

# ***Neighborhood BUZZ for January 5, 2012***

## **LOCAL GOVT/NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLIES:** Burlington Neighborhood Planning Assemblies offer a monthly forum for city officials, city and area organizations, representatives of area institutions and others to talk with residents about concerns, projects and plans and to educate and inform each other. The following NPAs will meet next week:

**Ward 1 NPA:** January 11, 6:30pm, UVM's Waterman Bldg, Memorial Lounge: As the State legislature returns for the 2012 session, members of the senate and legislature will provide an update on the goals and hopes for this year and answer questions.

**Wards 2/3 NPA:** January 12, 6:30pm, McClure MultiGen Center, 241 N. Winooski Ave.: The focus of this meeting will be SCHOOLS with members of the school board in attendance to advise the group of current happenings in the school system and to discuss and answer questions on the budget. There is a community dinner that precedes the NPA from 5:30 – 6:20 that all are welcome to attend.

When ready, the complete agenda will be posted here: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/Neighborhood-Planning-Assemblies/>

**PLAN BTV:** The development of a land use and development plan for Burlington's Downtown and Waterfront has been a long-standing action item in the City Municipal Development Plan since at least 1996. In September 2009, the City Planning Commission and Department of Planning and Zoning were directed by the City Council to develop a scope of work, timeline, and budget for such a project. While many other planning efforts involving the downtown or waterfront have taken place over the years, none have been as comprehensive in scope and strategic in design. In the Fall 2010, the City of Burlington was awarded a Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which provides a unique opportunity to invest in the future, and advance Burlington's place as one of America's most livable and sustainable communities. Burlington struggles to address complex urban challenges in a small, under-resourced New England community with big ideas and even bigger ideals. We struggle with how to really become the community we say we want to be. The town planning and urban design collaborative will begin an intensive month of **community engagement starting on January 10, 6:30pm at a community meeting in Contois Auditorium**. If you cannot attend this meeting, there will be an entire week to give your input by participating in a **Design Charrette during the entire week of January 24-30** at 1 Church Street (former Ann Taylor store).

For more info and details on the plans for the weeklong design Charrette or updates on the planning process, visit: [www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV).

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A CITY COUNCILOR?:** Every Ward in the city will have a seat on the City Council "up for bid" in the March 6 election. To run for City Council, you need to be a Burlington resident and must submit a petition with a minimum of 30 signatures (residents from your Ward) and submit it to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in City Hall by 4:00 on January 30. For more info: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Elections/Information/>

**PREVENTION COALITION TO MEET:** The Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community is a coalition of agencies focused on the causes and affects of substance use and abuse. Anyone interested in supporting prevention efforts in Burlington is invited to attend the next coalition meeting on January 13, 8:30-10:30am at the Turning Point Center (191 Bank Street). For more info: <http://burlingtonpartnership.com>

**BURLINGTON SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUMS:** The Burlington School District's Board of Commissioners was presented with the preliminary budget for FY 2013 by the Board's Finance Committee. This presentation begins the public portion of the budget review process that will lead to the budget that is presented to the Burlington voters on March 6, 2012. This year's budget presents several challenges to the School District. FY 2013 will see the loss of significant Federal funding as well as a shift of employee benefit payments from the City budget to the School budget. Let your voice be heard as the budget discussion continues. Here are two up-coming opportunities to learn more:

Jan. 9 - City Council Mtg, Contois Auditorium, specific agenda time: TBD (when ready, the agenda will be posted here: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/City-Council-Agendas---Minutes/>)

Jan. 10 - 7:00pm, BHS cafeteria

**MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM ON TRANSPORTATION:** Hear the Burlington mayoral candidates talk about the future of transportation and mobility in Burlington. January 12, 6:30 – 8:00pm, U-U Church, 152 Pearl Street. A dessert reception will follow the event. Please RSVP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/230835246987344/>

WHAT'S YOUR TRANSPORTATION STORY? What's working? What's not? Submit your experiences and questions for the candidates at [www.localmotion.org](http://www.localmotion.org). CO-HOSTED by \*Local Motion\* and \*AARP\*. Other sponsors include Good News

Garage, CarShare Vermont, UVM Transportation Research Center and the Burlington Free Press. Call 802-861-2700x105 for more information.

