

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



The Pipeline

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Voting Options

Mail Ballot Voting:

Mail Ballots must be returned by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, either to the Charlestown Board of Canvassers by mail, in person in the drop box at the entrance to the Town Hall or to the State Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02813

Early In Person Voting:

October 14, 2020 – November 2, 2020

Charlestown Town Hall, Council Chambers,
4540 South County Trail, Charlestown RI 02813
from October 14, 2020 through November 2, 2020
Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

In Person Voting on Election Day:
November 3, 2020; 7:00am - 8:00pm

Sample Ballot

A sample ballot of the candidates has been included for your review prior to election day. The names under the category for Senator in General Assembly have been left blank because those positions are based on districts and are not the same for everyone in Charlestown. The candidates for this race are listed below.

See Sample Ballot on next page.

Senate District Information

The following candidates' names will appear on the ballot in the following categories. The candidate you will vote for depends on the district in which you live. These names have been eliminated from the sample ballot, and placed here, to avoid confusion due to Senate District lines.

District	Charlestown Polling Locations
0501	Charlestown Elementary School 363 Carolina Back Road
0502	Charlestown Town Hall, Council Chambers 4540 South County Trail
0503	Quonochontaug Grange 5662 Post Road
0504	St. James Parish Center 2079 Matunuck Schoolouse Rd.

Senator in General Assembly
<i>District 34</i>
Voting District 0501 & 0502
Jennifer C. Douglas (D)
Elaine J. Morgan (R)
Write-in
<i>District 38</i>
Voting Districts 0503 & 0504
Dennis L. Algieri (R)
Write-in

Questions? Call 401-364-1200



Mail Voter
 State of Rhode Island Official Ballot
 General Election
 November 3, 2020
 Charlestown



TO MARK YOUR CHOICE
 Fill in the oval to the left of your choice.
 Do not make any marks outside of the oval.



TO VOTE FOR A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
 To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, fill in the oval to the left of "Write-in" and print the name clearly in the box.

**Presidential Electors For:
 Four Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Donald J. Trump
 President
Michael R. Pence
 Vice President
 REPUBLICAN

Joseph R. Biden
 President
Kamala D. Harris
 Vice President
 DEMOCRAT

**Roque "Rocky"
 De La Fuente**
 President
Darcy G. Richardson
 Vice President
 Alliance

Brian Carroll
 President
Amar Patel
 Vice President
 American Solidarity

Gloria La Riva
 President
Sunil Freeman
 Vice President
 Socialism & Liberation

Howie Hawkins
 President
Angela Nicole Walker
 Vice President
 Independent Left

Jo Jorgensen
 President
Jeremy "Spike" Cohen
 Vice President
 Libertarian

Write-in

**Senator in Congress
 Six Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Allen R. Waters
 REPUBLICAN

John F. Reed
 DEMOCRAT

Write-in

**Representative in
 Congress
 District 2
 Two Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Robert B. Lancia
 REPUBLICAN

James R. Langevin
 DEMOCRAT

Write-in

**Senator in
 General Assembly
 District
 Two Year Term
 Vote for 1**

REPUBLICAN

DEMOCRAT

Write-in

**Representative in
 General Assembly
 District 36
 Two Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Blake A. Filippi
 REPUBLICAN

Write-in

**Town Moderator
 Two Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Ronald J. Areglado
 Independent

Charles W. Beck
 Independent

Write-in

**Chariho
 School Committee
 Four Year Term
 Vote for 1**

Gail L. McAllister
 Independent

Write-in

**Town Council
 Two Year Term
 Vote for up to 5**

Grace F. Klinger
 REPUBLICAN

Deborah A. Carney
 DEMOCRAT

Stephen J. Stokes
 REPUBLICAN

Jodi J. Frank
 DEMOCRAT

W. Scott Keeley
 DEMOCRAT

Jacob A. Wolfgang
 Independent

Bonita B. Van Slyke
 Independent

Susan J. Cooper
 Independent

Cody W. Clarkin
 Independent

David M. Wilkinson
 Independent

Sheila M. Andrew
 Independent

Write-in

Write-in

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**Non-Partisan
 Planning Commission
 Top Two Vote Getters Will
 Serve For a Six Year Term.
 Next Two Top Vote Getters
 Serve For a Two Year Term As
 Alternates.
 Vote for up to 4**

Ruth L. Platner

Patricia A. Stamps

Gordon L. Foer

Frances M. Topping

Howard T. Stephens

Walter B. Mahony, III

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Sample

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Charlestown Parks and Recreation 2020 Programs and Events



Trunk or Treat - Our COVID safe version of our Trunk or Treat event. Pre-register your family and walk through Ninigret Park and look at the decorated trunks, pre-made candy bags will be given out to all the children. Stick around for the Drive-In short Halloween Movies. All participants must register on our website www.charlestownrec.com by October 29th @ 4:30 pm.

