

Town of Charlemont October 2026 Newsletter



Early Voting in Charlemont!

Early voting will take place in the Town Hall.

Our early voting hours for the November 3, 2026, Election are as follows:

Monday, October 19, 8am to 1pm	Monday, October 26, 8am to 1pm
Tuesday, October 20, 8am to 1pm	Tuesday, October 27, 8am to 1pm
Thursday, October 22, 2pm to 7pm	Thursday, October 29, 2pm to 7pm
Friday, October 23, 8am to 1pm	Friday, October 30, 8am to 1pm
Saturday, October 24, 1pm to 5pm	Saturday, October 31, 1pm to 5pm

See you at the polls!

FALL “CLEAN SWEEP” BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Fall 2026 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. The two collection locations are Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South) in Shelburne Falls, and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane in Whately.

Please note that the collection is not being held at the Erving location this time. Area residents can bring materials to the other two bulky waste day sites or to Greenfield Transfer Station (separate pricing applies).

Residents and businesses from any of the District’s 21 member towns may bring bulky items to the two collection sites. There are charges for most items (cash only). A price list for the most common items is at: 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 or contact the District at 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.

News from the School Committee
HRS & HAY (Hawlemont Agriculture & You) News: October 2026

- HRS Alumni Recognition: *Natalie Lanoue* of Charlemont was recently selected for her academic excellence to be honored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.
- HAY Apple Squeeze: Saturday October 3 @10 am - 5pm at the Oktoberfest being held at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School in Shelburne Falls to raise money for the HAY program at HRS.
- HAY Update: Farm animals have returned to the barn and townspeople are invited to participate in feeding them during weekends and school vacations. Contact Stacey Mackowiak, HAY teacher, for more information at HRS 339-8316 or smackowiak@mtrsd.org.
- HRSD School Committee Meetings: Next meeting will be Monday October 5 @ 5pm (in the school library and remotely). Future meetings happen on the second Monday of every month @ 5pm. [LINK](#) for HRSD School Committee info.

COMMUNITY TECH CONVERSATION



Let's talk about DIGITAL PRIVACY

How to protect
yourself, your data,
and your community
in a connected world.



Friendly conversation
in plain language



Learn, ask questions,
and share ideas



Open to everyone –
all experience levels
welcome!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
5:30 – 7:00 PM



TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
157 Main Street, Charlemont, MA

*Everyone
is welcome!*

Join the conversation
about technology,
privacy, and a safer,
more informed
community.



Cyber-Seniors®

Connecting Generations
Bridging Technology

This program is a partnership with the towns of Northfield, Charlemont, Colrain, Leyden, Wendell, and New Salem, and is funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program. Funding was provided by Massachusetts ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds.



**MassBroadband
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at the MassTech Collaborative



Tyler Memorial Library



Crafting with Mary Ann



Fall into Felting

Saturday, October 10th



12:00 – 2:00pm



Take a look at these ideas



You can do these in one sitting



Please sign up so we know what we need for supplies



All supplies will be provided



**Mass Cultural Council Grants
support this program**

Potluck

Library Cookbook
Dinner

The Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library
invite you to participate in the
2nd Annual Potluck Get-together.

Tuesday, October 13 at 5 p.m.

Join the Friends
at the Charlemont Federated Church.
Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.

The Library has three shelves full
of cookbooks! Find one that
you'd like to cook a recipe from.

