

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 2/05/2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

Monday, February 8	Planning Commission, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 9	Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee, 6:00 P.M. in the Police Community Room
Wednesday, February 10	City Council, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Thursday, February 11	Conservation Commission, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Saturday, February 13	Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Police Community 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
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ATTACHMENTS ...

 Schedule for the 2016 Construction Season

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ...

Bike Path Extension

We continue to move forward with the Right of Way process. Waiver valuations are under final review by VTrans. We will be asking the Council to authorize the Manager to sign the ROW, Finance and Maintenance Agreement with the Washington County Railroad at Wednesday's Council meeting. Additionally, we are awaiting a meeting with the Rail to draft the Rail lease that will be needed to clear right of way. We continue to work through the details of moving the path off of the VCFA property. An environmental Corrective Action Plan is underway and we are working with the property owner to resolve onsite issues required as part of the stormwater treatment needed.

River Ice

Due to the warm weather and rain this week, the ice on the Winooski has mostly moved out thus creating open flow and a drop in all River levels. This is positive news for potential later season flooding. The Fire Department and Public Works will continue to monitor the River levels.

Recreation Transition

All staff from the Recreation Department and Montpelier Senior Activity Center as well as staff from the City Manager's Office met this week to outline a transition, training and orientation plan for the successful integration of the Recreation Department into city management by 7/1/16. This plan includes technical details as well as long-term strategic planning and takes into consideration the busy seasonal work of both departments.

Legal

VCEA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – Oral argument on cross motions for Summary Judgment was held at Washington Superior Court on Tuesday, January 12th. 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 ...

Public Works

Christopher Cox, Chief Operator of the WRRF (Water Resource Recovery Facility) attended the New England Water Environment Association's Annual Conference last week in Boston to accept an award for Operator Excellence.

The NEWEA Operator Award is given annually to an individual who has shown a high interest and performance in wastewater operations and has made a significant contribution to the wastewater field. Congratulations on this achievement, Chris, and thank you for all your great work!

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

- Senior Center membership has grown tremendously in recent months, rising to 925 at the start of February, the highest total in any recent year and quickly approaching the budgeted target of 930 (by the end of this membership and fiscal year on June 30, 2016) and the Advisory Council's goal of 1,000. 70% of members are from Montpelier, 23% from our supporting towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown and Worcester, and 7% from other towns. MSAC welcomes all, regardless of town of residence!

- 454 people signed up for a total of 814 winter classes, an increase of 43% in unique registrants and 45% in class signups over last winter. Of the 50 classes or programs offered this quarter, more than half are full. These increases indicated the demand for our programs, and we look forward to adding additional programming to meet this demand in the coming quarter. Also new this quarter, we began online registration and credit card payment option in the office or online. If you're still thinking about it, it's still possible to join some classes! Come talk to us in the office.
- Five vacancies are opening up on the MSAC Advisory Council. These seats are open to any current member of MSAC from any town, and members of our supporting towns are especially encouraged to seek a position. Council members have a responsibility to attend a monthly meeting and participate on a committee each year. A full list of expectations is available in the office, and the deadline for nominations is March 10, 2016.
- Appointments at the free AARP Tax Preparation Clinic at MSAC are still available but are filling up quickly. This service is available by appointment only. Don't delay; call our office today!
- MSAC's talented, long-time painting instructor, Sylvia Walker, was featured Thursday February 4th on WCAX as a Super Senior. The video footage can be viewed at: <http://www.wcax.com/story/31143351/super-senior-sylvia-walker>.
- The Dinner and a Film event scheduled at the Senior Center for Friday night, February 12th, has been changed to an evening of free film only. The 1989 romantic comedy starring Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal will be screened for free at 7:00 pm; call the office during business hours for the title!

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

February 10 th	CVSWMD Presentation Zoning Discussion Montpelier Foundation Appointments Tree Board Appointments Recreation Building Montpelier Alive Rep
February 24 th	Public Hearing on Charter Change Investment Committee RFP's Dog Ordinance Kiosks – Smart Meters Transportation Committee Role
March 9 th	Organizational Meeting Goals Review
March 23 rd	Goals/Priorities



William J. Fraser
City Manager



2016 Summer Construction Projects

Paving

- Bailey Ave- From Clarendon Ave to End (150' past Sunnyside)
- Cedar St- Full Street
- Clarendon Ave- From Jordon to Dairy Lane
- Dairy Lane- From Terrace to Greenfield Terrace
- Heaton Ave- From Liberty to Heaton Woods
- Hubbard St- From E State to Liberty
- Gaylord St- Full Street
- N College St- Full Street
- Terrace St- From Bailey Ave to Dairy Lane
- Towne St- Full Street
- Sunnyside – Full Street
- Sunset- Full Street
- Crack Sealing, Wheel Rut Patching, and Infrared Patching (Routine Maintenance list to be developed)
- Pavement Markings Contract including bike lane stencils, sharrows, and crosswalks

Bridges

- Spring St Bridge (approach slab replacement and deck rehab)

Traffic Improvements

- Main at Northfield Left Turn

Retaining Walls and Slope Stabilization

- East State St
- River St
- Marvin St

Sidewalks and Bike Paths

- Bailey Ave
- Clarendon Av
- Heaton St
- Crosswalk Enhancement Grant
- Montpelier in Motion
- State St Sidewalk
- Bike Path Resurfacing (Possible)

Storm Drains and Culverts

- Upper Bailey Ave Storm Line
- Bailey Ave Crossline
- North St (Near Hillhead)
- Isabel Circle Drainage Structure
- Towne St - (CSO)
- Hebert Road- Culvert Liner

Water/Sewer

- Gaylord Utility Reconstruction