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Radio Vermont News

From:

Steve Cormier

Sent:

Monday, December 18, 2023 4:15 PM

To:

News Room; Brady Farkas

BARRE CITY FLOODING: The riverbank along Park Street in downtown Barre City is cresting. An emergency shelter is available at the Barre Auditorium.

Barre City Manager Nicolas Storellicastro said around 4 p.m. that the river gauge on Burnham Street was no longer visible. He said water is "beyond puddling" on Depot Square, where the water was up to the sidewalk, and there was some flooding on a problem area of the river on West Second Street.

A Barre City dispatcher announced at 4 p.m. that water had crested the river at Park Street. Moments later, downtown was filling with water

"We're down to hopes and prayers at this point and that's not the mitigation strategy you want," Storellicastro said, noting flood mitigation initiatives the city has taken are working, but he worried they might not be enough.

"We need a break in the rain," he said.

The American Red Cross had been activated by the state to open the shelter at the Barre Auditorium. It was scheduled to open to the public by 5 p.m. on Monday.

"This is a Red Cross managed site operating in coordination with Barre City officials. The Red Cross is also working closely with local and state emergency management and government officials. We remind Vermonters to heed all transportation warnings and obey road closures. Do not drive through flooded roadways," the Red Cross said in a statement.

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Monday, December 18, 2023 4:06 PM

То:

News Room; Brady Farkas

Subject:

Barre main street closed

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### **WEATHER EVENT UPDATE**

Main Street Barre between City Hall Park and Depot Square has been closed due to flood waters breaching storefronts as cars pass by.

Please avoid the area and seek alternate routes.

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To:

News Room; Brady Farkas

Main Street near the Roundabout and Union Street are closed in Waterbury now due to high water. Use Stowe Street.

Also Armory Drive and River Road to rhe Ice Center Winooski St is closed with water over the road near the bridge and park In Duxbury, River Road from Camels Hump Road to the Bolton town line is closed.

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Sent:

Monday, December 18, 2023 2:26 PM

To:

**News Room** 

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From: Steve Cormier

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Brady Farkas <a href="mailto:bfarkas@radiovermont.com">bfarkas@radiovermont.com</a>

Subject:

#### WEATHER EVENT RESPONSE

The City of Barre has set out sandbags for City residents/businesses that need them to protect their buildings. Sandbags can be collected at the following locations:

**1** At the DPW Garage by the community sand pile

2 At Depot Square (near The Quarry Restaurant and Forget-Me-Not Flowers & Gifts)

**3**Behind City Hall

There is a break in the weather but the river is expected to keep rising until midnight -- this is your chance to protect your home and business.

Please take only what you need -- we're in this together

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Montpelier Alive < director@montpelieralive.org >

Sent:

Monday, December 18, 2023 6:44 PM

To:

Festivals Montpelier Alive; mcrr@googlegroups.com

Subject:

Latest update and Press Release from the City

Hi all.

Please see the press release below. The hub outside City Hall remains active if you need volunteer assistance. You can visit montpelierhub.com or call 802-828-7103

Let them know if you need a sump pump or sandbags.

Stay safe tonight,

Katie

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 18, 2023
William J. Fraser, City Manager

#### 6:30pm December Flood Update in Montpelier

MONTPELIER, VT—(6:30pm). As of 5:45pm, the Winooski River in Montpelier is now above flood stage at 16.00 feet. The National Weather Service is now predicting the river to crest at 16.7 feet, a slight downgrade from earlier predictions of 16.8.

#### What Does a River Level of 16 Feet of Water Look Like?

When Winooski Rive reaches 16 feet, Route 2 will flood at the Bailey Avenue Bridge, and the entrance to the Montpelier High School. Parking lots behind state office buildings next to the river will flood between Taylor Street and Bailey Avenue, and the approach to the Taylor Street bridge will be inundated. Low-lying fields and farmland will be inundated.

The City will continue to share regular updates as the storm continues. Please make sure you and your loved ones are registered to receive VT-Alerts so you will be informed of important emergency information. Sign up for VT-Alert here: <a href="https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert">https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert</a>

Please also sign up for email updates using Notify Me in the Popular Links menu on our homepage here: https://www.montpelier-vt.org/list.aspx.

You can monitor the water level on the National Weather Service website here: <a href="https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=MONV1&wfo=btv">https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=MONV1&wfo=btv</a>

#### Historic River Heights in Montpelier:

- May 2011 = 17.59 feet
- August 29, 2011 (Tropical Storm Irene) = 19.05 feet
- July  $10^{th}$ , 2023 = 21.35 feet
- 1927 Flood = 27.10 feet

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Radio Vermont News

# Town of Johnson, VT 4h ·

\*\*\*\* Road Updates \*\*\*\*

CLOSED - Hogback Rd (Johnson side) (as of 4:06pm)

CLOSED - Rocky Rd from Scribner Bridge to end of road due to water cover. (as of 2:41pm Monday)

CLOSED - Lendway Lane has water on it, but is not closed (as of 1:43pm Monday)

\*\*\*\* Vehicles at risk of Flood \*\*\*\*

There is parking at Rosemary Green (formerly the Village Green) and Pearl Street for overnight parking tonight only, if you are concerned about risk of Flood. Parking is at your own risk.

\*\*\* Johnson is now at Moderate Flood Stage \*\*\*

Please take all necessary precautions for Flooding in Johnson. We have a Flood Warning in effect now through through Tuesday afternoon.

The local Emergency Management is actively out monitoring the rivers and flood conditions in Johnson.