

Burrillville Bugle

Spring-Summer 2023



Town Hall and Annex Hours

Mon - Wed. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Th. 8:30 am to 7:00 pm, Fri.
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Town Hall

105 Harrisville Main Street
401-568-4300
Fax: 401-568-0490

Town Hall Annex

144 Harrisville Main Street
401-568-4300
Building Ext. 127 / Planning Ext.130
Fax: 401-710-9307

Burrillville Historic Community Since 1806
Embracing our Past...Envisioning our Future

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How to Get Information/Contact Us

Use this Publication: Contact information, such as phone numbers, extensions, and email addresses are listed within under the department headings.

Town Website: The Town has a website that is full of information for residents and visitors! www.burrillville.org.

- The website is a great tool to find current information about the Town, obtain contact information for all the different Town departments, Town budgets and finances, and very helpful EMERGENCY AND CODE RED INFORMATION.
- **E-Subscribe:** Sign up to receive newsletters, job opportunities, notices, etc., for what interests you and be up-to-date as to what's current in Burrillville.
- **Public Notices:** View current meeting news, job opportunities, press releases, and news from the Parks and Recreation Department, current rubbish and recycling information, as well as a copy of this Burrillville Bugle.
- **Pay Taxes:** For your convenience, you can pay your taxes, using your account number and PIN shown on your bill. There is a convenience fee of 3%, with a minimum of \$2.00.
- **Code Red:** Sign up to be notified by your local response team in the event of an emergency situation or critical community alert.
- **Forms and Documents:** Many of the forms and documents needed to do business with the different Town agencies, such as applications, registrations, tax exemptions forms, etc., can be found right within this tab.
- Click on the **iHelp Center** for links on additional topics of interest, one being a separate website dedicated to promoting Burrillville's quality of life, the natural beauty and local history of our Town. Click on Visit Burrillville for the link.

Town Council Members			
Name	Address	Phone	Term
Donald A. Fox	105 Harrisville Main Street Harrisville, RI 02830	265-9674	11/30/2026
Stephen N. Rawson	685 Cherry Farm Road Harrisville, RI 02830	479-6909	11/30/2026
Dennis M. Anderson	593 Whipple Road Pascoag, RI 02859	339-0047	11/30/2026
Jeremy P. Bailey	585 Wallum Lake Road Pascoag, RI 02859	402-0289	11/30/2024
Justin Batalon	105 Harrisville Main Street Harrisville, RI 02830	338-9958	11/30/2024
David Houle	48 Mill Pond Road Harrisville, RI 02830	578-4141	11/30/2026
Raymond J. Trinqué	300 Centennial Street Pascoag, RI 02859	568-0858	11/30/2024

Town Council President

Donald Fox

Dear Burrillville Resident,

It is my pleasure to once again write to you as we close out winter and begin to think of warm spring and summer days ahead. Though we had little snow this year, I want to once again thank our fine Department of Public Works for keeping our roads clear and safe through the snow that was thrown our way this past season.

As always, I would like to congratulate our Town's student athletes. At the High School level, the Girls Soccer Team are Division 2 State Champs. Well done ladies!!!! Our Boy Soccer Team made it to the quarterfinals. The Cross Country Teams both had runners qualify for the State Meet. Field Hockey made it to the semifinals. Unified Volleyball lost in the Championship Game but had a great season. Our winter sports are still in progress as of this writing, but both Boys and Girls Hockey are in the playoffs. I hope to hear some sirens later this month!! Swim, Indoor Track, Wrestling and Competition Cheer all have State Tournaments coming up, so good luck to those athletes! Good luck to our solo gymnast who has made it to the New England Championships! Boys basketball had a solid season, getting to the quarterfinal game in Division 2 playoffs. Well done to all Burrillville athletes.

Municipal operations are gearing up for usual spring and summer projects. There is a big project on the horizon that will transform how sports are played in Burrillville. There will be a complete restructuring of the Town's athletic facilities at Burrillville High School. In an agreement reached last year between the Town Council and School Committee, the field complex at the high school, including Alumni Field and Gledhill Field has moved to municipal control. This agreement allowed the Town Council to move forward with plans to install a multi-sport artificial turf field on Gledhill Field. Plans are being worked on and will include field lights, bleachers, a press box, field house, snack stand and bathrooms. The field will allow our girls and boys soccer, girls and boys lacrosse, field hockey and football to play on a state-of-the-art field. Alumni Field will continue to see use, but will no longer only see 5-6 games per year played on it. We ultimately envision a possible rink-field complex. Priority for use of the field will first be given to our school teams. Next, we will prioritize use for our local recreation leagues such as Patriot Football/Cheer and the Burrillville Youth Lacrosse League. Finally, we will also lease the field to other leagues as the schedule permits. This complex will have a ripple effect through our community and help us to create a larger recreational plan for the Town.

The Assembly Theatre is once again looking at an event-filled spring and summer. Performances and activities are already booked into next fall. Keep an eye out for the summer and early fall food truck events that will once again be held on Theatre grounds. Please visit the theatre's website for more information: <https://www.assemblytheatre.org/>

In closing, may your summer plans be filled with family and friends as you enjoy warm breezes, BBQ's, fun vacations, days on the rivers and lakes, and all that comes with this time of the year in Burrillville.

Sincerely,

Donald Fox



Town Manager
Michael C. Wood
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manager@burrillville.org

We are well into the State's 2023 legislative session and some of the zoning and housing concerns I have raised in the past may be coming to fruition.

Local control over zoning, land use and neighborhoods is potentially being jeopardized by the leadership of our State. Rhode Island is the second most densely populated state in America, yet there is a push to create more housing density within our communities via new state-wide legislation.

So, why the push to create more density in housing? Is there really a need? Is it intended to force the more rural/suburban communities to make changes while side stepping the cities and some of the larger communities where housing exists but apparently is not suitable for habitation by the population that allegedly needs housing? I'll also argue that property values are at risk if one size fits all legislative concepts are imposed statewide.

The annual State Legislative Session is becoming more and more difficult to work through. In past years, we tended to disregard most of the outlandish proposals under the assumption that common sense would prevail. Not so much anymore with the legislative agenda arguably tied to more universal goals and objectives than solutions that are in Rhode Islanders best interests.

I've included a link and/or a reference to the Town's website so you can take a look to see what legislation is being proposed and why (explanations are provided at the end of each piece of legislation). That site can be accessed at <https://www.burrillville.org/town-manager/pages/land-use-legislation>.

Burrillville was one of the first communities in the State to allow so called in-law apartments and we have very favorable zoning allowing many homeowners to operate small business from their residential home site. The Town Council just passed an ordinance that allows accessory dwelling units (ADU's) in most of our zoning districts. This was in response to recently enacted State law. Although we do support flexibility and housing opportunity for our residents, this one size fits all type of legislation will not, in my opinion, help the State meet its "affordable housing" objectives.

Burrillville has been dedicated to promoting affordable and flexible housing. We have met the 10% Federal/State guideline for affordable housing stock. We have implemented standards to manage and/or control the quality of this housing and where density in our Town is best located.

Although we have crafted our local zoning for new housing construction to meet and stay ahead of the 10% threshold, it's my contention that if most of the proposed state-wide legislation is adopted, it will not be enough in the long term. The State will eventually incorporate all cities and towns in their plans when they finally figure out that what they are doing won't work and/or it's not meeting the National political objectives.

Our goal in Burrillville is to maintain our rural character, our open spaces, wonderful recreation opportunities and quality of life. We believe we have done this and welcome anyone who desires this type of lifestyle to come to our beautiful Town and to be a part of our community, but it should be on our own terms!

If we want control of our own destiny, we should make our voices heard and let's hope common sense prevails!

We do have a great community. With the onset of spring and summer, I hope everyone takes full advantage of all Burrillville has to offer, to enjoy the seasons and our excellent quality of life!



SPRING SPLASH

WHEN: May 20th 2023;
WHERE: Pascoag Main Street, Fountain Square Park
TIME: 4:00 to 9:00 pm



Come down to the celebration! Live Music, Food and Libations, Rides, Games, and FUN! All Ages!

Sponsored by the Redevelopment agency, Bravo Brewing, and the Pascoag business community. Rain date: June 3rd.

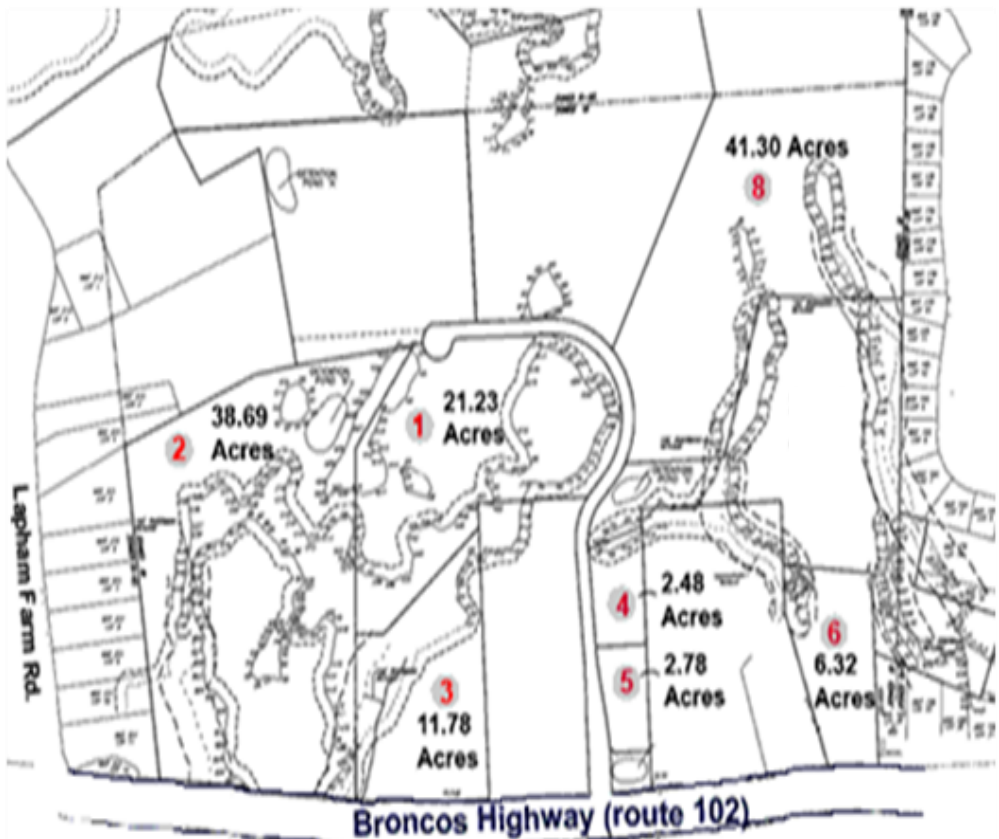


We are looking for businesses generating jobs.

***The Town has acreage for sale
(with water and sewer available)
at Commerce Park.***

***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.145.***

***Commerce Park is Located off Route 102 between Central Avenue and Lap-
ham Farm Road.***



**Commerce Park
Burrillville, Rhode Island**

Burrillville Redevelopment Agency

James Langlois, Chairman

Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment District

Downtown Pascoag is certainly where all the action is. This year we welcome Elayna's and Asian Wok Street Food. We wish them much success on our revitalized main street.

With the help of the Burrillville Department of Public Works, the Agency will complete Fountain Square Park this spring. Located between WellOne (Former Bank Building) and the municipal parking lot on Park Place, this area will feature a fully functional fountain that will also serve as an irrigation system for plants in the park. Natural seating, lawn area and walkway featuring cherry trees will be topped off by a Bandshell space for entertainment. The parks name is derived from its view of Fountain Square which is the intersection of Sales Avenue, High Street, South Main and Pascoag Main Street. Two historical story boards describing the "Fountains of Burrillville" and Main Street Pascoag post WW2 will be installed on lawn area overlooking the fountain.

Currently The agency, Bravo Brewing Company, and downtown businesses are planning the Fountain Square Spring Splash event to be held on May 20th. Event will include the grand opening of Fountain Square Park and activation of the new fountain. Main Street businesses and restaurants will be featured along with musical entertainment, and activities for children and adults including Liberty Farms Carriage Rides. Main Street between Nahant Street and Fountain Square will be close off to create a block party style atmosphere.! Watch for further details coming soon!

