



*Welcome to*  
**BURLINGTON, CT**



*Noticeably New England*

# Welcome to Burlington



NOTICEABLY NEW ENGLAND



The Town of Burlington is miles of forest, watershed land and unique neighborhoods that blend into natural beauty. We live on streets overlooking peaceful lakes as well as the Farmington River, in homes where our agrarian roots are still evident or in mountainside homes nestled among the soaring trees. Atop Johnnycake Mountain, we can walk the Blue Trail from our door, watch the migration of the Golden Eagle, and choose active adult living.

Our population of over 9,000 has a treasure in the hundreds of acres of State Forest named Sessions Woods. This is a vibrant learning center and series of trails used by residents and visitors alike. The Burlington Land Trust dedicates its efforts to preserving the natural resources of the town. The Farmington River Watershed Association keeps watch over our Farmington River and its banks.

Burlington's natural charm is enhanced by the dedication of its citizens. From our Volunteer Fire Department to members of our civic groups, we all benefit from the involvement of those in our community. The children of Burlington not only receive an outstanding education at Region 10 schools, but have the benefit of volunteers in the town's many organizations. The Town of Burlington is a multi-layered community and a close-knit group of families, businesses and individuals whose one goal is to keep Burlington a wonderful place to work and live.

I invite you to explore more of Burlington in this brochure and on our Town website [burlingtonct.us](http://burlingtonct.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theodore C. Shafer".

Ted Shafer, First Selectman

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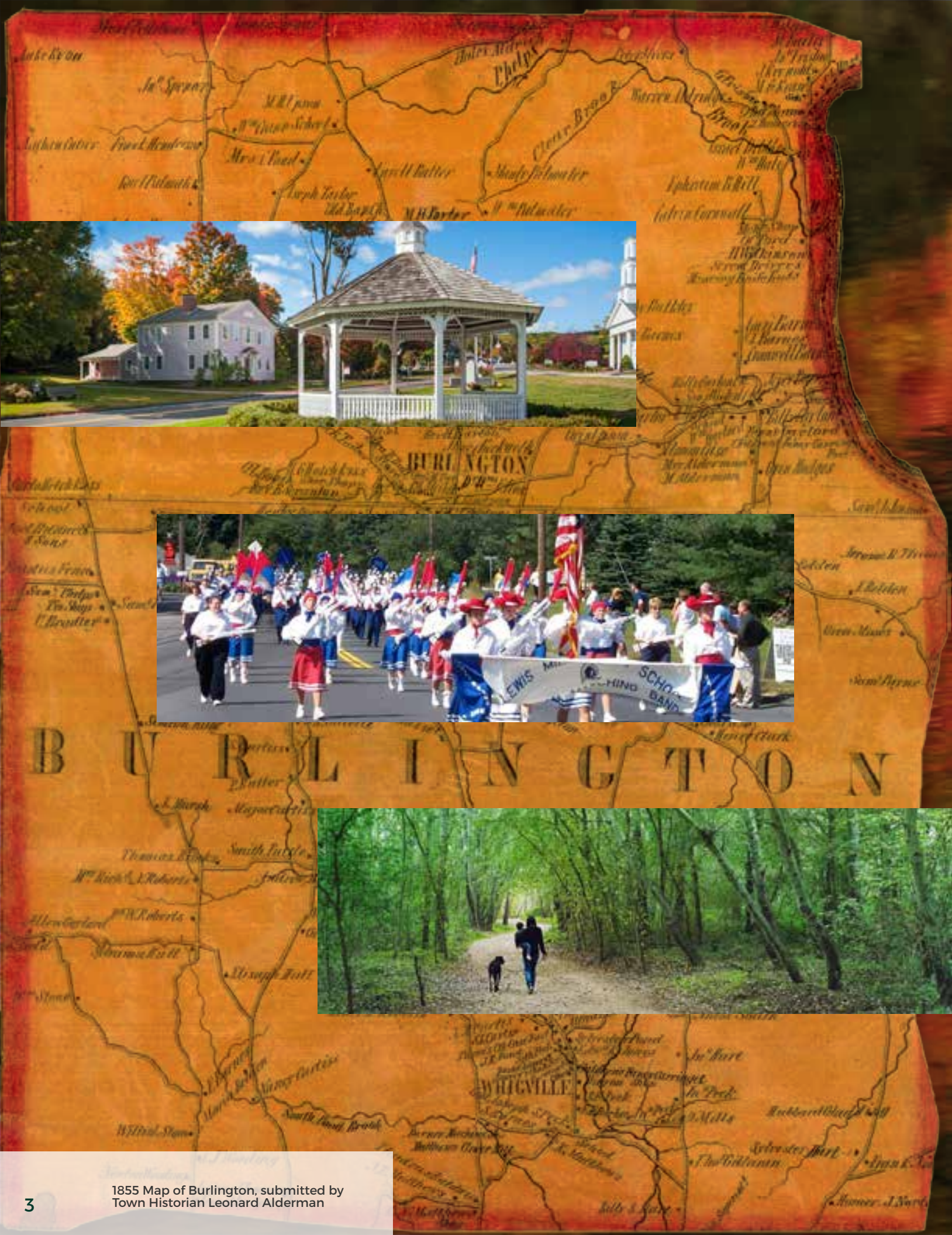
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## *Town and Resident Quick Facts*

