

## Town of Charlemont May 2026 Newsletter



### News From the Transfer Station

#### SPRING “CLEAN SWEEP” BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Spring 2026 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. The three collection locations are Erving Highway Garage on Public Works Boulevard (off Rt. 2); Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South); and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane in Whately.

Residents and businesses from any of the District’s 21 member towns may bring bulky items to these collection sites. There are charges for most items (cash only). A price list for the most common items is at: [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org). Pre-registration is not required for Bulky Waste Day.

Acceptable items include tires, appliances, refrigerators, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, bulky rigid plastics for recycling, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible. Please note that textiles and books are no longer accepted.

For more information, visit [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org) or contact the District at [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

**Save the date for the Franklin County Repair Event on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 at the Franklin County Tech School. It is free. Bring broken household items for repair. Additional information will be posted on [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org). Or call 413-772-2438.**

### Litter Along North River Road

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Suzette Agey–Nichols and her grandson for their outstanding efforts in cleaning up North River Road. Over the course of six days, this dedicated pair collected an incredible 39 bags of trash, along with discarded tires and used motor oil. Their hard work has made a noticeable

difference in the appearance and health of our community. We would also like to thank everyone who picked up on 8A between the Fairgrounds and Main Street.

We kindly encourage everyone to do their part: dispose of waste properly, secure trash during transport, and consider picking up litter when you see it. Small actions add up, and together we can keep our community clean.



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

**Pre Town Meeting Information Session and Candidates Night May 18,2026 6 pm**

**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.**

### **Charlemont Town Picnic**

The annual Charlemont Town Picnic will be held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds on **June 14 from 3-7PM**. The event is potluck. Bring a dish to share. There will be lawn games and, new this year, a jam session! This community event is sponsored by Charlemont Parks & Recreation.

## Community Survey

The Charlemont School Sustainability Review Committee invites you to take a Community Survey to help guide our work. You can take this short survey online at <https://forms.gle/GoXnEx3GGLhqCzrSA> or complete a paper survey available at Candidate's Night or All Town Meeting. Thanks!



Avoid tick-borne diseases, like Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.



### Prevent tick bites



Make it a habit to **check yourself, your children and pets** for ticks after coming inside. To do a tick check, start low and go up: legs, groin and waistband, torso, arms and armpits, hair and back of ears.



**Use repellents** that contain DEET on your skin and treat your clothing and shoes with Permethrin. Read and follow repellent label directions carefully.



**Wear light-colored clothing** that covers your skin and tuck in loose ends (shirt into pants, pants into socks). Especially when in woody, brushy areas or in the garden.

*More prevention tips at: [mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks](https://mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks)*

### Found a tick?

**Use this QR code to upload a photo.**

Within 24 hours, an expert will identify the tick, tell you its risk level, and provide future prevention tips!

This free service is run by TickEncounter, at the University of Rhode Island. Visit [web.uri.edu/tickencounter](http://web.uri.edu/tickencounter) for more details.





## WINGMASTERS

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# BIRDS OF PREY

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1 P.M.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

HAWLEMONT SCHOOL GYM  
CHARLEMONT, MA

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## HAWKS, FALCONS, AND OWLS

See live birds of prey up  
close, all native to New  
England.

Birds of prey, also known as raptors, are hunting birds with hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet with sharp talons.

**\*For ages 8 and up only!\***

Julie Anne Collier and Jim Parks are licensed wildlife rehabilitators based in Leverett, Massachusetts.



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## SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Make a real impact and help when it matters most.



## TEAMWORK & BROTHERHOOD

Work alongside dedicated individuals who become like family.



## TRAINING & GROWTH

Receive top-notch training and develop skills for life.



## CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Face new challenges, build confidence, and make a lasting difference.



## GET INVOLVED

Contact us today to learn more about joining our team!

**WE NEED YOU!**  
VOLUNTEER TODAY. LEAD TOMORROW.