

Neighborhood BUZZ for January 12, 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:

Wards 2/3 NPA: TONIGHT (Jan 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.

The complete agenda is posted here: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/Neighborhood-Planning-Assemblies/>

Wards 4/7 NPA: The North End NPA has been rescheduled to Jan. 31. 6:45pm, Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Ct., This is because the Mayor and City Council have scheduled a budget work session the same night as the regularly-scheduled NPA (Jan 17 - see posting below). The NPA meeting on Jan 31 will include discussion of budgets (city and school), and a summary of all ballot questions.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET FORUM: The City Council has scheduled a special meeting on January 17, 7:00pm in Contois Auditorium to discuss the proposed tax increases to the Municipal budget for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. This is an open public meeting.

MAYORAL DEBATE TONIGHT: Burlington residents, here's your chance to get the candidates to talk about issues important to you -- transportation and livability. This will be the first debate with newly announced mayoral candidate Wanda Hines, so Kurt Wright, Miro Weinberger and Wanda will all be there! The event is TONIGHT, 6:30 – 8:00pm at the Unitarian Church (top of Church St) and is hosted by AARP and Local Motion. Other sponsors include Good News Garage, CarShare Vermont, UVM Transportation Research Center, BTV Bike Cluster and the Burlington Free Press. For more info: <http://www.localmotion.org/news/walknroll/1598-mayoral-debate-on-transportation-this-thursday>

EVENTS TO HONOR DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR:

January 15, 3-5:00pm at the Unitarian Church (top of Church Street): "Famous Amos" will be accompanied by a gospel music performance by the widely acclaimed Bible-Way Pentecostal Church Choir from Montreal. Wally Amos is an African-American entrepreneur who founded the Famous Amos brand of cookies. He also worked as a talent agent and signed Simon & Garfunkel. He is an advocate for literacy among other social justice efforts. The event is free, but people need to get tickets in advance. They are available at the Fletcher Free Library and City Market.

January 16, 12-2:00pm in Contois Auditorium, City Hall: The public is invited to gather for a Reflection on the late Dr. King. Community members will do brief reflections of the late Civil Rights leader and drumming will be provided by the Sambatuccada music group. This event is free and no tickets are required.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A CITY COUNCILOR OR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER? Every Ward in the city will have a seat on the City Council and on the School Commission "up for bid" in the March 6 election. To run for either board, 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 5:00pm 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>.

URBAN AGRICULTURE TO BE DISCUSSED JAN 18: 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, 241 N. Winooski Ave. 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.

NPAS TO HOST CITY-WIDE FINANCE SUMMIT: As recommended by the Citizen Audit Task Force's summary report to the Mayor and City Council (October, 2010), the NPAs will host an educational summit designed to educate residents on the importance and relevance of an audit. This event is Feb 22, 7:00pm in Contois Auditorium. State Auditor Tom Salmon will present an "Audit 101", the City's CAOs will be on hand to answer questions on the recent audit, City Councilor and Board of Finance member Karen Paul will provide info on Burlington's "Financial Literacy" website, and mayoral candidates will each assess the city's financial health.

The event will wrap with the NPAs announcing the list of winners in the "**First Annual City Employee of the Year**" event. The NPAs are asking YOU to nominate a city employee who has demonstrated outstanding service in 2011. Attend an NPA meeting in January or February to cast your nomination (200 words or less – forms available at the meetings).

CELEBRATE BURLINGTON, 2012: "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

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.

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 2, 2012. Submit your nominations to Jenny Davis, CEDO, 149 Church Street, 05401, or by e-mail to jdavis@ci.burlington.vt.us.

SUBMIT YOUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IDEAS: The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, your regional transportation planning and policy organization, is seeking public input on its work plan for fiscal year 2013. Help us develop new planning and study ideas – note that our funds cannot be used for construction projects, but our planning helps projects get closer to reality. A public forum is scheduled for January 18 at 7:00pm at the CCRPC, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski. Comments will be accepted at the forum, via email (bdavis@ccrpcvt.org), or by phone (802-660-4071 x17) until January 31. Our current work plan is available online at <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/workplan/>. For more info: contact Bryan at 660-4071 x17 (bdavis@ccrpcvt.org).

