

Wards 1 and 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

July 10, 2019

UVM Medical Center's McClure Lobby Conference Room

6:45 pm Refreshments
7:00 pm Meeting Begins

AGENDA

Facilitator: Cindy Cook, NPA

Recorders: Phet Keomanvanh and Hannah Carpino, CEDO

7:00 pm Introductions and Speak-out

7:15 pm Chapin Spencer, DPW: Sidewalk Repair Priorities, Colchester Avenue Bike Lane, Mansfield Avenue Rain Garden

8:00 pm Councilors Sharon Bushor, Jack Hanson, Adam Roof: City Council Update

8:30 pm Lisa Kingsbury: UVM Housing Plan

9:00 pm Adjourn

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Wards 1 & 8 NPA Website

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-1-NPA>

Free surface and garage parking across the street from the McClure entrance/bus turn around. This lot is very close to the door. No need to enter the main Hospital parking garage.

Child care can be provided if requested in advance.

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : July 10th Location: McClure

Please return to your convener, Phet Keomanyvanh
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2 Jason Stuffle

3 Lexie Wheeler

4 JONATHAN CHAPPLE - SOFA

5 Sharon Bushor

6 DAVE Cawley

7 Patricia Seelan

8 Richard Hillyard

9 Jason W. Williams

10 Anne Brēna

11 Olivia Darisse

12 Rob Gauding

13 Bill Church

14 Mikal Dixon

15 Nancy Kirby

16 Richard Mahnke

17 Hollie Spuner McRae

18 Zoraya Hightower

19 Caitlin Halpern

20 Adam Duff

20 Caryn Long

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To: Burlington Stat Group

From:

Burlington Police Department
Burlington Code Enforcement
University of Vermont

Re: The University of Vermont/City of Burlington
Quality of Life Working Group

Background

For several years the University of Vermont and City of Burlington have worked collaboratively to promote safety and contribute positively to the quality of life in Area C. Data collected for the past year shows a 43% drop in calls for service related to quality of life issues.

Since 2012, the University has contributed financially to a program which increases the presence of officers in student neighborhoods at times when infractions related to alcohol use and noise are highest. During the same time period the working group – the Burlington Police Department (BPD), UVM, and Code Enforcement – began mapping calls for service related to alcohol misuse and noise in these areas, using that information to strategically respond to properties, streets, and neighborhoods with higher numbers of service calls.

This report summarizes this data for Area C grouped by lease year, with 2017-18 lease year data compiled through 6/30/18. Area C houses a large number of college students, and historically has a high number of calls for service to BPD relative to other areas of the city. Incident types tracked within the calls for service are intended to capture events related to high risk drinking behavior in the area and include Noise, Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct and Alcohol/Drug Related Ordinance Violations.

Specific Collaborative Interventions

- As mentioned above, BPD, Code Enforcement and UVM collect and analyze data related to the quality of life in Area C, a BPD patrol area which includes the Hill Section and all or a portion of Wards 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8. Calls for service are analyzed by unit, neighborhood, and student affiliation on a real-time basis.
- The University of Vermont/City of Burlington Working Group meets quarterly to review problem addresses and neighborhoods.
- For properties that have accrued three or more calls for service and received at least one ticket during lease year the following actions are taken:
 - A written notice from the Code Enforcement Office is sent to property owners.
 - A coordinated visit is made to the property by Code Enforcement and BPD.
 - When a UVM student is involved, UVM staff (Student & Community Relations) visit the property as well. These visits are educational and restorative in nature and are intended to improve relationships within the household as well as between the household and the neighborhood.
- Landlords are contacted by Burlington Parallel Justice when party social tickets are issued.
- UVM Police Services participates in joint patrols in neighborhoods with BPD.

Partnership members

This diverse partnership fosters a multi-pronged approach to challenges that are often complex.

City of Burlington:

- Mayor's Office
- Code Enforcement
- Burlington Police Department
- City Council
- Neighbors

University of Vermont:

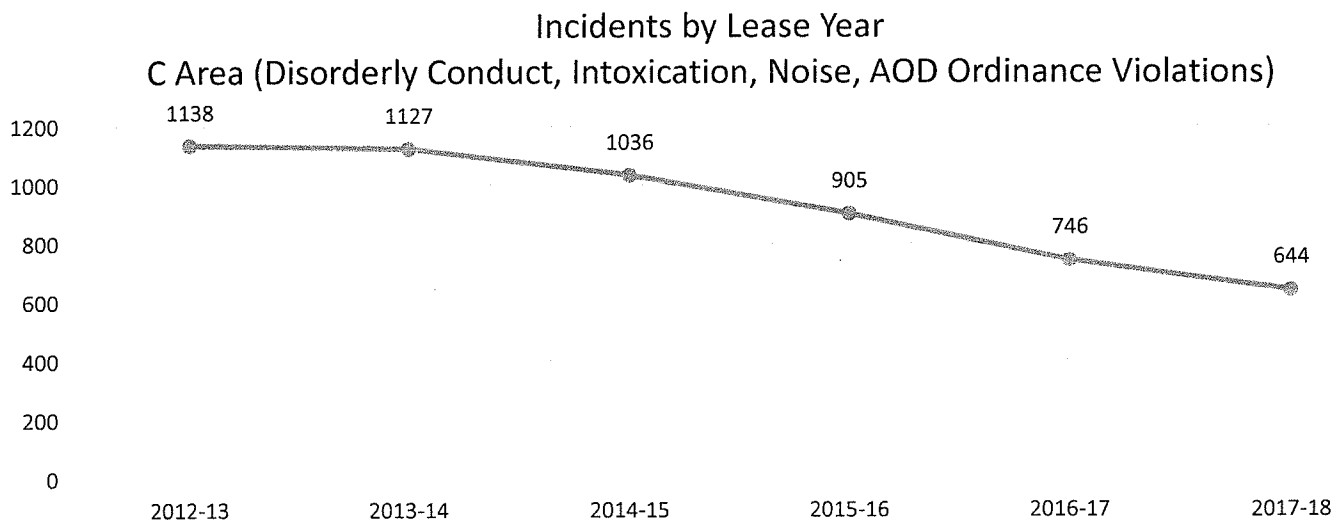
- Student and Community Relations
- Center for Health and Wellbeing
- Student Government Association
- University Relations
- Campus Planning Services
- Community Coalition
- Dean of Students Office

- Using funding provided by the University of Vermont, BPD continues to provide a visible officer presence during known high traffic weekends to deter noise and other offenses.
 - During times of the year when neighborhood life is more likely to be affected by unwanted behavior and activity, BPD officers patrol earlier in the evening, reaching out to homes hosting events or to residents outside.
- Understanding that students on campus have a role in the quality of life off campus, the University of Vermont has focused on this population in the following ways:
 - Increased communication to students and parents throughout the academic year.
 - Continued response to all reports of violations of Burlington laws and ordinances through a tiered system which includes letters, in-person meetings, or a formal conduct hearing, depending on the nature of the violation. Our program is described here in greater detail: <http://www.uvm.edu/sconduct/?Page=ExpectOffCampus.html&SM=menu-student.html>.
 - President Sullivan's Committee on Alcohol, Cannabis, and Other Drugs continues to address the impacts of alcohol and substance misuse within our campus community. A number of specific interventions have resulted in a decreased monthly prevalence of high risk drinking by approximately 33% between academic years 12-13 and 17-18.

Outcomes

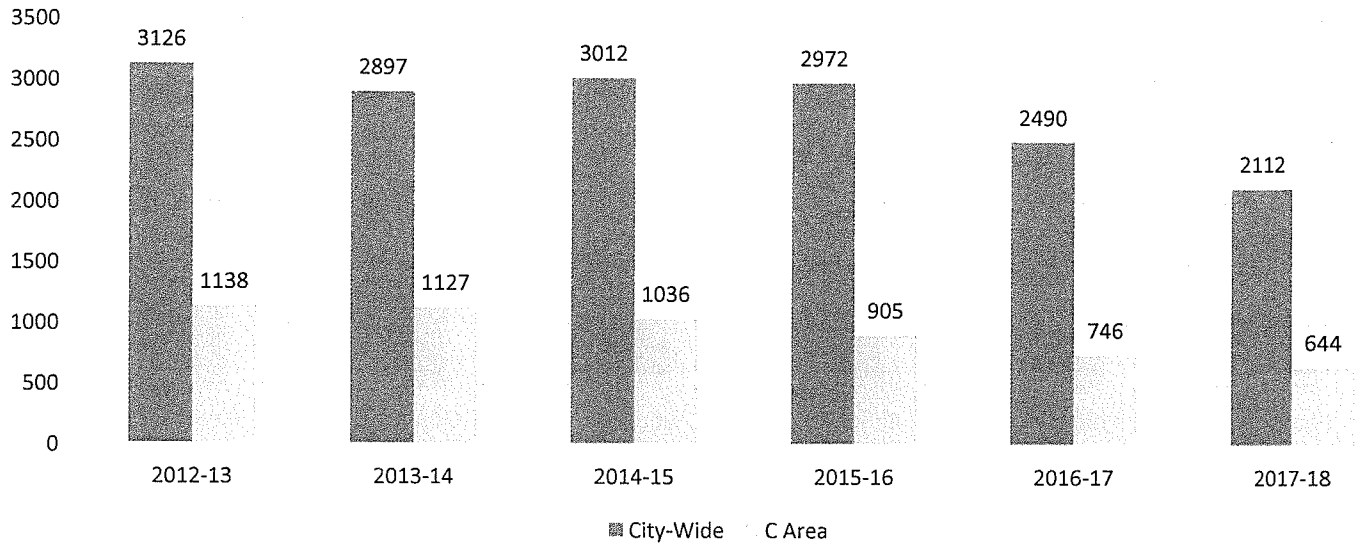
Since the 2012-2013 lease year (all information below is for lease years, running June 1 – May 31st), the following changes have been documented in Area C. Incident types tracked are Noise, Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct and Alcohol/Drug Related Ordinance Violations.

