



NOTICE FROM ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

APPLICATIONS FOR CHAPTER 61, 61A & 61B CLASSIFICATION

The application deadline for applying for Chapter 61 (forestland), 61A (agricultural/horticultural land) or 61B (recreational land) classification is now **December 1st**. Chapter 61A and 61B applications are due annually and must be received by this date to be classified for the following Fiscal Year. Applications and owner's acknowledgements can be found on the Town Website at [Board of Assessors - Town of Charlemont \(charlemont-ma.us\)](https://charlemont-ma.us), or may be requested by contacting the office at 413-339-8586, x2 or you can request to have an application emailed to you annually by filling out an email authorization form, also found on the website. Completed applications received or postmarked by December 1st are considered to be filed on time, however early applications are always accepted.

NOTICE FROM ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Applications for exemption of Fiscal Year 2024 property taxes have been mailed out to those who requested them. Applications are also available on the town website at: [Board of Assessors - Town of Charlemont \(charlemont-ma.us\)](https://charlemont-ma.us), or you may contact the Assessor's office at 413-339-8586, x2 to request an application. Tax Exemptions are available to the following individuals who qualify Seniors/Surviving Spouse/Minors, Veterans/Surviving spouse with a service-connected disability of over 10%, Legally Blind and Financial Hardship/Active Military/Age & Infirmary.

By State statute, signed, completed applications are due back to the Assessors by April 1st, 2024, however if your application is received by December 1st, 2023, and you qualify, the exempted amount will be automatically deducted from your 3rd & 4th quarter tax bills.

Please be sure to fill in and submit copies of **all** requested information in the application; the Board will not act on an incomplete application. If you have any questions or need assistance with an application, you may contact the Assessor's Office at 413-339-8586, x2.

The Town of Charlemont is seeking a part-time Town Clerk.

Job Description is available on the Town of Charlemont Website, hours will be determined upon employment. Interested parties should send letter of interest and resume to selectboard@townofcharlemont.org or mail to:

Selectboard – Town of Charlemont

PO box 677

Charlemont MA 01339.

Broadband News- Reminder

The Charlemont Broadband Committee has a planning grant to improve equity in broadband access. Members of the committee would like to interview town residents about barriers to broadband access and are interested in hearing from you, whether you currently have town internet or not. The goal is to understand what makes it easy or hard to access broadband in Charlemont and to guide our state officials about how to best allocate future broadband funding.

If you would be willing to participate in a five minute interview to improve broadband access, let us know by phone at (413) 337-1199 or email at broadbandoutreach@townofcharlemont.org. If you would prefer, you can offer your input using [an anonymous survey](https://bit.ly/charlemont_digital_access) (https://bit.ly/charlemont_digital_access).

Charlemont Community Wood Bank News

The Town of Charlemont has begun work on the startup of a community wood bank.

A wood bank works by using public and private trees, some that are harvested during ongoing utility right of way work. The results of their forest management operations are delivered for processing. Volunteers store and maintain a firewood log inventory at a processing yard.

Then state and local partners use equipment to cut firewood logs into stove length rounds and local volunteers split and stack firewood for drying.

A local social aid organization allocates dry firewood to people in need of energy.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or joining the wood bank committee, please email administrator@townofcharlemont.org .



Local Author Joan Livingston

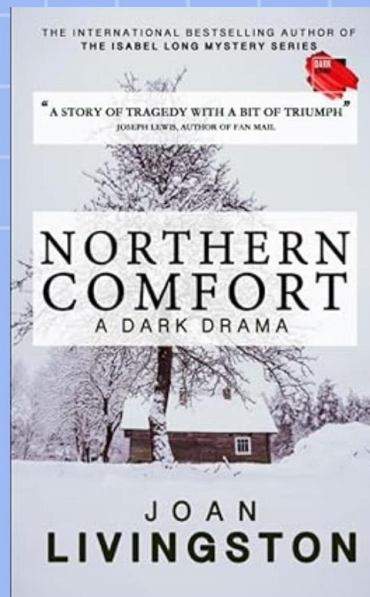
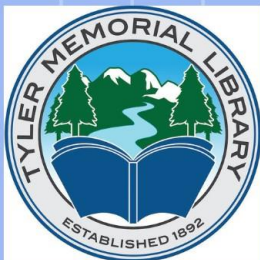
**Saturday, December 2
3 p.m.**



Meet Author Joan Livingston

Joan Livingston is the author of novels for adult and young readers, including the Isabel Long Mystery Series, which will have the seventh, *Missing the Deadline*, released by darkstroke books soon. Her most recent release is *Northern Comfort*, set like most of her books, including *The Sacred Dog* and *Northern Comfort*, in the fictional hilltowns of Western Massachusetts. She is currently writing a sequel to *The Sacred Dog* called *the Unforgiving Town*. She relies on her deep knowledge of rural Western Massachusetts, where she lives on the Buckland side of Shelburne Falls, and once covered as a long-time journalist, to create realistic characters and settings.

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157 Main Street
Charlemont, MA**





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Town Hall
157 Main Street

FAMILY STORY HOUR

Come and listen, dance, and sing!

Saturday* mornings at 11:00

We will read a story, sing a song and clap our hands!



*November 4, November 18, December 9