

Burrillville

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Fall—Winter 2015

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John F. Pacheco III Town Council President

Greetings,

The past year has been a very proud and exciting time for our town. We have had the great pleasure of honoring state champions in athletics, a number of gifted high school band members, a nine time state champion robotics team, Eagle Scouts, and a fourteen year-old who created a useful, award winning invention. These accomplishments exemplify the quality of our kids and our schools.

We have also seen the opening of Hero Park, Gonyea Park, which will serve as a wonderful gateway into a rebuilt downtown Pascoag, and the new playground at the Clock Tower. In addition, the White Mill Park and Freedom Park have been refurbished and new equipment has been installed. A big Thank You goes out to our DPW for a job well done!

Also, let's give big shout outs to our new director of the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library and Manager of Spring Lake Beach. I encourage everyone to visit these hometown gems. They're as nice as any similar facilities in the State of RI.

Our town, like many, has been affected by the scourge of heroin and other drugs. The town has received a substantial four year state grant to combat drug and alcohol abuse. We have a competent group of people on a substance abuse task force here in town who are committed to helping anyone who seeks help. There are many resources available so please check the town, school, police, and Well-One web sites for information.

All of this would not be possible without the cooperation and efforts of all the people who work for the town. It was in that spirit of cooperation from the administration, the school department, and all town employees that the Town Council was able to pass a budget with NO tax increases.

In closing, please visit the town website where all the information is available, good and bad, concerning the Invenergy Power Plant proposal. Sign up for email news from the town or better still, attend a Town Council meeting. The Town Council encourages all to attend meetings and to convey any and all questions or concerns. We are your neighbors and friends and we love living here for all the same reasons you do. We have many of the same questions and concerns, and we absolutely intend to do all in our power to get satisfactory solutions to all our questions and concerns.

Hope to see you at a Council meeting in the future.

GO BRONCOS!

Michael C. Wood Town Manager

It has been an interesting and exciting year. The Town has a number of new projects and achievements, and a few issues to review.

Budget

The Town budget was passed in June with no real estate tax increase. This was the second year in a row that real estate tax increases have been negligible. The upcoming year is a State mandated statistical revaluation year. That means the Town must revalue all properties and equalize the values to the marketplace. Whenever this is done, it results in some shifting of property values and taxes. Whether it's shifted between residential and commercial property or between different residential sections of the community, there will be taxpayers who do better and some will pay a little more. Since the real estate market has stabilized, I don't expect the major shifts or swings we experienced in prior revaluations. However, there will be some impact regardless if the Town Council is able to minimize budget spending increases and/or tax increases in the upcoming year.

That being said, from a revenue standpoint, we have been fortunate that some of the large utility companies, specifically National Grid and Algonquin, have been doing major construction projects in Town, which, in turn, generated significant revenue. That is one of the reasons why tax increases have been minimal. However, that will be coming to an end within the next 2 years. Going forward, as long as school spending continues to increase, it will be very difficult to control tax increases in the short-term. Some of that is State mandated School spending increases, some is needed for mandatory increases in pension obligations and a portion is for wage and benefit obligations negotiated by the School Committee.

The loss of Federal School Aid is also having an impact on the School budget. Over the years, our schools have used Federal Aid to pay for fixed operating expenses, particularly staff. When the Federal money is cut or reduced, the practice of using this money to pay for fixed operating expenses shifts back to the budget and local taxpayers.

Future Financial Impacts

A major concern of mine going forward is the projection of lost State gambling revenue. It is well known that Massachusetts will be competing with Rhode Island for gambling revenue in the coming years. This represents tens of millions of dollars that Rhode Island will be potentially losing to Massachusetts. In turn, State Aid to Rhode Island schools

and to a lesser degree, cities and towns, will be impacted. It is unclear just how much this will cost at this point and time, but it easily could be hundreds of thousands of dollars to a community like Burrillville. The larger problem is the lack of planning at the State level to mitigate the impact of this potential (and significant) financial dilemma.

Pension “Reform”

Although you may have read that the contentious pension litigation has recently settled, there is still potential trouble down the road. Some retiree groups have initiated new litigation. The police and teachers unions can initiate new litigation in the future. Should the retirees prevail or the other unions initiate litigation (and prevail), it could be very problematic for all cities and towns. This will impact local taxpayers directly if the recent pension litigation settlement is compromised because of these unknowns.

Downtown Pascoag (Expansion of Natural Gas Service Line)

Anyone who has traveled Route 107, including traversing Downtown Pascoag, has seen that the roads and infrastructure are a mess. This has been ongoing for a number of years complicated by one problem after another. First, these are State roads and subject to State and Federal regulations for this type of project. Those can be onerous and time consuming regulations to navigate. Next, the State uses Federal funds for projects like this. Those funds are tied to the Federal Transportation Act. If you follow your politics, this program has not been properly funded for a number of years. Funding has not been timely and is being influenced by Federal political squabbling. Since the State relies so heavily on this Federal money, the ability to pay for the project has been delayed for a number of years even though the planning has been done for quite some time. Locally, we were able to get the double pole lines on Pascoag Main Street removed. National Grid has just recently installed a new natural gas service line down a portion of Route 100, on Pascoag Main, short sections of Route 107 and North Main Street. These new lines should help existing and prospective property owners to better control their energy costs and should help with economic development in the village. These projects had to be completed before the State DOT’s roadwork starts because there is a five (5) year moratorium on street openings for all these roads once improvements are completed.

The construction schedule and project details are finally settled. Bids will be taken by the State in the next few months and construction will start next spring.

Multi-Purpose Facilities

There are two (2) very consequential building projects on Pascoag Main that will help revitalize this strip of road and Downtown Pascoag in general. A partnership to expand WellOne has been agreed to which

will, in turn, expand WellOne's services to our community by adding a radiology facility in the village.

Both new buildings will add commercial space in Downtown Pascoag as well as new, affordable residential units for the village. This will make a significant difference in the quality of life in Pascoag and should have a positive impact on property values and the aesthetics of the village.

Construction Projects at the Algonquin Property (*Wallum Lake Road*)
Expansion, Natural Gas Compressor Station

The first thing to address is that there are two (2) separate projects at the Algonquin site off Wallum Lake Road. The first project is an expansion of the existing compressor station. This facility has been there since 1961. The compressor station expansion project was approved and permits issued by the Federal and State governments in March, April and June of 2015. Construction has been underway since May/June 2015. The Town does not have jurisdiction over this type of project. It is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

This is a done deal (so to speak) but there are outside "activists" involved who (in my opinion) have no interest in our Town and, for their own reasons, are attempting to persuade others that the compressor station project should be halted, mid construction. Even if that can be accomplished, I'm not sure that stopping this project in mid-construction is safe, nor in the best interests of the abutters or the community in general.

As with every construction project of this size, there are temporary inconveniences to the neighbors and the surrounding area in general. When the construction is complete, things should get back to normal. If not, we will be there to assist.

Power Plant (Clear River Energy Center)

There is also a proposal for a new power plant on the same site where the Algonquin natural gas compressor station is located (54 Algonquin Lane off Wallum Lake Road.)

As with any project of this nature, there are complexities and a specific process to follow for its potential approval. In this case, an independent State Agency called the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) controls the approval process. The Town Council and our local boards should have advisory input, but the EFSB has the final say on whether this type of facility is actually built. Rhode Island DEM will be directly involved in the environmental studies and impacts. As of the date I wrote this article, the project owners have NOT formally filed with the EFSB so, right now, there is no official project and everything is still speculative.

When the project details are known and if legitimate concerns about any aspect of the proposed power plant project are raised, the Town Council and Administration will actively engage and do whatever we can to address those concerns.

There is a lot of information (and misinformation) out there about this project. There are usually outside (non-Town) groups that have “political” agendas involved with this type of project.

That being said, please don't take what you may be hearing on the “street” at face value. In the world of the internet, all sorts of information is available, some of it good, some not, and some is politically motivated. Please take the time to inform yourself about the project and its pros and cons.

You can use the Town's website www.burrillville.org and link up to “**Proposed Power Plant Update**”, to get the straight story, including a link to the Energy Facility Siting Board website, which details how the process is set forth. Please call my office if these sources don't answer your questions.

Public Works

Burrillville Public Works Department is a very talented and dedicated group of Town employees. They have built many quality projects in Town, including Gonyea Park, the Skateboard Park, Stillwater Playground, High School football field, and White Mill Park. And, there is much more, including a few bridges and many road improvements.

When we are all house-bound with snow and severe weather, the Public Works crews are out working, sometimes for 24 hours or more. Jeff McCormick, Director, is right there working alongside of his crews. If you get a chance, thank our DPW staff (and their families) and please recognize their dedication to their jobs and service to our community.

In Public Works tradition, let's hoist one for our Public Works staff – Jeff, Allison, Andrea, Carol, Ray, Jim, Scott, Dwayne, Jimmy, Alan, Allan, Bob, Mark, Ron, Troy, Dave, Frank, Bill, Christine and Holli.



Dedication of the Police Station

On November 14, 2015, the Burrillville Police Station will be dedicated to Wallace F. Lees. This is but a small tribute to a man and his family who served our Town admirably for over 50 years. Please stop by to remember and honor our friend Wally!

Have safe and meaningful holidays with your family and friends! Go Patriots! Maybe a 5th Super Bowl?

John P. Mainville Finance Director

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Town has been notified that its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [CAFR] for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The certificate is awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada [GFOA]. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Town and its management.

Although this is the **eighth consecutive year** that the Town's comprehensive annual financial report has received this GFOA award, the Town's Finance Department has been preparing its annual financial report in this format for many years. Receipt of the award is another example that helps to demonstrate and reaffirm the Town's long history of strong financial management.

Budget

The Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$48,128,356 was adopted on June 10, 2015. The budget represents an **increase** of \$1,473,721 [percent increase of 3%] more than FYE 2015 of \$46,654,635.

This increase is primarily based upon a \$962,948 increase in the School Operating budget, which was partially offset by a \$680,173 decrease in Debt Service along with a Capital Improvements increased by \$803,044. The Municipal Operating budget increased by \$397,902.

The 2016 Budget includes the following allocations: \$30,830,000 for School Department Operations, \$10,406,577 for Municipal Operations, \$2,549,733 for Debt Service, \$3,507,046 for Capital Improvements, and \$5,000 for Other Transfers. The School's general operating budget was increased by \$962,948 or 3.22%. Municipal operations increased by \$397,902 [3.97%]. Debt service declined by \$680,173 [21.06%] and CIP increased by \$803,044 [29.70%].

A tax levy of \$30,484,180 was required to balance the budget. This represents an increase of \$937,681 or 3.17% over the fiscal year ending 2014 tax levy (\$29,546,499).

The **tax rate** for this year [2015] stays the **same as last year** - \$18.88 (per \$1,000)) for real estate and personal tangible property. The tax bills are based upon the real estate property values resulting from the completion of

a full revaluation of all real estate property effective December 31, 2012.

Approximately 59 cents on a tax dollar goes towards School operations and debt, 1 cent goes towards Wastewater treatment debt, and 40 cents is applied to Municipal costs (operations and debt). Note that the tax bills provide a breakdown of where your tax dollar actually goes. Included in this breakdown is a portion that is allocated towards wastewater treatment. This allocation represents the amount included in the budget for the payment of general obligation bonded debt that was used for various wastewater construction projects which are the obligation of all taxpayers – not just the users. The users are billed separately for their fees and assessments by the Sewer Commission.

In conjunction with the State's motor vehicle phase out program, the tax rate for motor vehicles remains the same at \$40.00 (per \$1,000). This year the motor vehicle phase out exemption was \$1,250 per registration – the same with last year. The State only reimburses the Town based upon \$500 exemptions.

As noted above, this year's [2015] tax bills reflect the impact of the latest three year full revaluation. The Town completed its last full real estate revaluation as of December 31, 2012 and is the basis for the 2014 real estate tax bills. Full revaluation occurs when the revaluation personnel do a detailed canvassing of the complete town. This process is done once every 9 years and is intended to include the evaluation of every home - inside and out.

Statistical revaluations are done every three years, which translates into having two additional revaluations in the 9 year cycle for full revaluations. The last statistical revaluation prior to this past year was completed on schedule and effective for assessments as of December 31, 2009. The Town is in the process of completing a statistical revaluation which will establish new real estate property values effective this December 31, 2015.

Taxes

The 2015 tax bills were mailed on July 9, 2015. The 2nd quarter payment is payable on October 15, 2015 and due on November 1, 2015. After November 1st, interest (12% annualized) will be assessed on the remaining balance.

The 3rd quarter taxes are payable on January 15, 2016 and due by February 1, 2016 and 4th quarter taxes are payable on April 15, 2016 and due by May 1, 2016. Any delinquent 2015 taxes are assessed interest on the outstanding balance retroactively to the original 1st quarter due date, which was August 1, 2014.

Debt

On September 3rd 2014, the Town closed on a 10 year loan in the amount

of \$680,000 from the newly established Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund program that is being administered through the RI Clean Water Finance Agency [now known as the RI Infrastructure Bank]. This loan will be used for the reconstruction of the North Road Bridge.

The Town's last bonded debt issue, which funded the capping of the former Whipple Avenue landfill with a \$2.16 million bond, was issued through RI Clean Water in June 2010. Funding debt through RICW allows the Town to pay an interest rate substantially less than if the bonds were sold in the open market.

With market rates being favorable, the Town is in the process of issuing refunding school bonds through RI Health and Educational Building Corporation [RIHEBC] on bonds that were originally issued in 2006 for the Callahan Elementary School. Approximately savings of 9% are projected at this time.

Additionally the Town is closing on a \$3.7 million bond with the RI Infrastructure Bank [formerly RI Clean Water Agency]. These monies are to help fund a portion of the Wastewater Treatment facility update project.

Additional bonding is being considered for school [primarily roofs] and the remaining portion of the waste water [facility update] projects over the next few years. The continuation of various Town-wide infrastructure improvements/projects such as paving, sidewalks and drainage is possible through the Town's annual Capital Improvement Program appropriation.