FREE BUS PASS HOME! Walk, bike, carpool or ride the bus in and get a free CCTA bus ticket home! BUS NOTE: All bus lines into Burlington have buses that arrive downtown around 6:15pm. There are 4 lines home departing between 8:20 and 8:30pm at Cherry Street -- the North Avenue, Williston (Rt. 2), Essex (Rt. 15) and Shelburne Road (Rt. 7) buses. [www.cctaride.org](http://www.cctaride.org).

**CELEBRATE BURLINGTON, 2011:** "Celebrate Burlington" is an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate, and recognize the good works of neighbors in their efforts to make Burlington a great place to live, work, and play. This 12th annual event will take place on April 19, from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Contois Auditorium in City Hall. It is free and open to all residents of Burlington. Join your neighbors for dinner, family-friendly entertainment, a recognition ceremony and some visioning for the future. Nominations are currently being accepted for two annual awards that honor people working to make Burlington a great place to live, work and play, and that will be presented at the Celebrate Burlington event:

1) **PETER CLAVELLE AWARD:** A professional whose leadership has advanced social equity, environmental stewardship, quality education, economic growth and vitality in Burlington. Read the nomination guidelines: [http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/Legacy\\_Project/About\\_Us/The%20Peter%20Clavelle%20Award%202012%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/Legacy_Project/About_Us/The%20Peter%20Clavelle%20Award%202012%20FINAL.pdf)

DEADLINE FOR Clavelle NOMINATIONS: March 15, 2012. Submit your nominations to Margaret Bozik, CEDO, 149 Church Street, City Hall or by e-mail to [mbozik@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:mbozik@ci.burlington.vt.us).

2) **HERB BLOOMENTHAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM:** A volunteer whose leadership, tenacity and dedication have somehow improved Burlington's neighborhoods. This is someone who has made Burlington a better place to live, work and play. Although there will be only one Herb Bloomenthal Award winner, there will be dozens of people recognized at the event on April 19. There is a simple one-page nomination form found here – take a few minutes to send in your thoughts about that special neighbor:

[http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/CEDO/Neighborhood\\_Services/2012%20nomination%20form%20final.doc](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/CEDO/Neighborhood_Services/2012%20nomination%20form%20final.doc)

DEADLINE FOR Bloomenthal NOMINATIONS: February 2, 2012. Submit your nominations to Jenny Davis, CEDO, 149 Church Street, City Hall or by e-mail to [jdavis@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:jdavis@ci.burlington.vt.us).

**RAISING LIVESTOCK IN URBAN SETTINGS:** The Urban Agriculture Task Force invites Burlington residents to participate in a workshop on raising livestock in urban settings. The workshop will be January 18 at the McClure MultiGen Center. There will be light fare served starting at 5:30pm, with the workshop starting promptly at 6:00pm and running until 8:30pm. The workshop objective is to gain input from the community on how the city might develop policies on backyard livestock. Participants will examine issues common to urban livestock and discuss potential governance approaches using examples from other cities and building on Task Force research.

This workshop is part of the Urban Agriculture Task Force's work to develop a cohesive policy for urban agriculture in the city of Burlington. Results from this workshop will be used to inform recommendations to City Council. It is not necessary to RSVP or register, but it would be helpful to know that you are coming. RSVPs to: [burluatf@gmail.com](mailto:burluatf@gmail.com).

