

Mon., Sept. 30	<a href="#">Homelessness Task Force</a>	4:30 PM	Memorial Room
	<a href="#">Public Art Commission</a>	5:00 PM	VCFA, Stone Hall, Room 101
Tues., Oct. 1	<a href="#">Community Advisory Board (MCJC)</a>	5:00 PM	City Council Chambers
	<a href="#">Transportation Infrastructure Committee</a>	6:00 PM	Memorial Room
Weds., Oct. 2	<a href="#">Complete Streets Committee</a>	5:00 PM	Police Dept. Community Room
Thurs., Oct. 3	Tree Board	5:30 PM	Memorial Room



## Community Prosperity

### Community Fund Board Grants

Starting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Montpelier Community Fund Board will be accepting applications for FY2021 (July 2020-June 2021) Grants. Local non-profit organizations and artists are encouraged to review the Application and Grant Guidelines in order to understand requirements and eligibility. [Application and guidelines can be accessed by clicking this link.](#)

Folks are encouraged to use the online application form. You can submit your application online, attach files, and save your work. If you prefer to print out an application and submit it via email, you can do that as well. All of the information is on the website. Completed applications must be submitted online OR received by the City Manager's office no later than midnight, Tuesday, November 12, 2019.



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### Town Fair

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Annual Meeting and Training conference – known as VLCT Town Fair – is taking place on Wednesday and Thursday in Killington. Municipal officials from around the state gather to discuss policy issues and receive training on key topics. Several people from Montpelier will be in attendance for some or all of the program.

### Council Meetings

Reminder that we moved the second October meeting from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the agenda and materials for the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be posted on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> rather than Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> as is customary.

### Follow Up from Council Meeting

Issues and questions raised at this past meeting:

Public Records Requests – We are looking at a better way to organize public records requests and to make them more transparent. We hope to implement something very soon.

City Center – We have not found anything in the city’s records which indicates permit requirements for public bathrooms and/or parking. It is highly unlikely that a local permit could require public use of a private property.

Garbage – DPW is reviewing the downtown garbage collection timing.

Homeless Shelter – We are looking at funding sources with a \$10,000 goal.



## Environmental Stewardship

### Leaf Pick-up

Commencing **Monday, September 30, 2019**, and continuing until **Friday, November 1, 2019**, the Public Works Department will be picking up bagged leaves left at the curbside. Bags should contain leaves only: No brush, garden debris or flower stalks will be accepted. Leaves raked into the street **MUST** be bagged for removal, and all bags must be securely tied. The schedule is as follows:

- Mondays: Barre Street to East State Street areas.
- Tuesdays: East State Street to Main Street areas.
- Wednesdays: Towne Hill, North Street, Elm Street, Cliff Street, Court Street, Meadow areas.
- Thursdays: Terrace Street and Lower State Street area.
- Fridays: Berlin Hill, River Street, Colonial Drive, and National Life Drive areas.

### Mowatt (etc.) Lot

There may be questions about why work is not proceeding at the former Mowatt, TKS and VABVI lots and why there are stock piles of sand. It is related to Vermont’s Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act (BRELLA). This program allows new property owners to obtain perpetual protection from environmental liability. The City obtained BRELLA protection on the Mowatt lot prior to purchase. The work on site precipitated some additional soils testing. This however, opened the opportunity for the city to enroll the former TKS and VABVI sites in the program as well. Therefore we are opting to take longer for construction now and complete all the BRELLA related work. Some delay in construction is worth it for a lifetime of liability protection. We remain optimistic that the bike path portion of this work will be completed this fall but the road and other final touches will mostly likely finish in the spring.

