

Mon., Oct. 21	Cemetery Commission	12:00 PM	City Manager's Conference Rm., City Hall
	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Weds., Oct. 23	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Thurs., Oct. 24	Energy Efficiency Ordinance Group	3:30 PM	Memorial Room, City Hall



Responsive and Responsible Government

Finance Department Updates

We are sad to say that Todd Provencher is resigning from his position as Finance Director. He will be with us until the beginning of December and will prepare our budget with us. He will, most likely, not be part of the budget deliberation process. We will begin recruiting for a replacement immediately.

Additionally, our Senior Staff Accountant, Ruth Dockter, is retiring at the end of this month. Ruth has stayed a year or two longer than her first indications of retiring, so we've been fortunate. We will be looking hard at how to best fill this position and meet the needs in the overall department.

We thank Todd and Ruth for their hard work and dedication to the City.



Public Health and Safety

Certified Fire Plan Examiner – Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chris Lumbra, Montpelier's Building Inspector, for passing the Certified Fire Plan Examiner exam. Chris spent the Week of October 14th in Quincy Massachusetts at a National Fire Protection Association training learning about the plan reviews. Following the training Chris took the exam and, not surprising to any of us, he passed! Chris has been providing excellent service to our community for seven years and this certification will help Montpelier to provide more guidance to applicants to make sure new developments are safe for everyone.

Public Flu Clinics at 58 Barre Street

Thurs., 10/31 and Thurs., 11/7, 11:00 am-2:00 pm | Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 1st Floor Resource Room
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) will be offering Flu vaccines at MSAC to anyone over the age 18. Walk-in only, first come, first served. A high dose vaccine for those aged 65+ will also be available. If you are covered by Medicare, BlueCross Blue Shield of Vermont, Medicaid or MVP, either shots will be covered and CVHHH will bill

them directly - make sure to bring your insurance card! Can't make the 31st or 7th? For a complete listing of all public clinic schedules, please visit www.CVHHH.org. Questions? Call the public flu clinic hotline at (802) 224-2299.



Environmental Stewardship

Ash Trees

Our Parks & Trees department met with a utility specialist from Green Mountain Power to discuss ash trees in the utility right of way. The team worked out strategies on how to approach these trees, including identifying those that would need to be removed because they threaten the power lines.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

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

This project continues to advance toward a final completion date in early November. Paving of the path and Barre Street was delayed this week due to the lack of crew availability as the contractor is involved with other projects. The fence contractor also experience some delays, but layout is now complete and the work is expected to take place soon. Next week will primarily be focused on restoration (top soil, seed and mulch) because most of the structural components are now complete. Significant items left in the contract besides paving and fences include: pavement markings, signs, a traffic island and landscaping on Gallison Hill Road, as well as surface work along Old Country Club Road.

Elm Street Sidewalk

The sidewalk extension on Elm Street is complete. There are still some pavement markings and plantings that need to be completed. The contractor is planning to complete those items this fall if the weather allows for it.

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Site work will be wrapping up next week. This includes some remaining sidewalk work as well as the installation of truncated domes. Final landscaping, pavement markings, and signage is also scheduled to be completed next week. There is a walk through scheduled next week for the Transit Center to identify any remaining punch list items. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 25th.

Montpelier Flooding History

The United States Geological Survey will be installing a permanent display by the Langdon Street Bridge that chronicles the flooding history of Montpelier. The USGS will start work on Wednesday with an expected installation completion date on Friday.



More Housing

Taylor Street Apartments / Transit Center Ribbon Cutting

The Taylor Street Apartments and Transit Center Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration will take place on Friday, October 25th from 4 pm - 7 pm at 61 Taylor Street. Downstreet Housing & Community Development, Housing Vermont and the City are hosting the event. The Ribbon Cutting will start 4 PM with an open house, music and food vendors to follow.



DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions

Our street division tackled a variety of different tasks this week, beginning with picking up bagged leaves throughout the city. Our street and sidewalk sweepers were cleaning up in preparation for the upcoming winter season, as well as prepping our plows, and receiving salt being delivered to our city garage.

Crews handled the many work orders requested by citizens, including:

- Raised a manhole cover to grade over the large culvert at Main Street and Towne Hill Road
- Checked the vulnerable areas throughout the city prior to anticipated heavy rains
- Dug archeological test holes in Capitol Plaza parking lot
- Delivered grindings to the cemetery
- Installed a replacement light pole on Main Street
- Repaired a drain on Edwards Street

The water/sewer division focused most of the week on Sibley Avenue including completing hooking up water services, and beginning backfilling and compaction. Our crews also had numerous request for “digsafes”, meter repairs and, in addition, completed station checks and normal maintenance at the shop.

Next week our street division will:

- Push under guardrails on Lower State
- Start picking up flower barrels downtown
- If Deerfield/Greenfield gets paved, spreading topsoil and seeding the area between lawns and edge of pavement

Next week our water/sewer division will be completing work on:

- Sibley Avenue including connecting a new line at the Sibley/Sabin intersection, backfilling and prepping for paving
- Structures on Deerfield/Greenfield if paving is complete
- Prepping hydrants for winter

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction

This past week the contractor continued work on the 12” water main on Bailey Ave. They were slowed down more than once because of ledge in the water main trench. A service crew worked on various services on Clarendon Ave. The 4” water main between Jordan and Redstone has passed the pressure test and Hebert is just waiting on the results of two bacteria testes taken before connecting houses to the new line.

