



CITY OF MONTPELIER
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City Manager's Weekly Report – 7/01/2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

Sunday, July 3rd

**Montpelier's July 3rd Independence Day
Celebration 2016!!** Brochure is linked below.

Tuesday, July 5th

Design Review Committee, 5:30 P.M. in the City
Council Chambers

Development Review Board, 7:00 P.M. in the City
Council Chambers

Bicycle Advisory Committee, 7:30 P.M. in the City
Manager's Conference Room

Wednesday, July 6th

Special City Council Meeting, 5:00 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>

UPDATED LIST OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

Wednesday, July 13th This meeting will remain as the one regular meeting in
July.

Wednesday, July 27th NO MEETING

Wednesday, August 3rd Rescheduled Eminent Domain Hearing for the Jacobs
Property at 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 10th Regular City Council Meeting

ATTACHMENTS ...

-  [July 3rd Independence Day Celebration Brochure](#)
-  [Senator Bernard Sanders' Letter re: Tree City USA Recognition](#)
-  [Terrace Street Construction Notice](#)

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Community Services Process

On Wednesday we held the first Community Visioning discussion around long-term intergenerational community services in Montpelier. Despite the warm summer night, we had about thirty people attend the meeting and heard great ideas about communications, partnerships, programs, and future potential. This data, as well as additional data collected by the consultants, will be used to inform the recommended structure for the FY18 Budget. If you would like to participate but were unable to attend the meeting, visit us at the Farmers' Market on July 9th or complete the on-line survey available here: <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/859/Community-Services-Department>. The recommendations will be presented to the public on October 11th at 6:30 P.M. at the Senior Activity Center.

Community Justice Center

The Waterbury Record recently published a story about the Montpelier Community Justice (MCJC) Program's efforts in Waterbury. MCJC receives funding from the Agency of Human Services to provide these services in our neighboring community. [Click here to view the article.](#)

Legal

Illuzzi vs City, et al: On June 22nd, Defendant (Montpelier) issued a reply to Plaintiff's untimely opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgement. Plaintiff released Renaud Bros, Inc. from case. Awaiting court ruling on various motions. Represented by Constance Tyron Bell through VLCT

Police Investigation: I will have an update after July 12.

VCFE vs. City, Tax Appeal: Notice was received that Vermont College of Fine Arts has appealed the recent judgment from Vermont Superior Court, Washington Unit, to the Vermont Supreme Court. The Superior Court judgment upheld the City's determination that Schulmaier Hall is taxable due to its lease for "a general commercial purpose".

Represented by Robert Fletcher.

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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Department of Public Works

Unplanned Projects Beginning Immediately ...

The waste water sewer main that runs along the edge of Terrace Street northerly of Dairy Lane was found to be in very poor condition and needs to be replaced without delay. This main crosses through the neighboring lawns where large trees have grown over the top of it that must be removed which was done on Thursday, June, 30th. The DPW crew will be mobilizing equipment and digging a test pit on Friday, July 1st. Construction of new piping will start on Tuesday, July 5th. Terrace Street will be limited to one-way traffic during this project. Work hours will typically be between 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. but may vary depending on site conditions.

On Wednesday the 29th, a sink hole was discovered near the centerline of Berlin Street (US Rte. 2) at the intersection of Hill Street. It was determined that the sink hole was caused by an old metal storm drain culvert. Temporary repairs were completed to fill the hole and avoid a major traffic disruption for the holiday weekend. Permanent repairs consisting of a storm drain relocation at the base of Hill Street and abandoning the failed metal culvert will be scheduled as soon as possible within the next 1-2 weeks.

Everyone's patience has been greatly appreciated as we attempt to address these important infrastructure improvement projects. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to call the Department of Public Works at 802-223-9508.

Painted Pavement Bicycle Markings ...

To those who have expressed interest in the recently painted pavement bicycle markings on several city streets, thanks for noticing! We'll be seeing more of these symbols throughout Vermont and across the country as greater attention is being given to the relevance of bicycle travel on the roads, the rights of bicyclists to use the roads, and the need to give them appropriate safe clearance (4') as Representative Mary Hooper recently reminded us about. Here's some information about the "sharrow" symbol painted in the travel lanes from the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NATCO) "Urban Bikeway Design" Guide:

"Shared Lane Markings (SLMs), or "sharrows", are road markings used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles. Among other benefits, shared lane markings reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle traffic on the street, recommend proper

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bicyclist positioning, and may be configured to offer directional and wayfinding guidance. The shared lane marking is a pavement marking with a variety of uses to support a complete bikeway network; it is not a facility type and should not be considered a substitute for bike lanes, cycle tracks, or other separation treatments where these types of facilities are otherwise warranted or space permits."

