

Mon., Sept. 9	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers
	Recreation Department Advisory Board	5:30 PM	Barre Street Recreation Center
Tues., Sept. 10	Historic Preservation Commission	6:30 PM	City Manager's Conference Room
Weds., Sept. 11	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:30 AM	City Manager's Conference Room
	City Council	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers
Thurs., Sept. 12	Conservation Commission	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

A Capital Idea! City of Montpelier Downtown Core Master Plan

The City, in conjunction with its consultant SE Group, have kicked off the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan. For decades Montpelier has been exploring changes to its downtown core. Recent efforts to expand housing, address circulation, add parking, and reimagine the City's streetscapes are starting to take root. The purpose of this plan is to bring together the best ideas from earlier planning efforts with new perspectives from the community, culminating in a clear and compelling vision for how the Downtown Core should look, function, and feel. The guidance from this plan will provide a "blueprint" for the City's investments in its streetscape, establish a playbook for managing urban stormwater within the core, and frame policy decisions on future land use. If you would like to participate you can stop by the table at the Farmer's Market this Saturday September 7 and say hello to the folks working on this project. Bring your ideas and your vision and be a part of the future of Downtown Montpelier. If you would like to follow the progress of the planning effort the consultant has [developed this project website](#) so that stakeholders, members of the public, and the business community can follow along and see the project's progress and participate in the survey which asks questions about how you experience the Downtown Core and what the priorities should be in future streetscape and land use decisions.

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

Retaining wall #1 is about 90% complete with 100% completion expected next week. In addition to the construction of wall #1 the work taking place next week will consist of the placement of material in the parking lot at the corner of Granite Street and Barre Street, the construction of the bio-retention basin, and the placement of fine graded subbase material over the path above wall #1.

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

The sprinkler system and fire alarm were tested last week. Punch list items are being addressed on floors 4, 3, and 2 and the siding is being installed on the exterior of the building. The construction of the path from the railroad tracks to Taylor Street is currently taking place and the installation of the pedestrian bridge deck is scheduled for next week.

Elm Street Sidewalk Extension

The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. The contractor has started to construct the sidewalk by Poolside Drive and will be moving north from there. This work is scheduled to take approximately 3-4 weeks.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Main Street Railroad Crossing Repair

On Thursday an incident including a large vehicle left the railroad crossing on Main Street damaged. DPW crews assisted the railroad contractor with an emergency repair of the tracks. The repair is expected to be completed by the end of the day on Friday.

Sidewalk Reconstruction

Sidewalk work on Main Street between Jay Street and Loomis Street has been completed. The sidewalk work on Hubbard Street between Barre Street and Wilder Street is wrapping up this week. The contractor will be on site early next week to strip forms, backfill, and place topsoil, seed, and mulch.

Water Resource Recovery Facility

The base of the sludge storage tank was poured this week and the reinforcing for the walls has been set. The equipment for Primary Clarifier #1 is now in place and will begin a one week testing period prior to starting Primary Clarifier #2.

DPW Street & Water / Sewer Divisions

Our street division completed more roadside mowing as well as trimming grass and brush from the sidewalks near school bus stops as requested by the school district. East State Street sidewalk has areas that needs patching, our crew marked those areas to prepare for patching. As our crews begin prepping for winter they prepared our sand shed and began hauling sand.

Next week, our crew will continue roadside mowing, hauling sand for winter prep as well as setting up salt supply for deicing. East State Street sidewalk patching will begin next week. The school district has also requested our crew install more signs near Union Elementary School for improved bus circulation, this will be completed as well.

Our water/sewer division worked most of the week on Sibley Avenue at the intersection of College Street installing tee's and valves on the College St. water main. Our crew worked for 19 hours on Wednesday to complete that portion of the Sibley Avenue project. The installation required water shutdown to a limited area, water was turned back on as soon as the work was complete. After the installation was done, our crew prepared Sibley Avenue for the installation of the new water main that will begin next week.

