

**CITY OF MONTPELIER  
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

**City Manager's Weekly Report – 1/29/2016**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS ...**

- Monday, February 1                      Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP)  
Committee Meeting, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. in the City  
Council Chambers
- Board of Civil Authority Meeting**, 5:00 P.M. in the  
City Clerk's Office
- Special City Council Meeting**, 5:30 P.M. in the **City  
Clerk's Conference Room**
- Development Review Board, 7:00 P.M. in the City  
Council Chambers
- Wednesday, February 3                      **Special City Council Meeting**, 5:30 P.M. in the City  
Council Chambers
- Thursday, February 4                      Housing Task Force Meeting, 5:15 P.M. in the City  
Manager's Conference Room

**FOR YOUR CALENDARS ...**

- Thursday, February 18                      Pre-town Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. at the Montpelier  
Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street

**ATTACHMENTS ...**

-  Press Release: Suspect Arrested During Residential Home Invasion
-  Press Release: CCTA/GMTA Announces Big Changes
-  The State of Vermont's Step-by-Step Instructions on Signing Up for Montpelier Alerts

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## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ...

### Winter Parking Ban

One of the primary tools the City uses to communicate when a Winter Parking Ban is in place is the VT Alert system. This system is run by the State of Vermont and provided at no cost to the City of Montpelier. The State of Vermont has put together step by step instructions on signing up for Montpelier Alerts. They are attached. By signing up for VT Alerts we will call you or send you a text or email (your choice!) notifying you when a Winter Parking Ban is in place or has been lifted. Other ways to find out if a parking ban is in place is on the City's website ([www.montpelier-vt.org](http://www.montpelier-vt.org)), the winter parking line (262-6200), the City's Facebook page, the Police Department's Facebook page, or Front Porch Forum.

### Skating Rink on the State House Lawn

This week members of the Put a Rink on It Committee met with City staff. They have received a detailed list of requirements from the State Department of Buildings and General Services that will need to be met in advance of a pilot season during the 2016-2017 winter. One requirement is that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State on the operation of the Rink. Staff from the Manager's Office, Police, Fire, Public Works, and Recreation met with the Committee to outline our agreed-to terms. We will now draft an MOU that will be shared with the State for their consideration.

### Legal

*VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal.* – Oral argument on cross motions for Summary Judgment was held at Washington Superior Court on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. 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

## WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

### Planning and Community Development

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft zoning bylaws and draft river hazard bylaws on Monday, January 25. This was followed by a second open house on Wednesday January 27. Both were well-attended events with some questions and a great

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deal of recommended items to consider. The Commission has also received multiple written comments from the public and staff (DPW and the Planning Department staff that administers the regulations). The City's consultant is currently compiling a list of all recommendations for the Planning Commission to vote on in February. The hearing was continued until February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 if there is anyone else in the public who would like an opportunity to comment. E-mailed comments and questions can be sent to Mike Miller at [mmiller@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:mmiller@montpelier-vt.org)

## TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

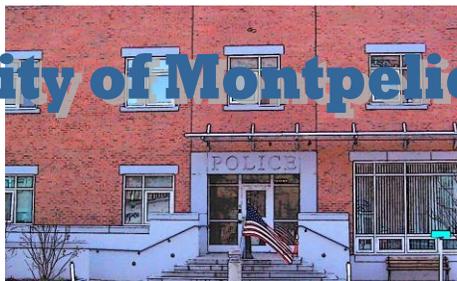
February 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	City Manager's Contract
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	CVSWMD Presentation Kiosks – Smart Meters Transportation Committee Role Dog Ordinance Zoning Discussion Montpelier Foundation Appointments Tree Board Appointments Recreation Building Montpelier Alive Rep
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Public Hearing on Charter Change Investment Committee RFP's Goals Review Right-of-Way Agreement with Rail (Bike Path)
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Organizational Meeting
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Goals/Priorities



William J. Fraser  
City Manager



# City of Montpelier Police Department



**Anthony J. Facos**  
Chief of Police

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 27, 2016

### **Suspect Arrested During Residential Home Invasion in Montpelier**

On Wednesday January 27, 2016 at approximately 1:19 AM, the Montpelier Police Department received a call from 911 advising of a residential burglary in progress at 438 Gallison Hill Road in Montpelier, Vermont. While MPD dispatch stayed on the line with the female resident, her husband held the suspect at bay at gunpoint, preventing the intruder from coming up the stairs to where he, his wife and 5 year old child were. The homeowner, while warning the subject that he (the homeowner) had a gun, demanded that the suspect not come any closer and to get out of the house.

