

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 22	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers
	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers
Friday, July 26	Mayor's meeting re energy labeling	8:30 AM	City Council Chambers



Community Prosperity

Property Tax Bills

The 2019-2020 property tax bills have mailed. First quarter payments are due on Thursday, August 15th. If you would like to enroll in automatic payments, submit a completed enrollment form which [you can access by clicking this link](#). Reasons to consider enrolling in automatic payments:

- Payments are automatically withdrawn from the account you designate on the actual due date, no need to pay days in advance or risk a payment being late or lost in the mail.
- Electronic payments are more secure. Checks contain your financial institution's routing number and your account number, information that is susceptible to fraudulent transactions and misuse.
- Electronic payments significantly reduce processing time. Checks and cash must be manually processed by staff and take a considerable amount of time to enter, especially during high volume payment periods.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Hiring Processes

With one week before the deadline, I have received 5 applications for Assistant City Manager. They offer a wide range of talents, skills and backgrounds. Applicants hail from 22 different states including 20 from Vermont with 7 of those from Montpelier.

On the same schedule, I have received 6 applications for DPW director from 4 different states – 3 from Vermont. While not as numerous as the ACM, the candidate pool has solid credentials.

With these two key positions open and the new Facilities Director position due to open in October, I am taking the opportunity to look at organizational needs and alignment to see whether we can better accomplish our goals through different structures. The variety of skills within applicants presents a chance to think differently.



Environmental Stewardship

WRRF:

The Water Resource Recovery Facility upgrades are progressing with preparation for the replacement of the primary clarifier #1 that is expected to be delivered early next week. Dubois has been on site removing existing concrete wall where the future grit removal tank will be located.

Leak Detection:

The State of Vermont awarded us a grant for water main leak detection and Montpelier was fortunate enough to work with the North Carolina consultant for three days this past week. The leak detection was focused around the Towne Hill Tank service area. City crews teamed up with the consultant and were able to also GPS map several curb stops (valves) not currently on the water map. So far, the consultant found a few small leaks (2-3 Gallons per minute) but not the larger leak we know is out there somewhere.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction:

The contractor is going to be starting with sewer main line next week. They were on site this past week preparing dig safe and looking for a staging area. The city's pipe supplier will be delivering all of the pipe for this project and a couple of other water main replacement projects to the city's stump dump today.

Shared Use Path Project (Granite St – Gallison Hill Road):

The project continues to progress very well. Curbing installation is being completed on Gallison Hill Road and finish paving will take place Monday & Tuesday with the new bike lane markings applied immediately following. Path construction implementing the revised subbase has been underway all week with good progress due to favorable weather conditions. The bi-retention basin Barre St near Old Country Club Road was completed which is pictured below and now operational although plantings will come later. Concrete ramps for the path at the road intersections are being prepared and this work will continue into next week. The curbing crew will move over to Barre Street next. The modular blocks for wall #1 are now in production with delivery to begin soon which will allow work on the largest and most visible wall on the project to finally begin.



DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions:

The street division completed Berlin Street signage for speed reduction to 30 mph including installation of some new signs, replacing existing 35 mph signs and relocation of signs for better visibility. Our crew removed the “No Parking” signs associated with the UES work and replaced a few stop signs that had been stolen or vandalized.

Hot mix patching was completed in various locations including the sidewalk ramp at Spring St & Elm St, along with pavement markings being completed in various locations.

Our crew also completed some of catch basin repairs that are needed though out the city with several more to go.

The water/sewer division performed an emergency culvert repair on a storm main line located on Harrison Ave on Thursday. This culvert was installed in the 1990s and had been previously repaired using the manufacture’s banding product. However, the product failed resulting in a total collapse which caused flooding issues on the street which impacted one of the neighboring homes. The collapse was discovered using our pipe inspection camera. The emergency repair was required due to the forecasted rain over the weekend. The crew had to replace 10’ of pipe to complete the work rather than attempt another repair.

Our water / sewer division crew worked on water main leak detection with the consultant out of North Carolina. Vactor sewer & storm main cleaning has been ongoing since this equipment was put back into service. Other routine work includes, pump station preventative maintenance, numerous dig safe clearance reviews, water meter repairs and fire hydrant painting.