FYE 2015 Audit and Credit Rating

The audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is currently under way and will be completed before the end of the calendar year. The Town continues to maintain a strong financial management operation.

The Town's credit rating was improved to AA2 [from A1] with Moody's Investor Services and AA [from AA-] with the Fitch Rating Agency when these rating agencies recalibrated its rating process in April 2010 and reaffirmed by Fitch Rating Agency in 2012 and again in September 2014

These surveillance reviews with Fitch are periodic comprehensive reviews that are designed by the rating agency to help insure the accuracy of the credit rating that they have assigned to the Town.

Prior to this, the Town's ratings were last upgraded in October 2006. Maintaining the Town's credit rating is particularly significant given the current economy of our state and country. Receipt of the Certificate of Achievement award for the last five Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports [CAFRs] should also assist the Town in maintaining its credit rating which will lead to better interest rates on future bond issues.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT NOTICE:

You can check your tax balances and make payments by credit card online at www.burrillville.org or in the Tax Office. A transaction fee will be charged when paying by credit card in the amount of 3% of the payment or a minimum of \$2.00. Please note that the credit card process requires the taxpayer to pay a convenience/transaction fee to a third party for processing the payment. Withstanding the fee, this offers the taxpayer an alternative method for paying their taxes and has been well received. In order to pay online, you will need your account number for each tax bill along with the corresponding PIN number which is listed on the bottom of each bill. Note that each account number has its own PIN. If you do not have your bill, please contact the Assessor's Office at 401-568-4300 ext. 126 or 125 and they will be able to provide a copy either through email or mail. If a motor vehicle registration release to the RI Division of Motor Vehicles is needed, please pay your bill in full and place a note in the comment section, requesting that the registration stop be released. Note that the registration stop may take up to 48 hours to be released by DMV after the request is made.

The failure to receive a bill does not eliminate the requirement for a timely payment of any taxes that are due. If you have any questions please call the Tax Collector's Office 568-4300 ext. 118, 119 or 120.

Office Hours

It is hard to believe but it has been 17 years since the office hours at the Town Hall were changed in an attempt to better accommodate those constituents who were unable to get to the Town Hall before the regular 4:30 p.m. closing time.

Remember that the Town Hall is open later [until 7:00 p.m.] on Thursday nights and closes early on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to get to the Tax Collector's office when it is open, please note that there is a drop box located to the left of the rear entrance to the Town Hall from the parking lot for your convenience during non-working hours. Please do not put any cash payments in the box. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

Friendly Reminders from the Tax Collector's Office

Did not receive a bill?

We mail out our Tax Bills once each year around July 1st, if you do not receive a bill by July 15th, we recommend that you contact the Assessor's Office at 401-568-4300 ext. 126 or 125 to be sure no bill has been issued to you.

The failure to receive a bill does not negate the requirement to pay taxes when they are due. When the obligation catches up to you, there will be additional interest to pay. It is possible that your motor vehicle tax may have been eliminated due to the State phase-out program but if there is any question as to whether you owe any taxes please call the Tax Collector's

Office. You may not receive a bill that is due for a wide variety of reasons, such as: have you moved, are you a new property owner, or have you refinanced and changed mortgage holders/escrow agents?

Returned mail is re-mailed if a new address can be identified. If you move please contact the Tax Collector's and/or Tax Assessor's Office so that the most current address can be maintained in the town's files.

Motor Vehicle Registrations/Renewals

In January of each year, the DMV sends the Assessor's Office a list of all vehicles that you owned in the previous year. Approximately 6 months later, the Town will bill you for these vehicles. This is the only time during the calendar year that the DMV gives the Town updated addresses. So if you change your address any time after December 31st, it is necessary for you to contact the Assessor's office to update it with us.

If you move out of state, please update your address with the Assessor's office since we do bill for prior year ownership. We recommend that you request a TR-3 from the DMV when canceling your RI plates, as the Town will be billing you either until you cancel your plate or the registration expires. If you are billed and feel you should not have been, it is necessary for you to provide the Tax Assessor's Office a copy of your TR-3 proving that you have canceled your plate. Please remember to cancel your plate and get evidence from the DMV that the plates have been turned in.

Just a reminder, once you are delinquent on your motor tax bill, a registration block is placed with the DMV which will stop you from making any changes with the DMV. In order to remove the block, all Town motor vehicle taxes must be paid in full. We accept checks, however, there is an additional delay of 10 business days prior to the release of any registration stops. If cash, money order, or credit card is used, the Town can immediately provided to release your name with the DMV. If you would like to renew on line, please inform us and we will email the registry for you and they request an additional 24 to 48 hours for them to release you.

Registration renewals no longer come directly to the Town as they have for many years. Registration renewals are mailed directly from the State of RI – Registry of Motor Vehicles. Motor vehicle registrations cannot be renewed, or new registrations acquired, if there are any outstanding tax balances owed on any vehicles. The Registrations need to be stamped by the Tax Collector's Office if it states "Unpaid Taxes" in the upper left hand corner of the registration renewal form.

In general, it is recommended that any Town resident stop by the Tax Collector's office, BEFORE going to the Registry of Motor Vehicles to receive a "registration approval form" regardless of whether you have any outstanding taxes or not. This may help to avoid delays and unnecessary return trips to the Registry.

The RI Division of Motor Vehicles supplies addresses related to motor vehicle registrations. If you move, it is imperative that you contact the RI Division of Motor Vehicles to update the address on your motor vehicle registration. Again, the failure to receive a tax bill does not negate the timely payment of the obligation.

Financial Difficulties?

If you are having financial difficulties please contact the collector's office as soon as the problem is identified. This provides the best opportunity to find a solution that is satisfactory to everyone. Early intervention is the key to the Town's ability to be of assistance versus adding to the problem.

The Tax Collector's office holds periodic tax sales. Unfortunately, when a tax sale is held additional fees and charges are incurred which, by law, are added to the obligations associated with that property. A lien is placed on your property and additional legal fees and charges will be incurred in order to remove the lien. Both the Tax Sale and Redemption of the Tax Sale can be very costly for the tax payer. The Town does not want to see any property go up for tax sale. Please contact the Tax Office as soon as difficulties arise so that these charges can be avoided

Returned checks for whatever reason are assessed \$35.00 fee. This fee only covers the bank costs associated with returned checks.

Federal and State Tax Credits

The Town has received notices in the past that indicated, based upon our census, there are a number of residents who do not take advantage of some of the tax credits that are available to them.



Particularly now that the income tax season will soon be upon us, it would be a good time to review your records to see if you might be qualified for the Federal Earned Income Credit or the RI Property Tax Relief Credit (RI 1040-H).

A Federal Earned Income Credit is available to certain low-income individuals with dependents who have earned income, meet adjusted gross income thresholds, and do not have more than a certain amount of disqualified income.

The RI Property Tax Relief Credit [up to \$300] is available for homeowners and renters with income under \$30,000. Note that this credit is available even if you are not required to file an income tax return. You can get additional information on this credit by contacting the RI Tax Division at (401) 222-1040 or at www.tax.ri.gov/form .



Burrillville Redevelopment Agency James Langlois, Chairman

Progress, it can be measured many different ways. The Burrillville Redevelopment Agency measures progress by how many projects we have initiated and completed, sometimes in the forefront and other times behind the scene. In the past fifteen years we have compiled quite a list. These include the new Jessie M. Smith Memorial Library, Stillwater Heights, the Clock Tower Building, the Stillwater Mill Center Pavilion, and new parking lots, walkways, and lighting, and signage to support the area. These improvements have spread into Harrisville Village where private investment has opened thriving new businesses on Main and Chapel Streets. This list continues in the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment District which includes the Riverwalk, Gonyea Park, demolition of old warehouse on Park Place and the restoration of 94 – 96 Main Street. The BRA has also supported a Geo Tourism program, a canoe launch, and the recreation trail between Harrisville and Pascoag. All of this has improved the quality of life and created business opportunities for the area.

This Progress continues in 2015 with the creation of a new playground and meditative park at the Stillwater Mill center. natural gas lines, which have been installed on Main Street in Pascoag bringing affordable energy opportunities to the business district and preparing it for a brighter future.

In 2016 The Burrillville Redevelopment Agency will continue to implement new projects which will include new buildings on Main Street in Pascoag to provide for expansion of Well One Medical facilities and associated services as well as Retail space and Housing. Further improvements to Stillwater Mill Center are also planned. The agency will also begin the process of evaluating and creating other Redevelopment Districts throughout the town of Burrillville. Currently we are evaluating areas in Nasonville, Mapleville, and Harrisville.

Looking at the before and after photos of the Stillwater Mill Center and a rendering of the future Downtown Pascoag construction, it is evident that the BRA has had a positive impact on our community. Much more needs to be done and we will continue to diligently work on new projects that will further enhance the town of Burrillville.





*Stillwater/Clocktower before
Redevelopment Agency.*
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*Stillwater/Clocktower after
Redevelopment Agency.*
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The Downtown Pascoag & Neighborhood Association (DPNA) would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the festivities on the Bridgeway in Pascoag this fall with their upcoming **Pumpkin Fest**, on Thursday October 29, 2015 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.! Rain date for the event is Friday October 30, 2015. Prizes will be awarded as well as participation ribbons for all of the children participants. A **Pumpkin giveaway** before the event will be held Saturday October 24, 2015 at the Pascoag Post Office, cost is \$1.00 per pumpkin. (Be sure to be there before 9:00 a.m. it is a first come first serve basis and they do go fast!)

On November 28, 2015 the DPNA will be hosting the annual **Victorian Holiday** in downtown Pascoag from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a fire truck parade, Santa and so much more you won't want to miss it. Watch our website and "like" us on Facebook for updates and information. Come enjoy the entertainment and meet some local vendors.

The DPNA's goals are to help revitalize the downtown area and make it a better place to shop, work, and pursue leisure activities; to improve the quality of the rural village lifestyle by creating opportunities to enhance community identity and heritage; to preserve the community's natural and cultural resources; and to assist in strengthening the local commercial economy.

Any questions or concerns please email Ray Daignault at phar-oah229@aol.com .

Louise R. Phaneuf Town Clerk

Town Building Hours

Mon – Wed: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thurs: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fri.: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

No Land Evidence is recorded during the last half hour of any day.

<i>Marriage Licenses</i>	<i>Notary Public</i>
<i>Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates</i>	<i>Probate Court</i>
<i>Dog Licenses</i>	<i>Recorder of Deeds</i>
<i>Hunting & Fishing Licenses</i>	<i>Voter Registration</i>

Fishing Licenses

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management offers fishing licenses for sale through their website at: <https://www.ri.gov/DEM/fishinglicense/>.

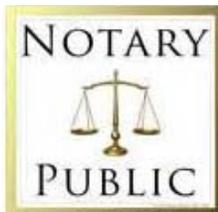
The DEM website also includes a list of all vendors authorized to sell hunting and fishing licenses, including the Burrillville town clerk. You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses at the town building during our regular hours of operation. A previously issued Rhode Island hunting license or hunter's safety card must be submitted with application for a hunting or combination license.



Permanent Fishing/ Combination Licenses

Persons who are 100% permanently disabled are eligible for a fishing/combination License. Applicants must contact Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Persons over 65 are also eligible for a fishing/combination license at no charge. All over-65 licenses require identification. Permanent licenses for over-65 are available at the town clerk's office.



Notary Public

Notary public services are available at the town building during regular hours. There is no fee for this service.



Contact your elected officials:

There are many ways that residents can keep up with Council activities.

- The Council's web page is updated regularly. There you can find reports, agendas, minutes, resolutions and policies.
- Councilors' addresses and phone numbers are listed on-line and are available at the town building. Don't hesitate to call on Councilors with questions or comments.
- Each Councilor has a mailbox at the town building. Correspondence can be dropped off or mailed there.
- To see the Council in action, stop by a meeting, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the town building.
- If you have ideas for information you'd like to see on our website - contact your local Councilors.

Burrillville News is published on the town website periodically – subscribe to the [public notices](#) to receive the newsletter.

Town Council

Regular meetings of the Burrillville Town Council are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830. Schedule changes are posted at the town building and on the town website.

To appear before the Town Council, submit a written request to the town clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday before each meeting.

At least 48 hours prior to any Town Council meeting, agendas are posted at the town building, the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, at the Harrisville Post Office and on-line at the town's website at www.burrillville.org.

The Town of Burrillville will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation. Please contact the Burrillville town clerk at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting it. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 568-4300 (voice) or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).

Burrillville Video Archives

To access a Town Council meeting on the internet:

- 1) Visit www.burrillville.org
- 2) Click on **Burrillville Video Archives** on the left margin.
- 4) Click on an archived meeting by clicking on **Video** for the desired meeting.

Minutes & Agendas

Town Council agendas, minutes and videos can be searched from the video archives page. Use a key word in the “search archive” feature on the page. The search result will be a link to the point on the video where the searched item was discussed. The result will also include the agenda and minutes where the item is mentioned.

Other ways to view!

Public Access Television

Burrillville council meetings are aired on Public Access television. That's Channel 18 on Cox and Channel 22 on Verizon. Public access shows the most recent meeting, usually for two weeks.

Lending Library

When a new meeting file is delivered to public access, the previous file is returned to the Town. [Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library](#) librarians archive the videos for easy access by the public. View videos at the library or borrow them to watch at home using a DVD player.

Vital Records

Birth records available statewide.

Certified birth records for many people born in Rhode Island can be issued at all city and town clerks offices. Call the town clerk's office at 568-4300 to find out how to obtain the record you need.

Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates

The town clerk's office provides certified copies of birth, death and marriage records. The fee is \$20.00 for the first copy. Additional copies of the same record are \$15.00 if obtained at the same time.

Birth and marriage records that are 100 years old or less and death records that are 50 years old or less are confidential.

Please contact the town clerk's office for information on who can apply for or obtain vital records.

