

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



The Pipeline

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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.



Polling Locations

District	Location
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	Charlestown Ambulance Station 4891 Old Post Road

**Polls will be open
Nov. 8th
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

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

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



State of Rhode Island
Official Ballot

General Election
November 8, 2016
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:

- 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" Roque
De La Fuente
President
Michael Steinberg
Vice President
American Delta
- Write-in

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

- Rhue R. Reis
REPUBLICAN
- James R. Langevin
DEMOCRAT
- Salvatore G. Calozzo
Independent
- Jeffrey C. Johnson
Independent
- Write-in

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

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- Write-in

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

- Blake A. Filippi
Independent
- Write-in

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

- Leone D. Mainelli
Independent
- Write-in

**Town Council
Two Year Term
Vote for any 5**

- Robert L. Malin
DEMOCRAT
- Virginia Lee
Independent
- Bonnita B. Van Styke
Independent
- Steven J. Williams
Independent
- Denise L. Rhodes
Independent
- Julie A. Carroccia
Independent
- Write-in
- Write-in
- Write-in
- Write-in
- Write-in

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

- Stephen M. Huzyk
Independent
- Write-in

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

- Frances M. Topping
- Lewis E. Johnson
- Sherry D. Krupka
- Erin P. Russell
- Write-in
- Write-in
- Write-in
- Write-in

State and
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State Questions

1. STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL

Approval of an act authorizing state-operated casino gaming at "Twin River-Tiverton" in the Town of Tiverton

Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution

Shall an act be approved which would authorize a facility owned by Twin River-Tiverton, LLC, located in the Town of Tiverton at the intersection of William S. Canning Boulevard and Stafford Road, to be licensed as a pari-mutuel facility and offer state-operated video-lottery games and state-operated casino gaming, such as table games?

Approve
 Reject

2. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Restoration of ethics commission jurisdiction over General Assembly members

Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution

Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Ethics commission - Code of ethics. - The general assembly shall establish an independent non-partisan ethics commission which shall adopt a code of ethics including, but not limited to provisions on conflicts of interest, confidential information, use of position, contracts with government agencies and financial disclosure. ~~The assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members appointed shall be required for the adoption for every rule or regulation.~~ All elected and appointed officials and employees of state and local government, of boards, commissions and agencies shall be subject to the code of ethics. The ethics commission shall have the authority to investigate alleged violations of the code of ethics, including ~~any otherwise prohibited by Article VI, Section 5, and to impose penalties, as provided by law, and any sanction issued against any party by the ethics commission shall be appealable to the judicial branch as provided by law.~~ The commission shall have the power to remove from office officials who are not otherwise subject to impeachment, or expulsion as provided by Article VI, Section 7.

Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Immunities of general assembly members. The persons of all members of the general assembly shall be exempt from arrest and their estates from attachment in any civil action, during the session of the general assembly, and ~~ten days before the commencement and two days after the termination thereof, and all process served contrary hereto shall be void.~~ For any speech in debate in either house, no member shall be questioned in any other place, ~~except by the ethics commission as set forth in Article III, Section 8.~~

Approval of the amendments to Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth above will restore the jurisdiction of the ethics commission over members of the General Assembly.

Approve
 Reject

State Questions

Questions 3 - 7
(Chapter 142 - Public Laws 2016)

Shall the action of the General Assembly, by an act passed at the January 2016 session, authorizing the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes of the state for the capital projects and in the amount with respect to each such project listed below (Questions 3 - 7) be approved, and the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes authorized in accordance with the provisions of said act?

3. VETERANS HOME BONDS - \$27,000,000

For the construction of a new Veterans Home and renovations of existing facilities.

