

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 09/15/2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, September 18	Design Review Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Monday, September 18	Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Tuesday, September 19	Energy Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room
Thursday, September 21	Central Vermont Public Safety Authority Meeting, 6:30 P.M. at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Wednesday, September 27	City Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 28	Community Fund Board Meeting, 12:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room

ATTACHMENTS...

 Letter from the Mayor of Montpellier, France

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street

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.

Mowatt discussions continue in depth. We have provided some deadline dates.

Master Plan & Zoning

Continuing on September 27th. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the Master Plan on October 23rd.

Soccer Jerseys

The story of the Montpellier soccer jerseys has taken off around the world! We're working out details with our French counterparts and the local schools. Very fun! I've attached the letter from the Montpellier Mayor.

TIF

Good introductory meeting on Tuesday with White & Burke, with a well-attended public meeting. We will keep you posted going forward.

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 either the September 27th or October 11th meeting.

Econo Lodge

DRB approved the demolition plans with conditions. COPS has received its zoning permit, and the building permit (demolition) application was sent to their attorney this week.

Legal

Downstreet Permit appeal. The appellants filed their statement of issues this week.

Collective Bargaining

Finishing up final details with Police.

State Street Farmer's Market Update

The Montpelier Farmer's Market will take place on State Street on September 23. City staff met with sponsors and a Farmers Market rep on logistics. Downtown business owners are being kept up to date.

CIP, Projects

Work on drainage to address basement mold issues will begin next week weather permitting. Jamie

is scheduling a CIP committee during the week of September 18-22 to realign some planned work to accommodate these emergency but necessary actions.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance Department

A reminder that water/sewer bill payments are due today, Friday, September 15. Payments will be considered timely if payment is made by midnight tonight via the City's website or the drop box located to the left of the rear entrance to City Hall.

Seth Wood has completed a RFP to consolidate several print and copier functions throughout various departments. We are currently reviewing proposals from several vendors and anticipate making a selection in the next couple of weeks. In addition to cost savings, this process will create universal compatibility throughout departments for machine operation and parts/toner cartridges.

Public Works

The Towne Hill Road street rehabilitation project started this week between Grandview Terrace and Westwood Drive. The work planned for the week of the 18th includes installation of a new water service near Greenock Avenue, box cut excavation & backfill for road realignment to make room for the sidewalk extension along the south side of the street, adding new gravel/road grading and, if time allows, installation of a new culvert & catch basin near the upper intersection with Grandview Terrace.

The DPW crew will return to Woodrow Avenue and replace the sidewalk that was removed a few weeks ago. Also, if time and weather allows, work will resume on the Sibley Avenue sidewalk below the College Street intersection.

Northfield Street:

All water and sewer main is complete to the Lower Colonial Drive/Northfield St. Intersection. New curbing installation has started at the bottom of Northfield St. and the contractor is reconstructing the roadway.

Harrison Ave:

The new water main has been tested and disinfected and DPW crews are installing the new water services. Stone Hammer Construction has been hired to assist with the water services which should be complete by then end of next week. The week after next we anticipate starting on the new sewer main installation.

Buildings

City Hall foundation drainage and waterproofing work will start next week, weather permitting. This will impact parking along the southerly (Rite Aid) side of City Hall.

Tree Board

Two new trees will be delivered next week and installed upon arrival at 17 State Street and 44 Main Street. One tree is for a new tree pit and the other will replace a tree that needed to be removed. Four new tree grates have arrived to replace damaged or missing grates downtown. These will be installed next week.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Congratulations, Dan Groberg

Dan Groberg, Director of Communications and Development for the Community Services Department, has been selected to participate in the prestigious Vermont Leadership Institute--a program of the Snelling Center for Government. VLI was created with the goal of stimulating citizen enthusiasm for and participation in public service. It gives participants the information, tools and inspiration to make greater contributions to their organizations, communities and state. VLI is an intensive program consisting of nineteen seminar days between September and June, and Dan attended the first session September 14-15. Each session is held in a different region of the state to convey a sense of Vermont's rich historic, geographic and cultural diversity. Dan joins other leaders from the private, public and non-profit sectors and will learn from faculty across the state and nation.

Savoy DVD Archive History & Highlights Event, Wednesday, September 20, 6:30-8pm

Join Savoy Theater founders Rick Winston and Andrea Serota as they discuss the creation of Montpelier's beloved independent film theater, development of the DVD archive collection now housed at MSAC, and highlights from some favorite films available to MSAC and Savoy members on DVD. James O'Hanlon, the current owner of the Savoy, will also be in attendance. Free and open to the public.

Fall Prevention Awareness Proclamation Event, Presentation and Workshop,

Friday, September 22, 1-3pm

Falls are the most common cause of serious injury and hospitalization for older adults, and the risk of injury increases with age. While many older adults worry about losing our balance, the good news is: there are plenty of things you can do to keep your balance and prevent falls. Join us for a special proclamation by state officials in honor of Falls Prevention Awareness Month, followed by a tai chi demonstration by MSAC instructor Ellie Hayes, presentation by Stay Steady Vermont physical therapists on balance and what you can do to improve yours, and individual fall risk screenings. Free and open to the public.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

September 27	Zoning Budget Process Water/sewer rates Planning Commission appointments Economic Development Goal Recreation Center RFP? Safe Needle Disposal/Opiate Update Dog Ordinance, 2 nd reading Voting Representative – VLCT Town Fair
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 Downtown Improvement District budget Parking/Team bridges
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



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Montpellier

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Dear Mayor Hollar,

I'm writing to you from Montpellier, south of France. The starting point of our story is that our both cities have almost the same name.

You have already heard about the story of the soccer shirts on social networks, there was a mistake during the printing, and now Montpellier spelled as the name of your city is writing on the shirts of the soccer team.

We would be very delighted with M. Laurent Nicollin, President of the Soccer Club of Montpellier, to offer the shirts with the name of your city to your school's soccer team. M. Mayor Hollar do not hesitate to tell me if you agree with this gift, in that way we will write together a great story.

Moreover, I also hope to meet you one day, I will be very pleased to welcome you in Montpellier.

Yours faithfully,

Philippe SAUREL

Mayor of Montpellier
President of Montpellier Méditerranée
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