### CONVENIENT ACCESS

- Central location bordering a six-town area (Avon, Bristol, Canton, Farmington, Harwinton, New Hartford)
- 9 miles from I-84 and Route 8
- 14,000 vehicles per day on Route 4 (1,200 vehicles per hour during peak traffic hours)

### SOUND INVESTMENT

- Diversity of small, locally-owned merchants, service and professional firms, and home-based businesses
- Thriving chains, including Cumberland Farms, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Subway
- Low taxes
- Healthy bond rating (Aa2)

### PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

- 15% population growth since 2000
- 3,400 total households (82% family households)
- Average household size is 2.8
- Median household income of \$109,000 (2010-2014)
- Median age is 42
- 92% owner-occupied homes

### HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

- 57% of residents attended college
- One of *Hartford Magazine's* "Best Places to Live - Small Towns"
- One of *Connecticut Magazine's* "Top Small Towns"
- One of *Connecticut Magazine's* "Top Public High Schools"

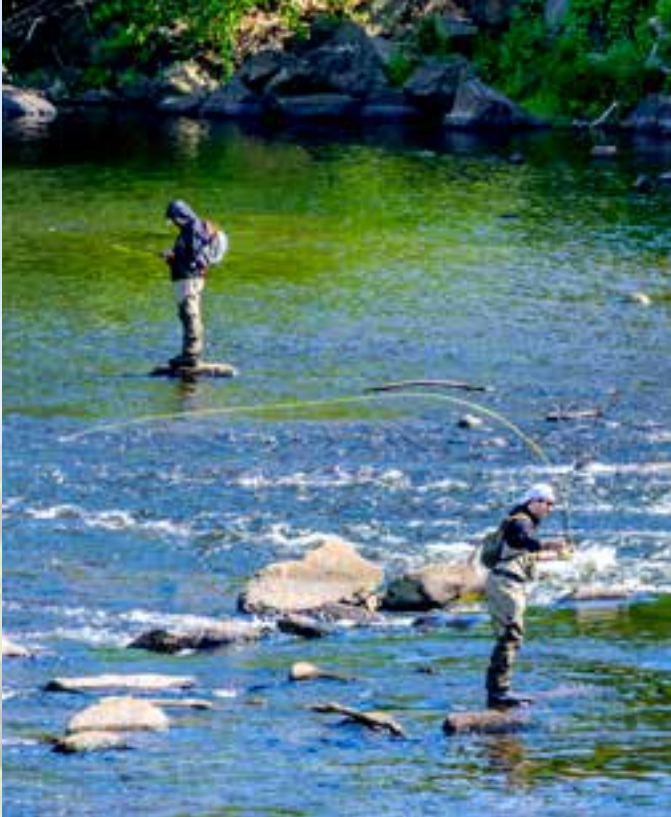


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# Lifestyle & Recreation

Burlington is best characterized as a charming and scenic hill town. We have natural beauty, historic character and a strong commitment to helping our residents and businesses thrive.

