

**Subject:** Re: Country Club Road

**From:** Dan Perry <DPerry@montpelier-vt.org>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Aug 2024 17:36:09 +0000

**To:** Kelly Murphy <kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org>

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May need to adjust a little but I think it's close. The signs are staggered around and on stakes to be moved as needed

Thanks

Dan Perry Streets

On Aug 6, 2024, at 4:49 PM, Kelly Murphy <kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org> wrote:

Thank you. 4 signs each. Not sure the length for the barricade, think it would extend from the cart path headed toward the equipment shed back toward the Elks building. The idea would be to deter vehicles from passing by.

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**From:** Kurt Motyka <KMotyka@montpelier-vt.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:40 PM

**To:** Kelly Murphy <kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org>; Zach Blodgett <zblodgett@montpelier-vt.org>

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I'm adding Dan to the email for creating the signs. How many signs are needed? Do you have a sense of the length of barricades needed to deter vehicles?

Thanks,

-Kurt

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**From:** Kelly Murphy

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:12 PM

**To:** Kurt Motyka <KMotyka@montpelier-vt.org>; Zach Blodgett <zblodgett@montpelier-vt.org>

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**Subject:** Fw: Country Club Road

Hi,

Please see the request sent to GSH regarding encampments below.

For DPW, can we please have signs made and posted, prohibiting the use of unauthorized vehicles at CCR, and noting that camping is not permitted due to sensitive area per encampment policy (same sign as was posted at Confluence Park). Could we also deploy the orange barriers to this location to prevent people from driving on the grass?

Once campers have been provided with 24 hour notice, we'll move to clean up areas, that's when we'll enlist the services of Lloyd Franks.

Thanks!  
Kelly

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**From:** Kelly Murphy <[kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** Rick DeAngelis <[rdeangelis@goodsamaritanhaven.org](mailto:rdeangelis@goodsamaritanhaven.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Country Club Road

Hi Rick,

Thank you for your email and all that you do.

We, the City, conducted a site visit today at Country Club Road (CCR) and observed 3 encampments. The property was purchased for public recreation and permanent housing. Camping is not permitted. Collectively, we've discussed recent complaints and issues at this location and have determined the following based on public health and safety concerns.

Encampments are in violation of the Encampment Policy and Parks Ordinance which establishes a parks curfew, "no person shall be or remain in Montpelier parks between the hours of 9:00 P.M. or dusk of each day, whichever is later, and 6:00 A.M. or dawn of the next succeeding day, whichever is earlier." At this time we are requesting that campers be provided 24 hour notice and move to another location.

It is unfortunate, that camping is not permitted in this location and we would like to continue working with Good Samaritan Haven (GSH) on housing solutions for this population and would welcome alternatives to camping at this location. For instance, do you think GSH would consider opening the overnight shelter in advance of the



winter season? Are there alternatives you'd recommend?

Thank you,  
Kelly

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**From:** Rick DeAngelis <[rdeangelis@goodsamaritanhaven.org](mailto:rdeangelis@goodsamaritanhaven.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 8:07 PM  
**To:** Kelly Murphy <[kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org)>  
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Hi Kelly

Thanks for being in touch.

By "cleaning up the encampments" does that mean you are intending to vacate all the campers? If so, we are at a loss of what to do with so few options for the unhoused

May we discuss the situation with you and the Chief before you undertake any evictions?

We have worked very very hard to promote and support order, cleanliness and safety among the campers. One of our team visits the campers almost every day. WE have moved campers out of more conspicuous spots, helped to hospitalize a camper who was mentally distressed and cleared out abandoned gear. We talk to the campers frequently about avoiding dog walkers and staying out of the way. SOMETimes campers are frightened by dogs and have reacted in fear at barking and growling unleashed dogs. We are teaching safe ways of dealing with dogs including providing squirt guns to spray water at an aggressive dog if it approaches.

Last Wednesday I was in touch with Deputy Chief Moulton about possible flooding and asked him

specifically whether the MPD had received any recent complaints about campers at the Elks and he stated that there were none. We also discussed the presence of a party that was evicted from National life including Marius, Erica and Bones. We have been worried from their first appearance that they would be disruptive. Initially they camped in the BIPOC garden area. We worked with the Parks Dept to get them out of that area asap. If they are the source of unsafe behavior perhaps we could focus on them than all the campers.

So in closing, we're asking that you work with us and give us a chance to do some education and perhaps some selective relocation before you take action.

Thank you

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On Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 4:46 PM Kelly Murphy <[kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org)> wrote:

Hi,

We have been getting several complaints about encampments and dangerous behaviors at Country Club Road. We're planning to do a site visit tomorrow to get a sense of scale and order of magnitude. We will likely be requesting street outreach to provide 24 hour notice and will plan to clean up encampments shortly thereafter (likely Thursday).

I'm sending this email in advance so you are aware.

Thank you,  
Kelly

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