

**CITY OF MONTPELIER  
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

**City Manager's Weekly Report – 5/08/2015**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS ...**

- Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>      Planning Commission, 7:00 P.M. *at the Senior Center*
- Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>      Development Review Board, 7:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers
- Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>      Regular City Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers

**ATTACHMENTS ...**

-  “Don’t Forget Memorial Day” Flyer

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**Legal**

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

*VCFAs vs. City, Tax Appeal.* – Status conference held on Wednesday. Deadlines have been set for filings so that case is ready for hearing by June 15. Represented by Robert Fletcher.

*Steuerwald vs. Fraser, Cleveland, City* – Case was dismissed but possibility of refileing some portions of it exists. Represented by Nancy Sheahan through VLCT.

*Bettis/Powers vs. Bean* – Motions being filed. Represented by Nancy Sheahan through VLCT.

*Illuzzi vs. City, Law, Motyka, Renaud Bros.* – Motions have been filed. Going into mediation. Represented by Constance Tryon Bell through VLCT.

**WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...**

**Planning and Community Development**

- Planning Commission will have its first two outreach efforts this week: May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers Market (9-1) and Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The latter meeting will highlight the Urban Center and Riverfront Districts, although all comments and questions are welcome.

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## Parks and Trees Report

- ❖ Mud Season declared over!
- ❖ Park gates opened.
- ❖ Wrote a cooperative grant with a couple local artists to do a sculpture and some artist work at the playground in the parks
- ❖ Pruned a prominent large apple tree for the High School.
- ❖ Worked with local contractor to design and upgrade entrance gate
- ❖ Otherwise usual seasonal activities

## Montpelier Senior Activity Center

- ◆ **MSAC recently received a \$7,500 grant from the National Life Group Foundation** to support its movement programming. MSAC movement programming includes classes such as yoga and strength training; off-site programs including lap swimming, water aerobics, and tennis; discounts at area fitness centers; and walking trips. The grant will allow MSAC to continue to expand programming to meet growing needs while keeping classes affordable for all seniors.
- ◆ **Save the date and get your tickets! MSAC will host a “Senior Prom” on May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 -10:30 P.M. at the National Life Building. The event is a prom for all ages. The National Life Building Ballroom will be decorated to transport guests to a “Night in the City”. Attendees will enjoy an evening of music by DJ Fred Wilbur, dancing (including ballroom dance lessons at 7:30 P.M.), light appetizers and ice cream, and more. A cash bar will be available. Proceeds will benefit MSAC. Tickets are just \$10 each, and are available online at [www.seniorprom.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.seniorprom.brownpapertickets.com) or at MSAC. Thank you to presenting sponsors: Westview Meadows at Montpelier and The Gary Home. Thank you to Rehabgym for additional support.

## Public Works

- ✓ DPW's Water/Sewer and Street Divisions have been fully engaged in outside projects, taking advantage of the fair weather. Hot mix asphalt is now available making possible numerous permanent patching and repair projects. This includes restoration of the multiple excavations within our streets to repair water leaks over the winter months. Plow damage repairs are also underway now that top soil supplies are becoming available, downtown benches and trash containers have been deployed, and street sweeping efforts are beginning to make a dent in the removal of the winter sand and debris scattered along the street shoulders. To complete the sweeping effort, be advised that parking will need to be restricted in certain areas so that cleaning can reach the curb line.

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- ✓ And finally, with the good weather, pavement markings are now underway as the contractor is able work during the overnight hours. If all goes well, the crosswalks being performed under contract this year will be completed by early next week and possibly as soon as the weekend ahead of the May 15<sup>th</sup> contractual deadline.

### TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

May 13:

Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Crime Update  
Winter Parking Ban Review  
Montpelier in Motion  
Smoke Free Communities  
Transportation Committee Reps  
Economic Development Strategic Plan  
VTrans – Town Road & Bridge Standards  
CVCLT Award

May 27:

Appoint Council Member  
Rec Department Transition  
Long Term Budget Plan  
Downtown Designation  
GMTA Circulator Update  
One Taylor Street Development Agreement  
Sprinkler Ordinance  
Greening America's Capitals Update  
Solar Proposal



William J. Fraser  
City Manager

don't forget Memorial Day -

MAY 25, 2015

Montpelier is the place to be..

Sponsored by the Montpelier Veterans Council

VFW Post 792 --- American Legion Post 3 --- Montpelier BPOE #924

930 PARADE FORMATION - THE ROUND-ABOUT AT SPRING & MAIN STREET

1000 PARADE STEP-OFF - PLEASE ALL VETERANS OF ALL TIMES, ALL PEOPLE, & ALL CHILDREN PLEASE, PLEASE JOIN US IN MARCHING TO THE WAR MEMORIAL TO HONOR OUR MILITARY DECEASED

1030 THE BARRE-TONES PRESENT -

A MELODY OF SONGS & THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

INVOCATION - The Rev Michael Augustinowitz, Pastor St. Augustine Catholic Church

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST -

GUEST SPEAKER - Lt. Col. Gregory Knight, Deputy Commander/AO, 124 Regiment  
(Regional Training Institute) U.S. Army

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY -

FLOWER LAYING CEREMONY -

FIRING DETAIL TO FIRE VOLLEYS -

BUGLER TO PLAY TAPS -

BENEDICTION - The Rev Michael Augustinowitz

AWARDING THE BICYCLE DECORATING WINNERS -

1130 BREIF CEREMONY AT CITY HALL MEMORIAL

1200 OPEN HOUSE (WITH LIGHT LUNCH) AT THE & AMERICAN LEGION POST 3 & VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 792

QUESTIONS: 229-9043 (ASK FOR CHARLIE)