Next week, our street division will be continuing work on pavement markings, hot mix patching, sidewalk repairs, structure repairs, poison ivy steaming and roadside mowing. Note the poison ivy steaming is a new approach to managing the ivy growing on the side of the bike. The plan is to apply steam in excess of 250 degrees to kill the leaves.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

Public Information Hearing about Barre & Main Streets Intersection Options

Thursday, July 25, 6:00-8:00pm, MSAC Community Room

Mayor Watson, City staff and Sophie Sauvé of DuBois & King will present to the public options for improving the intersection at the Barre and Main Streets intersection. The public – particularly those who live on and use the neighborhood around the intersection -- is invited to attend, offer input, and ask questions. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome, and no advance registration is necessary. There will be a similar event at the Kellogg Hubbard Library on July 31st at 6:00 PM. If you are unable to attend either meeting and would like information about the project, please contact Corey Line, Project Manager, at 802-262-6272. **Free and open to the public.**
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/999/Main-and-Barre-Street-Corridors>

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path:

The flooring has been completed on the 3rd floor. Flooring and cabinets will be installed on the 2nd floor next week. All drywall on the 1st floor has been hung, taped and sanded. Painting will take place on the 1st floor next week. The contractor has been working on the parking lot and approaches to the bike path. Paving between the new pedestrian bridge and the Rail Road Tracks is scheduled for Wednesday, during this operation the parking lot impacted by the construction the of the bike path wall will also be repaired. Site work in the front of the building along Taylor Street will also be taking place next week.



Public Health and Safety

Heat

With this weekend's expected high heat this is a reminder to keep an eye out for your neighbors, friends, the elderly, anyone that may require assistance. If you know of someone needing help please call the Police Department, Fire Department, or 911 and we will assist those individuals.

Police 223-3445

Fire 229-4913

If anyone has any questions or concerns about long term cooling shelters contact Fire Chief Robert Gowans at 371-9633. At this time there are no planned overnight shelters in Washington County.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Selected employees, instructors and volunteers of Montpelier Senior Activity Center participated in an eight-hour long Mental Health First Aid Training with trainers from Washington County Mental Health on July 11 and 18. This follows on the training completed by other city employees in the spring, and at least one more training will be offered this fall at MSAC.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Parkapalooza: A Tree-mendous Experience!

Parkapalooza is Montpelier's annual summer festival series. Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, July 20th as we host a big outdoor party in Hubbard Park to celebrate the summer. At every Parkapalooza concert you'll find

music, food, a giant slip 'n slide, games, a fun zone with arts and crafts, a skill swap, overnight camping, capture the flag, a talent show, and so much more!

Join us Saturday for a concert featuring Burlington based band Mal Maiz., as well as the very talented Mikahely opening up.

Tickets will be for sale at the Winter St. gate during the event. The cost is \$5/adult, \$3/kid, \$10/family. We'll cut the price in half if you walk or bike to the event!

Volunteers for FEAST Needed Temporarily!

Due to summer schedules, FEAST is in desperate need of short term kitchen and front of house staff until September. There is need for volunteers in prepping and cooking as well as serving and greeting. Schedules somewhat flexible. Please call Jessica t 802.262.6288 to learn more.

Group of International Volunteers having great impact in Montpelier Parks.

The group of international volunteers that have been helping the Parks and Tree staff recently helped with the rebuild of a major retaining wall in the North Branch River Park that was damaged by storms a few weeks ago. They are also helping to prepare for the July edition of Parkapalooza, taking place this Saturday, July 20 in Hubbard Park.

Moonlight Swim Tonight at Montpelier Pool

Tonight, Friday July 19 is Montpelier Pool's Moonlight Swim. Join us from 10 pm – 12 am this evening! Kid friendly if you want, and the regular cost of a pass to the pool. Please visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/844/Montpelier-Pool> for a complete list of costs.



More Housing

William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

8/14	Discussion of Energy Efficiency Ordinance MEAC Energy Advisory Committee update MEAC Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Barre/Main Decision P&CD/DPW Housing Task Force Appts. ATCM Tax Stabilization Policy CM Homelessness Task Force CM Strategic Plan Update CM	8/28	Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Substance Abuse update PD Community Fund Board Appt. ATCM Fair and Impartial Policing Policy CM
9/11	Confluence Park/Waterfront Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Event Fees –tentative CM SEJAC Appts. ATCM Living Wage Ordinance CM Responsible Employer Ordinance CM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D	9/25	Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD Grant for Net Zero plan P&CD Revolving Loan Fund CD Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Strategic Plan update CM Historic Preservation Commission Appt. ATCM Planning Commission Appts. ATCM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D
10/9	CSO Financials DPW/Finance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM	10/23	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM
11/13	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM	11/20	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM
12/11	Budget Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM	12/18	Sabin’s Pasture CM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM
1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM	1/22	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

July	Alternative fuels for Vehicles	Aug.	Stormwater update Roof drain connection Transition of PD fleet to HEV
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Oct.	Police Department Social Worker	Nov.	WiFi feasibility
Jan.	Rental properties survey	?	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding

Budget

ADA projects
 Combined Sewer Overflow projects
 Downtown Master Plan Implementation
 Emergency Management Operations
 Fuel
 Parking Garage Operations
 Housing Trust Fund
 Infrastructure
 Downtown LED light conversion
 Personnel Plan matters
 Police Dept. Social Worker
 Recreation Center
 Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
 Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
 WiFi