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

Here is a link for a list of all School Board meetings for the week: <http://bsdweb.bsdt.org/Board/BoardCalendar.php>

### **GOVT MEETINGS**

Here is the link for a list of all Government meetings in Burlington for the week: [www.ci.burlington.vt.us/events](http://www.ci.burlington.vt.us/events)

### **CCTV LINKS TO BURLINGTON CITY MEETINGS**

Channel 17/Town Meeting TV has a full complement of community meetings for viewers to watch on TV and on the web. Access to video links, schedules and more information can be found here:

<http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/>

## **THE ARTS**

**FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK:** On the first Friday of every month, between thirty and forty art venues are open between 5:00 and 8:00pm for the Art Walk in Burlington. Some venues have openings, talks, music, or other special activities. Others are simply open late. Individuals start their art walk by visiting any participating venue and picking up a copy of Art Map Burlington, the official publication of First Friday Art Walk. Guided tours are led, starting at The BCA Center at 6pm during each First Friday. The next First Friday is Jan. 6. For more info: [www.burlingtoncityarts.org](http://www.burlingtoncityarts.org).

**YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT:** Cathedral Arts presents a free lunchtime concert that will highlight gifted young Vermont musicians. The event is January 17, noon – 1:00 at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St. You are invited to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. For more info: 864-0471

**COST OF WAR:** The Peace & Justice Center is organizing a speaker and film series for 2012 that will discuss the different costs war has on our society from different perspectives. We plan to discuss issues such as PTSD, lack of employment amongst veterans, treatment of women in the military, financial costs, and more.

The first event will be on January 22 at 3:00pm at the Roxy Cinema in Burlington. This will be the screening of a brand new film called HELL AND BACK AGAIN, about a soldier who is shot in Afghanistan and his difficulty readjusting to civilian life. There will be a Q + A at the end of the film. The cost is \$10, or \$5 with a student ID. For more info: (<http://www.facebook.com/events/#!/events/327804730563241/>).

#### **LYRIC THEATRE COMPANY TO HOST AUDITIONS:**

The Lyric Theatre Company is looking for a large cast of 44-47, with roles for children, grandparents, and everyone in between! Lyric's sets, lights, costumes, props, special effects, make-up and hair will transport the audience to 1912 when the ship made its maiden voyage across the Atlantic. **Children's Auditions (7+, Stage Age 7-12) for Lyric Theatre Company's production of *Titanic, the musical*:** January 8 at 1:00pm in the FlynnSpace, 153 Main Street. The Artistic Team will be casting 2 to 4 children. Casting will be based on expressiveness in the audition and fit with others who are cast. Children will double as 1<sup>st</sup> class passengers in *The Latest Rag* and perform as 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers in the rest of the show. Note: Children's characters will perish in the show, so it's important that families are ready to deal with that kind of material and the fears or questions it might raise. **Teen and Adult Auditions (Stage Age 13+) for Lyric Theatre Company's production of *Titanic, the musical*:** January 8, 4:00-6:00pm in the FlynnSpace, 153 Main Street. The Team is looking for a large cast of 44-47, with roles for children, grandparents, and everyone in between!

**Teen and Adult Auditions (Stage Age 13+) for Lyric Theatre Company's production of *Titanic, the musical*,** January 9, 10, and 11, 2012, 6:00-10:00pm, Flynn Center, 153 Main Street.

Visit the Lyric web site for character descriptions, audition details, and information about diverse opportunities for involvement in behind-the-scenes roles with the production: [www.lyrictheatrevt.org](http://www.lyrictheatrevt.org). Click on the *Titanic* porthole logo. For more info: [office@lyrictheatrevt.org](mailto:office@lyrictheatrevt.org), 658-1484.

**LOCAL ART TO SUPPORT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts and Burlington City Arts join forces in a collaborative celebration of both organizations' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. "30/30: Anniversary Print Project" opens in the Amy E. Tarrant Gallery on January 6, and proceeds from an auction will provide scholarships to both organizations' youth programs.

The exhibit features prints from Vermonters, led by artist/project coordinators Gregg Blasdel, Jennifer Koch, and Sumru Tekin. Adding to the fun and adventure of this print project, a few local "celebs" have been asked to try their hands at the creative process. Each print was created in BCA's Print Studio or the studio of Jennifer Koch. Prints will be displayed in the Amy E. Tarrant Gallery beginning January 6 through February 18. An auction of each print will begin at an opening reception on January 6 (begins at 5:00pm). Bidding will start at \$300, and will continue during regular gallery hours, ending during the closing reception on February 18 (begins at 5:00pm). Both receptions are free and open to the public.

