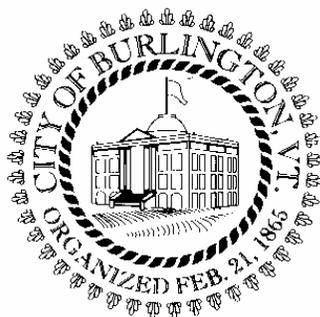


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MAYOR TO HOLD APRIL 28 PRESS EVENT WITH YAROSLAVL DELEGATION

Burlington, VT – April 26, 2010. Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss will host a press event to welcome a delegation from Yaroslavl, Russia, visiting Burlington as part of its 1000th year celebration this year. The press event will be held on Wednesday April 28 at 10:30 am on the 2nd floor of the Firehouse Center for the Arts. The delegation from Yaroslavl includes Deputy Mayor Andrey Murashov, Irina Novikova – Yaroslavl Chair of the Russian-American Friendship Society, and three traditional musical performers – one an accomplished Russian organist and two members of the musical group “Uzaren.” The Mayor and delegation members will be joined by members of the local Burlington-Yaroslavl sister city committee.

Burlington has enjoyed a formal sister city relationship with Yaroslavl since 1988. Since that time there have been numerous visits and opportunities for cultural exchange. The Yaroslavl delegation will be in the Burlington area starting April 27 through May 3.

More information about Burlington’s sister city relationships can be found at:
<http://www.ci.burlington.vt.us/sistercities/>.