Vital Records by mail

The Burrillville town clerk's office will accept a mail request for a birth, marriage or death record. The certified copy is usually mailed to the applicant on the same day it is received in the town clerk's office. To receive a certified copy of a birth, death or marriage record via mail you must send a readable copy of your picture identification and a completed application which you can find on the town clerk's page of the town website. If you cannot access the application, please provide the following information:

- the name on the birth, death or marriage record
- the date and city/town where the event occurred



- your relationship to the person named on the record
- why you need the record
- for births only, provide the name of the father and the mother's maiden name
- your signature and printed name
- your mailing address and your home phone number in case we need to contact you.

Please send payment with your request. The fee is \$20.00 for the first copy. Additional copies of the same record are \$15.00 if obtained at the same time.



Marriage Licenses

Rhode Island residents:

Couples should apply for a marriage license at the clerk's office in the city/town where one (or both) of the parties reside. If at least one of the parties lives in Rhode Island, the marriage license is valid in any city or town and the ceremony may take place anywhere in Rhode Island.

Non-residents:

If neither party lives in Rhode Island, the license must be obtained at the clerk's office in the city or town where the ceremony will take place. Both partners are responsible for presenting proof of birth facts (preferably a certified copy of the birth certificate) and a valid form of identification.

If previously married or in a civil union, a certified copy of the final decree of divorce or dissolution of the civil union (with the raised or original stamped court seal), or a certified copy of the death certificate of the deceased previous spouse.

Marriage licenses cost \$24. The license is valid for 90 days.

Burrillville Volunteer Opportunities

The Burrillville Town Council has established more than a dozen boards, commissions and committees comprised of resident volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please complete the application included in The Bugle and submit it to the town clerk's office.

Burrillville Board of Canvassers

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote in Rhode Island by completing a voter registration form which may be obtained at the Burrillville Board of Canvassers at the town building or the RI Board of Elections. You can also



download the form from the State Board of Elections website: www.elections.state.ri.us. Many agencies which serve the public, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Human Services, and the Department of Mental Health offer voter registration services to their clients as mandated by the National Voter Registration Act.

VOTER ID

Rhode Island state law 17-19-24.2 requires all voters to present valid photo identification prior to voting at the polls in all elections beginning in 2014. Voters will need to present one of the following forms of photo ID:

- Photo ID
- RI Driver's License
- RI Voter ID Card *
- U.S. Passport
- Photo ID issued by a U.S. educational institution
- U.S. military photo ID
- Photo ID card issued by the United States or the State of Rhode Island
- Government issued medical card with photo



*The Rhode Island Secretary of State's office is issuing free voter photo ID cards to individuals who do not possess any of the valid Photo IDs listed above. See the Secretary of State's website for additional information on the program, or call (401) 222-2340.

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot.

Mail ballots do not require voter ID.

Find more about Voter ID at www.sos.ri.gov

Mail Ballot Overview:

Any otherwise qualified Rhode Island voter may vote by mail ballot in the following circumstances:

1. A voter within the State of Rhode Island who is incapacitated to the extent that it would be an undue hardship to vote at the polls because of illness, or mental or physical disability, blindness, or serious impairment of mobility.
2. An elector who is confined to in any hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, rest home, or similar institution, public or private, within the State of Rhode Island. <http://www.elections.ri.gov/voting/nursing.php>

An elector who will be temporarily absent from the state because of employment or service intimately connected with military operations or who is a spouse or legal dependent residing with that person, or a United States citizen that will be outside of the United States. (Please Note: any voter qualified to vote a category 3 mail ballot will also be allowed to cast a mail ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act "UOCAVA Act" <http://sos.ri.gov/elections/voters/overseas/>)

An elector who may not be able to vote at his or her polling place in his or her city or town on the day of the election (see "No Excuse Mail Ballot Voting" below).

All mail ballots must be received by the State Board of Elections at 50 Branch Avenue Providence, R.I. 02904 by 8:00 p.m. the night of the election.

No Excuse Mail Ballot Voting

Rhode Island has joined many other states and the District of Columbia that now allow no excuse mail ballot voting. If you may not be able to get to the polls on Election Day, you can fill out a mail ballot application and receive a mail ballot.

More on voting by mail

Applying for a Mail Ballot

<http://www.elections.ri.gov/voting/applymail.php>

Emergency Mail Ballots

<http://www.elections.ri.gov/voting/emergency.php>

Military and Overseas Voters

<http://sos.ri.gov/elections/voters/overseas/>



State of Rhode Island
Board of Elections

Rhode Island Voter Information Center:

<http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/voters/>

- Check your voter registration
- Find your current elected officials
- View sample ballots for upcoming elections
- Locate your local board of canvassers
- Find where to vote



The Burrillville Farmer's Market

The Burrillville Farmers Market is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to improve the promotion and marketing of agricultural products in the town of Burrillville and our surrounding communities. The market's goal is to stimulate public interest in the consumption of local art and fresh natural products. By supporting local farmers and artisans, we hope to preserve farmland and the quality of rural life in our beautiful Burrillville community.

The arrival of fall signals the end of our 9th season. With the help of our amazing volunteers we have continued to grow and expand our market to the diverse needs of our customers. With the addition of several new vendors, we have added gluten free baked goods, more quality produce, and fairy gardens to the variety offered by our already top notch group of vendors. We enjoyed the music of some really great musicians who made shopping at the market an even more pleasurable experience. We will be working throughout the winter planning our 10th season beginning in the spring of 2016.

In the meantime continue to enjoy our gardens and the new park at Stillwater Center. Our town is growing, so we are expanding and changing to better serve our community. We would love your help and input on what we at the Burrillville Farmers Market Association can do to continue to make improvements. Check out our website and like us on Facebook!

We Accept Credit/Debit, EBT (Bonus Bucks!), WIC, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons (available at the market) and Cash!

Come share your creative energy!

Opportunities are available for Vendors, Volunteers, Musicians, Community Service, etc.

www.burrillvillefarmersmarket.org
burrillvillefma@gmail.com
Deb Yablonski, Market Manager 401-568-3191



Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Kathy L. Gardner CPS
PFS Grant Manager/Community Outreach Coordinator
www.burrillvillepac.com

Burrillville joins eleven other communities engaged efforts to reduce underage drinking and youth marijuana use in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (PFS) project is administered by the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. Rhode Island was one of sixteen states to receive an award from the United States Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to fund high need communities to implement evidence based practices, policies and programs to prevent substance abuse.

Over the next four years, Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition will be assessing our community substance abuse prevention needs and resources, developing a capacity building plan to address any gaps in resources or community readiness and a local strategic plan, implementing evidence based and best practice interventions based on community needs, and evaluating the impact of our efforts.

The following communities were selected to participate in the Partnership for Success Initiative: Burrillville, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Johnston, Lincoln, Little Compton, Newport, New Shoreham, Providence, Scituate and Westerly.



Burrillville Extended Care Kelly E Cournoyer, Director

P.O. Box 351, Harrisville RI 02830
Telephone 568-1356 e-mail: kcournoyer@burrillville.org

"I continue to believe that if children are given the necessary tools to succeed, they will succeed beyond their wildest dreams!" By: David Vitter



The Division offers before and after school care for K through 5th grade at the Steere Farm and Callahan Elementary Schools. A.T. Levy students are bused to their respective sites, according to school districts. As well as a full time care for K-7th grades for summer and during school vacations/ holidays.

"After-hours" Care during Parent/Teacher Conferences

Are you in need of care during your child's Parent Teacher Conferences? BEC now offers "After-Hours" care at Steere Farm, Callahan and A.T. Levy schools.

- **Steere Farm/ Callahan** - October 22, 2015 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- **AT Levy** - November 5, 2015 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Please call 568-1356 x.10 to register your child for the above dates.

Need childcare during upcoming Vacations/ Holidays? BEC is OPEN!

If you are looking for care during school vacations and holidays, please contact the BEC Main office to register your child for full day care. For More information please call 401-568-1356, extension 10.

2015-2016 Vacation / Holiday Schedule

November 11, 2015	Veterans Day
November 25, 2015	Staff Development Day, Burrillville
December 24, 2015	Christmas Eve <u>Open until 4:00 p.m.</u>
December 23-30, 2015	December Vacation
December 31, 2015	New Year's Eve <u>Open until 5:00 p.m.</u>
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 15-16, 2016	February Vacation
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
April 18-22, 2016	April Vacation

Please be sure to visit our website for the latest news and updates:
http://www.burrillville.org/Public_Documents/BurrillvilleRI_BEC/index

Berard-Desjarlais American Legion Post 88
111 Chapel Street Harrisville, RI 02830
www.legionpost88ri.org

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veteran's needs.

The Post supports many community programs and provides a meeting place for Burrillville organizations. Linda Peck, Town and Post Service Officer is the Veterans Representative who gives advice and counsel to veterans and their dependents concerning the rights and benefits available to them. She is well-versed about matters such as pensions and hospitalizations. She can be contacted by email: ldp24@cox.net. For any emergencies, please contact Linda Peck at 401-568-8491.

Conrad Zahn has taken over the duties of Building Coordinator. He will maintain the schedule at the Binns Building and can be reached at 401-401-651-6403 or by e-mail at doczahn@cox.net. Please contact Conrad for any town organizations or party rental. If you would like to become a member of the Post, please contact Commander Raymond Trinque at raytrank101@cox.net or at 401-568-0858.

Post Flag Sale Saturdays April-October or by e-mail at doczahn@cox.net.

We now collect used clothing for the needy in the donation shed located outside our Post home.



We also continue to collect and properly retire worn flags as a service to our residents!

Susan Makar Tax Assessor

Office Hours: Mon thru Wed 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.,
Thurs 8:30 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. and Fri 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All taxpayers are welcome to stop in the Assessor's Office for a copy of your property record card and the Assessor's map showing your land lines. There is no charge to the homeowner for this information.

If you have moved in the last year please check with the Assessor's Office to be sure your current address is on file with us. The law requires you to notify the Division of Motor Vehicles within 10 days of any change of address if you have any registered vehicles.

Exemptions available to Burrillville taxpayers include: Senior, Disability, Blind, Veterans, Prisoner of War and Gold Star Parent. The senior and Disability Exemptions are income based and must be renewed annually. To qualify for a senior exemption you must be 62 years of age and you must have owned and occupied residential property in Burrillville during 5 of the 6 years prior to filing application. Applications must be received by December 31, for the next tax roll. There is one senior exemption allowed per household. If you qualify, please stop in to the Assessor's Office with proof of age.

The Disability exemption is available to taxpayers who are totally disabled and receiving benefits. A copy of the "Notice of Award Letter" is required to receive the exemption. Each year upon renewal you must submit a copy of your "New Benefits Letter" to receive the exemption for another year. If you have any questions with regards to available exemptions please call the Assessor's Office at 568-4300, ext.125 or 126.

Ed Pienkos Information Systems Manager

- Continuing to upgrade computer hardware town wide
- Explore options for providing faster network connections between municipal buildings
- Starting to review alternatives for town wide telephone service and data connections at all buildings as our current agreement for these items with COX Business services expires in June, 2017.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BURRILLVILLE TOWN BUILDINGS**

PO Box 502
144 Harrisville Main Street Harrisville, RI 02830
(401) 568-4300 Ext 137
103 Harrisville Main Street
Harrisville, RI 02830



**The American Legion Hall
103 Harrisville Main Street
Harrisville, RI 02830**

The Legion Hall is available for rent!
Looking for a great place to hold a birthday party, family gathering, bridal or baby shower? The Legion Hall, located at 103 Harrisville Main Street (next to the Town Hall) is available for rent. The hall is also suitable for small workshops or meetings. The Legion Hall is comfortably air conditioned for use in the summer.

The Legion Hall contains a full kitchen, including an electric stove, microwave and refrigerator. Tables and chairs are also available for use. For rental details, please contact Maggie Pienkos, Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Administration at (401) 568-4300 ext. 137.

YOGA CLASSES AT THE LEGION HALL



Tina Simpson, Certified Yoga Instructor, leads participants through a mixed level class suitable for beginners as well as those with experience practicing Yoga. Classes are offered Mondays from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Please call Tina at 401-678-0025 for more information.

Information & Services for Seniors

To reach the town's webpage devoted to news and information for seniors, go to the town website (www.burrillville.org) and click on the "Senior Services" button on the left. In addition to *Senior News*, the page contains useful links and information on services and programs available to residents. The site covers topics such as Social Security, RIPAE, State identification cards, RIPTA, senior dining – and more!

Services for Seniors

Jane Dubois, a Community Information Specialist from Senior Services, Inc. is available to assist and advise senior residents of Burrillville. **Appointments can be made in the Woonsocket Office by calling Senior Services, Inc. at 766-3734.**

This year annual Open Enrollment for Medicare starts October 15th and ends December 7th. If you have any questions or want to change your insurance, please call 766-3734 and book your appointment with Jane Dubois. ***IF YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH YOUR INSURANCE, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING.***

Community Information Specialists can assist you with information and applications for many programs for which you may be eligible, including:

Assisted Living Facilities	Housing
Caregiver Abuse	Identification (DEA/RIPTA)
Financial Assistance	In Home Services
SNAP (Food Stamps)	Medicare
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Long-term care	Nursing Homes
Health Insurance	Social Security
Heating Assistance	Transportation
Home and Community Care – Co-pay	Fraud/Waste and Abuse
RI Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly (RIPAE)	Respite Care
Property Tax Relief (1040 H)	Referrals to other agencies

The Specialist is also trained as a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor and can explain health insurance options available to Rhode Island seniors so that they can make informed choices concerning their health care.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) can assist with fraud, waste or abuse of Medicare. Should you experience any fraud, waste or abuse – **contact the Community Information Specialist at 766-3734.**

Our Community Information Specialist is always seeking volunteers in the Senior Health Insurance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol. Please contact Jane 766-3734 for more information.

Jane Dubois, CIS
Senior Services, Inc.
84 Social Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Phone: 401-766-3734
Fax: 401-766-5578

HUD SUBSIDIZED SENIOR HOUSING HOUSING ASSISTANCE

HUD SUBSIDIZED SENIOR HOUSING: HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Ashton Court

Burrillville Housing Authority
Joanne Fournier, Executive Director
77 Ashton Court, Harrisville, RI 02830
Tel: 568-6200 Fax: 568-4735

Our mission is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for elderly/handicapped-disabled: Public Housing and Section 8 existing housing program.

