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LOCAL GOVT/NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WARD 6 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLY TO HOST ELECTION FORUM TONIGHT

The Ward 6 NPA will meet tonight, February 2 at 7 PM (social time begins at 6:46PM) at the Greek Orthodox Church on 600 South Willard Street. We are excited that the meeting will include a debate between the three mayoral candidates, Wanda Hines, Miro Weinberger and Kurt Wright. Each candidate will ask each other questions and will then respond to questions from the audience. The debate will focus

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the Edmunds Middle and Elementary Schools.

Discussions will also take place on the referendums on the tax increment financing (TIF) and the proposed Burlington Electric Department charter change. <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Content.aspx?id=3388>

BURLINGTON MAYORAL FORUM ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION – FEB 5

Saturday, Feb. 5, 3:00-4:45pm, North End Studios, 294 N. Winooski Ave. Sponsored by: Association for Africans Living in VT, Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center, Diversity Now, VT Antiracism Action Team, and VT Multicultural Alliance for Democracy.

Burlington's demographics have changed dramatically over the last two decades, becoming much more ethnically and culturally diverse. This is an exciting transition that can enrich our city. Leadership is required, however, to support the necessary changes in all of the city's institutions to move Burlington from a monocultural model to a truly multicultural community where everyone can thrive. The forum will provide the opportunity for the community to learn about the candidates' experience addressing inequity issues, ability to problem-solve in a community setting, and the extent to which they will prioritize the goal of equity and inclusion. All are welcome at this forum.

WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLY – FEB 8

The Ward 1 NPA meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 8 in Room 472A of the Waterman Building at 85 South Prospect Street. The meeting will feature mayoral and city council candidate forums.

WARD 2/3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLY – FEB 9

February 9, 6:30pm, McClure MultiGen Center, 241 N. Winooski Ave.: This meeting will feature a forum for mayoral candidates, city council candidates, and candidates for school board. Ballot items for the upcoming March 6 election will also be presented and discussed. 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->

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VERMONT NONPROFIT LEGISLATIVE DAY 2012 – FEB 9

This year marks Common Good Vermont's third annual Vermont Nonprofit Day, a unique opportunity for nonprofit organizations, activists and community leaders from across the state and to unify across sectors and raise awareness about the crucial role we play in supporting communities, strengthening our economy and making Vermont a better place to live. <http://blog.commongoodvt.org/2011/12/announcemen-vt-npo-leg-day-2012/>

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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

GOVT MEETINGS

Here is the link for a list of all Government meetings in Burlington:
<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Calendar/>

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 CITY OF BURLINGTON IS HIRING!

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

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

WINTER SPROUTS – DOSE OF SPRING FEB 4

A family-oriented Winter Festival event, Saturday, February 4, 2012, 10 AM – 3:00 PM at the Memorial Auditorium Annex. Promoting healthy lawns, healthy gardens and healthy lives. A site for winter weary

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REQUIRED - space is limited. Contact Linda @ 863-0442. Check out this link for more information:

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CodeEnforcement/Board-of-Health/Press-Releases---DMS-Documents/Winter-Sprouts---BOH-Winter-Festival-Event-2012/>

BRANCH OUT BURLINGTON! PRESENTS BEES, TREES, AND COFFEE BEANS – FEB 5

Branch Out Burlington! Proudly Presents:

Who: Bill Mares, Educator, Author, Beekeeper and VPR Commentator

What: Bees, Trees and Coffee Beans: Partners for a Healthier Planet

Where: Burlington's Main Street Landing Performance Arts Center (corner of Lake and College St.)

When: Sunday, February 5, 4:00 pm

Why: Learn what bees, trees and coffee beans have in common and how you can help protect our planet

The event is Free. For more information check out www.branchoutburlington.org or friend us on Facebook.

VT WORKS FOR WOMEN OFFERING STEP UP TO GREEN ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING

Building and Construction Trades Council and Vermont Works for Women are offering Step Up to Green Electrical and Plumbing; an eight week, co-ed, pre-apprenticeship course with a sustainability focus.

Starting in early March, this course will prepare participants for a career in the electrical and plumbing trades with hands-on skills, job readiness training, access to professionals and apprenticeship transition support. Informational orientations are being offered now. For more information contact Becky Tharp or Rachel Salloway at (802) 655-8900 ext 112 or rsalloway@vtworksforwomen.org.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VT TAX ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING APPLICATIONS – MARCH 1 DEADLINE

The Vermont Department of Taxes has created an opportunity for Vermonters to help the Department

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administration impacts the public. More info and application available at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/VTadvisoryboard.shtml>

VERMONT WOMEN'S MENTORING PROGRAM

Are you a woman who has had an incredible mentor in your life? Do you want to share that experience with someone else? The Vermont Women's Mentoring Program (VWMP) has been successfully matching community volunteers with women being released from the prison system for several years. Statistics show that having a mentor's support greatly reduces recidivism rates. VWMP is currently seeking mentors for its February training. Please call Program Coordinator, Pam Greene, by phone at (802) 846-7164 or email by email at pgreene@mercyconnections.org for more information about this free upcoming training or to register. Thank you for your interest in helping women in Vermont!

