

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 3/29/2019

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, April 1	Design Review Committee, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
Monday, April 1	Development Review Board, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 2	Transportation Infrastructure Committee, 6:00 PM, Memorial Room
Wednesday, April 3	Complete Streets Group, 5:30 PM, City Manager's Conference Room
Thursday, April 4	Community Advisory Board, 5 PM, Brown Public Library (Northfield)
Thursday, April 4	Tree Board, 5:30 PM, Memorial Room

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Construction on this project remains on schedule. The Transit Center and Housing work is well underway – which is clearly visible from Taylor Street -- and plumbing for the building has begun. Work has started on both the lower and upper roofs. Windows in the upper floors start going in next week. The mechanical and electrical systems will continue to be roughed in and exterior insulation and air sealing work will also continue. A team from the FTA visited last week and was very pleased with the progress.

- Substantial Completion – Aug. 15, 2019
- Project Completion – Aug. 22, 2019

Public Parking Garage

Representatives of the Capitol Plaza, Christ Church, City and Appellant group met for a second time on Thursday, and have tentatively scheduled another meeting for April 11th. All information has been submitted to the Act 250 District Commission, and we're awaiting word on whether another hearing is needed.

Legal – unchanged

The City's petition to enter the proceedings concerning GMP's re-construction of the Marshfield Dam has been approved. We are now a party to the matter, for the purpose of monitoring the information in case there is anything relevant to the city.

Strategic Planning

We have scheduled our strategic planning work with Julia Novak for April 15 and 16. City Councilors and Staff have received invitations via e-mail. More complete session agendas to come. Please RSVP to Jamie if you haven't yet.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Facilities

Optimization of the Fire Station slab/driveway ice melting system was completed this week with the replacement of the slab sensor and reprogramming of the controller. Previously the heating loops were flushed and new glycol solution was installed. All hot water supply piping was insulated. A code-required backflow preventer was

also installed. Energy cost savings as a result of this work is estimated to be \$6,400/year

Green Mount Cemetery

Cemetery roads are closed to traffic until conditions improve. We are open for burials and have one this Sunday.

Public Works

DPW Street Division: Winter operations are winding down, although we remain prepared for the possibility of additional wintery weather through April before equipment is stowed away for the season. Crews are now focusing on street and drainage system repairs and will be ready for paving hot mix as soon as the plant is open which is expected in a week or two.

One Taylor & Shared Use Path Project: The upper roof of the transit center / housing project is complete. Electrical wires and cables will begin being installed next week along with plumbing components. Fire proofing will also continue next week.

Shared Use Path Project (Granite St – Gallison Hill Road): As conditions permit, the contractor continues to work on the path along Barre Street through to Gallison Hill Road. The replacement sewer system is now complete and the pump station tested at the Trackside, LLC property so they will now be able to schedule construction of the storm water bio-retention pond. Plans are also being made to relocate the Barre Street water main which will be approved to begin once frost is out of the ground. The block walls are now starting to be delivered as production at the pre-cast plan ramps up.

Water Resource Recovery Facility Upgrade: Final permits are being applied for next week. Light construction activity will begin in early April will full crews on site starting in early May. Plans are being made for public outreach as an informational effort and a ceremonial ground breaking in May with key stake holders and dignitaries to be invited.

Project Planning: Bid documents are being prepared for sidewalk projects, street paving and line striping as we get ready for the next construction season.

CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP): In accordance with our waste water discharge permit, the LTCP was submitted to the state on March 29th for review and approval per the deadline.

Community Services

Parks & Trees

It seems that we're now wrapping up an incredible winter, at least for those who enjoy outdoor winter sports. We had amazing, consistent snow December up until today. Access to trails has been closed down to fat tire bikes. As of Friday, March 29, 2019, due to conditions, we no longer recommend people use the hill trails in North Branch River Park. Many thanks to the various trail users for help keeping it a good winter for everyone!

Hubbard Park access by vehicle is likely shutting down for mud season, but remains open to walkers, though we ask for good judgment on not treading on sensitive spots. Roads closed to vehicle traffic make for enjoyable walking.

Parks & Trees want to give a huge thanks to Morse Farm, the extended Morse family and a number of other neighbors who generously allowed us to operate a cross country ski trail system on their properties. This provided a wonderful resource for local residents as well as helping keep Montpelier and Central Vermont on the map as a sweet place to go for outdoor fun.

Upcoming Racial Justice Series Event: Seeing and Disrupting Racism Workshop

The second of four events, this workshop, “Seeing and Disrupting Racism” was designed to illuminate the need for efforts to end racism to not fall solely upon those oppressed. This workshop will explore what racism is and why it is often difficult for white communities (and individuals) to see it. This workshop is \$25 per person, or \$15 for PJC members. Event takes place April 9 from 7-9 pm at 58 Barre Street, Montpelier.

MSAC Rummage Sale Fundraiser

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center will be accepting donations of clean, gently used items for its annual Rummage Sale fundraiser on Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier. For a complete list of items we are accepting, please see our event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2163272173718942/>. We are still seeking volunteers for Monday afternoon – to help accept donations; and Friday afternoon to help people shopping the sale by either keeping the space clean, or by using the ‘cash registers’ and checking people out after they are done shopping. If you are free on the afternoon of April 1st or April 5th, please consider joining us for this great sale! To volunteer at the sale, please contact Becky at rjohnston@montpelier-vt.org, or by calling 802-225-8694.

Spring Class Registration

Spring class registration from MSAC and Rec classes continues. Registrations received after April 5th, will be subject to a \$5 late fee. Many classes still have space. Drop by the office or see the program guide online for more information!

April Art Show at the MSAC

The Montpelier Senior Activity Center is excited to once again participate in Poem City. MSAC poets, photographers, painters and other visual artists will have their work on display in the MSAC Community Room for the month of April. Stop on by and check the exhibit out!

Thank You, Central Vermont Runners!

Last week, the Montpelier Recreation Department welcomed three new teams for our brand-new Girls on the Run season. These seasons were generously supported by a grant from the Central Vermont Runners. Thank you so much for letting over thirty young girls experience the joy of running.

FEAST Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help support the work of the FEAST Kitchen at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. Help us feed over fifty neighbors recovering from surgery or homebound for medical reasons by delivering meals once a week! Our greatest need right now is on Wednesday mornings, from 10:30-11:30am. If you are interested in this role, please contact FEAST Program Coordinator Jessica at feast@montpelier-vt.org. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the front of the house during FEAST Together Community Meals. Volunteers are needed to help check in guests and serve food on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 11:45am-1:00pm. All interested volunteers will receive training for their role and are welcome to take a meal following the completion of their shift. For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Becky at rjohnston@montpelier-vt.org, or by calling 802-225-8694.

Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, April 20th, families with young children are invited to join the Montpelier Recreation Department for our annual Spring Egg Hunt. We are seeking volunteers to help us create this special event for kids in our community by helping to hide eggs around Hubbard Park. Volunteers will serve from 7:45am-8:45am; at which point we'll open the gates of the park and let kids in to look for all of our chocolate eggs; and the special golden prize eggs. If you are interested in helping us to set up the morning of the event, please contact Becky by email at rjohnston@montpelier-vt.org or by calling 802-225-8694.

Pool Vendor Wanted!

Looking for a summer spot for your food truck or trailer? The Montpelier Pool is seeking a vendor to set up on the grounds and provide patrons with dinner and lunch options. Vendors will pay a flat rate for the space and will need to provide their own equipment necessary to operate. The pool season is June 15th – August 18th (Doggie Days August 21st). The Montpelier Pool is located at 3 Poolside Drive and is also home to athletic fields, tennis courts, and also weekly sports camps, attracting even more visitors to the grounds each week. Open swim hours run from 1-7pm Monday-Friday, and 1-5:30pm on weekends. If interested please contact Eric White at ewhite@montpelier-vt.org or 802-225-8691.

- In 2018 the pool sold 1,113 season passes, and saw over 11,500 visits. The pool was open 66 days averaging 175 visitors per day
- Our Capital Kids Day Camp of over 100 kids visits the pool daily with parents picking them up at the facility.
- Each week specialty sports camps is run at the field across from the pool with an average of 52 kids participating each week. Some weeks more than 75. These camps often take a short afternoon swim.
- The Montpelier Swim Team practices at the pool Monday – Wednesday evenings.
- The Mountaineers play their home games just a short 150 yard walk across the facility.
- The Pavilion is often rented for private parties.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS (TENTATIVE)...

Apr 10	Tax Stabilization Policy CM Ordinances ATCM TIF Resolution CM Recreation Building	Apr 15-16	Strategic Planning
Apr 24	5 Home Farm Way – Nuisance CM FY18 energy usage update MEAC Tax Stabilization Committee Appts.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Review Board • Energy Advisory Committee 	May 8	
May 22	ADA Report DPW Parking Ban debrief DPW	June 5	



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