

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

## MAYOR BOB KISS

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### BURLINGTON DISCOVER JAZZFEST KICKS OFF!

The 28th year of the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival officially begins today! This signature Burlington event will run through June 12, with a variety of performances for all ages. Come to Church Street to enjoy great jazz music outdoors or check out the many indoor venues—information available at [discoverjazz.com](http://discoverjazz.com)!



*Big Joe Burrell statue on Church Street*



*Discover Jazzfest from the City Hall stage*

### BURLINGTON STREETPAVING WORK

Despite the challenging weather the Department of Public Works is in the midst of year 3 of an extensive paving program fueled by a dedicated tax increase and bond approved by voters in November of 2008. Several streets have been paved or are currently underway. The public can look at the street repaving list and map on the DPW website here: [www.dpw.ci.burlington.vt.us/](http://www.dpw.ci.burlington.vt.us/).

A State repaving project underway on North Winowski Avenue and further south on Shelburne Road is occurring this summer. A major downtown project is moving forward on lower Church Street and Saint Paul Street bordering City Hall Park which will repave the road, install new sidewalks, and include a variety of pedestrian amenities. This project is funded in great part by federal transportation funds secured with the support of Senator Patrick Leahy.

All of this work enhances the City's economic vitality and quality of life. The City appreciates the patience of residents and businesses as we work to improve this important infrastructure!



*Work commences on St. Paul street*

**Special Election June 28:** There will be a special City election held on June 28 to vote on two ballot questions related to Burlington Electric Department. Q1 is a \$ 13.575M revenue bond to support several initiatives, including BED's smart-grid technology project. Q2 is a referendum on a long-term power purchase agreement with Hydro Quebec. More information at: [www.burlingtonelectric.com/](http://www.burlingtonelectric.com/). Ballots for early voting are scheduled to be available by June 7 at City Hall.

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**A SUCCESSFUL MARATHON**

I had the pleasure of running a leg of the Vermont City Marathon for the 6th year with the “Mayor’s Marathoners” relay team, which also included Gene Bergman, Tim Ashe, Colin McNeil, and John Vickery.

The Marathon was especially successful this year because of the many logistical challenges created by flooding

and weather. Through the teamwork and hard work of staff of key departments — Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Fire, and Police, along with Run Vermont — everything went smoothly. I want to congratulate City departments, organizers, volunteers, and the participants. I appreciate their efforts and I hope others do too!

**FY12 BUDGET**

I have proposed an FY12 budget to the Board of Finance and expect the Council to begin discussing the budget at its June 6 meeting. The budget must be approved by the Council for implementation on July 1.

As I have mentioned before, the budget includes a set of budget offsets designed to meet an anticipated gap of \$760,000. More information about the proposed budget offsets can be found here: [www.ci.burlington.vt.us/docs/4675.pdf](http://www.ci.burlington.vt.us/docs/4675.pdf). A video of the budget summit organized by the NPAs on June 2 can be found on the CCTV website at: [www.cctv.org/node/106964](http://www.cctv.org/node/106964)

I encourage people to learn more about the budget and ask any questions by calling me at 865-7272.

**With best regards,**

**Bob Kiss, Mayor**

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**ECO-DRIVING**

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, UVM Transportation Research Center, and Burlington Legacy Project, key City staff have been trained in “Eco-driving.” The training focuses on efficient driving practices to save fuel and money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. There are plans to offer additional training to staff later this summer.

To find out more about the Clean Cities Coalition program to reduce petroleum use in transportation, go to: [www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/), and the work of the UVM

Transportation Research Center: [www.uvm.edu/~transctr/](http://www.uvm.edu/~transctr/).

Burlington’s Climate Action Plan aims to reduce carbon emissions 20 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2050. Go to <http://burlingtonclimateaction.com/> to learn more and get involved!



*Mayor Kiss running a relay leg in the Vermont City Marathon*



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