Don't be Frustrated on Election Day

If you are uncertain as to your exact polling location you can access the Town’s website at www.charlestownri.org. On the right hand side of your screen, click on “Elections and Voting”. You will be redirected to the Secretary of State’s website. Click on “Find your polling place and sample ballot”.

If you don’t have access to a computer you may call the Town Clerk’s office at 364-1200.

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.

You will notice that for School Committee the ballot states, “vote for 1”, for Town Council “vote for any 5”, and for Planning Commission, “vote for any 4.” This is the maximum number you can vote for in any of these categories. However, you do not have to vote for that many candidates. You may vote for less than the number listed if you so choose, or write in a candidate.

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

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| 0501     | Charlestown Elementary School 363 Carolina Back Road | District 34  
Elaine J. Morgan (R)  
Catherine Cool Rumsey (D)  
Write-in |
| 0502     | Charlestown Town Hall, Council Chambers 4540 South County Trail | Voting District 0501 & 0502  
District 38  
Dennis L. Algiere (R)  
Write-in |
| 0503     | Quonochontaug Grange 5662 Post Road |  
Voting Districts 0503 & 0504  
District 38 |
| 0504     | Charlestown Ambulance Station 4891 Old Post Road | |

Polls will be open  
Nov. 8th  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
State of Rhode Island
Official Ballot
General Election
November 8, 2016
Chardston

Presidential Electors For:
- Donald J. Trump (President)
  Michael R. Pence (Vice President)
  Republican
- Hillary Clinton (President)
  Tim Kaine (Vice President)
  Democrat
- Gary Johnson (President)
  Bill Weld (Vice President)
  Libertarian
- Jill Stein (President)
  Ajamu Baraka (Vice President)
  Green
- "Rocky" Rogue (President)
  De La Fuente (Vice President)
  American Jobs

Representative in Congress:
- District 1:
  Rchie R. Reis (Representative)
  Republican
- District 2:
  James E. Langevin (Representative)
  Democrat
- District 3:
  Salvador G. Cordero (Representative)
  Independent
- District 4:
  Jeffrey C. Johnson (Representative)
  Independent
  Write-In

Senator in General Assembly:
- District 1:
  Write-In
- District 2:
  Write-In
- District 3:
  Write-In
- District 4:
  Write-In
- District 5:
  Blake A. Filippi (Independent)

Representative in General Assembly:
- District 36:
  Blake A. Filippi (Independent)
  Write-In
- District 37:
  Blake A. Filippi (Independent)
  Write-In
- District 38:
  Blake A. Filippi (Independent)
  Write-In

Town Council:
- Two Year Term:
  Robert L. Martin (Independent)
  Write-In
- Virginia Lee (Independent)
  Write-In
- Bertha B. Van Slyke (Independent)
  Write-In
- Steven J. Williams (Independent)
  Write-In
- Daniel L. Rhodes (Independent)
  Write-In
- John A. Caruso (Independent)
  Write-In
  Write-In
- Write-In
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- Write-In

Charlevoix School Committee:
- Four Year Term:
  Stephen M. Huzyk (Independent)
  Write-In

NonPartisan Planning Commission:
- Two Year Term:
  Frances M. topping (Independent)
  Write-In
- Lewis E. Johnson (Independent)
  Write-In
- Sherry D. Krugler (Independent)
  Write-In
- Eriq P. Russell (Independent)
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  Write-In
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  Write-In
  Write-In

State and Local Questions On Back
### State Questions

1. **STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL**
   - Approval of an act authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide water treatment facilities in the Town of Twiller.
   - Shall the proposed act be approved?
   - **Answer:** Approve

2. **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE**
   - Restoration of ethics commission jurisdiction over General Assembly members.
   - Shall the proposed act be approved?
   - **Answer:** Approve

3. **VETERANS HOME BONDS**
   - Shall the act be approved which would authorize the issuance of bonds to construct and renovate facilities for veterans and their families?
   - **Answer:** Approve

4. **LEVERAGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO CREATE 21ST-CENTURY JOBS BONDS**
   - Shall the act be approved which would authorize the issuance of bonds to construct and renovate facilities for higher education institutions?
   - **Answer:** Approve

5. **PORT INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS**
   - Shall the act be approved which would authorize the issuance of bonds to construct and renovate facilities related to port infrastructure?
   - **Answer:** Approve

6. **GREEN ECONOMY BONDS**
   - Shall the act be approved which would authorize the issuance of bonds to construct and renovate facilities related to the green economy?
   - **Answer:** Approve

7. **HOUSING OPPORTUNITY BONDS**
   - Shall the act be approved which would authorize the issuance of bonds to construct and renovate facilities related to housing opportunities?
   - **Answer:** Approve

### Local Questions

8. **AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER**
   - Shall the proposed act be approved which would amend the Charlestown Town Charter?
   - **Answer:** Approve

### Notes

- The proposed acts are submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. Each act is accompanied by a brief description and a question asking whether the act should be approved or rejected.