PROJECT SCOPE UPDATE:

- SATURDAY WORK: Hebert will start working on Saturdays and continue through November 9th.
- With ledge and other factors slowing construction down they will be focusing on the Clarendon main line in order to have the road prepared for pavement.
- The contractor will only be installing base pavement for the winter. Once the season warms up again a top coat of pavement will be added.
- Side roads that are under this contract will be pushed off until the spring. (Redstone, Dewey, Dwinell, Jordan)
- Redstone between Clarendon and Dewey will have the water main replaced in the spring as well.
- Final miscellaneous side work will also be completed in the spring.

UP COMING WORK:

This upcoming week, the contractor will start removing ledge at the Bailey/Clarendon intersection. It is difficult to estimate how long this will take. Once ledge is removed the last of the 12” water main will be installed and

connected to the 8" running up Clarendon. The goal is to be able to pressure test both line by the end of next week. Once the 12" is installed and being tested services will be installed on the remaining part of Clarendon and Bailey Ave. In addition, there could be a crew starting to work on several new catch basins and cross culverts.

Ridge Street Water Main

DPW has solicited prices for the replacement of the water main along Ridge Street that has resulted in two major washouts on Nelson Street over the past year. The project limits will extend approximately 130 ft. from the intersection of Nelson and Ridge Streets to #5 Ridge Street. The contractor selected for this work is Dirt Tech Company. They plan to start work next Wednesday, 10/23. The project is anticipated to take approximately two weeks and will result in temporary water shutdowns and some traffic delays. The impacted residents will be notified directly.

Cummings Street Bridge Project

The Contractor poured the concrete bridge deck and integral curbs last Tuesday along with the wing walls on the easterly side of the bridge. Now that the bridge structure is substantially complete, the contractor will be working on the new water main while the concrete cures. Flaggers will be used as needed to direct traffic around any in-road work in the coming weeks. Residents can also expect to see the approach slabs poured in the next week and work will begin on the concrete bridge rail.

Water Resource Recovery Facility

- This week underground piping in the facility lot was completed. Due to the multiple underground utilities, the contractor had to utilize hydro-excavation in order to prevent damaging the existing utilities.
- Electrical work was completed for the new pumps in the pump and blower building.
- Work continued on the new equipment for primary clarifier #2.

Water Filtration Facility

- Completed seasonal yard work at the water plant, vacuum stations, water pumping stations and water storage tanks. Mowing, trimming, cleaning up debris etc.
- Cleaned all 4 water filters
- Received results on PFAS testing. All results came back great!
- Finished yard work at the new Dickies dam building; expect there will be some touch up in the spring. Painted entrance door to match roofing color.
- Helped Hebert Excavating on Clarendon Avenue take water samples to allow them to get services hooked up to the new main once all bac-t results come back absent of coliform and E.coli. They are hoping to start this tomorrow as soon as possible

Street Paving

Greenfield and Deerfield:

J Hutchins will begin paving on the following streets on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, as long as the weather stays dry.

Stone Cutters Way:

J Hutchins will begin paving on Thursday night of next week, as long as the weather cooperates.

Sibley, Nelson, Terrace, and Barre Streets:

The following streets will also be paved by J Hutchins as soon as the other grouping of streets have been completed. The anticipated date would be to finish the week of October 28th. These streets have been added to the project through the change order process and will be completed once the work already identified within the contract has been completed.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Downsizing? Getting Ready for the Ski Season or Know Someone Who Is?

Ski & Skate Sale at Montpelier High School, Saturday, October 19

The annual Montpelier Recreation Ski & Skate Sale is being held at Montpelier High School Saturday, October 19th, from 9am-2pm. This is a fundraiser for Recreation!

Square Dance Interactive Workshop with Live Fiddle Music

Sunday, October 20 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm | MSAC Community Room at 58 Barre Street |

\$10 advance, \$15 at the door | Ages 13+

Come to a community square dance with local caller and musician Robin Russell and live fiddle music by Susan Reid! You don't need a partner or experience. Robin will guide the group through classic moves and you'll be flowing with others through the dances from the start. After 4pm on Friday, 10/18, the walk-in rate applies at the door. Financial aid is available and all are welcome!

Enchanted Forest

This year's Enchanted Forest in Hubbard Park was a great success! The event was sold out with over 1,000 people attending. Many thanks to the countless, hardworking volunteers!

William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

10/30	Transportation Infrastructure Committee Appts. Homelessness Task Force Appt. Home Farm Way/Two Rivers Partnership CM Winter Operations & Parking Ban DPW Combined Sewer Overflow financials DPW WRRF financials DPW Murray Hill water connection agreement DPW Infrastructure update DPW Responsible Employer ordinances, 1 st PH CM Ordinance Amendments (Ch. 8 & 9) ATCM	11/13	Ordinance Amendments (Ch. 8) ATCM Responsible Employer Ordinance, 2 nd PH CM IRC Codes Building Codes Recreation Building update CS & ACM Personnel Plan? CM/HR Student appts. to committees
11/20	Ordinance Amendments: Ch. 10, 1 st PH PD/DPW WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD Homelessness Task Force report	12/11	Budget Ordinance Amendments: Ch. 10, 2 nd PH PD/DPW MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM
12/18	Sabin's Pasture CM Ordinance Amendments: Ch. 11, 1 st PH PD	1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ordinance Amendments: Ch. 11, 2 nd PH PD
1/22	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM	2/12	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

Oct.	PD Social Worker (discuss at budget)	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