



# City of Burlington COVID-19 Update

## Burlington COVID-19 Resource and Recovery Center (RRC)

June 2021

English

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# Summer Youth Programs



On June 2, Mayor Miro Weinberger announced a focus on summer youth programs and family activities for summer 2021. Thanks to a more than \$400,000 investment from the national American Rescue Plan, the City of Burlington has received funds to improve access to free or reduced price summer programs and expand youth programming opportunities.

## Expanded programs & partnerships include offers from:

- Burlington City Arts - <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/adult-youth-and-family-classes>
- Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront- <https://enjoyburlington.com/youth-camps/>
- Fletcher Free Library - <https://www.fletcherfree.org/>
- King Street Center
- Sara Holbrook
- Flynn Center
- Burlington School District

Between participating programs, there will be a variety of options including half day or full day camps, and both shorter and multiple-week options. While different camps will have different focuses, kids can expect activity options such as outdoor adventures, sports, arts and crafts, reading, education, and much more!

For questions on what is currently available and how to apply, please contact the RRC at [recovery@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:recovery@burlingtonvt.gov) or 802-755-7239. Phone interpreter assistance is available.

## COVID-19 Vaccines



It's always a good idea to protect you and your family against COVID-19! If you need help signing up for a free and safe vaccine for anyone age 12+ please call the RRC at 802-755-7239, AALV at 802-985-3106, or USCRI at 802-655-1963 to get connected to a clinic.

# Early Learning Initiative – Affordable Childcare



Need help paying for child care? Your child may qualify for the First Steps Scholarship Program

Eligible families could receive a ***First Steps Scholarship*** through the City of Burlington, to help with tuition costs for full-time child care at qualified programs! To apply, families need to be Burlington residents, meet certain income guidelines, and have a child the ages of 8 weeks to 2 ½ years.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are being accepted for the 2020–2021 scholarship application period. To apply, call or email Paula Bonnie at [paula@letsgrowkids.org](mailto:paula@letsgrowkids.org) or 802-398-5464. You may also contact the RRC Call Center at 802-755-7239 for assistance. Phone interpreter services are available.

Learn more at [www.burlingtonvt.gov/it/earlylearning](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/it/earlylearning).

# FREE Summer Events for Families



## SPLASH DANCE – Every Friday from June 4 – September 10

Kids will have fun this summer in City Hall Park’s brand-new water splash pad! The multi-light, wheelchair-accessible fountain comes alive this summer with Splash Dance. For 15 Fridays, local DJs will spin family-friendly tunes while the fountain plays along. Families will kick-off each weekend by dancing along to a rotating roster of incredible DJs in this first-ever program.

### **TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES – every other Friday and Saturday at 7pm, beginning June 18**

This is a new concert series presenting top Vermont bands in an intimate evening setting right in the middle of downtown.

### **FAMILY ART SATURDAYS – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (next event June 26 11am-1pm)**

Families are invited to drop-in to the Burlington City Art Center patio to create their own artworks inspired by current art displays. Each Family Art Saturday is free and offers a different art-making project that will ignite the imaginations of your family members.

## Free Summer Meals for Youth Age 18 and Under

The nutritional needs of students don't stop when school does. Help students enjoy summer with fresh, local foods! The Burlington School Food Project offers free summer meals for all kids and teens. No application or registration is needed! Just drop by during the meal times listed below.

**Summer 2021 Hours - June 21 to August 20**  
Available Monday to Friday

#### **Riverside Apartments**

Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm (Served at 12)

#### **South Meadow Apartments**

Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm (Served at 12)

#### **Franklin Square Apartments**

Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm (Served at 12)

Snack 5:00pm-7:00pm (Served at 5:30)

#### **Roosevelt Park**

*57 Oak Street, Burlington*

Dinner 4:00pm-6:30pm (Served at 5)

#### **New! City Hall Park**

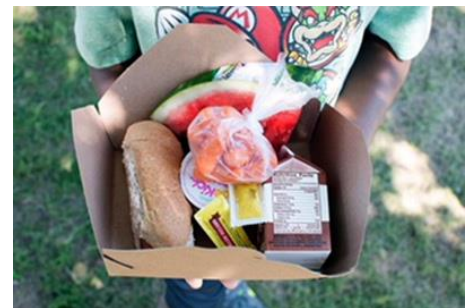
*Behind City Hall, 149 Church Street*

Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm (Served at 12)

#### **New! CP Smith Elementary School**

*332 Ethan Allen Pkwy*

Snack 1:00pm-4:00pm (Served at 2)



To find out about free summer meals sites near you anywhere in Vermont, call 2-1-1 (phone interpreter services available) or text FOOD to 877-877 (English).



# Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program

## NEED HELP PAYING RENT?



Rent and utility bill assistance is available to help Vermonters avoid eviction and pay their utility bills!

The program helps households with paying **current and past-due rent balances, current and past-due utility and home energy costs, and other expenses related to housing**. Utility assistance can include electricity, gas, water, sewer, trash removal and energy costs, such as fuel oil. Applications will need to be filled out by both the renter and the owner of the property, and direct payments will be made to the owner.

Website: <https://erap.vsha.org/> (Translations available)

**For Application Assistance and Language Support, contact:**

AALV – Association of Africans Living in Vermont

<http://www.aalv-vt.org/>  
(802) 985-3106

CVOEO – Financial Empowerment for New Americans Project

<https://www.cvoeo.org/>  
(802) 860-1417 x117

USCRI Vermont – U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

<https://refugees.org/uscri-vermont/>  
(802) 655-1963

# Moving On, Moving Up



## **READY FOR A CHANGE?**

**Start a NEW CAREER in healthcare and MOVE UP!**

Earn **HIGHER WAGES** as a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA). This 10-week program is **FREE** for eligible applicants, who will also get paid for their practical training. Additional educational supports will be provided. This course will be delivered online and in-person, three nights a week.

## **Upcoming Training Sessions Begin:**

- July 13
- September 8
- October 26
- December 13

## **To Apply:**

Visit [www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/LNA](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/LNA)

For questions, email [gnanton@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:gnanton@burlingtonvt.gov).

# Burlington Police Chief Survey



The City of Burlington is currently looking for the next police chief! The City hopes to collect feedback from the community on what qualities they would like to see in the next leader of the police department, as well as what priorities the police department should have in the future. The survey has been translated into 8 different languages, and can be switched to a different language using the button in the upper right corner.

Take the survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/btv\\_police\\_chief\\_search](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/btv_police_chief_search)



## Questions? Need Assistance?

Burlington's **COVID-19 Resource and Recovery Center (RRC)** is here to help, contact us at 802-755-7239 or [recovery@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:recovery@burlingtonvt.gov) and leave a message with your name, preferred language, and contact information and we will assist you as soon as possible. Our call center has phone interpretation services available. Our operation hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

## Find Translations:

Vermont Department of Health

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/media/translation/covid-19-translations>

City of Burlington

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/translated>

Vermont Multilingual Task Force:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3zjPpeFnXqvESr1y3d4DvQ>

*The information in this document is subject to change as guidelines are updated on a national and state level.*