

**City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th
The City Clerk's office will also be closed on Friday, July 5th**

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, July 2	ADA Committee	10:00 AM	Police Dept. Community Room
Wednesday, July 3	Transportation Infrastructure Committee	6:00 PM	Memorial Room



Responsive and Responsible Government

Montpelier Grand List

The Abstract (Preliminary) Grand List was lodged with the City Clerk on June 6 and Change of Appraisal Notices were mailed out. Grievances Hearings were held on June 21. Grievance decisions have been rendered and the Final Grand List was lodged on June 28. The new Grand List shows an increase in Real Estate value of \$9.3 million and a decrease in Business Personal Property value of \$5 million for a net increase of \$4.25 million. This represents an increase of ½ of 1% over last year's Grand List.

Common Level of Appraisal

We learned this week that the Legislature has changed the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) threshold that will require a full reappraisal from 80% to 85%. Our current CLA is 89.67%, down 2.64% from the previous year. The CLA is calculated each year and is announced in late December. The CLA is calculated by comparing the recent sales price of properties to their assessed value. If market values in Montpelier continue to rise rapidly as they have for the past few years, the CLA will likely fall below the new threshold in December 2021.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center Annual Membership Meeting

Montpelier Senior Activity Center held its annual membership meeting on Tuesday, June 18, with attendance by over 60 members. Along with thanking staff, volunteers, instructors and outgoing Advisory Council members Dianne Richardson, Barbara Ladabouche and Eric Rajendra, MSAC's Director Janna Clar and Council Chair Bob Barrett welcomed newly elected member Suzanne Swanson and re-elected member Mary Alice Bisbee to the Advisory Council. A preliminary Annual Report and preliminary results of a newly designed Annual Survey (completed by over 400 people) were shared with members, which will be finalized this summer and distributed. A raffle was held and ice cream sundaes were enjoyed table-side. Questions may be directed to Janna Clar at jclar@montpelier-vt.org.

Community Services summer classes underway – but many still have space!

Many of the Community Services summer class began this past week, but there is still room in many, so it's not too late to sign up. Perhaps this is the summer you decide to hone your digital photography skills or

take up yoga – we’ve got classes for that, and so much more! Swing by the Community Services Office (58 Barre Street) for a complete description of all classes being offered this summer.

Deadline for Fall Class proposals is July 15

Have an idea for a great fall class? Make sure to get it into the Community Services Department office (58 Barre Street) by July 15. Proposal sheets can be found in the office or requested electronically. We prefer to receive them electronically via email as a Word attachment – email your suggestions to MSAC Director, Janna Clar at jclar@montpelier-vt.org.

Community Services Department Looking for New AmeriCorps Vista Member

Come serve the City of Montpelier! The Community Services Department is looking for an AmeriCorps Vista member to support volunteer recruitment and management, event planning, and fundraising needs. This is a great opportunity for recent graduates, individuals seeking to change careers, for those people in between their undergraduate and graduate degree programs, or energetic retirees. AmeriCorps VISTAs receive a bi-weekly living stipend, career development advice, and many other benefits for their service. If you are interested in this program or if you have any questions, please call or email Becky at rjohnston@montpelier-vt.org or (802) 225-8694.



Environmental Stewardship

Tree Planting

The Parks & Trees Department planted 6 new downtown trees this week. 3 of which were donated from Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture and Greenhaven Nursery, a big thank you to them for their donation! These trees will hopefully grace our streets for many years to come. New tree locations are:

- Corner of Main St. & School St. (Swamp White Oak)
- Crosswalk in front of Woodbury Mountain Toys (Freeman Maple)
- In front of Skinny Pancake (Freeman Maple)
- In front of Mad Taco (Freeman Maple)
- East State St (Honey Locust)
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Sustainable Infrastructure

Clarendon Avenue Reconstruction

Contractor may begin mobilization onsite as early as next week. Crews may begin to cut the pavement and dig exploratory test pits, but no major work is scheduled until the week of July 8th. The tentative plan is start construction at the intersection of Jordon St and Clarendon Avenue and work towards Redstone.

