



Ward 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (DRAFT)

December 16, 2026 | 5:00 - 7:30pm

Join in-person
Fletcher Free Library
Fletcher Room (3rd floor)

Join online
zoom.us/j/91523077007

Facilitator:
Notetaker:

5:00pm Community gathering

- 30 min
- TBD (vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options)
 - *Sit with a therapy dog* | It's a time of year when things can get overwhelming. Enjoy a visit with a therapy dog from Therapy Dogs of Vermont. (TBD)
 - *Tabling* | TBD

5:30pm Opening

30 min Review today's agenda and meeting practices. Introduce yourself, share announcements, and speak out (2 min per person) about anything relevant to our Ward 8 community—raise concerns, sign out appreciations, etc.

6:00pm Democracy without Politicians: Government by the People

55 min Terry Bouricius
If democracy means what the word says, public decisions must be made by the people themselves. That is the democratic promise of *sortition*: ordinary citizens chosen by lot to form a fair cross-section of the public, to hear evidence, weigh choices, and govern together. Come hear about sortition from Terry Bouricius—a Burlington neighbor who helped create NPAs as a city councilor, helped start the Progressive Party, and whose work on sortition has influenced the creation of citizen assemblies around the world.

6:55pm VOTE: Ward 8 Steering Committee Elections

30 min Steering Committee
If you are interested in joining the steering committee, please see [check out this information on joining the steering committee](#) and reach out to express your interest by emailing ward-8-sc@googlegroups.com.

7:25pm "Bring Your Neighbor" Lottery

Win prizes! Earn an extra entry for every neighbor you bring!

7:30pm Closing

What to expect at this month's meeting:



Wheelchair accessible
via ramp from the street
plus elevator.



Closed Captions available
on Zoom. No ASL
interpreter or CART.



Bathroom available
on second floor.



No live language translation or
document translation.



Masks not required, but
free at door. Air filtration
& ventilation unknown.



Low or no fragrance
appreciated but not
required of attendees.



No childcare (though
children are welcome).



[View parking options
and bus routes.](#)

www.npa8.org

email the steering committee • watch meeting recordings • propose agenda topics • sign up for email reminders

Purpose, principles, and practices to guide us:

Practices

We collectively help each other **honor the agenda** focus and time containers. (But if needed, the facilitator will redirect activity.)

We are collectively responsible for cultivating a posture of **curiosity** when listening. We support each other in speaking honestly and directly, while holding compassion.

We will **prioritize the voices of those living in our ward** as well as those who have not yet spoken.

We allow each other space to **speak in “rough draft.”** (But if needed, say “oops” or “ouch.”)

Principles

Practice deep democracy

The Ward 8 NPA should provide a safe and welcoming forum where residents can actively share their voice about issues that matter to them, and where they can learn from the voices of others.

Nourish difference & diversity

The Ward 8 NPA should cultivate involvement by a diverse spectrum of community members through active outreach and through eliminating barriers to participation. The Ward 8 NPA should be operated in a manner that models respectful, inclusive, culturally and economically aware practices.

Grow each other

The Ward 8 NPA should be fun, creative, and vital organizations that value & benefit through the multitude of perspectives shared by those who participate.

Purpose

- ◆ Help provide residents with information concerning city programs and activities.
- ◆ Help obtain resident views of city needs.
- ◆ Help provide residents with an opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to the city budget.
- ◆ Maintain and enhance the quality of life in in our ward.
- ◆ Ensure that the voices of Ward 8 residents are heard in all matters pertaining to life therein.
- ◆ Provide a vehicle for residents of Wards 8 to collectively act.

Let's collaborate!



Contact the steering committee

Reach out to the steering committee by emailing:
ward-8-sc@googlegroups.com



Propose an agenda item

Please fill out the NPA request form at least 2-4 weeks before you would like to present.
www.burlingtonvt.gov/221/NPA-Request-Form

Current steering committee:

Tom Carroll
Amy Malinowski

Who represents Ward 8?

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Emma Mulvaney-Stanak

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