



Weekly News Roundup February 5, 2021

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Upcoming Events

Clean Water Lecture

February 8, 2021 | 12:00 pm

Join Katie Bockwoldt and Helen Carr of the Department of Environmental Conservation to learn how the State of Vermont's clean water investments are making a difference in water quality across the state. Katie and Helen will summarize results from the [Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2020 Performance Report](#), released January 15, 2021, and highlight progress towards achieving the Lake Champlain restoration plan. To join, please [register here](#). To request accommodations to participate, email ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov

VLCT Town Meeting Guidance Discussion

Last week, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) [released guidance](#) for annual town meetings, strongly discouraging in person meetings and to offer voting through Australian ballot. On Wednesday, February 8th at 10:00am, representatives from ACCD will discuss their new guidance, followed by an open Q&A with ACCD and the Secretary of State Elections Division. [Register at the VLCT website.](#)

Montpelier Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (LHMP) Meeting

The third Montpelier LHMP Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12th at 9:30am via Zoom. The focus of the meeting will be to provide an introduction to the plan update process. The meeting is open to all interested community members. The meeting can be accessed by computer using [this link](#) or by phone: (1-929-205-6099) using the following Access Code (309570). Local Hazard Mitigation Plans identify mitigation strategies and actions to reduce damage from foreseeable natural and human-caused hazards. For more information, please contact Grace Vinson at vinson@cvregion.com

Community News

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 with questions.

Community Leadership In Action: A Vermont Guide to Community Engagement,

Project Development, & Resources

The Vermont Council on Rural Development's **Community Leadership in Action Guide** is designed as a starting point with tips and strategies to help new, emerging, and veteran leaders frame local issues and move community and economic development projects forward. More info [here](#).

A Guide to Renewable Heating for Vermonters

The VT Department of Public Service and the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) published free guide to help Vermonters understand the benefits and technologies of clean heating and cooling. [Download your copy here](#).

COVID 19 Updates

Everyone Eats-New Dates Added

Everyone Eats has restarted in Chittenden County & Central Vermont. Everyone Eats is a CARES Act-funded program that supports local restaurants, farms, and producers, while providing healthy, prepared meals to Vermonters in need. If you're experiencing food insecurity the Central Vermont Everyone Eats hub has meals for you! Distribution sites in Central Vermont are:

- East Calais General Store in Calais
- Big Picture Theater in Waitsfield
- Multiple locations in Montpelier and Barre

To see the newest distribution sites and dates, visit <https://shiftmeals.org/everyone-eats/>

PPP Webinars Continue

This is a reminder that the Vermont District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) now has two [Paycheck Protection Program weekly webinars](#). The PPP First and Second Draw webinar is held on Wednesdays at 9:00am and covers options, terms, eligibility, and the application process. The weekly PPP Forgiveness webinar is on Tuesdays at 11:30am and offers an in-depth look at the forgiveness process.

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. 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

Farm to School Grants

COVID-19 delayed the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets farm to school grant programs last fall. Three grant programs are now available and will begin taking applications soon. The [Community Supported Agriculture \(CSA\) Grant](#) reimburses 80% of the cost of CSA shares. The [Farm to School Vision Grant](#) supports innovative ideas that address emergent issues within farm to school. The [Farm to School Child Nutrition Implementation Grant](#) provides financial and technical assistance to education organizations looking to advance their farm to school programs.

Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Grants: Applications Due March 17

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Grants are for primary prevention programs, serving children ages 0-18. These programs strive to reduce the likelihood of juvenile delinquency, truancy, substance use, child abuse and other socially destructive behaviors before intervention by authorities, through strength-based activities in a community-based setting. More info [here](#).

CWSRF and DWSRF Plist Applications Due February 25

This is a reminder that the deadline for submitting Project Priority List (PPL) applications for both the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds is February 25, 2021.

Important changes to this year's CWSRF and DWSRF process:

- The priority list deadline is firm. No applications will be accepted after 2/25/2021.
- A project must have submitted a draft preliminary engineering report (PER) in order to be included on a priority list for construction funding. As always, planning funding is available at anytime.

· If you do not have a PER please just submit page one and two of the Priority List Application.

For the CWSRF:

A [Priority List Application](#) must be completed for each existing and new project each year. The completed applications must be submitted via email to ANR.CWSRFplst@vermont.gov. For questions regarding the CWSRF program please contact Tom Brown at thomas.brown@vermont.gov or by phone at (802) 622-4205.

For the DWSRF:

A [Priority List Application](#) must be completed each year. The completed applications must be submitted via email to ANR.DWSRFplst@vermont.gov.

If you have questions regarding the DWSRF program please contact Celia Riechel t celia.riechel@vermont.gov or by phone at (802) 585-4904

For more information on the SRF funding programs and other funding opportunities administered by the Water infrastructure Financing Programs, please refer to DEC's [web site](#).

Upcoming Meetings

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

FEBRUARY

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

Feb 10 4 pm Nominating Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Feb 15 Presidents Day Holiday - CVRPC Office closed

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

Feb 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Feb 25 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

MARCH

Mar 1 Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 15 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 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Mar 25 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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