Cummings Street Bridge Project

No change in status. Crew is getting frustrated with the high water levels within the river. The demolition of the old bridge abutments is progressing but slowly. The petroleum-contaminated soils found in the middle of the street has somewhat affected work progress. Also, the high water on Thursday flooded the

temporary coffer dam so all work was halted. Hopefully work will get back on track next week.

WRRF

Minor work will continue next week on mechanical and plumbing upgrades at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Excavation will begin for the new concrete storage tank starting the week of the July 8th.

FY20 Street Paving

Bids were received for the FY20 paving contract and J Hutchins was verified as the low bidder. The contract will go to City Council for approval on July 10th. Streets to be paved within this contract include Stone Cutters Way, and Deerfield Drive, Greenfield Terrace. The following other streets will also be paved through a combination effort between the utility contractor for Clarendon Ave which is Hebert Excavation and the paving contractor J Hutchins, Inc.: Clarendon Ave., Dewey St., Dwinell St., Redstone Ave., and Jordon St. Within the paving contract also includes a resurfacing of the shared use path along Stone Cutters Way.

Lague Ditching

Ditching was established along Lague Drive between Quesnel and Gaylord Drive. This site was identified as a hydrologically connected road segment with erosion present and is eligible for state funding under the Municipal Road Grant in Aid Program. In addition this work is important for compliance for the City's Municipal Road General Permit.

Poolside Drive

The failing river bank located behind the tennis court on Poolside Drive was repaired by Stone Hammer, LLC. This work was funded through the Municipal Road Grant in Aid Program. Paving of the disturbed area will be scheduled for later this summer.

DPW Street & Water/Sewer divisions

This week the Street Department worked with the VYCC on outfall construction, working in the areas of Gould Hill Road and North Street. Our crews also repaired and installed a new storm outlet at a residence on Sherwood Drive. The resident had water backing up into the basement caused by a plug in the storm line. In addition, a rusted storm line was replaced at the cross culvert near 21 Deerfield. Crosswalks were painted in the areas of Barre St., Terrace St., School St., Liberty St. and National Life Dr. Crews spent time repairing road side washouts and problem areas from the recent microburst and heavy rain. Grading on the dirt roads was performed where it was needed.

Next week the Street Department plans to assess and work on a solution to a sinkhole on St. Paul Street. Our trackless will be set up for roadside mowing which will begin next week. We will continue to paint crosswalks in the areas of Elm St. from State St. to Spring St. The City has a list of catch basins that need repair, our crews will continue repairing what is on the list. Lower State St. will be repaired with hot mix from our recent water leak. We will also be helping the city prepare and set up for the 4th of July Parade.

The Water/Sewer Division worked on Harrison Ave. to address a problematic storm line, a camera inspection was conducted to assess the problem. Last week we had water leaks on Main St. and Country Club Rd, so crews performed restoration of the site and assisted in paving the water leak holes. Lawns along Country Club Rd. that were impacted from the leak last week were restored. On the corner of Jordan St. and Clarendon Ave. a leaking valve was repaired. St. Paul Street had a bad spot in the brick archway that was creating a sinkhole, crews repaired the brick archway. On North Street crews performed a visual inspection on the live tap and service connection. In preparation for planned leak detection work,

Water/Sewer spent time on valve conformations. We received report of bubbling water on Lower State St. (US RT 2), our water department confirmed it was a water leak with repairs finally wrapping up at about 1:00 am Friday morning.