For outdoor enthusiasts, half of Burlington is deemed open and recreational space, which provides access to fishing and floating in the Farmington River, numerous hiking trails and phenomenal mountain biking.

We take great pride in the quality of our Region 10 public school system that we share with Harwinton and our year-round community activities and attractions. These are many of the reasons why *Connecticut Magazine* and *Hartford Magazine* consistently rank Burlington as a top small town in which to live, work, play and visit. Here are some of Burlington's best offerings:

## WILD & SCENIC RIVER

The Farmington River runs along Burlington's northeast border. The river is enjoyed by many who enjoy its beauty and who use it for recreational activities such as fly fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and tubing. In 2015, Burlington's congressional delegation introduced legislation that would designate the Lower Farmington River - including the section that runs through Burlington - as a Wild and Scenic River. This designation will ensure the long-term environmental health of the entire Farmington River watershed, as well as increase Burlington's visibility as a destination for recreational tourism.

## HIKING & BIKING TRAILS

Burlington's extensive network of trails draws hikers and cyclists from across the state. From the flat, paved, and scenic Farmington River Trail to the rugged and challenging Mile of Ledges, there is something for everyone! Many of our

trails, including many miles of blue-blazed trails maintained by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, run through Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, the Nassahegan State Forest, and Burlington Land Trust-managed properties.

## TAVERN DAY

Each September, Burlington's community organizations and businesses come together on the town green and the grounds of the historic Elton Tavern for Tavern Day, a celebration of Burlington's history and community spirit. It provides an opportunity for businesses and organizations of all sizes to promote their work and work together towards making Burlington a better place for residents and visitors alike.

## LOCAL FARMS & FOODS

With a rich agricultural history and hundreds of acres of land currently devoted to this vitally important use, Burlington residents and visitors enjoy easy access to fresh, local foods and products. Several small farms, garden centers, CSAs, Christmas tree farms, and Connecticut's largest maple syrup and honey producer currently call Burlington home.

## ACTIVITIES & SPORTS

Burlington has a full roster of community organizations, an active senior center, and programs for all ages at the Burlington Public Library. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation department has a number of offerings for all ages, and there are town-based and regional sports leagues, such as the Burlington Junior Soccer Association and the Farmington Valley MudHogs Football & Cheer organization. Our town has ample playing fields, trails for hiking and biking, forests to become one with nature and waterways for the angler inside you! We are Noticeably New England and we welcome you!

# Town Resources & Contacts

## TOWN WEBSITE

[www.burlingtonct.us](http://www.burlingtonct.us)

## TOWN HALL

200 Spielman Highway  
Burlington, CT 06013  
860-673-6789

## TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am-4:00 pm (Mon-Thu)  
8:00 am- 12:30 pm (Fri)

## DEPARTMENTS

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE

(860) 673-6789 ext. 227

### ASSESSOR

(860) 673-6789 ext. 3

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

(860) 673-6789 ext. 6

### BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

(860) 673-3331

### BURLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(860) 675-2183

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### CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

(860) 673-6789 ext. 224

### FINANCE OFFICE

(860) 673-6789 ext. 5

### FIRE MARSHALL

(860) 673-6789 ext. 250

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(860) 584-7682

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

(860) 673-6789 ext. 1

## PARKS & RECREATION

(860) 673-6789 ext. 7

[www.myburlingtonrec.com](http://www.myburlingtonrec.com)

Dial-a-Ride:

(860)-673-6789 ext. 226

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

(860) 673-4856

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## PUBLIC WORKS

(860) 673-2439 ext. 224

(860) 673-6789 ext. 8

## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

(860) 673-2538

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(860) 673-6789 ext. 217

## SENIOR CENTER

(860) 673-6789 ext. 7

## SENIOR HOUSING/ EVERGREENS

(860) 584-5815

## SOCIAL SERVICES

(860) 673-6789 ext. 5

Info Line: 211

## TAX COLLECTOR

(860) 673-6789 ext. 4

## TOWN CLERK

(860) 673-6789 ext. 2

## TRASH & RECYCLING

(860) 673-2489 ext. 1

## ZONING & ENFORCEMENT

(860) 673-6789 ext. 6

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Call (860) 673-6789 ext. 2 for more information on the following boards and commissions.