Further improvements to the Pascoag River Walk are also scheduled for later in the year. New decking and a pedestrian bridge over the Pascoag River will connect the walkway to High Street Park.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE SPRING SPLASH

PASCOAG MAIN STREET SATURDAY, MAY 20 4-9PM

RAIN DATE JUNE 3, 2023

Music By
**The Live Music Band
& DJ WiseVlad**

- Food & Drink
- Vendors
- Games & Activities
for All Ages

SPONSORED BY
**THE BURRILLVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
& BRAVO BREWING COMPANY**





Stillwater Redevelopment District

The Stillwater Pavilion will receive an upgrade with the addition of string lighting both under the pavilion and around the perimeter. These party style lights will be state of the art with fully programmable colors and effects like the those being used over Pascoag Main Street making the venue more festive for parties, events, and holidays. Why not rent the pavilion for your next outside function. Contact the Burrillville Recreation department at 401-568-9470 or at www.burrillville.org for information.



Nasonville Redevelopment District

After several years of study and developing a village concept plan for Nasonville, the agency this year will formally create a Redevelopment District within the village. The process will include determining exact lots and boundaries, public hearings, and creating a redevelopment plan. It is our hope to have a workable plan that can be turned a Redevelopment District by year's end.

Adopt-A-Spot
568-4300 x145
glabossiere@burrillville.org

We would like to thank all current sponsors for their generous gift of time and money which enhances the beauty of Burrillville, the Town we call HOME.

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| ◇ American Legion Hall, Post 88 | Pascoag Bridgeway, Veterans' Park |
| ◇ Bella Restaurant | Restaurant Entrance on 102 |
| ◇ Burrillville Conservation Commission | Wallum Lake Road Canoe Launch |
| ◇ Burrillville Conservation Commission | Route 102 Gateway |
| ◇ Burrillville Garden Club | Pascoag Bridgeway |
| ◇ Burrillville Garden Club | Gonyea Park Sign |
| ◇ Burrillville Garden Club | Clean ups throughout Town |
| ◇ Cow's Tail Deli and Creamery | Gonyea Park and Sign |
| ◇ Craig Cayer | Spring Lake Beach Island Entrance |
| ◇ Harrisville Fire Department | Firefighters' Memorial Park |
| ◇ Harrisville Fire Dept. (Hose Co.) | Traffic Island in front of Fire Station |
| ◇ Lions Club | Lewis Bleiweis Park |
| ◇ Lions Club | East Ave. and Harrisville Main |
| ◇ Lynch Fence Co. | Corner of River St. and Chapel St. |
| ◇ Natural Resource Services, Inc. | Clocktower Square |
| ◇ Unilock | Freedom Park Sign |
| ◇ Liberty Farm | Spring Lake Beach Sign |
| ◇ The Spink Family | Bridgeton Mill Village Plantings |

The Adopt-A-Spot program draws on the generosity of local businesses and organizations to help beautify our Town. Each space is uniquely designed and kept up by the sponsors. Please take notice of their beautiful work throughout the spring and summer season and consider adopting a spot of your own.

Available Locations

- Beckwith Bruckshaw (various locations)
- Commerce Park Entryway
- High Street Park
- Jesse Smith Library, right side
- Jesse Smith Library, Top of Stairs
- Memorial Lodge Skate Park
- Pascoag Bridgeway
- Summer and Shea Lane Triangle
- Tinkham Land Entrance
- White Mill Park, between signs
- White Mill Park Entrance



Please support local business and service organizations!

Finance Director

Leslie McGovern X161

finance@burrillville.org

Tax Assessor: Jennifer Mooney X181

Deputy Tax Collector: Melissa Dupont X184

A message from the Finance staff:

We would like to congratulate Meghan Cyr on her promotion to Staff Accountant, Christine Mulligan on her promotion to Deputy Treasurer/Purchasing Agent, and Tonya Brule on her promotion to Senior Financial Aid. Please join us in congratulating them on promotions well deserved!



FYE 2022 Audit:

The Town of Burrillville's Financial and Single audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is complete and will be presented to the Town Council in March. The Town continues to maintain a strong financial management operation for the citizens of Burrillville. A copy of the audit will be posted under Financial Reports in the Government section of the Town's website at the end of March.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

The Town of Burrillville has received a total of \$5,037,776 in ARPA Funding (County \$3,273,692 and NEU \$1,764,084).

\$4.7M of ARPA funds have been committed thus far:

- \$3.2M Infrastructure: \$2.3M Rt. 102 Water/Sewer Plan, \$0.5M Harrisville Fire Department Water Line Connection, and \$0.4M PUD Well.
- \$0.7M Public Safety: \$0.28M Fire Alarm Box Project, and \$0.26M 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade, and \$0.15M Police/Fire Communication Center.
- \$0.4M Broadband: Private Fiber Network for municipal locations and Spring Lake Wi-Fi.
- \$0.3M Business / Economic Development: \$0.3M Business & Economic Development Assistance Program.
- \$0.1M Nonprofit: \$0.1M Non Profit Grants.

Proposed Budgets–Capital Budget-Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024:

The Budget Board has met with each department and forwarded its recommendation for capital improvements to the Manager. The Public Hearing for the Capital Budget is scheduled for April 12, 2023.

Proposed Budgets—Operating Budget - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024:

The Budget Board will forward its recommendations to the Town Manager by April 3, 2023. The Town Manager, in turn, will make his recommendation to the Town Council by May 1, 2023. There will be two public hearings on the budgets. The first public hearing will be on May 18, 2023, to review the Municipal Budget and a second hearing will be on May 25, 2023, for the School Operating Budget. The Town Council is scheduled to consider the adoption of the FYE 2024 budget on June 14, 2023.

2022 TAX BILLS

Due dates are as follows:

- 1st Qtr. – July 26 thru August 9, 2022
- 2nd Qtr. – October 18 thru November 8, 2022
- 3rd Qtr. – January 17 thru February 1, 2023
- 4th Qtr. – April 18 thru May 2, 2023

All delinquent 2022 taxes are assessed interest at a rate of 12% per annum.

The 2022 Tax Bills were mailed July 13, 2022.

Need a reminder?

Sign up on our website “**E-subscribe**” to receive quarterly reminders of upcoming due dates. Be sure to check off “Tax Collector”.

“Go Green”

Help us save you money by supplying our office with an **email address**, for future correspondence.

“Payment methods”:

- AUTOMATIC CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) – Automatic Payments
- Auto debit is free and prevents interest charges on your tax account. Withdrawals are available on a monthly, quarterly or annual schedule.
- Forms are available online at www.burrillville.org or in the Tax Office. Please allow one week to set up or cancel the debit in writing or email.
- DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD in office or online at www.burrillville.org, **NO payments accepted over the phone**. Your account number is listed on your tax bill. If you do not have your bill, please contact the Collector’s Office. **All card payments are assessed a convenience fee of 3% with a minimum of \$2.00 (Visa / Mastercard Only).**
- DROP BOX is available near the rear entrance of the Town Hall for your convenience. Please **do not put any cash in the drop box** checks and money orders only.
- The Town participates in State programs such as placing blocks with the RI Registry of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and RI Income Tax Refund Offset program to aide in the collection of delinquent taxes.

Any returned checks/ACH are assessed a \$35.00 fee.

Motor Vehicle Registrations/Renewals

The State has expedited the Motor Vehicle Tax Phase Out. Therefore, there were no 2022 Motor Vehicle Tax Bills. However, this does not eliminate any outstanding taxes from prior years. Outstanding taxes from prior years will still cause a block on registration renewals until paid in full. If a block is placed with the DMV, ALL motor vehicle taxes under your name must be paid in full by cash, money order, or credit card. A personal check will delay the release by 10 business days. Note, the registration block may take up to 48 hours to be released by DMV after the request for release is made by the Tax Collectors office.

Did not receive a bill?

The failure to receive a bill does not eliminate the requirement for a timely payment of any taxes that are due.

- Contact the Tax Collectors office for balances due 401-568-4300 x 184.
- If you move, please contact the Tax Assessor's Office to update your mailing address.
- Tax bills were mailed on July 13th, 2022. If you did not or do not receive a bill, please contact the Assessor's Office. 401-568-4300 x 181. **Reminder:** The State has expedited the motor vehicle tax phase out. Therefore, there were no Motor Vehicle Tax bills.

Financial Difficulties?

If you are having financial difficulties, please contact the Tax Collector's office as soon as possible. Early intervention is the key to the Town's ability to be of assistance. The Town conducts an annual tax sale which is currently scheduled for June 15th. The Town also participates in State programs such as their motor vehicle registration stop and income tax offset programs.



Tax Assessor
Jennifer Mooney
X125
assessor@burrillville.org

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

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

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.

The Town conducted a Full Revaluation as of 12/31/2021 which affected the tax bills mailed out in July of 2022. If you missed the appeal period, the next opportunity to appeal your value will be starting with the 1st quarter due date of the 2023 tax bills. The tax bills will be mailed in July of 2023 and you will have 90 days from the 1st quarter due date to appeal. Appeal forms will be available on the Assessor's Webpage and in the Assessor's office during the appeal period.

Due to the State of Rhode Island's budget surplus, the General Assembly voted to accelerate the elimination of the motor vehicle phase-out. Therefore, Burrillville did not mail out any new motor vehicle tax bills in July of 2022. The elimination of motor vehicle taxes going forward, however, does not wipe out any outstanding taxes owed from prior years. Unpaid motor vehicle taxes from prior years will still cause a block on any registration renewals until paid in full. If you think you have outstanding motor vehicle taxes, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 401-568-4300 x 184.

Exemptions available to Burrillville taxpayers include: Senior, Disability, Blind, Veterans, 100% Disabled Veteran, Prisoner of War, Gold Star Parent and a Historical

TAX EXEMPTION



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Cemetery Preservation Property Tax Abatement. 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 for 3 years prior to the filing of the application. Applications must be received by December 31, for the next tax roll. There is one sSnior

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

Exemption application deadlines are as follows:

- Senior, Veteran, Blind & Historical Cemetery: December 31, 2023
- Disable: January 31, 2024
- Qualified exemptions will be applied to the 2024 tax bill.

The Town Council recently approved an additional \$50.00 on all tax exemptions. Please see the schedule below for the new exemption amounts effective for the 2023 tax roll. Please note that the Historical Tax Cemetery Preservation Property Tax Abatement did not receive an increase.

<u>TAX CREDIT AMOUNT BY EXEMPTION TYPE:</u>	
Exemption Type	Tax Credit Amount
Senior	Flat Rate \$375 or Income Based if Total Household Income is below \$30,000. (see chart below)
Disability	Flat Rate \$375 or Income Based if Total Household Income is below \$30,000. (see chart below)
Veteran	\$275
Blind	\$350
Gold Star Parent	\$275
100% Disabled Veteran	\$350
POW	\$950
<u>Exemption amounts based on Income are as follows for Senior & Disabled:</u>	
Total Household Income	Dollar Tax Credit
\$0 - \$12,500	\$1,250
\$12,501 - \$14,999	\$1,200
\$15,000 - \$17,499	\$950
\$17,500 - \$19,999	\$850
\$20,000 - \$22,499	\$750
\$22,500 - \$24,999	\$650
\$25,000 - \$27,499	\$550
\$27,500 - \$29,999	\$450
\$30,000 and higher	\$375

Town Clerk
(401) 568-4300 Ext. 124
Townclerk@burrillville.org

Office of the Town Clerk

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| ♦ Marriage Licenses | ♦ Notary Public |
| ♦ Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates | ♦ Probate Court |
| ♦ Dog Licenses | ♦ Recorder of Deeds |
| ♦ Hunting and Fishing Licenses | ♦ Voter Registration |

Fishing Licenses

The Town Clerk's office is an authorized sales agent for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and can issue all fishing and hunting licenses and permits from a fully web-based system. There is an Enhanced Access Fee of \$2 per license and \$0.50 per permit for residents and \$3 per license and \$1 per permit fee for nonresidents.

Notary Public

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

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. Schedule changes are posted at the Town building and on the Town website.

Any request for an item to be placed on a Town Council agenda must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday before a Wednesday meeting. Items for consideration by the Council should include name, address and telephone number of the person (or contact person(s) for a group asking) to be included on the agenda and should be accompanied by supporting documentation for review by the Councilors prior to the meeting whenever possible.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses can be requested online. Find the instructions and the link to the online dog licenses on the Town Clerk's page of the Town website. Complete the application, upload your dog's rabies certificate and pay online, we send you the tag and certificate. There is an additional fee for this convenience: \$1.00 each dog and 60 cents each transaction.

Dog licenses are renewable in April every year, regardless of when rabies are due. Look in the Bargain Buyer for the announcement when the new tags are available.

Vital Records

The Town Clerk's office provides certified copies of birth, death and marriage records.

- Vital records are registered in the town or city in which the event occurred, or the city or town where the person was living.
- Certified birth records for people born in Rhode Island in 1960 and later can be issued at all city and Town Clerks offices.
- The fee for records requested by mail is \$25.00; fees for records requested in person in the Town Clerk's office are \$22.00. Additional copies of the same record are \$18.00 if obtained at the same time.
- 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
 - ◆ send payment with your request, check or money order
- **How to request a vital record online.** All you need is your credit card and a copy of your government issued identification. The same rules apply as if requesting in person or by mail. You can find the rules of who has access to vital records, and a link to the online vitals, on the Town Clerk's page of the Town website. There is an additional \$5 processing fee for online orders. Call the Town Clerk's office at 568-4300 with any questions.