Location: Ninigret Park in Charlestown

Date / Time: Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

We are in need of volunteers to decorate their trunks! If you are interested, please fill out the form on our website www.charlestownrec.com

Hunter Education Course - The goal of hunter education is to train safe, responsible, and law-abiding hunters. The first mandated hunter education program began in New York in 1949 to reduce hunting incidents. As hunter education programs spread across the country, safety coordinators formed what is now the International Hunter Education Association to create a core curriculum for hunting courses.

Dates & Times: Sat & Sun, October 24th & 25th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Kettle Pond Visitor Center, 50 Bend Rd, Charlestown, RI 02813

Cost: This is a **Free Training run by the RI State DEM**

The class size max is 13 so register early!



Beginner Guitar Lessons - Guitar lessons are taught by URI music performance and public speaking graduate Brendon Murano. As well as being an accomplished member of various award-winning bands on both bass and guitar, he is also an experienced ASCAP Publisher, Songwriter, Producer, Recording & Mastering Engineer, Session musician, DJ and father who has been performing across the nation professionally for over 15 years.

Dates & Times: Session 1 - Wed, September 16th-October 7th

Session 2 -Wed, October 14th-November 4th

Location: Charlestown Sr. Community Center

Cost: \$100 per student per session ***students must provide own guitar***



Babysitter Training Class - Nurse Catherine Alexander will teach your 11-14 year old the ins and outs of babysitting. There are lots of "hands on" practice using adult and infant mannequins. The instructor is a registered nurse who is certified with the American Heart Association as a CPR and First Aid instructor. The first 3 hours will focus on CPR, First Aid and AED training. The second half is focused on child safety, changing, feeding and getting your babysitting business started. Please bring a bagged lunch, drink and plenty of snacks. **Students get a certificate and t-shirt.**

Location: Charlestown Sr. Community Center

Date & Times: Saturday, November 14th , 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$72 per student

A minimum of 7 students needed for class to run



Online Pizza Cooking Class

Learn to make a Detroit style pizza! First class is an overview of materials and ingredients, 2nd class is dough and sauce making and 3rd is putting it all together. **This class will be live streamed on Zoom.**

Dates & Time: Wednesdays 12/9, 12/16 and Thursday 12/17, 6:00 pm

Cost: \$10





News from the Tax Collector's Office

Fall is here and as *Halloween* approaches, so do your **2nd quarter** taxes "*witch*" are due **November 1st** and late after **December 1st**! November is also the time of year to block Motor Vehicle registrations with RIDMV. If you are delinquent with your Motor Vehicle account, **your registration will be blocked**. In order to have your registration cleared, your Motor Vehicle taxes will need to be **PAID IN FULL!!!** Delinquent notices have gone out for 1st quarter Real Property delinquencies. If you receive a delinquent notice and know you also have delinquent Motor Vehicle taxes, please call for the accrued interest on your Motor Vehicle account.

We do accept credit card payments, by phone or online. You can access both credit card companies through the Town website @ www.charlestownri.org or through their sites. For Official Payments Corp., go to www.officialpayments.com or call 833-398-6729 (new #). You will need to know your account number and the jurisdiction code (4902). You can also pay online through www.RleGov.com which requires both your **PIN#** and **account #**. You will find your personal PIN# on your tax bill. Both credit card companies charge a convenience fee of approximately 3%. If you need any assistance with paying by credit card, please contact our office at 401-364-1234. The **3rd quarter** installment of the 2020 Tax Roll is due **February 1st** and delinquent after **March 1st**.

Also, we have a drop box at the building entrance for your convenience; in case you are unable to pay during normal business hours. If a receipt is requested, please send your payment to 4540 South County Trail and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. We look forward to a happy and healthy Holiday Season for all of our Charlestown residents and taxpayers here in the Tax Collector's Department!

