

PLANNING PROJECT

The town of Charlemont is currently involved in an economic development planning project. If you would like to give input into the project, please email the town administrator at:

administrator@townofcharlemont.org

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2022 DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE!

All dogs, 6 months or older, must be licensed with the Town Clerk's office every year.

New dogs must be licensed within 30 days of their arrival to Charlemont.

Proof of current rabies vaccination (and spay/neuter certificate, if applicable) are required to

license your dog.

Licenses can be purchased by mail or Town Hall drop box. Contact Town Clerk Kathy Reynolds if you have questions.

Transfer Station Updates

The Transfer station will be switching from the Town of Charlemont bags that are currently required to dispose of trash, to the use of stickers. The stickers will be \$1.00 each with the following requirements per bag:

1 sticker for a bag that is up to 20 gallons in size

2 stickers for a 30–33-gallon in size bag

3 stickers for a contractor size bag.

Board of Health Updates

Nursing services are back! Lisa White will be back at the Federated Church on the 2nd Tuesday from 10:30-12:00 and at the Good Neighbors food distribution on the 3rd Tuesday from 4-5:30. And be sure to meet our new nurse, Meg Ryan. Services offered; you might ask.

- Health screenings
- Flu and Covid vaccinations (make an appointment for Covid)
- Individualized help managing chronic health conditions
- Tools for medication self-management
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange
- Home visits for those in need

To reach the nurses:

Lisa White: lwhite@frcog.org or 413-774-3167 x156

Meg Ryan: mryan@frcog.org or 413-774-3167 x158

Another opportunity to get a Covid vaccine is the state's mobile vaccination clinics. To register for a clinic, go to the town website, Charlemont-ma.us, and click on the link to the clinics or call 413-339-4335 x6,2 and leave your name and phone number. We will call you back.

Thursday February 3 Mohawk Trail Regional High School 1:00-6:00 pm

Friday February 11 Pioneer Valley Regional School 2:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 16 Jon Zon Community Center 2:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 22 Franklin County Technical School 2:00-6:00 pm

Franklin County friends and champions of Age-Friendly Communities

The Age-Friendly Communities Initiative is launching a regional survey in Franklin County and the North Quabbin. The initiative is a collaboration led by LifePath with FRCOG and participating Councils on Aging and Senior Centers. Through this survey, we are trying to understand areas to improve to help our region to become a great place for people to grow older. The information collected through this process will be used to create an Age-Friendly Action Plan and to apply for grants to improve conditions for older people in our towns. This survey is for residents over 50 years old, as well as caregivers of older adults. Please help us by sharing the survey with your networks. To make it accessible to as many people as possible, we are accepting both online and print submissions until March 11th.

To fill out the survey online, you can visit the following address Charlemont-ma.us. To request a printed copy, and for any other inquiries, please contact Meg Ryan, RN, Regional Public Health Nurse at FRCOG, (mryan@frcog.org, 413 774-3167 x 158),

Town Government Spotlight

Have you ever wondered how you can participate in town government? Stay tuned to the next edition of the newsletter for updates and information on open town election positions, and how to run for those positions, also see below for our monthly featured town position highlight:

Conservation Commission:

Role: "One of the important functions of the Conservation Commission is to administer the state wetland regulations within our town. Generally, any activity within 200' of a year-round stream, brook or river, or activity within 100' of a marsh, pond, flood plain or other wetland requires Conservation Commission review."

Number of members: 5 **Time commitment:** Varies **Suggested qualifications:** Construction and environmental interest are helpful but not required.

Tyler Memorial Library

Highlights from Kim at Tyler Memorial Library: Hello Charlemont and welcome to February. Curbside Pickup and Services are available until further notice. Call ahead for faster service: 339-4335. Sign up with Wowbrary at wowbrary.org for weekly newsletters which include news about new books and movies. Also, check out Hoopla at hoopladigital.com for downloadable movies, music, and books. hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips. Anytime. Anywhere.