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 Town Clerk's office in the city or town where the ceremony will take place.

Marriage licenses cost \$24. The license is valid for 90 days. Call the Town Clerk's office for documentation requirements.

Burrillville Board of Canvassers

Anita Hurley-Diez, Chair
Marjorie Fenley
Betsy Alper

Blanche Boisvert, Vice Chair
Peter Houle
Vicki T. Martin, Clerk

The Board of Canvassers is located at the Town Clerk's office and is available during Town Building hours. You may reach the Board of Canvassers at elections@burrillville.org.

Rhode Island Voter Information Center: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/> and choose the Elections and Voting tab.

- 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

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote online at the Voter Information Center: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/> and choose the Elections and Voting tab. Here you can register to vote, check your voter registration and find your polling location. You can also 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 download the form from the State Board of Elections website: <https://elections.ri.gov/voting/registration.php>. 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

Voter ID became law in 2014. Under this law (RIGL §17-19-24.2) all voters are required to present valid photo identification prior to voting at the polls. Voters will need to present one of the following forms of photo ID:

- RI Driver's License/Driver's Permit
- 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
- ID Card issued by any federally recognized tribal government



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.

Elections Publications

The Rhode Island Department of State prepares many elections-related publications, including a guide for candidates and elections calendars. When published, you can find a copy online at their website: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/> and choose the elections and voting tab.

Department of Public Works

200 Clear River Drive, Oakland, RI 02858
Phone: 401-568-4440 Fax: 401-568-9469
dpw@burrillville.org
Hours: Monday - Friday 6:30 am to 3:00 pm

Burrillville DPW Office/Garage:

The Town of Burrillville Department of Public Works has moved into the new facility located at 200 Clear River Drive, Oakland RI 02858. The municipal fuel depot at Union Ave. and salt shed will remain intact and active for a couple more years. The Union Avenue site's potential uses will be evaluated and determined by the Town Council in the future.

Town Senior Transportation:

The Town of Burrillville Department of Public Works offers a senior 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 – car and driver is available for doctors' appointments between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Wednesdays – a mini-bus available for grocery shopping trips to the Village IGA Marketplace in Pascoag

Fridays – mini-bus is available for scheduled trips for up to 12 people for excursions or shopping trips around the state.

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

Please call Kelly at 568-4440 ext.201 with any questions or to schedule the minibus.

Alternately; all residents can call RIPTA flex Service for trips within designated areas in Town or N. Smithfield. Call 1-877-906-3539 (fares apply)

Maintenance Projects:

The Town of Burrillville Department of Public Works continues to work on regular maintenance projects of street sweeping, roadside brush cutting, tree trimming, catch basin cleaning, roadway repairs and drainage improvements.

DPW Small Projects – Various improvements throughout Town, handicap spaces at Assembly Theater, improvements at Whipple Ave recycle center.

DPW Summer Crew – The summer crew will be cutting grass, weed whacking and collecting trash at all of the Town parks and recreational facilities.

Construction Projects:

Construction projects also to be completed or undertaken this construction season:

- **Brook Road Reclamation and Repaving, Harrisville** – complete.
- **Lake Drive Drainage Improvements.** 90% complete.
- **Fountain Square Park Pascoag Main Street** – 70% complete, DPW will be completing the small park this spring with a small fountain and band shell adjacent to WellOne in downtown Pascoag.
- **Police Shooting Range, Pascoag – 80% complete**, Located in the Buck Hill management area, this project has been cleared, graded and berm installed, paving this spring.
- **Harrisville Village Phase II** – Design is progressing bidding will occur this summer. The project includes drainage improvements, sidewalks curbing and road reconstruction.
- **Burrillville Middle School Practice Field** - This project has begun and will be completed this summer with use next fall.
- **Handicap Parking spaces at Assembly Theatre** – Four handicap spaces closer to entrance.
- **Neighborhood Projects** – Small drainage improvement and road improvement projects throughout Town.

DPW Engineering Projects – The Director of Public Works has been working with consultants on numerous future construction project designs, feasibility studies, construction documents, technical specifications, permits and various annual reports.

- 2024 road reclamation design/const. package Spring Street and Emerson Rd alt.
- Pavement Management Program – ongoing road rating system
- RIPDES annual storm water reporting
- Landfill groundwater and gas monitoring
- Harrisville Dam Repair Design, Regulatory requirements for spillway design ongoing.
- Wallum Lake Dam – spillway design ongoing.
- Recreation Masterplan – ongoing current and future recreational facilities plan.
- Rock Ave drainage project – pending easement agreement.
- Municipal Fuel Depot at Police Station – New facility to replace Union Ave fueling Depot.
- Recreation Center expansion (Lodge), Pascoag, playground equipment, parking and natural walking path in permitting.
- Skate park expansion project preliminary design

State Projects:

The DPW is coordinating with the RIDOT regarding the schedules, design and construction of State projects within the Town of Burrillville. These projects include:

- Two 102 bridges deck replacement - over Whipple Ave and over Pascoag River, 102 lanes to remain open, Whipple Ave to have temp closures.
- Victory Highway, pending RIDOT prioritization.
- Crosswalks on State Roads – Mowry/rt. 98 (Harrisville Main), Maple St / rt.107 (Chapel Street, Assembly entrance/rt. 107 (East Ave) – pending

Department of Public Works Refuse and Recycling

Andrea Hall - Recycling Coordinator
401-568-4440 x12
ahall@burrillville.org
www.burrillville.org/refuse

Rejected Loads on the Rise at Rhode Island Resource Recovery

Burrillville's current recycle rate is 25.9%. Residents continue to do a great job, however there are many items still ending up in recycling carts that are not recyclable and are causing recycling loads to be rejected. Recycling loads that are contaminated or contain prohibited items cost the Town \$250, and all the contents of that load must be landfilled at \$57/ton. An average recycling load from Town weighs about 5 tons, meaning a rejected load costs the Town about \$520.

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, propane tanks, scrap metal and 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.

Thank you for helping to Keep Burrillville Beautiful! Thank you for recycling!

WEEKLY SET OUT REMINDERS:

- Plastic bags are NOT allowed in the recycle cart. No bags, no bags of bags, and no bagged recyclables.
- Please keep carts 3 feet apart and at least 3 feet from obstacles such as mailboxes, cars, etc.
- Lids must be fully closed.

Upcoming Recycling Events

Burrillville Earth Day:

Burrillville's Earth Day is April 22nd however the annual Earth Day Cleanup is going to be a DIY event again this year! Participants will schedule an appointment with the Recycling Coordinator to pick up gloves, bags, T-shirts and to sign up for a specific location to collect litter. Participants have until April 30th to complete their cleanup. Once their cleanup is complete, they will again contact the Recycling Coordinator to indicate where the bags were left, and Public Works will collect it. Community service certificates will be provided if needed. Free raffle ticket to all participants! Raffles will be drawn May 1st and winners will be notified via phone or email. Contact Andrea Hall for more information or to sign up. Join us to help Keep Burrillville Beautiful!

Walk and Clean Up the World Program

The Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments are partnering with Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful to participate in the Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful “Walk and Clean up the World Program”. Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful is starting a series of walking groups to clean up our environment in collaboration with “Keep Rhody Litter Free!” launched by Governor Daniel McKee and spokesperson First Lady Susan McKee. KBVB will hold a walk in each of our ten RI Blackstone Valley communities on Thursdays at 1 pm starting February 23rd and continuing until April 27th. Weather delays will push the walk to Friday of the same week. Burrillville’s Walk will take place on April 6th at 1pm. Volunteers will meet at the Police Station (1477 Victory Highway) and park in the Municipal Court Overflow Lot, located to the right of the station. Volunteers can reach out to Donna Kaehler at Blackstone Valley Tourism Council 401-724-2200 or keep@tourblackstone.com. Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful will bring all the supplies needed. These walks are on traveled roads and are geared mostly for adults, but children are welcome with supervision. Walks will last approximately an hour. Each route will be around 2 miles to get a little exercise as we carry our grabbers and pick up any litter along the way.

Eco-Depot Household Hazardous Waste Event

Event runs from 8:00am-12:00pm on May 20th at the Department of Public Works. This is a drive thru, drop off event. Residents should call RIRRC at 942-1430 x 241 to make an appointment. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program at this event. Contact Andrea Hall with questions.

Electronic Waste Collection

Two separate events are scheduled on May 27th and October 21st from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Department of Public Works. Electronic waste includes computers, monitors, laptops, and TVs. This is a drive thru, drop off event. No appointment necessary. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program at this event. Contact Andrea Hall with questions.

Green Festival

A community event offered by the Pascoag Utility District and Department of Parks and Recreation that runs from 10:00am – 2:00pm on September 9th at the Stillwater Mill Complex. Rain date is September 23rd. Approximately 1000 attendees participate each year and visit with Green Vendors, learn about energy conservation and recycling, and have the opportunity to enjoy food and beverages prepared by a local food truck. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rhode Island will be on hand to collect used clothing and other textiles. The Parks and Recreation table will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program at this event. For more information on this year’s Green Festival contact Desarae Dolan at the Pascoag Utility District: 401-567-1262 or ddolan@pud-ri.org or Andrea Hall.

Field Trips

Visit RIRRC’s website for virtual field trips and tours of the landfill to see how the single stream sorting process separates our Town’s recyclables. www.rirrc.org/education-program-support/virtual-tours

Event dates and times are subject to change due to COVID

Refuse & Recycling Information

Recycle Coordinator	568-4440 x12	ahall@burrillville.org
Waste Management	1-800-972-4545	
RIRRC	942-1430	www.rirrc.org

Delays Due to Weather Events or Holidays

There are three ways to stay up to date on changes/delays:

1. Visit the Refuse & Recycling webpage
2. Check the Refuse and Recycling Voicemail Message
3. Sign up to receive Town Alert 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.

Proper Weekly Set Out

- 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
- 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 AM 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

Recyclable Items Accepted in the YELLOW Lid Recycling Cart

- Milk & juice cartons
- Juice boxes (juice pouches and straws are not accepted)
- Glass containers
- Plastic containers (up to 5 gallons)
- Metal and aluminum cans, metal lids, foil & pie plates
- Mixed paper, newspapers and inserts
- Thin cardboard –cereal/pasta boxes, tissue boxes etc. (**No refrigerated containers: beer, soda or frozen food boxes**)
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flat, cut into pieces that fit loosely in cart, not larger than 3' x 5')
- Pizza boxes that are not greasy

Empty & rinse all recyclables. Replace plastic caps and trigger sprays. Place recyclables loose in the cart. **No plastic bags in your recycle cart.**

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.

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 at IGA. Residents can purchase single bags at DPW.

What to do If Trash/Recycling was not Collected:

Contact Waste Management

Whipple Ave. Recycling & Compost Facility

Hours: Whipple Ave is open every Wednesday & Saturday from 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, weather permitting.

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



Items ACCEPTED at the Whipple Ave. Recycling & Compost Facility:

Christmas Trees – First two Wednesdays and Saturdays in January from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. 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.

Cardboard– Cardboard of all sizes including pieces larger than 3'x5' can be placed in the cardboard dumpster.

Excess Recyclables/Single Stream Recyclables – Excess recyclables that would normally go in your yellow topped cart.

Mattresses/Box-Springs–No futon mattresses, mattress pads, or toppers. No severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled 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, hose reels, lawn furniture, etc. Only items **composed entirely of rigid plastic** are recyclable in the Rigid Plastic container at Whipple Ave. No metal, no motors, no batteries.

Tires – must be off the rim. Limit of 4. No oversized tires.
Yard Waste – brush must be 3" diameter or less & cut in 5' lengths or less. Place leaves in paper bags only.

Disposal of Items Not Accepted in Curbside Carts:

Appliances/White Goods - Appliances are collected twice per month for a fee of \$21 per item. Appliances include washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners etc. Call Waste Management to schedule a pickup. Waste Management will not refund residents for items scheduled for pickup that disappear prior to the collection date. 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.

Bulky Items - Bulky items are collected twice per month for a fee of \$18 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. Waste Management will not refund residents for items scheduled for pickup that disappear prior to the collection date. Residents with a large amount of bulky items can utilize the Bagster Program. Contact the Town's Recycling Coordinator for information on Bagster. 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.

Books— Books that are in good condition can be donated to Savers or Salvation Army.

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) — Bring to an Eco-Depot, or check your local hardware store.

Computer Ink Cartridges – Bring to DPW to be donated to the Burrillville 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.

Hazardous Electronic Waste (E-waste) – TV's, computers, monitors and laptops – bring to one of five state collection including RIRRC. Call RIRRC for more information and hours.

