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Weinberger Congratulates “Celebrate Burlington” Event Award Recipients and Recognizes 15-Year Anniversary of Community Justice Center

Burlington, VT – Mayor Miro Weinberger this evening congratulated “Celebrate Burlington” Event Award Recipients and recognized the 15-year anniversary of the Community Justice Center of the Community and Economic Development Office. At a festive event featuring food, fun, and awards in City Hall’s Contois Auditorium, the City of Burlington continued its annual tradition of recognizing through special awards staff and community members who help build stronger, safer, more vibrant, greener communities. The event also included a preview of the Diversity and Equity Strategic Plan and recognition of the NPAs that have been shaping neighborhood concerns for 30 years.

Award winners were:

- Lea Terhune, Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA) Steering Committee member from Wards 4/7 – Herb Bloomenthal Award for Community Activism
- Annie Bourdon, founder and executive director of CarShare Vermont – Peter Clavelle Award for Sustainability
- Ken Schatz, founder of the Community Justice Center (CJC) and Chair of the CJC Citizens’ Advisory Committee – newly-created Ken Schatz Award

Please see attached event program for more information about the award recipients.

“This event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the neighbors, community partners, and City staff who make Burlington a great place to live, work, and play,” said Weinberger. “I offer sincere congratulations to Lea, Annie, and Ken and thank them for their significant contributions toward improving the fabric of our community.”

The Community Justice Center, Vermont’s first, was founded during the Administration of Mayor Peter Clavelle and since has grown to encompass Restorative Justice Panels, Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime, Offender Reentry Services, and Graffiti Removal.

Weinberger added: “I am proud that our Community Justice Center was the first in Vermont, has served as a model for many programs across the country, and is an integral part of meeting one of my priorities as Mayor – improving public safety.”

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May 30th, 2013
Contois Auditorium

Award Winners

Herb Bloomenthal Award for Community Activism



Lea Terhune

Lea Terhune is a longtime resident of the New North End and active member of the Ward 4/7 NPA steering committee. She has organized community budget forums, development initiatives, youth leadership efforts, television programs, and more. She has also served on the AARP Livable City Task Force, the Legacy Commission, the advisory board of the Bright Futures Play Groups, and the Appletree Point Historical Society, among other roles.

Peter Clavelle Award for Sustainability

Annie Bourdon is the founder and Executive Director of CarShare Vermont, one of the first non-profit car share services in the country. CarShare Vermont currently has over 500 members and strives to provide an affordable, convenient, and reliable alternative to private car ownership that enhances the environmental, economic, and social wellbeing of our region and planet. Annie's car share work started in early 2001, when she helped two friends and mentors launch the City of San Francisco's City CarShare.



Annie Bourdon

Ken Schatz Award



Ken Schatz

As a founder of the Community Justice Center, Chair of its Citizens' Advisory Committee, and advisor to its programs, Ken has demonstrated more than 15 years of exemplary commitment to restorative justice and community-based responses to crime and conflict. His support of the CJC has strengthened Burlington's community and set the stage for advancing restorative justice and juvenile justice throughout the state of Vermont.

Program

Welcome

Presentation of Diversity & Equity Strategic Plan

Keynote Speech: Sue Russell

Recognition of Neighborhood Planning Assemblies

Award Presentations

- Herb Bloomenthal Award
- Peter Clavelle Award
- Ken Schatz Award

Recognition of Community Justice Center
Founders, Community Partners, Volunteers

Mayor's Closing Remarks

Program begins at 5:20. Until that time, please enjoy the refreshments, take a look at the Community Justice Program displays and participant artwork, and contribute to our community chalkboard. Thank you!