Bradford Court

Stephanie Provencal, Property Manager
45 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859
Tel: 568-5403 Fax: 568-1717

We accommodate residents 62 and older, as well as handicapped and disabled with a preference to the elderly.

Stillwater Heights Housing

Theresa Stelmach, Property Manager
30 Central Street, Harrisville, RI 02830
Tel: 710-7344 Fax: 710-7346

We provide independent living accommodations for residents 62 and older who meet HUD income guidelines.



Burrillville Historical and Preservation Society

16 Laurel Hill Avenue, Pascoag, RI 02859
Phone: 568-8534 email: bmencucci@cox.net



The Burrillville Historical & Preservation Society's mission is to preserve and protect Burrillville's history. The Society meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at its headquarters, the Bridgeton School in Pascoag. This 1897 schoolhouse serves as a repository for a collection of photos, documents, histo-

ries, scrapbooks, cemetery information, clothing and artifacts. The schoolhouse is open during monthly meetings, special events and by appointment. We hold an annual Open House in October each year and a Holiday Bazaar on the two Saturdays before Thanksgiving.

We are always looking for old photos of people and places in Burrillville. You don't have to give us your original. We can scan your photos and return your originals.

The Society has an active cemetery committee that is involved in locating historical cemeteries, obtaining GPS readings, putting up signs, reading and mapping cemetery information and doing cleanups. The Society also has a Gravestone Conservation Team that is resetting, repairing and cleaning headstones. There are about 130 historical cemeteries in town and the team has completed cemetery conservation work in 16 of them. We are looking for volunteers to help us with cemetery cleanings. The work involves cutting brush, weed-whacking and raking leaves. You can also Adopt-A-Cemetery and take on the responsibility of maintaining a cemetery yourself. This commitment usually takes about 2-3 hours a year.

Sayles-Cook Restoration Project. This project will hopefully take place in 2016 when we have access to the cemetery. We are working with the landowner to create a suitable right of way.



If you would like to become a member of BH&PS or donate to any of its projects, please contact the Society. Visit us on Facebook, "Burrillville Historical & Preservation Society" and "Burrillville Historical Cemetery Committee."

The Interstate Reliability Project

In March 2014 National Grid began work on the Rhode Island segment of the Interstate Reliability Project (IRP). The Project will improve the reliability of the region's electric transmission system, as well as generate additional tax revenue for Burrillville. The project is on track to be energized in December 2015.

The construction route through Burrillville is in an existing right-of-way corridor that starts at the West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield, travels west to the Sherman Farm Road Switching Station and continues to the Connecticut state line.



In the above photo, 345-kV line structures are shown off West Ironstone Road in Burrillville.

Progress over the last 1 ½ years is bringing the project into its final stages:

- Tree clearing to provide the additional space in right-of-way corridor for new 345-kV line has been completed
- New access points and construction roads installed along the right-of-way for the heavy construction equipment required to build the new line
- Temporary swamp mats installed in wetland areas requiring access
- All drilling and concrete foundation work has been completed
- The new addition to the Sherman Farm Road Switching Station is nearing completion
- All the structures for the new transmission line in Burrillville are in place
- Wiring work for the new line in Burrillville is more than 80% complete

The following activities are planned in the Burrillville right-of-way corridor over the next six months:

- The installation of the wiring for the new 345-kV line will be completed this fall
- Swamp maps and other construction materials and debris will be removed from work sites
- Restoration activities, including reseeding of work pad, will take place
- New gates will be installed at several crossroads along the transmission corridor to deter unauthorized access
- The new 345-kV transmission line will be energized in December
- The new Sherman Road Switching Station will be energized, and the equipment from the old Switching Station will be removed

Contact with abutters and other stakeholders will be maintained throughout the remainder of the project. The Stakeholder Relations Team would like to thank the town of Burrillville and all of our neighbors along the transmission corridor for their patience, cooperation and assistance during the multiple phases of the construction process.

The Assembly Theatre

26 East Avenue
Harrisville, RI 02830
(401) 568-4300 ext. 137



The Assembly Theatre, located in picturesque Harrisville, was built in 1934 by mill owner and philanthropist Austin T. Levy. For over 80 years, this lovely venue has opened its doors to thousands of visitors for plays, movies and various performing artists. Changes to the Assembly Theatre have primarily been the result of new public safety guidelines, yet the facility's original charm remains.



*Sketch of the Assembly Theatre
1933*

The Board of Administration is pleased to share this facility with performing artists, organizations, dance companies, school events and for private functions. There is seating for up to 350 people and ample parking is available.

For details on how the Theatre can work for you or to request a convenient tour, please con-tact Maggie Pienkos, Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Administration at 401-568-4300, ext. 137 .

Adopt-A-Spot

The Adopt-A-Spot program draws on the generosity of others to help beautify our wonderful Town of Burrillville. There are many locations around town that already have the love and care of volunteers but many other locations are still available to anyone who would like to adopt a spot. Each space is uniquely designed and kept up by some wonderful local residents and so please take notice of their beautiful work at these locations throughout the upcoming spring and summer season!

Adopt-A-Spot Locations and those who help make them Beautiful!

The Veterans' Park adjacent to the waterfall	American Legion Hall
The spot at the Clock Tower	Re:discover
Route 102 Gateway from Slatersville	Burrillville Conservation Commission
Spring Lake Beach Entrance	Burrillville Extended Care
Jesse M Smith Memorial Library right side of building	Burrillville Democratic Committee
Mill Village Sign at Sweeney School	Spink Family
Historical Artifact on Pascoag Bridgeway	Town Garden Club
Lewis Bleiwis Park	Burrillville Lions' Club
The corner of East Ave and Harrisville Main Street	Burrillville Lions' Club
The River Street Island	M+L Landscaping
The island and park at Callahan School and Harrisville Main Street	Harrisville Fire District
Firefighters Memorial Park	Harrisville Fire District
The intersection of Summer Street and Shea Lane	Seddon and Dunn Families
White Mill Park	Pack 1 Pascoag, Cub Scouts
The entryway to Commerce Park	Burrillville Industrial Park
Intersection of Glendale Bypass and Broncos Highway	Bella's Restaurant

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful Town and each individual's dedication to our Town only helps to enhance its natural beauty! Please consider adopting a spot, contact Deb in the Town Manager's office at 568-4300 x115.

A heartfelt thank you to all our adopters for all their hard work and dedication this past season!

Police Department Colonel Stephen J. Lynch, Chief

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK: If you are on Facebook, please take a moment to look us up and “like” our page. We are striving to keep this page updated with submissions of weekly police logs and photos, as well as immediate announcements such as weather conditions, road closures, missing persons, etc. This page also gives you another avenue to contact this department with posts or private messages. Our website: www.burrillville.org/police is the place to go for general information about programs and happenings as well as access to many downloadable forms. The website is updated regularly, so take a moment to look us up and add our website to your favorites list.

WINTER PARKING BAN: A reminder that Burrillville Town Ordinance 6-1.3 states, “no motor vehicles are permitted to park on any street within the Town of Burrillville between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st inclusive.” The fine for parking on the streets during these hours is \$15 for each offense. Fines not paid within 7 days will double. Appearance at the Burrillville Municipal Court will be required for those not paying fines, or those wishing to contest a ticket. Any court appearance which does not end in a dismissal will have court costs of \$50 assessed.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY: The next Burrillville Citizens Police Academy is scheduled to begin in January of 2016. Applications for this fun, educational, interactive program for adults (and young adults with parental permission) are being accepted now. Seats fill fast and are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Pick up your application at the police station or go to our website www.burrillville.org/police under “downloadable forms.” More information is also available on the website under “community policing programs.”

CODE RED SYSTEM: The Burrillville Police Department occasionally sends out notifications to town businesses and residents through a telephone calling system known as CODE RED. Code Red messages can be sent out for various non-emergency situations such as to notify you of a sex offender residing in your area or to inform you of programs or initiatives run by this department. Information on emergency situations such as an Amber Alert for a missing child can also be disseminated through a Code Red announcement. What we have used it the most for, however, is notifying and updating the people of Burrillville regarding threatening weather conditions such as hurricanes and blizzards. It

is very important that we keep the Code Red list up to date. You can help by accessing the Code Red database yourself to be sure the information on your family or your business is accurate. You can also add cell phones to receive either voice messages or texts, and add email addresses to receive messages. To access the database, simply go to the Burrillville website at www.burrillville.org and you will find the Code Red link under the "Residents" tab on the top of the page. The instructions are easy to follow. There is also a link to Code Red under the "Sign Up" tab on our Facebook Page.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us make the most of the Code Red program.

B-SAFE PROGRAM: We would also like to remind you once again of a program we run called B-SAFE, which stands for BURRILLVILLE SECURITY & AWARENESS FOR THE ELDERLY. The objective of this program is to make the police department aware of elderly, handicapped, or medically fragile individuals who live in town and may need some extra assistance. It works like this: you fill out a one-page BSAFE form with pertinent information on the subject you'd like to enter into the program. This form can be picked up at Burrillville Police headquarters any time, 24 hours a day, or printed from the "downloadable forms" section of our website: www.burrillville.org/police. Once the form is received back at the station, you will receive a call from Lisa Rabideau, program coordinator, to go over the specifics. All data from this form will be entered into our computerized dispatch system, so that whenever a call for emergency services is placed from that residence, dispatchers and officers are immediately aware of any special needs of the person or persons living there. In addition, registrants may choose to receive regular phone calls where we check in and be sure everything okay. If anything is amiss, an officer can be dispatched to the residence and a family member can be contacted. If you would like more information or need a BSAFE form mailed to you, please contact Lisa Rabideau at 401-568-9494, ext. 1.

NOTARY SERVICE: You may not be aware of the fact that many members of the Burrillville Police Department are Notary Publics, and there is normally a notary available every shift, 7 days a week. If you are in need of a notary, feel free to stop by the police department any time. This service is provided at no charge. Feel free to call 568-6255 before you come to the station to be sure there is a notary on duty and available.

MUNICIPAL COURT: The Burrillville Municipal Court convenes the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the courtroom located within

the administration building of the police department. The phone number is 401-568-9494, Ext. 1. Fines may be paid in person at that same location, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. The mailing address for the Burrillville Municipal Court is P.O. Box 419, Harrisville, RI 02830. A flyer with more information can be viewed on the police department website at www.burrillville.org/police under the Municipal Court heading. We also have a secure deposit box for Municipal Court payments in the dispatch area of the police station so payments may be dropped off any time of the day or night.

VIN CHECKS: If you have purchased a used vehicle that is a 2001 model year or newer and has an out-of-state title, or you are transferring a vehicle registration from another state, a VIN check verification is required before that vehicle can be registered in Rhode Island. For your convenience, the Burrillville Police Department does VIN checks twice a day, 7 days a week – from 10 – 10:30 a.m. and 1 – 1:30 p.m. You must bring the vehicle with you to the police station during these times, and also must have the **original** out-of-state title and \$10 check or money order made out to the Town of Burrillville. Cash is also accepted for VIN checks but you must have the exact amount.

RECORD CHECKS & FINGERPRINTS: Many prospective employers now require state record checks (BCI check) for employees and those positions working with children often require fingerprints and a *national* record check as well. Some volunteer positions may also require these checks. Laws have changed regarding where such checks can be done. Although there are a few exceptions, as a general rule, if a state BCI check only needs to be done, you should get it done through the RI Attorney General's Office. For more information on their walk-in hours, as well as directions on how to obtain a record check by mail, go to their website at www.riag.ri.gov and click on the "criminal records" section. If you need a national record check with fingerprints, call this department at 568-6255 for more information and to make an appointment with a detective. Note that fingerprints being done for school department employees (including sub-contractors of the school department such as bus drivers/monitors and cafeteria workers) cost \$30. Also, please note that NO record checks of any kind are done for juveniles.

ALARM ORDINANCE: In 2012, the Town of Burrillville passed an alarm ordinance. Under this law, every building in town (whether business or residence) which has a burglar alarm **must register** with the police department. The ordinance can be viewed on the town website. You can also download an alarm registration form from the website or pick one up at the police station any time. If you need more information, contact the police department at 568-6255. Don't wait to get your alarm registered!

Burrillville Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
Glen Biddiscombe, Director
(401)- 641-0898
gbiddiscombe@burrillville.org

Emergency preparedness is a team sport.
Despair is most often the result of ill-preparedness



Please be aware that Hurricane season is not yet over. The season ends on November 30th. As we have seen in the past with events such as Tropical Storm Irene, unexpected severe weather can strike very quickly. Burrillville EMA asks you to please take the time to prepare or check over your home emergency kit, which needs to have adequate supplies for you and your family to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. Additionally, we remind you to please prepare a family plan. Visit <http://www.ready.gov> for a list of home emergency kit supplies and blank family plan forms.

If you have a medical condition that requires electricity, be sure to have a plan in place should you lose power. Again we ask that you be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. Burrillville EMA (BEMA) is available 24/7/365 to provide any assistance that may be needed.

Social Media

Residents are encouraged to follow us on twitter (@EMABurrillville) and also to check our recently updated Facebook page where notifications and important information will be posted when situations require.

Code Red Telephone Notification System

To ensure that your phone number is included on the call down list, or if you would like to add a cell phone number, please visit www.burrillville.org for further information. This system provides an excellent opportunity for residents to receive important information.

Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry

I would like to take the opportunity to invite anyone within the Burrillville community with special needs to register on the RI Special Needs Registry at www.health.ri.gov/emregistry. This secure system allows us to keep track of those who require specialized attention during an emergency. Please sign up today or help out a family member, neighbor or friend.



Any individual, regardless of age, who has a chronic condition, disability, special healthcare need, or may require additional assistance during a time of emergency. Some examples include people who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker, or are insulin dependent;
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities;
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis.

