

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 1/23/2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- **Parking Advisory Committee:** Monday, January 26th, at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **Planning Commission Meeting:** Monday, January 26th, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **Design Review Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27th, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27th, at 5:30 P.M. in the Police Department Community Room.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR ...

- **“Welcome Legislators” Reception:** Thursday, January 29th, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Capitol Plaza.
- **Pre Town Meeting:** Tuesday, February 17th, 7:00 P.M., at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street.

ATTACHMENTS ...

-  Notice: Pre-Town Meeting
-  2015 Parade Permits: Updated 1-22-15

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1 Taylor Street

Responses to our Request for Proposals for a construction manager at-risk are due today at 4:00 pm. The review team (including Redstone, gbA, the Assistant City Manager and the City Engineer) will review the proposals, check references, and potentially interview respondents over the next two weeks. It is our hope to have a recommended construction manager to the Council for the February 11th Council Meeting.

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Legal

Hallsmith vs. City, Fraser, Baker – Being appealed to Supreme Court. Represented by Bernie Lambek. Oral arguments were held on December 18, 2014. Awaiting decision

VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – in discovery. Represented by Robert Fletcher.

Steuernwald vs. Fraser, Cleveland, City – Motions being filed. Represented by Nancy Sheahan through VLCT.

Bettis/Powers vs. Bean – Motions being filed. Represented by Nancy Sheahan through VLCT. Mandatory mediation was held on Monday, December 22nd.

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Regional and Statewide Networking:

- MSAC Director Janna Clar attended the recent quarterly meeting of the fifteen Central Vermont senior nutrition sites, where the agenda included discussions about how the regional senior centers are similar and different, how we can collaborate more, and the challenges of requesting and advocating for town funding.
- Janna is serving on the Steering Committee of the newly forming statewide Senior Center Association (name TBD), which will help promote professional development and a unified voice for communicating with the public and elected officials. The group is receiving support from AARP and facilitation by Gail Moreau, the recipient of a grant last year, from the State of Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living, that culminated in a study and report about the status and needs of senior centers.

Lunch with a Cop:

- Last month's Coffee With a Cop at Birchgrove Baking was so successful that the Montpelier Police Department plans to hold "Lunch with a Cop" on Friday, February 6 at 12 PM at the Senior Center. Head over to 58 Barre Street for a delicious lunch and an opportunity to discuss community issues and build relationships with officers from the Montpelier Police Department. Lunch is \$9 for those under 60 years of age and no charge with a \$7 suggested donation for those 60 or older. If you plan to come for lunch, please call (802) 262-6288 or email justbasicsinc@gmail.com by February 4 so we can reserve you a meal. Don't have time for a full lunch? Stop by for a cup of coffee instead.

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- **MSAC receives grant from Richard E. and Deborah L. Tarrant Foundation:**

MSAC has received a \$10,000 grant from the Richard E. and Deborah L. Tarrant Foundation to sustain and enhance its vibrant lineup of community programming. In the past year, MSAC has increased movement programming, collaborated with new community partners, and served over 14,000 nutritious meals through the FEAST meals program.

Public Works

On Saturday, DPW plans to remove snow along all of State Street, beginning at 4:00 A.M. so that the downtown will be clean and clear for residents.

On Sunday morning, a small crew will be removing accumulated snow banks on Stone Cutters Way. Next week the snow removal list will include East State, Hubbard, Loomis, Park Avenue and Barre Street, with others added as time allows.

When possible, DPW attempts to do this work early on a weekend in order to be able to better clear the area due to reduced parking and early morning traffic.

Parks

- Having gotten very little new snow in the last week has resulted in a number of sections of trails becoming icy, requiring more "snow farming" on the part of my crew.
- The last couple of weeks we worked with a number of groups, including Barre Vo Tech, Youthbuild, and the U-32 VYCC Program. Our VISTA member organized a Martin Luther King service day on Monday, where over 50 volunteers came and did preparations for this Sunday's "Ice on Fire" deep winter celebration. Igloos, a Christmas tree maze, snow sculptures and more were part of the mix. Public Works provided a huge boost by moving some clean snow to make two large piles for us to make an enormous Quincy and for a wonderful big entrance arch. There is just enough snow this year along with enough volunteers for a record amount of preparation for what looks to be a record "Ice on Fire" winter event!

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TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

January 22 (Thursday)	Second Public Hearing: Budget & Warning Deadline for Petitions Approve Budget and Warning Audit Final Approval of Community Fund Grants
February 11	Review of Flood Mitigation Plan City Manager's Review One Taylor – Construction Manager Montpelier Energy Committee Appointments Bicycle Committee Appointments
February 18	Montpelier in Motion City Manager's Review (cont'd.)
March 3	City Meeting Election



William J. Fraser
City Manager



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City Council Members:

Dona Bate
Jessica Edgerly Walsh
Tom Golonka
Thierry Guerlain
Justin Turcotte
Anne Watson

Jessie Baker
Assistant City Manager

CITY OF MONTPELIER Pre-Town Meeting

A Pre-Town Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street. Both City and School officials will make presentations, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. It is important for voters to know that this is an opportunity to ask questions about Warning Articles on the ballot; copies of the ballot will be available that evening. All municipal meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and are held in accordance with the public meeting and public records laws. ORCA will be recording this event to air on Channel 17 until Town Meeting Day. Questions: 223-9502

Office of the City Manager

