

Tue., Feb. 18th	Design Review Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
	Development Review Board Meeting	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
	Energy Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Memorial Room, City Hall
Wed., Feb. 19th	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
Thur., Feb. 20th	Housing Task Force	5:15 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
Wed., Feb. 26th	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall



Environmental Stewardship

Sand Pile at TKS Lot

The contractor has notified us that they intend to remove the rest of the sand pile next week.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Police Chief

Ads for the Police Chief position were officially posted this week with a deadline of March 16th. We have received three applications already.

Senior Center Advisory Council Vacancies, Nominations and Election Dates

The MSAC Advisory Council currently has one vacancy, and three additional vacancies are coming up at the end of June. We encourage all members, from all towns, (especially our six supporting towns!) to consider joining or nominating another member, and you can learn about the expectations of serving by reading the latest edition of the Governance Policies & Procedures available on the website and in the lobby. Terms are currently three years, but the Advisory Council is considering likely changes this year to shorten term lengths to two years and amend other expectations - stay tuned for an update soon! Only MSAC members may nominate themselves or other MSAC members for an AC seat. Nominations must be in writing and include the candidate's name, address, telephone number and email address (if any), and confirm that they are an MSAC member. Nominations must be delivered or emailed (msac@montpelier-vt.org) to the MSAC office by March 31. Before April 15, the nominee must accept the nomination and provide to the MSAC office a brief biographical statement and photo. The May edition of our Active

Times newsletter will include candidate information and photos as well as the ballot, and voting ends June 1. MSAC's Annual meeting is Tuesday, June 16 this year!



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Community Transit Week

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce Community Transit Week, a collaboration of Central Vermont transit providers and advocates that will take place Saturday May 2nd—Friday May 8th. Their goal is to spread awareness of public transit options across the region, and help connect potential riders to routes that serve their needs. The week will feature:

- An Opening Day Celebration on Saturday, May 2nd at the Montpelier Transit Center will focus on accessibility, including a stationary demo bus providing an opportunity to try many GMT accessibility features like wheel-chair lifts and bike racks; Transit partners and advocates will also be tabling there with more information and transit opportunities.
- A Free Ride Day on Monday, May 4th when all GMT rides in the Central Vermont Region will be free of charge
- A week-long On-Board Raffle for bus riders who can enter their name for a drawing of free bus passes and other prizes
- An Elected Officials Ride the Bus Day, where constituents will have an opportunity to connect to their legislators and municipal officials on the bus
- A Ride-the-Bus Photo Competition where you upload your picture to the Community Transit Week Instagram and/or Facebook page
- Plus many other events

Please feel free to contact Grace Vinson (vinson@cvregion.com) at the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission with any questions, comments or concerns.

Fraudwatch: Computer Fraud and Identity Theft

Friday, February 21 | 1:00-2:00 | Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street (Art Room)

AARP volunteer Bill April presents a thorough explanation that addresses emails, websites, pop up messages, and more, highlighting the red flags to watch for and how to prevent falling into traps on computers, tablets and smartphones. Third in our Fraudwatch Series, free and open to all.

Free airfare extended through February 29!

August Danube: Budapest to Bucharest Cruise with Annie Tiberio (digital photo course optional)

We've got a fabulous 11-day cruise (departing August 10), a small ship (capacity 190) and free airfare available with bookings made through February 29. One person is seeking a roommate! "Passage to Eastern Europe" is a less-traveled path featuring amazingly exotic, historic, and scenic opportunities. You will traverse the eastern Danube and search out the wonders of Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, and Hungary. We move on to Kalocsa, Vukovar, Belgrade, Golbac, Vidin, Russe, and end in Bucharest, Romania. The photography instruction is optional. Reservations are made by calling Marsha at 407-788-7875 or emailing tokrafty@aol.com. See full flyer on the senior center website Trip page or ask at the office. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/6603/Cruise-Flyer-with-Annie-Tiberio-Budapest-to-Bucharest?bidId=>



DPW Street & Water/Sewer Divisions:

Our Street Division's main focus this week was winter operations. Crews prepped city streets and sidewalks for the upcoming freezing temperatures predicted for week's end. Other winter operation tasks that were completed are as follows:

- Plowed and salted city streets, dirt roads and sidewalks.
- Daytime snow removal occurred around the schools.
- Snow removal happened in early morning in tight areas and posted areas with loader and trucks.
- Snow bank pullovers happened on main lines.
- Shoveled meters out at paid parking downtown.

We also completed mailbox repairs, sign repairs, and Coldpatched around the city in needed areas. Next week our street division will continue street and sidewalk maintenance as well as hot mixing memorial drive (as long as weather permits). Our crews are also going to be completing daytime and nighttime snow removal.

The Water/Sewer Division assisted our Street Division with winter operations including snow removal and cleanup operations. In addition, the following were also completed:

- Cleaning of the brick archway from Loomis Street to Saint Paul Street.
- Maintained stocked supplies.
- Daily Pump station checks, maintenance, and some repairs to station #4.
- Several water meter repairs and final readings
- Spent two days clearing snow from around the hydrants.
- Water turn-on/off requests from customers.
- Several dig safes.

Next week the Water/Sewer Division plans to finish clearing snow from around hydrant; continue meter repairs and reading; begin smoke testing, and (weather permitting) other investigation work for the IDDE report; provide line locator training and equipment training; daily checks of the pump station; and, repairs as needed. And, if weather permits, we'll begin working on the broken valve list.

WRRF:

HVAC and boiler installation work is continuing in the dewatering building. This week the first new Rotary Drum Thickener was set in the dewatering building. The new grit system was started up and commissioned this week - with no issues! Next week, work will be focused in the dewatering building as the new equipment is piped and wiring is run.

William Fraser
City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

2/26	Rental Inspection program Veteran Homelessness Resolution Legislative Update CHP Project Contract CVT Solid Waste Appointment Homelessness Task Force FY20 Request Audit Report	3/3	Annual Election (Town Meeting)
3/11	Downtown Master Plan Sabin's Pasture Update Executive Session Strategic Plan Organizational Meeting Committee Appointments	3/25	Parking Garage Update? Ordinances TKS Property Personnel Plan? Tax Stabilization?