



# Town Council News

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## A message from Town Council President Nancy F. Binns



### Spotlight on...

#### Sayles Avenue

The Town Council has been considering parking and traffic problems along Sayles Avenue, Pascoag for some time. While this project is not scheduled in the near future, the Council believes that early input from residents is important for planning good solutions. The Town Council has scheduled a public hearing to review concepts for possible changes to Sayles Avenue, take comments from residents, and conduct a general discussion of the parking and traffic issues. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.m. at the Pascoag Utility District, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag.

Like most other communities, we are wrestling with the effects of the cuts in State aid imposed on the town in the last few months of this budget year. We believe that prudent financial management, maintenance of a greater than required financial reserve, cooperation of municipal unions and cost containment in all departments will allow us to meet this year's challenge successfully. The frustrating issue for all communities is the requirement to produce a balanced budget without firm numbers on state aid for FY2010.

Both are mandated by state and federal agencies. Ironically, the economic crisis has helped to reduce the costs to remediate these issues. We will also aggressively pursue any stimulus funding available to further defray costs. No one can accurately predict the economic events of the future. This Council is committed to meeting the challenges in a manner that protects you, as taxpayers, and the Town's economic survival. With patience and cooperation of all, we will succeed.

In addition, the Council and administration must address two large projects in FY2010: Repair of the East Avenue Dam and re-capping of the old landfill.

## Town Building Holiday Hours

The Town Hall and Annex will close at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 9 and will be closed on Friday, April 10 to observe the Easter Holiday. Trash collection will not be affected.



## Talking Trash

The Whipple Avenue Compost Facility opens for the season on April 1 (no fooling!). The facility is open each Wednesday and Saturday from 9a.m. to 1p.m. The facility accepts compostable materials such as grass clippings, brush trimmings, tree branches and other plant material. **Compostable material will not be collected at curbside.**

## Upcoming Events:

- April 4      Easter Egg Hunt  
11:30 a.m.   Branch River Park
- April 7      Estate Planning  
1-2 p.m.      Beckwith Bruckshaw Lodge  
Call 568-9470 to register
- April 16     Senior Wellness  
11:00 a.m.   Event  
Beckwith Bruckshaw Lodge
- April 18     Earth Day Cleanup  
8:30 a.m.    Town Garage  
65 Union Avenue,  
Harrisville
- May 16      Farmers Market  
9 a.m.        Opening Day  
Levy School Parking  
Lot, Harrisville

Visit [www.burrillville.org](http://www.burrillville.org) to find out more about any of these events

## Next Town Council Meetings

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 8 at 7p.m.

### Public Hearing—

### Liquor License

Wednesday, April 22 at 7p.m.

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All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted.