

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 08/03/2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, August 6	Sprinkler Variance Committee, 4 PM, City Manager's Conference Room
Monday, August 6	Design Review Committee, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
Monday, August 6	Development Review Board, 7 PM, Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 7	Transportation Infrastructure Committee, 6 PM, Memorial Room
Wednesday, August 8	Investment Committee, 4 PM, Council Chambers

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

Capitol Plaza Project

We are working toward a full public presentation on August 22nd with financial details included.

TIF

We have a final meeting with them on August 30th where we are optimistic that the district will be approved.

1 Taylor Street

Asbestos/environmental abatement work in the Montpelier Beverage and Association for the Blind buildings is about to begin; fencing and site work at 1 Taylor Street is also set to begin. All final rail rights of way and boundary line adjustments have been executed, and Housing Vermont is expected to close on its funding Friday.

Strategic Plan

Now that the plan has been approved, deadline dates are being finalized and the information is being loaded into the Envisio tracking software. We will soon be providing you a calendar of expected activity deadlines as well as rolling out the public dashboard

Ice Rink

Thank you for last week's approval of the new design and concept of a more permanent, City-owned rink. Our focus has now shifted to grant and private fundraising to match the Recreation Department's share of the \$60,000 one-time cost.

Legal

In the appeal by Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) of the City's WWTF discharge permit, the matter has now been fully briefed by all parties, including motions for summary judgment, responses thereto and reply filings. In its submissions to the Court, the City supported the legal briefs filed by the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and also filed a separate reply memo addressing the issue of whether the discharge permit authorized an increase in phosphorous, as CLF has claimed. CLF has requested that the Court schedule oral argument on the motions. The Court has granted CLF's request for oral argument on the pending motions and has scheduled that oral argument for July 30, 2018 at Costello Courthouse in Burlington. 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.

City of Montpelier Help Wanted

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

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance

Update on State backlog of property tax information: The City received a download of updated information from the State and printed new bills for all impacted property taxpayers. Those new bills were in the mail as of Wednesday. We will be publicizing this on social media, and urging anyone with questions or concerns about their bill to contact the City.

Fire

The department is actively engaged in our summer training schedule. Over the next few weeks firefighters will be completing our annual ladder / rescue training. If you're going by the station and see this training happening on Pitkin Court between the Fire Station and City Hall please feel free to stop, watch, and ask questions.

The Department recently participated in a week long Ladder/Tower Truck training. This was a joint training with Barre City, Northfield, and Williamstown Fire Departments. The training was made possible through a grant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Peterson has recently completed all his required paramedic certifications.

Police Department

It is with great sadness that the Montpelier Police Department announces the passing of K-9 "Jake." Jake was a beloved member of the MPD family and it is important to recognize and remember the important work that he did—along with his handler, SGT Kevin Moulton. SGT Moulton and Jake are directly responsible for saving two lives in Montpelier and they participated in the rescue and recovery of a couple of others. K-9 Jake is also credited with the recovery of tens of thousands of dollars-worth of illegal narcotics, supporting MPD, area police departments, Vermont

State Police and federal agencies with their drug investigations. Jake was a wonderful dog and he will be missed.

City Clerk

Reminder that the polls are open for early voting in advance of the Aug. 14 primary elections.

Community Services

MSAC is a community cooling shelter!

During times of high heat, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center serves as a community cooling center. Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives that they are welcome to come in and beat the heat! Mondays through Fridays, 9am-4pm. MSAC is located at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier.

"Lives Well Lived: Questions & Discussions"

Come and discuss what it means to have a "life well lived" and other such topics. Join us on Monday, August 6th from 3 – 4:30pm in the MSAC Resource Room for what is sure to be an interesting and though-provoking conversation. Using the documentary, "Lives Well Lived", as our guide, the discussion will range in topics from what it means to have a happy life to have you ever experienced ageism?

Free Mime Class with Rob Mermin | Saturday, August 18, 10am-noon | MSAC Resource Room

Come ready to move, have fun and learn how Rob Mermin, founder of Circus Smirkus and former student of Marcel Marceau, uses mime to help people with Parkinson's disease. Space is limited and class is intended for seniors only. Contact Rob at robmermin@gmail.com to learn more or reserve your space. The class will be filmed by a Swiss TV producer for a documentary of the Art of Silence.

Fall K-6 Youth Soccer Sign-up ends August 10th!

For more details and to register, drop by the office (58 Barre Street) or visit our website: <http://www.montpelierrec.org/DocumentCenter/View/5404/2018-Soccer-Registration-Form>.

Pizza at the Pool

Join us on Thursday, August 9 from 5-7pm for dinner at the pool! We'll be firing up some Woodbelly Pizza in their mobile wood-fired oven and enjoying some pizza at the pool. Slices range in price from \$3 to \$4.50 and there will be both vegetarian and meat options available.

Pool to close for season August 19

The last day of the 2018 pool season is Sunday, August 19, 2018. August 22 is dog day at the pool, so tell all your furry friends!

FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

August 22	Parking Garage Update Adopt indicators? Recreation Feasibility Study Emerald Ash Borer recommendation Parklet Ordinance – 1 st reading UES ordinances – 1 st reading Committee Appointments: - Social & Economic Justice Advisory - Investment Committee - Housing Authority -Community Fund Board -EC Fiber rep	Sept 12	WRRF Update Charter Changes Zoning Fixes Strategic Plan item Parklet Ordinance – 2 nd reading UES ordinances – 2 nd reading Committee Appointments: - Complete Streets Committee Historic Preservation Commission Investment Policy Manager check in
Sept 26	Committee Appointments: - Planning Commission - Design Review Committee Strategic Plan item Strategic Plan Progress report Communications Strategy	Oct 2 (between Sept 27- Oct 7)	Special Meeting – warn special election Bond & Charter change public hearings Necessity resolutions
Oct 10	Housing Authority appointments Budget workshop w/survey Strategic Plan item Main/Barre Corridor Study	Oct 24	Art Synergy Master Plan Rec Center Study MTIC appointments
Oct 31 (between Oct 27-Nov 5)	Special Meeting – Public Information session for special election items	Nov 14	Budget Guidelines Budget Schedule Stormwater, Water/Sewer/CSO Update Community Profile

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE...

August	Parking	September	Mid-year City Manager check-in Art Walk Advertising for and appointment of all Planning Commission members Possible warning for special November voting for bonds ICMA Conference for Manager & Asst.
October	Public hearings for Special election items Discuss budget guidelines	November	State general election, possible bond votes
December	Budget Art Walk	January	Budget Ballot
February	City Manager review Welcome Legislators Reception	March	Orientation



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 City Manager