1. C Area incidents for 2012-13 to 2017-18 have decreased.

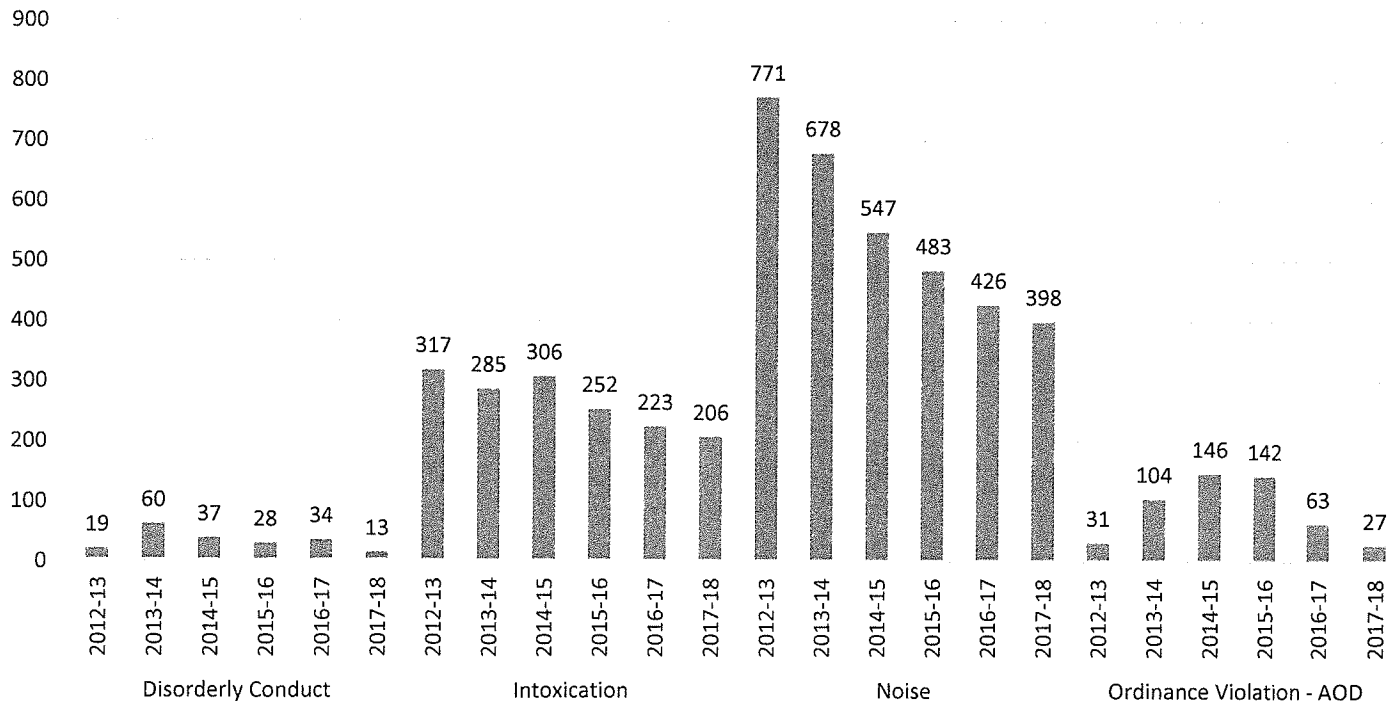


- A,B,D,E incidents have dropped by **26%** since 2012-13.
- C Area incidents have dropped by **43%** during the same period.

