

Volunteers needed to fill vacancies on Planning Board and Conservation Commission

Looking for a way to help your community? Charlemont has vacancies on the planning board and conservation commission. For more information on the function of the planning board or conservation commission reach out to the secretary to the boards at star.atkeson@townofcharlemont.org.

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste District is planning to hold the 2022 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 24th at GCC's Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 16th. Online pre-registration for the 2022 collection will begin in mid-August, at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. Mail-in registration forms will be available in late August at town transfer stations and in local newspapers. Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring wastes to the collection; an appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of most of the district's 21 member towns. Businesses may participate but must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438. This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other household chemicals. A more complete list of acceptable items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Batteries and mercury-containing items such as fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats will not be accepted at this collection. These items, which may contain mercury or heavy metals, should never be put in trash or recycling. Handle carefully, bring them to a municipal transfer station or a Regional Hazardous Waste "Super Site" and hand to attendant. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only). For more information visit: franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The district is an equal opportunity provider.

National Grid Planned Power Outage Information

National Grid sent notification of a planned power outage affecting the following streets in Charlemont:

Avery Brook Road, Burnt Hill Road, Burrington Road, Colrain Road, Deer Run Lane, Harris Mountain Road, Hawk Hill Road, Heath Stage Terrace, Hillandale Road, main Street, Maple Terrace, Mohawk Trail, Mountain Road, North Street, Oxbow Road, River Road, Route 2, Tinney Road and Windy Hill Road.

The outage will take place on **August 17**th **from 9am to 9:30 am**. The outage is part of National Grid making improvements to the electrical system.