EMA office & Emergency Operations Center

The Burrillville Emergency Management office is located within the Burrillville Police headquarters Complex. When extended emergency conditions exist, the municipal court/community room is transformed to an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) where all management duties including communications, logistics, and documentation are performed. The EOC is also utilized for pre-incident planning involving representatives of all town departments. The center was activated during the month of February during the State of Emergency declared as a result of Blizzard Juno. EMA personnel staffed the center for 41 consecutive hours working with other town agencies providing assistance as needed to ensure the safety of all citizens.

Interested in learning more about Emergency Management?

Burrillville has an experienced staff of volunteers who respond regularly when called upon to assist during emergency situations. If interested in becoming part of our team please contact me at any time at 401-641-0898. Please check the EMA page on the town web site for future messages regarding training opportunities. These trainings are for veteran members of our staff along with those new to the agency.



I thank all our volunteers, veterans and rookies alike for your tireless efforts during emergency situations and during Emergency Management activities for the Town of Burrillville, and remind everyone, "Preparedness begins at home." Visit our page on the Town of Burrillville web site!!

http://www.burrillville.org/Public_Documents/BurrillvilleRI_Emergency/



Ronald J. Woods Animal Control Officer

Have you “liked our Facebook page yet? Please “like” and share our page to help build our membership. We will be posting news, educational material, lost/found pets, links to adoptable pets, donation requests, and fundraising info on our page. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/BurrillvilleAnimalControl> .

With fall upon us, the holidays will approach quickly. Please remember that pets are rarely a good gift idea. If you are considering giving a pet as a gift, make sure that the person receiving it truly wants a pet and is capable of caring for it physically and financially. Pets require a commitment of time and money, and many end up in shelters because unprepared owners are unable to take proper care of them. Consider purchasing the pet supplies needed with the promise of a pet after the holidays. This ensures that obtaining a pet is not on impulse and gives the receiver adequate time to consider the best type of pet and what care it will require. Arriving in a new home during the holidays can be extra stressful on a pet with all the excess company, or absences, and noise. Not to mention the additional hazards such as tinsel, ornament hooks, glass decorations, etc. For parents giving a pet as a gift to a child – remember that no matter what promises your child may make regarding taking care of a pet, the responsibility for ensuring the pet is properly cared for will be yours. After the novelty wears off, you are the ones left with the care of the pet while your child(ren) become interested in other things. Please make sure you are ready for that commitment before giving your child a pet.

We would like to remind everyone to check their pets’ vaccinations. Rabies vaccines are required for all dogs, cats, and ferrets. Although Rabies is the only legally required vaccine, other vaccines are important too. There continues to be an increase in canine parvo activity in Rhode Island and all over New England. This is a highly contagious virus which is easily transmitted. It is prevented by vaccinating, but is extremely costly to treat and can be fatal to your dog.

Reminders: There is a leash law in effect for dogs. All dogs must be leashed when off the property of the owner. The dog waste ordinance requires that owners clean up after their dogs when off of the owners’ property. All dogs must be licensed. Licenses can be obtained at Town Hall with proof of a current Rabies certificate. We have recently seen an increase in the number of dog bites “at large”. Please be a

responsible dog owner and make sure that your dog is properly confined for public safety.

It's been an incredibly busy summer. We have been very successful in our trap/neuter/release program for feral cats, trapping over 70 cats this season, and socializing kittens for adoption. We now can breathe a sigh of relief as kitten season will soon be winding down, giving adult cats that have been repeatedly overlooked an opportunity to be adopted. Remember that your new kitten will need to be spayed/neutered by the age of six months so that they are not able to contribute to the population of unwanted pets. Luckily, there are low-cost options available. Burrillville Animal Control continues to host low cost spay/neuter clinics for cats on a monthly basis. Services are provided by Dr. Ryan Loiselle of Salmon River Veterinary in their mobile surgery unit, and clinics are held on the Shelter premises. These clinics are for cats only, and the cost is \$75 which includes the spay/neuter surgery as well as Rabies and FVRCP vaccines. Registration is made by contacting Salmon River Vet at 401-793-0092, or you may visit their website at www.rimobilevet.com. Low cost spay/neuter services are also available through Ocean State Animal Coalition's RI Community Spay/Neuter clinic. This clinic provides discounted spay/neuter services for dogs and cats, with extra discounts for feral cats and pit bulls. For more information, you can reach them at 401-369-7297, or visit their website at www.oceanstateanimalcoalition.org.



Important safety tips:

- Do not approach stray animals. Please love your own, leave others alone.
- Avoid all contact with wildlife. Rabies continues to be a serious issue in the local wildlife population. Report any sick wildlife to DEM or Animal Control. All human and domestic animal contacts with wildlife should be reported.
- Do not feed pets outside, and please do not feed wildlife.
- Place identification tags on your pets' collars so they can be returned to you if lost.
- Make sure that your pets are properly secured and have plenty of fresh water available at all times.
- Many plants and foods are toxic to animals. You can find plenty of information regarding potential hazards of plants, foods, medications, etc. at <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/>.
- Be aware of spills of auto antifreeze/coolant. It is deadly to pets.
- In cold weather, bang on your hood before starting your vehicle. A cat or other small critter may have climbed in for a warm place to sleep.

- Contact our office at 568-9480 with questions, concerns, and animal-related complaints.

Animal Control continues to face difficulties related to the economic conditions. We have been experiencing a disturbing rise in the number of intentionally abandoned animals, some in horrific condition, and they need our help. We are proud to work in a community of such generous and caring supporters, and thank you all for your contributions. Working at Animal Control can be stressful and hard on the heart at times, but our reward is seeing debilitated animals recover, and placing as many pets as possible in happy and loving homes. We see a lot of sadness and irresponsibility, and along the way we meet wonderful people who want to help and adopt. It is these people who restore our faith and keep us working hard for the animals. Product donations are gladly accepted. Please call to see what items we need most. The Shelter will continue to be in need of ongoing cash donations to cover veterinary expenses. These donations are used solely for veterinary expenses so that we may ensure the best outcome for animals in our care, and healthy pets to those who adopt. Anyone wishing to donate can do so in person at the Shelter, or by mail to: Burrillville Animal Control, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI 02830. There is also a PayPal link available on our town website page.

The Shelter always has pets available for adoption. You may see our pets on-line at

http://www.burrillville.org/Public_Documents/BurrillvilleRI_Animal/ or

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/RI40.html> or

<https://www.facebook.com/BurrillvilleAnimalControl> .



Volunteers are welcome at the Shelter to assist with cleaning and feeding and care of the animals as well as other indoor and outdoor projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Shelter at 401-568-9480 for more information.



Parks & Recreation
Jeffrey McCormick, Director, CPRP
Andrea Hall, Program & Special Project
Assistant

92 North Main Street, Pascoag

Telephone 568-9470

E-mail: ahall@Burrillville.org

ANNUAL EVENTS:

Santa at Stillwater

The annual Santa event at the Stillwater Mill Center will be held in collaboration with the Harrisville Fire Department, Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, Burrillville Farmer's Market and RE:discover Gifts. The event will take place on Saturday, December 12th from 1-3 p.m., with a blizzard date of December 19th. Enjoy hot chocolate under the Pavilion while you're waiting to see Santa. Santa will be happy to hear your Christmas wishes and will have a small gift for all who stop by. Don't forget your camera! Get your face painted in the library café and decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus in the Jesse Smith Library Community Room. Enjoy live music from the Middle School Chorus.

Santa Calling

Santa and Santa's Helpers will call children 2nd grade and under between Wednesday, December 9th through Sunday, December 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Forms will be sent home through the schools, as well as available at the Town Hall, town website and at the Parks & Recreation Department Office. Volunteers interested in being one of Santa's Helpers are urged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department Office.



Holiday Card Contest

Children from within our schools will create a "Winter Scene in Burrillville" with the top (5) winner's holiday artwork to appear in each (5) pack of cards. Cards will be printed on recycled paper and proceeds will benefit a local family during the Holiday Season.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Craft Workshops

A fall craft workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th and winter craft workshop for Wednesday, December 16th at 1 p.m. at the Beckwith Bruckshaw Lodge. Please contact Burrillville Parks & Recreation at 568-9470 or e-mail at parksandrec@burrillville.org for more information or to sign up.

Sunshine Club

The Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department will be continuing the successful "Burrillville Sunshine Club" with the assistance of volunteers Sue Gaudreau and Holly Bisson. The club gathers once per month at the Parks and Recreation Department to make homemade gifts to share at the local nursing homes to celebrate any patient's birthdays that have occurred during that month. If you are interested in being part of spreading some "sunshine" to our Burrillville community members, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 568-9470 or e-mail us at parksandrec@burrillville.org.

Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program

A not for profit joint effort between Burrillville Parks and Recreation, the Burrillville Lions Club, the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, and the Berean Baptist Church to provide weekend food for needy Burrillville youth. This program is funded entirely by donations and is made possible by a group of volunteers who assemble and deliver the weekly bags. Contact the Parks and Rec Department if you'd like to make a monetary or non-perishable food donation, or if you'd like to assist with fundraising efforts or monthly packing sessions. Parks & Recreation Department: 568-9470 or e-mail us at parksandrec@burrillville.org.

NEW Programs!

Forever Fit: Sue Sgambato is the instructor for a new exercise class for those 55+ that aims to keep you "Forever Fit". This beginner/intermediate class will combine seated stretching, flexibility and range of motion exercise, strength training, standing dance fitness and balance exercise. It is an excellent workout for everyone-strengthening upper and lower body, improving balance, and having lots of fun. Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Community Recreation Center (Beckwith Bruckshaw Lodge) The fee is \$3.00 per person. Contact Sue Sgambato for more information at 568-5473.

Hula Hoop Classes: Classes are held each Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$9 per class drop-in or a monthly fee equal to \$7 per class. Classes are held at the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge). Think outside the hoop!! Hoop classes teach waist hooping as well as on-body and off-body tricks and routines. It's fun exercise meets hoop dance. Contact Instructor Marcia Colledge (Gypsy Blue) at 309-5297 or e-mail at In.the.hoop.hula.hoops@gmail.com for information.

Karate Classes: Instruction by Sensei Al Gagne, 6th degree Red and White Belt, will be held each Tuesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at Steere Farm Elementary School. Ages 6-12. Children will learn about Japanese culture, etiquette, language as well as self-defense and basic

karate drills. The cost is \$50 per month; uniform is not required. Contact Sensei Al Gagne at 965-3044 for more information.

**THE BECKWITH/BRUCKSHAW LODGE
(COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER):**

Rent the Lodge

Need a place to hold a fundraiser, birthday party, or other type event? The Community Recreation Center is available for rent on weekends. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 568-9470 or parksandrec@burrillville.org.

Program Expansion at the Lodge

The Department continues to expand programming at the Lodge. We now offer activities during school vacation weeks and the throughout the summer. If you are an instructor interested in teaching at the Lodge or if you'd like more information about our programs contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 568-9470 or parksandrec@burrillville.org.

Public Skating



Public skate at the June R. Levy Rink on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at a fee of \$4.00 per person (kids under 7 are free). Skate nights on Fridays from approximately 9:00 p.m.-11 p.m. (except MLK weekend) \$5 per person. Skate rental is free! Ice times are available for birthday parties and other special occasions. Call 568-8615 or 636-2606 for more information.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Program	Location
After School Multi-Sport	Levy, Callahan, & Steere Farm
Art Classes	Levy, Callahan, Steere Farm & The Lodge
Children's Dance classes - tap, acro/gymnastics, jazz & hip hop	The Lodge
Tai Chi & Qigong	The Lodge
Fencing	Levy School
Forever Fit	The Lodge
Yoga	The Lodge
Safe-sitter program	Burrillville Middle School
Craft Workshops	The Lodge
Zumba	The Lodge
Adult Art Classes	The Lodge
Archery Classes	The Lodge
Hoop Classes	The Lodge
Karate	Steere Farm
Healthier Fit Lifestyle	The Lodge

SIGN UP FOR RECREATION NEWS:

Subscribe to receive Recreation Department News by visiting www.burrillville.org and clicking on 'subscribe to news' tab on the left hand side of the page. Check the 'recreation news' box to sign up for email notifications regarding programs and events sponsored by the Recreation Department.

BURRILLVILLE SKATE PARK

This is YOUR Park, please take care of it and keep it clean.

HOURS OF OPERATION 9:00 a.m. to DUSK.

The Park is closed when the gate is closed and locked

THIS IS AN UNSUPERVISED PARK.
THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE WILL NOT ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURIES.
USE OF THIS PARK IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.

- Skateboarding, rollerblading, scooter riding and BMX bicycle riding can be a HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY that may result in SERIOUS INJURY. The use of personal safety gear and equipment (helmets, elbow pads, kneepads and protective clothing) is strongly recommended.
- The use of a protective helmet is mandatory for anyone 15 years of age or younger.
- No use allowed when equipment is wet or icy. No use allowed during lightning storms.
- Please be respectful and courteous of other users and neighbors.
- Abusive, threatening or obscene language is prohibited.
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs are prohibited.
- If you see someone acting inappropriately, be a mentor and a leader and share tips on skate park etiquette.
- No competitive or demonstration events are allowed without prior approval of Parks and Recreation Department.
- Keep the park clean – No glass containers inside the fenced area. Please use the town recycling and rubbish containers. No littering allowed!
- In case of emergency - Police/Fire/Medical: Dial 9-1-1

Report vandalism, suspicious or criminal activity to the Police Department 568-6255 or Parks & Recreation Department 568-9470.



Judy Lopez
Spring Lake Beach Manager
92 North Main Street, Pascoag

Telephone 568-9470
E-mail: jlopez@burrillville.org

The Town administration would like to extend its gratitude to the new Spring Lake Beach Manager, Judy Lopez. Judy has done a wonderful job giving the Town's beach a facelift and has worked diligently to improve upon the already treasured, hidden gem that is, Spring Lake Beach.

Cheri Hall, the previous Beach Manager, who worked for the Town for over twenty years, brought Spring Lake Beach to life. Together Cheri and Judy have created a wonderful place here in Burrillville that families can enjoy for years to come. While we are mentioning credit for beach improvements, we must also thank Jeff McCormick, Director of Public Works and his very capable staff for their ideas and hard work during this transition. Our beach is truly a team effort.

