions and ideas on how to build a better future for the next generation.



Tree Sale Gift Cards Available for Holiday Season

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD) is excited to announce that gift certificate sales for their 38th Annual Tree Sale are now live. This year's theme is "Trees for Food Security." They are highlighting plants that can help stock your pantry including blueberry and raspberry bushes, apple trees and trees to tap for sap like maple and birch. Also offered are a wide variety of trees and shrubs that provide wildlife habitat, shade and add beauty to your home landscape.

Order online here: <http://winooskinrcd.org/treesale/>

Or contact us for help ordering: info@winooskinrcd.org

Upon confirmation they will send an email to you with a certificate that your loved one can use to purchase trees in our 2021 sale (full brochure and order form will be released January 2021). Tree pickup occurs at the end of April at one of two pickup sites (one in Chittenden and one in Washington county). Unsure how much to give? Our bare-root trees average about \$8 each.

COVID 19 Updates

Addendum 8 to Executive Order: New Health and Safety Measures

Addendum 8, signed today by Governor Scott, extends the state of emergency to December 15, 2020. Additionally, there are several new health and safety measures effective November 14, 2020. See below for information and read the full Executive Order [here](#).

- Multi-household social gatherings (outside or inside) are prohibited.
- Bars and social clubs will be closed to in-person service, but may offer takeout, curbside pickup, etc. Restaurants will be required to close to in-person dining at 10pm, but may offer curbside pickup, drive through, and delivery after 10:00pm in accordance with ACCD guidelines.
- Restaurants, museums, gyms, and other customer-facing establishments will be required to keep a log of all employees, customers, members, and guests and contact information.
- Businesses, nonprofits, and municipal government entities shall reinstitute or reemphasize to the extent necessary, telecommuting or work from home procedures. In person meetings are strongly discouraged and all meetings should be held by phone or electronically to avoid in-person meetings whenever possible.
- Vermonters are directed to comply with contact tracers.
- All recreational sports programs are suspended.
- All students returning to VT from college/university, in state or out of state, are required to quarantine.

Updates on Barre City Services

Effective November 12, the City Manager has re-closed City Hall until further notice. City Hall services can still be accessed electronically and City staff will remain available to assist citizens by phone, e-mail, mail, and by appointment as warranted. Vault access on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays can continue by appointment by call-in to the City Clerk's Office at 476-0242. Please refer to the Barre City Website (<https://www.barrecity.org>) for further guidance. Effective November 12, the BOR skating facility is also closed for a two-week period. Current plans are to re-open the facility to skating programs on Saturday, November 28th. However, that plan will be reassessed prior to the re-opening date. If required, this closure will be extended as necessary.

ACCD Suspension of Travel Map and Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers

Due to rising case counts across the region, the state has **suspended** its leisure travel map and implemented a mandatory quarantine (14 day quarantine, or 7 day quarantine and negative test) for anyone returning or traveling to Vermont.

Governor Phil Scott and Dr. Levine urge Vermonters to heed the new travel and gathering policies

as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. The Department of Health has also developed a [Holiday Travel Toolkit for Schools](#) for use in helping to encourage families to consider their plans carefully to protect one another this holiday season.

COVID Testing Available in Central Vermont

Due to increased COVID-19 activity in central Vermont, the Vermont Department of Health and Vermont National Guard have expanded testing for our region for the remainder of the month. All testing clinics noted below will be held at the **Barre Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill, Barre, VT 05641 from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. Additional testing events will continue to be added as needed.

If you are symptomatic, please contact your primary care provider. The Central Vermont Medical Center has also expanded testing. To schedule an appointment, call the CVMC COVID Hotline at 802-371-5310.

For the VDH and National Guard events (below), please pre-register at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested#other-testing>. Note: Dates below may not be listed on the website but can be accessed once you login or create your account. If you need assistance registering, call 2-1-1.

Due to high demand, please be prepared for wait times and dress appropriately for the weather. Walk-ins are accepted while supplies last and are not guaranteed.

- Saturday, November 14th
- Monday, November 16th
- Tuesday, November 17th
- Wednesday, November 18th
- Thursday, November 19th
- Friday, November 20th
- Monday, November 23rd
- Tuesday, November 24th

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Increased Business Compliance Checks

The State will be increasing outreach and education to assess and encourage compliance with the public health guidance. The Vermont State Police, Division of Fire Safety and Department of Liquor and Lottery will resume compliance assessments and educational efforts at lodging facilities, bars and restaurants. The Department of Public Safety will also distribute COVID-19 safety cards during traffic stops to help inform drivers of the travel policy and other safety protocols.

Health Officials Call on People Who Attended Certain Events to Get Tested

The Vermont Department of Health is urging anyone who participated in certain events in northern and central Vermont to get tested for COVID-19. Contact tracers have been unsuccessful at getting all the information they need about people who attended two Halloween parties on October 31, one in Marshfield and the other in Milton. People who attended those parties should be tested for COVID-19. In addition, members of the bowling leagues that played at Spare Time in Colchester on November 3 and 4 should be tested. To find a testing site, go to healthvermont.gov/covid19

News from CVRPC

If your community has a need we can assist you with, please contact us at CVRPC@cvregion.com. Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) related to COVID-19 are available on our website. Stay Safe!

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Call for Applications: Artist Development Grants

The Vermont Arts Council is now accepting applications for its next round of **Artist Development Grants**. **The deadline for this current round is January 11, 2021.**

Artist Development Grants support artists at all stages of their careers. Grants can fund activities

that enhance mastery of an artist's craft or skills and activities that increase the viability of an artist's business. New this year: Grants can also support teaching artists in developing the skills necessary to provide instruction in K-12 schools remotely during the COVID-19 crisis.

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Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program

The Preservation Trust of Vermont is pleased to announce the opening of the 2020 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant round. Selection will be made based on regional distribution, variety of project type, community and economic development potential and the capacity of the active, local working group.

They are particularly interested in projects that aim to increase the economic vitality of a community through non-profit ownership of general stores or other businesses, adds housing to downtowns, or brings new economic and community activity to village centers. Only nonprofit organizations and municipalities in towns with populations less than 7,500 people will be eligible.

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Microbusiness Development Program Grant Open through December 18

In response to COVID-19, the Vermont Community Action Partnership and The Micro Business Development Program established the E.M.B.R.A.C.E. (Economic Micro Business Recovery Assistance for the COVID-19 Epidemic) direct grant program to support Vermont micro businesses owned by an individual with a household income at or under 80% of state median household income. The grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to qualifying micro-businesses, defined as having five employees or less including the owner. More information here: <https://mbdp.org/embrace.html>

Upcoming Meetings

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

NOVEMBER

Nov 16 6:30 pm LEPC#5 Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 19 4:30 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 24 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Nov 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holiday - CVRPC Office closed

DECEMBER

Dec 7 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Dec 10 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Dec 15 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)

TBD 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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

Dec 25 Christmas Holiday - CVRPC Office closed

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