

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

Tues., Oct. 15	<a href="#">Recreation Dept. Advisory Board</a>	5:30 PM	55 Barre St. Gym
	<a href="#">Parks Commission</a>	6:00 PM	Police Dept. Community Room
	<a href="#">Energy Advisory Committee</a>	7:00 PM	Memorial Room, City Hall
Weds., Oct. 16	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Thurs., Oct. 17	<a href="#">Housing Task Force</a>	5:15 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### Senior Activity Center Kitchen Scores High!

The VT State Department of Health made an annual surprise visit this past week to inspect the 58 Barre Street kitchen where FEAST senior meals are produced -- it is licensed as a restaurant. The inspector approved the kitchen's equipment, code and sanitary conditions with a score of 99% - our highest yet and nearly unheard of in the industry! Kudos and appreciation in particular to Good Taste Catering's Mike Morse, and his entire crew of trainees and volunteers who are responsible for maintaining this valuable and busy city facility in such tip-top shape over the years! For those who aren't aware, our commercial kitchen, updated in 2013, is available to rent during certain hours of the week – inquire to our main office if interested in a special event or ongoing food-production project.

### Parks Director Geoff Beyer Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to our Parks Director, Geoff Beyer, for receiving the Theresa S. Brungardt Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association, and Geoff has earned it with his 35+ years of service to Montpelier Parks. Geoff has too many accomplishments to name here, but needless to say, Montpelier would be a very different place without him at the helm of our Parks Department for the last three decades!



## Environmental Stewardship

### Montpelier High School Storm Water Project

The Friends of the Winooski has been working with a consultant to test infiltration rates and design a storm water treatment project at the high school. The project was identified within the Storm Water Master Plan

as possible retrofit area. The Department of Public Works assisted with efforts by digging the holes for the consultant to perform the test. [Click this link to view pictures from the project.](#)



## Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

### Planning Commission

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. The next meeting will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> where the commission wants to hear from the public on a proposed set of changes to the Design Review regulations. This is a public information meeting and the PC has not yet warned any hearings to adopt these rules because they want to hear from the public first. This proposal started with a suggested set of changes in 2016 that received enough public comment that the Commission withdrew the proposal and ask the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to develop a new set of provisions. The HPC worked with a consultant for more than a year to come up with new rules that would both protect our historic downtown while making the process more predictable and defensible if challenged in court. The boundaries for the district will be largely unchanged but a number of small adjustments are being proposed by the Planning Commission to match neighborhood boundaries. Look for the draft rules and map on the city website next week. We will have more information upcoming as we get closer to the event.

### 1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

The shared use path was paved from Taylor Street to the new pedestrian bridge topsoil and seed was placed at the disturbed areas. Finishing work is being conducted inside the Transit Center and the housing lobby. Next week final landscaping, the placing of pavement markings, and the installation of signage will be taking place. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.



### **Shared Use Path Project (Granite Street – Gallison Hill Road)**

The project continues to advance toward a final completion in early November. Retaining walls are now complete, wall staining is in progress and the anti-graffiti coating is being applied. The week of the 14<sup>th</sup> will see final restoration of additional completed areas where topsoil, seed and mulch is being applied. Installation of the fencing planned for multiple segments of the path is also expected next week. Provided the weather cooperates, we anticipate a great deal of paving will be taking place along the Barre Street section of the path as well as paving of the final course of Barre Street itself. The street paving is being coordinated with other contract paving that will be done overnight, including Stone Cutters Way and part of Granite Street. As a side note of interest, due to a necessary change of design, granite curbing on Granite Shed Lane will be removed and re-set to address a geometric deficiency for vehicle turning movements that was discovered. Other work planned for next week includes application of a special ADA compliant aggregate surface course on Old Country Club Road which will serve as the shared use path in this area where there will be limited vehicular use for river access.

### **Elm Street Sidewalk**

The sidewalk has been poured and the roadway is currently being patched along the curb line. Landscaping will begin next week. The contractor will be placing topsoil, seed, and mulch at the disturbed areas and planting a few trees. The project is expected to complete next week.



## **Sustainable Infrastructure**

### **DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions**

This week our Street division was busy on a few different streets throughout the city. Valves were lowered on Deerfield and Greenfield Drive in advance of reclaiming pavement. Residents called with concerns on Northfield Street regarding a plugged storm culvert after heavy rain. Our crew unplugged the culvert and repaired the erosion caused by the overflow.

Our crews have also been working with two street sweepers cleaning and bagging leaves that are falling throughout the city.

The Street division received and completed the following work orders resulting from citizen notifications:

- Cleaning brush from in-front of a stone wall at Wilder Street and Monsignor Crosby Ave
- Hot mix patching continued in various locations across the City
- Paving of water leak excavation at 62 River Street

Our Water/Sewer division was called in for an emergency water leak repair on Saturday, and crews worked through the day and into the night to fix this major repair at 62 River Street. A boil water notice was issued but has since been lifted.

Water crews have been connecting water services to the new water main on Sibley Avenue as well as beginning backfilling the trench from the new water main excavation. Next week our crews will concentrate on readying Sibley Avenue for paving. There are two more services that need to be connected, one

interconnection, and backfilling needs to be completed before paving. Our division is anticipating this project will be completed no later than October 30, 2019.

Next week our street division will be continuing structure repairs, catch basin and manhole repairs. Sweeping and bagging leaves will continue as well as pushing back berms under guardrails on Lower State Street.

