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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Senior Activity Center

Alzheimer's Association: Effective Communication Strategies

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center will host the presentation “Effective Communication Strategies” led by the Alzheimer’s Association of Vermont on Thursday, August 25th, from 1:00-2:30 P.M. The presentation at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier is free and open to the public. Call the Alzheimer’s Association at 800-272-3900 to pre-register. Effective Communication Strategies explores how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s disease. By the end of the program, attendees will be able to explain the communication changes that take place throughout the course of the disease, decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia and respond in ways that are helpful, and identify strategies to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease; presentation includes video interviews with professionals who explain critical aspects of communication throughout the Alzheimer’s journey, and caregivers who share tips that have worked for their families.

Fall Class Registration Begins August 29th

This fall, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center will offer more than 60 weekly classes ranging from belly dancing to yoga (not quite A-Z, but pretty close!). Our classes are very affordable (starting at just \$1.66 per week) and many are taught by professionals in their field. Some of our great classes include Beginning Mandarin Chinese, Writing, the History of Jazz, Singing Songs of the 50’s and 60’s, Yoga (all levels), Argentine Tango, and much, much more! Visit www.montpelier-vt.org/msac, call us at 223-2518, or stop by at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier to learn more. Fall class registration begins on August 29th, and classes fill quickly, so don’t miss out!

Department of Public Works

Downtown Water Valve Installation

The planned water valve installations on Main and State Streets during the week of August 15th have gone well all things considered. This very delicate work and the high tech installation of 6 main line gate valves was planned to be completed in a total of 5 days. Unfortunately, the valves planned for the 14” water main near the Barre Street and School Street intersections had to be postponed to await delivery of special fittings because the unusual outside diameter of the pipe exceeded the limits of the *insertion-valve*. The crew will have to return to complete these final two installations and also to repair a small leak which was discovered near the excavation adjacent to Barre Street. This work will be scheduled and notice issued once the necessary fittings are available.

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Damages & Storm Water Implications

Following a few months of relatively dry summer weather, a total of about 4.8” of rain was received over a span of 7 days beginning on Friday August 12th. Approximately half of this rain fell in two short bursts with 1.3” in a period of four hours on the 13th and 1.42” in a two-hour period on the 17th. Both of these bursts resulted in the very unfortunate release of a combination of waste and storm water to our rivers which were reported in a timely fashion to warn the public about the contamination. These releases emanated from overflow devices positioned in the downtown core area and are designed to prevent surcharges into buildings and onto the streets. On the 17th, the Montpelier Resource Recovery Facility treated 1.36 million gallons of storm water in addition to the 1.8 million gallons of sewage it treats daily.

The storm was so severe on the 17th that we experienced some isolated street flooding, widespread erosion of gravel driveways into the streets and sidewalks, and the failure of two roadside embankments. A sink hole also developed on Barre Street near the Sibley Avenue intersection which was likely caused by a partially deteriorated culvert subjected to very high storm water flow. Replacement of the culvert will be scheduled as soon as possible. DPW crews have postponed some planned projects to perform storm clean-up and repair work which are expected to persist into next week. One DPW crew is scheduled to return on Monday to resume the incomplete storm drainage and sidewalk projects on Bailey and Clarendon Avenues. Additional storms are predicted on Sunday night and staff is scheduled to check our CSO overflow structures for reporting to the public if necessary.

Spring Street Bridge Project – Update

Repair of the concrete bridge deck has now been completed. Application of the new protective water proof membrane and paving of the deck is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday (22nd & 23rd), provided the weather cooperates. If work progresses as anticipated, the bridge will be re-opened on schedule by the middle of next week – Wednesday the 24th. Additional work is necessary to repair the bridge sidewalk on the downstream side which will take place while the bridge is open to traffic.

Berlin Pond – New Signs

The Water Treatment Facility staff is installing [new signs around Berlin Pond](#) to advise the public who recreate in the area that the pond and the surrounding area is a “Public Water Supply Source Protection Area”. The signs acknowledge public use of the pond while pointing out the applicable Federal laws which are intended to safeguard a water supply under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the “Vermont Use of Public Water Rules” pertinent to Berlin Pond.

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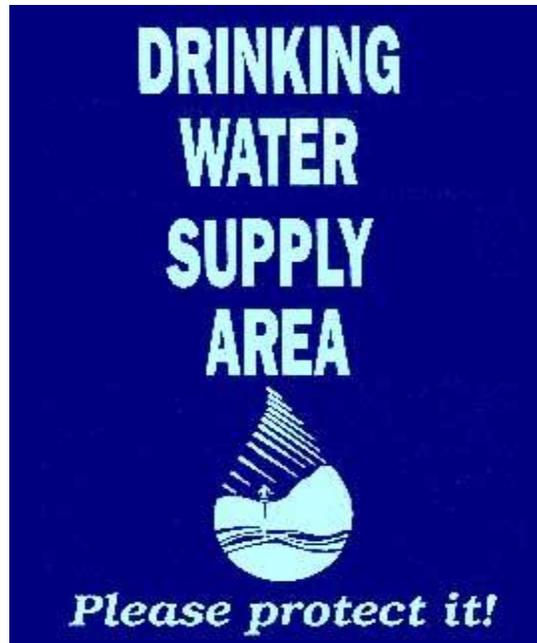
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TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

August 31	5:30 PM Personnel Hearing
September 14	Goal: Housing/Economic Development Bike Path Update Junkyard Ordinance – 1st Reading Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee Fund Personnel Pan Review Tax Stabilization – 1 st Reading (tentative) Community Fund Board Presentation LDC Follow-up MTAC Street Closure Policy Berlin Pond – Jed Guertin
September 21	Zoning Goal: Clean Environment Storm Water Master Plan Water Source Protection Plan Junkyard Ordinance – 2 nd Reading Tax Stabilization – 2 nd Reading (tentative) Car Share Update LDC (if needed)
October 12	Zoning Budget Schedule Housing Strategies Plan (tentative) Goal – Vibrant Downtown LDC (if needed)
October 26	Zoning Budget Targets
November 9	Zoning


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PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

CLASS A(2) PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

NOTICE: 42 U.S.C. § 300i-1, Section 1432 of the Safe Drinking Water Act provides civil and criminal penalties against any person who tampers, attempts to tamper, or makes a threat to tamper with a public water system (imprisonment up to 20 years and fines up to \$1,000,000). “Tamper” is defined as (1) To introduce a contaminant into a public water system with the intention of harming persons or (2) To otherwise interfere with the operation of a public water system with the intention of harming persons.

Pursuant to Appendix A of the Vermont Use of Public Water Rules, use of internal combustion motors is prohibited on Berlin Pond (VUPW Rule 3.5).

Contact the Water Treatment Facility Operator @ 802-229-1401 or call Montpelier Police @ 802-223-3445 to report suspicious activity or call 911 if an emergency.