


**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 06/08/2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, June 11	Planning Commission, 5:30 PM, Memorial Room
Monday, June 11	Recreation Board, 5:30 PM, Barre St. Recreation Center
Tuesday, June 12	Loan Fund Committee, 5 PM, City Manager's Conference Room
Tuesday, June 12	Historic Preservation, 6:30 PM, City Mgr.'s Conference Room
Wednesday, June 13	City Council site visit, 6:15 PM, Scribner Street
Wednesday, June 13	City Council, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers
Thursday, June 14	Conservation Commission, 6:00 PM, Hubbard Park Shelters

ATTACHMENTS...

-  Construction Update for the Week of June 11th

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

Capitol Plaza Project

We are continuing parking garage discussions.

TIF

The City's TIF application has been certified as complete. Our hearing with the Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) is scheduled for June 28th at 11:30 AM in Montpelier.

WRRF – Please Note!

We expect to recommend proceeding with Phase I of the organics to energy project which provides the opportunity to add the CHP component as a Phase II project. **You will be asked to affirm which project we pursue.** You will have a final go/no go decision in September with consideration of a warning a bond vote for this project. See attached memo.

Strategic Planning

We received the draft report from the Novak Consulting Group this week. Our team began working on adding the specific work plans to the various items. We expect to this ready for you next week.

Scribner Street

Reminder that the Site visit is at 6:15 PM on June 13th. The formal hearing will occur during the regular meeting that evening.

Tax Stabilization

We have received an application from Timber Homes, LLC for tax stabilization. The first hearing will be held at the June 13th meeting.

Upcoming Department Reports and Tours

Fire Department site tour at 6 PM on June 27th. Chief Gowans will not present again during a meeting unless you would like to discuss issues with him in more depth.

Legal

Both the Appellant, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and Appellee, State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) filed "Oppositions to Motions for Summary Judgement" with the Superior Court, Environmental Division. Attorneys for other Appellees, including Montpelier and South Burlington, filed "Memorandum in Support of State of Vermont's Motion for Summary Judgement and Opposition to Appellant CLF's Motion for Summary Judgement." The appeal involves a challenge by CLF of the renewal of nine waste water treatment plant discharge permits, including Montpelier's discharge permit, on the grounds that the phosphorous limits are not strict enough. The State of Vermont, ANR is being represented by the Attorney General's office. The City is being represented by Joseph McLean, Esq., of Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C.

Attorney Brian Monaghan has filed a motion to dismiss in Smith v. Town of East Montpelier and the City of Montpelier regarding provision of ambulance service.

City of Montpelier Help Wanted

View the latest job opportunities at <https://vt-montpelier.civicplus.com/Jobs.aspx>

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Assessor

The 2018 Abstract (Preliminary) Grand List was lodged with the City Clerk on Thursday, June 7. Change of Appraisal Notices were mailed to property owners and legal notices were posted. Grievance hearings will be held on Friday, June 22.

Public Works

See the Construction Update for the week of June 11th attached to this report.

Sidewalk Projects: The reconstruction of the College St. sidewalks along both sides of the street between East State St. & Woodrow Ave. will continue for the next few weeks. For the week of June 11th, the contractor will be replacing the sidewalk along the easterly side between Arsenal Drive & East State Street. Once complete, the contractor will begin planned sidewalk reconstruction work on Liberty St. between Main St. & Loomis St.

Sherwood Dr. paving preparation work: DPW crew will be working on drainage system repairs or replacements & begin adjusting structures over the next few weeks (man holes, catch basins & gate valves) which entails removing the hardware and covering with steel plates to protect the systems from the cold in-place recycling process (aka reclaiming). Also relocating some catch basins to allow for construction of a future sidewalk. The reclaiming process is tentatively scheduled to begin in early July. Traffic impacts will consist of flagger controlled one-way alternating flow.

Liberty St. & College St. cold plane (aka milling) to be completed today although running about a ½ day behind schedule due to mechanical issues. Crack sealing and paving shim course (1st layer) of asphalt will follow soon afterwards tentatively scheduled for June 12th. This is the first step in the process to prepare the streets for new paving. The wearing or finish surface course of new pavement will be applied upon completion the planned sidewalk work in July. On-street parking will not be permitted while work takes place.

