

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 10/30/2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- Monday, November 2nd **NOTE:** The Capital Improvements **(CIP) Committee Meeting** shown on the FY 17 Budget Schedule as taking place on Monday, November 2nd, has been **changed to Monday, November 16th**, at 9:00 A.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room

- Monday, November 2nd Public Meeting on Economic Development, 7:00 P.M. at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street

- Tuesday, November 3rd Design Review Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

- Wednesday, November 4th Montpelier Business Association (MBA) Meeting, 8:30 A.M. in the Memorial Room, City Hall

Special City Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

- Thursday, November 5th Tree Board Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the Memorial Room

FOR YOUR CALENDARS ...

- ✓ Thursday, January 28, 2016 Welcome Legislators Reception, Capitol Plaza (Governor's Ballroom), 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ATTACHMENTS ...

-  Notice: Public Works Affirms that Water is Safe to Drink
-  Notice: Montpelier Senior Activity Center OPEN HOUSE
-  [Memo: Zoning Update from Planning Director](#)

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Budget:

Compilation of data from the budget forums and surveys has been completed and distributed. We will discuss the results at the meeting next week before the Council establishes goals and guidelines for the FY17 budget.

One Taylor:

Key issues continue to be budget and rights-of-way. We are actively pursuing grant opportunities for funding. For rights-of-way, we expect to receive State-cleared appraisals by the end of November from which we can make formal offers to land owners. The Mowatt right-of-way, of course, is being addressed.

Zoning Update:

See [memo](#) sent out for last week's meeting. This will be reviewed by Planning Director Miller at this next meeting.

Berlin Pond:

Discussion of a possible Charter change related to regulation of the Pond is scheduled for the November 18th agenda.

Economic Development Strategic Plan:

The process has kicked off with consultant Peter Fairweather. Meetings with key stakeholder groups will be taking place in November including a public session at the Senior Center on November 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Website:

Staff's been busy updating the new website. It will go live on Monday, November 2nd.

City Hall Rails:

All rails in front of City Hall have been completely refurbished and re-installed. Hats off to DPW Director Tom McArdle who noticed the deteriorating condition of the rails and took care of the issue. They look and work better!

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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.

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

Hallsmith Grievance Hearing is set for November 9, 2015. Michael Marks will serve as the neutral hearing officer.

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Parks and Trees

- ✓ It's been a very busy few weeks in preparation for the Enchanted Forest that was held this last Saturday. The event was a huge success with approximately 700 people attending. Participants got a magical tour of candlelit trails around the tower to five different woodland stages where they were entertained by a variety of performers.
- ✓ We removed at least 10 hazard street trees in the last few weeks, and pruned several others.
- ✓ Not only is the department going through a seasonal transition, it is also losing long-time employee David Brunell who has worked for Parks and Trees for the last nine years; he resigned and is moving to a warmer climate! David has provided a great service to the city through his dedication, creativity, and sense of humor. We wish him well.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

November 4

Budget Direction
Parking Study Update
Rec Transition Update
Clean Water Act

November 11

Mowatt Necessity Hearing

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November 18	Goal Discussion Berlin Pond Charter Change Montpelier Foundation Investment Committee Update Mountaineers Lease Executive Session: Manager's 6-month Review
December 9	Mowatt – Damages Hearing (tentative) Budget
December 16	Budget
January 6, 2016	Budget



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