The Federal Highway document, Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) outlines guidance for shared lane markings in Section 9C.07. This is the "bible" guidance for all signs, markings, etc. we see every day on our public highways and streets where design uniformity is widely recognized as being of the utmost importance to convey clear messages and prevent driver confusion.

With regard to the red X marks which appear to pass through the head of the bike sharrow symbol, this was an unfortunate and unintentional mistake. The X marks were used for symbol placement supplementing printed maps given to our painting contractor to identify where the symbols were to be painted. Due to contractor delay, we just recently freshened up the red marks making it more visible. The bike symbols were painted at night so it may not have been noticed that the red X would convey some subliminal message to the inquisitive and uncertain public. Thankfully, the red will soon wear away because it's not a permanent marking. To those who were offended, I apologize. We'll be sure to pay attention to our contractor in the future so this mistake is not repeated.

Assessor's Office

The Abstract Grand List was lodged with the City Clerk on June 8 and Change of Appraisal Notices were mailed.

Grievance hearings were held on June 23, 24 and 28. A total of 16 real estate grievances were filed.

Grievance decisions were rendered and adjustments to 29 personal property accounts were made. The Final Grand List was lodged with the City Clerk on July 2 and Result of Grievance Day Appeal notices were mailed.

The municipal Grand List increased by \$8.1 million over last year, just shy of 1%. Real Estate value increased by just over \$3 million and Personal Property value increased by \$5 million. This is more than double the percentage increase that we have seen in the past few years.

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TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

July 6 - 5:00 PM	Special Meeting to Set Tax Rate and District Heat Rates
July 13	Goal: Healthy Community Water/Sewer Long Term Plan Pedestrian Committee Presentation Taxi Ordinance - Second Reading Dog Ordinance - First Reading Parking Ordinance - Second Reading Use of LOT and PILOT Revenue EDSP Implementation Plan French Block Update Taylor Street Update Street Closure Policy and Fees Development Review Board Appointments
August 3	Eminent Domain Hearing – Overlake Park, LLC
August 10	Zoning Part 3 Personnel Policy Revisions Goal: Safe Community Dog Ordinance - Second Reading Non Profit Board Policy Tax Stabilization (?) LDC Incorporation (?) Junkyard Ordinance -First Reading
September 14	Zoning Part 3 Goal: Housing/Economic Development Tax Stabilization Policy Shared Use Path Easements
September 28	Zoning Parts 4 & 5 Goal: Clean Environment Storm Water Master Plan Water Source Protection Plan

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Zoning Wrap Up
Housing Strategies Plan



Jessie C. Baker
Assistant City Manager

PARADE ROUTE The parade starts at the Spring Street roundabout, travels down Main Street and State Street in front of the State House, ending just before Bailey Avenue. Parade viewing is best on Main Street and State Street. This year vendors will be located on the DMV side of State Street only. Parade viewing will be great from the State House side of the street.



SHUTTLE SERVICE Green Mountain Transit Agency will provide a free shuttle approximately every 15 minutes, from 4 to 11 pm,

between the National Life parking lot and the corner of Governor Davis Avenue and State Street (alternate stop from 5 to 8 pm is City Hall). All buses offer ADA service.

PARKING We recommend Montpelier High School, the Department of Labor or National Life.

HANDICAPPED PARKING Four spaces on School Street from 5 pm to the end of the parade; three spaces on State Street west of Governor Aiken Avenue from 3–11 pm; three spaces on Taylor Street next to Capital Deli.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS & STREET CLOSURES

STATE ST closed from Gov. Davis Ave. to Bailey Ave. 1–10:30 pm for vendors and parade, parking along this stretch closed starting at 11 am; State Street closed from Main Street to Gov. Davis Avenue 5 pm–end of the parade.

GOVERNOR AIKEN AVE closed 5–11 pm **TAYLOR STREET** traffic only allowed from the parking lot entrances to the bridge, parade–11 pm

MAIN ST closed from Spring St. to State St. 5:30–7:30 p.m. for road race and parade, parking closed 5 pm–end of parade.