Approve
 Reject

4. LEVERAGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO CREATE 21ST CENTURY JOBS BONDS - \$45,500,000

To make capital investments in higher education-related projects, to be allocated as follows:

(a) University of Rhode Island College of Engineering \$25,500,000
(b) University of Rhode Island Affiliated Innovation Campus Program \$20,000,000

Approve
 Reject

5. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS - \$70,000,000

For port infrastructure projects, to be allocated as follows:

(a) Port of Davenport Infrastructure at Quonset \$50,000,000
(b) Port of Providence Infrastructure \$20,000,000

Approve
 Reject

6. GREEN ECONOMY BONDS - \$35,000,000

For environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

(a) Historic State Park Development Program \$4,000,000
(b) State Land Acquisition Program \$4,000,000
(c) State Bikeway Development Program \$10,000,000
(d) Brownfield Remediation and Economic Development \$5,000,000
(e) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program \$3,000,000
(f) Local Recreation Development Matching Grant Program \$5,000,000
(g) Local Land Acquisition Matching Grant Program \$4,000,000

Approve
 Reject

7. HOUSING OPPORTUNITY BONDS - \$50,000,000

For affordable housing, urban revitalization, and blight remediation, to be allocated as follows:

(a) Affordable Housing Development \$40,000,000
(b) Urban Revitalization and Blight Remediation \$10,000,000

Approve
 Reject

Local Questions

B. AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER

Duly adopted by the Charlestown Town Council on the 9th day of August, 2016

(Amends Article XXVI Financial Referendum § C-86, Sec. B - Date, Time and Purpose)

Shall the Town Charter be amended at Article XXVI, Financial Referendum § C-86 to provide that any voter-initiated referendum to authorize bonded indebtedness on the Town may only be presented to the voters at a regularly scheduled general election?

Explanation: This amendment is intended to increase voter participation by requiring that any voter-initiated referendum question or bonding authorization be presented at a general election, rather than at the financial town meeting, when voter turnout is typically lower.

Existing Provisions: Bonding authorization referendum questions may be proposed at any financial town meeting.

Approve
 Reject

9. CHARLHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITY BONDS not to exceed \$6,000,000
(Chapters 225/266 - Public Laws 2016)

Shall an act passed at the 2016 session of the General Assembly entitled, "An act authorizing the Charlho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building for the R. Y. S. E. School, including removal of existing modular classrooms and to finance improvements to the Switch Road campus, including, but not limited to, landscaping, paving, parking and traffic re-design and all expenses incidental thereto by the issuance of not more than \$6,000,000 bonds and/or notes therefor, subject to approval of state school housing aid at a reimbursement rate of not less than 66% be approved?"

The principal of, redemption premium and interest on bonds and notes issued for the projects will be borne by the member towns in the same proportions as the enrollment of students from each town bears to the total student enrollment of the district, in accordance with the Charlho Act. The Charlho Regional School District Committee shall annually make payments from its fund balance to the member towns in an amount equal to the difference between thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of debt service and any member town's actual annual contribution of principal and interest on bonds and notes for the Projects if that contribution exceeds thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of debt service.

Approve
 Reject

Charlestown

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-pu 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

Property delinquencies. If you receive a delinquent notice and know you also have Motor Vehicle taxes, please call for the accrued interest on your Motor Vehicle account. The Town is preparing for a Tax Sale so please be sure to get those payments in. We do accept credit card payments, by phone or online. You can access Official Payments Corp. by linking through the Town Website www.charlestownri.org or directly @ www.officialpayments.com or by phone, 888-272-9829. You will need to know your account number and the jurisdiction code (4902). You may also pay online through www.RIeGovernment.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 2016 Tax Roll is due **February 1st** and delinquent after **March 1st**. Just a reminder, there is a drop box at the building entrance; in case you are unable to pay during normal business hours. If a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season to all of Charlestown's residents from the Tax Collector's Department! Thank you.

Charlestown Making Strides Against Plastic

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.

Charlestown Parks and Recreation 2016 Programs and Events



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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Charlestown Animal Shelter Pets Need Homes! 364-1211



Annie & Axel



Joe



Ned



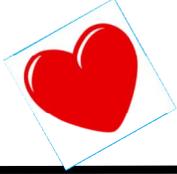
Marmalade



Annika



Padre



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 or in our office 4540 South County Trail.

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

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



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
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)
364-1076 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