

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 1/08/2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

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| Monday, January 11 th | Parking Advisory Committee Meeting, 10:00 A.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room |
| | Joint Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board and the Senior Center Advisory Council, 5:30 P.M. at the Recreation Department |
| Wednesday, January 13 th | Regular City Council Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers |
| Thursday, January 14 th | Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers |

FOR YOUR CALENDARS ...

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

ATTACHMENTS ...

-  Press Release: Sean McKinnon Sentenced
-  Recreation Department's January Bulletin

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Bike Path Extension: (Granite Street to Gallison Hill Road)

The Bike Path Project team met this week. We continue to work on securing the rights-of-way needed for the path extension. VTrans has reviewed the right-of-way plans and deeds and provided comments. Once these are finalized and approved, offers will be made to property owners.

The environmental assessment to move the path to the south side of Barre Street and off the VCFA property was completed. Heavy oils were found. ANR has indicated that, due to this contamination, a Corrective Action Plan is needed to address these heavy soils. The work to write this CAP will begin this month and DEC will need to approve this plan once written.

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We continue to work on the stormwater treatment plan needed on the south side of Barre Street. As the stormwater treatment needed is currently collocated with the site's leach field, it is likely a pump station will need to be installed to connect to the City's sewer system. We are working with the property owner and State to determine the best solution.

We met with the Rail last month and have begun work on the Rail lease and Construction and Maintenance Agreements that are needed to build this path extension.

Finally, work is needed to mitigate erosion on the State's inactive rail bed that runs parallel to Old Country Club Road. We are working with VTrans to have this work completed in 2016 or as part of the path construction in 2017.

Our current schedule indicates that we will bid out the construction work in the winter of 2016-2017 and begin construction in the spring of 2017. We are currently on budget.

Taylor Street Reconstruction

As a follow-up to the Greening America's Capital (GAC) process and in advance of the 1 Taylor Street redevelopment, the City is planning to implement the findings of GAC and reconstruct Taylor Street in 2016. This will include new sidewalks, stormwater treatment, street reclamation and potentially burying the utility lines. This will be partially funded by an Ecosystem Restoration Program grant from the State of Vermont. Staff met this week to start the planning for this reconstruction.

Recreation Transition

Monday evening there will be a joint meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board and the Senior Center Advisory Council to discuss the transition of the Recreation Department to City management and the future planning for a merger of the two departments into an integrated Community Services Department. This meeting will be held at 5:30 at the Recreation Department.

Legal

VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – Oral argument on cross motions for Summary Judgment is scheduled for hearing at Washington Superior Court on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. 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

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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance Department

The City of Montpelier is requesting proposals for professional investment advisory services from qualified, independent, Investment Advisors, licensed to practice in the State of Vermont, to provide investment advisory services for a portion of the City investable funds. Specifications for the proposal and contact information can be found on the City's web site at <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/bids.aspx> . The deadline for proposals is January 25, 2016.

Planning & Community Development

The Planning Commission has warned their first Public Hearing on the Unified Development Bylaws (a/k/a the zoning bylaws) and the River Hazard Area Regulations. The hearing is scheduled for January 25th in the Council Chambers from 5:30 to 7:30. Copies can be viewed in the Planning Office, downloaded online (<http://www.montpelier-vt.org/833/Proposed-Zoning-and-Subdivisions-Regulat>), or purchased for \$15 (zoning) or \$5 (river hazard regs). This is the beginning of the end for this zoning update process but it is not over. There is still time for changes and recommendations but the Commission now has a document that we believe reflects the comments received in May and June of 2015, is consistent with the Master Plan, and meets the varied and sometimes conflicting goals of our residents. Please send written comment to the Planning Director (mmiller@montpelier-vt.org) or attend the Public Hearing. More hearings may be scheduled, depending on the response to the first on January 25th. We will publicize any new or additional events as they are scheduled. These will eventually be forwarded to the City Council with whatever amendments are made for their final review and consideration.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

