

## Town of Charlemont September 2025 Newsletter



### ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste District will hold the 2025 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 20, at Greenfield Community College (GCC) and the Orange Transfer Station.

**Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 10th.** Online pre-registration for the 2025 collection will open in mid-August at [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org). Mail-in registration forms will be available in mid-August at town transfer stations and in local newspapers.

Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring waste to the collection; an appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of most of the district's 21 member towns. Businesses may participate but must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This event provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover *oil-based* paints, stains, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other household chemicals. A more complete list of acceptable items is at [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org).

Batteries and mercury-containing items such as fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats are not accepted at this collection but should never be put in trash or recycling. Handle them carefully, bring them to a municipal transfer station or a [Regional Hazardous Waste "Super Site"](#) and hand to the attendant. Fluorescent light bulbs are also accepted at Lowe's (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

### Board of Health News

#### Want to be a Good Neighbor?

The FRCOG's Franklin County/North Quabbin Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Network and Greenfield Community College invite you to **celebrate Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day on or around the weekend of Sept 26-28.**

September 28 was declared National Good Neighbor Day during Jimmy Carter's presidency and has had a resurgence recently with increased awareness of the powerful positive impact social networks can have on

individual and community health. In Massachusetts, the statewide Coalition to Build Community and End Loneliness is rallying communities across the state to host Good Neighbor Day events this year.

There are lots of ways to organize an activity that strengthens connections between people who live, work, or play in a particular place such as a park, neighborhood, library, apartment building, or senior center. You don't have to start from scratch! The FRCOG can provide a Good Neighbor Day Toolkit and lots of other helpful materials for getting to know your neighbors.

Interested in hosting something to bring neighbors closer together? Fill out [this form](#) or visit [bit.ly/GND-CHIP](http://bit.ly/GND-CHIP) to sign up.

### Charlemont Town Picnic

**The Charlemont Town Picnic will be held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds on September 13 from 3-7 PM.**



The event is a potluck so please bring your own picnic or a dish to share with the community. There will be lawn games such as bocce and corn hole (and you are invited to bring your sets from home or other favorite games to share).

This event is an initiative of Charlemont residents for Charlemont residents and friends and supported by the Charlemont Parks and Recreation Department

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# Fall GNOMES



MAKE A GNOME FOR FALL

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SEPTEMBER, 2025

PROGRAM STARTS AT 12:30 PM

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The library needs your help. Please respond to this community survey either online via this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3EVPeqYYfh5tmNmzH4lUmSmwQizsu72FEBoIVoQy1Z-XtxA/viewform?usp=sharing> or on paper. The survey is brief, and your answers will help us with our strategic planning



**TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
157 Main Street, Charlemont, MA 01339  
charlemonlibrary.org 413-339-4335

## Community Survey

### How often do you visit the Library?

- ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ A few times a year ☐ Rarely or never

### If you don't use the Library, why not? (check all that apply)

- ☐ I'm too busy ☐ I'm not interested in Library services or materials  
☐ Transportation ☐ The Library does not have what I want  
☐ Library hours are not convenient ☐ I buy the books and media I want  
☐ I do not feel welcome (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### What of the following library services do you use? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Borrowing books, movies, etc. ☐ Digital borrowing (eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines, etc.)  
☐ Library Programs ☐ Social/Study Space ☐ Museum passes  
☐ Children's Room ☐ Internet and WiFi ☐ Copying and Printing

### Do you have suggestions about how any of these services could be improved?

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### Would you be interested in a Story Hour with books, songs, and crafts for little ones (age 5 and younger)? If yes, please check your preferred times (all that apply.)

- ☐ Weekday mornings ☐ Weekday afternoons ☐ Saturday mornings  
☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### How do you prefer to learn about library services and programs? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Town Newsletter ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ School emails  
☐ Facebook ☐ Newspapers ☐ Library Newsletter (Wowbrary)  
☐ Flyers around Town ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Are there any programs, services, or collections (for seniors, adults, kids, or teens) you would like the Library to offer that we currently do not offer? Are there any specific hours the Library could add to make the hours more convenient to you?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete our community survey.  
Your feedback will help us with strategic planning.  
Please return this survey to the Library, in the book drop or inside, or  
complete online using the QR code provided, or by visiting  
charlemonlibrary.org