As a final reminder, we do not accept Fire District Tax Payments at our office; please mail your payments to the address shown on your Fire District tax bill.

Thank you.

Jo Anne Santos
Tax Collector

**FACE MASK COVERING
MUST BE WORN TO ENTER
TOWN HALL
FOR THE SAFETY
OF OUR EMPLOYEES
& YOUR SAFETY.**

Use a scarf, bandana
or
a homemade mask.



Cover **BOTH**
your mouth and nose.





Free Webinar for Small Businesses

"How Can I Make It Through This?"
Small Business Tips, Resources, and Stories.
Thursday, October 22, 9-10am

If you're like many small business owners, you may be struggling to figure out how to adapt to this challenging environment and where to find resources that can actually help and are worth the time and effort.

In this free, one-hour webinar - which will have ample time for Q&A - we will discuss:

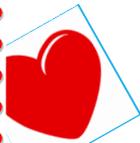
- Tips and tricks around digital marketing (website, social media, email, etc.) for reaching customers and continuing to generate sales
- Resources available (funding, business advising/consulting, etc.)
- Examples of creative and effective responses by small businesses to changes caused by COVID

Our presenter, Josh Daly, is Director of the Southern Region of the RI Small Business Development Center. He has worked with hundreds of small business clients in Rhode Island, helping them develop and implement digital marketing strategies, find and secure funding, and adapt business models to keep reaching customers and making money.

To register: <https://www.risbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=70400028>

Co-sponsor: Charlestown Economic Improvement Commission

Charlestown Animal Shelter Pets Need Homes! 364-1211



Emma

Kathy McA'Nulty
Animal Control Officer
Charlestown Animal Shelter
Sand Hill Road
401-364-1211



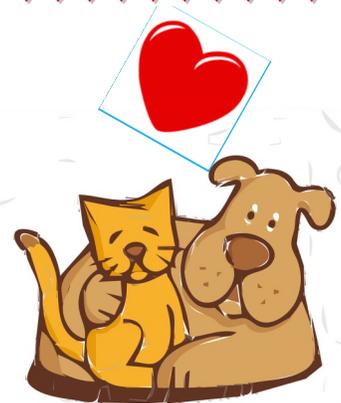
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Wildfire Risk Currently Extreme in Charlestown



2020 has been one of the driest years in Rhode Island (and in Charlestown) in at least two decades. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, nearly all of RI and all of Washington County is currently experiencing an “Extreme Drought”. With lack of precipitation comes enhanced wildland fire risk and that risk in Charlestown is currently extreme. As of September 24, over 100 wildfires have occurred in Rhode Island and burned over 77 acres. On September 20, the Charlestown Fire District with assistance from Carolina Fire Department and RIDEM Forestry responded to a wildland fire near Pasquisset Pond that burned nearly an acre and endangered a barn before it was brought under control. Even with some rainy weather in the forecast, dry and drought conditions can persist.

The nature of Charlestown’s rural character intersects our large tracts of upland shrubland, pine and hardwood forests with residential areas. Small backyard campfires, other small controlled burns or careless smoking can easily lead to an out of control wildland fire. RIDEM indicates that even lawn mowers have sparked wildland fires over the last month. Please remember that any open burning requires a permit from the Charlestown Fire District Chief or the Dunn’s Corners Fire Department, depending on which fire district you reside.

To further assess and quantify our risks from wildland fires in Charlestown, the Town, along with Charlestown EMA and the Charlestown Fire District, are currently conducting a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and are working to establish Charlestown as a “Firewise Community” under the National Fire Protection Agency. This designation will put Charlestown on the forefront of mitigating wildland fire risk in RI. Once complete, the plan will be available to the public for use and fire protection purposes.

As a 20+ year volunteer firefighter and Captain of your Volunteer Charlestown Fire District, I am urging all residents to use extreme caution during this dry period and to please consider the risks of wildfire. Remember that fire protection services in Charlestown are conducted by volunteers. Volunteer fire departments keep tax rates low and provide quality services to our community from dedicated and trained personnel. The Charlestown Fire District is actively seeking new volunteer members and there are jobs for all who are interested. For more information, please contact the Charlestown Fire District Chief at 364-9117.

Matt Dowling
Captain, Charlestown Fire District

Did you know...

