

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 02/09/2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, February 12	Planning Commission, 5:00 P.M., Memorial Room
Monday, February 12	Recreation Board, 5:30 P.M., Barre St. Recreation Center
Wednesday, February 14	City Council, 6:30 P.M., City Council Chambers
Thursday, February 15	Housing Task Force, 5:15 P.M., City Manager's Conference Room
Thursday, February 15	Conservation Commission, 7:00 P.M., Memorial Room

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street/Mowatt Project

Remains on schedule. Demolition of the Association for the Blind Building and Montpelier Beverage, as well as the overall site plan for the Mowatt lot, was approved by the Design Review Committee on Monday night. It now requires approval of the Development Review Board at the next meeting on Feb. 20.

Berlin Pond

Awaiting response from Agency of Natural Resources to our letter asking to create an isolation zone around the City's water intake system. We will keep Council updated.

Fire Fighters Union Negotiations

We hope to wrap up talks on Tuesday.

Drug Forum

Reminder that the City Council is invited to the Times Argus's opiate forum on Feb. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Montpelier High School Auditorium.

French Block Housing

Abatement and demolition work has begun inside the building. Downstreet expects the project to be completed by the end of the year.

City Manager's Review

Forms were due today. The responses will be compiled and shared in advance of the February 14th meeting.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance

The third installment of the 2017-2018 property taxes are due on Thursday February 15, 2018.

Payments may be made in person at the City Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by mail, or 24 hours a day by utilizing the drop box at the rear entrance to City Hall. You may also pay online using Official Payments at the following link:

https://www.officialpayments.com/pc_template_standard.jsp?body=pc_step2_body.jsp An administrative fee is charged by the vendor for online payments.

In addition, the city offers convenient and free automatic payment processing. By signing up, you never have to worry about missing a payment. The payment is withdrawn from your bank account electronically on the actual due date. This service is available for property tax payments, water/sewer bills or both. If you would like to enroll, please complete the authorization form at the following link: <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/documentcenter/view/4532>

You can drop off the completed enrollment form at the City Clerk's office or mail to:
City of Montpelier

Attn: Treasurer
39 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Community Services

22nd Annual Parent-Child Valentines Dance Monday, February 12, 6:30-8:30pm | Capitol Plaza | Tickets at the door: \$25/couple plus \$7 per additional guest

Tickets are limited, so be sure to purchase in advance at the Recreation Office at 58 Barre Street. Thank you to sponsors Vermont Mutual Insurance Group, Capitol Plaza, and Union Mutual.

Palestine and Israel in Film Mondays, February 12-March 19, 6:30-9pm

Local activists with the Vermonters for Justice in Palestine, Kathy Shapiro and Mark Hage screen six films dealing with Palestine and Israel. Hosting this series does not imply endorsement of any particular position on the part of MSAC or the City of Montpelier. For a full introduction to the series, visit www.montpelier-vt.org/msacfilms. For more information on specific films, call 223-2518.

China Travel Talk and Slideshow Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-8:00pm

Montpelier Senior Activity Center | 58 Barre Street, Montpelier | 223-2518

Free Travel Talk and Slideshow presented by members of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center April 2017 trip to Beijing and Xian, China. Hear stories of group members' adventures, architectural wonders and historic sites they visited!

End of Life Choice: Options & Autonomy

On Saturday, February 17, 9-3, MSAC will host a free educational symposium. Highlights will include stories from family members, the history of autonomy at end of life in VT and information from medical and other experts. Learn and ask questions about hospice care, medical aid in dying (VT Act 39), palliative sedation and more. Co-presented by Patient Choices Vermont. Afternoon optional; lunch available for purchase. To learn more, call us at 223-2518.

Q&A with Montpelier City Council Candidates

Tuesday, February 20, 12-2pm

The League of Women Voters of Vermont moderates this public forum. Candidates will each give short introductory statements and timed answers to written questions. All confirmed candidates for City Council and Mayor will be invited to participate. MSAC hosts this event as a public service with no implied endorsement of any candidate(s).

February Break Day Camp

Montpelier Recreation offers a great day camp each day from 7:45am-4:45pm during the February school break, providing a well-balanced selection of activities. We are a licensed childcare program and can accept state subsidy for eligible children. On Thursday, we'll take a fun field trip to the Upper Valley Aquatics Center. Register by February 16. Visit www.montpelierrec.org/camps or call 225-8699 to learn more. You must register in person at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier.

Hiring Summer Staff

We have summer pool and camp positions available. Applications can be picked up at the Montpelier Recreation Department (58 Barre Street) between 9am-4pm or on our website. For more information please contact our office at 225-8699 or visit www.montpelierrec.org/jobs. Montpelier Recreation is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply by March 31!

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

Feb. 14	Dog Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Black Lives Matter Resolution/Discuss. Sprinkler Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Conservation Commission Appts. & Alternates Request Planning Commission Appts. Request Master Plan Regional approval Taylor Street Art City Manager's Review	Feb. 28	Pump Track Parklet Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Mountaineers update and requests Annual City Meeting Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Information meeting • Warning Information meeting • Charter Information meeting
Mar 6	Annual City Meeting Election	Mar. 14	Elect Officers Ethics Policy Rules of Procedure Goals process & schedule
Mar. 28	Apartment inspections Army Corps update Project Development Plan		



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 City Manager