

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY: 4-6 p.m. Pavilion Auditorium, 109 State Street, Montpelier. A Conversation about Election Cybersecurity with Secretary of State Jim Condos. Join Secretary Condos, his elections team, and invited guests from federal, state, and local partners for a talk about democracy's frontline defenders. In this age of technological advances, ensuring free and fair elections has become increasingly complicated. Find out what Vermont is doing to safeguard your vote.

PACT DINNER: 5:30-7:00 p.m. South Burlington High School. PACT, Parents and Adults Celebrating Children and Teens, has announced its closing at the end of this school year. The community is invited to attend one of their two remaining events as a thank you. For more information: www.pactvt.com.

RESETTLED IDENTITY: 6-8 p.m. Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street, Burlington. As part of their Spring Community Education Series, the Howard Center presents the film "Welcome to Vermont: Four Stories of Resettled Identity." Discussion with documentary filmmaker Mira Niagolova to follow. The documentary raises questions about identity, assimilation, and diversity and explores how the adaptation process differs from one ethnic group to another, from one individual to the next. Free.

BIKE COMMUTING WORKSHOP: 7 p.m. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road Jericho. Join Local Motion's expert workshop leader and daily bike commuter, Peter Burns, to get ready for a great year of riding your bike. Participants in this free workshop will learn what gear you need, how to make sure your bike is in good shape, how to map out a route, and how to "read" the street and ride safely. Light refreshments will be provided but this will be a waste-free event so bring their own bowls and mugs. For more information: ross@localmotion.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

ANIME NIGHT: 6-8 p.m. Laboratory B, 266 Pine Street, Burlington. Bakuretsucon hosts video viewing of latest anime releases originating from Japan. Watch four or more episodes and then chat about the show. Free. For more information: 802-777-9012.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

BLOOD DRIVE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Moose Lodge, 1636 Williston Road. The Moose Lodge hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive. Free lunch to all presenting donors.

MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NWV, Pinewood Plaza, 57 River Road, Suite 1011, Essex Junction. The NWV Model Railroad Association hosts an open house featuring their 33' x 32' operating HO-scale layout depicting Vermont and a smaller operating N-scale layout. The NWV is a non-profit organization providing education about model railroading by hosting speakers, clinics, and displays. Free. Donations welcome. For more information: www.nwvrailroad.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

W. C. SAWYER PHOTO COLLECTION: 2 p.m. Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct. Chittenden County Historical Society presents Tim Jerman's presentation about late 19th century Vermont photographer W. C. Sawyer's photo collection. Free. Light refreshments served. For more information: cchsvt@gmail.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

LEGISLATIVE FORUM: 6:30 p.m. South Burlington Public Library, University Mall. Join State Representatives Ann Pugh, Helen Head, Maida Townsend, and Martin LaLonde, along with Senator Michael Sirotkin and moderator Vince Bolduc as we talk about what's being debated in the Statehouse this year. Listen and share ideas on a wide range of topics of interest to friends and neighbors.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT: 1 p.m. Faith United Methodist Church, 899 Dorset Street. Join the Burlington Garden Club at their monthly meeting. Includes a presentation about floral arrangement with art. Free and open to the public. For more information: www.bgcvt.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

BUTTERFLIES FOR BIRDERS: 6:30 p.m. Richmond Free Library, Bridge Street, Richmond. Green Mountain Audubon Society presents Butterflies for Birders. Long before birds showed up on planet Earth, insects were on the wing. Four hundred million years later, butterfly diversity puts bird diversity to shame. In this program, Bryan Pfeiffer will bring you the skills you need for discovering and enjoying butterflies - with a brief detour to moths.

SNRC SPEAKER SERIES: 7-9 p.m. South Burlington City Hall, 575 Dorset Street. The South Burlington Natural Resources Committee, along with the city's recreation department,

host Charlie Nardozzi, a nationally recognized gardening expert, in the first of their new Speakers Series events. Free. All are welcome. For more information: SBNRC co-chair Betty Milizia at bmilizia@comcast.net.

VHC FIRST WEDNESDAY SERIES: 7 p.m. Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. The Vermont Humanities Council presents “Transatlantic Traumas: Endangering the West.” Stan Sloan, Visiting Scholar at Middlebury and author of *Defense of the West*, asks if a perfect storm of external threats and internal politics is undermining Western values and interests. Free and open to the public. For more information: www.vermonthumanities.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

SOUTH BURLINGTON ROTARY CLUB: 7:30-8:30 a.m. DoubleTree Hotel. Program: to be announced. For more information: southburlingtonrotary.org.

ONGOING

OPEN BIBLE STUDY: 7 p.m. Mondays. Panera Bread, 1340 Shelburne Road. Church of Christ open bible study. For more information: Clyde Mongeon, 802-343-4838.

RADIO AMATEURS OF NORTHERN VT: 7 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month. Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street. RANV is a club consisting of 100 radio enthusiasts. A mix of technical and light-hearted topics, with a refreshment break for meeting friends and making new ones. Anyone with an interest in ham radio is invited to join. For more information, call Mitch at 802-879-6589 or visit the club's website at www.ranv.org.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS: 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Saint Francis School, Winooski. Join men of all ages to sing a cappella, barbershop style. For more information: Dick Labreque, 802-864-5439.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY CHESS CLUB: 7 p.m. Thursdays. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 122 Boswick Road, Shelburne. Novice and experts welcome. \$2. For more information: Dave Carter 802-324-1143.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY STAMP CLUB: 6:15 p.m. First Wednesday of each month. GE Healthcare, 40 IDX Drive. For more information: 802-660-4817.

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS: VFW Post 782, 176 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington.
Open to the public. LINE DANCING 6-9 p.m., Thursdays – class at 6 p.m./dance at 7 p.m. BAR
BINGO, Fridays, \$1 card. DANCING/LIVE BAND: 7-11 p.m. Saturdays, \$6. For more
information: 864-6532.

VT ADULT LEARNING: GED testing three times a month. For more information: 846-7245.