Phase 2 of the Rte 12 (Main Street, Northfield St, etc.) will resume on Sunday night / Monday morning beginning with the cold plane process from Barre St, across the Main Street bridge to and within the Memorial Drive / Main Street / Berlin Street intersection. This includes lengthy approach work on Memorial Drive & Berlin St. Night paving of the shim/leveling course will begin Thursday (June 14th) through approximately Friday morning depending on weather conditions.

River Street (Route 2) paving: A shim or leveling course of pavement will be applied to River St between Pioneer St. and the Rt. 2 / 302 roundabout and a section of the East Montpelier Road on or about June 13th. This paving is intended to temporarily address the severe pavement distress. The contractor will do this paving work during the overnight hours to avoid potentially significant traffic impacts on this busy highway. Notices to nearby residents have been issued. DPW crews will be preparing the road side shoulders in advance of the paving during the day time hours.

Finance

Water/sewer bills are due on Friday, June 15th. 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

2018 City Pool opens June 16th

Pool season is here! The pool opens for the summer on Saturday June 16th. Weekend hours are 1—5:30pm. During the first week, June 18—22, we will be open 2pm—6pm daily. Morning Lap swim will be held Mondays - Fridays each week 8—9am beginning June 25.

Information on prices, hours, rules, special events and swimming lessons can be found here:

<http://www.montpelierrec.org/844/Montpelier-Pool>

Pass holders will receive a key fob to swipe upon entry for each visit to the pool. This will help us to generate better usage numbers. This is a new system and we understand it will be an adjustment. Thank you for your cooperation.

	Daily Admission		Season Passes	
	Resident	Non-Res	Resident	Non-Res
Family	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$130.00	\$205.00
Adult	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
Student K-12	\$4.50	\$9.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Pre-School	\$4.50	\$9.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Senior Citizens	Free	\$9.00	Free	\$50.00

Last Episode of PBS Documentary Film Series: The Story of the Jews | Sunday, June 10, 5-7pm

Episode 5, Return: PBS Series host Simon Schama examines how the Holocaust and the creation of Israel altered Jewish identity. MSAC present another opportunity for lifelong learning, awareness-raising and respectful community discussion. Montpelier residents Jamie Granfield Carroll and Joseph Carroll have been hosting this series and sharing light refreshments representing different Jewish culinary traditions. More information about the series is available at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/story-jews>. Each episode is 55 min., followed by informal audience reflection and discussion for those who wish to stay. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. Donations to MSAC are appreciated. No advance registration is required. Co-sponsoring and hosting this series does not imply endorsement of any particular position on the part of MSAC staff, the MSAC Program Committee or the City of Montpelier.

PARKAPALOOZA Free Music Series Kicks Off Sunday, June 17 at Hubbard Park!

Once a month June-September, we're inviting the community to spend an afternoon in the park. In addition to great music, we'll be running our giant slip 'n slide and have a community BBQ trailer fired up for you to grill your own picnic!

Here's the schedule:

- Sunday, June 17: Steady Betty (3-6pm)
- Sat/Sun, July 21/22: in conjunction with Montpelier BioBlitz 2018 --our wild weekend festival! Music performances include Sabouyouma, Funk Shui, Modern Times Theater, and more! (2pm Sat. - 2pm Sun.).
- Sunday, August 19: Band TBD (3-6pm)
- Sunday, September 16: Patti Casey and the Wicked Fine Players

DISCO FEVER! 4th Annual Senior Prom for All Ages is Coming! Tickets on Sale Now!
Friday, June 29, 7:30-10pm

Capitol Plaza Hotel, State St. Montpelier


- \$25 per person includes delicious food, cash bar, great local DJ and dancing, fun photo booth
- Silent auction of diverse items and services (going online June 15) to raise funds to support the senior activity center
- Dress-code: 70s/Disco encouraged, but anything goes!
- Tickets available at 58 Barre St or online at <https://montpeliersenioractivitycenter.brownpapertickets.com>

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

June 13	6:15 Scribner Street site visit Scribner St hearing Department Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Center Pocket Park MHS Student presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bag Ban Indoor Rec Facility WRRF – select project option Complete Streets Strategic Plan update First Time Homebuyer Program Tax Stabilization App: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TimberHomes Vermont 	June 27	6:00 Fire Department site visit Set tax rate Conservation Commission appt. Development Review Board appt. Environmental, Social, Governance Investment Policy New Directions, smoke-free Social equity Dogs/Parks Commission Tax Stabilization – 2nd hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TimberHomes Vermont Strategic Plan – final adoption Park Avenue Closure for Playground
July 11	No Meeting	July 25	Zoning Fixes Open Meeting Law? Parklet Ordinance? Emerald Ash Borer
August 8	No Meeting	August 22	Parking Garage Investment Policy
Sept 12		Sept 26	Bond Public Hearing

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE...