January 13

1st Public Hearing on Budget
1st Public Hearing on Warning
Public Hearing on Charter Changes
(Berlin Pond and Local Options Tax)
Necessity Resolution for Bond
Bond Public Hearing
Community Fund Board Report
Public Safety Authority
Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointments
Montpelier Foundation Appointments
Conservation Commission Appointment

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January 21 (Thursday)	2 nd Public Hearing on Budget & Adoption 2 nd Public Hearing on Warning & Adoption Deadline for Petitioned Items Bond Public Hearing Audit Report Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointments
February 10 th	CVSWMD Presentation Kiosks – Smart Meters Transportation Committee Role Dog Ordinance
February 24	Public Hearing on Charter Change Investment Committee RFP's
March 9	Organizational Meeting



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PRESS RELEASE **BURLINGTON, VERMONT** **January 4, 2016**

Sean McKinnon Sentenced To 96 Months For Theft Of Twelve Handguns From R&L Archery In Barre

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont stated that Sean McKinnon, 29, of Montpelier, was sentenced today for stealing 12 handguns from R&L Archery on March 15, 2015. United States District Judge William K. Sessions III sentenced McKinnon to 96 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Judge Sessions also ordered McKinnon to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,790 to R&L Archery and its insurance carrier for costs associated with the burglary.

According to court records, in the pre-dawn hours of March 15, 2015, McKinnon stole a Jeep from a Montpelier car dealership and drove to Barre, where he used a pry bar to forcibly enter R&L Archery, a federally-licensed firearms dealer. Once inside, he broke into a display case and stole twelve .22 caliber handguns. From there, McKinnon drove to Hartford, Connecticut where he traded the handguns to a drug dealer for heroin and cocaine, returning to Vermont within hours of the burglary. Two days later, federal and local law enforcement executed a search warrant at McKinnon's Montpelier apartment, where they recovered a 20-gauge shotgun, approximately 45 bags of heroin, drug paraphernalia, several pry bars, and ammunition. During an interview with law enforcement on that day, McKinnon admitted to the R&L Archery burglary, and stated that he had traded the firearms for guns in Hartford. He further admitted that he had traded guns for drugs on previous occasions with the Connecticut drug dealer. McKinnon stated that among the previous trades was an SKS assault rifle, a .380 caliber handgun with a laser, and several other pistols.

The Hartford, Connecticut Police Department recovered one of the stolen handguns during an August 2015 car stop. The other eleven handguns have not been recovered.

Daniel Kumor, ATF Special Agent in Charge, Boston Field Division, noted the effect gun store burglaries has on communities. "The theft of firearms from a federal firearms licensee is a serious threat to public safety and this sentence today sends the message that it will not be tolerated. Firearms trafficking continues to be a top priority for ATF and our law enforcement partners, and we are committed to identifying and disrupting the sources of illegal firearms." As U.S. Attorney Miller noted, "this case involved a convicted felon burglarizing a gun store and

trafficking over a dozen firearms from Vermont to Connecticut, where they were traded for heroin and cocaine. Working with our state and local law enforcement partners, we will continue to aggressively prosecute those who illegally place guns in the hands of drug dealers.”

This matter was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, with the assistance of the Barre City, Barre Town, Montpelier, and Hartford, Connecticut Police Departments. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin J. Doyle. McKinnon was represented by Elizabeth K. Quinn of the Federal Defender’s Office.

MONTPELIER RECREATION DEPARTMENT JANUARY BULLETIN

Bulletin Highlights

Father Daughter Dance

February 11, 2016
6:30 - 8:30pm
Capitol Plaza
Tickets \$20 advance or \$25 at the door

Dad, Relative, or Special Friend and Daughters of all ages are welcome to join us for the annual Father Daughter dance.

Summer Positions

- Lifeguards- Current Red Cross Certification required & experience is a plus.
- Pool Clerks- Must be 15 years of age by 06/4
- Day Camp Counselors- Must be 18
- Full-time maintenance workers for the parks and fields—previous experience is a plus

Applications are at 55 Barre St. or can be downloaded off our website.
The deadline is March 31, 2016 by 4:00.

