



# Town Council News

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## Charter Review

A few months back, I mentioned in this column that the Council would be appointing a commission to review the Burrillville Town Charter and encouraged interested residents to apply. Many people responded and the Council recently appointed nine very capable people.

Firstly, my sincere thanks to all those who applied. The hard work and dedication of the dozens of people who volunteer for this and many other boards not only helps get the job done but also contributes to the sense of community that makes people proud to say they are from Burrillville.

Now begins the work of the Commission. During the next few weeks, forms will be distributed town wide—at the town building, on-line, and through the Bargain Buyer. Recommendations for changes to the current town charter can be submitted using these forms. The Charter Review Commission will consider recommendations and meet with residents who wish to explain their suggestions.

Please contact the Commission with your recommendations. You can also contact the town clerk's office for more information.

**Nancy F. Binns**  
Council President



## Spotlight on...

### Special Election September 15, 2009

The town will hold a special election on Tuesday, September 15 to decide a question authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the construction, equipping and furnishing of a Senior Center.

Polling locations have been combined for this election. If you are unsure of your polling location or whether you are registered to vote, please contact the Board of Canvasser's Office at 568-4300. Polling hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on the financial impact of this bond, please visit [www.burrillville.org](http://www.burrillville.org).

### Talking Trash

You may not be aware that Rhode Island Resource Recovery charges a separate fee for pick up of mattresses and box springs. Recently RIRRC raised the fee from \$15 each piece to \$50 each in every Rhode Island community.

Please do your part to help control fees charged to the town. When you buy a new mattress and box spring, ask your retailer to remove the old set.

## Council Meetings

**Wed., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.**  
Regular Meeting

**Wed., Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.**  
Regular Meeting

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted. View agendas at [www.burrillville.org](http://www.burrillville.org).

The Town Council resumes its regular schedule in September.

## Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 2                                | School Starts  |
| Sept. 13<br>10 am to<br>6 pm           | Wallum Lake Rod & Gun<br>Club Field Day<br>200 Brook Road<br>Harrisville |
| Sept 17<br>7:00 pm                     | Introduction to the Drum<br>Circle at the<br>Jesse Smith Library         |
| Sept. 14, 21<br>& 28<br>1:30 pm        | Monday Movie Matinees<br>resume at the<br>Jesse Smith Library            |
| Sept. 15<br>Polls Open<br>9 am to 9 pm | Special Election<br>Senior Center  |

The **Burrillville Arts & Crafts Festival** has been cancelled this year due to the reconstruction of the Mill Pond Dam. The Festival is scheduled to resume in 2010.

## Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library Matinee Schedule

September 2009  
Mondays @ 1:30

- 14th — *Confessions of a Shopaholic*
- 21st — *Calendar Girls*
- 28th — *It Happened One Night*

## Legal Beagle

When a new ordinance (Municipal Law) or an amendment to an existing ordinance is proposed by a Town Council member or by the town administration, the proposal is referred to the Ordinance Subcommittee for recommendation to the Town Council for passage. The Town of Burrillville's entire library of ordinances can be found online at [www.burrillville.org](http://www.burrillville.org). (Click "Town Government," then click "Town Charter"). Over the next months, this segment of the newsletter will highlight some of the more important, more obscure and more significant Town of Burrillville Ordinances.

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