For more information about the project and the opening and closing receptions, please visit [burlingtoncityarts.org](http://burlingtoncityarts.org) or [flynncenter.org](http://flynncenter.org).

**PORTRAITS IN CHARCOAL BY ALICE BOWMAN:** In the early 1990's, artist and teacher Alice Bowman, worked with patients at the Burlington Convalescent Center (now Burlington Health and Rehab) and found a renewed interest in portraiture. Inspired by the beauty of the residents, Bowman sought to capture their spirit beyond their days. Alice Bowman has created retirement posters for FAHC for twenty years, taught watercolor classes and has shown work at the Firehouse Gallery, Starbucks, Barnes and Noble, Williston Woods and the Dorothy Alling Library. Her work will be on display at the Fletcher Free Library January 3 – 30 in the Pickering Room. There will be an artist reception on January 18, 3:30 – 5:30. For more info, contact Barbara at 865-7211.

#### **CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**NEED HELP TO QUIT SMOKING?** Start the New Year out by giving yourself the gift of being Smoke Free!!!! The American Lung Association "Freedom From Smoking" classes provide a small group setting for adults (up to 15 people) to work through the quitting process for smoking. Eight-ten sessions over eight weeks introduce participants to key stages of behavior change. People who use this program are six times more likely to be smoke-free one year later than those who quit on their own. The classes are from January 15 – March 18, 4 – 5:30pm. For more info: Turning Point Center/861-3150, ask for Krista or call Daria at 865- 2452.

## **CVOEO'S GROWING MONEY PROGRAM OFFERS NEW COURSES:**

**"Spend Smart" Class**—Join us for a practical introduction on how to manage your money. If you experience regular financial stress, you struggle to save, or you want to feel more organized financially, this class is for you. This is not your typical money management class: the focus will be on you as an individual and what your personal money goals are. January 5, 12 & 19, 6pm-8pm OR January 10, 17 & 24, 10am-12pm OR February 7, 14 & 21, 6pm-8pm OR February 8, 15 & 22, 10am-12pm.

**"Keys to Credit" Class**—Credit can be established and improved in a variety of ways and we want to help you get ahead of the game. Learn the basics and get smart about the important and often confusing world of credit. January 5 & 12, 10am-12pm OR January 23 & 30, 6pm-8pm OR February 6 & 13, 10am-12pm OR February 16 & 23, 6pm-8pm

**"Creating a Financial Future" Class**—Learn how to create long term savings and take a beginning look at investing. If you have basic money management under control and want to take charge of your finances in the future, this class is for you. To begin building wealth over a lifetime, this class is a great first step. January 24 & 31, 6pm-8pm.

All of these classes will be held at the new location for "The Growing Money Program", 255 S. Champlain St. in Burlington. For more info contact Libby at 802-860-1417 or [growingmoney@cvoeo.org](mailto:growingmoney@cvoeo.org).

**NORTH END STUDIO OFFERINGS:** Keep your New Year's resolutions to get some exercise at the North End Studios. Lots of exercise classes to choose from! Don't know what kind of exercise you prefer? Sign up for a North End Studio Card. NES class cards are available, mix and match, for just \$45 for 5 classes. Choose from Zumba, Forza, Vinyasa Yoga, Barken Method Yoga, Wu Style Tai Chi, Tango, International Folk Dancing, and West Coast Swing, and more. The North End Studios class schedule includes:

Monday Classes: Adaptive Folk Dance; Barken Method Hot Yoga; Forza; West African Dance; African Drum.

Tuesday Classes: Iyengar Yoga; Zumba; Tai Chi, Burlington Westie Dance.