Next week the Water/Sewer Division will be cleaning up from water leaks and working on hydrant repairs and maintenance/painting. Maintenance work will also be completed on the Sewer pump station along with Sewer main line cleaning. At the intersection of School St. and Loomis St. a valve repair will be done. Preparations for the Sibley Ave. water main repair installation will begin next week as well.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

Main and Barre Streets Corridors Options Public Hearings

We have scheduled two public hearings on the options for the Main and Barre Streets corridors. Mayor Watson, City staff and Sophie Sauvé of DuBois & King will present options for improving these corridors. The first hearing will take place on **Thursday, July 25th from 6-8 PM at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center**. The public – particularly those who live on and use the neighborhood around the Barre and Main Streets intersection -- is invited to attend, offer input, and ask questions. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome, and no advance registration is necessary. There second public hearing will take place **on Wednesday, July 31st from 6-8 PM in the Hayes Room of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library**. If you are unable to attend either meeting and would like information about the project, please contact Corey Line, Project Manager, at 802-262-6272. [Click here to view Final Scoping Study Report presentation](#).

Parking Garage

With regard to the DRB appeal, motions for summary judgement about the standing of the appellants and the merits of the appeal are pending before the court. Response motions from the appellants are due soon. In Act 250, three residents have filed motions seeking to overturn District commission determinations on party status. The city will be filing motions in opposition. For the Goldman Act 250 Jurisdictional opinion matter, the city is responding to a discovery request. Current appeals related costs exceed \$76,000.

Shared Use Path Project (Granite Street – Gallison Hill Road):

Structures adjustments on Gallison Hill Road are complete with several more to do along Barre Street in preparation for finish paving later in the summer. The new granite curbing is scheduled to be installed the 3rd week of July. Retaining wall #8 located easterly of Old Country Club Road is now complete and the contractor next will be working on completing slopes and finish grading of the path subbase in this area through to the rail crossing near Route 2. New or redesigned underdrains were added to the project to address water flow encountered on Barre Street, some of which have been installed and are working effectively in dewatering the proposed path alignment. Work will also be moving forward on the bio-retention storm water structures near Barre Street. Although wall #1 near Granite Street is somewhat behind schedule because of a necessary redesign to incorporate a telephone conduit found to be in the way, the path is largely on schedule for the October final completion date.

On a related note, the contractor J. Hutchins, Inc. has graciously approved our request for permission to use their temporary staging area on Barre Street for overflow parking if needed for the Caledonia Spirits open house event planned for tomorrow (Saturday). The contractor graded the lot and relocated equipment to make room for parking.

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Countertop and flooring installation is taking place on the 4th floor. The 2nd and 3rd floor will be primed and painted next week. Windows have been installed on the 1st floor. Granite curbing is currently being placed for the parking lot in back of the building and for the access road on the Main Street side of the project.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Notices Against Trespass

During this week's City Council meeting, a resident stated that the Montpelier Police Department was arbitrarily issuing Notices Against Trespass to people experiencing homelessness. This is absolutely not true. Notices Against Trespass are issued at the request of a business owner, property owner, or individual who is authorized to issue or request such notice be issued.

Chinese Cuisine Potluck with Montpelier Gourmet Cooking Meetup

Friday, July 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in MSAC Community Room | 58 Barre Street, Montpelier

Chinese cuisine is an important part of Chinese culture. It includes cuisine originating from the diverse regions of China, as well as from Chinese people in other parts of the world. Because of the Chinese diaspora and historical power of the country, Chinese cuisine has influenced many other cuisines in Asia, with modifications made to cater to local palates. Chinese food staples such as rice, soy sauce, noodles, tea, and tofu, and utensils such as chopsticks and the wok, can now be found worldwide. Join us for a fun potluck in which we share in our favorite Chinese dishes. Cutlery and dishes are provided. Stove and microwave are available for reheating (no cooking on site). No alcohol, please. \$5.00 suggested (\$2.00 minimum) donation. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/Montpelier-Gourmet-Cooking-Meetup/> or Call Rod at 236-0893 or email rod@infinitelasertag.com. *Please note that this is not a MSAC event, rather a Montpelier Gourmet Meetup event taking place at MSAC.*

Summer Camps

Montpelier Rec. had a great first week of summer camps. Over 100 kids participated in Day Camp. 60 participants in soccer camp and 50 more in baseball camp. We also have 20 plus taking tennis lessons. They pool has been very busy on the hot days this week. Our maintenance staff is doing a great job despite the challenging weather they have had these last several weeks.