### Trash Tramps Stats and More Press!

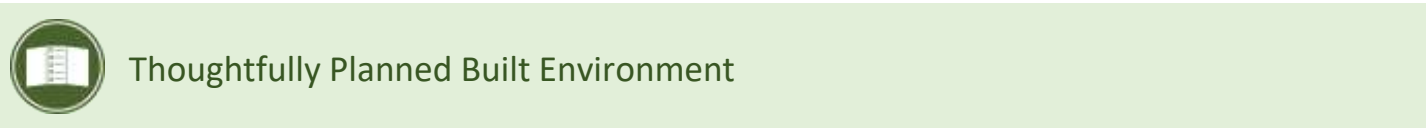
After their 4th Anniversary Party at Montpelier Senior Activity Center on September 17, the Trash Tramps were featured in yet another local publication (this week's edition of the Washington World - look for it!), and leader Anne Ferguson shared the following impressive stats with us about this past year's Trash Tramp haul - Check it out, and remember, they meet every Tuesday afternoon at 58 Barre Street and welcome all community members of all ages to join them anytime! During the time period from 9-25-18 to 9-10-19:

- Trash Tramps met 47 Tuesdays
- 244 - Total Trash Tramp hours - average of 5 tramps per week – range of 2 to 9

- 248 - Total number of bags of trash and recycling collected – average 5.3 per week, Range of 1 to 12
- 82,350 - Total number of cigarette butts picked up by the Tramps
- 23,000 - Total number of butts in the Buttlers
- 105,350 - Total number of butts kept out of the river, away from wildlife, and sent to recycling

### Volunteers in our Parks

This week we hosted a volunteer group from the "True North Wilderness Program," as well as a group from "Vermont Youth Tomorrow." These groups are helping us fix and improve some eroding trail sections in the North Branch Park.



A light green horizontal banner with a circular icon on the left containing a stylized building and the text "Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment" in a dark green font.

### Growth Center Approval

On Monday the Vermont Downtown Board approved Montpelier’s ten year report on the progress made on our Growth Center. Montpelier is one of six growth centers in the state. Growth centers aim to align public infrastructure and private building investments with a local framework of policies and regulations to ensure that 20 years of future development will enhance the vitality of the designated commercial center, while protecting farm and forest land outside the growth center. The program provides additional grant opportunities for the City and permit relief for developers looking to build housing and businesses. Over the first 10 years, the city had focused 83% of housing growth and 93% of businesses are within the growth center. In addition to approving our report, the Board also approved the City’s request to expand the growth center boundary to include land in the Crestview neighborhood that had previously been removed. The city also requested to remove the land behind the Statehouse from the Growth Center and that request was also approved. These request meets the commitments made during the City Plan readoption in 2017.

### Zoning Fixes

On Wednesday the City Council approved the proposed Zoning Bylaws fixes that had been compiled by staff, the Planning Commission, and members of the public. [The complete list of changes can still be found by clicking this link.](#) They will be effective on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Hubbard Park Signs

This week, our Parks Department began installing over 30 new trail signs in Hubbard Park that indicate trail names and directional landmarks. These signs should help both visitors and residents navigate the huge web of trails we have in Hubbard Park.



### **1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path**

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 parking lot has been paved and light poles for the parking lot and the bike path have been installed. Top soil and seed are currently being placed and will continue next week along with the paving of the shared use path. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for October 9<sup>th</sup>.



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

The contractor paved the off road path from Country Club Road along the side of Route 2 (East Mont Rd.) to the end of the Old Country Club Road at the Box Culvert (see picture). Additional path paving is planned along the side of Barre Street to retaining wall #2 located across from the veterinary clinic. Preparation and fine grading of the path along the top of wall #1 and adjacent parking lot through to Granite Street will continue into next week.

Work on the new railroad grade crossings is also underway which requires replacing the rails and adding the rubber rail seals to achieve an ADA compliant crossing surface (see picture). Other project highlights include substantial completion of the stormwater bio-retention pond at the Trakside, LLC property and we expect to see the fence contractor begin installation of the new fence soon (fence posts can be seen in the picture). Next week, the contractor anticipates placing topsoil and shoulder material as well as other finishing touches along the paved segments of path. Signs and pavement markings will follow in the next few weeks.