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FUNDRAISERS

DANCE PARTY TO BENEFIT HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB - FEB 4

Dance party at St. John's Club on Sat., February 4th to benefit the Hunt Middle School Drama Club Adults Only! Suggested donation \$20 per person/\$30 per couple, includes appetizers and desserts. Cash bar, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the middle school production of Grease in March. This dance party is going to be a blast and ALL adults are welcome! Contact Anne Williams at 658-9615 or annenicholswilliams@gmail.com or Bella Nadworny at bella@bellabueno.com for ticket purchase, to make a donation, or for more information. Come support the arts!

BCA ART FROM THE HEART VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY – FEB 9

Thursday, February 9th, 5:30 – 7:30pm at the BCA Center, Join BCA for a special evening to benefit Art from the Heart featuring:

- Dr. Lewis First, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine
- The Creation Station: Make a Valentine or an Art From the Heart memory bracelet for your special

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Tickets: \$25.00 per person and additional donations are welcome. <http://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/BCACommunity/Event.aspx?id=5202&r=>

SHARE THE LOVE: CARSHARE BENEFIT - FEB 10

Please join CarShare Vermont's annual benefit bash! Even if Valentine's Day isn't your idea of a good time, grab your partner, your friends, or yourself and come to this steamy, love-themed party. This is their main fundraising event of the year featuring a diverse silent auction, lots to nibble on, backseat kissing and photo booths and lots more. The event is Feb 10, 7:00pm at the Main Street Landing Train Station, 1 Main Street. Buy your tickets online or get them at the door. They're \$15 for CarShare Vermont members and \$25 for general admission: <http://sharethelove2012.eventbrite.com/>

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Burlington Parks & Recreation's calendar of events is available online at <http://www.enjoyburlington.com/Programs/Calendar.cfm>

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OTHER GREAT STUFF

CCTA CURB YOUR CAR DAY – FEB 3

On February 3, curb your car by riding CCTA for your chance to win a FREE 10-Ride Pass for a CCTA route of your choice. All you have to do is like us on Facebook and on Friday, February 3, curb your car by leaving your car at home and riding CCTA to work. Post on our wall telling us that you curbed your car. Want a second chance at winning? Follow us on Twitter and tweet "I curbed my car with @CCTA_ride! #btv" It's that easy!

At the end of the day on Friday, we'll pick one lucky rider from all the Facebook posts and Tweets to receive a FREE 10-Ride Pass for a CCTA route of his/her choice. Visit cctaride.org/cyc for more

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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.

CAMPUS AFFILIATES CAN JOIN CARSHARE VT FOR FREE

If you are a fulltime faculty, staff or student at UVM or Champlain College, you can join CarShare Vermont for free! The schools are generously picking up the annual \$150 membership fee for all of their affiliates in an effort to reduce the number of cars on and around campus and encourage more sustainable modes.

To find out more, visit CarShare Vermont's website at: <http://www.carsharevt.org/for-campus>, call the office at 802-861-2340, or stop by their downtown office at 131 St. Paul Street, just a few doors down from American Flatbread. What's CarShare Vermont? This local, non-profit owns a network of vehicles parked in convenient spots on campus and all over town that members can use by the hour or day, whenever you need to drive.

CCTA IMPROVES AFTERNOON LINK EXPRESS TO WATERBURY AND MONTPELIER STARTING FEBRUARY 13 2012

The Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is improving LINK Express service to Waterbury and Montpelier by dividing one current homeward bound LINK Express trip to Montpelier, which is currently standing room only, into two separate trips, one now ending in Waterbury and one ending in Montpelier. The Waterbury run will be leaving Burlington at 4:00 PM, stopping at FAHC at 4:07 PM, while the Montpelier run will be leaving Burlington at 4:10 PM, stopping at FAHC at 4:17 PM. Destination arrival times will remain the same. All other LINK Express buses will operate on the same schedule they currently do. For more information on this and other CCTA bus routes, please visit cctaride.org or view routes and schedules on [facebook.com/CCTARide](https://www.facebook.com/CCTARide).

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO REACHING OUT!

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anything else you'd like to share. Anyone who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning, and 22 years old or younger is encouraged to contribute! You can include your name, a pseudonym, or submit anonymously. Drop your submissions off at Outright Vermont or mail them to P.O. Box 5235, Burlington, VT 05402. You can also email submissions or any questions to dawn@outrightvt.org

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

MARDI GRAS PARADE – MARCH 3

The Magic Hat Mardi Gras parade on March 3rd, is a benefit for HOPE Works. At 3pm, the Grand Parade will begin on South Winooski and Main Streets and will end on Battery St. Make sure to line up early to get your prime viewing spot so you can see the festivities and catch the beads, moonpies and Lake Champlain chocolates as they fly from the floats!

CELEBRATE BURLINGTON - APRIL 19

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/BurlingtonVT.gov/Departments/Legacy Project/About Us/The%20Peter%20Clavelle%20Award%202012%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVT.gov/Departments/Legacy%20Project/About%20Us/The%20Peter%20Clavelle%20Award%202012%20FINAL.pdf)

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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
DEADLINE FOR Bloomenthal NOMINATIONS: February 24, 2012. Submit your nominations to Laura Hale, CEDO, 149 Church Street, 05401, or by e-mail to lhale@ci.burlington.vt.us.

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