Hazardous Household Waste – chemicals, fertilizers, propane tanks, oil based paint, pool chemicals, gasoline, transmission fluid, etc. - Bring to Eco-Depot. Contact RIRRC to schedule an appointment.

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.

Pellet Bags –drop off at any ReStore bin, including Brigido's IGA.

Prescription Drugs –Bring to Burrillville Police Department. Do not flush down the toilet.

Styrofoam- Bring to RIRRC. Foam must be clean, dry and bagged in clear or translucent bags. No spongy foam (#1 Fan fingers etc.) and no packing peanuts.

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.

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.

2023 Holidays that delay Trash & Recycling collection

New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1 st (observed - Monday, Jan. 2 nd)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 16 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29 th
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4 th
Victory Day	Monday, August 14 th
Labor Day	Monday, September 4 th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23 rd
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25 th

Parks and Recreation

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Find us on Facebook

ANNUAL EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch:

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is back! The event will take place on Saturday, March 25th (rain date April 1st) at 11:30 am at Branch River Park adjacent the Burrillville Middle School. Kids age 8 & under are welcome to bring a bag or a basket to collect their eggs. Parents bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny! DINOLICIOUS food truck which will be offering brunch/lunch again this year beginning at 10:30 am until 1:30pm in front of the Burrillville Middle School. Both DINO from the DINOLICIOUS food truck and the giant inflatable BUCKLEUPALLOFUS will be there to visit with the kids and to take pictures. Participate in the raffle to win one of several Easter Baskets with tickets priced at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Burrillville programs. For further event information and menu item offerings and prices, check out the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Facebook & webpage.



Easter Scavenger Hunt & Make Your Own Easter Masks:

The 3rd Annual Easter Scavenger Hunt is planned to begin March 14th with entry forms returned by April 3rd. Each child's entry form will enter them into a drawing for a chance of winning one of the (10) assorted prizes. Easter Bunnies will be hidden at 12 locations throughout Town. Kids follow the clues and fill in the form with the corresponding number on the back of the of the Easter Bunny. Entry forms will be available on our Burrillville Parks and Recreation page. Make Your Own Easter Masks will be advertised on both the Facebook pages and Town website for children to enjoy week of April 4th.

Burrillville Earth Day:

The Annual Earth Day Cleanup is going to be a DIY event again this year! Participants will schedule an appointment with the Recycling Coordinator to pick up gloves, bags, T-shirts and to sign up for a specific location to collect litter. Participants have from April 15th until April 30th to complete their cleanup. Once their cleanup is complete, they will again contact the Recycling Coordinator to indicate where the bags were left, and Public Works will collect it. Community service certificates will be provided if needed. Free raffle ticket to all participants! Raffles will be drawn May 1st and winners will be notified via phone or email. Contact Andrea Hall 710-4214 for more information or to sign up. Join us to help Keep Burrillville Beautiful!



Family Fair:

The Family Fair is back! This year's fair is scheduled for June 17th with a rain date of June 24th. The fair will once again be held at the Stillwater Mill Center and will

be a collaboration between the Parks and Recreation Department, the Farmer's Market, and the Jesse Smith Memorial Library. The Fair will feature refreshments, games & activities, giveaways and informational booths. There will be a food truck and Anabel's Ice Cream and plenty of fun for the whole family! Participate in our raffle (tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5) to benefit the Burrillville programs. The Parks and Recreation table will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program at this event. Visit our Facebook page or contact Parks and Recreation for more information.

SENIOR SERVICES:

The Parks and Recreation Department along with a small army of amazing volunteers will continue to assist Burrillville's aging population. In addition to free classes at our Recreation Center, we are currently assisting with groceries, small errands, and prescription delivery among many other things. Please reach out to Andrea Hall 710-4214 if you are in need of any senior services. We are happy to listen and want to help!



Burrillville Village Program:

The Village Common of Rhode Island and Burrillville Parks & Recreation Senior Services continue working with a committee of Burrillville volunteers on creating a Burrillville Village to provide free assistance to Burrillville's aging population. Village assistance includes rides from volunteers who have been vetted and trained, errands such as grocery pick-ups, prescriptions, and the like, help with electronic devices, VCRs TVs, smart phones, IPADs, computers, etc. and household chores such as changing light bulbs, fall clean-ups and organizing. Contact Andrea Hall 710-7429 for more information or to volunteer.

THE BECKWITH/BRUCKSHAW LODGE (COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER)

Rent the Lodge:

Need a place to hold a fundraiser, birthday party, etc.? The Community Recreation Center is open for rentals on the weekends. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

Program Expansion:

The Department is always looking to expand programming. If you are an instructor interested in teaching or if you'd like more information about offering spring programs, contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

NEW "FREE" SENIOR PROGRAMS:

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| • Advanced Ukulele | Lodge |
| • Essentrics | Lodge |
| • Senior Yoga & Flexibility | Lodge |
| • Strength Training | Lodge |
| • Ukulele Music Therapy | Lodge |
| • Let's Get Moving | Lodge |

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

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| • Multi-Sport | Callahan & Steere Farm Schools |
| • Yoga | Lodge |
| • Safe Sitter Program | Burrillville Middle School |
| • Zumba | Lodge |
| • Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack | Lodge |
| • Sunshine Club | Lodge |

Safe Sitter Class:

Wednesday, April 12th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Burrillville Middle School Media Center for students ages 11-14. Learn safe childcare practices, good babysitting skills, and how to be a responsible adolescent. Instructors from Lifespan Community Health Institute are enthusiastic and committed to teens. Most are registered nurses and all are certified to teach the safe sitter class. Instruction for this 1-day program includes Babysitting as a Business, Preventing Injuries, Success on Job, Injury Management, Child Care Essentials, Safety for the Sitter, Preventing Problem Behavior, Behavior Management, Care of a Choking Infant/Child, and Rescue Breathing. Cost: \$50, includes all materials. Advance registration is first come, first serve. For more information or to register for the class, please call (401) 444-8088 and ask the operator for Jeanette Nessett.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunshine Club:

The Sunshine club meets once per month at the Lodge to make homemade floral arrangements, crafts and cards to share at the local nursing homes to celebrate any patient's upcoming birthdays. There is no cost to participate and all needed supplies are provided. If you are interested in being part of spreading some sunshine to our Burrillville community members, please contact the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department.

Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program:

BWSP is a not for profit joint effort between the Parks & Recreation Department, Burrillville Lions Club, Berean Baptist Church and the Jesse Smith Memorial Library to provide weekend food for the needy. Currently there are 50 children and an additional ---11 adult families who are receiving the weekly food bags. The average monthly cost is approximately \$1500. Food or monetary donations can be dropped off to the Parks & Recreation Department. Please make check donations payable to the Burrillville Weekend Snack Pack Program. Non-perishable kid friendly food (macaroni & cheese, granola bars, juice boxes, snacks, etc.) are greatly appreciated. Packing sessions are held at the Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge every 6-8 weeks. For more information on how you can volunteer or a complete list of suggested donation items, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department

SUMMER PROGRAMS:



Summer Programs to be announced! Watch for the Parks & Recreation Summer Program flyer in May for more information regarding summer programs including Muti-Sport, Pickleball, and Corn-hole, plus our ongoing programs at the Lodge.

PARK NEWS

Hero Park – Located adjacent to the Burrillville Police Department, the park has been recently renovated to include a shade structure with picnic tables, a parent/child swing, baby swings, big kid swings and several other new pieces of play equipment, including one for crawlers. A poured in place rubber walkway was installed last spring.

Remington Park – Located in Oakland at the old Remington Lumber site on Victory Highway, the park offers a street hockey rink and pickle ball court, as well as a short bike path to the river with a canoe launch and fishing area.

High Street Park – Located across from Bell Plaza in Pascoag, the park offers shade and a spot to picnic.

Bike Path- Run, walk, bike, or rollerblade on the bike path! Our bike path is a 1.2 mile off-road bike path that runs along the former New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway and connects the villages of Harrisville and Pascoag. The paved path has entrances along Mowry Street and Eastern Avenue. At about the halfway point of the bike path there is a paved path with benches and picnic tables that leads towards Duck Pond. The paved path ends at a small cul-de-sac, and a dirt path continues up over a small hill toward the pond.

Skateboard Park - The skateboard park located on Chapel Street is open daily from 9am until dusk. Helmet, knee pads and elbow pads required! Please adhere to all Rules & Regulations posted at the park.

For a complete list of all parks please visit our website.

LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Junior Hockey	www.bjhl.org
Youth Basketball	www.byba.org
Youth Soccer	www.bgysa.org
Men's Softball	FB: Burrillville Men's Softball League
Little League	www.burrillvillelittleleague.org
Figure Skating	FB: Burrillville Figure Skating Association Facebook
Youth Football & Cheer	https://burrillvillepatriots.com
Burrillville Girls Softball	FB: Burrillville Girls Softball League

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer for your community? Volunteers are always needed to assist with our special events. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department if you'd like to help.

SIGN UP FOR RECREATION NEWS:

Subscribe to receive Recreation Department News by visiting www.burrillville.org and clicking on 'E-Subscribe' tab on the left hand side of the page. Click on 'Parks and Recreation' under News and Announcements to sign up for email notifications regarding programs and events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department or follow us on Facebook.



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:

Police Department 568-6255

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USE OF THIS PARK IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Spring Lake Beach
Judy Lopez, Beach Manager
200 Clear River Drive
Oakland, RI 02858
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jlopez@burrillville.org



Spring Lake Beach will open for the season on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Admission for opening day is free and resident family passes will be available for purchase with proof of Burrillville residency. Season passes are available for Burrillville residents only: \$40.00 per family pass or \$30.00 for an individual pass. Included in the pass is a parking permit for the resident lot.

General admission for Burrillville residents is \$5.00 per person. Non- resident is \$7.00 per person. Groups of 15 or more scheduled in advance are \$3.50 for residents and \$6.00 for non-residents. ***Free admission for up to 3 children per family ages 3 & under when accompanied by an adult. This is not applicable to groups.***

Hours of Operations (Weather Permitting)

- **Open Weekends Only:** Saturday, May 27th thru Monday, May 29th 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- **Open Daily:** Saturday, June 3rd thru Sunday, August 27th 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
- **Open Daily:** Monday, August 28th thru Monday, September 4th 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

The facility offers an arcade, food concessions, restrooms with outdoor showers, new recreation activities, beach shop and picnic tables on a first come, first serve basis. Beach amenities (available for rent) including children's kayaks, adult kayaks, children's turbo paddle boats, paddle boards, inflatable water slide and inflatable bounce house.

During hours of operation, the facility has full time lifeguard staff.



Please Note

***No grills or alcohol allowed on the beach.**

***No pets allowed on Spring Lake Beach property.**

*The Champlin Recreation Hall located at the facility is available for rent during the season rain or shine. Patrons renting the hall are allowed to bring their own grill. Start time for hall rentals are 11:00 a.m.-4:00p.m. More information available on the Town web site www.burrillville.org

Hall bookings are now available by contacting the Parks & Recreation Department at 568-9470 or via e-mail at ParksandRec@Burrillville.org.

****BEACH AMENITIES/HOURS/RENTALS are subject to change due to COVID****



Police Department

Colonel Stephen J. Lynch, Police Chief

Wallace F. Lees Public Safety Complex

1477 Victory Highway, P.O. Box 231, Burrillville, RI 02830

Phone: 401-568-6255 Fax: 401-568-9499

burrillvillepolice@burrillville.org

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK: If you are on Facebook, please take a moment to look us up and “like” our page. 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

BURRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

- Held 1st & 3rd Monday of each month (except holidays)
- Contact information: 401-568-9494 x 1 – lrabideau@burrillville.org
- Website – www.burrillville.org/municipal-court
- 24 hour payment box at police station lobby

E-COMMERCE SAFE ZONE In order to provide a safe area for any transactions originating from the internet, the police department provides two safe locations on the grounds of the Wallace Lees Public Safety Complex:

- South front parking lot, adjacent to the impound fence.
- Inside the front lobby of the police station.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY: is expected to start in September. Applications can be found on the police department website.



CODE RED SYSTEM: Check to see if your information is correct for our reverse calling system, Code Red. This system is utilized in emergency situations as well as for occasional general information. 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.

B-SAFE PROGRAM: (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. 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.

NOTARY SERVICE is typically available at the police department 24 hours a day for no charge.

VIN CHECKS are required for used vehicle purchases 2001 model year or newer which have an out-of-state title, or when you are transferring a vehicle registration from another state.

- 10 – 10:30am and 1 – 1:30pm – 7 days a week
- Bring vehicle, original title and \$10 cash or check

RECORD CHECKS & FINGERPRINTS 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); Department of Health licensing, and certain other categories cost \$40. If you need only a Rhode Island BCI check, simply drop off the completed BCI check request to the dispatch area any time. There is no charge for BCI check only. Also, please note that NO record checks of any kind are done for juveniles.