At one point, the suspect left the house, but as MPD officers arrived on scene at approximately 1:23 AM, the suspect ran back inside the residence. After several tense moments with the suspect ignoring the officers' commands, the MPD K-9 was sent into the residence. With the K-9 deployed, MPD officers were able to tackle and secure the suspect. The suspect apparently gained entry to the residence by smashing out the door window of the mudroom and came into the kitchen.

The suspect was identified as Jesse Fitzgerald (27) of Hyde Park, VT. The residents did not know Fitzgerald nor had they ever seen him before.

After arrest processing, Fitzgerald was transported to the Northeast Regional Correctional Facility in St. Johnsbury for lack of \$5,000 bail. Fitzgerald is expected to be arraigned later today (01/27/2016) for Unlawful Trespass of an Occupied Residential Dwelling.



MPD arrest photo 01/27/2016: Jesse Fitzgerald (27)



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**PRESS RELEASE | For Immediate Release**

## **CCTA/GMTA Announces Big Changes**

**Burlington, VT | January 21, 2016:** In the coming months, the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) and the Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) will rebrand to become Green Mountain Transit (GMT). In July 2011, GMTA and CCTA became one legal entity, which formalized the operating relationship between the two agencies that had existed since 2003. The rebrand marks an exciting time and will finalize the last step in becoming one unified regional agency.

In conjunction with the rebranding effort, CCTA will roll out a suite of new technologies to improve the customer experience, starting with a new Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system. AVL will provide passengers with real-time bus tracking information straight to their cellphones, improving service reliability and allowing CCTA to communicate changes more efficiently. This highly sought after system has been a high priority for CCTA and its passengers for quite some time. The ability to move forward with this project is due, in large part, to funding provided by the VT Agency of Transportation. "VTrans has been an incredible partner to CCTA and all of the communities that it serves. I think they are as excited about these improvements as we are!" says Karen Walton, General Manager of CCTA

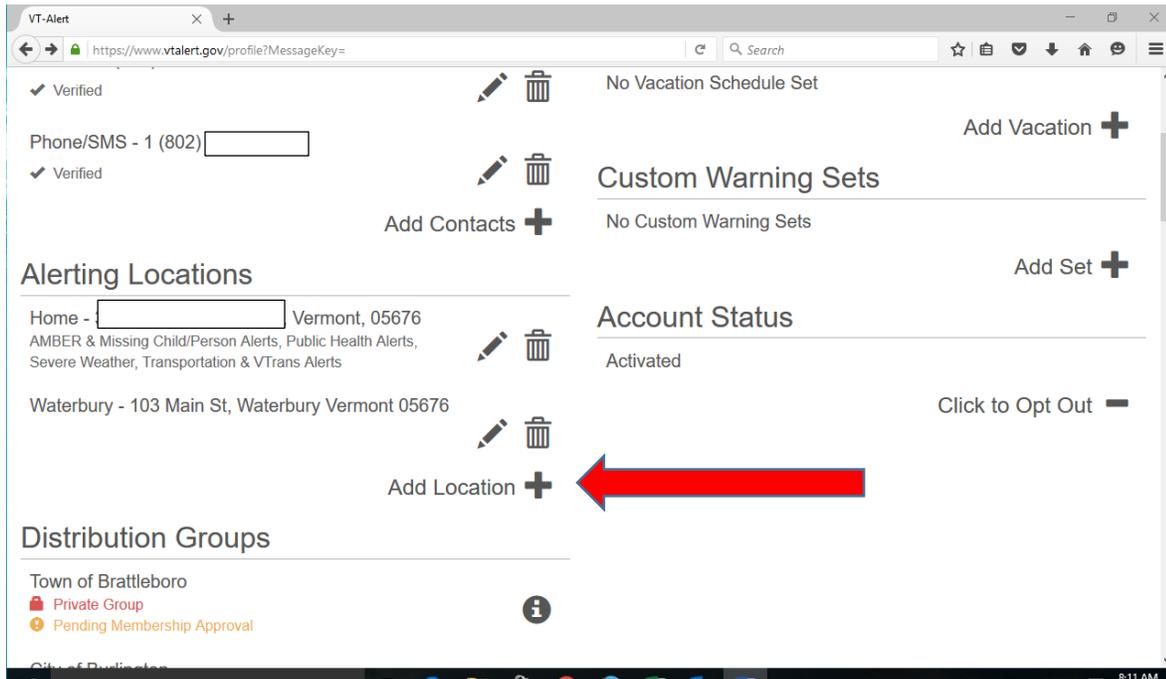
On Tuesday, January 19, the CCTA Board of Commissioners also approved a recommendation from staff to go out to bid for a mobile ticketing system. A mobile ticketing app would allow passengers to purchase fare media directly on their cellphones prior to taking their bus trip. This app will provide convenience for the riders, eliminates the need to carry exact cash fare, and is one step closer to making CCTA/GMTA a paperless system.