June	Setting tax and water/sewer rates Review/adopt goals	July	Board of Civil Authority meets July 3 rd Celebration Zoning Fixes Mayor at HKS program
August	Parking	September	Mid-year City Manager check-in Art Walk Possible warning for special November voting for bonds ICMA Conference for Manager
November	Set budget guidelines State general election, possible bond votes	December	Budget Art Walk
January	Budget Ballot	February	City Manager review Welcome Legislators Reception
March	Orientation		


 William Fraser
 City Manager

Construction Update Montpelier Transportation Projects

Project Location: State Street, Main Street, and VT 12 – Elm Street - Work to include milling, paving, manhole and drainage structure adjustments and extensive sidewalk improvements. VT 12-Northfield Street - new water, sewer, storm water improvements, sidewalks and a stabilized road base.

Week of June 11, 2018

Northfield Street – Construction Area: Derby Drive to Freedom Drive

TRAFFIC DETOUR: The detour route below will continue to be in effect from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, M-F, for Northfield Street traffic between Derby Drive and Freedom Drive.

- All southbound (towards Northfield) thru traffic will use Memorial Drive to Dog River Road to Northfield Street
- Northbound (towards downtown) passenger vehicles will be allowed to travel through the construction zone
- Northbound (towards downtown) truck thru traffic will be directed to use Dog River Road to Memorial Drive. Local delivery trucks will be allowed through the project.
- A detour map can be found at <https://frpenterprises.com/montpelier-08-10-17.html> Click on "MAP"
- Message boards and detour signs will be in place to direct traffic.
- Sidewalks will remain open for pedestrians and bicyclists may ride with traffic in the northbound direction or walk their bikes along the sidewalk, in either direction, until they reach the end of the construction zone.

Please note: Northfield Street between Memorial Drive and Derby Drive will be open to two-way traffic.

Construction activities, Northfield Street week of 6/11/2018:

- Water Main work has begun (1 crew will stay on mainline installation until complete)
- Other Miscellaneous Work: There will be a crew will performing miscellaneous work around the site. This crew may be in and out throughout the week of 6/11 and will begin water services once the mainline has been tested/ approved.

Downtown Project Update-- Proposed Schedule, Week of 6/11/18:

Please note that inclement weather can affect construction operations. In the event of inclement weather throughout the week, the proposed schedule may change. Thank you for your understanding.

Night work along VT 12 will begin on Sunday night, June 10th. The construction area will be along VT 12, Main Street from the intersection of US 2 (Memorial Drive) to the Railroad tracks and on US 2, approximately 500-1000' on each side of the Main Street/Northfield Street intersections.

Cold planing operations will begin Sunday, 6/10 and continue through Tuesday, 6/12. Temporary pavement markings will occur after cold planing. Crews will begin setting up light towers, construction signs and traffic control measures in the early evening on Sunday and active construction operations will begin around 7:00 PM and continue until approximately 6:00 AM. Alternating traffic patterns will be in effect. Flaggers and a uniformed traffic officer will be onsite to assist with the flow of traffic.

Paving operations will follow cold planing. Paving is scheduled for Wednesday night (6/13). Temporary line striping will follow paving operations. In the event of inclement weather, it may become necessary for paving operations to continue to Thursday night.

Contact Natalie Boyle, Project Outreach Coordinator, EIV Technical Services, with any questions or concerns in regard to this project at 802-855-3893.

Updates will be posted on www.roadworkupdates.com, Montpelier's Front Porch Forum, the City of Montpelier's website, Facebook page and Twitter Feed, Montpelier Alive's Facebook page and Makeover Montpelier's Facebook page. Information will also be included in the VT Agency of Transportation's "On the Road" report in the Times Argus.