### **Street Paving**

Greenfield, Deerfield, Stone Cutters Way, and Barre Street: J Hutchins will begin paving on the following streets on 10/15/2019. The exact dates for each of the streets are unknown at this time.

Sibley, Nelson, and Terrace Streets: The following streets will also be paved by J Hutchins as soon as the other grouping of streets have been completed. These streets have been added to the project through the change order process and will be completed once the work already identified within the contract has been completed.

### **Clarendon Avenue Reconstruction**

This past week the contractor worked on starting the 12" water main on Bailey Ave. This work included installing ductile iron pipe, bends and concrete thrust blocks. Today they are performing more ledge removal before continuing with the 12" HDPE pipe. A service crew worked on various services in the Redstone/Clarendon intersection area.

#### *UP COMING WORK ON CLARENDON:*

Hebert Construction will continue working on Bailey Ave in order to install the 12" water main. There will also be a crew working on Clarendon water and sewer services next week. They plan on starting at the top and working their way down the street.

### **WRRF**

- The equipment for primary clarifier #2 has been removed.
- The air compressor for the existing dewatering equipment has been relocated to allow for work in the boiler room.
- A portion of the underground piping was installed this week.
- Next week work will continue primary clarifier #2 and on underground piping. Additionally, the waterproof coating will be installed in the new sludge storage tank.

### **Nelson Street**

Paving is still tentatively planned for the week of 10/21. DPW was able to negotiate a price with Dirt Tech to replace the section of water main that failed and washed out the roadway. Replacement of the water main is scheduled to begin towards the middle of next week. There will be water shutoffs required for this work. Notices to the impacted residents on Nelson and Ridge Streets will be provided. The total replacement length is approximately 130ft and is expected to take about two weeks.

### Cummings Street Bridge Project

- The Contractor is nearing completion of the reinforcing steel installation for the concrete deck as seen in the attached picture.
- They expect to pour the deck by the middle of next week.
- The wing walls on the westerly side were poured previously and are also visible in the picture. Also visible (to the right side of the picture) is the new water main. It will span the river under the bridge deck, placed within the super structure inside a steel encased and insulated pipe conduit.



### Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

#### **Enchanted Forest is Saturday, October 12, 3-8pm at Hubbard Park**

#### **Volunteers Still Needed, A Few More Tickets on Sale, and Self-Guided Tours on Sunday!**

Explore the mystery of nature with theater, storytelling, wagon rides, candlelit trails and more on a magical walk through Hubbard Park's Enchanted Forest! Bake Sale and PinBox3000 at the entrance! **Tickets** are nearly sold out, but there are some left -- mostly for the earliest hours-- and while they last, they can be bought at the Farmer's Market on 10/12. If interested in **volunteering**, please email Alec: [aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org). [Click here](#) for the flyer with more info including ticket prices. If you miss out on tickets, you can do a self-guided tour on Sunday – info on flyer.

#### **“Seeing White” Discussion Group Coming** - Free and open to the public of all ages.

Three Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 | 10-11:30am | MSAC Activity Room at 58 Barre Street

John Turner will lead a discussion entitled “Seeing White” that explores what it means to be white in a multi-cultural, multi-racial world. It is from a podcast series entitled “Scene on Radio.” For you to get the most out of the discussions, you’ll listen to the assigned episodes before each Wednesday meeting. More information is available in the office and upon pre-registration. [Click here](#) to learn more about the podcasts or listen. Please pre-register to receive assigned episodes for each of the three dates.

#### **Downsizing? Getting Ready for the Ski Season or Know Someone Who Is?**

#### **Ski & Skate Sale is coming October 19**

The annual Montpelier Recreation Ski & Skate Sale is being held at Montpelier High School Saturday, October 19th, from 9am-2pm. If you have items to sell, bring them to MHS on Friday 10/18. Items are sold at an 80/20 split —80% for the seller & 20% for Montpelier Recreation. All unsold items must be picked up 10/19, 5pm-7pm. Unclaimed items become the property of Recreation. Rec is seeking volunteers for both

Friday morning and afternoon for set-up, and Saturday 2pm for clean-up. Volunteers get to shop Friday night. You can sign up for 3-hour shifts. Please call 802-225-8699 or talk with Norma in the 58 Barre Street office if you are interested in volunteering.

**Square Dance Interactive Workshop with Live Fiddle Music Next Sunday, 10/20!**

Sunday, October 20 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm | MSAC Community Room at 58 Barre Street | \$10 advance, \$15 at the door | Ages 13+

Come to a community square dance with local caller and musician Robin Russell and live fiddle music by Susan Reid! You don't need a partner or experience. Robin will guide the group through classic moves and you'll be flowing with others through the dances from the start. Please pre-register at 58 Barre Street, call 223-2518 or [www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac)



William Fraser  
City Manager

**Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)**

<b>10/30</b>	Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Housing Authority Appt. <b>ATCM</b> Home Farm Way CSO Financials <b>DPW/Finance</b> Infrastructure Update <b>DPW</b>	<b>11/13</b>	Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Recreation Building <b>ACM</b> Student committee appointments <b>ATCM</b>
<b>11/20</b>	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</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>	<b>12/11</b>	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b> Budget MTIC Appts. <b>ATCM</b> Complete Streets Appts. <b>ATCM</b>
<b>12/18</b>	Sabin's Pasture <b>CM</b> IRC Codes <b>Planning</b> Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>	<b>1/8</b>	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>
<b>1/22</b>	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>	<b>2/12</b>	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 <sup>st</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