Public Health and Safety

Montpelier Fire Chief

Fire Chief Robert Gowans was recently elected Vice President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. The New England Association of Fire Chiefs is the regional division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Gowans was sworn in last week at the association's annual conference.

Montpelier Police Chief Hosts FBI National Academy Associates (New England) Training Conference

From July 23rd through the 26th, Chief Tony Facos, president of the FBI National Academy Associates New England Chapter, put together and hosted a training conference at the Hilton in Burlington, VT. Speakers at

this conference included Commissioner William Bratton (two time NYPD Commissioner-Ret., former Boston PD Commissioner, and Los Angeles Police Chief), one of the lead undercover FBI agents who helped bring down Mexican drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman—leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, regional and international subject matter experts on police organizational culture, and experts on police officer health and safety (“Below 100” presented by LT Collin Davis, New York State Police). FBI Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper gave the keynote speech during the formal banquet Tuesday evening. Attendees included officers, special agents and command staff from the FBI, DEA, DHS, ATF, state, county and local law enforcement from throughout New England and the NYPD. Five members of MPD were in attendance.

Blood Drive at City Hall

Tuesday, July 2nd, 10 AM – 4 PM | City Council Chambers | Appointment Recommended

The Montpelier Fire Department is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive at City Hall on Tuesday, July 2nd. There is a critical need for blood in our country. Please considering making an appointment, you could be saving someone’s life. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS



William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

<p>7/10</p>	<p>ADA Plan Adoption DPW/ADA Committee Ch. 5 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Set Tax Rate Finance Strategic Plan update CM French Block PH Downstreet 5 Home Farm Way Mitigation CM Conservation Commission Appt. ATCM FEAST Contract MSAC</p>	<p>8/14</p>	<p>Discussion of Energy Efficiency Ordinance MEAC Energy Advisory Committee update MEAC Zoning fix MEACH/P&CD Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Barre/Main Decision P&CD/DPW Housing Task Force Appts. ATCM Tax Stabilization Policy CM</p>
<p>8/28</p>	<p>Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Substance Abuse update PD Community Fund Board Appt. ATCM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D</p>	<p>9/11</p>	<p>Confluence Park/Waterfront Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Event Fees –tentative CM SEJAC Appts. ATCM Living Wage Ordinance CM Responsible Employer Ordinance CM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D</p>
<p>9/25</p>	<p>Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD Grant for Net Zero plan P&CD Revolving Loan Fund CD Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Strategic Plan update CM Historic Preservation Commission Appt. ATCM Planning Commission Appts. ATCM</p>	<p>10/9</p>	<p>CSO Financials DPW/Finance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM</p>
<p>10/23</p>	<p>Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1st PH CM/HR Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM</p>	<p>11/13</p>	<p>Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM</p>
<p>11/20</p>	<p>Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM</p>	<p>12/11</p>	<p>Budget Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM</p>
<p>12/18</p>	<p>Sabin’s Pasture CM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM</p>	<p>1/8</p>	<p>Hazard Mitigation Plan update</p>

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

June	Alternative fuels for Vehicles	Aug.	Stormwater update Roof drain connection Transition of PD fleet to HEV
Oct.	Police Department Social Worker	Nov.	WiFi feasibility
Jan.	Rental properties survey	?	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding

Budget

ADA projects
 Combined Sewer Overflow projects
 Downtown Master Plan Implementation
 Emergency Management Operations
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 Parking Garage Operations
 Housing Trust Fund
 Infrastructure
 Downtown LED light conversion
 Personnel Plan matters
 Police Dept. Social Worker
 Recreation Center
 Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
 Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
 WiFi