

## Town of Charlemont April 2026 Newsletter



### News From the Office of the Town Clerk

Nomination Papers are due April 14, 2026 by 5pm at the Town Clerks Office. If you would like to run for a town office, you can obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk during his office hours. A full list of open positions is available on the Town Clerk page of the Town Website.

<https://charlemont-ma.us/p/24/Town-Clerk>

Interested in learning about what the duties of a position are? information is available in the volunteer handbook available on the website.

<https://charlemont-ma.us/z/o/?term=volunteer+handbook&module=>

### News From the Transfer Station

**Save the Dates!**

#### Franklin County Solid Waste District's 2026 Collection Dates

##### **Spring "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day:**

Saturday, May 16, 2026

##### **Household Hazardous Waste Day:**

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Pre-registration is required for Hazardous Waste Day; registration opens in mid-August.

##### **Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day:**

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Fees are charged for most Clean Sweep items. Pricing subject to change.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is free for residents of most towns.

For more information on these events, including locations, participating towns, hours, and pricing:

<https://franklincountywastedistrict.org/>

## **News From the Hawlemont School Committee**

**Preschool and Kindergarten registration** is happening in April. Friday April 3 at 9:00 am (kindergarten) and 9:45 am (preschool). Required paperwork: birth certificate, proof of residency, lead test, and immunization record.

**HRS Playground meet-up** for parents and guardians of students with *special education* needs (SEPAC) is happening on Saturday April 11 from 3 - 4 when children will be welcome to play on our new play structures and parents/caregivers will be able to share questions, concerns, and support.

**Bicycle Rodeo** presented by HRS Local Education Council will be happening at the Charlemont Fairgrounds on Sunday April 12 from 2 - 4:00-- includes free helmets (while they last), bicycle tune-ups, helmet checks, and more.

**Community Meeting on Educational Visions for the future of our public schools**-- how to keep them excellent and financially sustainable-- Saturday April 11 from 10 - 2:00 at Mohawk Trail Regional School. Charlemont and Hawley residents are encouraged to attend and share their opinions.

**Do you have opinions about HRS and MTRSD but haven't made it to a meeting to express your thoughts?** You're invited to email HRS school committee chair Kenneth Bertsch ([kbertsch@mtrsd.org](mailto:kbertsch@mtrsd.org)) and he will be sure to pass along your input to the entire school committee.

**SAVE the DATE:** Work BEE Volunteers needed @ the HRS Greenhouse & Gardens, May 2 from 9:00 am - noon.

## **Annual Town Meeting and Election Dates and Times**

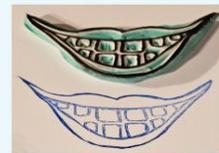
**Annual Town Meeting is May 26,2026 at Hawlemont School ,10 school Street ,6 pm**

**Annual Town Election is June 2,2026 12 pm -7pm at Hawlemont School.**

# STAMP MAKING WORKSHOP



**FREE  
FUN!**



**APRIL 11, 2026**

**NOON - 2 PM**

**Design and create your own stamp!  
Charlemont resident Anna Otto will provide  
supplies for 11 people.**

**Sign up today: call, email or visit the Library.**

**Tyler Memorial Library  
157 Main Street, Charlemont MA  
charlemonlibrary.org**

**413-339-4335 x1  
charlemont.hawley.library@gmail.com**

# Friends of the Library



**Tyler Memorial Library**

**Open House: Saturday, April 25**

**Noon - 2 p.m.**

Join us in celebrating National Library Week.

Enjoy refreshments, a tour, and a special activity for all ages.

Connect, share, and Find Your Joy!

**Bring Your Joy, Celebrate Libraries**

**Joy, Refreshments,  
And community!**

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Charlemont, MA 01339  
charlemonlibrary.org



Hawlemont LEC presents a

# Bicycle



Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

# RODEO



FREE HELMETS – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



GAIN BIKE SAFETY AWARENESS



RIDE A CHALLENGE COURSE



RECEIVE A HELMET CHECK AND BICYCLE TUNE UP



PARTICIPATE IN A BIKE SWAP\* AND HELMET DECORATING



BRING YOUR BIKE TO THE **CHARLEMONT FAIRGROUNDS** FOR THIS RAIN OR SHINE EVENT, AND BE READY TO LEARN AND RIDE!



## \*HAVE A BIKE? NEED A BIKE?

THANKS TO A GROUP OF WILLING VOLUNTEERS WITH BIKE REPAIR KNOW-HOW, IF YOU HAVE A BICYCLE THAT NO ONE IS USING AND YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE IT AWAY, BRING IT TO HAWLEMONT BY MARCH 27. IT WILL BE INSPECTED BY A VOLUNTEER, TUNED UP, AND MADE AVAILABLE TO A NEW RIDER AT THIS EVENT. THANK YOU.