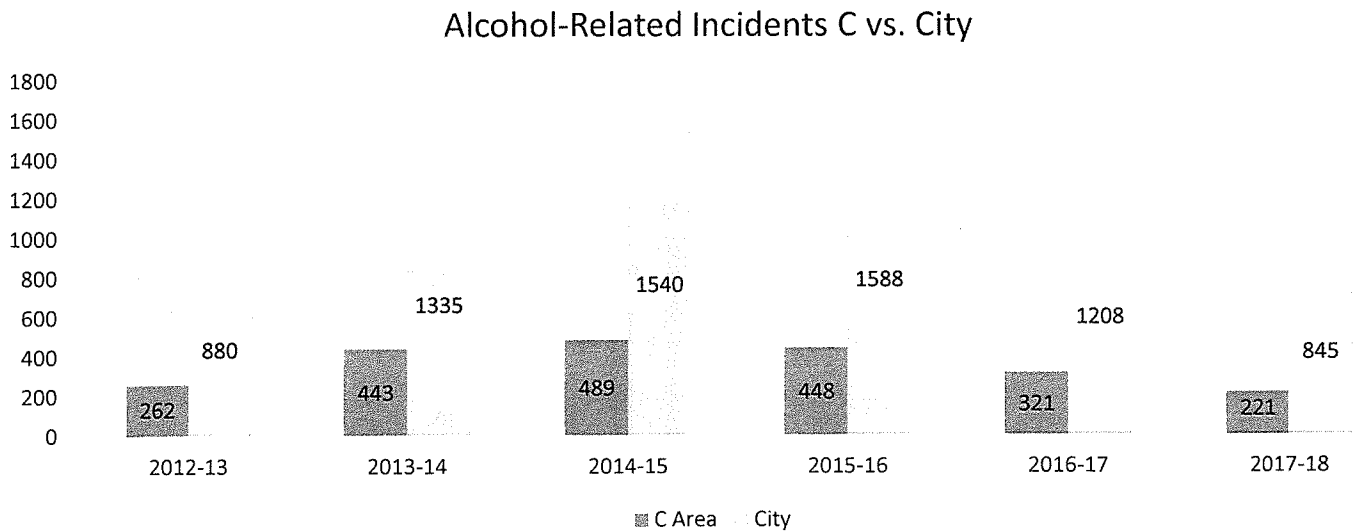
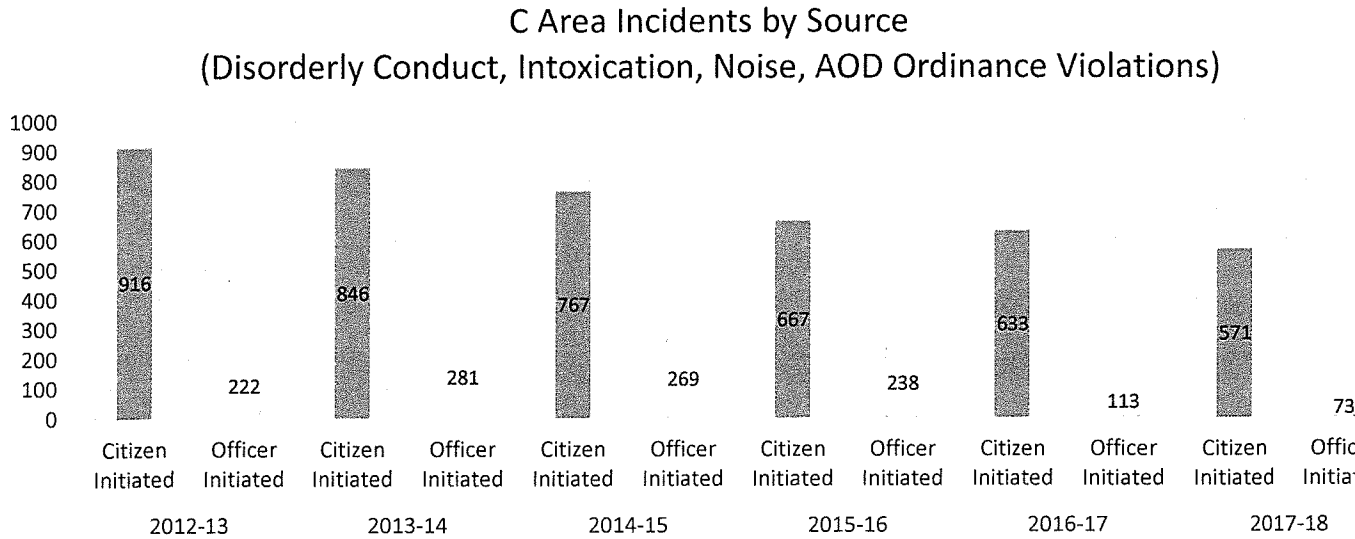
Incidents by Lease Year C Area vs. City (Disorderly Conduct, Intoxication, Noise, ACOD Ordinance Violations)