For those of you who didn't get a chance to visit Spring Lake this past summer, here is a sneak peek at some of the amenities that you can look forward to seeing next year in 2016!



Our Beach is a special place. We thank those who patronized and supported Spring Lake this past year and look forward to next season. We will continue our family theme and will be adding to the fun filled, family oriented amenities next season.

Jeffrey M. McCormick, P.E., Director
Department of Public Works

65 Union Avenue, Harrisville

Telephone: (401) 568-4440 Fax: (401) 568-9469

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Town Minibus

The Town of Burrillville Department of Public Works offers a minibus transportation service for eligible residents of Burrillville. To be eligible for this service, Burrillville residents must be 62 years old or older or totally disabled. The minibus operates on a regular schedule and will pick up any eligible Burrillville resident upon request. The schedule is as follows:

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays – bus is available for doctors' appointments between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Wednesdays – bus is available for grocery shopping trips to the Village IGA Marketplace in Pascoag
- Fridays – bus is available for scheduled trips for up to 12 people for excursions or shopping trips around the state. One trip per month to Dino's

This bus service is available on a first come, first served basis, and is free of charge to Burrillville residents.

Please call Allison at 568-4440 ext.10 with any questions or to schedule the minibus.

The Town of Burrillville Department of Public Works continues working on regular maintenance projects of street sweeping, brush cutting, catch basin repairs, drainage improvements, catch basin cleaning, sidewalk repairs and roadway repairs. Additionally, the Department works on major roadway and infrastructure projects each construction season. Here is the status of the projects we are working on or planning.

- **Hill Road (Whipple to Round Top), Ledgewood Lane, section of Smith Hill, section of Snake Hill and half of Union Ave** – Reclamation, repaving, drainage improvements completed in August.
- **Lake Shore, Shady Lane, Highland, Lake View Maple Terrace and Beach Road** – Design for drainage improvements ongoing planned repaving for Spring 2016.
- **North Road Bridge** – Demolition and reconstruction of North Road Bridge, Construction in Spring 2015.



- **Hero Park** - Small playground at police station in honor of Tyler Seddon, construction completed last October.

- **Gonyea Park** – A park honoring former councilman William E. Gonyea was completed and dedicated June 13th.



- **White Mill Park** – Up-grades to existing park, repair and re-roof the gazebo, upgrade the playground equipment for better handicap access, completed in September.

- **Stillwater Mill Recreation Area/Playground**
Construction of park for the Library, Farmers Market Stillwater apartment's neighborhood for Burrillville Redevelopment and Neighborworks was completed in September.



- **Misc. Drainage Improvements** Multiple catch basins rebuilt.
- **Crack Sealing** – The town-wide crack sealing program continues in an effort to extend the life of roads that exhibit a repairable amount of cracking.
- **Tree Trimming** – A combination of our continuing brush clearing with the articulating flail machines, tree trimming by DPW forces and the use of outside contractors is an ongoing nearly year round effort.
- **Street Sign Replacement Program** – The Town wide Street sign replacement program is nearly complete.
- **Fuel Dispensing and Monitoring System Upgrade** - The existing system components are obsolete. The fuel dispensing and monitoring system was replaced in August.
- **Pascoag Bridgeway** –Sidewalks will be replaced and granite curbing reset to compliment the future 107 1R project that will extend from Union Ave in Harrisville to The Bridgeway and Main Street. Start date pending RIDOT schedule but should be Spring 2016.
- **Road Work Planned** - Pending Town Council approval and budget the following roads will be reclaimed and repaved; Broad Street, Michelle Drive, Log Rd, Mount Pleasant, Buxton Street, Nancy Lane, Spring Street, Shea Lane, Silver Lake Avenue, Davis Drive and Ledeoux Drive.

SEASONAL HELP

DPW Summer Crews – The summer part-time employees will continue to maintain all of the Town Parks and Recreational facilities April through November. Their work includes grass cutting, weed clearing, trash removal and leaf removal in the fall.

ENGINEERING

DPW Engineering Projects – The Director of Public Works will be working with consultants on numerous future construction projects to prepare plans and obtain the required permits. Among the projects are:

- Lake Shore Drive, Drainage Study – ongoing design
- Wilson Reservoir Spillway (Flood Protection) – permit received
- Recreation/Lodge Expansion Study. – ongoing site feasibility study
- North Road Bridge – ongoing design
- Pavement Management Update - ongoing
- RIDEM Storm Water Management Plan - ongoing
- Landfill Monitoring- ongoing
- New DPW facility –ongoing design
- Brown House at Spring Lake Beach - ongoing design demo and rebuild fall15/spring/16
- Stillwater Culvert – ongoing design
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan – ongoing awaiting FEMA approval
- Mapleville Main Street Reconstruction – future
- Sayles Ave Phase II, Reconstruction between Post Office and Laurel Hill Rd. - future
- Bridge and Culvert Railing Analysis - future
- Park Place – future
- South Brook St Drainage Study- future

STATE ROADS

[Rhode Island Department of Transportation Projects –](#)

DPW is coordinating with the RIDOT regarding the status and potential issues regarding state projects within the Town of Burrillville. These projects include:

- Shippee Bridge repair and replacement projects
- 1R Improvements to Union Ave to Pascoag Main Street
- Victory Highway (between East Ave and Bridge 105)
- RT 102 safety Improvements

WINTER

The department will be sanding and plowing as needed with our existing crews complimented by on-call drivers. Please heed all winter parking bans to allow plow trucks to get through tight roadways and pay attention to garbage collection notices. Refer to the town website to report mailbox damage etc.



Andrea Hall Recycling Coordinator

Recycling News

The Green Team

The Green Team did a fantastic job of picking up litter around Town this summer and helping to beautify our parks! A group of students as well as several residents worked hard over the summer to help Keep Burrillville Beautiful. Descriptions of their accomplishments as well as pictures of their efforts can be seen on the Green Team webpage: www.burrillville.org/Public_Documents/BurrillvilleRI_Refuse/Green%20Team

The Eco-Depot & Shred Event held on July 25th was a success! Many thanks to all the residents who stopped by to say hello as they properly disposed of their hazardous waste and shredded personal documents. Together we shredded 6,400lbs of paper—that's 2,375lbs more than last year! The Eco-Depot event collected 17,618lbs of hazardous waste.

Collection Delays

Residents can obtain information about delays due to weather events or holidays in one of three ways:

1. Visit the Refuse & Recycling webpage www.burrillville.org/refuse
2. Check the Refuse and Recycling Voicemail Message (568-4440 x12)
3. Sign up to receive Public Notice Emails on the main page of the Town website www.burrillville.org/subscriber.

As soon as Waste Management notifies the Town of any issues causing a delay or cancellation, that information is made available to residents. Information is updated immediately even when a decision is made after normal working hours, including over the weekend.

Recycling Events

September 19th—Green Festival — The Green Festival ran from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on September 19th at the Stillwater Mill Complex. This community event was offered by the Pascoag Utility District and Department of Parks and Recreation. Residents were able to visit with Green Vendors, learn about energy conservation and recycling, and participate in three workshops. The Refuse and Recycling displays and information regarding recycling in Town, as well as a free recycled craft. Knoble Knots food truck and Annabel's ice cream were present.

For more information on the Green Festival contact Desarae Dolan at the Pascoag Utility District 401-568-62

October 3rd—Shred Event at the Whipple Ave Recycling & Compost Facility- Event runs from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Residents are limited to one box of documents per person to minimize wait time. The Whipple Ave Recycling & Compost Facility will be open for regular service during the Shred Event. Contact Andrea Hall at 568-4440 x12 or ahall@burrillville.org for info on what items are accepted at Whipple Ave facility.

Weekly Setout Reminders

- Trash and recycling carts are the property of the Town. No markings are permitted on the cart other than in the white address label on the top of the lid.
- Place one cart on each side of the driveway **or** place carts 3ft apart from one another and from other
- obstacles.
- Place carts no more than 3ft away from the curb or road edge
- Arrows on the cart lid must face the street
- Cart lids must be fully closed with no material sticking out
- No material may be placed on top of the cart lid

Winter Collection Tips

Extreme Cold: Freezing temperatures can cause trash/recycling to freeze to side of the carts preventing them from being fully emptied. Make sure trash is bagged and recyclables are rinsed and dry. Keep cart lids closed and be sure to dump out snow/rain that may have accumulated in cart after it was emptied.

Snow Storms: If the storm will occur in the overnight hours, wait until the morning to place your carts curbside; this will reduce chances of carts being knocked over by slush from plow trucks. Extreme storms that span the majority of the daylight hours or that predict 6+ inches of snow and/or high winds may require an earlier collection time. Please place carts out by 6 a.m. for these extreme weather events.

Up to Date Information on changes/delays due to weather or holidays can always be found on the Recycling Coordinator's Voicemail (568-4440 x12) or by visiting www.burrillville.org/refuse . 22 x223 or ddolan@pud-ri.org.

Why is it important to recycle as much as we can?

Remember the **4 E's**:

- Recycling is **Easy**. It's one of the easiest ways we show we care about our community and the environment.

- It's good for the **Environment**. It saves energy, and other precious natural resources like water, minerals, and trees.
 - It's good for the **Economy**. RIRRC doesn't charge for recycling (there is a \$32/ton fee for trash) and they share any profits from selling recycling back with the Town. Recycling also creates jobs; for every 1 job in landfilling, there are 5 jobs in reuse/recycling.
- It's good for **Each Other**. At current trash disposal rates RI's only Central Landfill will reach capacity in 2038, and alternatives are very expensive. Recycling extends the life of the landfill and preserves space for future generations of Rhode Islanders.

Burrillville's current recycle rate is 30%. Residents have been doing a great job, however there are many items still ending up in recycling carts that are not recyclable. Recycling loads that are contaminated or contain prohibited items may be rejected at the MRF. A rejected load costs the Town \$250, and all the contents of that load must be landfilled at \$32/ton. No one wants this to happen! While nobody's perfect and mistakes happen, please do your part to keep the following items (all seen recently in the recycling) OUT of your recycling bin:

- Food
- Leaf and Yard debris
- Construction and Demolition debris
- Clothing, textiles, and tarps
- Plastic bags
- Recyclables IN plastic bags
- Diapers
- Tires
- Chains, cables, wires, ropes, hoses
- Household Hazardous waste, including propane tanks
- Scrap metal
- Paint



Please take the time to review the list of accepted items and contact the Recycling Coordinator with any questions. For any questions on the Do's and Don'ts of recycling in RI, please visit www.RecycleTogetherRI.org , or call the Town's Recycling Coordinator at 568-4440 x12 or ahall@burrillville.org .

Burrillville has made great strides in recycling, and we continue to research ways to increase our recycling rate. Currently we are focusing our efforts on increasing recycling in our schools, parks and fields, and raising awareness of roadside litter. Thank you for helping to Keep Burrillville Beautiful! Thank you for recycling!

Refuse & Recycling Information

Refuse and Recycling Events/Delays/Information

Sign up to receive important information and reminders regarding your refuse and recycling collection at www.burrillville.org/subscriber by signing up to receive public notice emails. **Delays in collection due to weather events and holidays** are sent via public notice email and are also left on the Recycling Coordinator's voicemail 568-4440 x12 and posted on the Town's website www.burrillville.org/refuse.

Weekly Curbside Pickup:

Residents are allowed one BLACK lid Town owned cart for trash, and one YELLOW lid Town owned cart for recycling. Place trash and recyclables curbside no more than 24 hours before and no later than 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Excess trash can be placed next to the cart in a Town approved Overflow Bag. Excess recycling can be brought to the Whipple Ave Facility and placed in the Mixed Recycling dumpster.

Bulky Items

Bulky items are collected twice per month for a fee of \$16.07 per item. A bulky item is an item of solid waste that is not recyclable and is too large to fit inside a bag placed inside the Town provided cart. Examples include couch, chair, desk, rugs, carpets, etc. Call Waste Management to schedule a pickup at 1-800-972-4545. Residents with a large amount of bulky items can utilize the Bagster Program. Contact the Town's Recycling Coordinator for information on Bagster bags - 568-4440 x12 or ahall@burrillville.org. Bulky items left curbside for a period of more than one day are in violation of Section 22-43 of the Solid Waste Ordinance and may be subject to fines and penalties.

Appliances/White Goods

Appliances are collected twice per month for a fee of \$19.38 per item. Appliances include washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners etc. Call Waste Management to schedule a pickup at 1-800-972-4545. Non-Freon appliances can be brought to Whipple Ave for no fee. Local metal recyclers advertising in the Bargain Buyer will often pickup Freon appliances at no charge.

Cart Maintenance

Residents are responsible for periodic cleaning/disinfecting carts, properly storing carts when not in use, and cart replacement due to normal wear and tear. Contact the Recycling Coordinator for repairs to cart wheels, axles, lids and hinge pins.



Exchanging Carts

Residents can exchange their 65-gallon Town owned trash cart for a larger 95-gallon cart for a onetime charge of \$50. 65-gallon recycling carts can be exchanged for a larger 95-gallon recycling cart for no fee. Cart(s) to be exchanged must be clean and in good condition. A \$15 administrative charge will be assessed if the Town delivers and exchanges the cart(s). Residents may exchange their 65-gallon carts for smaller 35-gallon carts for no fee. A \$15 administrative charge will be assessed if the Town delivers and exchanges the cart(s). No administrative charge will be assessed if the resident exchanges the cart(s) at the Department of Public Works. Exchanged carts are subject to availability.

Recyclable Items Accepted in the YELLOW lid Recycling Cart

- Milk & juice cartons
- Juice boxes (remove straws)
- Glass containers
- Plastic containers (up to 2 gallons. Disregard the numbers and triangle)
- Metal and aluminum cans, metal lids, foil & pie plates
- Mixed paper
- Thin cardboard –cereal/pasta boxes, tissue boxes etc. (No beer, soda or frozen food boxes, or greasy pizza boxes)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Shredded paper (double bag in clear translucent plastic bag)
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flat, cut into pieces that fit loosely in cart)

Empty & rinse all recyclables. Replace plastic caps and trigger sprays. Place recyclables loose in the cart. No plastic bags in your recycle cart unless they contain shredded paper.

