

Mon., Oct. 28	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Weds., Oct. 30	City Council	6:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Council Chambers, City Hall

Press Release: [Montpelier Water Resource Recovery Facility Organics to Energy Project Grant Award Announcement](#)



Public Health and Safety

Public Flu Clinics at 58 Barre Street

Thursday, 10/31 and Thursday, 11/7, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | MSAC, 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.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

Montpelier Transit Center and Taylor Street Apartments

Today we will celebrate the opening of the One Taylor Street project (located at 61 Taylor St). The entirety of this work includes our new Transit Center, 30 units of housing, a new shared use path, a new bridge and designated green space for a new Confluence Park. This has spurred a full Taylor Street upgrade with improved walks, lighting and rain gardens to be completed by July. We are unveiling a new significant piece of public art here next week. The transformation of this area from junkyard, gravel parking lot and the back alley out of town into a modern community center and downtown gateway will, hopefully, be completed in the near future with the addition of a new hotel and parking facility.

This vision was articulated in the City/State Master Plan adopted in 2000. The plan was used to secure \$7 Million in Federal Highway and Transit Funds and an \$800,000 city bond in 2002. In the many ensuing years, the project has overcome almost every hurdle imaginable – EPA approval of testing and remediation, FEMA redesignation of Flood plain corridors, a failing retaining wall, complicated property acquisition processes, changes in regulations, budget challenges and complexities inherent in using multiple federal funding sources.

Through it all we're here. In front of this magnificent building and site. This work represents a new era of downtown residency and transportation options. This center will improve both transit and interstate bus travel, allow for future rail opportunities, and increase pedestrian and bicycling options. With the new parking facility nearby, this will become a hub of true multi modal regional transportation.

We would not be here without our amazing partners Housing Vermont/Downstreet and Green Mountain Transit. We also thank VTrans highway, transit & rail divisions as well as Secretary Flynn. Federal Highway and Federal Transit provided the initial funding, regular guidance and long term patience. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development supported the housing side of the equation while also supplying HUD funding for the retaining wall restoration.

DuBois & King, through Jeff Tucker, has served as overall project manager for many years. GBA architects not only designed a fabulous building but led a comprehensive public process in advance of that design. DEW, our lead contractors, have worked cooperatively to stay within budget and assure quality on the project. Private landowners Mowatt Trust, TKS Properties, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Overlake Properties, the Heney family, the Bashara family and, most notably, Allan Carr sold all or portions of their private property to the city to allow this to happen.

Two separate local committees invested significant personal time into creating and implementing the vision. City Councils over the years remained resolute in seeing this through to completion and made difficult but necessary decisions. City staff in Planning & Development, Public Works, Finance and the Assistant City Managers offices went above and beyond in meeting the many challenges. Corey Line in Public Works came in as a new young project manager thrown into this very large and complex project with moving parts and large personalities. He has done an admirable job of getting us to today's finish line.

It is, perhaps, appropriate for this project that last minute environmental issues have held up completion of work on the other side of the river. Like the rest of the project, it will get done and the community will be proud of it.

Planning Commission Public Input Session

On Monday, October 28th, at 5:30 PM, the Montpelier Planning Commission will be holding a public input session on a proposal to amend the City's Design Review regulations and district boundary. This project started in 2017 with the Planning Commission asking the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to look at the regulations and come up with a proposal that would improve the predictability of applications and make decisions more defensible. The HPC applied for funding, worked with a consultant to draft regulations and then reviewed them with the public and key committees. The Planning Commission is now seeking public input on the new proposal before deciding if it is ready for formal review and possible adoption. The proposed changes can be found by following the link on the front page of the City's website. There you will find copies of the draft regulations, proposed changes to the Design Review boundary, and the PowerPoint presentation that will be made on Monday. If you have any questions or comments you can bring them to the meeting, which will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 39 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont, or you can contact Mike Miller at mmiller@montpelier-vt.org.

61 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Site work will be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. 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 in the next couple of weeks. The City conducted a walkthrough of the Transit Center and identified some punch list items which will be addressed by the contractor. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday afternoon, October 25th.

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

Work on the project now consists of wrapping up the remaining contractual items typically completed at the end of a project. This consists of green area restoration (top soil, seed and mulch), fence installation which was started last

week, pavement markings, signs, and landscaping. The new surface course of material was placed on Old Country Club Road and DPW provided some boulders to delineate the end of vehicular access at the new parking area near the damn. The contractor expects to be ready for a substantial completion inspection which is scheduled for Friday, November 1st.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Facebook:

Department of Public Works- City of Montpelier has created our own Facebook page! [Click here to Like and Follow](#) our page to get department updates and notifications! Please spread the word!

Clerk's Office

The City Clerk is leaving for a two week residency at the Zen Mountain Monastery and will be completely unreachable for that time. Please direct all business to Deputy City Clerk Crystal Chase at 223-9500 and cchase@montpelier-vt.org until Monday the 14th.

