

Town of Charlemont October 2024 Newsletter



Election News

Our final election of 2024 is coming on November 5th! Polls will be open at Hawlemont School from 7am to 8pm. Observers are welcome at the polls. State law requires the election be held in the public view. To achieve this legal requirement, observers are permitted inside the polling place, unless they are disorderly or obstruct the access of voters. An observer must comply with the applicable laws and regulations and observing must be done in a manner so as not to interfere with the voter or voting process and in conformity with the instructions of local officials.

You can mail your Vote-by-Mail ballot to PO Box 605 or drop it off up to 8pm on November 5th in the voter drop box behind the town hall.

In-Person Early Voting hours will be:

- Monday, October 21st from 8am to 1pm
- Tuesday, October 22nd from 8am to 1pm
- Thursday, October 24th from 2pm to 7pm
- Friday, October 25th from 8am to 1pm
- Saturday, October 26th from 1pm to 5pm
- Monday, October 28th from 8am to 1pm
- Tuesday, October 29th from 8am to 1pm
- Thursday, October 31st from 2pm to 7pm
- Friday, November 1st from 8am to 1pm

For more voter information, visit <https://townofcharlemont.org/p/24/Town-Clerk>

Fall 2024 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Fall 2024 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The three collection locations are Erving Highway Garage on Public Works Boulevard (off Rt. 2) (*Please note: new collection site this fall*); Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South), Buckland; 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 one of the three collection sites. Acceptable items include tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

There are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A price list for the most common items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. **Pre-registration is not required for this event.**

Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this collection. There are six regional mattress recycling locations across Franklin County, which are open year-round. For locations, pricing, and hours, see franklincountywastedistrict.org/mattress-recycling. If you are unsure if your mattress and box spring can be recycled, call the District office at 413-772-2438.

Electronics are accepted at the District’s bulky waste day, but residents are also encouraged to recycle computer equipment and televisions at their town’s transfer station, or at Greenfield Transfer Station. Staples stores accept computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details.

Clean, dry textiles and books will be accepted for free reuse or recycling. Textiles must be contained inside a sturdy plastic bag. Textiles are now banned from the trash in Massachusetts. Textile recycling accepts 95% of all textiles and shoes, including clothing or linens that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers. Damaged textiles can be sold to manufacturers that make insulation or shop rags. Acceptable items include CLEAN & DRY clothing, shoes, and accessories; plus, curtains, sheets, towels, and stuffed animals in any condition (except moldy or wet). Books can be in any condition (except moldy or wet) and can be hardcover or paperback. No encyclopedias.

Bulky Rigid Plastics will be collected separately for a special recycling program; \$5 per load of acceptable items. This special recycling program only accepts these bulky rigid plastic items: clean and empty 5-gallon pails, plastic lawn furniture, laundry baskets, storage totes, plastic trash barrels, recycling bins, and milk crates.

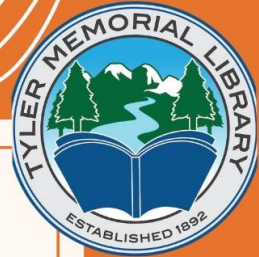
Before sending unwanted items for disposal or recycling, consider offering them for reuse. Various charities, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores and non-profits, accept donations of household items and working electronics. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item. Or offer reusable items on a local “Buy Nothing” Facebook group, Freecycle group, or local town groups such as NextDoor.

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

Open Space and Recreation Plan Work

Charlemonts Open Space and Recreation plan is "outdated". The Open Space and Recreation Plan is a document that outlines Charlemonts open space and recreation assets and makes a plan for continued preservation and utilization of our open spaces. See all the documents and access the community survey via the link below.

<https://townofcharlemont.org/p/1089/Open-Space-and-Recreation-Plan>



GRAPEVINE WREATHS

CELEBRATE FALL!
CREATE YOUR OWN
GRAPEVINE WREATH

All supplies provided



**12:30 P.M.
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19**

**TYLER MEMORIAL
LIBRARY
157 MAIN ST
CHARLEMONT MA**

Franklin County Vaccine Clinics Fall 2024



The CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older receive **both** an annual flu vaccine and the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available on:

Oct. 2
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Elm Terrace (Gfld)

Oct. 18
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Greenfield High School

Oct. 23
4 - 7 p.m.
Pioneer Valley Regional
School (Northfield)

Oct. 10
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Gill/Montague
Senior Ctr. (flu only)

Oct. 21
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bernardston Senior Ctr.

Oct. 30
3:30 - 7 p.m.
Mohawk Trail Regional
School (Shelburne Falls)

3:30 - 6 p.m.
Deerfield Elementary

Oct. 24
4 - 7 p.m.
Montague Town Hall

Oct. 31
12 - 3 p.m.
Erving Senior Ctr.

Oct. 17
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Northfield Senior Ctr.

Oct. 22
3:30 - 7 p.m.
Hawlemont Elementary
(Charlemont)

Nov. 1
4 - 7 p.m.
Newton Elementary
(Gfld)

Register in advance to reserve your dose(s); some walk-in vaccine may be available.
High dose flu vaccine may be available for seniors who pre-register.

To register, click on the location above or visit <https://frcog.org/covid>
Bring your photo ID and insurance card, if you have one.



Fall 2024 Vaccination Clinics are co-sponsored by the FRCOG, MA Department of Public Health, CDR Maguire Ambulance, and local health departments. Host locations are not necessarily sponsors of the clinics.