

Mon., Feb. 10th	Planning Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
Mon., Feb. 10th	Recreation Department Advisory Board	5:30 PM	Recreation Center
Tue., Feb. 11th	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 PM	City Manager's Conference Rm., City Hall
Wed., Feb. 12th	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
<b>Wed., Feb. 12th</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>City Council Chambers, City Hall</b>



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### Above & Beyond Recipient

January Above & Beyond Recipient: Daniel (Dan) Perry

January was a successful second month of the internal "Above & Beyond" Employee Recognition Award program. The program has the City awarding a small bonus to an individual City employee that has demonstrated exceptional dedication in upholding the City's values while exhibiting exemplary behavior and demonstrating going 'above and beyond' in their position.

Our second recipient is Daniel (Dan) Perry, a Streets Forman in our Department of Public Works. Going "Above & Beyond" in his position, Dan has spent years doing everything in his power to lower the road salt consumption for the city of Montpelier while keeping the roads safe so that folks can get to where they need to go.

According to his supervisor Zach Blodgett, "what I'm most happy with in Dan's work is his efforts to reduce the amount of salt used while maintaining good morale for employees within the department. He also ensures that the needs of the community are met. He's been instrumental in ensuring staff gets rest time between shifts during storms to prevent employee burn out".

His nominator went on to say that Dan truly cares about the city as a whole, and he dedicates time to keeping our City's natural resources clean as well. They described Dan as passionate about keeping our river and stream waters clean, so we can all better enjoy outdoor sports like fishing or even bird watching. Dan likes to keep a close eye on the City's environment- including making sure we have safe roads, safe water, and a safe salt budget.

Dan's story will be shared and the other nominees will be recognized internally through an employee newsletter as well.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### Ice on Fire

The Parks Department and All Together Now partnered for another wonderful rendition of Ice on Fire, our annual celebration of winter. About 500 people attended the event.

### Winter Trails

Ski conditions have been mediocre over the last week with the lack of snow accumulation, but that has been great news for fat bikers who have been enjoying the harder surface that makes it easier to bike on. This weekend conditions should be much better with fresh snow, and we'll be grooming throughout the Parks. Look for our new Winter Trails Map coming out today.

### Recreation

Dust off your dancing shoes – Parent-Child Dance Tickets now available!

This year's dance will take place on Tuesday, February 11th at the Capitol Plaza from 6:30-8:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional guest between now and February 10 at 4 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 per couple and \$7 per each additional guest. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Services Department Office, located on the 1st floor of the Senior Center at 58 Barre Street, 9am-4pm Mon-Fri.

### February Break Day Camp

Got a child looking forward to Feb. break but you have to work? Montpelier Rec has you covered! Our Feb. day camp is accepting registrations until February 13. For more details, please visit: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/847/School-Vacation-Day-Camps>

### Off the Beaten Path: On the Edge of the Arctic with Barb and Whit Dall

Monday, February 10 | 6:30-8:30 pm | Kellogg-Hubbard Library | Free and open to the public!

The Northern Studies Science Center is located in Churchill, Manitoba, 58 degrees N, 94 degrees W, on the edge of the Hudson Bay. Barb and Whit volunteered at the Center for three weeks in May 2017. They wanted to experience life in the Arctic and learn about what life is like for the plants and animals of the North. They invite you to consider what the Arctic means to you and hope that you'll share your comments and questions during this presentation. This is not intended to be a discussion focused on climate change but on the people and environment of the near Arctic at the time they were there. They will also share some slides from their time up North. Both Barb and Whit are former teachers who enjoy learning about and meeting people of other cultures. This presentation is part of the Off the Beaten Path Travel Talk series co-sponsored by MSAC and Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

### International Folk Dancing

Friday, February 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | MSAC (58 Barre Street) | A \$5 donation is suggested to support MSAC programming

Interested in getting a bit of exercise, meeting friendly people, having a good time, and learning about other cultures? You don't need experience or a partner to join in the fun. Nancy Schulz will supply the music and the instructions. And there will be refreshments! No pre-registration necessary. You'll learn dances from a variety of countries; the mix will include circle, line, and couple dances. The sessions will be held on the second Friday of each month. Adults of all ages are welcome!

