



BLCP CONNECTIONS

An E-newsletter to keep you connected to
the Burlington Livable Communities Project.

Town Meeting Day Edition

February, 2009

First Word...

Welcome to the first issue of *BLCP Connections* for 2009. Our focus for this edition is on the upcoming election for mayor and other city offices. Our goal is to help you become better informed as you plan to head for the polls on March 3. With that in mind there are two ways in which AARP is educating Burlington voters in this election. First, see below a link to our Mayoral Voters' Guide. We also invite you to join us for the Burlington Mayoral Candidate Forum on February 19 at the Hilton Hotel (6 pm) to hear what the candidates for mayor have to say about livable community issues and more. We hope you can make it!

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Mayoral Forum!

Come to the AARP Mayoral Candidate Forum on February 19 at the Hilton Hotel on Battery St. The debate will feature the four major candidates for mayor and include questions from moderator Shay Totten of Seven Days focusing on livable communities issues, the hot topics of the day, as well as attendee questions. Here's your chance to pose that burning question to those asking for your vote! [E-mail us here](#) to submit a question in advance.

The event begins at 6:00 pm and will go until 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served and the forum is free and open to the public. CCTV Channel 17 will also tape the mayoral forum for later broadcast. An RSVP is requested at 951-1397 or e-mail vt@aarp.org.

How do the Candidates Stand on Livable Communities Issues?

AARP asked the candidates for Burlington mayor how they felt about issues that will make our city more livable for older residents...and they told us! We asked about upgrades to Burlington's streets and sidewalks, affordable senior housing and the ongoing city funding for our senior centers. The responses are compiled in an AARP Voter Guide. This document is designed to help voters better understand the positions of these candidates so you are more informed when you head to the polls in March. Click on the Mayoral Voter Guide attachment above to see the results.

Vote Early or Vote from Home

Voting is easier and more convenient than ever. Call the City Clerk's office at 865-7000 if you would like to use any of the voting options below. If you prefer voting in person on Election Day and don't know where to vote, go to <http://www.burlingtonvotes.org/> for a map and directions to the City's polling places.

Vote By Mail

Any voter can request that the city clerk send them a ballot so they can vote by mail. Family members may also request ballots on behalf of spouses, children, or parents. This ballot will arrive with a return envelope so that the ballot, once voted, can be returned to the clerk and counted on Election Day. The clerk must receive the ballot by the close of polls (7 p.m.) on Election Day in order to be counted. If you forget to mail it in, you can hand deliver your ballot to the polling place on Election Day or bring the blank ballot with you and vote in person.

Vote at Home on Election Day

If you are sick or disabled a ballot can be delivered to your home on Election Day. The deadline to request this assistance is 5 p.m. on the day before the election (March 2nd). Two justices of the peace (of different parties) will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place to be counted (on Election Day or the 8 days preceding the election).

Vote Early

A voter may vote in person at City Hall within 20 days of Election Day – March 3, 2009.

Register to Vote or Change Your Address

The deadline to register to vote for Town Meeting Day is February 25th at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at City Hall, the Department of Motor Vehicles on North Avenue, and most candidates are happy to help register constituents to vote.

What are the Ballot Items?

What would Town Meeting Day be without a pile of ballot items? This year, we'll be considering everything from our school budget to the airport. Attached is a listing of the 7 ballot items that will appear on the Burlington ballot this March. To read through them, click on the attachment above. For a layperson's explanation of the three school items, go to <http://www.bsdyt.org/>.

Instant Runoff Election

As in 2006, Burlington will use the instant runoff election (IRV) this year for mayor to avoid having to hold a second election in the event no candidate wins a majority (over 50%) of votes.

Here's how it works:

When you vote for mayor, you choose the candidates in order of your preference (1st choice, 2nd, etc.). If one candidate receives a majority of first preferences, that candidate is elected. However, if no candidate is the first choice of at least half the voters, the instant runoff re-tabulation will be performed. The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. In the next round, every ballot then counts as a single vote for each voter's preferred candidate who has not been eliminated. If your favorite candidate is still in the running, your ballot counts for that person in this runoff round as well. If your favorite candidate has been eliminated in the runoff, your ballot automatically counts for your next choice. This process of eliminating candidates and re-tabulating the votes continues until just two candidates remain. Whichever of these two finalists has the most votes is the winner.

To get answers to your questions about IRV, [click here](#).

Who's Running?

Check here for candidates running for mayor, city council, school board and inspector of election.