- The Town of Twiller is proposing an act to authorize the issuance of bonds for water treatment facilities. The act is to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The State Constitution is amended to restore ethics commission jurisdiction over General Assembly members. The amendment is to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Veterans Home bonds are to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Leveraging Higher Education to Create 21st-Century Jobs bonds are to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Port Infrastructure bonds are to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Green Economy bonds are to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Housing Opportunity bonds are to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The Charlestown Town Charter is amended to allow for changes to the charter. The amendment is to be approved or rejected by the voters.

- The proposed acts are detailed further in the referenced documents, which are not included in this text.
Did You Miss the Voter Registration Deadline of October 9th?

You can still register to vote for the offices of President and Vice President. RIGL § 17-1-3 states “…A person who has not registered to vote, or whose registration has been canceled pursuant to § 17-10-1, may cast a vote for President and Vice President on election day at his or her city or town hall or at an alternate location designated by the Board of Canvassers, and approved by the Board of Elections, where such location is deemed necessary to better accommodate such voters.” To cast this type of vote, go to Town Hall on Novem-

Ninigret Park Multiuse Pathway Nearing November Completion

The Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee is excited to report the Multiuse Pathway in Ninigret Park is under construction and should be available by November for late season biking, walking, scooters, strollers, and cross-country skiing this winter. We look forward to a formal opening in May during Bike Month. The Committee has submitted two grant applications this year to fund pathway construction from Ninigret to the Village Center. Unfortunately, there were many more applications than available funds. And that brings us to the ballot question November 8th. Rhode Islanders will be asked to support the $35 million Green Economy Bond. If approved by the voters, the Green Economy Bond would fund seven initiatives: historic state park development, $4 million; state land acquisition, $4 million; state bikeway development, $10 million; brownfield remediation and economic development, $5 million; stormwater pollution prevention, $3 million; local recreation grants, $5 million; and local open space grants, $4 million. The Green Economy Bond has the capacity to improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders. We urge you to vote YES.

Since it began in 1985, local open space grants have helped communities protect 160 properties. Advocates for bikeways are excited to see the largest bond dollar allocation of $10 million confirms the value RI places on safe bikeway creation. Charlestown has been talking for 30 years about having safe biking/walking. The Committee believes the time is ripe! Please consider approving the Green Economy Bond November 8th.

To advance the work of the Committee, a Tri-Town Coastal Route group has been formed. Westerly, Charlestown and South Kingstown are working together with the vision of connecting by way of a linear park. Our joint effort enhances grant funding opportunities as we anticipate the Green Economy Bond. Throughout the country, linear parks have become vacation/recreational destinations. We can think of no better place than our beautiful South Shore for a linear park. Westerly, has been actively working towards a Misquamicut/Shore Road pathway which will connect to Route 1—the first leg of the Coastal Route! Please join us at our next Tri-Town Coastal Route meeting October 13th 3:00 PM at Charlestown Town Hall. We would love your in-put and experience with bikeways. For more information call Faith LaBossiere at 401 364-6400

News from the Tax Collector's Office

2nd quarter taxes 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:

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Single-use plastic bags, the bags we are given to carry our purchases from a store, are a major source of plastic pollution, a health hazard to aquatic animals and an eyesore as litter along our roadways. Last May, the Charlestown Town Council approved up to $10,000 to underwrite costs for distributing reusable tote bags in an effort to reduce single-use plastic waste.

Statistics on the environmental impact of disposable plastic can overwhelm our capacity to comprehend. Eight million tons of discarded plastic finds its way to the world’s oceans each year, a rate at which plastic waste will outweigh fish by 2050. Unfavorable economics limits recycling of these bags to only 5 percent. It’s fair to ask, "Where do we start to reverse this trend?"

The Charlestown Town Council decided to ban single-use plastic bags from municipal properties, but against banning them town-wide. Instead, the council favored a program to subsidize the sale of reusable tote bags to discourage domestic consumption of single-use plastic bags.

We located a manufacturer in India with "Fair Trade" certification (AARBUR, Kolkata) to supply us with reusable tote bags made from natural jute fiber. Steve McCandless, our computer-whiz GIS map maker, created an attractive logo of a passing sailboat to imprint on the bags, under the header "Town of Charlestown Green Consumer Initiative."

Reaction to the design and quality was so favorable that we abandoned an earlier plan to sell advertising on one side of the bag, and decided instead to have our copyrighted logo printed on both sides. Retailers saw the appeal of the bags to tourists as souvenirs. A special thanks goes to Charlie Beck of the Mini-Super and Mike Dennen of Hungry Haven for their helpful advice.

The town bought two sizes of tote bags at $3.65 to $4 each. About a dozen local merchants agreed to purchase the bags at $2 each, and sell them without mark-up. Each bag included a one page description of our program, and a bumper sticker decal with the same logo as that on the bags. We began distributing to merchants in mid-June. In addition, Michele Voislow, assistant to the town administrator, enthusiastically advertised and sold tote bags to the public out of her office in the Charlestown Town Hall.

By summer’s end, the town sold 1,662 bags and bumper stickers. We spent $8,121 and recovered $3,394 for a net cost of $4,727. Either half the households in Charlestown bought a bag, or tourists snapped them up. In either case, the bags carry the message wherever they go, and their use will reduce plastic waste.