Along with working on Sibley Avenue, additional work included:

- Repairing Curb Stops
- Meter Repairs
- Numerous Digsafes

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction

This past week the contractor continued work on main line sewer up the south side of Clarendon Ave, they started at the corner of Jordan and Clarendon with a new Sewer Manhole (SMH). The SMH was set and connected to the existing sewer main on Jordan Street. Temporary lines had to be connected to keep the active sewer running until services could be installed. They have continued work along the south side of Clarendon and aim to install another SMH tomorrow near the driveway to 40 Clarendon Ave.

Thursday morning a water leak was discovered on the existing 4" cast iron water main and part of Hebert's crew repaired the water main while it was still active so no houses lost water service.



Environmental Stewardship

Montpelier Walks on Fall Weekends

Saturday, September 14 | 9:00 - 10:30 am | Upper Northfield Street and National Life area -- gather in front of National Life building by flagpole. Facilitated by Harris Webster. [RSVP to MSAC office by Friday, September 13, noon.](#)

Herb Walk with Angie Barger

Monday, September 16 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Walk departs from the bridge near Montpelier Pool on Elm Street | Free and open to the public

We approach the vernal equinox as our local wild plants flourish in the long sunny days and rapidly cooling nights. Which plants catch our senses today as we amble through the town trail system along the North Branch of the Winooski River? Dig roots and sample the last berries if they offer themselves. Discover the healing qualities of goldenrod and try your hand at identifying ragweed, a plant that can provide us with natural anti-histamines to ward off our allergies to it! Deepen your appreciation of the offerings of the wild plants and trees using identification and sensory experiences of sight, smell, taste, and body-based somatic sense. This is the second of a three walk series with Angie in Montpelier's public places.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Professional Development: Cyber Policy

City Clerk John Odum has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy's Cyber Policy Initiative, where he will be joining eight other members including the former Director of the National Security Agency/Central Service Threat Operations Center Sherri Ramsey, and former Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security General Francis X. Taylor. This initiative seeks to advance the field of cyber policy by examining the intersection of

national security, politics, and technology.

Hiring Processes

All interviews for Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director have been completed. We are checking background and references for two of the Assistant Manager candidates. I hope to have an announcement about both positions as well as some other potential re-organization by the end of next week.

Fall Class Registration for all towns and non-MSAC members begins Monday, Sept. 9

Class Registration for residents of all towns and non-MSAC members opens Monday, 9/9. Classes that still have plenty of space include one-time classes such as “Foods for Winter Health” and “Healthy Cooking on a Budget”, as well as longer classes such as Yoga Foundations, Stop & Flow Gentle Yoga (formerly Hatha Yoga with Bessie), Zumba, Creative Non-fiction Writing, Music Appreciation and more! Please stop by the Community Services Dept. office located at 58 Barre Street, for a complete list of classes, descriptions, costs and fees or give us a call at (802) 223-2518.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Parkapalooza returns for one more Saturday - September 21!

3:00 - 9:00 pm | Hubbard Park

Parkapalooza is Montpelier's annual summer festival series; a big outdoor party in Hubbard Park to celebrate the summer. You'll find a slip and slide, games, a kid's area, skill swap, overnight camping and more! September's main attraction will be a concert with Louisianan Cajun, Zydeco and Blues band, [The Green Mountain Playboys](#) (featuring Park's Supervisor Alec Ellsworth). Start practicing you two step!

William Fraser
City Manager

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Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

9/11	Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Event Fees –tentative CM Living Wage Ordinance CM Responsible Employer Ordinance CM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D Historic Preservation Commission Appt. ATCM	9/25	Grant for Net Zero plan P&CD Revolving Loan Fund CD Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 4 th PH ATCM Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Strategic Plan update CM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Confluence Park/Waterfront Tax Stabilization Policy CM
10/9	CSO Financials DPW/Finance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR	10/23	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR
11/13	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd 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, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD
12/11	Budget Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM 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)

Sept.	Stormwater update	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
Body cameras
Recreation Center
Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
WiFi