



### **News From the Tax Collector**

Taxpayers are reminded that the second quarter payment for Fiscal Year 2024 real estate and personal property taxes are due by November 1, 2023

Please note your second quarter voucher was mailed with your first quarter voucher, both quarters were in one mailing.

Please mail your payments to PO box 606 Charlemont MA 01339, or you may leave them in the lock box at the Charlemont Town Hall.

The Treasurer/Tax Collector's office will be closed October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 3, 2023, for vacation.

### **Broadband News**

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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/charlemont_digital_access)).

### **Transfer Station News**

On October 1, 2023, the following changes took place.

- The Town of Charlemont transfer station will no longer be accepting contractor bags.
- The sticker price will rise to \$2 dollars a sticker.
- All bags will cost \$2.

There is no change to current policies:

- Town of Charlemont use only.
- No commercial use of the Transfer Station
- 20 Free stickers per year for individuals over 70
- All other waste disposal requirements laid out by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

#### **Why this change, and why now.**

We track the ratio of sticker/bag revenue to tons of trash hauled. Upon review of our FY23 numbers we discovered two things.

- We are not hauling more trash than prior years.
- We are taking in less revenue from stickers than we were from bags in prior years.

Therefore, we believe the best way to address this discrepancy is to return to the pricing schedule that was in place when we had a bag program. \$2.00 per bag with a maximum size of 30 gallons. This will have an additional benefit of reducing variability when determining the price of disposing trash.

The alternative way to address is for this shortfall to affect all town residents by way of an increase in the tax rate.

As the transfer station is a fee for use service it is believed the best way to address the shortfall is to raise the fees when the service is being used.

### **News From the Town Clerk's Office**

Interim Town Clerk, Thorne Palmer will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 8am- 1pm. Thursday 2pm-7pm except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, hours will be 1pm-6pm

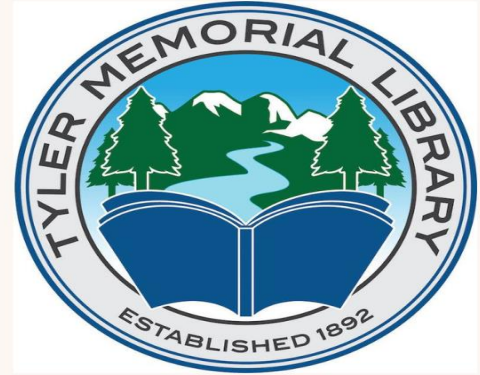
# GET ORGANIZED!

**DOWNSIZE YOUR POSSESSIONS FOR ANY CHANGE OR CHALLENGE IN YOUR LIVING SITUATION**

**CREATE ORGANIZING SYSTEMS FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE AND NOBODY ELSE'S**

**LIVE AN ORGANIZED LIFE THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE CONSTANT MAINTENANCE**

Home Organizer, Interior Decorator, and Author Bonnie Borromeo Tomlinson will share her secrets for organizing your home in a way that best suits you!



**2 PM  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28  
TYLER MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY  
157 MAIN STREET  
CHARLEMONT MA**



Sponsored by the  
Charlemont-Hawley  
Cultural Council



## Tyler Memorial Library Charlemont MA

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!



October 14 and October 28