

**CITY OF MONTPELIER  
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

**City Manager's Weekly Report – 6/03/2016**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS ...**

Monday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Design Review Committee, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
	Development Review Board, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Abatement, 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Wednesday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>City Council's Joint Meeting with Planning Commission, 5:30 P.M.</b> in the City Council Chambers, followed by the Council's Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Conservation Commission, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

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 ...**

 Community Services – Public Process Poster

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**Economic Development Strategic Plan**

The recommended plan will be presented at next week's meeting. The consultant will be available in the afternoon if you would like to meet with him about specific details.

**PILOT Payment**

Good news on our Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the State of Vermont. Our estimated payment for FY17 is \$813,296 which is \$130,296 more than projected in the FY17 budget. When combined with the \$184,000 statutory payment, our total PILOT revenue from the State will be \$997,296. My very "back of the envelope" calculation indicates that we are now at 85% funding. The unanticipated revenue will be a huge help for FY17 and will give us a good start for FY18 budget preparation.

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## **Econo Lodge**

The deadline for violation corrections is June 12<sup>th</sup>. We continue to look for alternate approaches to this issue.

## **Community Services Process**

Attached is the flyer that outlines the opportunities for public engagement during the Community Services process. The Community Visioning Discussion will be held on June 29, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at the City Hall Auditorium (Lost Nation Theater.)

## **Council/Staff Retreat**

The Mayor and I thought it might work nicely to combine the retreat with his annual cookout at Peacham Pond. We could hold the work discussion in the afternoon and finish up with an informal outing; date to be determined.

## **Assistant City Manager**

Jessie Baker will be attending the Harvard Kennedy School "Senior Executives in State and Local Government" program for the next three weeks. I attended this program five years ago, and it was probably the best professional development session I have ever been part of. The City and Jessie will benefit greatly from this.

## **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 Tyron Bell through VLCT.

*Police Investigation*: I will have an announcement on Monday.

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

### **Public Works Report**

A special thank you to volunteers from Union Mutual Insurance and Patrick Healy for painting over all the graffiti that was discovered on the I-89 overpass at the Confluence Park located on lower State Street. Michael Nobles, President and Chief Executive

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Officer, and Barbara Mason, Human Resource Manager, reached out to us offering their services and Patrick offered to coordinate the work and gather the supplies. With many volunteers, the work was done in a matter of a few hours which greatly improves the appearance of this popular river access location. On behalf of the Public Works Department and the City of Montpelier, thanks very much for this generous contribution of time to improve the appearance of our City!

The pavement markings including crosswalks, bike lane stencils and lane divides are well behind schedule this season. Although much of the early spring was cool and damp hindering progress, the Contractor hired by the City did not complete their work when favorable weather opportunities became available. The contract completion date was May 27<sup>th</sup> but only a small portion of their contract was completed by that time. Consequently, consideration is being given to assessing monetary damages as a punitive measure but this measure will not address the lack of very important pavement markings. The Contractor notified the Department on Friday afternoon (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) that they would return on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> to complete all of the work remaining in their contract. Prior to receipt of this notice, we concluded that waiting any longer would be unwise. Therefore, department staff altered its work plans and began marking crosswalks that were originally the Contractor's responsibility. We are now hopeful that all or most of our pavement markings will be done before the end of next week and perhaps sooner if the weather is dry and the Contractor is true to their word. It should be noted that the Vermont Agency of Transportation also performs pavement markings (center lines) in town on the state numbered routes.

### Senior Center



#### *Summer Class Registration:*

Registration begins Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, for over 30 weekly, affordable classes in Movement, Humanities, Arts, and more, including new classes in Demystifying Digital Photography with Linda Hogan and Moderate Yoga at Hubbard Park with Lori Flower. Register online at <https://msacvt.ecwid.com/>, find registration details and materials at [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac), or stop by the office 9-4.



#### *Open House June 6:*

MSAC will host an Open House Monday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm. It's a great time to learn about and sign up for classes, trips and other services, see class demos, enjoy entertainment and light refreshments, meet staff, and become a member or renew your membership. Please join us!

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## *Literary Magazine Launch and Annual Member Art Show*

We are pleased to announce the new MSAC literary magazine, *Sunflower*, released this month and including over 50 works of poetry, prose and visual art by MSAC members.

In addition, the annual MSAC member art show is hanging up now through July 29<sup>th</sup>. Come see the work of amazingly talented MSAC members!

## *Save the Date: Annual Meeting June 21*

The MSAC Annual Meeting will take place Tuesday, June 21, from 12:45-2:15, directly following FEAST together luncheon.

The agenda includes a brief year in review and preview of the year ahead, recognition of departing Advisory Council members, welcoming of new Advisory Council members, and opportunities for members to give input on programming.

In addition, this year's meeting will feature a session with Community Services Strategic Planning facilitators Delia Clark and Tim Traver, who will also join the MSAC Advisory Council for their first meeting of the year directly following the Annual Meeting.

## **TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...**

June 15

Zoning – Part 3 or 4  
Housing Task Force re: Homelessness  
Goal: “Steady State”  
Water/Sewer Long-term Plan  
Growth Center Decision  
Taylor Street Cost Estimates  
Appointments to Conservation Commission  
Taxi Ordinance – First Reading  
Dog Ordinance – First Reading  
Street Closure Policy

July 6

Special Meeting to Set Tax Rate

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July 13

Eminent Domain Hearing re: Overlake Park

Goal: Healthy Community

Zoning

Taxi Ordinance – Second Reading

Dog Ordinance – Second Reading

Junkyard Ordinance – First Reading

Possible Tax Stabilization hearing

August 10

Zoning

Personnel Policy Revisions

Goal: Safe Community

Junkyard Ordinance – Second Reading



William J. Fraser

City Manager

*Your Input Wanted!*

# Creating a Multi-Generational Community Services Department

## Community Visioning Workshop

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30-8:30pm  
City Hall Auditorium, 39 Main St.

## Community Listening Workshop

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-8:30pm  
Montpelier Sr. Activity Ctr., 58 Barre St.

## Farmers Market Sharing Wall

Saturday, July 9, 9am-1pm  
Capital City Farmers Market, 60 State St.

## Project Updates & Online Survey

<http://bit.ly/mplrcommservices>  
(responses accepted through July 22)

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*We want to hear from you!*