For an extensive list of recyclable items visit: www.strivefor35.org or call 401-568-4440 x12 with questions.

Overflow Bags

Residents with excess trash can purchase Town Overflow Bags at DPW and IGA. Bags are \$3 each and are sold in sleeves of 5.

How Do I Dispose of...?

Books— Books that are in good condition can be placed in the Kiduca-tion bin at DPW.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) — Bring to Pascoag Utility District, an Eco-Depot, Home Depot or check your local hardware store.

Computer Ink Cartridges – Bring to DPW to be donated to the Burrill-ville Lions.

Construction/Demolition Debris – Anything that was or could be attached to your home is considered construction debris. Examples include windows, shower doors, wood, bathtubs, toilets, sheet rock etc. Bring to RIRRC, hire a private hauler, or use the Bagster program.

Excess Waste due to a Large Cleanout or Renovation—Hire a private hauler or use the Bagster Program. Contact the Town's Recycling Coordinator for information on Bagster bags - 568-4440 x12 or ahall@burrillville.org

Hazardous Household Waste – chemicals, fertilizers, propane tanks, oil based paint, pool chemicals, gasoline, transmission fluid, etc. - Bring to Eco-Depot. Call Rhode Island Resource Recovery @ 942-1430 ext. 241.

Medical Syringes – Place in hard plastic container (laundry detergent bottle, bleach bottle etc.) seal cap tightly with duct tape and place container in the *trash*.

Plastic Bags – tie in a knot and drop off at any ReStore bin, including Brigido's IGA.

Styrofoam-KWD Warehouse has moved to 660 Douglas Rd, Uxbridge, MA. Please call KWD at 508-731-5020 for more information on location and hours for Styrofoam Recycling.

Used Cooking Oil — Bring to RIRRC.

Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters, Car Batteries – Dispose of at DPW during normal business hours. 5 gallon limit for motor oil.

Whipple Ave. Recycling & Compost Facility Information

Hours: Whipple Ave is open every Wednesday & Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Proof of Residency is required to use the Whipple Ave Facility.



Items ACCEPTED at the Whipple Ave.

Recycling & Compost Facility

Christmas Trees – First two Wednesdays and Saturdays in January from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Trees must be cleaned of all ornaments and tinsel. No plastic bags permitted.

Clothing & Textiles — Includes items suitable for reuse and items to be processed as rags. Place in Clothing & Textile Bin at The Whipple Ave Recycling & Compost Facility.

Electronics (E-Waste) – TV's, computers, monitors, microwaves, keyboards, stereo equipment, mouse devices, modems.

Excess Recyclables/Single Stream Recyclables – Large cardboard and excess recyclables that would normally go in your cart with the yellow lid.

Mattresses, Box-Springs & Futon Mattresses

Metal (scrap) – bicycles, rims, lawnmowers (drain oil/gas), grills (cleaned), exercise equipment, pipes, metal cabinets, and other miscellaneous scrap metals.

Non-Freon Appliances – stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers

Plastic (Rigid) - Children's toys, vacuums, hose reels, lawn furniture, etc.

Tires – must be off the rim. Limit of 4. No oversized tires.

Yard Waste – brush must be 4" diameter or less & cut in 5' lengths or less. Place leaves in paper bags only.

Recycling Reminders

- Greasy pizza boxes, paper packaging from frozen/refrigerated foods, beer/soda packaging are NOT recyclable
- Juice pouches (Capri sun etc.) and straws are NOT recyclable
- Styrofoam is NOT accepted in your recycle cart
- Plastic bags are NOT accepted in your recycle cart unless it is a clear plastic bag containing shredded paper
- Any plastic container 2 gallons or less IS now recyclable in your yellow lid cart
- Plastic caps and covers can now stay on your plastic containers
- Scrap metal and wire hangers are NOT accepted in your recycle cart. Please bring to the Whipple Ave Recycling and Compost Facility

If your **trash** or **recycling was not picked up** please call Waste Management at 1-800-972-4545.

If you have **questions** about how to recycle certain items, or **concerns** about your trash or recycling pickup please contact the Recycling Coordinator – Andrea Hall at 568-4440 x 12 or ahall@burrillville.org. Visit our website for detailed information www.strivefor35.org.

Refuse & Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

When your regular collection day falls on a holiday, **trash and recyclables are delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.** Monday's trash is collected on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday etc.

2015 Holidays that delay Trash & Recycling collection

Columbus Day	Monday, October 12 th
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26 th
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25 th

2016 Holidays that delay Trash & Recycling collection

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1 st
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 18 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30 th
Independence Day	Monday, July 4 th
Victory Day	Monday, August 8 th
Labor Day	Monday, September 5 th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10 th
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24 th
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25 th (observed on Monday, December 26 th)

JESSE M. SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beth Ullucci, Director

100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI 02830

(401) 710-7800 Fax: (401) 710-7772

www.jmslibrary.org or visit us on Facebook

There is always something happening at the library. Each day brings new programs and people into this beautiful building for events, computers, DVDs and, yes, even books!

In early May, we welcomed a new director, Beth Ullucci, who previously served as Assistant Director. She brings a wealth of experience to this position. She is a trained archivist and skilled manager with over two decades of library experience.

Among her many other responsibilities here, she worked on the highly successful and very popular Riverwalk Times in conjunction with the Friends of the Library. Riverwalk Times is underwritten by the Friends of the Library along with other community sponsors including Live Music Band, Addieville East Farm, Inc., Representative Cale Keable, Atlas Pallet, Natural Resource Services, Senator Paul Fogarty, Navigant

Credit Union, Lindsay Lacey Designs, and Overlook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



This season was the most attended concert series to date with 2,018 people attending the 7 concerts by performers ranging from the fun and silly Toe Jam Puppet Band to Slippery Sneakers' zydeco dance music. Thanks go to those attending the free concerts who contributed to a free will offering and by purchasing food & drink from the Friends concession stand.

After Labor Day, the library set new hours by opening up on Thursday mornings. The library is now open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday and we continue to be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (except in the summer when we close at 2 p.m. on Saturday.) Changing exhibits and monthly contests will continue to make the library an ever changing destination.

One thing that will not change is the library's commitment to our patrons. Suggestions for purchases and programs are always welcome. Lots of popular new DVDs have been added to the collection in the past few months as well. Of course our patrons continue to request books, audiobooks and DVDs from other libraries around the state. This service is free of charge through the daily delivery with participating library buildings around the state with membership in Ocean State Libraries.

For patrons who prefer to read, watch or listen via digital download, our library, along with the other library systems in the state, subscribes to Overdrive. Look for it as part of the library's catalog under the heading E Zone. All types of media can be downloaded to a computer, tablet or e-reader. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask us. We can walk you through the set-up process.

For library users who need help getting online, navigating the web or using Microsoft Office products, staff members are always ready to help. For patrons who feel they need more time to ask questions one-on-one to a librarian, we can arrange that too. Please ask at the reference desk.

Ongoing library programs for adults are:

Trivial Pursuit which is held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library conference room. This free program does not require registration. Be sure and call to confirm that the program is being held.

The Adult Writing Group is held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:45 p.m. This group provides a supportive atmos-

where writers can share ideas and experience with other writers.

The Thursday Knitting Group is open to knitters ages 10 to 100! Held each Thursday from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in the Children's Program Room, the knitters have extra yarn and needles ready for newcomers. Bring your projects to knit, chat and meet new friends.

The **Friday Night Coffee House** original music series returns on January 15, 2016. These free Friday night concerts are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from January through May.

News from the Children's Room

This summer we had 234 kids register for the Every Hero Tells a Story summer reading program which requires kids read on their own or have someone read to them for 8 hours during the 6 week program. To prepare for our Summer Reading Program, Children's Librarian Robin Nyzio visited all of the students at A.T. Levy, Callahan and Steere Farm Schools. The school librarians were a huge help in making these visits a success. Getting kids excited about coming to the public library in the summer was a great experience regardless of whether it was one class of kindergarteners in the library or half the school in the gym! And all summer long those kids came into the library and said hi to Miss Robin.

Readers earned tickets for a weekly drawing when we counted their time spent reading or they completed an activity sheet or our scavenger hunt. Programs held during the summer included a jiu-jitsu demonstration from Rising Sun Jiu-Jitsu and Book Buddies, which pairs older and younger readers to read and do crafts together. We ended with a magic show by the Great Baldini, sponsored by the state library office, an ice cream treat and bubble blowing on the Riverwalk!

All of the registered readers between the ages of 6 and 12 who completed our reading program requirements, reading a minimum of 8 hours and completing the scavenger hunt, could enter a contest co-sponsored by the PawSox, Pepsi and Citizens Bank. One winner from our library received 4 tickets to attend the game with his family on August 18th. At the game, one winner was picked from the 42 libraries represented to receive a free trip for 4 to Disney World. For the first time ever, a reader from the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library won! Alexzander Michaud is going to Disney with his family in November! Alex and the other contest entrants were recognized by the Burrillville Town Council at the meeting on September 9, 2015.



As the summer reading concluded, Miss Robin became the library's Assistant Director. She is now part of the administrative team. She can be seen working at the reference desk, doing room bookings and planning programs for adults. An adult book discussion returns to the

library in October and a few craft programs are already in the works. After working in children's, young adult and reference services in Pawtucket, Lincoln and Middleboro, MA, she is excited for this new opportunity.

Taking over from Miss Robin in the Children's Room is Lisa Stratton. With a background in early childhood education and many years of public library experience, Miss Lisa is a welcome addition to our stellar children's room staff. She will continue offering active story programming for children of all ages. Our Literacy Tails program, where kids can read to therapy dogs, continues to be a favorite. Our elementary book/writing group is small but steady. New members are welcome to join the discussion.

We continue to offer our very popular LEGO Building Club on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m.

A new program this fall in the children's room is an after school Science Club for school age kids. Simple science projects paired with a book equal a fun time to learn at the library!

The Family Nook now features a beautiful wooden train table with lots of trains and accessories for hours of fun. This past summer, the library was awarded a \$500 State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations House of Representatives Legislative Grant under the sponsorship of Rep. Cale Keable. The purpose of the grant is to promote use of the library as a community gathering place through the development of an interactive family play center. We invite you to come upstairs and look around to see the new additions to the room.

More programs on the calendar

Upcoming programs at the library this fall will be Star Wars Reads Day on Saturday, October 10th and International Games Day on Saturday, November 21st. SWRD2015 is being celebrated at libraries and bookstores around the country. We will feature displays of Star Wars books and memorabilia as well as games and giveaways. IGD2015 is a program of the American Library Association and is held at libraries all over the world! Our program features a life size Chutes & Ladders game for families along with a variety of other board games all over the building including oversize versions of Jenga, Kerplunk and checkers!

It's thanks to the Friends of The Jesse Smith Library that we are able to hold all these fun events. Their fundraising through the ongoing used book sale, twice yearly used book sale and call for donations at other events that make all of the fun and educational programs possible. They are always looking for new members; look for more information about joining on our website. They meet in the library on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

PASCOAG PUBLIC LIBRARY

57 Church Street, Pascoag, RI 02859

Tel: 401-568-6226 Fax: 401-567-9372

Web: <http://pascoaglibrary.org>

SERVING THE TOWN FOR 144 YEARS 1871 – 2015

Pascoag Library is open 26 hours per week and is a full service library providing the same services as larger libraries while retaining the small-town ambience. Patrons can borrow materials from all the public libraries in the state through the Ocean State Libraries (OSL) network. It has 16,500 volumes of hardcover fiction, non-fiction, classics, children's books, adult and children's DVD's, and audio books including the latest bestsellers in both fiction and non-fiction.

The library is open as follows: WINTER hours: Monday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday 10-12 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Sunday, Closed. SUMMER hours: Monday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday 10-12 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, closed.

Pascoag Library periodically offers early childhood literacy programs such as "Mother Goose on the Loose," Sleepy Time Stories, Baby Time Lapsits and Lego Clubs. Pascoag will also be introducing a "Game Time", an informal playtime program, and young adult book club programs this fall. The Children's Summer Reading Program is held each year in July and August. A variety of adult and family programs are also held throughout the year.

Pascoag is in the process of updating our website. Keep informed of activities at Pascoag Library or reserve a book from your home computer through the online catalog using your library card. E-books can also be accessed through the online catalog.

Six Dell desktop computers and seven laptop computers are available for public use with color laser printing capability. Black and white printing is 10 cents a copy and color is 25 cents a copy. A wireless printer with scanner, photo printing and color copying capability is available – price for printing photos is 30 cents each.

A fax and copy machine is also available for use by the public. The charge for a fax is \$1.00 for local numbers and \$2.00 for long distance numbers. Copies are 10 cent each for black & white; 25 cents each for color copies.

Pascoag also has wireless access for those who wish to bring their own laptops.

A Microfilm Reader/Printer is also available for use by patrons. The library has copies of the "Burrillville Gazette" (Feb. 12, 1880 to March 5, 1887). From March 12, 1897 through December 19, 1899 it was called "The Herald and Burrillville News Gazette." There is also the "Pascoag Herald" from April 1892 through April 12, 1918 and the Woonsocket Call from 1928 to 1948. Pascoag's collection does not overlap with the new Microfilm printer recently acquired by the Jesse Smith Library.

HISTORY

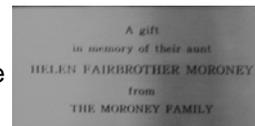
The Pascoag Public Library was the first library in the town of Burrillville. It was founded in 1871 by a group of women who called themselves the Pascoag Union Sewing Society. In 1873 they renamed themselves the Ladies Pascoag Library Association, appointed a librarian, and purchased 163 books which were housed in the librarian's local store. The Library moved four times between 1883 and 1899 when Samuel Mellor offered the use of a room rent free over his mill office on Sayles Avenue where it remained until 1913 when it moved to the Steere Building on Main Street. At this time charges associated with the loan of books were discontinued and the library became known as the Pascoag Free Public Library.