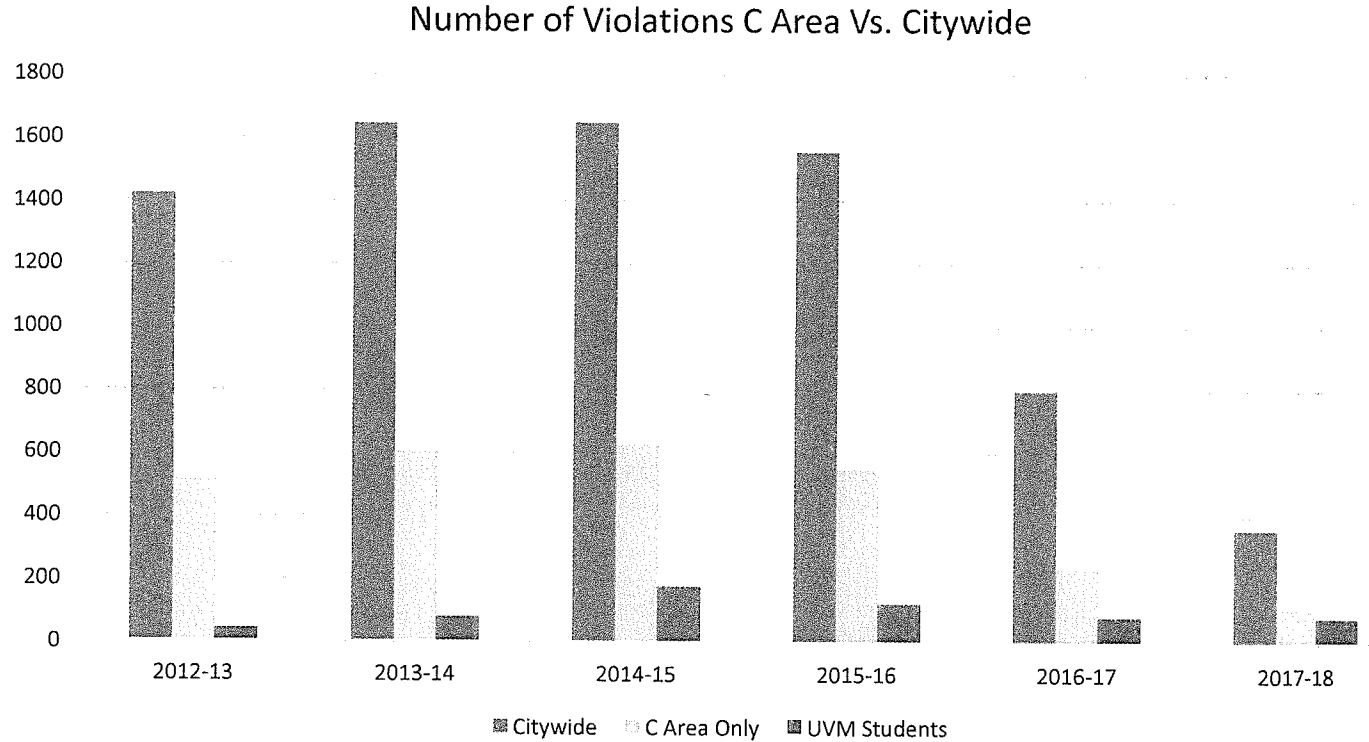
Incidents by Lease Year Call Type (C Area)



2. The number of responses to incidents initiated by citizens has decreased 38% since 2012, when police officers began quality of life patrols in neighborhoods.



