

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**
City Manager's Weekly Report – 11/23/2017

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24, City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, November 27 Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Wednesday, December 6 Eminent Domain Hearing, 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street

We are calling a special meeting for the Council to formally approve the purchase and sales agreement on the Mowatt property.

State House Ice Skating Rink

There has been an outpouring of public support for the rink. BGS Commissioner Chris Cole plans to touch base with Capitol Complex Commission members to see if they might reverse their position and allow the rink to be installed. We noted that time is of the essence because the Commission's decision stalled fundraising. Meanwhile, the Vermont College of Fine Arts offered their green, and we are also talking to the High School about hosting the rink.

TIF

We received an informal nod from Fred Kenney to map a larger TIF district that includes the downtown and the Barre Street/VCFA/Sabins area. The next step, which begins immediately, is to collect financial information to determine if either or both of those areas do, in fact, require infrastructure projects, and could generate future growth needed to repay any TIF bond.

Montpellier Soccer Jerseys

The jerseys have been received. There are about two dozen of them, in various sizes from small to extra large. We are planning a 'thank you' ceremony on Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. at Montpellier High School, with Montpellier Mayor Philippe Saurel joining from France via Skype. The City Council is welcome to attend.

Master Plan & Zoning

The December 13th and 20th meetings will have public hearings for both the master plan, zoning and River Hazard Area regulations.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Planning & Community Development

Public Hearings for Zoning, River Hazard Area Regulation, and the Master Plan will take place on December 13th and December 20th. The Master Plan draft and River Hazard Area Regulation draft are available on line and ready for review. [Click here to view the Zoning and River Hazard Area Regulation drafts](#) and [click here to view the Master Plan draft](#). You can also stop by the City Manager's office to view the hard copies.

Public Works

A contractor hired by the City will begin the relocation of a vital water main at the site of future Caledonia Spirits facility next week. The water main relocation was part of the development agreement to support the project. With the relocation of the water main, the building foundation work can begin in the spring without delay.

Community Services

Montpelier Senior Activity Center Open House

On Monday, November 27 from 5-7pm, join us at 58 Barre Street for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center's Holiday Open House. Learn more about the programs and services offered by the Center and its partners, sign up for classes and membership, and enjoy light refreshments. Open to all!

Winter Program Registration Begins Monday, November 27

The Community Services Department is offering more than 100 programs for people of all ages this winter. We know that winter in Vermont can be hard. That's why we are offering more than 100 programs for people of all ages to bring fun and activity to the season. This winter, you and your family can join us for skiing at Sugarbush, take a yoga class, play Pickleball, learn to cook, or create puppets for All Species Day. No matter your interest or age, we're confident that you'll find lots of affordable programs to enjoy this winter. Winter registration begins Monday, November 27 in our office and online at www.montpelier-vt.org/csregister. More information about programs will be available in our Winter Program Guide, available on November 21 in our office and online at www.montpelier-vt.org/cs.

Sugarbush Ski Program

The cold is here, so it's time to think snow and winter skiing! The winter, our Ski Program returns to Sugarbush Mountain for five weeks of skiing and lessons. This program offers several packages

and combinations of lessons, life tickets, and rentals at a reduced group rate. The program also includes round-trip bus transportation from Montpelier High School. Open to children 8-18 and adult chaperones, the program runs January 7, 21, 28, February 4, 11 from 10:30am-4:45pm. All registrations must be received by November 28 at 3pm. For more information and prices, please visit www.montpelierrec.org/skiprogram.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

Dec. 6	Eminent Domain Hearing for the Cummings Street Bridge	Dec. 13	Master Plan Public Hearing Zoning Public Hearing Budget WRRF update Charter changes Hubbard Park land Parklet Ordinance, 2 nd reading Wayfinding Signs MTIC appointments Complete Streets Group appointments
Dec. 20	Master Plan PH Zoning PH Budget Affordability Goal Public Safety goal Dog Ordinance, 2 nd reading	Jan. 3	Budget or Zoning Workshop – if needed
Jan. 10	Budget Workshop Infrastructure Goal	Jan. 17	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing Charter Public Hearing Bond Public Hearing Necessity Resolution
Jan. 24	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing Charter Public Hearing Bond Public Hearing	Feb. 14	Apartment Inspections Good Governance Goal



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