

## Town of Charlemont January 2026 Newsletter



### Election News

We are already preparing for our June 2, 2026 local election. Nomination papers for open seats will be made available starting January 27, 2026 and are due back at the town clerk's office by April 28, 2026 at 5:00pm.

The seats up for election are:

**Select Board** (3 year term)

**Constable** (3 year term)

**Board of Assessors** (3 year term)

**Local Education Council** (2 year term)

**Parks and Recreation Commission** (5 year term)

**Planning Board** (3 seats, two 5 year terms and one 5 year term that has only 1 year left in the current term.)

**Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee** (3 year term, this seat will be up for re-election in 2027)

**Moderator** (1 year term)

**Board of Health** (3 year term)

**Charlemont School Committee** (3 year term)

**Library Trustees** (3 year term)

Please contact the town clerk if you're interested in pulling nomination papers and running for office! Phone: 413-339-4335 Ext7 Email: [townclerk@townofcharlemont.org](mailto:townclerk@townofcharlemont.org)

### Charlemont real estate taxes due February 2, 2026

Taxpayers are reminded that the third quarter payment for Fiscal Year 2026 real estate and personal property taxes are due by February 2, 2025

Please note that if you have questions about your assessment, please contact the Assessor's office at 413-339-8586 ext. 2

Please mail your payments to P.O. Box 606,

Charlemont, MA 01339. Or you may leave in lock box at Town Hall Monday – Friday.

## News from the School Committee

**Sustainability Update:** Residents are all invited to Join Our Envisioning Committee – *Help Shape the Future of Our Schools*. **Your voice matters.** We want to preserve what our community values most, grow opportunities for all learners, and enhance our schools with new possibilities that reflect the needs of today's students and families. Committee members will collaborate with educators, community members, and district leaders to imagine what a terrific, inclusive, and future-ready learning environment could look like. Please complete [this form](#) to express your interest **no later than January 9th, 2026**.

**Did you know that the school committee wants more input from residents about all school matters and you don't have to attend a meeting to share your thoughts, questions, and opinions?** You can email the committee via Chair Ken Bertsch ([kbertsch@mtrsd.org](mailto:kbertsch@mtrsd.org)) and he'll make sure to pass along your input to the entire committee for their consideration.

## Reminder from the Town Administrator

### Emergency Notifications

The Town's emergency notification and public interest system delivers important messages directly to residents' phones. This system is used to share information about emergencies (such as flooding or severe storms), road closures affecting specific areas, Board of Health notices (including vaccine clinics and West Nile Virus alerts), and Town Meeting reminders.

We make every effort to use this system thoughtfully to keep residents informed without overusing it. If you are not currently receiving these notifications and would like to be included, or if you have changed your phone number please contact the Town Administrator at **413-339-4335, ext. 8**, and provide the phone number where you would like to receive calls. You may also email [administrator@townofcharlemont.org](mailto:administrator@townofcharlemont.org)



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## AI for Everyone: Real Confidence with Artificial Intelligence

Robots, smart assistants and magic-sounding tech—oh my! If you've ever wondered what AI actually is (and what it isn't), this fun, no-pressure class is for you. We'll explore how artificial intelligence shows up in everyday life, how to use it to make things easier, and why it's not just for the younger crowd. Come with questions, leave with confidence!



**Rich Vaden**

United Way of Franklin  
& Hampshire Region



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Wednesday January 7, 2026

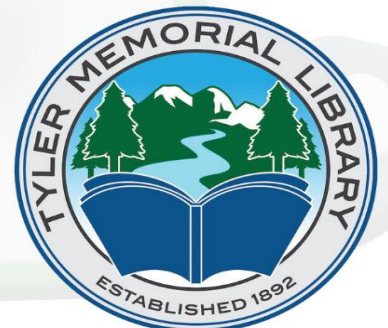


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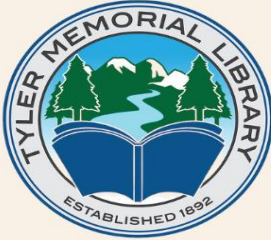


Address  
Tyler Memorial Library  
157 Main St. Charlemont, MA

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## Jewelry-Making with Mary Ann

# Jewelry-Making

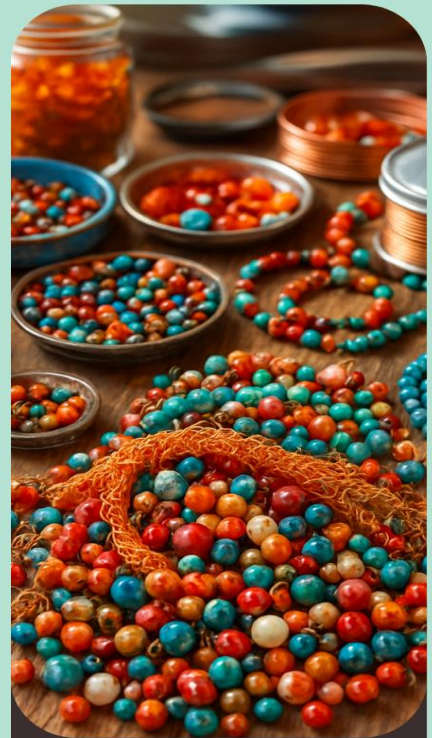
Join Mary Ann for a fun and creative jewelry-making workshop where you can make earrings, a necklace, or a bracelet!

**January 10, 2026**  
**Noon – 2 p.m.**

Beads and materials provided for all participants.

•If you have any “leftover jewelry” (a single earring, a busted necklace or bracelet) and want to incorporate it into something new, bring it along!

And if you have a pair of needle nose pliers, bring them too.



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