Wednesday Classes: Hot Yoga; Capoeira Intermediate Tango

Thursday Classes: Barken Method Hot Yoga; Zumba; and Advanced Tai Chi

Friday Classes: Forza; International Folk Dance.

Saturday Classes: Vinyasa Yoga; Iyengar Yoga

Sunday Classes: Iyengar Yoga

For a complete list of class descriptions and times, go to [www.vpal.typepad.com](http://www.vpal.typepad.com)

## **CITY MARKET TO HOST JANUARY WORKSHOPS**

**UNDERSTANDING LOCAL CHEESES:** Vermont is renowned for its artisanal cheeses and City Market's selection is abundant. With that abundance, the world of cheese can be intimidating - alpine style, cave-aged, washed-rind, and raw milk? Goat, sheep or cow's milk cheese? Dave Lauber, City Market's cheese monger, will tour us through City Market's cheese case, introducing us to the different styles of cheese, talking about the different local producers we buy from, and offering us samples along the way! Dave joined City Market 5 years ago after owning and running a specialty cheese shop in Summit, NJ. Please sign up at <http://www.citymarket.coop/news/calendar>. The event is January 14, 11:00am – noon.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION FOODS:** Happy Lunar New Year (celebrated in many countries, including China and Vietnam)! This month is the auspicious Year of the Dragon (the New Year kicks off on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>). Learn about Chinese New Year celebrations and foods with Ben Wang, Co-op member and Chinese teacher at the Vermont Commons School. We will first make two kinds of traditional Chinese dumpling fillings, one based on pork and another based on spinach. Then, using premade wrappers, we will fill and shape the dumplings by hand, boil them, make basic sauces, and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Please sign up at <http://www.citymarket.coop/news/calendar>. The event is Jan. 17, 6:00 – 7:30pm.

**BEAT THE SUGAR "BLUES":** Join this hands-on demo and use food as medicine workshop. Understand the wonderful world of sweeteners, their composition, and the myriads of uses for them. From rice syrup and raw honey to herbal glycerites and root powders, you will gain clarity about the sources of the sugars we ingest, their importance in our health, and how you can use them to thrive. Marie Frohlich is a Certified Health Coach and an herbalist. Please sign up at <http://www.citymarket.coop/news/calendar>. The event is Jan. 19, 5:30 – 7:00pm.

**WOMEN LIVING YOUR WHOLE LIFE:** Take time to step away from the world and reflect, explore and refresh your vision of and for yourself through guided writing activities, personal exploration time, drawing and collage. This workshop will be Jan. 14, 9:30am – 3:30pm at the Women Writing for (a) Change Studio, 180 Flynn Avenue. The cost is \$65 and includes workshop materials. Pre-registration required by calling 865-4416. for more info: [www.demeterresolutions.com](http://www.demeterresolutions.com).

**TURNING POINT RECOVERY CENTER'S WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** The Turning Point Center is Chittenden County's only recovery center, focused on providing a safe place for people in recovery from the disease of addiction. If you or someone you know is struggling with a drug addiction and would like to know more about the possibility of life without substances, stop by one of these events, or just stop by the TPC for more information. The TPC is located at 191 Bank St, [www.turningpointcentervt.org](http://www.turningpointcentervt.org).

**Morning Workouts with Hannah:** All levels are welcome, be sure to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers, Monday-Thursdays 8-9:00am

**Java Talk:** Come, hang out and enjoy some relaxing conversation with other people in recovery. Coffee and tea provided. Snacks are welcome. Monday-Fridays 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Open Arts with Django:** Let's Make Art! Tuesdays 1-3:00, A shtanga-inspired Vinyasa Yoga Class lead by Jasen Morin. This class focuses on pranyama (breathing) and asana (postures). Wednesday 11:30 am

Recovery thru Expression: Writing, art, music: Think about the medium you want to try and we'll help you develop your skills! Fridays at 1:30.