3. The number of violations issued for Noise, Alcohol, and Disorderly Conduct has decreased in C Area



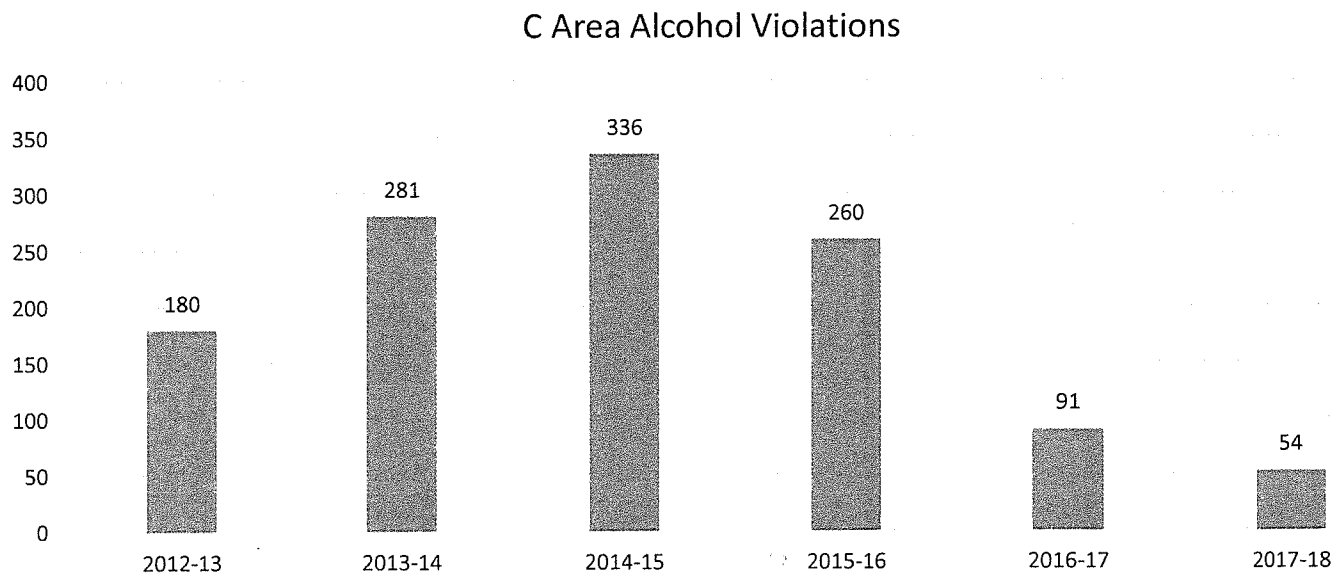
Violations

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Citywide	1418	1642	1646	1554	795	359
C Area Only	512 (36%)	604 (37%)	627 (38%)	550 (35%)	237 (30%)	111 (31%)
UVM Students	40	78	176	122	80	78

(Note: Data from BPD was not complete due to a change in the ticketing process. During 2013-14, the Center for Student Conduct did not receive information regarding alcohol tickets)

4. C Area Alcohol Violations Table

Tickets	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Minor procuring or in possession of alcohol (16A, 16B, 16C, 21038c)	134	205	184	148	47	36
Open Containers in Public (21038b)	46	76	152	112	44	18
Alcohol Related Tickets Total	180	281	336	260	91	54



Successful efforts to increase community education continue

- The University of Vermont continues to work diligently to address the impact of high risk drinking on campus and in the Burlington community. UVM was one of three institutions of higher education whose work to address high risk drinking and other substance misuse was honored with a Prevention Excellence Award at the ninth annual Campus Prevention Network Summit in Boston in June of this year.
- The working group continues to focus on educating students about the importance and value of creating a healthy neighborhood community as a fundamental part of this work. Optimizing relationships between police officers, student residents, permanent residents, and the involvement of UVM's Office of Student and Community Relations has resulted in student residents who are better educated about the importance of being a good neighbor.
- Pro-active approach: In past years, Code Enforcement sent an informal letter in mid-August to landlords of problem addresses from the end of the previous lease year, to make them aware that their properties will continue to be on notice.
- In addition to visits to houses of concern, the UVM Office of Student and Community Relations (OSCR) coordinates the *Have a Heart Campaign* to educate students about the impact of late night activity on families and permanent residents in the off-campus area. This is just one of several OSCR programs designed to help build community and improve quality of life in Burlington. Others include: *Neighborhood Clean-Ups*, *Off-Campus Living Workshops*, the *Community Coalition Street Strategy*, and the *Spring Move-Out Project*.
- Quality of Life Patrols: UVM provides funding for additional BPD shifts starting in August when students return, as well as on problem weekends throughout the year when party noise is increased. The purpose is to deter noise and also build positive relationships with residents.

Summary

While challenges around quality of life issues in neighborhoods remain, effective collaboration between the University of Vermont and the City of Burlington has yielded a substantial improvement in a number of measures.

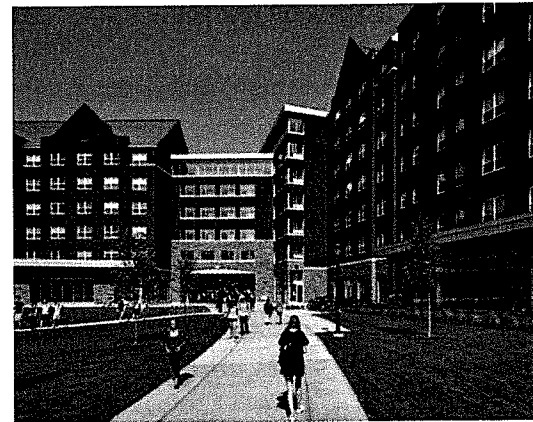
The University of Vermont and Housing

UVM has a long-standing commitment to housing students.