These passenger amenities are expected to be implemented during this calendar year before or in conjunction with the highly anticipated Downtown Transit Center (DTC) grand opening. The new state-of-the-art transit center is expected to be complete in the fall of 2016. To track progress on this, and all upcoming projects, visit our website at [CCTAride.org](http://CCTAride.org).

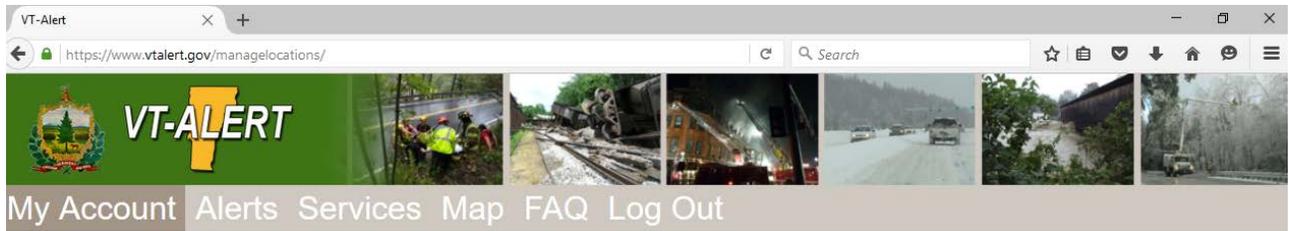
About CCTA/GMTA: Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) offers fixed routes, local commuter routes, LINK Express routes, and ADA paratransit services. CCTA also provides shuttles from senior housing complexes to local supermarkets and neighborhood specials for student transportation to Burlington schools. Green Mountain Transportation Agency (GMTA) provides public transportation for Washington, Lamoille, Mad River Valley, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties and the towns of Williamstown, Washington and Orange, with connecting services to Chittenden and Caledonia counties.

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1. If you are enrolling for the first time, make sure you fill in or check the required boxes, especially “What is your desired Alerting Area?” This will set your geographic location for all warnings. You can then choose which warning you’d like to receive.
2. If you have established an account, but need to add a location or warning set, Login to your VAlert account at [www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov)
3. Select “Add Location”



4. Type in a name for your location, in the example “Montpelier” was chosen.
5. Choose you location type, you can use your street address, or simply choose “Jurisdiction”



## Manage Locations

**Location Name**

**Location Type**

- Select a type
- Street Address
- Map Point
- Jurisdiction**
- Zip Code
- Marine Zone

Two red arrows point to the 'Location Name' and 'Location Type' fields.

6. Choose State "Vermont", Choose County "Washington", Choose Township "Montpelier"
7. Check the box next to Transportation & Vtrans Alerts
8. Click Save.