**Accudetox:** Stress management meditation group, Fridays, 4 – 5:00pm

**Take Back Your Life:** A class exploring how our outlook, workouts and nutrition affect us daily and how to take charge of these areas in our lives to create the life that we want and deserve. Jan 19, 2 - 4:00pm.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

**GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES SKATING FUNDRAISER:** Get out of the cold and come skate with the Dames! GMDD Skate Party. Music, food, a raffle and fun for the whole family! January 27 from 7-10:00pm in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Champlain Valley Expo. \$15 Adult, \$5 per child 12 and under. There will be a limited number of skates available for use so please bring your own inline or quad skates to use if you have them. All Proceeds benefit the Green Mountain Derby Dames 2012 Season. For more info [www.gmderbydames.com](http://www.gmderbydames.com).

## **SPORTS/RECREATION**

**PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS: Dog Sled Rides,** Sat, Jan. 21 at the Miller Community Recreation Center from 1-3pm, \$35/family. Experience the Iditarod at the Miller Community Recreation Center with a dog sled ride!! Must register by Jan. 5.

**242 Main After School Rock and Roll program,** Jan 17-Feb 16 from 4-6:00pm at 242 Main, \$150 Scholarships available, instruments and equipment provided. Meet new friends, learn how to improve skills on an instrument, and learn how to play in a band, while developing skills to work with peers...and have FUN!

**Hockey Skating Skills Class for Ladies:** The Parks and recreation Dept is offering this basic skills class for ladies of all ages at the Leddy Park Ice Arena. The fun happens on Sundays 6:30 – 7:30pm, January 15 – March 18, \$10/class. To register and for more info: 865-7558

**Parents Night Out,** Feb 3, 6-9:00pm at the Miller Center, 130 Gosse Ct, \$12/child. Drop the kids off for a night of Movement Games, Crafts, Movies and Cookie Decorating. Participants must pre-register by Jan 27. **Senior Lunch Bunch,** Jan 11, 10am-2pm, Apollo Diner in Milton, \$20, bus pick ups at local senior housing complexes.

For more info on any of the above and/or all of the offerings provided by the Burlington Parks and Recreation: [www.enjoyburlington.com](http://www.enjoyburlington.com) or call 864-0123.

**SEAHORSE WINTER SPORTS THIS WEEK:** The varsity student-athletes for Burlington High School will host games this week as follows:

1/5, Girl's Basketball vs. Colchester, 6:00/JV, 7:30/Varsity

1/6, Hockey vs. Colchester, 4:20pm (Leddy Park Ice Arena)

1/10 Boy's Basketball vs. South Burlington, 6:00/JV, 7:30/Varsity

## **MISC. AND OTHER COOL STUFF**

**FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF CHRISTMAS TREES:** The Dept. of Public Works will turn your Christmas tree to fuel by recycling it at the McNeil Generating Plant! Free curbside pick-up will happen throughout Burlington on January 10,

starting at 7:00am. Only trees that are completely bare – no tinsel or decorations and no artificial trees will be taken. For more info: 863-9094.

**CCTA TO HOST CURB YOUR CAR DAY JAN 6:** Leave your car at home by riding CCTA on January 6! You can then have a chance to win a FREE 10-Ride Pass for a CCTA route of your choice! All you have to do is: Like CCTA on Facebook, curb your car and ride CCTA to work/play on Jan 6, post on the CCTA wall that you curbed your car. At the end of the day on Friday, one lucky rider will be selected from all the Facebook posts. Participate every month for more chances to win. For more info: [cctaride.org/cyc](http://cctaride.org/cyc).

**HEALTHY HOMES:** From the Burlington Board of Health: The Surgeon General charges local boards of health to "develop and implement a healthy homes monitoring and tracking system." HUD's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan supports the creation and adoption of health protective housing codes and enforcement strategies.