- UVM housed 63% of undergraduate students on campus last year – significantly more than our peers, and above our goal of 60%.
- Students are required to live on campus for first two years; this promotes a connection to the University and boosts retention.
- It also keeps a large number of students from living in off-campus rentals.

UVM has created many additional beds on campus.

- The University has added 874 beds on campus in the last ten years.
 - 163 at McAuley Hall.
 - 403 at Redstone Lofts (third-party developer project).
 - 308 net new beds at the Central Campus Residence Hall (a 699 bed project that replaced the 391 beds at Chittenden/Buckham/Wills).



Central Campus Residence Hall

An updated Student Housing Master Plan is in the works.

- Will provide information on housing needs and options, and potential areas where housing could be created.
- Undergraduate and graduate students gave feedback about their interest in living on campus, location, cost, and amenities.
- Expecting to be able to share the recommendations later this summer.
- Desirable on-campus housing may attract students to stay on campus voluntarily (including graduate students).
- New on-campus housing would face the same market challenges as any housing in Burlington – must be attractive in terms of cost, location, size, and features.
- UVM cannot force more students to live on campus – it would be a disadvantage in a highly competitive higher education market – but can explore housing options that would attract students.
- Future projects will likely be in partnership with developers due to debt capacity.
- National trends are challenging, including a decline in the number of college-aged residents and increased competition with other institutions (resulting in college closures in Vermont and nationally); overall, the future of higher education is uncertain.



Positive results from quality of life collaboration with the City.

UVM pays for Burlington Police Department patrols in neighborhoods.

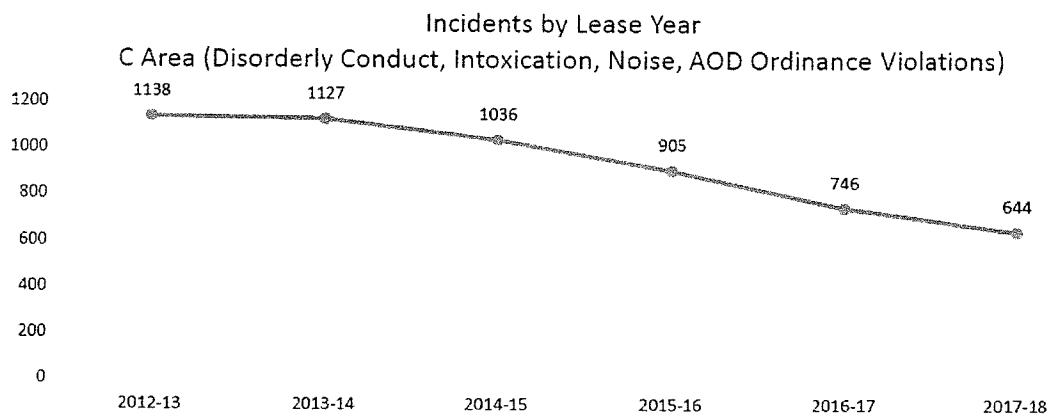
- Up to \$100,000 annually for patrols focused only on quality of life issues.
- Also pay more than \$1.3 million annually (Payment for Services agreement) and will contribute \$7.7 million over 20 years for City capital improvements.

A group meets to intervene early when incidents occur.

- A collaboration of the Burlington Police Department, UVM, and Code Enforcement.
- Map incidents and use data to track trends.
- Address “problem properties” with a visit.
- Landlords receive calls and letters about properties where incidents occur.

The data shows positive results.

- Improvement in calls for service in area where students tend to live.
 - Disorderly conduct, intoxication, noise, AOD ordinance violations.
- C Area calls for service have dropped by 43% since 2012-13
 - A,B,D,E calls for service dropped 26%.
- Citizen-initiated responses decreased 38% since 2012 (when police officers began quality of life patrols in neighborhoods).
- Represents improvement, not victory.



The Office of Student and Community Relations and Community Coalition provide neighborhood resources.

- Letters and welcome bags to students and neighbors.
- Have a Heart program encouraging renters to respect neighbors, especially around walk-by noise.
- Mediation, assistance for renters, and community-building projects.
- As an example, this year's Spring Move Out Project kept neighborhoods clean by diverting 30 tons of furniture and household goods from the greenbelts.



Spring Move Out Project



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
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Date of Assembly : 7/10/ 2019 Start Time: (Commence): 7:05 PM

Location: McClure Conference Room Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Caryn Long, Linda Rizvi. Cindy Cook

Discussion Topics

- DPW projects, Q + A
- UVM Student Housing

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

Agenda Items and Actions:

-City Councilors gave up their allotted time to allow longer conversations with DPW and UVM.