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**City Councilor Candidates: Two-Year Term Vote
for Not More Than One**

Name	Ward	Party	Resident Address	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Sharon Foley Bushor	1	I	52 East Avenue	Sharon.Bushor@VTMEDNET.ORG	658-3604
Jerri Kohl	1	G	276 Colchester Avenue	spinavision@netscape.net	484-366-3174
Gregory	2	G	25 Greene	sparkybuttons@aol.com	860-

Knops			Street		2817
Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	2	P	20 Oak Street #2	emmajms@gmail.com	999-6723
Nicole Pelletier	2	D	79 Hungerford Terrace	takinganhour@gmail.com	578-8944
David Cain	3	D	201 Park Street	abaircain@gmail.com	373-0410
Marrisa S. Caldwell	3	P	204 Park Street	Marrisa.Caldwell@gmail.com	578-7325
Steve Ekberg	3	G	48 Murray Street, Apt. 2	ekbergvt@yahoo.com	862-7423
Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy	4	R	170 Dale Road	Ekenworthy4@comcast.net	862-7122
Nancy C. Kaplan	4	D	54 Muirfield Road	nckaplan@gmail.com	862-8807
Lisa Ann Oberbrunner	5	G	195 St. Paul Street	Christianmom1964@yahoo.com	355-2846
Joan Shannon	5	D	41 Central Avenue	JShannon@BurlingtonTelecom.net	860-7489
Mary Kehoe	6	D	27 Kingsland Terrace	kehoeforcouncil@gmail.com	864-5756, x226
Kim Mason	6	G	247 Church Street #4	n/a	540-0229
Ellie Blais	7	I	25 Woods Street	Ellieblais@gmail.com	658-3786
Vincent Dober Sr.	7	R	82 Heineberg Road	doberv@us.ibm.com	999-6530
Eli Lesser-Goldsmith	7	D	135 Lakeview Terrace	powereli@gmail.com	233-9998

**School Commissioner Candidates: Two-Year
Term Vote for Not More Than One**

Name	Ward	Resident Address	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Keith A. Pillsbury	1	25 University Terrace	kpillsbury@bsdvt.org	879-6326, x6347
Jen Lazar*	2	14 Crombie Street, Apt#2	jlazar@bsdvt.org	865-0541
Jason Baker	3	84 Lafountain Street	jbaker@burlingtontelecom.net	660-8239
Ben Luna	3	232 Manhattan Drive #4	Benjamin_luna@verizon.net	922-0741
Phillip Baruth	4	87 Curtis Avenue	pbaruth@uvm.edu	864-6821
Frederick Lane	5	12 Catherine Street	Fslane3@gmail.com	355-0158
Alan Matson	6	792 South Prospect Street	amatson@gmail.com	735-6271
Robert Hooper	7	44 Charity Street	Hooper9999@aol.com	735-3756

***Jen Lazar, 7 more valid signatures required—has until Wednesday, 1/28/09, at 5 p.m.**

**Mayoral Candidates: Three-Year Term Instant
Run-off Voting Ranking**

Name	Ward	Party	Resident Address	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Bob Kiss	1	P	9 Germain Street	bobkiss@burlingtontelecom.net	373-3177
Andy Montroll	6	D	409 South Union Street	andym@montrolllaw.com	383-0730
James Simpson	3	G	43 North Union Street #5	BlueExplorer76@hotmail.com	355-1141
Dan Smith	5	I	22 Linden Terrace	dan@dansmithformayor.com	373-6225
Kurt Wright	4	R	31 Vine Street	vinewright@burlingtontelecom.net	658-1410

**Inspector of Election Candidates: Three-Year
Term Vote for Not More than One**

Name	Ward	Party	Resident Address	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Altana Bullard	1	R	85 Henry Street	tanabullard@verizon.net	864-9151
Leo P. Yandow	1	D	162 Loomis Street	loomisvt@aol.com	862-8461
Marlene Phillips	2	P	159 North Willard Street	Marlene.phillips@verizon.net	864-4661
Damon Lane	3	P	71 Peru Street, Apt. 2	Damon.andrew.lane@gmail.com	355-6253
Melani Barch	4	D	147 Staniford Road	mbarch@burlingtontelecom.net	862-3204
Marcia L. Mason	5	P	288 Flynn Avenue, Apt. 1	marcialmason@gmail.com	863-5784
Adele Dienno	6	P	22 Perrotta Place	adienno@sover.net	652-2453