### MSAC Director, Janna Clar, testified to the House Committee on Human Services

On February 6, MSAC Director Janna Clar, testified to the House Committee on Human Services in support of the H.611 Older Vermonters Act Bill. MSAC and the Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers are advocating for increased recognition and future funding for the vital role senior centers play in the broad network of community services that support the State Plan on Aging. Vermont's senior centers are on the front lines of providing opportunities for socialization and engagement and preventing isolation. They are essential in the state's efforts to support healthy aging and prevent or delay institutionalization, with services like our FEAST senior nutrition program and Fall Prevention programs like our Tai Chi and Arthritis Exercise classes, among so much more. Janna and Advisory Council members will continue to be involved in the H.611 advocacy and will present at the Older Vermonters Caucus at the State House on March 12.

### Good Samaritan Haven

*See attached letter*



## Sustainable Infrastructure

### DPW Street & Water/Sewer Divisions

Our Street Division spent the beginning part of the week preparing for the storm that arrived on Thursday morning. In preparation our crews completed snow removal throughout the city including around schools and school parking lots and pushed back snow banks in the Elm Street area. As the storm approached our staff was divided into smaller crews to be sure we had staff available to plow, salt, and sand throughout the duration of the storm. An overnight crew was formed utilizing employees from both the Water Treatment Plant and Water Resource Recovery Facility to allow other employees to rest while maintaining safe roadway and sidewalks.

Our street division also completed the follow tasks:

- Catch basin repairs on Prospect Street, Elm Street and on the corner of Summit Street & Edwards Street.
- Patched the Bailey Avenue Bridge using the new asphalt recycler
- Cold patched areas around the city as needed
- Check and maintained the top of Scribner Street and storm lines around the city that freeze in cold weather.

Next week our street division will continue winter operations including snow removal around schools, plowing streets and sidewalks as weather demands. Crews plan to restore the water leak site at the bottom of East State Street and make asphalt improvements to the incoming lane of Memorial Drive weather

permitting. In preparation for next summer’s paving crews will begin inspecting culverts. The City’s Water/Sewer Division assisted our Street Division with winter operations such as, snow removal and plowing, salting/sanding city streets and sidewalks. Our crew also the following tasks:

- Started cleaning the brick archway from Loomis Street to Saint Paul Street
- Hydrant checks and maintenance
- Water meter readings
- Assisted residents with concerned calls
- Cleaned backed up storm line at the Green Mountain Cemetery
- Sewer pump station daily checks and maintenance
- Several dig safes

Next week our crew will continue cleaning the brick archway as long as weather permits, continue helping with winter operations, routine hydrant checks and maintenance, water meter repairs and readings, sewer station daily checks and maintenance, begin working on the list of areas that need smoke testing for the IDDE report and weather permitting will begin with our list of valve repairs.



William Fraser  
City Manager

**Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)**

<b>2/26</b>	Rental Survey Veteran Homelessness Resolution CHP Contract CVT Solid Waste Appointment Audit Home Energy Labeling Ordinance	<b>3/3</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Election</b>
<b>3/11</b>	Organizational Meeting Downtown Master Plan Committee Appointments Strategic Plan Sabins Pasture Update	<b>3/25</b>	Ordinances Tax Stabilization TKS Property Personnel Plan Parking Garage Update

**Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)**

<b>TBD</b>	Downtown Master Plan
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PO Box 1104, Barre 05641

January 17, 2020

City of Montpelier  
39 Main St.  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear City of Montpelier,

On behalf of the Good Samaritan Haven (GSH), thank you so much for your generous donation of \$5,140.50. Your support has an immediate impact on the lives of our central Vermont neighbors.

Good Samaritan provides a range of services to people in our community who have no place to live. We stretch your dollars to help our guests recover from various life crises, find work, and transition to a better place in their lives. During the winter months we receive an overflow of people to our shelter on a daily basis. In recent collaboration with community partners GSH also oversees additional temporary shelters so that no one needs to spend a night in the cold.

Together we are making a difference. Together we will end homelessness in our community.

With gratitude,

Rob Farrell  
Executive Director

We cannot overstate our gratitude  
for your generosity and continued  
support of GSH.  
Rob

*Please keep this record for your tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Good Samaritan Haven is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN #22-2573788.*