ALARM ORDINANCE Don't forget to register your house alarm with the police department. You can download an alarm registration form from the website or pick one up at the police station any time.

MURPH PROGRAM: The Burrillville Police Department created the Murph Program as a means of registering special needs residents of all ages into the police department database. This voluntary program allows loved ones to register the special needs individual by filling out a questionnaire designed to assist the police department by identifying the individual's needs—social, emotional, and physical—when it comes to understanding and interacting with members of law enforcement. Call the police department for more information on this program that is dedicated to identifying and protecting our community's most vulnerable residents.



IT IS ALMOST YARD SALE SEASON A friendly reminder that posting signs on utility poles, trees, and Town property is **prohibited** in Burrillville. For the safety of the telephone and electric company workers, our citizens, and others traveling our roads, Burrillville Police officers will be monitoring and enforcing these ordinances.

FOR QUESTIONS ON THESE OR ANY OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL 401-568-6255 OR CHECK THE WEBSITE AT WWW.BURRILLVILLE.ORG/POLICE.



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



Be Prepared: 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 at (401)-641-0898.

Social Media: Residents are encouraged to follow us on twitter (@EMABurrillville) and also to check our 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.

Applications are also available by contacting BEMA at (401) 641-0898.

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.

News: The Burrillville Emergency Management Agency was awarded a grant for emergency communications upgrades. We are working with the Chief of Police and the Town's Fire Chiefs to plan and implement needed equipment to upgrade the emergency communication issues currently faced by the fire departments. We hope to have the upgrades in place by the end of the year.

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 website 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".

Burrillville Addiction Assistance Program

Brandy Bates, Coordinator

Wallace F. Lees Public Safety Complex

1477 Victory Highway, Oakland, RI 02858

Call or Text: 401-640-8138 Email: bbates@burrillville.org

The Burrillville Addiction Assistance Program, developed in 2018, is an innovative program dedicated to serving the residents of Burrillville who may suffer from, or have family members suffering from, alcohol or drug addiction. The Town of Burrillville, in conjunction with the Burrillville Police Department, will assist those seeking to address their addiction with locating treatment resources, planning for recovery and finding a new path in life.

For confidential information, contact Brandy using the contact information above.

You can also contact us on our Town website at www.burrillville.org, on our Facebook page: [@hangonpainends](https://www.facebook.com/hangonpainends).



Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition

Monica A. Blanchette, Coalition Coordinator

Wallace F. Lees Public Safety Complex

1477 Victory Highway, Oakland, RI

401-710-7996 mblanchette@burrillville.org

The Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition (BPAC) is a volunteer working task force comprised of individuals who are interested in substance abuse prevention issues in the Burrillville communities. Current coalition members comprise of school, prevention and treatment professionals, youth, parents, law enforcement, fire & rescue personnel, faith community, health care, youth organizations, business owners, media, and local government. All members live and/or work in Burrillville.



BPAC meetings take place monthly. Youth (ages 12-18) coalition meetings take place weekly on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please contact Monica as listed above.

You can also follow BPAC's events and initiatives on Facebook and Instagram

[@BurrillvillePAC](https://www.facebook.com/BurrillvillePAC) or on the webpage at www.burrillvilleprevention.org.

Animal Control Shelter

Kerry Courtemanche, Officer
131 Clear River Drive, Oakland, RI 02858
401-568-9480 Fax: 401-568-9471
aco@burrillville.org
Monday - Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday & Holidays: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Vaccinations:

RI law requires Rabies vaccination for all dogs, cats, and ferrets. Other vaccines are important too, as there is continued canine parvo and influenza activity in RI. Parvo is a highly contagious virus which is easily transmitted and costly to treat, but can be prevented by vaccinating. Lyme and other tick related diseases are also serious health concerns. Protect yourself and your pets from ticks, and check yourself and your dogs after coming in from outdoors.

Upcoming Regional Rabies Clinics – Limited statewide clinics scheduled this year

- **Smithfield** 3/12, 1-3 pm, Smithfield Public Works, 3 Spragueville Rd, \$10
- **North Kingstown** 3/12, 10 am-1 pm, Animal Shelter, 395 Hamilton Allenton Rd. \$15.
- **Bristol** 3/12, 1-3 pm, 10 Minturn Farm Rd, \$10
- **Westerly** 3/13, 9 -11am, Westerly Animal Shelter 33 Larry Hirsch Ln, \$12
- **Pawtucket** 3/19, 10 am-12 pm, Slater Park Animal Shelter, 401 Newport Ave, \$10
- **Middletown** 3/19, 9-11am, Department of Public Works, 19 Berkeley Road, \$10
- **Woonsocket** 3/20, 9-11 am, River's Edge Park, Davison Street, \$12
- **Gloucester** 4/2, 10 am-2 pm, Chepachet Fire Station, \$20
- All clinics are CASH ONLY!
- Dogs must be leashed, and muzzled if necessary
- Cats and ferrets must be in carriers
- One year vaccine, proof of prior vaccine to determine eligibility for 3 year vaccine
- Ferrets receive a one year vaccine only

Rabies clinics are also held regularly at Tractor Supply, Petco, PetSmart and Rumford Pet Center. See the following links for locations and dates.

<https://www.shotvet.com/find-a-clinic/>

<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/petvet>

<https://stores.petco.com/vaccination-clinics>

Locally, and nationwide, obtaining veterinary care can be difficult. Due to a shortage of veterinarians, technicians, and support staff, animal hospitals and clinics are unable to keep up with current demand. Some facilities have closed, some have reduced hours due to staffing shortages, and many are not able to take on new clients. Throughout the pandemic, hoards of people obtained new pets, flooding

veterinarians with new clients. Sadly, veterinary staff have also been frequently treated very poorly by the public for their inability to meet demands, so much so that many have left the field altogether. Please, be kind to veterinary staff. This is as hard for them as it is for you. Please plan in advance for routine services such as regular exams, vaccinations, and spay/neuter. Make your appointments well in advance to ensure availability. If you obtain a new pet, immediately locate a veterinarian that will be able to serve you and get your pet established. Don't wait until you need service to try to locate a veterinarian who can see your pet.

Reminders:

- Leash law in effect: All dogs must be leashed when off the property of the owner and under the control of a person capable of handling the dog. This law keeps your pet as well as the public and other pets safe. All dog owners/keepers/handlers are responsible for the actions of, and any injuries or damages caused by their dog.
- Dog waste ordinance in effect: Owners/handlers are required to clean up after their dogs when off of the owners' property. Dog waste can transmit disease to animals and humans and can contaminate our water ways. It is unsightly and smelly. Please be responsible and clean up after your pet. It is the right thing to do and an obligation of being a pet owner.
- 2022 licenses will soon be available and can be obtained at Town Hall with a valid Rabies certificate. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2023, and licenses must be renewed annually. A three dog limit is in effect for single family residences, and two dogs per unit in a duplex/apartment/condo/multi-family. Kennel license required exceeding those limits.
- RI Animal Cruelty laws prohibit extended tethering or kenneling of dogs. Tethering is allowed for 10 hours per 24 hour period, and kenneling is allowed for 14 hours per 24 hour period. Only veterinarians and Animal Control officials may authorize a waiver of these limitations. An area free of debris and accumulated feces, potable water at all times, and access to appropriate shelter are required.
- There are specific zoning regulations regarding the keeping of livestock and fowl. This includes any type/size of pot-bellied pig or other swine as well as chickens, ducks, etc. Please contact the zoning office for further information.

RI law requires cats over the age of six months be spayed/neutered. Low cost services are available.

- **Salmon River Veterinary**
 - ◆ Cats only
 - ◆ Multiple mobile locations including at Burrillville Animal Shelter (monthly)
 - ◆ \$100 includes spay/neuter as well as Rabies and FVRCP vaccines
 - ◆ Register by calling Salmon River Vet at 401-793-0092 or online at www.rimobilevet.com.
- **Potter League Spay/Neuter Clinic**
 - ◆ Cats and Dogs
 - ◆ Additional discounts for feral cats and pit bulls
 - ◆ Register by calling 401-369-7297
 - ◆ More information on-line at www.potterleague.org



Stray and Feral Cats:

Please do not feed stray and/or feral cats. You may feel that you are helping, but feeding these cats without taking responsibility for them only contributes to the problem of overpopulation. It is also illegal. RI law designates the feeder of cats the legal owner, and therefore that person is responsible for Rabies vaccination and spay/neuter of those cats. If you are feeding a feral cat or colony, please contact us so that we can discuss performing trap/neuter/release services (TNR). Our ability to perform this service depends on the availability of funds. TNR controls the reproduction of the colony while naturally reducing the population through attrition. You also have the option of trap/neuter/release on your own using the low cost services mentioned above. If you have TNR cats you are caring for, please provide food for brief periods twice daily versus leaving standing food that will attract wildlife to feed as well.

Important tips as we all spend more time outdoors:

- All animal bites must be reported to Animal Control.
- 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 sick wildlife to DEM or Animal Control. All human and domestic animal contacts with wildlife should be reported.
- Animal Control does not handle nuisance wildlife. It is illegal to trap and relocate wildlife. If you require nuisance wildlife to be removed from your property, you will need to hire a private, licensed trapper and can obtain a list of trappers from DEM. Eliminate food sources and seek humane ways to deter wildlife from your property.
- Do not feed pets outside, and please do not feed wildlife. Secure your trash as well.
- Place identification tags on your pets' collars so they can be returned to you if lost. Dogs should be wearing the required Town dog license.
- Make sure that your pets are properly secured and have plenty of fresh water available at all times.
- Be aware of spills of auto antifreeze/coolant. It is deadly to pets.
- Black bears are here and will be active in the spring/summer/fall months. Bird feeders make for an easy meal. Again, we ask that you take feeders down, and secure your trash. Clean your outdoor grill regularly. The high fat drippings can attract a bear.
- Contact our office at 568-9480 with questions, concerns, and animal-related complaints.

Please take down bird feeders April 1 – November 30. Bird feeders attract beautiful birds that many people enjoy watching and photographing, but they also attract mice and other rodents, such as rats, chipmunks, and squirrels, and animals such as skunks and raccoons, all of which carry fleas and ticks. Larger mammals such as fox and coyote are also attracted to prey on the smaller animals and rodents. Bears also love bird seed. An excess of birds in one area can cause a whole host of potential problems. Large numbers of birds presenting at an unnatural food source increases the risk of disease and parasite



spread between birds and can have a significant impact on threatened species. Bird feces can contaminate human food and water sources, fecal dust can be inhaled into the lungs, direct contact with bird feces to a wound can result in infection. Birds can carry several hundred different viral and bacterial agents and can be quite destructive to human property, causing corrosion with the buildup up bird waste. The consequences of a high

population of birds in a small area can cause a nuisance to your neighbors as well as a health hazard to your family.

Important information when looking to adopt a pet:

Large numbers of private rescue groups operating in the northeast, many of them transporting dogs and cats in from southern and midwestern states. Please do your research when adopting. Increased animal importation has resulted in a significant increase in contagious canine diseases. RI has strict importing guidelines, and we recommend that you contact the RI DEM Division of Agriculture – Animal Health Division at 222-2781 to confirm that the organization you are working with is licensed with the State. These rules are in effect to protect adopters, incoming animals, and animals already living here.

At Animal Control:

Sadly, animals continue to be abandoned and surrendered, some in need of extensive medical care. The most rewarding part of our jobs is seeing debilitated animals recover and move on to new, loving homes. We are proud to work in a community of such generous and caring supporters, and thank you all for your contributions. Product donations can be dropped off at the Shelter. Money donations are used solely for veterinary expenses. Donations can be made in person at the Shelter, by PayPal on our website, and by mail to: Burrillville Animal Control, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI 02830.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BurrillvilleAnimalControl . Like our page to keep updated on the goings on at the shelter. We post adoptable pets, lost & found, educational info, fundraising activities, and stories of shelter pets in need. Every like and share helps get our pets seen by more people.

Remember, we are not only an enforcement division, we are also here to help and educate. Together, we do make a difference!





Burrillville School Department

2300 Broncos Highway, Burrillville, RI 02830

Tel: 401-568-1301 TTY: 800-745-6575

Fax: 401-568-1337

District Information

The Burrillville School Department provides K-12 public education to children from Burrillville and the surrounding region. We have five schools: Burrillville High School (grades 9-12), Burrillville Middle School (grades 6-8), Steere Farm Elementary School (grades 2-5), William L. Callahan School (grades 2-5), and Austin T. Levy School (grades K-1). We also offer application to a preschool program for Burrillville families.