Mother & Son Bowling

February 13, 2016
12:00 – 1:30pm
(please arrive 15-30 minutes early)
Twin City Lanes
Must register in advance, please call 802-225-8699, registration is \$25 per person.

Mom, Relative, or Special Friend and Sons Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the annual Mother Son Bowling.

Adult Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays
2/16/16 – 6/7/16
No Class 2/23/16, 3/01/16, or 04/29/16
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Montpelier Elementary School Small Gym
\$90.00 Resident \$130.00 Non-Resident
A gentle and thorough system of exercising with emphasis on stretching, deep breathing and relaxation.



Instructor: Bessie Sandberg

Young Rembrandts

This winter is the perfect time to register for Young Rembrandts! Artists will advance techniques in color pencil, marker and Sharpie. A fast food still life, emoticons and the statue of liberty will provide a lot of fun and many artistic challenges.
K-5th Grade
Wednesdays for ten weeks January 6 – March 16
Skip Feb. 24
2:50 – 4:20
Union Elementary School Art Room
Residents \$135.00 Non-Resident: \$160.00

Higher Octave Living

A journey into self-awareness, combining the ancient practice of mindfulness with new understandings regarding human character.
Adults – Men and Women

Tuesdays
January 26 – March 29
Skip Feb. 23 & March 1
7:00 – 8:45 pm
Montpelier High School Room 101
Resident: \$85.00 Non-Resident: \$120
Instructor: Werner John – long term meditator interested in consciousness and cultural evolution.

Zumba – All Experience Levels

A total work out combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba is for all ages from teen and beyond and for all levels.

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
January 6 – February 10 – 6 Classes
Union Elementary School Small Gym
Resident \$18.00 Non-Resident: \$27.00
Walk ins Welcome Residents: \$4.00 Non-Residents \$6.00
Instructors: Bobbyjo Dyer & Mary Bowser

Advisory Board Member Search

Have something to say? We are interested in your opinions...

The Montpelier Board of School Commissioners are inviting members of the community to apply for positions on the Recreation Department's Advisory Board. Please submit a letter of interest to the Recreation Department main office.

Open Pickleball

A cross between badminton, tennis, and ping-pong pickleball is a fast growing sport that is perfect for all ages.

Monday - Thursday
Starts November 9th
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Montpelier Residents: \$2.00
Non-Residents: \$3.00
If you have never played before come see what the *Racket* is all about, we will be hosting a free clinic! January 14, 2016 at 1:00pm.



Adult HIIT Kick

Walk-ins Welcome!

HIIT Kick is a high intensity interval training inspired by Tae Kwon Do and Kickboxing combat training. This class is fast paced and advanced but all levels are welcome.

Adults 18+
Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 5 – February 10
March 3 – April 14
Union Elementary School Small Gym
Tuesdays 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Thursdays 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$65.00 Non-Resident: \$71.50
Walk-ins: Resident: \$8.00 Non-Resident: \$12.00



ADULT FITNESS HOOPING CLASSES

Thursdays
Session 1: January 7 – January 28 (4 classes)
Session 2: February 4 – March 3 skip Feb. 25 (4 classes)
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Montpelier Recreation Department Gym
Four Week Session: Resident: \$32.00 Non-Resident: \$46.00
Both Sessions: Resident: \$54.00 Non-Resident: \$82.00
Walk-Ins: Resident: \$9.00 Non-Resident: \$12.00

Instructor: Carol Becker Certified Fitness Hoop Instructor
De-Stress and try a new Fitness Class with Carol Becker, Physical Therapist and a Certified Body Hoop instructor. Carol uses large 2 lb. "Hula" Hoops for a fun, rejuvenating, head to toe work out. If you don't think that you can "Hula" hoop, don't worry Carol will teach you.

Adult Watercolors-Beginner to Advanced

In this six week course you will learn how watercolor can be a fun, exciting, and challenging medium. You will learn a few basic drawing techniques to assist you in the development of your paintings. Please join us for fun and enjoyment with watercolor.