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 for the week: 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

BURLINGTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: This weekend violin soloist Soovin Kim will accompany the 25 member Burlington Chamber Orchestra! The BCO will be playing works from Biber's Battalia, Mozart's violin concerto no.1 in B flat and no.4 in D major and Geminiani/Wiancko's "La Follia" variations. Both concerts are at the McCarthy Arts Center located at Saint Michael's College. The January 14 concert is at 8:00pm and the January 15 concert is at 3:00pm. For more info: www.bcovt.org

VERY MERRY THEATRE PERFORMS ONE-ACTS: Drama students from Edmunds and Hunt Middle Schools will perform Shakespeare with the Very Merry Theatre. The events are January 13 and 14. For more info and the complete schedule: <http://www.verymerrytheatre.org/performances.php>

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

LEARN TO BREAK DANCE: Break dancer Calvin Walker will host a break dancing workshop at the North End Studios on January 21 at 294 North Winooski Ave. This workshop will be held in Studio B from 1:00-2:30 pm for ages 8 and older. Admission is FREE (802)863-6713. For more info: vpal.typepad.com.

BOOKED FOR LUNCH JAN 19: This month's "Booked for Lunch" at the Fletcher Free Library is January 19 at noon in the Fletcher Room. It will feature Elise Guyette, adjunct at UVM and St. Michaels, and co-director of the federal Teaching American History grant-Turning Points in American History. She will be discussing her latest book "Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburg". The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT: Cathedral Arts Presents the Kaleidoscopic sounds of the pipe organ, featuring William Porter on the organ. Virtuoso William Porter improvises and performs repertoire especially suited to the Wilhelm organ at the cathedral. The event is January 20, 7:30pm, Admission is \$20; student / seniors \$10; age 15 and younger free. The Episcopal Cathedral is located at 2 Cherry Street in Burlington. Accessible. Free parking. 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/>).

FREE LUNCHTIME PIANO CONCERT: Cathedral Arts presents Melody Puller on the piano in a program featuring Frederick Chopin's complete Preludes, Op. 28. The event is January 31, noon – 1:00pm at St Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St. This is a free, informal concert. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. For more info: 864-0471

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Achieve your New Year's resolution about getting healthy! January is *Cervical Cancer Awareness Month* and there's an opportunity to either get screened for HPV, or suggest that the women in your life do the same. The Hicks Foundation is partnering with Planned Parenthood of Northern New England and the Vermont Department of Health's *Ladies First* program to launch a Free Pap Day on January 28 in Burlington for all women who are un/underinsured. The Planned Parenthood/Burlington Health Center (183 St. Paul Street) will host women's wellness exams, Pap tests, heart health screening, and HPV tests and vaccine from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Childcare and food will be provided at no charge, with transportation arranged. For more information about the Free Pap Day on January 28, please visit www.freepap.org or call 1-800-508-2222 to make an appointment.

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

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. 23rd). 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.

INDOOR GARDENING: This workshop will focus on growing a steady supply of fresh greens with only a cupboard and a windowsill. Ready to harvest in just 7-10 days, these greens are good in fresh salads and stir fries. Peter will demonstrate how to grow the bulk of your salad greens with sunflower, radish, buckwheat, pea and broccoli shoots used as examples. Everyone will take a planted tray home from class. Materials Fee: \$10 (at the door). Please sign up at <http://www.citymarket.coop/news/calendar>. January 22, 11:00am - noon at City Market.

FUNDRAISERS

SECOND ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE TO SUPPORT PUPPETS IN EDUCATION: The community is invited to an eclectic display of Vermont and New Hampshire's finest dancers for a full night of entertainment with 100% of the evening's proceeds supporting Puppets in Education (PiE), a non-profit organization that includes Kids on the Block and Friend 2 Friend programs. Large puppets and interactive workshops teach over 8,000 Vermont children annually how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each others differences. The event is January 14, 7:00pm, at the Main Street Landing Black Box Theatre, 60 Lake Street (corner of Lake & College Sts.). Tickets: \$20 in advance/\$23 at door and are available at Puppets in Education (802) 860-3349, and at the Flynn Theatre Box Office or FlynnTix.org. For more information visit: www.PuppetsInEducation.org

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.

SARA HOLBROOK'S NEW NORTH END YOUTH CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS of art supplies, furniture, sports equipment, snacks, magazines. If you can contribute, please contact: 860-4986.

