

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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Climate Action Plan

Burlington Takes Action!

CITY KICKS OFF CITIZEN SUSTAINABILITY ACTION TEAMS

Through the efforts of staff in the Burlington Legacy Project and Department of Planning and Zoning, the City has identified 36 high-priority actions to reduce Burlington's carbon footprint and meet ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals. The City held a meeting July 20 to kick-off an effort to get the public involved in many of these solutions. For more information or to get involved, go to www.ci.burlington.vt.us/cap/!

BURLINGTON RANKED AS TOP SMALL CITY IN THE U.S. FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Burlington area has been identified as the top small city in the country for health and wellbeing based on polling through a Gallup-Healthways initiative. The effort polled people around the country on issues such as emotional and physical health, healthy behaviors, work environment and basic access to necessities such as food, shelter, and medical care.

For more information about the poll and findings, go to: www.well-beingindex.com/.

"Green" Update

- The City has continued working to switch its cleaning products to those that are **environmentally preferable**, whenever possible. This effort has been led by Todd Greenough in the Parks Department and Bruce Bourgeois in the Fire Department.
- Burlington was recently recognized as one of a handful of prominent cities participating in public reporting of its carbon footprint through the **Carbon Disclosure Project**. For more information go to www.cdproject.net.
- **Burlington Sustainability Action Team (BSAT)**. Formed by Mayor Kiss, the BSAT is made up of representatives from City departments working to reduce the City's carbon footprint and save city resources.



Mayor Kiss helps kick off the Fletcher Free Library's summer reading program

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DOWNTOWN & WATERFRONT PLANNING

Led by the Planning and Zoning Department, the City is engaging the public in a comprehensive process to develop a land use and development plan for the Downtown and the Waterfront. This effort is made possible through a Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development.

The process will help chart the future of development in Burlington's core area for business, tourism, and the community. I encourage the public to be involved!

Find out more at

www.ci.burlington.vt.us/planning/.

SUMMER PAVING

The City continues to be in the midst of an enhanced streetpaving program which began in 2009 after voter approval of a bond and increase in the dedicated street tax. The State of Vermont is also repaving sections of Willard Street and eventually Shelburne Road. Major projects downtown on lower Church Street and St. Paul Street, funded in great part by federal appropriations secured with the support of Senator Leahy, are also moving forward.

While this has caused temporary inconvenience for some residents and businesses, in the long run this work enhances livability and economic vitality in the City. More information about City paving projects is available at: www.dpw.ci.burlington.vt.us/.

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS

The City has continued to pursue its

Climate Action Plan to reduce carbon emissions that are behind global climate change. There's an opportunity for residents to get involved in citizen action teams to tackle issues like waste reduction and automobile use.

Climate change remains one of the defining challenges of this generation, a challenge that will only grow more acute for future generations. Solving this problem requires an "all hands on deck" approach with large scale action and individual action.

For more information on the City's Climate Action Plan and how to get involved, go to www.ci.burlington.vt.us/cap/. We must address climate change and energy use working together.

With best regards,

Bob Kiss, Mayor

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Flood Information—August 15 Deadline!

If you have flood damage and want to see whether you qualify for assistance, it is critical that you contact FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) to report the damage and get the process started. You can also apply by going to: www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Once you contact FEMA, follow their directions on completing the paperwork necessary to protect your interests in all facets of disaster repair and recovery process. The deadline for filing a claim for assistance is **August 15!**



August 5-7 in Burlington!

Burlington City Arts will present the 4th Festival of Fools on August 5-7th, 2011. The Festival of Fools is a festival of street theater devoted to community engagement through the celebration of circus arts, music and comedy for family audiences. More info at: www.burlingtoncityarts.org/

Monitor Your Water and Wastewater Accounts Online

The Department of Public Works has announced iConnect, the con-

venient way to monitor your Water and Wastewater account online. For more information or to sign up for eBilling, call the Water and Wastewater Division at 863-4501.