A bequest of \$500 from Miss Rosamond A. Steere stipulated that the money be used for a free public library building within ten years. This started the building fund which grew through numerous fundraisers and donations. The present home of the Pascoag Public Library at 57 Church Street was erected in 1924. The Library is still privately owned by the Ladies Pascoag Library Association and governed by the Board of Trustees which is still composed of all women.

Pascoag Library is only partially subsidized by the town of Burrillville for operating expenses. All improvements to the property and equipment owned by the library have been obtained over the years through various grants received from sources such as the Champlin Foundation and the Levy Foundation.

Construction of a 36x22 ft. addition to the library was completed in June, 2011 which was the 140th anniversary of its' founding. In November 2010 Pascoag Library received a \$252,000 grant from the Champlin Foundation and a \$20,000 grant from the Levy Foundation to FULLY FUND this addition. Since Pascoag Library is a privately-owned, tax-exempt entity NO TOWN MONIES WERE INVOLVED; AND THERE IS NO IMPACT ON THE TAXES OF THE RESIDENTS OF BURRILLVILLE.

Pascoag Public Library is an integral part of the history of the town of Burrillville.





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How to Access Vital Information About Our Schools

For the latest information about our schools, please visit the Burrillville School Department website at www.bsd-ri.net. Below are just a few of the items you will find on our district website.

- ◆ School calendars including dates for report cards & progress reports
- ◆ School closing Information
- ◆ Special events
- ◆ School Committee Policy
- ◆ District Curriculum
- ◆ Lunch menus

From our Home Page you can also connect to individual school websites.

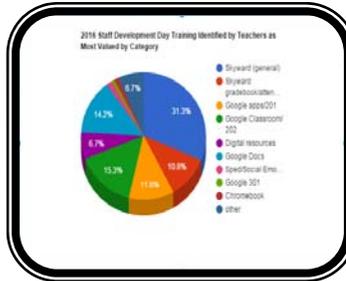


Preparing Burrillville Students for *Their Future*

Last spring we introduced you to our plan for increased technology availability in our schools. We explained our plan, our rationale, and our expected actions. In this issue of the Bugle, we would like to share what has been done to make our plan a reality.

- ◆ We are now enacting year 1 of the **2015-2018 District Technology Plan**. You can read the entire plan by going to the bsd-ri.net.
- ◆ Skyward, our new management system, is up and running. We have trained our principals and guidance counselors to schedule and our teachers to use the gradebook feature of the system. This year, the parents of students in grades 6-12 will have **access to their child's grades**. Next year parents will have access in grades K-5.
- ◆ Skyward will make **student attendance available to parents in real time** (grade 6-12 this year).
- ◆ Using Skyward, teachers and parents have an **open pipeline for communication** that is ever-present with real data, such as test grades, homework completion or assignment submissions, visibly tied to the discussion.
- ◆ **Every** teacher has a Chromebook that is mobile, fast and connected to the resources they need for instruction.
- ◆ We have enough Chromebooks in grades 2, 3, 6 and specific programs in grades 9 & 10 so that **every student in the grade or program** can have fast internet or software access at the same time.

- ◆ We surveyed our teachers in the spring. On our August 27th Staff Development Day, every teacher attended their 1st or 2nd choice training session. The table to the right shows the training the teachers found most valuable. As you can see, our teachers' needs are varied and our **professional development matches their individualized needs.**



- ◆ Our teachers were surveyed at the end of the professional development on August 27th to determine their future needs. **Teacher input will drive the November Staff Development Day agenda.**
- ◆ Twenty-eight (28) teachers volunteered to share their expertise with their colleagues on August 27th. **No consultants were needed or hired.**
- ◆ Students will have access to several online resources, such as World Book and Britannica **without cost.** Using their phone, tablet, or computer at home or anywhere WIFI is free, students can access these tools and the entire Google suite of tools, including word processing, spreadsheets and slide presentation.

Your Local Fire Departments

Harrisville Fire Department, Mark St. Pierre, Chief
201 Callahan School Street, Harrisville, RI 02830
Business Telephone: 568-5110



Nasonville Fire Department, Augustine Eddy, Chief
2577 Victory Highway, Nasonville, RI 02830
Business Telephone: 568-5020

Oakland-Mapleville Fire Department, Joseph E. Bertholic, Chief
46 Oakland School Street, Oakland, RI 02858
Business Telephone: 568-5720

Pascoag Fire Department
Hose #1 105 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone 568-4470
Hose #2 141 Howard Avenue, Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone 568-4920



Wallum Lake Fire Department, Robert Bishop, Chief
P.O. Box 354, Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone: 568-9019

*Note: Business telephones are not manned at all times. Dispatch at the police department can be used for emergencies 568-6255 **For emergencies dial 911***



Town of Burrillville Post Offices

Glendale Post Office:

1916 Victory Highway, 02826
Kristen Schwartz, Postmistress

Window: M – F, 9—12 p.m. & 2—4:45 p.m.; Sat. 8:30—11:30 a.m.
568-8782

Harrisville Post Office:

131 Harrisville Main Street, 02830
Kristen Schwartz, Postmistress

Window: M – F, 8:30—1:30 p.m. & 2:30—4:45 p.m.; Sat. 9—12 p.m.
568-9075

Pascoag Post Office:

35 Bridgeway, 02859
Christopher Jackson, Postmaster

Window: M-F, 8:15—1:30 p.m. & 2:30—4:45 p.m.; Sat. 8:30-11:30 a.m.
568-8790

Mapleville Post Office:

963 Victory Highway, 02839
James Cahill, Postmaster

Window: M-F, 9—12 p.m. & 2—4:30 p.m.; Sat. 9—11:30 a.m.
568-7312

United States Postal Service

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Domestic and International Package Tracking (800) 222-1818
TDD/TTY (877) 8889-2457



Burrillville Sewer Commission

Burrillville Wastewater Treatment Facility

William Andrews, Chairman

141 Clear River Drive, Oakland 02858

(401) 568-6296

The Board of Sewer Commission is comprised of five (5) members. The members are currently William Andrews, Chairman, Richard Nolan, Vice Chairman, Russell Fontaine, Secretary and William Peterson. The Commission does have one opening at this time due to the resignation of Don C. Wolfe. The Commission holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, it must be received at this office by the 1st Tuesday of the month no later than 4:00 p.m.

The Commission's Rules and Regulations, sewer connection applications and approved minutes can be viewed on the Town's website under Town Departments – Wastewater Department.

Sewer Use Charges

The sewer use rate for FY16 is \$444.00 a year for a single family dwelling. At the present time, residential sewer use charges are mailed three (3) times a year in July, November and March in the amount of \$148.00 per unit. Please note that failure to receive a bill does not negate the requirement to pay the bills when they are due.

Sewer Assessment Charges

Sewer assessment bills are mailed out once a year in the month of July. Homeowners can choose to pay the sewer assessment in a lump sum or over a 20 year period. If you choose the 20 year payment plan, you can at any time make additional payments to the assessment or pay in full. **Please note should you sell or transfer your property, the sewer assessment is not transferrable to the new owner. Any assessment balance must be paid in full at time of sale.**

Bills can be paid in person at the Wastewater Treatment Facility or by mailing to: P.O. Box 71, Harrisville, RI 02830. Please note that there is a drop box located to the left of the rear entrance to the Town Hall from the parking lot for your convenience during non-working hours. **Please note on the front of the envelope that it is a sewer payment and checks only - No Cash.**

Please note that we now have in service the credit card option to pay your bills. Customers may now view and pay their balances on line or pay at the office using their Master Card or Visa Cards.

Please check the bottom of your bill for the site and your Pin # to access your account. The credit card company does charge a 3% fee for this service.

If you are having financial difficulties please contact this office as soon as possible so that we can set up some form of payment plan that is satisfactory to everyone.

The Conservation Commission

The Burrillville Conservation Commission's mission is to protect and preserve the natural tranquility of the local natural reserves, features and attributes that defines the Town of Burrillville's natural characteristics which draws people to this community to enjoy the rural atmosphere, scenic vistas, recreational opportunities and many qualities of life. The Conservation Commission is responsible for the establishment of a seven-member party that serves as an appointed board reporting directly to the town council, planning board, zoning board and the many municipal employees that constitute the town's government.

Some of the wonderful areas the Conservation Commission manages are as follows:

1. Joseph O. Brock Blanchard – Nipmuc Trail, located off of Round Top Road, ¼ mile north of Smith Road. Trail is for public walking, hiking & fishing on 200+ Acres of land along the Nipmuc River.
2. Wallum Lake Canoe Launch, located off South Shore Road on scenic Wallum Lake. Site is strictly for canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Swimming is prohibited.
3. Clear River Canoe Launch, located off Clear River Drive just behind the Burrillville Animal Control Facility. Access allows scenic exploration of the Clear River from the site to points south along Clear River towards Mill Pond in Oakland.

The Conservation Commission also provides natural resources to our residents on Earth Day, at the Annual Family Fair and other Town sponsored programs throughout the year. View the local listings for upcoming events.

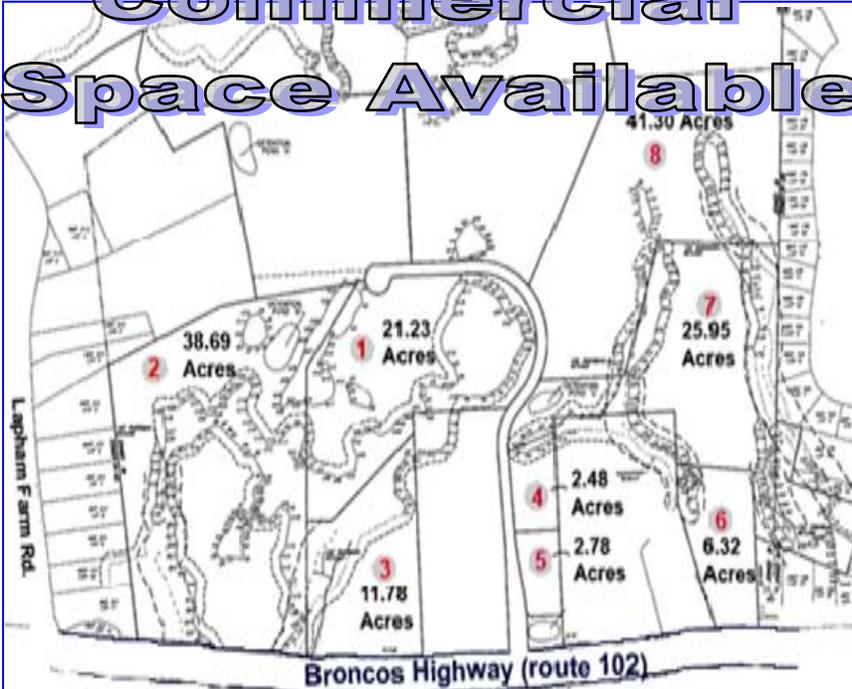


Commerce Park

The Town has acreage for sale (with water and sewer available) at Commerce Park. We are looking for businesses generating jobs. If you or someone you know is looking to locate or expand a business, please contact the Town Manager or Town Planner at 568-4300 ext. 115 or 131.

Commerce Park is located off Route 102 between Central Avenue and Lapham Farm Road.

Commercial Space Available



Commerce Park Burrillville, Rhode Island

A new natural gas line is under construction starting on Route 100 in downtown Pascoag terminating at the Daniele plant in Commerce Park. The presence of Natural Gas in Commerce Park is a very important drawing card for business expansion and gives us a positive competitive edge when new business considers locating in Burrillville.

TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE 2015 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

(M-W 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-7:00, Fri 8:30-12:30)

Town Hall

105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville
Main Number: 401-568-4300

www.burrillville.org
FAX: 401-568-0490

Town Manager, Michael C. Wood: X115
Finance Director, John Mainville: X117
Town Clerk, Louise Phaneuf: X114
Board of Canvassers: X112
Tax Assessor, Susan Makar: X126
Treasurer, Mark Adams: X123

E-mail: manager@burrillville.org
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144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville
Main Number: 401-568-4300

FAX: 401-710-9307

Building Official, Joseph Raymond: X128
Town Planner, Tom Kravitz: X131
IS Manager, Edward Pienkos: X129

E-mail: building@burrillville.org
E-mail: bplanning@burrillville.org
E-mail: mis@burrillville.org

Police Department

Chief: Colonel Stephen J. Lynch
1477 Victory Highway, (Mailing address, PO Box 231 Harrisville, RI 02830)
Dispatch: 568-6255
Detectives: 568-9459
EMA Director: 641-0898

E-mail: bpd@burrillville.org

FAX: 568-9499 TDD: 568-5006
Emergencies: 911

Public Works Department (M-F, 6:30-3:00)

Director/Town Engineer, Jeffrey M. McCormick, PE
65 Union Avenue, Harrisville
Office: 568-4440

E-mail: dpw@burrillville.org
FAX: 568-9469

Parks And Recreation (M-F, 8:30-4:30)

Jeffrey M. McCormick, Director—Andrea Hall, Program & Special Project Assistant
92 North Main Street, Pascoag
Office: 568-9470
Community Recreation Center, 300 Church St., Pascoag
Spring Lake Beach Manager, Judy Lopez (Memorial Day – Labor Day) 568-9474
Extended Day Care Program 915 Steere Farm Rd. Harrisville: 568-1356

E-mail: parksandrec@burrillville.org

FAX: 568-9457

Waste Water Treatment Facility

(M-Th, 8:30-4:00, Fri 7:30-3:00)
141 Clear River Drive, Oakland
Superintendent: John Martin
Office: 568-6296 FAX: 568-9464
E-mail: bwtf@burrillville.org

Animal Control

131 Clear River Drive
Animal Control Officer: Ron Woods
Office: 568-9480
FAX: 568-9471
E-mail: aco@burrillville.org

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library

Director, Beth Ullucci
100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville
Library: 710-7800 FAX: 710-7772
E-mail: jmslibrary@yahoo.com

Pascoag Public Library

57 Church Street, Pascoag
Library: 568-6226 FAX: 568-9372
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