Note that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Shared Use Path (Siboinebi Path) is being planned by Gary Holloway / Downtown Program Manager Community Planning and Revitalization Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> coinciding closely with the contract completion date.

### **Elm Street Sidewalk Extension**

The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. The contractor has completed the excavation for the new sidewalk and has placed the sub-base material. Concrete placement for the sidewalk has started and will continue for about 2 more weeks. Work is scheduled to be completed in mid-October.



**DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions**

This week there were 3 water leaks which DPW had to contend with, all three of which had boil water notices associated with them. The first leak occurred Monday night on Summit Street, however crews did not learn of it until Tuesday morning. Once on-site, the leak was excavated by City crews until Dubois Construction arrived onsite to assist and then City crews went back to installing mainline pipe on Sibley Avenue.

A second leak occurred at the intersection of Ridge Street and Nelson Street on Wednesday evening around 7PM. Until the leak was isolated and water was turned off, it was losing water at a rate of approximately 2500 Gallons per minute or 150,000 Gallons an hour. Due to the high volume of water, Nelson Street sustained significant damage (see photos). DPW and J Hutchins are working collaboratively to restore the road. We anticipate the road will re-open by the end of the day on Friday. Paving of Nelson Street will most likely occur when J Hutchins is conducting other paving in the immediate vicinity. Crews left the work site around 3AM Thursday. This is the second time within a year that we have had a major leak at the top of Nelson St. DPW is actively seeking quotes to have this section of water main replaced this fall.



Leak #3 occurred on Thursday morning around 8AM just outside the excavation limits on the Sibley Ave project. After crews got some rest they were able to mobilize around 11AM and make the repair by the early afternoon.

Squaring up, compacting and paving excavation and damaged areas on Edwards and Summit from water leak on Summit occurred as well as clean-up of sand, gravel, and pavement on Barre Street from the damage on Nelson was undertaken.

The street sweeper was out, roadside mowing, cleaning up ditches on Gould Hill Road, removing debris, and deepening and stone lining as needed were also accomplished this past week. Debris including the detour package and barricade from last Friday's protest were also collected.

Next week's roster of work includes: restoration of Nelson Street, working with paving contractor, as needed, on Deerfield and Greenfield paving project, stone lining of ditch on Main Street near the City line, and street

sweeping – as leaves have begun falling.

### **Sibley Ave Project**

In spite of this week's 3 water leaks, crews managed to get the majority of the water main installed. They will work to finish the last section tomorrow so that they can begin testing, which will be followed on service line installation next week. Once the water portion of the project is complete crews will be repair the storm line and rebuild the roadway. The project is still expected to be complete by mid-October. If the timing is right, J Hutchins will perform the Sibley Ave paving in conjunction with the other area paving.

### **Clarendon Ave Reconstruction**

On Monday the contractor will complete the water main interconnection at the intersection of Clarendon at the intersection of Clarendon Ave. and Redstone Ave. Starting Tuesday or Wednesday work will resume on the water main along Bailey Ave which was delayed due to ledge obstruction. The remainder of the week the contractor will be working on the Bailey Ave. water main and water services along Clarendon Ave.

### **Water Resource Recovery Facility**

Primary tank #2 was drain and cleaned this week and the slab was poured for the sludge storage tank. Next week work will commence on the new equipment for this tank and solids piping installation will begin between the digesters and the dewatering building. The final completion date for this project is December, 2020.

### **Cummings Street Bridge Project**

The Contractor continues to prepare for the bridge deck pour, currently estimated for the middle of October. This new bridge is expected to be opened prior to winter with the contractor returning in the spring to perform final paving and site cleanup.

### **Street Paving**

Stone Cutters Way: The top surface of pavement has been milled off and next week crews will work on repairing a few structures, resetting granite curb, and pouring new ADA sidewalk ramps. This work will be occurring during the daytime hours. The exact date of the paving is unknown at the time, but the work will occur in conjunction with the Bike Path & Barre Street paving. The tentative date for this work is scheduled sometime the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. The paving will also occur at night and is anticipated to last two nights.