SPRING ST closed for parade 5:45–7:15 pm **SCHOOL ST** closed from Main St. to St. Paul St. 5:30–7:30 pm

NATIONAL LIFE DRIVE closed at 9 a.m. from Memorial Drive to National Life parking lot; main parking lot open for viewing fireworks.

POST-FIREWORKS DETOURS All traffic exiting from Bailey Avenue or Taylor Street onto Memorial Drive will have to turn right towards I-89. No vehicles will be allowed to turn onto Bailey Avenue or Taylor Street from Memorial Drive.

FESTIVAL INFO & EMERGENCY TENTS located in front of the Pavilion. Let your children know that if they get lost, they should go directly to the Emergency Tent.

ORCA Media will be livecasting the parade at 6 pm on channel 15 or www.orcamedia.net



MONTPELIER ALIVE & THE CITY OF MONTPELIER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT

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STATE HOUSE LAWN UNDERWRITERS

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Montpelier Alive would like to thank Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, Green Mountain Transit and the Montpelier Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their great support of this event.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2016

★ Sunday July 3rd ★

SCHEDULE, MAP & FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Presented by Montpelier Alive & City of Montpelier

www.montpelieralive.org // #MontpJuly3



★ ★ ★ FAMILY OLYMPICS ★ ★ ★

At 2 pm the State House Lawn will explode with excitement as families grab streamers, flags, and parachutes so they can dance and sing along during the Opening Ceremony for the 2016 Family Olympics.

FAMILY OLYMPIC FIELD Families will work together to push a 6-foot soccer ball through a maze of cones, and bounce their way to victory in a bouncy ball relay. Other games will include silly versions of tennis, hurdles, the javelin throw and much more.

OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER Every young Olympian needs a chance to train. So stop by the training center to bounce, climb and slide in all six of the inflatable obstacle courses and bouncy houses.

GREAT PRIZES All participants will receive a medal on the winners' podium and be entered in a drawing for amazing local products, gift cards and the chance to lead the Independence Day Parade.

CLOSING CEREMONY At 5 pm the winners of the Family Olympics drawings will be announced and the Bubble Extravaganza will begin.

For more information visit the check-in tent or www.capitalcommunity.net



AROUND THE TOWN

10 am - 4 pm Book Sale on the Pavilion Porch

12 pm - 6 pm Free Museum Day at the Vermont History Museum

12 pm - 3 pm Patriotic Craft Activity; Free crafts for all ages, Vermont History Museum

12 pm Reading of a Frederick Douglass's speech, on steps of City Hall

1:30 pm - 4 pm Family Fun Day & Open Pool, Montpelier Rec Department Pool

3 pm - 5:30 pm Visit the Montpelier Fire Department and take pictures on a fire truck

4 pm A program of patriotic music will be played by Michael Loris on the historic bells of Trinity Methodist Church

4 pm - 12 am McGillicuddy's Street Party with the House Band, Langdon Street (music at 7 pm)

5 pm & 5:15 pm Modern Dance Workshop Performance from Contemporary Dance & Fitness Studio on the Kellogg Hubbard Library Lawn

6 pm Montpelier Mile Road Race & **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

7 pm - 11 pm Julio's Dance Party, lot next to Julio's Cantina

STATE HOUSE LAWN

2 pm - 5:30 pm Pop-Up Science Activities, Montshire Museum

2 pm - 5:30 pm Family Olympics on the Lawn

• **2 pm** Opening Ceremony
• **2:20 pm** Games Begin • **5 pm** Closing Ceremony & National Anthem, Malanya Johnson

