

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 7/17/2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- Monday, July 20th
 - Parking Committee Meeting, 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
- Tuesday, July 21st
 - Meeting of the “Walk Friendly” Subcommittee of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 8:00 A.M. in the Police Department Community Room
 - Design Review Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
 - Energy Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room
- Wednesday, July 22nd
 - Special City Council Meeting, **5:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers (**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**)
- Thursday, July 23rd
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting, 8:00 A.M. in the Police Department Community Room
 - “Friends of the Winooski” Meeting, 6:00 P.M. in the City Manager’s Conference Room (rescheduled from last week)

ATTACHMENTS ...

-  Press Release: City Reaches Spraying Agreement with Railroad
-  Ad: Montpelier Community Fund Board Vacancies
-  Ad: East Central Vermont Telecommunications District Vacancies

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Legal

VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – Motions for Summary Judgment were filed by both parties on June 15. Represented by Robert Fletcher.

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.

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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Senior Center

Safe Use of the Internet

On Tuesday, July 28 from 1:00 - 2:30 P.M., MSAC will host an educational program to inform seniors about common internet scams, computer viruses, malware, and other suspicious electronic happenings. This educational program is funded by FairPoint Communications and Google and will be led by COVE, the Consumer Assistance Program of the Vermont Attorney General's Office, and Digi4s Computer Service. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration required to 223-2518.

Department of Public Works

- ◆ The Public Works Department announces the departure of Bob Fischer, a 14-year employee at the Montpelier Water Resource Recovery Facility (formerly Waste Water Treatment Plant), including 4 years the Chief Operator. Bob accomplished much during his time as Chief Operator including oversight of the ultra violet disinfection process significantly reducing use of chemical and implemented various efficiency improvements including assisting with the installation of a solar energy system. He was recently honored with the presentation of the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and was awarded the Alfred E. Pelouquin Award for waste water processing excellence from the New England Water Environment Association, and was its past Director. He also served as the President of the Green Mountain Water Environment Association. Bob's done so much as our Chief Operator; we thank him for his service and dedication and wish him all the best in his new position with the City of South Burlington as a their Water Quality Supervisor.
- ◆ Annual Street Resurfacing and Rehabilitation Projects: The schedule for this season's street paving projects is now available for review on the City's web site <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/upload/groups/327/files/pavingschedule2015.pdf>.

The Department was pleased to notify the City Council that the project bids came in below budget, and sufficient funds are available to add another street to the program. Hackamore Road was advanced on the schedule and will be done this season instead of 2018. Other streets are being paved nearby in this neighborhood so it was a logical and economical choice to select Hackamore Road for advancement.

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TOPICS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

July 22 **5:00 P.M.**

Consent Agenda Items Only:

Street Closure Requests for Neighborhood Parties on
Loomis Street (8/15) and Summer Street (8/22)
Ratification of Police Union Contract
Development Agreement with Redstone
Agreement with Washington County Railroad
Construction Contract for Sidewalk Repair

August 12
(AT 5:00 P.M. IF NEEDED)

Consent Agenda Items Only

August 26

Winter Parking Ban Ordinances
Community Fund Board
Appointments to Community Fund Board
Appointments to East CV Telecommunications
District



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 17, 2015
William J. Fraser, City Manager**

City Reaches Spraying Agreement With Railroad

Mayor John Hollar announced today that the City of Montpelier has reached an agreement with the Washington County Railroad to address concerns about herbicide spraying in the center of Montpelier. The formal agreement is expected to be approved by the City Council on Wednesday.

Hollar had been contacted by a large number of citizens expressing concern about spraying and, in response, organized meetings with the citizens, the Railroad, the Vermont Department of Agriculture, the VTRans Rail Division and the City. The result of these meetings is that, for the summer of 2015, the Railroad will use weed whackers to control rail vegetation in the populated area between Main Street and Granite Street. The City will bear the direct expense of the labor and equipment. The parties agreed that the State will conduct a more thorough review of vegetation control practices so that this issue can be resolved for the long term.

"I am pleased that the Railroad worked cooperatively with the city. They have understandable operational concerns and were willing to be flexible while decisions on best practices are made." Hollar said. "This is a good outcome for both city residents and the railroad."

"I also appreciate the leadership of Chuck Ross and the Agency of Agriculture in helping us to reach a temporary resolution of this issue," Hollar continued.



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The Times-Argus
Att: Mandy/Danielle

Please insert the following with City of Montpelier notices on Thursday, July 30th, and Monday, August 10th. Thank you!

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Montpelier Community Fund Board Vacancies

The Montpelier City Council is seeking individuals interested in filling two expired 3-year terms on the Montpelier Community Fund Board; said terms will expire in August, 2018. Letters of interest and brief resumes should be submitted to the Office of the City Manager, City Hall - 39 Main Street, Montpelier (or sent by e-mail to spitonyak@montpelier-vt.org) on or by Wednesday, August 19th. The City Council will make these appointments at their August 26th meeting. Applicants are encouraged to attend; all municipal meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and are held in accordance with the public meeting and public records laws. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office at 223-9502.

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East Central Vermont Telecommunications District Vacancies

The Montpelier City Council is seeking two Montpelier residents for appointment to one-year terms on the Governing Board of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District. Letters of interest with a brief resume should be submitted to the Office of the City Manager, City Hall - 39 Main Street, Montpelier, on or by noon on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. They can also be sent electronically to spitonyak@montpelier-vt.org. The City Council will make these appointments at their Wednesday, August 26th, City Council Meeting; applicants are encouraged to attend. All municipal meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and are held in accordance with the public meeting and public records laws. Questions: 223-9502

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