Barre Street: The top surface on Barre Street will occur at the same time as Stone Cutters Way and the Bike Path. Tentatively scheduled for the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>, but is weather dependent. J Hutchins would like perform all of the street paving within the contract during one time frame.

Nelson Street: J Hutchins has been asked to perform the paving restoration on Nelson Street that was impacted from the water leak of Wednesday night. This work is likely to occur at the same time as the other paving listed above.

Sibley Ave: J Hutchins has also been asked to perform the paving for the Sibley Ave project.

Deerfield and Greenfield Drive: Reclaiming of these streets will occur the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>. After the reclaiming and grading is complete crews will raise structures to their final elevation prior to paving.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### Enchanted Forest

We're looking forward to our beloved annual event: "The Enchanted Forest," coming up in Hubbard Park on Saturday, October 12th. You can now buy tickets at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (58 Barre St.) and at the Oct. 5th & 12th Farmer's Markets. Call 223-7335 for more information.

### Recreation Center Open Gym

The Recreation Center is temporarily closed for floor maintenance. Noontime basketball and Pickleball will resume as soon as work is complete. Open Gym will begin Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>. Here is a link with information on hours and rates: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/915/Rec-Center-Gym-Times>

### Many Adult/Youth Fall Classes still have space – Register Today!

Most Fall Adult classes recently started or will soon start. Several dozen are full or nearly so, and dozens more have plenty of space. Many of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center and Recreation classes are open to children and teens, too! Consider trying Opera Appreciation with Erik Nielsen, Film Appreciation with Rick Winston at Savoy Theater, Beginner/Intermediate or Advanced Voice with Naomi Flanders, or a Yoga class with any of our talented instructors, plus dozens more options from Bone Builders to Tai Chi to Qi Gong to Writing! If you've been hesitating, now is the time, and if you've got friends who haven't signed up, do encourage them. You can find more information at 58 Barre Street or online at [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac). Classes that haven't yet started, and dates:

- Tile-making with Janice Walrafen – starts 10/1
- 2 unique Cooking workshops w Lisa Mase – 10/12 and/or 10/19
- Rughooking with Pam Finnigan – starts 10/2
- Archery at R&L in Barre – starts 10/15
- Fitness Hooping with Carol Becker – starts 10/17
- Square Dance Workshop (one-off) w Robin Russell (& fiddler Susan Reid) – 10/20
- Drawing the Figure with Janice Walrafen – starts 10/28
- 2 more Somatic Movement Series with Amy Lepage – start 10/15 and 11/5

### Montpelier Youth Basketball Registration Open

- Registration is now open for youth basketball. The deadline for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> is Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. However please register as soon as possible. This helps tremendously with scheduling the proper amount of teams to ensure all of the kids get playing time. Large teams put a lot of unnecessary stress on our volunteer coaches. We will not be accepting late registrations so please sign up before the deadline.
- The season for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will kick off November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center, and will end February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will again be hosting an end of season 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.
- Grades K-2 the season will run January 4<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>. Times for each group are on the registration form. The deadline to register is Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Here is a link to the registration form which can be returned by drop off or mail with payment to 58 Barre Street Montpelier VT 05602. We also have a 24 hour drop box located in the mail room on the right side of the senior center building.
- <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5543/Basketball-Registration-Form>

### Ski & Skate Sale Coming Saturday, October 19

- The annual Montpelier Recreation Department Ski & Skate Sale is being held at Montpelier High School Saturday, October 19th, from 9am-2pm.
- If you have items you wish to sell, please bring them to the High School on Friday October 18th between 9am-6pm. Items sold are at a 80/20 split, meaning 20% of the sold item goes to the Recreation Department and 80%

to the seller. All unsold items must be picked up Saturday, October 19th between 5pm-7pm. After that they become property of the Recreation Department. Please do not arrive for pick up before 5pm as we need time to sort and inventory items.