- Rhode Island resident, Zacharian Allen, invented the home heating furnace and was also credited with introducing the first vehicles to the Providence Fire Company.
- Yawgoo Valley is the only skiing resort in Rhode Island. It is located on a hill in Exeter and relies heavily on artificial snowmaking.
- Seth McFarlane’s television series *Family Guy* is based in a fictional Rhode Island city named Quahog.
- The delicious appetizer, Clams Casino, originated in Rhode Island, invented by Julius Keller, the *matre d’* in the original Casino next to the seaside Towers in Narragansett.
- Wickford Village features one of the largest collections of 18th-century dwellings to be found anywhere in the northeast.
- Rhode Island’s distances from North to South are 48 miles, and East to West 37 miles.
- In 1708 the first census was taken in Rhode Island and the state population was 7,181.

A Letter of Thanks from Charlestown Ambulance Rescue Service



CHARLESTOWN AMBULANCE-RESCUE SERVICE

P.O. Box 346
4891 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813-0346
(401) 364-3742



John D. Reardon: President Board of Directors
Andrew Kettle, Chief of Department

THANK YOU!

We hope this thank you letter finds you, your family and friends in good health as we all continue to do our share to stop the spread of COVID-19. It has been a challenging time; however, we are committed to continue providing outstanding prehospital health care to our Charlestown community. This is our mission priority, regardless of the challenges we face. Your support and donations to date have been an absolute blessing as we prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andrew and I speak for all Members of the Charlestown Ambulance-Rescue Service in expressing our utmost gratitude for your donations and continued support. A special thanks to all who sent cards, delicious meals and other wonderful charitable gifts to your front-line emergency responders.

Your donations mean more than ever during these difficult times. Keeping everyday expenses of running and operating the Ambulance-Rescue aside, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide members with our accredited Emergency Medical Technician training program. The providers that work and volunteer here in Charlestown train our new EMTs here at our facility. Your EMS providers are able to attend EMS conferences, addressing contemporary and critical topics, and have attended continuing education classes, covering a wide range of topics (to include administering COVID-19 tests). Additionally, your support helps maintain Charlestown Ambulance-Rescue Service as an American Heart Association Training Site; approved to teach a wide range of American Heart Association CPR and First Aid programs. Programs are available to the Charlestown Community as requested.



As a volunteer non-profit organization, we understand the importance of teamwork. With your generosity and support to Charlestown Ambulance-Rescue Service, we will continue to provide outstanding pre-hospital care to our community.

Now more than ever, we need to do all we can to support each other as a community!

We cannot say THANK YOU enough!

John D. Reardon

Andrew Kettle

THE TOWN HALL PIPELINE

Charlestown Town Hall
 4540 South County Trail
 Charlestown, RI 02813

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**MUNICIPAL
 INFORMATIONAL
 NEWSLETTER**



Important Phone Numbers to Place by the Phone

Charlestown Ambulance Rescue (401-364-3742 for routine calls)	401-346-7744	National Grid (electricity)	800-465-1212
Charlestown Animal Shelter	401-364-1211	Police —Charlestown Automated Information System	401-213-6960
Charlestown Building Inspector	401-364-1215	Police —Charlestown	401-364-1212 non-emergency
Charlestown DPW	401-364-1230	Police —RI State	401-539-2323
Charlestown Transfer Station	401-364-1220	RI Dept. of Health Office of Drinking Water Quality	401-222-6867
Charlestown Town Hall	401-364-1200	RI American Rd Cross	401-831-7700 or 800-842-1122
Cox Cable Company	401-383-2000	RI Dept. of Health Office of Drinking Water Quality	401-831-7700 x 120 or x 110
Hospital —South County	401-782-8000	Special Needs Emergency Registry Questions or RI Relay	401-946-9996 (voice) or 711 (TTY)
Hospital —Westerly	401-596-6000	Verizon Phone Co. Repair	1-800-837-4966

Town Hall Phone Numbers

- 364-1210 Administrator
- 364-1215 Building/Zoning
- 364-1230 Dept. of Public Works
- 364-1222 Parks & Recreation
- 364-1225 Planning
- 364-1233 Tax Assessor
- 364-1234 Tax Collector
- 364-1200 Town Clerk
- 364-1235 Treasurer
- 364-1212 Police (non-emergency)
- 346-1076 Public Assistance
- 364-5030 Wastewater Mgt.

Hours of Operation

Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
 CRCC Hours: M, TH, F, SA, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 Animal Shelter: Call ahead, 364-1211
 M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon