

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 10/06/2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Wednesday, October 11 City Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

Thursday, October 12 Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday, October 16 Design Review Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

Monday, October 16 Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street

This project remains on track. Mowatt discussions continue in depth.

Master Plan & Zoning

The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the Master Plan on October 23rd.

Soccer Jerseys

Working with Montpellier officials to arrange a public event – possibly using Skype – with both cities when the jerseys arrive. We are expecting about 20.

TIF

We are compiling a list of potential projects, which will be narrowed down going forward. We will keep you updated.

Berlin Pond

No update.

Parking/Transportation Alternatives

The Subcommittee (Councilors Bate and Watson) report will be presented at a future meeting, possibly Nov. 1.

Collective Bargaining

Finishing up final details with Police.

State Street Farmer's Market Update

State Street will be closed tomorrow (Oct. 7) from 6-2:30 for Farmers Market, and from 3-7 for a plein air art event, bands, children's events and more. The first two State Street Farmers Markets (Sept. 23 and 30) were very successful, with only a few complaints.

CIP, Projects

A kick-off meeting for Energy Audits of 6 City buildings was held Wednesday morning with the contractor, Cx Associates, City staff and members of the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee (MEAC). Initial building inspections followed Wednesday and Thursday. Coordination and scheduling of additional testing is underway.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Public Works

Towne Hill Road project: A DPW crew will construct the new sidewalk extension from Grandview Terrace to Greenock Ave. Preparations will also be made to overlay (pave) the existing sidewalk between Grandview Ter & Dover Rd. The contractor will complete preparations of the street for paving the top (wearing) course of pavement tentatively scheduled for October 12th or 13th. Paving of the sidewalk is likely to occur on the 13th or the following week depending on weather and status of readiness.

Harrison Avenue: The sewer main replacement and improvement work will continue the week of the 9th and is expected to wrap up by approximately October 20th. Work is also proceeding on preparing the street and sidewalk for paving now tentatively scheduled for October 25th.

Northfield Street: The majority of the roadway reconstruction is complete and fine grading of the road will begin next week. Major work items remaining for this year include base paving in the Memorial Drive Intersection and final water connections in the Derby Drive and Colonial Drive Intersections. Crews will also be finishing up curb and sidewalk over the next two weeks. See also weekly report from Francine Perkins, FRP Enterprises.

Elm Street (Rte 12) paving project: See weekly report from Francine Perkins, FRP Enterprises.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Lunch with City Leaders: Yvonne Byrd - Tuesday, October 10, 12-1pm | MSAC
Join Director of Montpelier Community Justice Center Yvonne Byrd to talk about the work she does, the city services she manages, recent successes and emerging challenges in our capitol city. Meal is \$7 for those under 60 or a \$5 suggested donation for anyone 60+. All are welcome, reservations appreciated at 262-6288!

Parks & Trees

The Parks and Trees Department has shifted from a summer focus to taking care of hazard trees. In the last two weeks, we have removed 8 significant hazard trees as well as worked with the Tree Board to replace two downtown trees. We have also been working with, and appreciating strategic help from, Community Services staff and the new Community Services VISTA member, Rebecca Johnston, along with numerous community volunteers, on the Enchanted Forest event. See details below:

Enchanted Forest - Saturday, October 14, 4-8pm | Hubbard Park | Tickets for sale
The "Enchanted Forest" is Montpelier's night time community celebration of Autumn. Located in historic Hubbard Park, hay wagon rides bring groups of people deep into the park where they are led by guides through candle-lit paths to stages of storytelling, music, fire, and enchantment. Advance tickets are available at the City Clerk's office for \$4 children/\$8 adults/\$20 families. Day-of tickets are available at the New Shelter in the park for \$5 children/\$10 adults/\$25 families. Advance tickets are highly recommended, as they guarantee admission at a specific time. Walk-ins may encounter long wait times. Stop by the Montpelier Senior Activity Center on Thursday, October 12 from 1:30-3:30pm and help us carve pumpkins!

Recreation

Ski and Skate Sale - Saturday, October 21, 9am-2pm | MHS Gym
If you are looking to buy or sell equipment, you must consider this sale. Tons of winter gear, including skis, snowboards, skates, and accessories for sale! Vendors sell new items, plus

affordable consignment items too! Bring items to sell on Friday, October 20 from 9am-7pm. No broken or outdated equipment. The Montpelier Recreation Department reserves the right to refuse any equipment. Pick-up for items not sold will be from 4:30-6pm after the sale. We are also seeking donations of cross-country equipment for Hubbard Park. Please bring your donations with you on the 20th.

Youth Basketball

Our Youth Basketball Program is for grades K– 6 and is \$35 per child or \$70 per family. All registrations are due by October 31. Please register early so we can best plan and order for the correct amount of teams.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

Oct. 25	Zoning	Nov. 1	Zoning TIF Update Quality of Life Goal Aging in Place Dog Ordinance (?) Parklet Ordinance, 1 st Reading Five-year Budget Local Options Tax Parking/Team Bridges
Nov. 8	Crosswalk Safety Warming and Cooling Shelters Accessibility/ADA update Asset Management Parklet Ordinance, 2 nd Reading	Nov. 15	Apartment Rental Fee/Inspection E911 Compliance
Dec. 13 & Dec. 20	Budget WRRF Briefing Charter changes Master Plan PH Facilities update District Heat update Citizen Survey CIP		



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