



Weekly News Roundup June 24, 2022

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Upcoming Events

VT Walk/Bike Laws in the Real World (Webinar)

June 30, 2022 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm

This webinar will discuss the history and evolution of road use, describe the current state of Vermont's walk/bike/roll statutes, and explore possible solutions to address gaps in our laws, such as the Idaho Stop or instituting a firm four-foot-passing law. Please bring your own walk/bike/roll law revisions to this session. There will be an opportunity for idea sharing and discussion throughout the presentation. [Webinar Registration](#)



Save the Date!

The annual Renewable Energy Vermont Conference & Expo is the largest comprehensive renewable energy event in New England. Our annual conference brings together leaders from across the country in all four major clean energy sectors; power, heat, transportation, and efficiency. Entrepreneurs, policy makers, financiers, installers, facility managers, advocates, and citizens convene to network, share ideas, and

develop partnerships. REV2022 will take place on October 27 & 28 in Burlington, VT. We look forward to seeing you there!

For updates, please check our conference website: <https://www.revconference.org/>.

For questions about the conference please email Kit Price at kit@revermont.org.

Community News



Community Cooling Facility Web Map

With hot weather upon us again, the Vermont Dept. of Health has rolled out a new web map for community cooling locations. The map lists facilities by type (ex. pool, library, city hall, church) and contains contact information, hours of operation, and whether there is an entrance fee. [Hot Weather | Vermont Department of Health \(healthvermont.gov\)](#) is the link. This could be a helpful resource for at risk populations. If you have a location in your

community that you would want listed either fill out the form for VDH (<https://forms.office.com/g/687aWpftT6>), follow the link on the web map site, or contact us at CVRPC at cubbon@cvregion.com.

Workshops for Municipal Staff Moving Trees

[Safe Tree Removal Training for Municipal Staff](#) is a hands-on workshop led by Montpelier City

Arborist Adam McCullough focused on using ropes to safely guide trees to the ground while keeping workers out of the strike zone. Participants will leave with skills necessary to use this technique in their communities. The first six municipal registrants in each workshop will also receive a rope-throwing kit with the lines and throw weights needed to throw ropes with their crews. The workshop will be held in two locations – attendees should register for just one: 8am-noon on July 20th in Burlington or 8am-noon on July 21st in Montpelier. Registration required; \$25 for a single attendees, \$40 for a team of two or more attendees from a single municipality. Vermont Local Roads Scholar credits available.

[Tree Risk Evaluation Training for Municipal Staff and Volunteers](#) focuses on common tree health conditions that should be factored into any assessment of tree risk in public places. Join Burlington City Arborist VJ Comai on July 20th from 1pm-4pm in Burlington **OR** State Forest Health Specialists Jim Esden and Savannah Ferreira on July 21st from 1pm-4pm in Montpelier. Registration required, free and open to tree wardens, municipal staff, or other active tree stewards. Vermont Local Roads Scholar credits available.

Questions? Contact Joanne Garton, VT UCF Technical Assistance Coordinator, joanne.garton@vermont.gov or (802) 249-4217.

Opioid Settlement Committee Application

The State of Vermont anticipates receiving \$63 million over 18 years as a result of a settlement with three pharmaceutical distributors and one manufacturer. Act 118 establishes an Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee to advise the Department of Health how to spend the funds. The committee will consider the impact of the opioid crisis on communities, abatement strategies, the perspective from opioid use disorder prevention coalitions, and challenges to marginalized populations. Members will serve four-year terms. Seven of the 16 members will be local officials appointed by VLCT. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please fill in the information in the attached fillable pdf file and email it to info@vlct.org by Friday, June 24, 2022.



Montpelier is Hiring a Sustainability Coordinator

Could you or someone you know be Montpelier's first ever Sustainability Coordinator? This new full-time staff position will focus on the City's commitment to reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, ecological impact, and overall costs;

strengthening reliability, resiliency, and sustainability; sustaining investments in facilities, and employing new technologies and energy infrastructure. Applications are due by July 8th. [Find more information and apply here.](#)

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

FY23 Building Communities Grants Program

The Building Communities Grants Program has been funded for FY2023 and with increased funding! This program, administered by BGS, includes the following:

1. \$300,000.00 – [Recreational Facilities Grant Program](#)
2. \$300,000.00 – [Regional Economic Development Grant Program](#)
3. \$150,000.00 – [Human Services Facilities Grant Program](#)
4. \$150,000.00 – [Educational Facilities Grant Program](#)



These grants are for construction and capital improvements to support and strengthen Vermont towns and regions. Descriptions, the application criteria, and the new deadline for all four of these grant programs are available on the [Department of Buildings and General Services website](#). Click on the program area above to see the projects funded last round.

Applicants including municipalities, nonprofit agencies, and regional economic development organizations, are all encouraged to apply for these opportunities to fund construction, infrastructure support, and needed projects.

Although the award of the grants is competitive, the application process has been designed to be simple and straightforward. Grant applicants will be awarded funding as determined by a special committee comprised of Vermonters, legislative branch members, and executive branch administrative staff appointed by the Governor. Grants recipients will be awarded in the fall of 2022. **The deadline has been moved from July 31st, to September 10th!**

For more information go to the BGS [website](#) and/or reach out to CVRPC staff for assistance at

Manufactured Housing Communities Infrastructure Funding

VT DEC is requesting applications for water infrastructure assessments or projects in Manufactured Housing Communities (MHCs). Funding is available for four project types at varying maximum funding allowances: Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and VT DEC Stormwater Program 3-acre permit compliance for 3-acre sites. Assistance is available to [Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development registered MHC](#) only when a need or suspected need for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, or drainage infrastructure improvements exists.

MHC must be represented by a business, non-profit, or registered cooperative. Individuals are ineligible for funding. Owners, residents, or partners can fill out the application on behalf of the MHC. Organizations or individuals separate from an eligible applicant are able to complete an application as proxy with the authorization of that eligible applicant. CVRPC is available to assist with applications. Contact Bonnie Waninger, Executive Director, at waninger@cvregion.com or 802-229-0389.

Information and Q & A Session: June 29, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. All questions need to be submitted (by email or phone by June 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Contact for applications: Nicole Streeter, (802) 461-6668 or nicole.streeter@vermont.gov. Applications must be submitted electronically by July 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm EDT using the subject line "HH-MHC RFP Proposal." Learn more at http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/bidAttachments/56666/Request_For_Applications.pdf.



Efficiency Vermont Issues RFP for Weatherization Workforce Development Program

Efficiency Vermont is seeking proposals from professionals or organizations for programs that increase the number of people working in or supporting the weatherization field in Vermont. Responses to this Request for Proposals (RFP) must be delivered electronically to afode@veic.org by 5:00

pm EDT on Friday, July 18th, 2022. Please submit your response with "RFP Submittal for Weatherization Workforce Development Program" in the subject line. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

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

June

June 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

July

July 4 CVRPC Office Closed - Holiday

July 5 4 pm Executive Committee

July 12 6:30 Board of Commissioners

July 21 1 pm Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

July 25 4 pm Regional Recreation Economy

July 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee - to be confirmed

July 28 4 pm Project Review Committee - to be confirmed

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