

Agenda for the Ward 6 NPA Thursday April 6th

There are several ways to tune in for the meeting:

1. Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81027856568>

(Meeting ID: 810 2785 6568, No Password)

2. Call in for audio only:

1-929-205-6099 meeting ID:81027856568

3. Watch live online:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIjLFn4BZd2P9f16v7BtN6C9kos1zGEmG>

6:00 Community Dinner

Please join us for pizza, conversation
and connections

6:30 Public Forum

Call to Order, Announcements
Share your news, events, questions,
and concerns

6:45 Fletcher Free Library

Mary Danko, Director
Library survey and other updates

7:00 Burlington School Board Update

Jeff Wick, Vice Chair
Clare Wool, Chair (invited)
Hear the latest about our schools
from our School Commissioners

7:30 Adjourn

April 6, 2023 Ward 6 NPA Minutes

Call to Order at 6:30

Floor Opened for Public Comment and Announcements: None

Mary Danko, Fletcher Free Library:

- Please provide input on their survey! [Fletcherfree.org/survey](https://fletcherfree.org/survey)
- Current and upcoming events:
 - Exhibit: Telling the People's Story, about African-American children's literature and picture books
 - Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30, James Ransom, African American children's book illustrator, will be coming to talk about his work

Jeff Wick, Ward 6 Burlington School Commissioner

- Superintendent will be holding a candidate's forum for the top candidates for the High School Principal position
 - Thursday April 13, 6 pm, at downtown BHS
- School District had a clean audit, with roughly a \$1 million surplus
- Enrollment, which dipped during the pandemic, is starting to rebound;
- BHS BTC Construction Project:
 - Schedule is just a little behind; expect to complete by Jan 2026 (had hoped for Sept 2025).
 - Costs appear to be on track
 - Abatement and demolition work on Building A is well underway
 - Suit against Monsanto will wend its way through the judicial system
- Macy's:
 - There has been significant improvement on the sound issues, which were a problem at the start.
 - Overall reports are positive
 - One significant lack is in Science facilities.

Jon Murad, Chief of Police

- Offered to respond to any questions
- Police Academy:
 - Got 3 recruits out of the last Academy; brought 6 recruits into the current Academy; have lost 2
 - Entrance Exam Standards have been modified, need to ensure that they reflect the needs, both for physical standards and for written test; also reviewing the psych test
 - Burlington's training needs are not exactly the same as other parts of the state; we supplement the Academy training
- How do we partner with neighboring communities' police forces?
 - This happens when there is a special need, not for general policing.

- Is the Police Department ready for the increased activity that often comes with warmer weather?
 - We are still limited in staff; balancing the needs the best we can.
 - Last year there were issues, especially in downtown.
 - We're doing everything we can to address that early in the season.
 - Dedicated Marketplace Officers for the entire summer.
- School security?
 - Our officers are trained just as the officers in Nashville responded. Chief Murad believes our officers would respond appropriately.
 - Looked at security challenges in the Downtown High School site.
 - We no longer have School Resource Officers, which Chief Murad believes was a good program.