

Mon., Nov 18	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Tues., Nov. 19	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Police Dept. Community Room
	Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Memorial Room, City Hall
Weds., Nov. 20	Homelessness Task Force	11:30 AM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	<b>City Council</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Council Chambers, City Hall</b>
	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	Police Dept. Community Room
Thurs., Nov. 21	Housing Task Force	5:15 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### **Winter Parking Ban**

The season of the Winter Parking Ban began today, November 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Parking is allowed overnight on City streets except when the City Manager calls for a Winter Parking Ban due to inclement weather or snow removal activities. When a Winter Parking Ban is in effect, parking will be prohibited between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 A.M. on all City streets. There are some streets in Montpelier in which overnight parking is always prohibited. [For more information on the parking ban and to learn how to receive alerts of the ban, click on this link.](#)



## Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

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

Green Mountain Transit has been installing security measures in preparation of operating services from the Transit Center. They expect to be completing that work next week. There are still minor punch list items in the Transit Center and landscaping items on the exterior that need to be addressed. These activities will be occurring over the next couple of weeks.

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

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Siboinebi path completion and future construction of the Cross Vermont Trail. For the remainder of this week the contractor will be finishing the installation of signs and fence along the path. Next week, if the weather permits, the contractor will be finishing pavement markings and installing plantings along Old Country Club Road. Early winter conditions could prohibit the completion of all punch list items resulting in the final completion date being postponed to the spring.

### **Parking Garage**

The environmental court issued a decision this week concerning the status of the appellant group. The case will proceed with two appellants. The tentative schedule is that decisions on all summary judgment motions will be made in December. This will define the issues to be litigated going forward. This case continues to be a major drain on city resources both financially and in staff time. To date we have spent \$108,000 in appeal related costs which could have been much better spent on any number of things including improvements to this project.



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### **Hiring Processes**

Finance Director – on the day of the November 8<sup>th</sup> deadline, we have received 19 applications for this position. We will begin the interview process next week.

Executive Assistant to the City Manager – this position has been posted with a November 22<sup>nd</sup> application deadline. So far, we have received 21 applications and have begun interviewing qualified candidates. [Click here to view the ad and job description.](#)



## Sustainable Infrastructure

### **Cummings Street Bridge Project**

This week the contractor has been removing concrete forms from the bridge deck. The concrete bridge railings have been undergoing a final touch up in preparation for bridge use. On Tuesday of this week the city was on site to fill the new water main for testing before the final interconnection is made. The water main has not been holding pressure, and several checks are being made to find the leak. Once the leak is found and all tests are passed Austin Construction will be able to connect the few water services and make the final water main interconnection on the east side of the river. They still aim to have pavement down for this winter, even if it is not permanent.

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

Our Street Division, Maintenance Division, and Water/Sewer Division employees began Monday plowing and salting for the storm that impacted the city. Plowing and salting continued on Tuesday as well as salting some icy areas on sidewalks and streets on Wednesday.

Our Street Division also completed a list of work orders:

- Set up all trucks for winter operations.
- Mixed a batch of salt with Magic-Minus, an additive that allows the salt to work at lower temperatures.
- Took in flags after Veteran's Day.
- Began to take in summer trash barrels.
- Paved excavation on River Street from water leak repair.
- With so many request from missed bagged leaves being put out, one more run city wide to pick up bagged leaves was completed.

Next week our Street Division plans to continue picking up summer trash and recycling cans, put sand barrels out, paint locating lines by catch basins in the downtown area and install silt protection at snow dump area under the

interstate bridge on lower State Street. If Ridge and Nelson Streets get paved, we intend to also pave those sidewalks.

Our Water/Sewer Division completed a list of work orders such as meter repairs and hydrant maintenance.

Next week our Water/Sewer Division will be winterizing all fire hydrants and they'll continue working on meter repairs.

### **Clarendon Ave Reconstruction:**

Herbert Excavation continued work on road reconstruction and storm work. Due to the cold weather 3 water services were connected to the new water main because the house's temporary water was being run above ground and the city was concerned about freezing, given recent temperatures. The contractor took Tuesday as a snow day due to safety concerns with running large dump trucks on the road, however, they still showed up to plow the road. Saturday work has concluded for this year.

### **UP COMING WORK:**

This coming week, the contractor will be installing drainage and rebuilding the Clarendon Street roadway. Crews are currently working in front of #18 Clarendon and will continue their efforts until reaching the Redstone intersection. Once completed, they'll reset at Dwinell and fine grade the road to be prepared for pavement.

Hebert's paving subcontractor is no longer able to complete the contracted work due to unforeseen circumstances. The city intervened and is working with J. Hutchins who has the city's paving contract for this season. They will be on site Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The plan is to put down permanent base pavement on everything that is ready (Bailey to Redstone) and then apply temporary pavement to the remainder of the street. This pavement will be removed in the spring when the road rebuild is complete.

Depending on crews' availabilities, there could be final water service connections happening this week as well. The final water connections will only affect one house at a time. These houses will be notified beforehand and loss of water service will last no longer than two hours.