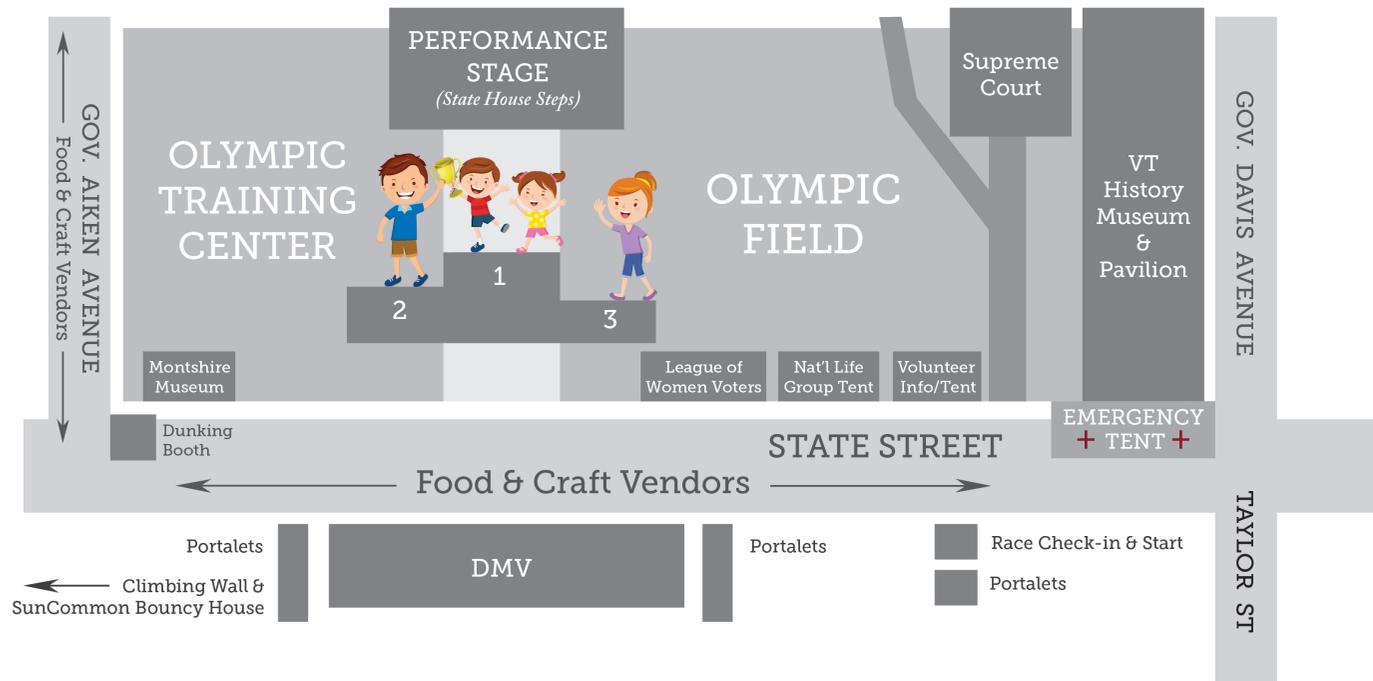
2 pm - 9 pm Dunking booth hosted by Capital Community Church to benefit the Montpelier Food Pantry

5:30 pm Capital City Band performs

7:30 pm Headline concert: Union Mutual Stage featuring **The Full Cleveland**

5 pm & 9:25 pm Malayna Johnson sings the National Anthem

9:30 pm ★ ★ ★ FIREWORKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

BERNARD SANDERS
VERMONT

June 28, 2016

Mr. William Fraser
Montpelier City Manager
39 Main St
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear William:

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you and the entire city of Montpelier on being recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

This distinction recognizes the Montpelier community's excellent work to improve its air and water quality and promote environmental stewardship. As you know, global climate change is the greatest environmental issue of our time. To my mind, bold action is necessary to avoid the worst consequences of climate change, and I am so pleased that Montpelier was recognized for its efforts to preserve its environment. I have no doubt that Montpelier's efforts have been an inspiration for countless communities throughout Vermont.

I join with your friends, family, and community in congratulating you on receiving this award and wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernard Sanders".

BERNARD SANDERS
UNITED STATES SENATOR



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June 28th, 2016

Terrace Street Residents

RE: **TERRACE STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT
CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

Dear Residents:

This letter is written to notify you of a sewer replacement project that will be taking place in your neighborhood. The sewer main that runs along the edge of Terrace Street is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Tree removal will take place on Thursday June, 30th and the City will be mobilizing equipment and digging a test pit on Friday, July 1st. Construction of new piping will start on Tuesday, July 5th. Terrace Street will be limited to one way traffic during this project. Work hours will typically be between 7:00am and 3:30pm but may be later at times depending on site conditions.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this important infrastructure improvement project. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Department of Public Works at 802-223-9508.

Sincerely,

Kurt Motyka, P.E.
City Engineer