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

## BOARD OF FINANCE

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

## LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MARKETING COMMITTEE

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE



**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMISSION**

**PLANNING & ZONING  
COMMISSION**

**SENIOR CITIZENS  
COMMISSION**

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

## **TOWN ORGANIZATIONS**

**BURLINGTON CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**  
[Info@burlingtonchamber.org](mailto:Info@burlingtonchamber.org)

**BURLINGTON  
COMMUNITY FUND**  
[Burlingtonbell@gmail.com](mailto:Burlingtonbell@gmail.com)

**BURLINGTON DEMOCRATIC  
TOWN COMMITTEE**  
[www.burlingtondems.org](http://www.burlingtondems.org)

**BURLINGTON  
GARDEN CLUB**  
[Info@burlingtongardenclubct.com](mailto:Info@burlingtongardenclubct.com)

**BURLINGTON-HARWINTON  
SAFE HARBOR YOUTH  
SERVICES**  
(869) 485-9051 ext. 110

**BURLINGTON  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
[president@burlington-history.org](mailto:president@burlington-history.org)

**BURLINGTON  
LAND TRUST**  
[info@burlingtonlandtrust.org](mailto:info@burlingtonlandtrust.org)

**BURLINGTON LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION (FRIENDS  
OF THE LIBRARY)**  
[president@friendsburlib.org](mailto:president@friendsburlib.org)

**BURLINGTON LIONS CLUB**  
[President@burlingtonclions.org](mailto:President@burlingtonclions.org)

**BURLINGTON  
MEN'S CLUB**  
(860) 673-9034

**BURLINGTON  
REPUBLICAN TOWN  
COMMITTEE**  
[www.facebook.com/burlingtonrtc/](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonrtc/)

**FRIENDS OF  
SESSIONS WOODS**  
[www.fosw.org](http://www.fosw.org)  
(860) 424-3011

**HAR-BUR MIDDLE  
SCHOOL PARENT  
TEACHER ASSOCIATION**  
860-673-6163

**LAKE GARDA PARENT  
TEACHER ASSOCIATION**  
(860) 673-2511

**LEWIS S. MILLS ATHLETIC  
BOOSTER CLUB**  
(860) 674-0423

**LEWIS S. MILLS HIGH  
SCHOOL BAND**  
(860) 674-0423

**MAKE A MARK REGION 10  
ENRICHMENT FUND**  
[www.makeamarkr10.org](http://www.makeamarkr10.org)

**PROJECT GRADUATION**  
[www.myburlingtonrec.com](http://www.myburlingtonrec.com)

**STATE FISH HATCHERY**  
(860) 673-2340

**THE WHIGVILLE GRANGE**  
[president@ctstategrange.org](mailto:president@ctstategrange.org)

## **YOUTH SCOUTING & SPORTS**

Visit [www.myburlingtonrec.com/info/affiliated](http://www.myburlingtonrec.com/info/affiliated) for more information on the following organizations.

**BURLINGTON BOY  
SCOUTS**

**BURLINGTON GIRL  
SCOUTS**

**BURLINGTON-  
HARWINTON AMERICAN  
LEGION BASEBALL**

**BURLINGTON-  
HARWINTON YOUTH  
BASKETBALL:**  
Burlington Lions Club & Harwinton Youth Sports Association

**BURLINGTON-  
HARWINTON YOUTH  
LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

**BURLINGTON JUNIOR  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**BURLINGTON LITTLE  
LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**CANTON/BURLINGTON  
YOUTH FOOTBALL &  
CHEER**

**FARMINGTON VALLEY  
MUDHOGS FOOTBALL &  
CHEER**

# Support Burlington Businesses

"Welcome to Burlington" means more than thanks for passing through; it means welcome to a part of New England that is noticeably vibrant and noticeably active...including our local businesses!