The collateral promotion of summer tourism merits further attention. The town is able to buy in bulk, whereas each merchant may not be so inclined. The bags were so popular that merchants indicated they could buy them at full price, and sell them at a profit. This suggests the town might promote its tourist economy by serving as a wholesale supplier to retailers at full cost.

We can’t quantify the impact of the program on plastic waste in town, but we are confident it improved public awareness, and that the attractive jute tote bags are in use.

George Tremblay Charlestown
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FREE—Fall Fun Fest 2016—Sat., Oct. 29th-6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Ninigret Park

The Spooktacular Trunk or Treat & Pumpkin Walk
Dress the kids in costumes and trick or treat with a twist; instead of going house to house participants will trick or treat from decorated car’s trunk to trunk. Candy donations for event being accepted at the Parks and Recreation office.

Then when the sun goes down the pumpkins will begin to glow! Walk along the Park on a path lit by carved pumpkins. Please donate a carved pumpkin for this event. Pumpkins can be dropped off at Ninigret Park on Friday, October 28th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Carved pumpkins will not be returned.

If you wish to decorate your car for the Trunk or Treat, you MUST pre-register by October 28th. For more information on pre-registering visit the Parks and Recreation website. There will also be children’s activities including games and a Halloween themed movie on a large outdoor screen.

Halloween Dance for Chariho 5th & 6th Grade Students
Dress up in your spookiest costume and enjoy a night of music, refreshments, a costume contest and fun!!
Friday, October 28th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm - at the Charlestown Sr. Community Center - at Ninigret Park
Price: Tickets ($8.00) on sale at the Chariho Middle School during lunch—October 26th, 27th and 28th, also available at the Parks and Recreation Office located at the Charlestown Town Hall and at the door the night of the dance.

FREE—Charlestown Town Hall Trick or Treating
Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes and Trick or Treat at each participating department in the Town Hall.
Friday, October 28th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - at the Charlestown Town Hall

New York City Bus Trip
Saturday, December 3rd, Depart from Ninigret Park at 7:30 am,
NYC Drop Off sites are: Rockefeller Center and Central Park.
Pick Up will be at 7:30 pm at the New York Public Library, 5th Ave and 42nd Street
Register online at www.charlestownrec.com or at Charlestown Parks and Recreation office at 4540 South County Trail
Price: $40 per person

Boston Celtics Bus Trip
Sunday, February 5th - Celtics vs LA Clippers Bus Leaves at 10:30 am from Ninigret Park near war memorial. Return time approximately 7:00 pm - Seats are in the Promenade Skybox Suite and the space is reserved for our trip participants.
Price: Tickets $100 each which includes coach bus.
Note: The first 14 children registered are eligible to participate in the anthem buddies program where they will get to stand on court during the national anthem before the game.

Music Classes
Music classes will be 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.

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Music Classes continued...

**Dates: Winter Session:** January 1st – March 1st at Charlestown Senior/Community Center

**Price:** $200 for eight one-hour long classes and include beginner guitar, bass, advanced guitar, bass, home studio production, music appreciation. Different class times for adults and children.

Register online at [www.charlestownrec.com](http://www.charlestownrec.com) or in our office 4540 South County Trail.

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**Cooking Classes**

**Extreme Cuisine**

Every Extreme Cuisine class will tackle a different element of cooking with step by step demonstrations, review of technique along with Q&A sessions every class! Incorporating seasonal, American regional and international cooking recipes and of course eating! Bring your appetite!! **Requirements:** a notebook and pen or laptop.

**Time:** Every other Sunday 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM (starting Fall 10/9, & winter 1/8)

**Price:** $250 for four 1 ½ hour classes ($50 savings!) due prior to first lesson or $75 per class (price covers cost of food with full meal being served every class).

**Restaurant 101**

If you are considering working in any aspect of the culinary/restaurant industry, this class will prepare you. Designed for teenagers or adults considering working in this industry or interested in switching careers into the culinary industry. Review of technique, lingo, requirements for success, “working the line”. Discussions and Q&A sessions every class! A great addition to any future restaurant professionals resume!

**Time:** Sundays 3:30 PM –4:30 PM (Starting Fall 10/9 & winter 1/8)

**Price:** $250 for eight one hour long lessons due prior to first lesson

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**Youth Basketball**

**Dates:** Season is 14 Saturdays - December 3rd through March 25th

**Price:** Registration is $60* per player, Family pricing is $5 less per additional child

* $60 registration includes a $15 reversible jersey fee per child

**Season is** 14 Saturdays: December 3 through March 25

**Placement Day is November 12th at the Charlestown Elementary School:**

9—11 year olds from 12 noon to 1:30 PM

12 –14 year olds from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
## Important Phone Numbers to Place by the Phone

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<td>RI Dept. of Health Office of Drinking Water Quality</td>
<td>401-222-6867</td>
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<td>401-782-8000</td>
<td>Special Needs Emergency Registry Questions or RI Relay</td>
<td>401-946-9996 (voice) or 711 (TTY)</td>
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<td>Hospital—Westerly</td>
<td>401-596-6000</td>
<td>Verizon Phone Co. Repair</td>
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## 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**