

Mon., Sept. 23	Homelessness Task Force	4:30 PM	Memorial Room
	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers
Weds., Sept. 25	Social & Economic Justice Advisory	8:30 AM	City Manager's Conference Room
	City Council	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers



Responsive and Responsible Government

October 23rd Council Meeting:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the October 23rd City Council meeting might have to be postponed to October 30th. We will discuss this at next week's meeting.

Climate Protests:

This Friday, approximately 300 people marched from Montpelier High School to City Hall by way of Memorial drive. Memorial Drive was closed for approximately 20 minutes, and Main Street was closed for a little over an hour. The protest was peaceful and no arrests were made.

Leadership Changes:

The new team at DPW has started in this week. They are holding a full department retreat this afternoon to plan for the future and seek input about desired and needed changes.

Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer will begin work on Monday, October 7th. We're really looking forward to her contributions to our community.

Homelessness Task Force:

First meeting is on Monday the 23rd at 4:30. It will be facilitated by CJC Director Yvonne Byrd. The group will make decisions about how to proceed from there. After October 7th, the primary staff person will be Asst. City Manager Niedermayer.

City of Montpelier Emerging Leader:

Montpelier Public Works Operations Manager and Engineer Zach Blodgett has been accepted into the American Public Works Association's Emerging Leaders Academy. The Emerging Leaders Academy is a year-long national program that provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. It encourages professional growth through a strong network of peers. We are thrilled for Zach and are proud to have him on our team.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center's (MSAC) 2019 Annual Survey Report:

In May of 2019, MSAC enclosed a paper survey form in a membership renewal mailing to over 1,710 current and recent MSAC members. An electronic Survey Monkey version of the form was available online and posted to the MSAC website. People were urged to use the electronic version instead of the paper form to reduce the hours of data entry needed to incorporate information from the paper forms into the survey data set. MSAC accepted completed surveys through June 30. The survey was completed by 399 people, of whom 98.7% said they were current MSAC members.

[Click here to view the final survey report.](#) It highlights a few of the 406 written comments and summarizes the others. It presents statistical and other responses to survey questions, considers those findings and describes how MSAC will put them to use. For many survey questions, the report distinguishes the results for respondents age 75 or older from those for the overall survey population.

Volunteer Mary Carlson, a member of the MSAC Advisory Council, painstakingly led the effort to analyze the detailed results, categorize all comments for staff and Advisory Council to read, and produce the final report, which was reviewed by the MSAC Advisory Council at their September 9 meeting. More detailed feedback from the survey is being shared with such groups as the MSAC Program Committee. Thank you, Mary!



Environmental Stewardship

Phase 2 of North Branch Trails Initiative:

Sinuosity LLC, The contractor for the North Branch Trails Initiative broke ground last week on the second year of trail building in the North Branch Park. This phase will add over a mile of professionally built multi-use trails to the North Branch Park. Thanks to the Montpelier Area Mountain Biking Association for making this project happen through fundraising, permitting, and all the hurdles required to make an exciting project like this take shape. More information can be found at <https://bikemamba.org/north-branch-trails/>.

Focus on Trails:

With frozen ground on the not-too-distant horizon, we're focusing our efforts on improving trails in the North Branch Park and Hubbard Park to get ready for winter ski season. Last week we hosted a volunteer group from the True North Wilderness Program to help us prep materials for a bridge rebuild, and improve some degraded trail sections in the North Branch Park. We look forward to hosting them again next week, along with a Vermont Youth Tomorrow volunteer group.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

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

Wall #1 is currently being worked on and is expected to be completed on Friday. The contractor is also pouring the last of the concrete crosswalk pads today. Next week, they will continue work on the bio-retention pond at trackside and fine grading of the new path along wall 1 on the side of Barre and down to Old Country Club Road. Thursday's focus will be final paving of the off road path from Country Club Road

along the side of Route 2 (East Mont Rd.) to the end of Old Country Club Road at the Box Culvert. The crew will then add final topsoil and seeding. Over the next two weeks, staining of the retaining walls and installation of the fencing will be taking place.

As a side note, the Quonset hut at the Trackage property (formerly Ibeys) will be demolished by the bike path contractor. This demolition will complete the VTrans agreement terms for the new rail crossing on Gin Lane.


1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path:

Punch list items are being addressed on floors 4, 3, and 2 and the siding is being installed on the exterior of the building. The parking lot has been paved and light poles for the parking lot and the bike path have been installed. The building is scheduled to be completed at the end of September. Some minor site work and landscaping will be taking place in October. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for October 9th.

Elm Street Sidewalk Extension:

The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. The contractor has completed the excavation for the new sidewalk and has placed the subbase material. Concrete placement for the sidewalk has started and will continue for about two more weeks. The work is scheduled to be completed in mid-October.



 Sustainable Infrastructure

Water Resource Recovery Facility:

The final concrete pour for the new sludge storage tank was completed today. Next week the new equipment on primary clarifier #1 will be tested for continuous operations after which work will commence on primary clarifier #2. The polymer pumps for the dewatering equipment were relocated this week. Staff has moved tools and equipment into the new facility workshop. The new pumps for the digester building were also delivered this week. Next week excavation will begin on the yard piping.

Cummings Street Bridge Project:

The Contractor continues to prepare for the bridge deck pour, currently estimated for the middle of October. This new bridge is expected to be opened prior to winter with the contractor returning in the spring to perform final paving and site cleanup.