In addition to traditional academics, we offer specialized Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways for students at both the high school and the middle school. At the high school level, we are a leader in the state with 9 RIDE-Approved CTE Pathways, including Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Construction Management, Education, Engineering, Environmental Science, Graphic Communications, Law & Public Safety, and Pre-Accounting. At the middle school level, we offer gateway classes in Design & Modeling, and Automation & Robotics; the middle school also has after-school CTE clubs for Biomedical Science, DECA/Business, Graphic Communications, and Robotics.

Throughout all of our schools, we support our students academically, socially, and emotionally, and we focus on kindness in our community. We encourage family involvement and welcome volunteers into our schools. We are stronger with your support and when we work together!

Visit our website to learn more about our schools, academic calendar, and how to register: www.bsd-ri.net

Follow us on Facebook @Burrillville Public Schools

School Contact Information

School	Principal	Telephone	Website
Burrillville High School	Michael Lazzareschi	401-568-1310	https://bhs.bsd-ri.net/
Burrillville Middle School	Kathryn Lord	401-562-1320	https://bms.bsd-ri.net/
Steere Farm Elementary School	Courtney Francis	401-568-1350	https://sfe.bsd-ri.net/
William L. Callahan School	David Brissette	401-568-1330	https://wlc.bsd-ri.net/
Austin T. Levy School	Monica Tomson	401-568-1340	https://atl.bsd-ri.net/

It's Cool to be Kind

As we begin a year of what we hope will be a very normal and stable school experience for our students, we continue to reflect on the impacts of the pandemic and how we can best give our students what they need to recover. Often we hear talk about the academic and mental health impacts of quarantine and isolation, but less is said about the impact on students' ability to navigate in-person interactions and relationships. We started to see that impact with the widespread availability of smart phones and social media, but it has been exacerbated by the conditions of the pandemic. Just like in every other school district around the country, our Burrillville students are facing the challenge of learning all over again how to interact with each other, make friends, resolve differences, and be kind.

Burrillville has been a PBIS district for years—meaning that all our schools explicitly teach behavior expectations every year, reinforce positive behaviors, and ensure that consequences for unacceptable behaviors are meaningful and geared toward change. For the most part, our BSD students have known that we expect them to treat each other well and they have risen to those expectations. They have learned that positive behavior isn't just about saying nice things to each other. It's about their actions every day - holding doors open, greeting one another, picking things up off the floor, including others, taking turns, offering help, and respecting each other's property - these are the foundations of character and integrity, values that our school community holds dear. In the past year, though, we have seen too many instances where our students are making choices that prevent them from being their best selves.

This year, our schools are all embracing the philosophy of the Great Kindness Challenge: empowering students to create a culture of kindness. The message in all our schools, consistently embraced by students and staff, is that kindness is important all the time. We will highlight that message through special events and activities throughout the year, but we will live it every day. We hope that families will join us in partnership as we bring back a culture of kindness to our schools—talk with your children about what it means to be kind, participate in activities as they come up during the year, stay in contact with your child's teachers, and, if you are able, join a school improvement team so that you can be a part of positive change now and in years to come.

We live in a world that is not always kind, and we are unfortunately exposed every day to examples of ways in which human beings treat one another poorly. In all our schools, we are doing all we can to help our students grow in the knowledge that the way they treat others has a lasting impact, and that kindness is one of the greatest virtues of a civil society. We are working every day to live up to the immortal words of Mahatma Gandhi, to “be the change [we] wish to see in the world.”



Burrillville Extended Care
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kcournoyer@burrillville.org

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!" — "Oh, the Thinks You Can Think" - *Dr. Seuss*



The Burrillville Extended Care Program offers before and after school care for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade at the Steere Farm, Callahan and A.T. Levy Elementary Schools. We also provide afternoon care for children in 7th grade who have not met the age of 13. The Program also offers a full-time Day Care Summer Program, School Year Vacations and select holidays.

Burrillville Extended Care a well-established child care program right in your own Community!

BEC originally began in 1996 under Just for Kids daycare in order to develop a before/ afterschool program to meet the growing needs of the Town of Burrillville. In August of 1997, the Burrillville School Committee decided to lend their support to a new program, that quickly flourished into what we know today as Burrillville Extended Care. The School Committee discovered that quality educational programs and child care was difficult to find for the working families of the Town. This struggle was the catalyst that drove the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Department to put all of their time, faith, heart and soul into developing Burrillville Extended Care. After countless hours of hard work, advertising, registering and a lot of convincing the School Department along with the Town's Recreation Department opened the first BEC Center at the Steere Farm Elementary School.

In September of 1999 the Program had grown so much that a second site was added at the W.L. Callahan School. Then in January of 2006, it became official! BEC was made into its own Department under the Town of Burrillville.

BEC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

The fastest way to get closing/delay notices from BEC is by signing up with the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association. Please select Burrillville Extended Care from section 9, Pre-Schools/Daycare to receive messages from BEC. <https://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=6d6b22e1-242f-46b3-ae4f-e01582e9a14c>

You may also check the RI Broadcasters Association Website for closings/ delays by clicking on the link below: http://www.ribroadcasters.com/News_and_Events/Closings_Delays/

Closings/Delays will also be posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Burrillville-Extended-Care-Division-292384954109609>

For our full inclement weather policy please click here: <https://www.burrillville.org/burrillville-extended-care-program/pages/bec-inclement-weather-policy-and-information>

BEC Summer Camp 2023:

Registrations for our Summer Camp Program will begin on April 3, 2023. Our Summer Program is available for the entire summer, estimated to begin June 19th, and run until, Wednesday August 30th. The program will operate Monday-Friday 6:30am - 6:00pm. With the exception of Monday, July 3 - Tuesday, July 4th. Mondays and Fridays will be onsite, tentatively, Wednesdays will be field trip days, and every Tuesday and Thursday will be spent at Spring Lake Beach. Upon registration, you will receive a completed summer schedule with specific trips, special entertainers and events.

The BEC Summer Program accepts children entering grades First thru Seventh grade and haven't reached the max age of 13. This age requirement is due to our licensing through RI DCYF.

RI DCYF regulations state children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023 may enroll to attend the BEC Program starting the School Year 2023-2024.

Information and Registration Forms are available on the Town web site: <http://www.burrillville.org/burrillville-extended-care-program> or by calling the main office at 568-1356 x.1 to register. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page for the latest news and updates!



Visit our website for the latest news and updates: <http://www.burrillville.org/burrillville-extended-care-program>



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 and Instagram

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Summer Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



The library is more than just books and computers. It is the cornerstone of the community, offering all a place to gather, explore, interact, and imagine! We offer a wide variety of programming and materials for patrons of all ages. You can find story times and family programs, adult crafts and programs, special teen events, books, DVDs, computers, remote print-

ing, e-Books, and a whole lot more every time you visit. Come check out all we have to offer at our beautiful building by the river!

The Children's Department offers a variety of fun and educational programs for children all ages. During this past year, families enjoyed a variety of programming including story times, Waterpark Wednesdays, Boo Bash & Trick or Treating, book clubs, Literacy Tales, special craft programs, scavenger hunts, our outdoor StoryWalk® and more!

The Teen Department offers programming and resources for teens in grades 6 through 12. Teens can flock to the library in search of fun and a safe place to hang out. The **Teen Hangout** in the Community Room provides teens in grades 6 through 12 with food, games, crafts and a place to relax after school. We offer:

- Video games on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 3 and a Nintendo Wii. We're hoping to add a PlayStation 5 soon!
- Computers are available for homework and fun
- Special events – after hours LaserTag & Manhunt, fun with food programs, video game tournaments
- Ongoing programs include the VolunTeens, drop-in crafts and Tech Club
- Get ready for exams with quiet Teen Study spaces, extended Teen Hangouts and an Exam Cram events
- Special events all summer long as part of Summer Reading – read, attend fun programs and win prizes

Adults have many reasons to visit the library too! Not only can we help you discover great books, DVDs and other materials, but so much more! We offer fun and informational programs:

- Programs – crafts, informational speakers and special events (ex. Escape Rooms, Haunted Library).
- Technology assistance – computer classes, 1-on-1 help sessions, and drop-in tech support
- Databases – Ancestry Library Edition, Providence Journal and AskRI.org (learn a language, fix a car, health information, college & career test preparation, Flipster digital magazines)

Did you know we offer...

- Downloadable eBooks and audiobooks through the Ocean State Libraries eZone
- Circulating special items including outdoor games, metal detector, hiking poles, binoculars, appliance voltage meters, fishing poles/tackle boxes and sit/stand rolling walkers
- Wireless/remote printing from home or your mobile device from within the library
- Fax services and document scanning to email

Riverwalk Times Concerts Series

The Friends of the Library bring some amazing music to the library every summer on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm outside, in front of the library at the Pavilion. Bring blankets and chairs and come on down to enjoy the music! These concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library along with support from local business and organizations.

Food Trucks will be available at the concerts again this year! Dinolicious will be here July 8, 15, 29 and August 19. La Carreta Authentic Mexican will be on site July 22, August 5 and August 12.



Our 2023 Summer Concert Schedule: (tentative and subject to change)

JULY 8: Brass Attack

JULY 15: All About Amy

JULY 22: Jesse Liam Band

JULY 29: Country Wild

AUGUST 5: Whiskey Road

AUGUST 12: Live Music Band

AUGUST 19: The Aviators

Friends of the Library

It is thanks to the Friends of The Jesse Smith Library that we are able to hold many of our amazing programs including our summer reading programs, Halloween events and the Riverwalk Times Concert Series. The Friends raise funds through book sales, silent auctions and donations. They are always looking for new members. The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Be on the lookout for some spectacular events in the coming months as we celebrate our 15th anniversary at the Tinkham Lane location!

- National Library Week Celebrations in April: Concert in the Stacks with All About Amy, Mini Golf, Friends of the Library book sales and Dancin' with Hoops
- Summer Reading Program for all ages! Sign-ups begin for our Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 17. We have many exciting programs and reading incentives & prizes for everyone – kids, teens and adults!
- And many, many more!

Find out what is happening at the Library!

- Facebook and Instagram
- Monthly Newsletter
- Library's Website <http://www.jmslibrary.org>

Burrillville Wastewater Facility/Sewer Commission

Michael Emond, Superintendent
141 Clear River Drive, Oakland, RI 02858
PO Box 71, Harrisville, RI 02830
Phone: 401-568-6296
Fax: 401-568-9464

Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Fri. 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

The Board of Sewer Commission is comprised of five (5) members. The members are currently William Andrews - Chairman, Richard Nolan - Vice Chairman, Gary Rouleau and Dan Joubert - Commission Members. The Commission holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, the request must be received at this office by the first Tuesday of the month no later than 2:00 p.m.



Sewer Use Charges: The sewer use rate for FY23 is \$614.80 a year for a single family dwelling. At the present time, residential sewer use charges are mailed once a year in October and can be made in quarterly payments. 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. 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 the time of the sale.

Payment: Check payments should be mailed to: **PO Box 71, Harrisville RI 02830.** Alternately, there is a drop box located to the right of the front door of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, which is accessible at the above hours. Customers may also use the drop box at Town Hall, which is accessible 24/7. Please label your envelope "Sewer Payment." **Checks only - No Cash.** Please leave your email or a note if you would like a receipt.



You may also pay your bill online at www.RleGov.com. You will need your account number and pin number, which are located on the upper left hand corner of your bill. Please note that the online payment company charges a 3% fee to use this service.

If you are having financial difficulties, please contact this office as soon as possible so that we can set up payment arrangements.

This office does accept postmarked for payments, however, payment with no postmarks (such as payments left in the drop box at Town Hall) will be processed on the actual day they are received by this office.



The Burrillville Lions' Club
P.O. Box 414, Harrisville, RI 02830
Phone: (401) 568-4141
www.e-clubhouse.org
"Where there's a need, there's a Lion"

Celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2022, the Burrillville Lions Club is a volunteer, non-profit organization serving the residents of Burrillville and North Smithfield. Chartered in 1947, the Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (social time at 6:30 p.m.), except July and August, at Uncle Ronnie's Red Tavern in Nasonville. Fund raisers are held to provide for charitable and community betterment activities including a since-founded tradition of sponsoring a learn-to-swim program at the Town beach, providing scholarships for resident high school seniors, supporting the Town's food banks, providing dictionaries to all third grade students in both towns, hosting camps for blind and handicapped children at the Town beach, supporting the RI Sight Foundation and Children with Cancer Fund, assisting families at the State's Ronald McDonald House, and many other endeavors. One hundred percent (100%) of all net proceeds is returned to the community.



Other services provided include: conducting eye screening for elementary school children; providing food and support for the Backpack Program; conducting Earth Day Cleanups; assisting residents with eye care issues; and providing emergency assistance as appropriate.

The Burrillville Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world. Membership is encouraged and volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If interested, please contact us at the above address, website, or phone.

