

Subject: RE: Elks Club camping issues
From: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
Date: Mon, 12 Aug 2024 14:23:50 +0000
To: Mary Smith <msmith@montpelier-vt.org>
CC: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>

From: Mary Smith <msmith@montpelier-vt.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 8:52 AM
To: L-DEPTHEAD <DEPTHEAD@montpelier-vt.org>
Subject: FW: Elks Club camping issues

Public records request. Please forward me any email you have, thank you 😊

Mary Smith
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
City Hall - 39 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
802-223-9502
msmith@montpelier-vt.org



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From: Stephen Whitaker <whitaker.stephen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 6:45 AM
To: Public Records Requests <PublicRecordRequest@montpelier-vt.org>
Subject: Elks Club camping issues

All emails relating to the basis for and deliberation of VPR reported today notices to vacate campsites

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Subject: Fwd: Country Club Road
From: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
Date: Tue, 6 Aug 2024 00:32:31 +0000

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

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Moulton <KMoulton@montpelier-vt.org>
Date: August 5, 2024 at 8:24:08 PM EDT
To: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
Subject: Re: Country Club Road

I never told him there were none. We talked about the dog walkers and driving complaints

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Kevin Moulton, Deputy Chief
Montpelier Police Department
1 Pitkin Court
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: 802-223-3445

On Aug 5, 2024, at 8:20 PM, Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick DeAngelis <rdeangelis@goodsamaritanhaven.org>
Date: August 5, 2024 at 8:07:56 PM EDT
To: Kelly Murphy <kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org>
Cc: jbond@goodsamaritanhaven.org, Dawn Little <dlittle@goodsamaritanhaven.org>, Meredith Warner <mwarnier@goodsamaritanhaven.org>, Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
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Thank you

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

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Thank you,
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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>
CC: Kurt Motyka <KMotyka@montpelier-vt.org>, Zach Blodgett <zblodgett@montpelier-vt.org>, Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>, Kevin Moulton

<KMoulton@montpelier-vt.org>, Arne McMullen
<amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org>, Alec Ellsworth
<AEllsworth@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>

Cc: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>; Kevin Moulton <KMoulton@montpelier-vt.org>; Arne McMullen <amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org>; Alec Ellsworth <AEllsworth@montpelier-vt.org>; Dan Perry <DPerry@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

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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Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:04 PM

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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?

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Subject: Fwd: CCR property and encampments
From: Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
Date: Fri, 9 Aug 2024 19:28:44 +0000
To: Kelly Murphy <kmurphy@montpelier-vt.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adrienne Gil <agil@montpelier-vt.org>
Date: August 9, 2024 at 3:24:38 PM EDT
To: William Fraser <WFraser@montpelier-vt.org>, Eric Nordenson <enordens@montpelier-vt.org>
Subject: Re: CCR property and encampments

Hi,

I would like to learn more. It sounds like a few bad behaviors is impacting the whole group. Is this the case? There is always a story behind these news pieces. I did have the opportunity to talk with Deer, who is camped out on the City Hall steps.

What is the history of unhoused folks at CCR and high sensitivity areas? It seems like folks have been "camping" up there with no incidents (Chief, can you confirm?), until a group of folks were relocated and have caused a lot of issues. Is this the case?

What is the plan to relocate these folks who may not have caused issues?

I know...this is so complex. Thank you all for working so hard and with our partners to figure out the best solution.

Adrienne

On Aug 8, 2024 7:13 PM, William Fraser <WFraser@montpelier-vt.org> wrote:



Montpelier moves to shut down encampment at former country club property
vtdigger.org

FYI. If you'd like more information please let me know, we're happy to discuss this.

Attachments:

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