



## Weekly News Roundup March 12, 2021

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### Upcoming Events

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

March 15, 2021 | 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs life-saving blood. Schedule your donation today to help save lives! Along with feeling good about saving lives, donors will also get a Red Cross t-shirt as thanks! The Central Vermont Chamber will be hosting Monday's event at 963 Paine Turnpike No. in Berlin, Vermont.

#### **Calais Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (LHMP) Meeting**

March 18, 2021 | 11:00 am

The fifth Calais LHMP Committee meeting will be to discuss mitigation goals and actions. The meeting is open to all interested community members. The meeting can be accessed by computer using the following link (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/396430877>) or by phone: +1 (786) 535-3211) using the following Access Code (396-430-877).

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](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com)

#### **Planning Commissioners + Municipal Officials Roundtable**

March 31, 2021 | 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Topic: **Cannabis is Coming**

Session will include a review Act 164 Legislation and discussion on how municipalities can be partners in supporting healthy communities and preventing substance abuse.

Remote Participation via GoToMeetings. Via computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/734320605>

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### Community News

#### **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.

## COVID 19 Updates

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### Update to Small Gathering Guidance

Effective March 12th, two non-vaccinated households may get together, but you're not limited to choose just one other household. You can do so with multiple households, as long as it's just one at any given time, and you're still wearing a mask.

### Updates to Restaurant Guidance

Effective March 12th, restaurants will be able to seat six people at a table and they can be from different families. Capacity, distancing & every other guideline remains.

### American Recovery Act

The American Recovery Act appears to including funding for local governments. The exact amount per town and the eligible uses of the funds are not clear at this point. We are alerting you so that you can begin preparing for the funds to the extent possible.

It appears the fund may have a 3 year lifespan, i.e. 2024 expiration. Currently, the bill includes the following eligible uses; this could change:

- to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to such emergency; or
- to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Similar to earlier COVID-related bills, the US Treasury must write the guidelines for use of the funds. It is expected that projects will need to have a COVID-nexus.

We urge you to begin considering, and preparing/planning, projects that might fit with eligible uses. Municipal allocations are expected to be allocated on a per capita basis.

The State of Vermont, City of Burlington, and Counties will receive additional funding, including standalone funding for State Capital Projects.

CVRPC staff are available to help you vet projects for COVID-nexus and other factors. Our staff also can act as project managers if your municipality has staffing limitations. Contact Bonnie Waninger, [waninger@cvregion.com](mailto:waninger@cvregion.com), 229-0389 for information or assistance.

### 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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## Upcoming Meetings

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

### MARCH

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)

Mar 31 6 pm Planning & Zoning Roundtable (see info above)

**APRIL**

Apr 5 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 13 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 13 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 14 2 pm Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 22 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 27 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Apr 27 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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