Burrillville Historical and Preservation Society

16 Laurel Hill Avenue, Pascoag, RI 02859

Phone: (401) 568-8534

Website: www.bhps.org

Email: bmencucci@verizon.net

The Burrillville Historical & Preservation Society's mission is to preserve and protect Burrillville's history. The Society normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at its headquarters, the Bridgeton School in Pascoag; however due to the pandemic, meetings have been canceled until further notice. This 1897 schoolhouse serves as a repository for a collection of photos, documents, histories, scrapbooks, cemetery information, clothing and artifacts. If you have old photos you'd like to share, we can scan them and return your originals.



**Burrillville Historical
& Preservation Society**

Did you know that Burrillville has 130 historical cemeteries? We are always looking for volunteers to help us with cemetery cleanings. The work involves cutting brush, weed-whacking and raking leaves. We especially need volunteers that can weed-whack.

Even if you can volunteer one hour of your time in a year, the help would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get their community service hours for graduation. Contact us if you'd like information on our adopt-a-cemetery program.

Over the past year, we have raised sufficient funds to purchase a new gravestone for Bathsheba Sherman at the Riverside Cemetery through a GoFundMe campaign. The new stone will be installed in late summer/fall of 2023.

RHODE ISLAND CEMETERY WEEKS

Instead of celebrating Cemetery Awareness Day on one day in April, this year the State will be celebrating Rhode Island Cemetery Weeks. During the months of April and May, the public will be invited to participate in clean-ups, cemetery tours, gravestone conservation demos and other special cemetery events. In Burrillville, we will be celebrating by hosting several events. There will be a cemetery clean-up in early April at the Riverside Cemetery (opposite the Harrisville Fire Station). We are also planning to hold a gravestone conservation workshop in May at the Pascoag Cemetery. This is a hands-on activity for those wishing to learn how to clean and reset/repair gravestones. Please contact us or visit our Facebook page for more complete information.

Burrillville Land Trust

PO Box 506
Harrisville, RI 02830
Phone: (401) 447-1560
Email: info@burrillvillelandtrust.org

Over the past 12 years, the Burrillville Land Trust has done everything possible to save Sweet's Hill. The 150 acres at the top of East Avenue (Route 107) is all that remains of the over 1000 acres of Sweet's Farm. A farm that supplied much of the food for our Town and the region. The Burrillville Land Trust is an all volunteer, 501(c)(3) public charity, private land trust in Burrillville. Founded in 1999, the mission of the Burrillville Land Trust is to preserve and protect the rural character of the Town of Burrillville through education, acquisition and advocacy. We own 229 acres spread among 10 parcels of land, and we hold two conservation easements totaling 36 acres. While we are not connected with Town government, we add to many of the Town's events by providing recreational hiking, bird watching, rain barrel workshops, American Chestnut tree giveaways, we started the Burrillville Farmers' Market now in its 18th year of operation, we provide guest speakers and many events on the properties owned by the land trust. One of our properties, the Edward D. Vock Conservation Area, is the home of the first American Chestnut Tree Germ Plasm orchard in a natural setting in Rhode Island.



All of our properties are managed by volunteers just like you who love the quiet, the fresh air and the rural character that makes this our home.

Today when our sense of place is in crisis, preserving our lands, increasing our protected forested lands for clean air and water, preventing clearcutting and preserving our agricultural heritage is more important than ever. That's why we took a leadership role in preventing a fracked gas fossil fuel power plant from being built in the northwest corner of Burrillville and why we are currently raising funds to preserve the iconic Sweet's Hill property in Harrisville.

Please visit our website burrillvillelandtrust.org or better yet, go take a hike on our Bobcat Loop Trail at The Edward D. Vock Conservation Area on Jackson School House Road in Pascoag. Our board meets via Zoom at 6:30pm on the second Monday of each month. Please join us. Subscribe to our newsletter by sending us a note to burrillville-landtrustfriends@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook or contact our president, Paul A. Roselli at (401) 447-1560 for more information. We need you to help Save Sweet's Hill and all that is precious in our Town

BLT TIP: Birds and bats thrive on lawns, trees and backyard bird feeders that are free from insecticides and other cancer causing chemicals. Think twice about using that container of RoundUp or spraying insect killing chemicals on lawns to kill grubs.

The Burrillville Conservation Commission

Ron P. Lapierre, Chairman

Email: rplapierre@aol.com

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, 1/4 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.

Look for our quarterly programs and other information about the Burrillville Conservation Commission on our web page [Conservation Commission | Town of Burrillville RI](#)



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 veterans' 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. Office hours are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Post 88. For any emergencies, please contact Linda Peck at 401-568-8491 or by email: lindapecck795@gmail.com.

Ray Trinke has taken over the duties of Building Coordinator. He will maintain the schedule at the Binns Building and can be reached at 401-568-0858 or by e-mail at raytrank101@cox.net. Please contact Ray also for any Town organizations or party rental or if you would like to become a member of the post.

Support the Post 88 Flag Sale at the above link or buy from Lawrence Brothers Hardware across from Post 88 in Harrisville. We collect used clothing for the needy in the donation shed located outside our post home.



Pascoag Public Library

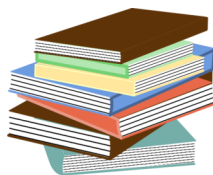
57 Church Street
Pascoag, RI 02859
Tel: 401-568-6226 Fax: 401-567-9372
<http://pascoaglibrary.org>
<http://facebook.com/PascoagLibrary>



Our current hours are as follows:

- Mondays: 1-8
- Thursdays: 10-8
- Fridays: 10-3
- Saturdays: 9-1

Pascoag Public Library 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. We have 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. We also have access to e-books & e-audiobooks via Libby/Overdrive in the OSL database.



Pascoag Library also offers computers, printers and scanners for public use, copy services, and wireless access. See our Services page for a complete listing.

We periodically offer a variety of programs for young children, tweens, teens, and adults. Many family programs are also held throughout the year. See our [Calendar](#) page for current listings.

Pascoag Public Library encourages patrons to take advantage of contact-free service. You may call 401-568-6226 or email info@pascoaglibrary.org (link sends e-mail) or use [Library Takeout](#).

Pascoag Library Information:

- ***No donations at this time. Please do not leave items outside due to the possibility of weather damage. (March 2, 2023)***
- Dropbox for returns is open
- PAS is scheduled for deliveries on Mondays & Thursdays.
- Email available anytime: info@pascoaglibrary.org
- Call 401-568-6226 and leave a message

Resources:

- Reference Links
- Homework Help
- Community Links
- Tax Links

OUR HISTORY

Pascoag Public Library, the first in Burrillville, was founded in **1871** by what became the Ladies' Pascoag Library Association. The purpose was to provide a broader range of reading options to the community. The founders' first 163 book collection was housed in a millinery store. The library moved five times to various businesses and mill offices before acquiring its own building in **1924**. The building fund began with a \$500 bequest from one of the founders. Additional monies came from fund-raisers and donations. That building on Church Street remains its current home. Pascoag Public continues to be privately owned by the Ladies' Pascoag Library Association and governed by a Board of Trustees. In **2011** the Library received grants that funded the building of an addition that doubled the size of the structure. In recent years, **2017 - 2019** specifically, there were several changes in staffing and trustee leadership. The long-time director retired and his replacement's tenure was short-lived. This resulted in the library being out of compliance with state requirements and in danger of losing both certification and funding. In **May 2018**, the Board's long inactive Personnel Committee took it upon itself to hire a new director, followed by a youth services librarian, both of whom were experienced and met state standards. In the fall of **2018**, a major flood occurred in the lower level. The damage was extensive and due to neglect. When the Board leadership failed to mitigate the situation, other Trustees stepped in and took action. At the **2019** election, a change in Board leadership occurred. The new and current President took over and instituted a Facilities Committee, reactivated long dormant existing committees, created a regular meeting schedule and a new collegial atmosphere. Today, having survived the Pandemic, the President and the Director continue to work together to lead the joint efforts of the Trustees and the staff in making Pascoag Public a functioning, vibrant community asset. In **2021**, the library celebrated its Sesquicentennial with a monthly series of historical posters and bookmarks, a Birthday Party for younger patrons in **June**, a history walk of Pascoag in **August**, a family tree trimming and drawing in **December**. The biggest event was the **Sesquicentennial Soiree in October**.

Why Us: For 151 years, Pascoag Public has honored the dreams and intent of its founders. It was created by the community, is a part of the community, and provides for the community. The community, in turn, is an integral part of the library. The relationship is symbiotic. When we have bake sales, neighbors have been known to arrive, unsolicited, with platters of cupcakes for the sale table; they even offer us the use of their driveways for staff parking when we have evening events. For many institutions, a 150th celebration would be a fund-raising event- **not in our case**. The community was invited to attend the "**Sesquicentennial Soiree**" as our guests and they filled the building to capacity. The heavily laden buffet tables, the décor, and historical displays as well as everything else involved were the result of the talents and donations of our Board of Trustees and our staff. The young people playing keyboard, manning the buffet tables, and the parking lot attendants were all volunteers. This is the essence of our relationship with our community; there exists an atmosphere of collaboration and investment on both sides. Is this not the very definition of a deep impact?

SCOUTING BSA

Scouting in Burrillville

You can join Scouts at ANY time of the year.

Cub Scouts is a program for kindergartners through fifth graders of both boys and girls. Scouts BSA teaches while having fun, focusing on character development, teaching practical skills and enhancing their community spirit. Cub Scouts are made up of Den's (groups of Scouts) for each grade. They meet once a week during the school year and then get together for a Pack meeting to show what they've learned and receive their awards. There are two Cub Scout packs in Town that meet on different evenings.

For more information about Pack 1 Pascoag, please contact Florence Stevens at 401-692-6716, or by email at newtfla@gmail.com For Pack 102 Mapleville, please contact Dan Esposito at espodan512@aol.com.

Boy Scouts begin in fifth grade and can stay in until they're 18 years old. We are a Boy only Troop but girls can also join this program, now called Scouts BSA, and we can direct you to a program for girls. Every day Scouts are encouraged to live by the 13 points of the Scout Law by being trustworthy, loyal, etc. They are taught skills of the world around them by earning merit badges. Boy Scouts are grouped by rank, not by grade with the highest rank being Eagle Scout. The Troops are separated into groups of similar ranks and skills, called Patrols. All the Scouts meet once a week and have a "Court of Honor" 3 times a year where they are recognized and are presented their awards. There are 2 Troops in Town.

For more information about Troop 1 Pascoag, please contact Newton Stevens at 401-568-0395 or newtfla@gmail.com

For more information about Troop 102 Mapleville, please contact Dan Esposito at espodan512@aol.com



The Burrillville Farmers Market

Stillwater Mill Center

75 Tinkham Lane

Harrisville, RI 02830

Deb Yablonski, Market Manager: 401-568-3191

Tammy D'Amato, Assistant Manager: 401-567-9393

burrillvillefma@gmail.com

Mailing address: P.O. Box 215, Pascoag, RI 02859

Saturdays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, June 3rd - September 23rd

The Burrillville Farmers Market Association is a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to promote & market the products of local farms & artisans in our beautiful, rural community and surrounding areas. We hope you will support us, as we strive to bring a diverse shopping experience, while reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging a more sustainable and stronger local food system.

This will be our 18th season - we look forward to seeing our many loyal customers as well as welcoming many new ones! We are always growing and changing to meet the needs of our customers. Look for some new & exciting developments this year!

We are very happy to continue our Double Bonus Buck Program. Thanks to a USDA grant and Farm Fresh R.I., our locally grown, nutritious food is accessible to all! 100% Bonus Bucks to shoppers using federal SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). For every dollar you spend with EBT, you get a FREE dollar in Bonus Bucks to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Market. Show your support by becoming a 'Friend of the Market' this year!

Please help us reduce pollution caused by plastic bags by using reusable bags. We have Burrillville Farmers Market totes made from recycled plastic available.

The market accepts: Cash, Credit/Debit, SNAP/EBT, WIC Fruit & Vegetable checks, and Senior Farmers Market Nutritional checks. Stop by the Welcome Table for assistance.

We follow DOH COVID 19 guidelines for Farmers Markets for the health and safety of our Customers and Vendors. Thanks to The Town of Burrillville for their continuing support.

Thanks to Burrillville DPW, Burrillville Economic Development, and Parks & Recreation for their constant upgrades to the Stillwater Center & for unending Pavilion repairs. Thank you to the June Rockwell Levy Foundation for their continued support and assistance. And to all our Vendors, Volunteers and Customers who keep us growing!

If you love Farmers Markets and want to help out, play some music or be a vendor, contact us, we'd love to hear from you! Let's make this, our 18th season, a great one! Follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates!