Sidewalk Reconstruction:

Sidewalk work on Main Street between Jay Street and Loomis Street and on Hubbard Street from Wilder Street to Barre Street has been completed.

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction:

Ledge was encountered on Bailey Ave. and Hebert Excavation will be bringing in extra equipment for ledge removal in order to install the new water main in this area. This work could take three to four days and be focused on the first 100' just above the Terrace Street intersection. While a small crew is working on the ledge removal, the main crew will start laying 8" water main down the center of Clarendon Ave starting at the Bailey Ave intersection. This is going to cause some traffic impacts as they cross the street.

[Click on this link to view work zone maps for the rest of this week and into next week.](#)

DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions:

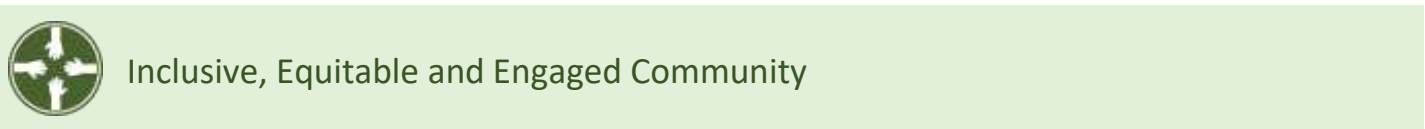
Our street division worked in Hubbard Park replacing a culvert. The City Parks Department assisted with this work and received training on operation of the mini excavator. Our crews worked on River Street repairing the road shoulder near Moonlight Terrace. Potholes were also patched along Route 2 and a berm and drive apron was installed on Bingham Street to prevent driveway erosion.

Other work orders were completed such as:

- Grinding trip hazards and filling cracks on sidewalks on East State Street and Barre Street
- Secured the Hillside Ave stairway
- Assisted the water/sewer department with Sibley Water Main installation
- Built 15 new barricades using boards made of recycled plastic
- Preparation of sign packages for Friday's protest.

Next week our street division will: work on ditching on Upper Main Street and Gould Hill Road, continue roadside mowing throughout the city, and address additional sidewalk trip hazard repairs.

Our water/sewer division spent the week working on the Sibley Avenue project. The cut and cap was completed at the intersection of Sibley Ave. & College Street and the installation of the new water main has begun on Sibley Avenue. Our crews hope to complete the installation of the water main this week followed by testing and service line installation. This project is expected to be complete by mid-October.



Final Parkapalooza

Saturday, September 21st, 3-8 PM | Hubbard Park

We're looking forward to our final Parkapalooza event of this year this Saturday! Please come to Hubbard Park to enjoy music, food, games, and what looks like another beautiful day in the park.

Recreation Center Open Gym:

The Recreation Center is temporarily closed for floor maintenance. Noontime basketball and Pickleball will resume as soon as work is complete. Open Gym will begin Monday October 7th. [Click this link to view information on hours and rates.](#)

Montpelier Youth Basketball Registration Open:

Registration is now open for youth basketball. The deadline for grades 3rd – 6th is Friday October 25th. However, please register as soon as possible. This helps tremendously with scheduling the proper amount of teams to ensure all of the kids get playing time. Large teams put a lot of unnecessary stress on our volunteer coaches. We will not be accepting late registrations so please sign up before the deadline.

- The season for grades 3rd – 6th will kick off November 16th at the Rec Center, and will end February 8th. We will again be hosting an end of season 5th/6th grade tournament.
- Grades K-2 the season will run January 4th – February 15th. Times for each group are on the registration form. The deadline to register is Friday December 13th.
- [Click this link to access the registration form](#) which can be returned by drop off or mail with payment to 58 Barre Street Montpelier VT 05602. We also have a 24 hour drop box located in the mail room on the right side of the senior center building.

Annual Recreation Department Ski & Skate Sale

Saturday, October 19th, 9 AM – 2 PM | Montpelier High School

If you have items you wish to sell, please bring them to the High School on Friday October 18th between 9am-6pm. Items sold are at a 80/20 split, meaning 20% of the sold item goes to the Recreation Department and 80% to the seller. All unsold items must be picked up Saturday, October 19th between 5pm-7pm. After that they become property of the Recreation Department. Please do not arrive for pick up before 5pm as we need time to sort and inventory items. We are also seeking volunteers for both Friday and Saturday. Volunteers get to shop Friday night. You can sign up for 3 hour shifts. Please call 802-225-8699 if you are interested in volunteering.

Montpelier Walks on Fall Weekends with Harris Webster

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Join Harris Webster, Free and open to the public of all ages. This walk will travel Elm Street and the North Branch River - gather at the intersection of Elm Street and Finch Rd. (across from North Branch Nature Center). (Please RSVP by calling Montpelier Senior Activity Center at 223-2518 by Friday, 9/27, noon)



William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

9/25	Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 4 th PH ATCM Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Community Fund Board Appts. CVRPC representative reversal Strategic Plan update CM Zoning, 2 nd Public Hearing – P&D Confluence Park/Waterfront	10/9	CSO Financials DPW/Finance Responsible Employer Ordinance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Home Farm Way Tax Stabilization Policy CM
10/23	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR	11/13	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM
11/20	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	12/11	Budget Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM
12/18	Sabin's Pasture CM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM
1/22	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	2/12	

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

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
Equity consultant
Downtown Master Plan Implementation
Emergency Management Operations
Fuel
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