Wednesdays, January 20 through March 02
6:30 – 8:30 at Union School Art Room
Resident: \$95.00 Non-Resident: \$135.00
Additional material costs, as needed. If materials are needed, please note upon registration.
INSTRUCTOR: Terry Hodgdon – Art teacher with thirty years

Parent and Child Archery

Learn how to handle a bow safely and properly shoot at targets at R & L Archery's indoor range.

Tuesdays
January 12, 19, 26 and February 2
6:00 – 7:00 pm
\$24 per person for four class session
Parent and Child (3rd grade and up)
Limited Space—Sign up soon!



Little Sprouts—Open Gym

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
October 7 – May 4
Recreation Center Gym
FREE - Donations accepted
The Gym is available on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for pre-school age children with their parents or day care provider. Mats, balls, and other play equipment are available for use.



Sunday Basketball

Sundays
October 4 – April 24
Skip March 27th
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Montpelier High School Gym
Season: Residents: \$50.00 Non-Residents: \$75.00
Walk-ins: Resident \$2.00 Non-Resident: \$4.00

February Day Camp Licensed Child Care Program - Kindergarten through 6th grade

February 22-26, 2016—7:45 am – 4:45 pm
The day camp provides youngsters with a well-balanced selection of activities. The camp is staffed by a director and qualified counselors. Children should bring snacks, lunch, and something to drink. Preregistration is required.
We are a licensed childcare program and can accept state subsidy for eligible children. If you have questions about subsidy please call 802-225-8699 and ask for Norma.

Resident Fees:	Non-Resident Fees:
\$32.00 Per Day/First Child	\$46.00 Per Day/First Child
\$25.00 Per Day/Per Additional child	\$35.00 Per Day/Per Additional child
\$120.00 For the Week/First Child	\$160.00 For the Week/First Child
\$105.00 For the Week/ Per Additional Child	\$140.00 For the Week/ Per Additional Child

Adult Scottish Country Dance

Wednesdays
December 2 through February 10 – No Class on Dec. 23 & Dec. 30
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Montpelier Elementary School Large Gym
\$32.00 Resident \$48.00 Non-Resident
Walk-ins Welcome \$5.00 Resident \$7.50 Non-Resident
Join in the fun of Scottish Dancing! You'll learn lively jigs, rhythmic reels, and stately strathspeys. No partner needed.
Instructor: Martha Kent

Noontime Basketball

Monday - Friday
October 1 – March 11
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Participants must be out of high school.
Montpelier Recreation Department Gym
Season: Residents: \$80.00 Non-Residents: \$120.00
Walk-ins: Resident \$2.00 Non-Resident: \$3.00



American Red Cross Safety Courses

Pediatric CPR/AED	Sunday	2/14/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$60.00
Pediatric CPR/AED	Sunday	5/15/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$60.00
Adult CPR Re-Certification	Sunday	1/10/16	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$40.00
Adult CPR Re-Certification	Sunday	4/10/16	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$40.00
Child CPR Re-Certification	Sunday	2/14/16	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$40.00
Child CPR Re-Certification	Sunday	5/15/16	9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$40.00
Adult CPR/AED	Sunday	1/10/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$60.00
Adult CPR/AED	Sunday	4/10/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$60.00
First Aid	Sunday	3/13/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$50.00
First Aid	Sunday	6/12/16	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	\$50.00



All classes are taught at the Central Vermont Medical Center – Conference Room 3 located downstairs. Pre-registration is required. Class refunds, due to participant cancellations, will be given only if arrangements are made by the Friday before class. The length of class times may vary dependent on the number of students in class. Predicted times are based on 12 students. **Instructor:** Sheila Cleary – Red Cross Safety Class Instructor

Senior Center Spotlight 223-2518

Red Cross Blood Drive on January 6

We are hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 6. [Click here](#) to sign up for a slot to give blood, or call Dan at [262-6284](#).
One pint of blood can save up to three lives.

All programs require pre-registration. Registration forms are available on our website or in our office building. Forms may be mailed in (check only), dropped off at our office (cash or check) or on our website (credit card).

For more program information visit our website.

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