

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 09/01/2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

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

Tuesday, September 5 Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday, September 4 Labor Day Holiday. City offices closed.

Monday, September 11 Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

ATTACHMENTS...

 Community Justice Center dog/hot car poster

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street

Construction plans still moving forward as planned. At our invitation, FTA is making a site visit on September 26th to review the progress being made. We are planning a potential ground breaking ceremony for late November/early December.

The meeting with the Mowatt team this week was productive. Both parties are following up.

The related Taylor Street renovation has been delayed in order to coordinate with a potential private development project.

Caledonia Spirits

Tax Stabilization second hearing will be on the September 13th agenda. The sewer connection issue is resolved. The rail crossing issue is very close to resolution.

Master Plan & Zoning

Continued on September 13th. The Planning Director is completing a draft Master Plan for Planning Commission review as per the proposed schedule.

TIF

Stephanie Hainley and Gail Henderson-King from White & Burke will be in Montpelier on Sept. 12 to meet with various groups to outline the TIF program and Montpelier's potential application. The full Council and Mayor will be included in that meeting during the lunch hour, and should have received an invitation. The Mayor and Councilor Bate have agreed to serve on the Core Team and attend the day-long meetings.

Berlin Pond

No update.

Parking/Transportation Alternatives

As discussed by Council's Parking Subcommittee, all 10 M5 meters have been installed. The Subcommittee (Councilors Bate and Watson) will present a proposal for moving forward at a future meeting.

Econo Lodge

Demolition permit is scheduled for DRB review on September 5th.

Legal

Downstreet Permit appeal. As per council decision, the city will participate in this appeal to support the application.

Collective Bargaining

We reached tentative agreement with the Police Union last week. I received a memorandum of agreement from them this week and have responded with minor comments. I expect to bring this to you soon.

Parklets

Due to the size of agendas, this ordinance is being moved to October. Positive Pie parklet is in place.

State Street Farmer's Market Update

The Montpelier Farmer's Market was scheduled to take place on State Street on September 23rd and September 30th. The status of this is undetermined currently. The organizers are still trying to have this occur but final decisions have not been made.

CIP, Projects

Work is completed on roof replacement at City Hall. Work on drainage to address basement mold issues will begin soon. We would like to convene the CIP committee during the week of September 18-22 to realign some planned work to accommodate these emergency but necessary actions.

Ice Skating Rink

Governor Scott has approved the rink with a condition; the proposal now goes to the Capital Complex Commission for approval.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Public Works

The Street Division is set to finish the Sibley Avenue sidewalk with backfill and lawn restoration, and may begin repairing the section of sidewalk below College Street. There is also shoulder and curb backfill to do on the section of Winter Street that was paved this week. Outstanding maintenance work, which was put on hold while bigger projects were underway, are being addressed. This includes projects such as repairing a collapsing catch basin on School Street, painting more crosswalks (a couple on Terrace Street not yet done), sweeping streets, catch basin cleaning, street & sidewalk brush cutting, etc. To prepare for the Towne Hill Road project (Dover Road – Westwood Drive), we may be able to begin the installation of one of the new catch basins, repair a culvert headwall and work with the Parks Department on some tree trimming. The Water/Sewer Division will continue work on Harrison Avenue, where a hard to find water leak on the new main has been causing a great deal of aggravation and delaying our ability to put it into service. When the leak is repaired next week, work will begin connecting house services to the new water main.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Senior Activity Center Class Registration Continues. We are offering more than 70 affordable weekly classes this fall. Most are open to adults 50 or older, but many are open to everyone regardless of age. Registration is now open, and several classes still have space available. Learn more and register online at www.montpelier-vt.org/msac or visit our office at 58 Barre Street.

One-On-One Yoga Therapy Sessions. The Montpelier Senior Activity Center will offer adults 60 or older one-on-one yoga therapy sessions with Ragan Sheridan Royer. Yoga therapy is a journey of healing, finding balance and integrating all aspects of ourselves—body, mind, emotions and spirit. It empowers individuals to take an active role in their health and. No previous yoga experience is required. Cost is \$45 for a 55-minute session. To learn more/sign up, contact Ragan at 552-8995 or ragan@rootsofsupport.com.

Recreation Department

In conjunction with the Central Vermont Humane Society, Doggie Days at the Pool was a big success last week, with 135 dogs and 228 people attending the event.

Youth Soccer: Register This Week. The Montpelier Youth Soccer program starts soon, and this is your last chance to register before rates go up on September 6. Youth soccer is open to Montpelier residents in Kindergarten through Grade 6. The cost is \$35/player or \$70/family before September 6. Sign up at the Montpelier Community Services Office at 58 Barre Street or visit www.montpelierrec.org for a printable registration form. Parents are also needed to help coach and referee. A brief organizational meeting to plan will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 7pm at the Montpelier Recreational Center, 55 Barre Street.

Montpelier Community Justice Center

As part of its commitment to help prevent harm, the Montpelier Community Justice Center has created a poster to remind people of the perils of leaving a dog in a hot car. Throughout the summer, the Montpelier Police Department has responded to numerous calls from concerned people about dogs in cars and have discovered dogs in various stages of distress. Most people do not realize that it is more uncomfortable for a dog than it is for a person to sit in a car with the windows cracked. They don't imagine themselves in the closed car wearing a fur coat! In fact, even on a 70° day, the temperature inside the car quickly becomes dangerously hot.

The attached poster will be distributed around town where it can be easily seen by people who might be parking with dogs in their cars. For anyone who wants a poster to display, contact the Montpelier Community Justice Center at 223-9606.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

September 13

Zoning
Dog Ordinance 2nd Reading
Caledonia Spirits Tax Stabilization 2nd Hearing
Parking/Team Bridges
Sprinkler Ordinance discussion
DID Budget
Water/Sewer Rates
Historic District
Housing Goal
City Manager Evaluation Process (continued)
Update Council Policy
Alternative Transportation Definition

September 27	Zoning Budget Process Asset Management update Economic Development Goal Recreation Center RFP? Safe Needle Disposal
October 11	Zoning Parklet Ordinance 1 st Reading Five Year Budget projection Local Options Tax discussion Wayfinding Signs Presentation Central VT Public Safety Authority update ADA Committee update
October 25	Zoning Parklet Ordinance 2nd Reading TIF Update Quality of Life Goal Aging in Place Fees
November 8	Crosswalk Safety Warming and Cooling Shelters Accessibility



William Fraser
City Manager

What melts in a hot car?



Never

leave your dog
in a hot, or even
warm, car!

If it's too warm for you to sit in your car with windows slightly open, it's way too hot for your dog!

Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in just 15 minutes. It's extra tough for dogs to beat the heat because they can only cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paw pads.

Think ahead.

Don't torture your dog.



Outside temperature	Inside temperature
100°	120°
90°	110°
80°	100°
70°	90°

In less than 10 minutes!