



## Weekly News Roundup

### May 6, 2022

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### Upcoming Events



#### Middlesex Spring 2022 Energy Fair at Camp Meade

May 14th | 11 am - 3 pm

Free and open to the public- Come on out and interact with a wide range of electric cars, lawn mowers, trimmers, bikes, and more! Hear from your neighbors and experts alike. [Find out more here.](#)

#### Park Your Carbon" Week is May 16-20

Want to try a different way of getting around? How about a healthy option, one that can save you some money and even be fun? You can reduce carbon pollution in Vermont and impact worldwide carbon change. [Park Your Carbon](#) is a week-long initiative to help change Vermonters' transportation and commuting habits by encouraging green ways of travel. Do it for a day, a week, or make it a habit. Bike. Walk. Share Your Ride. Bus. Work from Home. [Learn more here.](#)



#### Central Vermont Energy Round Table

Join Energy Committees and Energy Coordinators from across Central Vermont and CVRPC's new Climate & Energy Planner for an Energy Round Table on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:30pm EST. Come meet other energized folks, hear about upcoming opportunities and projects, share best practices, and shape resilient futures together. Agenda will be circulated in advance. Register [here](#).

#### Save the Date for VCRD's 2022 Community Leadership Summit

August 10, 2022 - Vermont Technical College

The Summit agenda will include skills workshops, networking opportunities, community project panels, and forum discussions. [More info here.](#)

### Community News

#### 2022 VLCT Compensation & Benefits Survey Open

The 2022 VLCT Municipal Compensation and Benefits Survey has been emailed to municipal administrators, managers, and finance and budget officers across Vermont. Each year, VLCT asks town officers to document the salary and benefit information for their communities to share with

their colleagues statewide. The resulting information is very useful for seeing how compensation and benefits compare to around the state.

*How To Participate:* On Monday May 2, the survey link was emailed to one designated recipient at each VLCT member town, city, or village, with login information and instructions. VLCT has used various factors to identify these recipients, and we appreciate learning if we should send the invitation to a different individual. *Senior staff and governance board members who want to ensure that their municipality participates should contact [hlaw@vlct.org](mailto:hlaw@vlct.org) to confirm that we have the correct designated recipient on file.* Responses are due by July 31th. VLCT requests municipalities provide complete data whether it uses a Jan-Dec or July-June fiscal cycle. The report of all responses will be published in early fall.

*Why Participate?* Participants receive FREE digital and print copies of the report before anyone can purchase it. The report is a great tool to support hiring and budget planning needs in this competitive workforce environment. Answering will enter your municipality in a raffle for a new iPad!

### **Volunteer Driver Opportunities**

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) recruits and coordinates Meals on Wheels drivers and nutrition program volunteer needs throughout Central Vermont. CVCOA needs drivers in several locations, including East Montpelier, Waterbury, Montpelier, Lamoille County, and Barre. Volunteer drivers are also needed to help with Tri-Valley Transit, Green Mountain Transit, and Rural Community Transportation. These services provide essential rides for older adults and people with disabilities. Transportation services are integral to supporting people to age in place. If you are interested in getting involved or want to learn more, please contact Anne Greshin, CVCOA RSVP Program Coordinator, at [agreshin@cvcoa.org](mailto:agreshin@cvcoa.org) or 802-241-4840. Direct Service volunteer opportunities are also available including companionship, transportation, grocery shopping, friendly calling, organizing, and more! Learn more and apply online at [www.cvcoa.org/volunteering.html](http://www.cvcoa.org/volunteering.html).

### **Better Places accepting projects and Instagram Live event**

Whether you are dreaming of more parks and green spaces, a vibrant main street, colorful public art projects, community gardens, or cultural events, Better Places grants can help turn your idea into a reality. The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Community Foundation, and Patronicity are currently accepting placemaking projects for [Better Places](#), a statewide community grant program that empowers Vermonters to create vibrant and inclusive public places in the hearts of Vermont communities. Those who are interested in the Better Places program can visit the website to [learn more](#) or contact [Richard Amore](#). Or **join our program partner, Patronicity on Instagram Live on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm EST to learn more** about the Better Places program and show how it is supporting communities across Vermont. Tune in by visiting the Patronicity Instagram page at the handle @Patronicity.

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

*CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings (see agendas on our [website](#) for details).*

### **May**

May 2 4 pm Executive Committee  
May 3 5 pm Nominating Committee  
May 9 4 pm Executive Committee (Special)  
May 10 6 pm Nominating Committee  
May 10 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners  
May 16 6 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee  
May 18 12 pm Central Vermont Energy Round Table  
May 19 1 pm - Winooski Basin Water Quality Council  
May 24 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee  
May 26 4 pm Project Review Committee

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