### **TRAFFIC:**

Traffic patterns during construction are subject to change as each project develops.

The work zone will be moving along Clarendon Ave as the roadway is rebuilt.

Bailey Ave will remain unobstructed for most of the week until pavement is completed. J. Hutchins will be on Bailey Avenue on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to put down the permanent base pavement down.

Portions of Clarendon Avenue will be shut down during construction hours, moving up the street as the road is rebuilt. All traffic will have to seek alternate routes during construction.

### **Street Paving:**

- Nelson & Ridge Streets - J. Hutchins will be fine grading on Monday of next week followed by paving on Tuesday. Posting of "No Parking" signs on Barre Street will be undertaken in order to allow for construction equipment.

### **Water Resource Recovery Facility / Organics to Energy Projects:**

A representative from USDA's Washington DC office visited the site for funding compliance. The meeting went extremely well and all materials and documents reviewed met their requirements. This week the new sludge storage tank was coated, and work continued on underground hot water piping. During excavation, a water line was found to be leaking. The City requested this line be repaired, which will take place throughout the remainder of the week. Next week work will continue on the grit collection system and new activated sludge pumps will go through startup.

Underground piping installation will also continue next week.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **Community Services Winter Classes**

Online and in-person registration for Winter Classes begins on Monday, Nov. 25 at 9:00 am. You will need a username and password in order to register online - please contact the office at 223-2518 to get yours.

We are excited to be offering some new classes this winter including: Anatomy for Yoga, Chinese Calligraphy, Staged Readings and "Great Decisions", a current affairs discussion group. Most of the new classes are open to a variety of ages! For new class descriptions and details plus a list of all the other classes being offered [click here to view the Winter 2020 Program guide](#) or read a hard copy in the office at 58 Barre Street.

### **"Off the Beaten Path" Travel Talk Series Kicks Off**

#### **Barbara Garton brings us to Turkmenistan's White City with her photos!**

Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:30 pm | MSAC Community Room at 58 Barre Street

"Turkmenistan is one of the most "off the beaten path" countries for visitors and its capital, Ashgabat, is a bizarre, theme-parked cross between Las Vegas, Dubai and Disneyland. It is hard to find words to describe it and yet most Americans, even well-traveled ones, have never heard of it. Ashgabat wasn't always so cut-off. It was founded on the ruins of one of the most flourishing cities on the Silk Road. However, since Turkmenistan's independence in 1991, after the fall of the Soviet Union, the city and the country have remained isolated from the rest of the world. The country is trying to show that it is opening up, but progress is slow. Ashgabat was the culmination of a journey along the Silk Road through many unheard of cities, and some more familiar ones associated with that part of the world, but Turkmenistan and its capital were, almost literally, the icing on the cake." 1<sup>st</sup> in a series of 7 Travel Talks co-sponsored by Kellogg Hubbard Library and MSAC.

### **Last of this Year's Montpelier Walks on Fall Weekends with Harris Webster**

Final Walk: Saturday, November 23, 9:00 - 10:30 am

The walk may involve some time on paths in the woods, although most walking will be on streets and sidewalks. Walkers may have some input into what route they walk. Please call MSAC office at 223-2518 by Friday, November 22 at noon to RSVP! Location: Terrace Ave - gather in Old Redstone Building's parking lot off the west side of Terrace Ave (just beyond major curve of street)

### **Sugarbush Boomer Season Pass discounts available at 58 Barre Street office through November 21**

Discounts for the 2019-2020 "Boomer Season Pass" to Sugarbush for Ages 65-89; ski for Free if you're 90+. Checks payable to Sugarbush. \$139.00 plus tax \$147.34. You save \$31.80 compared with buying online. Ages 65 and up can ski and ride Monday through Friday (non-holiday) at Lincoln Peak and Mt. Ellen. Access 2600' of vertical, 111 trails and 28 wooded areas. See pass benefits for more details on expected closing dates. [Click here for more information.](#)

William Fraser  
City Manager

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## Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

<b>11/20</b>	Homelessness Task Force report <b>CM</b> Social Equity and Justice Committee report <b>ATCM</b> Appt. to the Housing Authority Conservation Fund <b>CC</b> Parking Ban <b>DPW/PD</b> Homelessness Task Force update Ordinance Amendments, Ch. 13	<b>12/11</b>	Budget <b>CM/FD</b> MTIC Appts. <b>ATCM</b> Complete Streets Appts. <b>ATCM</b> Chapter 10 Ordinances <b>DPW/PD</b>
<b>12/18</b>	Budget <b>CM/FD</b> Chapter 10 Ordinances <b>DPW/PD</b>	<b>1/8</b>	Budget <b>CM/FD</b> Hazard Mitigation Plan update Chapter 11 Ordinances <b>PD</b>
<b>1/15</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hearing for warning & Budget Chapter 11 Ordinances <b>PD</b>	<b>1/22</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hearing for warning & budget
<b>2/12</b>		<b>2/26</b>	

## Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

<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