Our residents and visitors enjoy the hometown and homegrown feel of the cafes, shops and services that have started to nestle around our Central Business District. And so many more businesses are located around Town, creating solutions from their homes and offices, making goods in their manufacturing facilities, and using our abundant natural resources to produce organic food options, including some of the best cider and syrups in New England.

If you are wondering what it's like to do business in Burlington, CT, then read our featured testimonials below. Our Town leaders and the Chamber of Commerce are proud of our business diversity, as well as the development and growth opportunities that exist in Town for both new and current businesses.



## KAREN GILSTON PHOTOGRAPHY

*Karen Gilston, Owner  
KarenGilstonPhotography.com*

"I have been a Burlington resident for five years, where I set up as an architectural and interiors photographer. I am ideally located for my work in New York City and Boston and areas in between. As a transplant from the UK, Burlington is a perfect starting point for touring New England and beyond. Here in Burlington, I have the best of both worlds – a few short hours from two of the best cities in the world but being able to live amongst some of the most beautiful countryside. I love my job because I get to travel this diverse state (sea, sand, snow, forests) and many times this beauty can be captured right here in Burlington, which is my home away from my UK home!"

## ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Dave Donnelly, Owner  
PhysicalTherapyCT.com*

"Advanced Physical Therapy opened its Burlington office doors in 2011 because I saw a need in town for a local physical therapy company that focuses as much on investing in the community as treating patients. We have hosted a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event and collected donations for the local Food Pantry. I am actively helping our Chamber grow and, at the same time, I have seen our client base grow steadily since coming to Burlington. We recently moved to the Burlington Commons where we deliver the highest level of physical therapy care and give our clients an easy-in, easy-out solution. Our Town has grown over the years and is very capable of supporting our growing practice. Great residents, an active business community and a need for quality, local PT makes Burlington the right choice for Advanced Physical Therapy."



We may be "Noticeably New England", but we are also "noticeably pro-business" by actively seeking and helping business leaders who value our gateway location between Central and Northwest Connecticut, our access to major highways, and our proximity to Bradley International Airport.

Now that you have noticed us, come visit Burlington and reach out to us. It may be the best business decision you ever make!

For more information about supporting Burlington businesses, or for information on how to open a business in Burlington, visit the Town of Burlington, and Chamber of Commerce websites at [burlingtonct.us](http://burlingtonct.us) and [burlingtonctchamber.com](http://burlingtonctchamber.com).



**BURLINGTON**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

## CRESCENT MANUFACTURING

*Steve Wilson, Chairman & Owner  
CrescentManufacturing.com*

"Despite the challenges facing Connecticut-based businesses, I can say that all our employees LOVE that Crescent Manufacturing is located in Burlington. Very high on our list of positives is the "opposite commute" that greatly reduces rush hour tensions, which makes us an attractive employer as well as helps us retain key employees. We enjoy the rural nature of Burlington but the ease of airport and highway access also helps makes our operation efficient and competitive. Strategically, we can't ask for a better location because we are near Hartford and are equidistant from New York City and Boston, two very important cities for us. Finally, as a business owner, I feel that both the Town of Burlington and Crescent Manufacturing help each other out - a true partnership with one goal in mind...business success!"



## LAMOTHE'S SUGAR HOUSE

*Rob Lamothe, Farmer/Owner/Creator of Things  
LamotheSugarHouse.com*

"Lamothe's Sugar House has more to it than meets the eye! It started as the Lamothe family farm in 1971. We began making maple syrup with seven taps and have now grown to be the largest Connecticut producer of honey and maple syrup, with well over 5,500 taps in Burlington. I was asked "why Burlington?" and I say it's more than just having the natural resources available to farm with. I'm not a "flash in the pan farmer". Our longevity and success come from being part of our community, adhering to our faith, participating with Town organizations, and inviting our residents and surrounding communities to visit. All of us at Lamothe's want people to be educated about agriculture and to understand that we are always working to leave the soil better than we found it! Over the years, the Town created an Agriculture Committee and has been good to the farmers. There is so much going on here, it's hard to sum up quickly, so I invite all to stop by and learn...and enjoy a treat or two!"



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