**Location Name**

**Location Type**

**State**

**County**

**Township**

- AMBER & Missing Child/Person Alerts
- Consumer Protection Issues
- Sex Offender Re-Location Alerts
- Earthquakes
- Missing Adult
- Nuclear Power Plant Information
- Press Releases & Publications
- Public Health Alerts
- Severe Weather
- Transportation & VTrans Alerts

**Save**

9. Choose Add Set

VT-Alert

https://www.vtalert.gov/profile

My Account Alerts Services Map FAQ Log Out

**Contacts**

E-mail -   
 Verified

Phone - 1 (802)   
 Verified

Phone/SMS - 1 (802)   
 Verified

Add Contacts +

**Profile Information**

**Vacation Schedule**

No Vacation Schedule Set

Add Vacation +

**Custom Warning Sets**

No Custom Warning Sets

Add Set +

**Alerting Locations**

Montpelier - Montpelier, Washington County, Vermont  
 Transportation & VTrans Alerts

**Account Status**

Activated

10. Type in a name, in example "Winter Parking Ban" was typed.
11. Choose the schedule that you want to receive these alerts/warnings.
12. Choose the category of the alert/warning, in the example shown "Transportation" was chosen by checking the box.

VT-Alert

https://www.vtalert.gov/managecws/

My Account Alerts Services Map FAQ Log Out

**Add Custom Warning Set**

Name

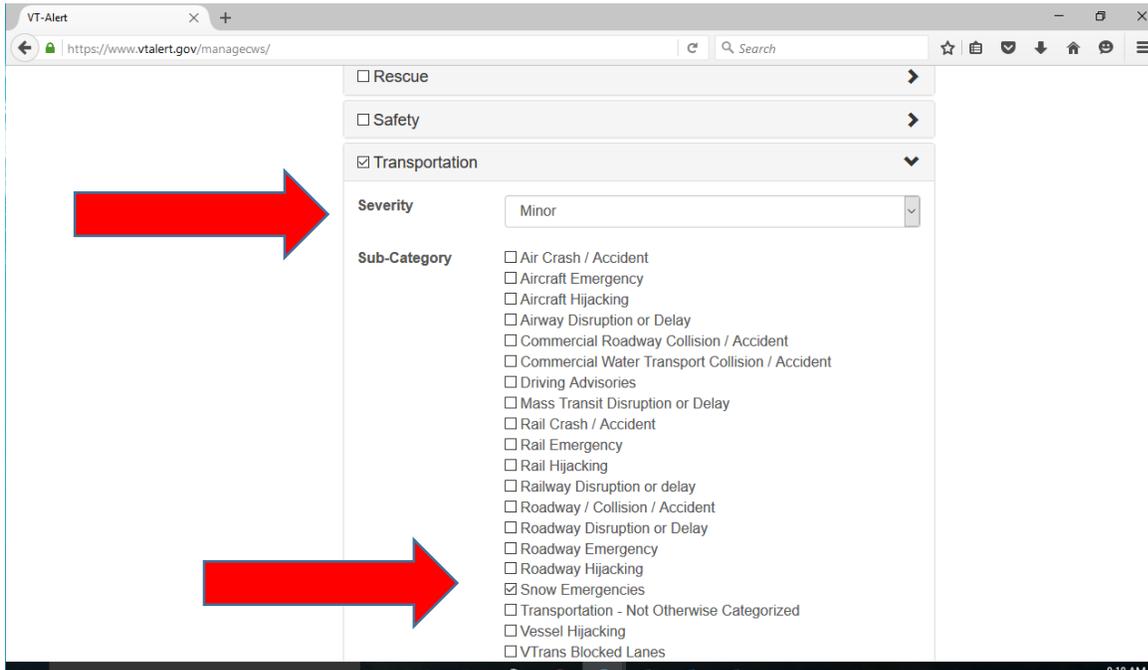
Schedule

Categories

- Every Day, 24 Hours a Day
- Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Monday through Friday 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM
- Saturday and Sunday 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM
- Monday Through Friday 24 Hours
- Saturday and Sunday 24 Hours
- 6AM-9am and 3pm-6pm Monday through Friday
- 6AM-9am and 3pm-6pm Saturday and Sunday Only
- (12x7) Every Day, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- (12x7) Every Night, 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM
- Infrastructure
- Law / Security
- Medical and Public Health
- Meteorological
- Other
- Press Releases

13. Choose severity, in example shown "Minor" was selected.

14. Choose sub-category, in example shown "Snow Emergencies" was checked.



15. Choose the location, in example shown "Montpelier" was selected.

16. Click Save