- We are also seeking volunteers for both Friday and Saturday. Volunteers get to shop Friday night. You can sign up for 3 hour shifts. Please call 802-225-8699 if you are interested in volunteering.

**Montpelier Walks on Fall Weekends with Harris Webster returns September 28**

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 - 10:30 am Join Harris Webster, Free and open to the public of all ages. This walk will travel Elm St. and the North Branch River - gather at the intersection of Elm St. and Finch Rd. (across from North Branch Nature Center). (Please RSVP by calling MSAC at 223-2518 by Friday, 9/27, noon). [Click here to view the flier for this event.](#)

**Traveler’s Circle Drop-in Potluck and Storytelling**

Friday, October 4 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | MSAC Comm. Rm, 58 Barre Street

Free and open to the public of all ages. No pre-registration necessary. Mark Laxer has hosted travel storytelling gatherings in Washington DC and Cambridge VT since 1996. The idea is for people to gather to share stories, culture, and an optional potluck. The format of a TC is largely informal, and all ages and backgrounds are welcome. A TC isn’t about hearing just one or two people, or a small number of experts. No one applies or pays, and it isn’t competitive or a series of lectures. People who attend don’t have to tell a story, but doing so is gently encouraged. There is typically a suggested theme or two, to start things off. People hear a story, and it may spark ideas for the next story. Attendees are encouraged to listen and to develop their own voices. Potluck: Bring your own plate, cutlery and a dish (labeled) to share.

**Art Show: A Multi-media Collection of Works by the Paletteers of Vermont**

October 3 - December 4 | MSAC Community Room at 58 Barre Street

The Paletteers was formed in Barre, Vermont in 1957. Our membership includes artists in the Central Vermont area who work in a variety of media, including oil, watercolor, pastel, pen & ink, colored pencil, photography, enameling, etc. Membership in the Paletteers is open to all who do art, are supporters of art, and who are willing to actively participate in Paletteers volunteer activities.

**October 7<sup>th</sup> Herb Walk with Angie Barger**

Monday October 7th | 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Walk departs from the Frog Pond at Hubbard Park (near the Winter Street gate entrance). Free and open to the public, no pre-registration needed.

Autumn brings with it the changing colors of the leaves. Identify herbs through their autumnal colors along our walk in Hubbard Park. Discover and dig roots for nourishment and medicine this early fall afternoon. Arouse your nostalgia as we wander and discover in the late afternoon light together. 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. See attached flyer. Sponsored by MSAC, this is the third of a three-walk series with Angie in Montpelier’s public places. [Click here to view the flier for this event.](#)



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City Manager

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## Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

<b>10/9</b>	CSO Financials <b>DPW/Finance</b> Responsible Employer Ordinance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Tax Stabilization Policy <b>CM</b> Preliminary budget discussion	<b>10/30</b>	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Housing Authority Appt. <b>ATCM</b> Personnel Plan, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>CM/HR?</b> Event Fees Home Farm Way
<b>11/13</b>	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>CM/HR</b> IRC Codes <b>Planning</b> Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Recreation Building <b>ACM</b> Student committee appointments <b>ATCM</b>	<b>11/20</b>	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> WiFi feasibility <b>Finance/Tech</b> Strategic Plan update <b>CM</b> Economic Development Strategic Plan <b>P&amp;CD</b> Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>
<b>12/11</b>	Budget Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> MTIC Appts. <b>ATCM</b> Complete Streets Appts. <b>ATCM</b>	<b>12/18</b>	Sabin's Pasture <b>CM</b> Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>
<b>1/8</b>	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>	<b>1/22</b>	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>

## Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

<b>Oct.</b>	Police Department Social Worker	<b>Nov.</b>	WiFi feasibility
<b>Jan.</b>	Rental properties survey	<b>?</b>	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding

## Budget

ADA projects  
Combined Sewer Overflow projects  
Equity consultant  
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