Introductions/Announcements:

-Opening of Schmanska Park, VYCC will be hosting celebration tomorrow at noon

-Burlington Co-Housing having a workshop on seeing and disrupting racism Saturday, July 27th 9:30 AM- 12.

Workshop presented by Peace and Justice Center

-Jared Wood: why are Burlington pedestrian crossings painted red rather than white stripes- can DPW answer to this?

-Burlington High School and Technical Center construction committee is having update July 18th at BHS. They will occur third Thursday of every month at 7 PM.

-Little Free Library in front of Kampus Kitchen is getting a lot of use! Make sure to check it out

-Lexi Wheeler: Working with Councilor Adam Roof to look into renter's rights, working with Attorney General.

-Erhard Mahnke: Vermont Tenant's Incorporated has online manual around tenants rights, which can be found on cvoeo.org

Department of Public Works:

Sidewalks:

-Usually, 1 mile per year of sidewalk is replaced. This was increased to 3 miles per year in 2016- key sections on North St and parts of Wards 1 + 8 have been repaired

-Council supported an increase funding in FY2020 for an additional \$500,00 for work to predominately short runs

- Use SeeClickFix to report problems in the neighborhood! Allows DPW to prioritize.
- Concerns about uneven sidewalk, missing chunks of sidewalk, risk of falling/injury
- Concerns about amount of “short run” areas where there are significant issues
- 2014 assessment with sidewalk assessment company. Balanced deficiency score for assessment with inactivity score to seek worst sections of “long run” sidewalk. Looking to update comprehensive city-wide assessment in coming years.

Colchester Ave Bike Lanes:

- Safety concerns about narrow travel widths between East Ave and cemetery.
- Began conversation with GMT, city councilors, residents about Colchester.
- Two briefings to DPW Commission, two meetings with neighborhood
- Parking will be removed from cemetery down to Barrett, shared bike lane markings added and single bike lane between East Ave and cemetery.
- People who park on Colchester Ave will have to find spaces on neighboring streets
- Zone parking permit system vs street parking permit system

Mansfield Ave Rain Garden:

- “Mansfield Ave Bioretention System”
- One of four bioretention projects DPW has planned for the year
- Fully grant-funded project
- Will capture impervious rainwater, more than what greenbelt can capture now. Adding plants and stone to filter pollutants in combined sewer area, helps reduce overall load to the system
- Designed by Storm Water Program Team with state and federal best practices in mind
- Proud of being able to work with UVM students on rain garden, as well as Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
- Parks n Rec, team of contractors will be maintaining rain garden

Other announcements:

- Look out for public meetings- opportunities to communication with DPW’s engineers
- Working on design and public outreach for traffic calming measures, which will hopefully happen in fall/winter.
- Colchester side path is currently being replaced with 10-ft wide side-path (from South Prospect to East Ave). Because it is a VTrans project, it is more of an intense iterative process, might take longer than normal city projects

Lisa Kingsbury - UVM Housing Master Plan

Athletic Complex Update:

- Athletic complex will be a two year project overall. Roads around Gutterson and Athletic complex will have some closures during that time
- No major traffic impacts to Spear St or Main St exits
- Gutterson garage will remain open

UVM Housing Master Plan:

- In 2012, UVM hired firm from Washington DC to create Housing Master Plan that would go through 2026. Project had high level of on and off campus community engagement- focus groups, surveys, NPA visits, interviews
- Juniors and seniors have a strong preference for downtown living due to independence it provides- the lure of Burlington is an attraction, and an issue for neighborhood relations
- Most plan recommendations were accomplished
 - Green Mountain walkway improved
 - Existing housing improved annually
 - Obsolete buildings demolished
 - Construction of CCRH added 308 beds
 - Housing for juniors and seniors was added (Jeanne Mance and other affiliated off-campus housing hubs).
- Significant increase in undergraduate enrollment since 2012
- Shift to residential learning communities in all of the residence halls
- Considering options for graduate/medical students
- Considering Trinity Campus as a option for new upperclass student housing
- In Fall 2019, recommendations will be presented to city and NPAs

COME ONE COME ALL!!!

To a free workshop on:

Seeing and Disrupting Racism

Saturday, July 27th 9:30 to 12:00

At Burlington Cohousing (East Village Drive)

Drinks and Snacks provided.

Workshop presented by Peace and Justice Center and sponsored by Burlington Co Housing Outreach.

Direct questions to Susan Linskey, 802 540 0833 email susanlinskey@gmail.com

