



## Weekly News Roundup February 26, 2021

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### Upcoming Events

#### Managing Invasive Plants in Your Forest

March 2, 2021 | 6:30 pm

In Vermont invasive plants are an existential threat to the health of our forests and other ecosystems, and the wildlife that depend on them. If you have ever faced-off with invasive exotic plants, you know that they spread like wildfire and are extremely difficult to control. Join Ethan Tapper, the Chittenden County Forester, for a virtual discussion of the threats posed by woody invasive plants, how to identify them, and options for treatment. Please bring your thoughts and questions about invasive exotic plants and how to deal with them. [Register here.](#)



#### Main Street After COVID-19: What Do Downtowns Need to Do to Adapt?

March 11, 2021 | 1:00 pm

There's been a lot of discussion about helping small downtowns in the short term, but what happens after that? What will help Main Street survive, adapt, and thrive after the pandemic? Jeff Levine will present the findings and recommendations of his recent study outlining strategies for the next five years and beyond, as identified by small business owners and downtown planning organizations in six small cities in the northeast. [Register here.](#)

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### Community News

#### A Vermonter's Guide to Residential Clean Heating and Cooling

A new, free guide produced for the Vermont Public Service Department will help homeowners navigate the process heating and cooling their homes with clean energy. About twenty percent of Vermonter's heating needs are met local cord wood or wood pellets and over 25,000 cold climate heat pumps have been installed in Vermont. However, nearly eighty percent of Vermonters still heat their homes by burning fossil fuels which contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, are a drain on the local economy, and can worsen air quality. To align their interests in renewable, clean, and local energy with their home energy needs many Vermont homeowners are looking to transition to clean heating technologies. This guide provides information and guidance on how to make that transition.

The guide is available to view [energysaver.vermont.gov](http://energysaver.vermont.gov) or download as a pdf at [www.bit.ly/35NaoEf](http://www.bit.ly/35NaoEf).

#### Reminder: Tier II Reports Are Due March 1st

As established in the federal [Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act \(EPCRA\)](#), Tier II reports are submitted annually to the State, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the local responding fire department to increase the public's knowledge of hazardous materials in their communities, and improve emergency planning.

Vermont is requesting Tier 2 forms be submitted electronically through [EPA's Tier2 Submit software](#). More information on typical chemicals that need to be reported and their reporting thresholds can be found [here](#). Contact Grace Vinson at [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) with questions.

### **2021 LEMPs are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) must be adopted before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Please submit your LEMP to CVRPC via email at [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com). Submissions should include a municipal adoption form and your LEMP. For 2021, VEM has learned that FEMA is no longer typing certain pieces of equipment in their [Resource Typing Tool Library](#) and is requesting that municipalities categorize those resources that are no longer typed as "other". CVRPC is available to assist with this transition.

See the VEM website for more information on LEMPs: <https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/lemp>. For assistance, contact Grace Vinson at [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com)

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## **COVID 19 Updates**

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### **Prepare for your COVID-19 vaccine – create your online account now!**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Vermonters ages 65 and older will be able to make an appointment to get vaccinated. Get a head start on the process now by creating your account in the Health Department's online system. That way, it'll be smooth sailing when it's your turn to make an appointment for your first dose.

If you already have an account because you were tested for COVID-19 through a Health Department site, use the same account when it is time to make your vaccine appointment.

Visit [HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine) to get started and find more on:

- How to create an account and appointment for yourself
- How to add a dependent or spouse to your account
- Information you need to make an appointment
- Answers to commonly asked questions
- Current vaccine eligibility and time estimates for upcoming priority groups.

***This is our shot, Vermont! And when the time comes, we hope you take yours! Thanks for doing your part to keep our state safe and healthy.***



### **Walgreens Offers Vaccine to Vermonters 65 and Older Starting February 26**

Vermonters age 65 and older can make an appointment at Walgreens to get their COVID-19 vaccination starting today, **in advance of the statewide clinics for this age group that begin on March 1**. Anyone age 65 and older can go online to [Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine](https://Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine) or call 1-800-Walgreens (1-800-925-4733) to make an appointment to be vaccinated. There are no walk-ins, appointments must be scheduled.

Walgreens worked with state officials to offer these doses to the next age group sooner for its available appointments, held Thursdays through the weekend. This will allow the state to offer more of its supply to the currently eligible Vermonters, helping to reach as many people as possible.

### **Vaccination Appointments Open March 1<sup>st</sup> for Those 65 and Older**

On Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Vermonters age 65 and above will be able to schedule a vaccination appointment. Creating an account today and entering health information in advance of registration is encouraged via: [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine).

### **Vermont will follow new CDC guidance for vaccinated people exposed to someone with COVID-19**

Vermont will follow CDC's new guidance for people who have been fully vaccinated and are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The CDC says these people do not need to quarantine, as long as they:

- Are fully vaccinated (had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and two weeks have passed)
- Are within 3 months of receiving the second dose of the vaccine

- Have not had any COVID-19 symptoms since the exposure.
- Vaccinated inpatients and residents in health care settings will still need to quarantine if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. [Read the CDC's guidance.](#)

## Updates to Travel Quarantine Policy for Fully Vaccinated

Effective this Tuesday, those who are fully vaccinated (two weeks after your second dose) will not need to quarantine after traveling. Additionally, out of state travelers who come to Vermont will not need to quarantine if they can prove they are fully vaccinated.

## News from CVRPC

The status of many municipal offices has changed in recent weeks - please see our [Municipal Status](#) chart for the latest information (in red). If your community has a need we can assist you with, please contact us at [CVRPC@cvregion.com](mailto:CVRPC@cvregion.com). Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) related to COVID-19 are available on our website. Stay Safe!

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

### Tiny Grant Program

The [Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions](#) (AVCC) is excited to announce the 2021 Tiny Grant Program Request for Proposals. Grant applications are due May 1, 2021 and range from \$250-\$500. Applicants must be Vermont Conservation Commissions or local committees/groups that are working towards becoming a Conservation Commission and are paid members of AVCC.

In 2020, the the Fayston Conservation Commission was awarded a Tiny Grant for an ecological assessment of a newly conserved town forest.

[Click here for 2021 Tiny Grant Information](#)

### Plainfield Gully Stabilization & Stormwater Mitigation Project

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is requesting services to implement priority gully stabilization and stormwater treatment practices. The implementation of these projects will address significant sources of phosphorus and sediment pollution to the Winooski River from an eroding gully.

- Release Date: February 5, 2021
- Proposals Due: March 12, 2021, 4:00 pm

[View Request for Proposals](#)

### Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design and Permitting for Three-Acre Public Schools in Vermont's Lake Champlain Basin

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is requesting proposals for a single entity to administer a block grant and develop a Green Schools Program to support public school three-acre sites in the Lake Champlain basin to complete final stormwater design and permit obtainment.

- Release Date: February 19, 2021
  - Questions Due: March 8, 2021, 12:00 pm
  - Proposals Due: April 2, 2021, 4:00 pm
  - [View Request for Proposals](#)
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## Upcoming Meetings

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

### **MARCH**

Mar 1 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 2 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

*Mar 2 Town Meeting Day*

Mar 9 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 11 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 16 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)  
Mar 25 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)  
Mar 30 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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