The City of Burlington Code Enforcement Director, William Ward, reports that the department has surpassed 3000 rental housing inspections for the year. The most common deficiencies in 2011 have been:

- Non-compliance with the Lead Law
- Expired or no heating unit inspection tags
- Non-compliance with the requirement to have hardwired and interconnected smoke/CO detectors

More details and photos can be viewed at: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CodeEnforcement/Press-Releases/>

**FROM LAKE CHAMPLAIN INTERNATIONAL:** The January Lake Champlain newsletter is out! Find it here: <http://conta.cc/LCI-jan-nl>. This month's articles include: A Pollution Plan for Lake Champlain, Lake Champlain NY Fisheries Annual Report, River Corridor Management in a Flood Resilient Vermont, and more! You can subscribe for free here: <http://conta.cc/LCIsubscribe>

**FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:** We at FEMA have been amazed at how Vermonters and their communities have come together to help each other in the wake of this year's catastrophes," said FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer James N. Russo. "Taking the time to make a plan is a way to not only help your community, but to help yourself."

Examples of steps Vermonters can take to significantly enhance their preparedness for future catastrophes:

**For families or individuals:**

- Decide on alternative ways for contacting one another and designate meeting locations should your home become uninhabitable.
- Identify out-of-town emergency contacts, and enter all contacts into your cell phones.
- Create an emergency supply kit that includes basic items such as first aid materials, blankets, food, water, and copies of important documents. Also include items unique to family members like prescription drugs, glasses etc.
- Communicate with your neighbors - working together and cooperating with each other is vital in times of emergency.

**For the workplace:**

- Develop ways to communicate with employees to inform them of possible or pending emergencies and consider what options might be available if employees cannot get home.
- Keep some supplies on hand. A first aid kit is a must and supplementing that with the items found in a disaster kit can only increase your capabilities in times of a disaster.
- Prepare a business continuity plan that would aid you in getting your business operating again after a disaster.

**For the Community:**

- Be informed. What types of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how might you be notified?
- Get organized. Contact a nearby Citizen Corps Council for help with emergency planning ([citizencorps.gov](http://citizencorps.gov)). If you don't have one, work with local government and emergency management to start one in your area.
- Get involved with volunteer groups and get trained.

To find out more or download easy-to-complete plans, visit: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY AND KEYBANK TO HOST ART CONTEST:** The Fletcher Free Library is seeking artist renderings of the Fletcher Library for a juried exhibit in June 2012. Vermont's largest public library has been a Burlington landmark since 1904. Used by over 400 people each day, Fletcher's materials, programs, and architecture have evolved over the years to serve this ever-changing community. Fletcher Free has been captured by artists in painting, watercolor, photography, postcards, and other media. Many of these images document its past, rather than reveal its present or envision its future. In June 2012, we will mount an exhibit of selected works about the Library by regional artists. We are soliciting works in a variety of media for inclusion in this exhibit. We are looking for a creative

take on the Library's visage, be it the bricks and mortar or the books and mats of story time. All selected works will be included in an exhibition catalogue and each may be used as the cover of one of the Library's annual reports and in other future marketing materials at any time. One piece will be chosen by jurors including acclaimed artist Katharine Montstream to receive a \$250 cash card prize from KeyBank.

For more info: [www.fletcherfree.org](http://www.fletcherfree.org). Interested applicants should email jpg images along with the dimensions and medium of the work(s) to [ashley96@aya.yale.edu](mailto:ashley96@aya.yale.edu). Please include a daytime telephone number with your submission. All entries must be received by April 30, 2012. Notification of the results will be sent out in late May 2012.

**2012 WINTER FESTIVAL FEB 4:** Now celebrating its 20th year, the Burlington Winter Festival features a variety of fun-filled events, held both indoors and out. Activities include Vermont's own sanctioned snow sculpture competition at Waterfront Park, Family Expo with activities and crafts at ECHO, entertainment at Contois featuring Young Tradition, and more. This festive weekend is produced by Burlington Parks & Recreation, presented by North Country Federal Credit Union, and sponsored by ECHO, Star 92.9. Most events are FREE! A complete schedule of events will be available in early February. For information call 802-864-0123.

### ***THE CITY OF BURLINGTON IS HIRING***

For info on openings within the city: <http://www.hrjobs.ci.burlington.vt.us/>.