

**CITY OF MONTPELIER  
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

**City Manager's Weekly Report – 5/20/2016**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS ...**

Monday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Planning Commission, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Capital Improvement Projects Committee Meeting, 10:00 A.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room

You can also click on the following link for a listing of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center's upcoming events: <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/calendar.aspx?CID=30,36>

**ATTACHMENTS ...**

-  Police Department Press Release: Man Arrested for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer and Heroin Possession
  
-  Water Quality Day Poster

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ...**

**Community Services Planning**

The Steering Committee (made up of staff and volunteer/elected advisors from Recreation, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, Parks, Cemetery, the City Manager's Office, and the City Council) met with the facilitators this week to set the public visioning session process. The first step of this process will be a discussion with the City Council at their regular meeting on Wednesday. Following this discussion, we will publicize the public process to take place between now and November 2016. This will include public visioning sessions, meetings with each advisory group, a presence at the Montpelier Farmers Market, and an on-line survey. We look forward to hearing from the community on how they envision intergenerational community services in Montpelier.

**Economic Development Strategic Plan**

This week staff reviewed the draft of the final Economic Development Strategic Plan. This will be presented to the Steering Committee on Monday with the hopes of recommending it to the Council for adoption at their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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### **Econo Lodge**

A new violation notice was issued last Friday. On Monday, a team of city and state inspectors visited the site. We will be receiving a response from the owner's attorney about the violation letter. Once that is received, I will assemble the working team to look at alternatives for moving forward.

### **Legal**

*Illuzzi vs City*: Response issued on April 28th to Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgement and to disputed material facts. Awaiting Court ruling on motions. Represented by Constance Tyrone Bell through VLCT.

## **WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...**

### **Montpelier Senior Activity Center**

On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center will host Senior Prom, an all-ages community celebration. The evening will include music by DJ Fred Wilbur, dancing (including ballroom dance lessons at 7:30 P.M. by champion amateur ballroom dancers Carolyn and Bill Pedrick), a dessert buffet, cash bar, silent auction, and lots of fun for all. We are also hosting an elegant Pre-Prom Dinner at the Capitol Plaza at 5:00 P.M. where attendees can enjoy a lovely meal in the company of friends. Tickets are \$20 for Prom or \$50 for Prom plus pre-prom dinner at 5pm. Tickets are available at MSAC (58 Barre Street in Montpelier) or online at <http://msacprom16.bpt.me>. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

### **Department of Public Works**

Governor Peter Shumlin has declared Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> as Water Quality Day. The day is intended to foster appreciation of Vermont's water resources and the complex infrastructure that keep our water clean and safe. In support of Water Quality Day, the City of Montpelier's Water Resource Recovery Facility is hosting an Open House to introduce people to the water quality experts, the science, and the technology used to protect public health and keep Vermont's waters safe and clean. The Open House hours are 9:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M. Water Quality Day events are sponsored by: Green Mountain Water Environment Association, North East Biosolids & Residuals Association, and the Vermont Rural Water Association.

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## TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

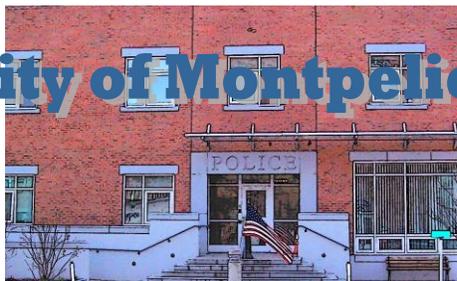
- June 8
- Zoning – Part 2 (continued) or Part 3
  - Goal: Keep Montpelier Affordable
  - Parking Ordinance Amendment - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - Taxi Ordinance - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - Dog Ordinance - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - Junkyard Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - Street Closure Policy
  - Approve New Fees
  - Adopt EDSP
  - Fund Balance Transfer
  - Growth Center Discussion
  - Non Profit Board Policy (?)
  - Possible Tax Stabilization Application
- June 15
- Zoning – Part 3 or 4
  - Goal: “Steady State”
  - Water/Sewer Long-term Plan
  - Growth Center Decision
  - Taylor Street Cost Estimates
  - Junkyard Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- July 6
- Special Meeting to Set Tax Rate
- July 13
- Eminent Domain Hearing re: Overlake Park
  - Goal: Healthy Community
  - Zoning (?)
- August 10
- Zoning (?)
  - Personnel Policy Revisions
  - Goal: Safe Community



William J. Fraser  
City Manager



# City of Montpelier Police Department



**Anthony J. Facos**  
Chief of Police

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For more information, contact:**

**Cpl. Kevin Moulton**  
**Sgt. Eric W. Nordenson**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 20, 2016

### **Man arrested for aggravated assault on a police officer and heroin possession**

On Thursday, May 19, 2016 at approximately 1:52 AM the Montpelier Police Department was notified of a disturbance at Champlain Farms located at 5 Memorial Drive in the City of Montpelier, Vermont.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the male was begging the store clerk to hide his bag behind the counter and was acting very nervous. After a brief interaction with police the male walked quickly to the Capital Plaza in search of a hotel room.

Officers monitored the male's behavior and observed the male walk directly into the Capital Plaza's basement bathroom area where he spilled baby powder throughout the stall.

Upon returning to the lobby area officers continued with an interview and a pat search was conducted as the male continued to try to put his hands down his pants.

Officers located suspected contraband inside the rear area of his pants. At this point, the male violently struck one of the officers in the head and attempted to flee the area.

After a prolonged struggle, officers were able to gain custody of the male identified as Phillip John Grassi (39) of Raleigh, NC who was arrested for possession of over an ounce of heroin and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer. An ounce of an unknown substance was also recovered and will be sent to the Vermont Forensic Lab for testing. A small amount of marijuana was also seized.

Grassi was arraigned and held on \$25,000 bail.

Anyone with additional information related to Grassi is asked to contact Cpl. Kevin Moulton at the Montpelier Police Department.



# H<sup>2</sup>O Where Does It Come From?



## Where Does It Go?

Find out first-hand on [Water Quality Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>](#)!

**Every time you turn on the tap or flush the toilet,  
or there's a downpour, Montpelier's  
water management systems work their magic.**

On May 27th, Montpelier's Water Resource Recovery Facility will hold an Open House to introduce you to the water quality experts, the science, and the high-tech that protect public health and keep Vermont's waters safe and clean! It's fun, fascinating, and free!

**For more information or to schedule a tour, contact:**

**Montpelier Water Resource Recovery Facility**

Christopher Cox, Chief Operator

(802) 223-9511 ▪ [ccox@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:ccox@montpelier-vt.org)

- **Facility Address:** 949 Dog River Rd., Montpelier
- **Open House Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For driving directions to the facility, contact [lisa.goodell@gmwea.org](mailto:lisa.goodell@gmwea.org) or [dan.hecht@gmwea.org](mailto:dan.hecht@gmwea.org), (802) 595-0997

Water Quality Day  
2016 events are  
sponsored by:



Green Mountain  
Water Environment  
Association



**Vermont**  
Rural Water Association