For more info and online Vendor applications, go to our website: burrillvillefarmers-market.org. Email us at: burrillvillefma@gmail.com. Drop us a line at: Burrillville Farmers Market, PO Box 215, Pascoag, RI 02859; or call us: Deb Yablonski, Market Manager, 401-568-3191 or Tammy D'Amato, Assistant Manager, 401-567-9393.

The Autism Project

1516 Atwood Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

401-785-2666

www.theautismproject.org

As the saying goes, “Knowledge is power.” Access to high-quality information enables us to become better parents, teachers, advocates, and sources of support to our children.



The Autism Project has been a collaboration of parents, professionals, and community members dedicated to providing high-quality and accessible support, training, and programming since 1997. We started out with a focus on children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and a goal of increasing the support and education available for individuals with ASD, their parents, and their communities.

With that goal in mind, The Autism Project offers the following for the residents of Burrillville:

- Family navigation and support for parents, caregivers, and family members with developmental concerns or who care for children and youth with an ASD diagnosis. We can provide this via phone, in Burrillville libraries and other central community locations, in-person meetings at our Johnston office. We offer navigation in English or Spanish.
- Training series for parents and professionals.
- A binder of resources at the Burrillville library.
- Year-round social groups and a summer camp for children and youth with ASD and related communication disorders.
- On-site consulting for educators, schools, and organizations.
- National Speaker Conference for Rhode Island parents, professionals, and community members each spring.

We've also learned over the years that many of the supports, programs, and strategies that work well for children with ASD can also benefit all children – especially those with social-emotional, regulation, or communication challenges. Today, the Autism Project considers itself a “hub of hope”: We connect people with a spectrum of needs to the education and resources that support meaningful, purposeful lives.

For more information about The Autism Project and the services and programs we can offer Burrillville residents, call 1-401-785-2666 or visit our website, www.theautismproject.org.

The Village Common of Rhode Island and a Burrillville Village

Dennis Anderson, Burrillville Town Council and Burrillville Village Steering Committee

I, and several others, notably including Andrea Hall (Senior/Social Services) for the Town, have been involved in a pilot program since 2019 driving older adults from Ashton Court, Bradford Court, and Stillwater Heights to medical appointments. The effort stuttered a bit through Covid but in 2022 picked up pace and expanded beyond the senior housing complexes and includes additional services. This has been supported through The Village Common of Rhode Island with the end goal to establish a Burrillville Village.

The Village Common of Rhode Island fundamentally changes the experience of growing older in RI by fostering the creation of communities of mutual support referred to as Villages. There are now Villages in Barrington, Edgewood, Providence, and Westerly. The Village Common is supported by donations, grants, and member “*pay what you can*” dues, and serves as the hub to connect member requests with willing and able volunteers to fulfill the requests.

Typical member requests include:

- Rides to medical appointments by drivers that have been vetted and trained.
- Errands (trips to grocery stores, prescription pickup, and the like).
- Assistance with electronic devices, VCRs, TVs, Smart Phones, iPads, Computers, etc.
- Household chores such as changing light bulbs, organizing, etc. (but not cleaning).

The Villages, as they evolve, also engage in various social activities, including individual phone calls and/or visits.

A Burrillville Village Steering Committee (James Alix, Dennis Anderson, Darin Collins, Andrea Hall, Saima Kane, Tom Tatro, Shirley Taylor, and Matt Trimble) has been meeting since mid-2022 to transition this effort to the next level. The envisioned Burrillville Village is...

- Supported by the Burrillville community and designed to provide practical support for older residents to continue to live comfortably in their homes and communities.
- A network of neighbors helping neighbors with direct individual and household support and with broader social and resource connections.
- Comprised of members receiving these services and volunteers providing these services... and some who do both!
- An enabler to promote and enhance a community of mutual support.

To be successful, a Village needs a viable number of members and volunteers. The goal is to provide as much flexibility as possible by matching member requests with volunteer availability.

Volunteers who directly interact with members are vetted with background checks, and if they provide rides, their driving records are checked. Drivers must have their own vehicle and auto insurance, and rides are generally within a 30-mile radius of Town and happen Monday through Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.

Volunteers are needed!

If you have time and talents to share, please send an email to burrillville@villagecommonri.org.

Community Assistance Information

<http://www.burrillville.org/home/pages/community-resources>

Our Lady of Good Help Church

1063 Victory Highway
Mapleville, RI 02839
401-762-1834

St. Vincent DePaul/Our Lady of Good Help Church Food Pantry

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is available to all Burrillville residents in need. Call for Pantry opening dates and times.

Bring your reusable or plastic bags

Burrillville Housing Authority

77 Ashton Court
Harrisville, RI 02830
401-568-6200

**Rental Housing / Section 8
For Seniors and Handicapped**

Berean Baptist Church

474 Chapel Street
Harrisville, RI 02830
401-568-5411

Clothing Resource and Food Pantry

1st and 3rd Saturday of month
8:30 am to 11:00 am

Free clothing open to all residents of Burrillville, Gloucester, North Smithfield, Scituate and Foster. Providing in-season clothing for men, women and children. For clothing donations, please call 401-568-5411.

Free food open to all residents of Burrillville.

We offer both perishable and non-perishable items. Other resources also available.

Between the Cracks

401-291-0590

Patricia Shaw

Call for help with fuel, rent, groceries and other needs in emergency situations.

St. Patrick's Church

401-568-5600

Call between 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Monday to Friday

Food Pantry

Every other Monday 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
(Tuesday if Monday is a Holiday)

**Clothing and Household Items
also available.**

*** Call for Emergency Appointment ***

Burrillville Seventh Day Adventist

854 Victory Highway
Mapleville, RI 02839
401-678-0035 (Claire)
401-568-5255 (Church)

Food Pantry and Food Closet

Last Tuesday of each month
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Burrillville Lion's Club

P.O. Box 414

Harrisville, RI 02830

[https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/burrillville/
contact.php](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/burrillville/contact.php)

Call for the appropriate contact for financial assistance to purchase eye glasses and screening .

More Information and Services

Rhode Island Department of Human Services

1-855-MY-RIDHS

(1-855-697-4347)

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Based on income, resources, and the number in household

NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley

719 Front Street, Suite 103

Woonsocket, RI 02895

401-762-0993

neighborworksbrv.org

Works with residents, businesses, neighborhood institutions, partners and communities to enrich neighborhood life and make affordable housing opportunities available.

Community Care Alliance

800 Clinton Street

Woonsocket, RI

401-235-7000

communitycareri.org

We support people in their efforts to stabilize and build better lives assisting with life's many challenges such as education, mental health, addiction, housing, employment, etc.

Meals on Wheels

401-351-6700

www.rimeals.org

This program provides up to five noontime meals per week to the elderly or disabled. (\$3.00 donations accepted)

Crossroads Rhode Island

401-521-2255

<https://www.crossroadsri.org/>

Help for the Homeless

Chepachet Union Church

1138 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI

401-568-2518

www.chepachetunionchurch.org

Gently used clothing at a very small price.

Food Pantry

1st and 3rd Saturday

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Stillwater Heights

30 Central Street, #1551

Harrisville, RI 02830

401-710-7344

<http://www.stillwaterheightsapts.com>

Low Income Housing for Seniors 62 or better

Rhode Island Office of Healthy

Aging

401-462-3000

<https://oha.ri.gov/>

Call to ask for a pocket manual of services or visit the website to view.

Burrillville Addiction Assistance

Wallace Lees Public Safety Complex

Victory Highway, Burrillville, RI

401-710-9054

www.burrillvilleaddictionassistance.com

Addiction Referrals and Recovery Support

Tri-County Community Action Agency

Main Office:

1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

Phone: 401-351-2750

<https://tricountyri.org/>

Other offices:

11 Emanuel Street, No. Providence, RI 02911

185 Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859

Children, Youth and Families

*Head Start and Early Head Start

*Seasonal Distribution
of Food Baskets and Toys

Food and Nutrition

*WIC Nutrition Program

**For low-income women, infants, and
children up to age 5 at
nutritional risk.**

Sites in Johnston and Burrillville

*Food Stamp Assistance (SNAP)

*Commodities Distribution
(Food Bank)

*Emergency Food Vouchers

Seniors and Disabled Adults

**Assist families in providing care
to their loved ones.**

* Adult Daycare

* National Family Caregivers

* ...and more

Health Center

**Affordable health services available
on a sliding fee discount to families
who meet eligibility requirements.**

Employment Education and Training

401-519-1909

* Adult Basic Education Program

* Financial Literacy Program

* Adult Job Training

* Youth Opportunity Center (ages 14
to 24)

* Summer Youth Employment and
Training Program

Housing, Energy and Emergency

* Appliance Management Program

* Emergency Basic Human Needs

* Emergency Boiler Repair

* Emergency Shelter Vouchers

* Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)

* Good Neighbor Energy Fund

* Weatherization Assistance Pro-
gram

Affordable Housing in Burrillville

HUD Subsidized Senior Housing Assistance

Ashton Court

Burrillville Housing Authority
William Valentine, 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

Allison Cooney, 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 ac-
commodations for residents 62 and
older who meet HUD income guide-
lines.***

Affordable Mixed Family Housing

Greenridge Commons

Maloney Properties, Property Manager
124 Garvy Ledges Lane
Pascoag, RI 02859
Tel: 762-5220

**Greenridge Commons is a mixed-
income community. To rent an afford-
able unit you must meet certain in-
come requirements.**

The Clocktower Apartments

Maloney Properties, Property Manager
200 Tinkham Lane
Harrisville, RI 02830
Tel: 762-3600

**The Clocktower is a mixed-income
community offering apartments
at three income levels. To rent an af-
fordable unit you must meet certain
income requirements.**

Board of Administration

Burrillville Town Buildings
PO Box 502
144 Harrisville Main Street
Harrisville, RI 02830
(401) 710-9463

The Legion Hall

The Legion Hall, conveniently located at 103 Harrisville Main Street in Harrisville, is available for rent. It's a great location for birthday parties, bridal or baby showers, and family gatherings. It is also suitable for small workshops and meetings. The hall is located next to the Burrillville Town Hall, is handicap accessible and has a maximum capacity of 39 persons. Parking is available in the Town Hall parking lot.

The Legion Hall contains kitchen facilities, including an electric stove, microwave and refrigerator. Tables and chairs are also available. For rental details, please contact Jeanne Iavarone, Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Administration at (401) 710-9463 or stop by the Board of Administration office at the Town Hall Annex (Carlton Brown Building) at 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.



The Assembly Theatre
"The Center for the Arts in Burrillville"
26 East Avenue, Harrisville, RI 02830
www.assemblytheatre.org/

THE ASSEMBLY THEATRE

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Welcome to the Assembly Theatre 26 East Ave. Harrisville RI 02830

For all upcoming events & programs, Patrons of the Assembly Theatre volunteer information, and theatre rental inquiries: Please visit us at www.assemblytheatre.org/

Town of Burrillville Post Offices



Harrisville Post Office

131 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI 02830

Wendy Demarais, Postmaster

Mon. - Fri. Retail Hours: 8:30 am -1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Lobby Open: 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sat. Retail: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm, Lobby Open: 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
401-568-9075

Glendale Post Office

1916 Victory Highway, Glendale, RI 02826

Wendy Demarais, Postmaster

Marlene, Clerk

Mon.-Fri. Retail Hours: 10:00 am -1:00 pm and 2:00 pm– 5:00 pm

Lobby Open: 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat. Retail: 8:30 am -11:30 am, Lobby Open: 6:00 am - 3:00 pm
401-568-8782

Pascoag Post Office

35 Bridgeway, Pascoag, RI 02859

Christopher Jackson, Postmaster

Mon.- Fri. Retail Hours: 8:15 am -12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Lobby Hours: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. Retail: 8:30 am -11:30 am

Lobby Open: 7:00 am -12:00 pm
401-568-8790

Mapleville Post Office

963 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI 02839

Wendy Demarais, Postmaster

Mon.-Fri. Retail Hours: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lobby Open: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. Retail: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Lobby Open: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
401-568-7312



Your Local Fire Departments

Harrisville Fire Department

Michael E. Gingell, Chief
201 Callahan School Street, Harrisville, RI 02830
Business Telephone: 401-568-5110



Oakland-Mapleville Fire Department

Joseph E. Bertholic, Chief
46 Oakland School Street, Oakland, RI 02858
Business Telephone: 401-568-5720

Pascoag Fire Department

Mark St. Pierre, Chief
Hose #1 105 Pascoag Main Street Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone 568-4470
Hose #2 141 Howard Avenue, Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone: 401-568-4920

Wallum Lake Fire Department

Robert Bishop, Chief
P.O. Box 354, Pascoag, RI 02859
Business Telephone: 401-568-9019

Note: Business telephones are not manned at all times.
Dispatch at the police department can be used for emergencies 401-568-6255

For emergencies dial 911



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www.governor.ri.gov

401-222-8096

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401-222-2357

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