Finance Director

The position has been posted and we have already received applications. The deadline is November 8th

ICMA Conference

This week I attended the annual International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference in Nashville. The four keynote speakers were excellent as were the two featured speakers and the workshop sessions. I was on the panel for two sessions including one about the personal and professional ethical conflicts around political and activist activity.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Water Resource Recovery Facility – Organics to Energy Project

- The equipment for primary clarifier # 2 is now complete. The tank is being refilled in order to test the operations.
- The contractor continues to install the underground piping.
- Next week work will begin on the grit collection system in the headworks building.
- The City recently was notified that the project has been awarded approximately \$2.6 million in grant funding and low interest financing from USDA Rural Development and an additional \$2.3 million in grant funding from a VT Pollution Control Grant. **Thank you Mayor Watson and City Council for taking a bold step in supporting this huge, innovative project!**

Cummings Street Bridge Project

The concrete bridge deck was poured last week and the approach slabs were poured this week. Austin Construction will continue to work on the bridge rail and has begun work on the new water main. As this work is completed, work will then begin on the Stormwater systems for the roadway and other final completion items in the contract. The plan is to pave a base course of pavement on the road and return in the spring to complete the final paving course and touch up anything that needs to be addressed to close out the project.

Ridge St. Water Main

The City has hired Dirt Tech Company to replace the water main along Ridge St. near the intersection of Nelson St. This section of water main failed twice in the last year resulting in significant roadway damage. The interconnection at Nelson St. was completed this week and work will continue through the next two weeks. The end of Ridge St. is closed to thru traffic for this project.

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction

The contractor finished work on the 12" water main on Bailey Ave. The last of the fire hydrants have been installed and were able to fill all of the new water main in preparation for testing. Two service crews worked on various services on Clarendon Ave.

SATURDAY WORK:

Hebert will continue to work on Saturdays through November 9th.

UP COMING WORK:

This upcoming week, the contractor will be split into three crews working on installing all of the remaining sewer services and stubbing water services outside of the pavement limits. In addition, there could be a crew starting to work on several new catch basins and cross culverts.

DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions

This past week our street division has been picking up bagged leaves throughout the city, sweeping with two different street sweepers, and undertaking many other tasks such as:

- Repairing a failing catch basin on Spring Hollow
- Bringing manholes up to grade on Deerfield/Greenfield in preparation for final course of pavement
- Removing flower barrels from downtown
- Removing a berm under guardrails on Lower State Street to promote proper drainage
- Hot mix patching
- Cutting sod on a section of Main Street to promote drainage of sidewalk

Next week our street division will complete removal of flower pots from downtown in preparation for winter along with removal of benches in the downtown. They'll also begin using the hotbox and infrared machine to eliminate some plow hazards and pave in chronic winter trouble areas. Our crews will be on Deerfield/Greenfield completing Shoulder restoration, including topsoil and seeding.

Our water/sewer division completed backfilling and prepping the new water main trench for paving on Sibley Avenue, in addition to a variety of other work orders, including:

- Numerous digsafes
- Meter repairs
- Pump station maintenance
- Raising valve boxes on Deerfield/Greenfield in preparation for final course of pavement.

Next week our water/sewer division will complete preparation of Sibley Avenue for paving, repair two small water leaks located on Barre Street and Bingham Street, and continue Hydrant maintenance.

Now that the 12" and 8" water main has been filled, testing can begin and we anticipate all pipe passing by Wednesday.

Street Paving

Deerfield and Greenfield:

- Base course paving is now complete on these streets
- DPW has begun to raise structures to final grade in preparation for the final course of pavement
- Exact date for the top course of pavement is unknown at this time but should occur sometime next week.
- Once top course is complete DPW crews will restore the shoulder/lawns

Stone Cutters Way:

- Top course on Stone Cutters Way is 80% complete. Crews will work at night on 10/25 if the weather permits. Pavement markings will occur immediately following the completion of the top course.
- The contractor will also be overlaying the section of bike path that runs adjacent to Stone Cutters Way. The work may occur at night or during daytime hours - the schedule is unknown at this time.
- All of the ADA sidewalk ramps, structure adjustments, and curbing have now been replaced.

Nelson Street & Sibley Avenue Paving:

- J Hutchins will be paving Nelson Street and Sibley Avenue once they've completed their other contracted work for the City.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Documentary Featuring the Montpelier Community Justice Center

PBS is airing *Coming Home*, a documentary film focused on five people returning back to their Vermont communities from prison. The film spotlights the innovative COSA program (Circle of Support and Accountability) operated by Vermont's Community Justice Centers. The **Montpelier Community Justice Center's** program is featured in this Kingdom County Productions film by Bess O'Brien of Barnet, VT. The COSA program, operated on principles of restorative justice, helps people released from incarceration reintegrate back into their communities and daily lives. *Coming Home* takes an intimate and powerful look at this COSA process; the struggles and challenges of folks coming out of prison; the support provided by ordinary community members who volunteer to be a part of someone's Circle, and the successes of the restorative justice model. The Film will be shown on Vermont PBS on 11/7/19, 7:00 pm; 11/10/19, 2:00 pm; 11/11/19, 9:00 pm; 11/19/19, 9:00 pm; and 11/29/19, 9:30 pm

Halloween Party

The Montpelier Recreation Department Halloween Party is being held for kids 12 and under Saturday October 26th in the Montpelier High School Cafeteria from 10-11:30. The event is free and will provide snacks, games, prizes, and a special performance from Marko the Magician!

Sugarbush Sunday Ski Program/Reduced Price Season Passes

The Montpelier Recreation Department is currently taking registrations for the 5 week Sunday Ski and Ride program at Sugarbush. The five Sundays are January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9. Participants can select the package that is right for them, there are several combinations of lift ticket, lessons, and rentals. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult while at the mountain. This program is held at Mt Ellen and lessons meet just outside the lodge. We are also selling reduced price season passes to Sugarbush, including Boomer Passes for age 65-89 years old. The deadline for this program is Thursday November 21st. For prices, forms and more information please visit:

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/982/Ski-Program>



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. Art Commission 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), 1 st PH 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