SPORTS/RECREATION

ENJOY THE NEW SNOW: Enjoy a weekend afternoon snow shoeing and Nordic skiing at Schmanska Park. The Parks and Recreation Dept will outfit the kids with skis or snowshoes and provide hot chocolate, and the barn as a warm-up hut! Art activities will be available for the little ones. *Adult skis and snowshoes, when available.* Saturdays, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18, 25, 1 – 4:00pm

Resident Family rate (will cover maximum of two adults and three children per visit): \$15/non-resident \$17

Additional rentals: \$7.50/non-resident \$9

For more info: www.enjoyburlington.com, 864-0123.

PARKS AND RECREATION PROVIDES OUTDOOR ICE: An Update from the Parks Dept: Waterfront Park, Starr Farm Park, Lakeside Park, Roosevelt and Battery Park hosted skating last weekend. Until Wednesday, temperatures are projected to be above freezing for a portion of the day, and relatively milder temperatures will cause unfavorable conditions throughout the City for outdoor skating. Lakeside Park, with the help of its neighbors, is boasting the best ice conditions thus far, while Waterfront Park is struggling to hold onto any ice! For the most updated info: www.enjoyburlington.com.

SEAHORSE WINTER SPORTS: The varsity student athletes at Burlington High School will host home games this week as follows:

1/12, Girl's Basketball vs. St. Jay, 5:00/6:30

1/14, Girl's Basketball vs. Mt. Anthony, 1:00/2:45

1/14, Hockey vs. Harwood, 8:10pm (Leddy Park Ice Arena)

For more info: <http://bhs.bsdt.org/>

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.

MISC. AND OTHER COOL STUFF

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/>

VT GUARD NIGHT FLYING: The Vermont Air National Guard announces that night flying will take place on the evenings of January 10 through January 12 and January 17 through January 20. During these training periods, there will be 2 scheduled multi-aircraft takeoffs and all F-16s are expected to be on the ground and all operations completed no later than midnight. For more info: Col Lloyd Goodrow, (802) 338-3324.

CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE TO PARTICIPATE IN WINTER FESTIVAL: The Burlington Winter Festival, February 4-5 promises to be a great celebration this year!

In conjunction with the Penguin Plunge, a snow carving competition and ice skating rink (weather dependent) on the Waterfront, the Church Street Marketplace will host a Winter Bazaar and "Light Walk." Different colored lights will be projected on the facades of Church Street Marketplace Buildings. Additionally, Church Street Marketplace businesses will take part in the Ice Breaker Button Promotion!

The Ice Breaker Button costs \$1 and allows patrons discounts or special deals at participating businesses. Ice Breaker Buttons will be sold in participating stores prior to the event. Money raised from the Ice Breaker Button promotion benefits Special Olympics Vermont.

UVM BABYSITTER MINGLER: Do you struggle to find a babysitter when you need one? Are you looking for a sitter who has a flexible schedule and lives close by? Come to the UVM Babysitter Mingler! This is a chance for parents and kids in need of babysitters to meet & mingle with UVM students who want to babysit! The event is February 5, 10:30am – noon at the UVM Davis Student Center (590 Main Street in Burlington). Please RSVP by Jan. 25 to: Alicia.Taylor@uvm.edu . Kids are welcome and encouraged to come. Fun activities provided! Please let us know how many adults and kids will be attending when you RSVP. Also, please feel free to forward this email and help us spread the word to other families!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FEBRUARY VACATION CAMPS: The Parks and Recreation Dept announces that registration for all February School Vacation camps is now open! Camps run from Feb. 27 to Mar. 2. For the complete listing of camps: <http://www.enjoyburlington.com/FileLib/February%20Camp%20Guide%202012%5b1%5d.pdf>
Call (802) 864-0123 to register your child for camp. Please note the change in fees for the camps at CP Smith and Edmunds Elementary Schools.

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. Interested applicants should email jpg images along with the dimensions and medium of the work(s) to 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.

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EDMUNDITE CENTER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AT ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE TO HOST SPEAKER: Colman McCarthy is something of a "grand old man" of American pacifists. For 25 years, in articles in the *Washington Post*, he inveighed against the defense budget, nuclear weapons, and every war which the U.S. waged. Currently, he is the Director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C., writes a column for *The National Catholic Reporter* and teaches at Georgetown. An erudite and extremely engaging speaker, his topic will be "The Case for Non-violence." The event is February 29, 7:00pm in the Chery Lecture Hall.

THE CITY OF BURLINGTON IS HIRING

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