



Welcome to Charlton! Newcomer Parent Resource Guide 2010-2011



The Charlton Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has compiled this newcomer's packet to familiarize you with your new community. The enclosed information includes school listings, town offices, PTO information, children's activities as well as phone numbers and internet web links of local resources that will hopefully help you to feel at home in Charlton.

Our Mission: The mission of the Charlton PTO is to augment the academic, physical and social education of Charlton's elementary and middle school students, grades Pre-K through 8. The Charlton PTO provides school support by way of procurement and coordination of parent volunteers. By sponsoring community and family events as well as other fundraisers, the PTO provides the resources to subsidize supplemental, curriculum-enhancing activities, programs and materials, while fostering opportunities for parents and faculty to work cooperatively toward mutual goals.

Monthly PTO meetings provide opportunities for parents to get involved with their child's school, meet other parents and faculty, discuss educational concerns and determine how to raise and allocate funds. The PTO relies on parent volunteers to provide school support and to help raise money for supplemental programs and materials, which enhance the curriculum of our schools. The annual PTO Membership Drive is in September, although you may join at any time. The PTO has paid for cultural enrichment programs, field trips, guest speakers, technological improvements, as well as many other educational and cultural services, programs and materials. **WE SINCERELY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND NEW IDEAS!** For further information, please contact a board member or visit our website.

Charlton PTO
2 Oxford Road
Charlton, MA 01507

Email: charltonpto@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.dcrsd.org/community.cfm>

Charlton Public School Information

The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District website provides administrative information, [school cancellations](#) and/or delays, [school menus](#), [bus routes](#) and the district [calendar](#) of events. Additionally, each school has its own website that provides information about the faculty and staff as well as school news.

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District		http://www.dcrsd.org/
<i>Administration</i>		
Superintendent of Schools Mr. Sean Gilrein Address: 68 Dudley-Oxford Road, Dudley, MA 01571		Phone: 508-943-6888 Email: sgilrein@dcrsd.org
Finance Director Mr. William Trifone Address: 68 Dudley-Oxford Road, Dudley, MA 01571		Phone: 508-943-6888 Email: wtrifone@dcrsd.org
Administrator of Special Education Mrs. Jody O'Brien Address: 34 Oxford Road, Charlton, MA 01507		Phone: 508-248-1424 Email: jobrien@dcrsd.org
<i>Schools</i>		
Charlton Elementary School: Grades Pre-K, K and 1 http://www.dcrsd.org/CharltonElem.cfm Address: 9 Burlingame Road, Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: 508-248-7774		Principal: Mrs. Lori Pacheco Email: lpacheco@dcrsd.org
Heritage School: Grades 2-4 http://www.dcrsd.org/Heritage.cfm Address: 34 Oxford Road, Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: 508-248-4884		Principal: Mrs. Kathleen Pastore Email: kpastore@dcrsd.org
Charlton Middle School: Grades 5-8 http://www.dcrsd.org/Charlton.cfm Address: 2 Oxford Road, Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: 508-248-1423		Principal: Mr. Dean Packard Email: dpackard@dcrsd.org Asst. Principal: Mr. Peter Olson Email: polson@dcrsd.org
Shepherd Hill Regional High School: Grades 9-12 http://www.dcrsd.org/ShepherdHill.cfm Address: 68 Dudley-Oxford Road, Dudley, MA 01571 Phone: 508-943-6700		Principal: Mrs. Mary A. Pierangeli Email: mpierangeli@dcrsd.org Asst. Principal: Mr. Michael Resener Email: mresener@dcrsd.org Asst. Principal: Mr. Andrew J. Leach, Jr. Email: aleach@dcrsd.org
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical District		
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School: Grades 9-12 http://www.baypath.tec.ma.us/ Address: 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: 508- 248-5971		Superintendent: Mr. David P. Papagni Email: dpapagni@baypath.tec.ma.us Principal: Mr. Clifford Cloutier Email: ccloutier@baypath.tec.ma.us

First Student School Bus Company

508-248-0218

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Special Education

Parents of Children Ages Three or Four

For those with particular concerns about their child's development, the district offers monthly screenings for 3 and 4 year old children at Charlton Elementary School (508-248-7774). If the screening reveals a concern, a special needs evaluation may be recommended.

Parents of School Age Children

If you are concerned about your child's progress in school, contact your child's teacher, building school principal or guidance counselor.

If your concerns are not satisfied, you may request a Teacher Assistance Team meeting. A Teacher Assistance Team may include the classroom teachers, specialists and/or administrators who will work together with you to come up with solutions to student/school problems.

The goal is to gather a complete understanding of the student's learning issues and then to develop an action plan for school and home. The team will follow up to ensure that the plan is working as expected. If the strategies developed by the Teacher Assistance Team are not effective, the team may meet and devise a new plan or a special education evaluation may be recommended.

If you have specific questions about special education, the following people can be your first contact at each building:

School	Contact Person	Phone
Charlton Elementary	Cheryl Hollocher	508-248-7774
Heritage School	<i>To Be Determined</i>	508-248-4884
Charlton Middle School	Jennifer Desto	508-248-1423
Shepherd Hill Regional High School	Judi Powell	508-943-6700 x 167

If you have general questions regarding special education, contact the District's Special Needs Administrator, Jody O'Brien (508-248-1424; jobrien@dcrsd.org).

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) - The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District strives to provide the best possible services for children with special needs in the least restrictive environment. This council acts as a support group to both parents and the administrator of special education. The council meets regularly throughout the school year, alternating evening meeting sites between Dudley and Charlton. For details about meetings and other information please visit the DC SEPAC's website at <http://www.dcrsd.org/community.cfm> or send an email to DCSEPAC@gmail.com. For further information on any of these organizations, please contact the school.

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

Dudley Charlton Regional School District School Committee information can be found at the district website: <http://www.dcrsd.org/schoolcommittee.cfm>. Committee Meetings are held two Wednesdays per month, and are aired on the Local Cable Access Channel.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) information can be found at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/overview.html>.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports can be found at the following website <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sda/ayp/>

Massachusetts State Government (Charlton Representatives)

The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is pleased to provide the following addresses of our local legislators and state senators to voice your opinion concerning their vote on the state budgets that support public education in the state of Massachusetts.

Your opinion matters. Your efforts on behalf of our district schoolchildren are greatly appreciated.

State House of Representatives

Representative Geraldo Alicea

State House, Room 33
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-2060
(617) 722-2849 (Fax)
Email: Rep.GeraldoAlicea@Hou.State.MA.US

State Senate

Senator Stephen M. Brewer

State House, Room 109-B
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1540
Email: SBrewer@senate.state.ma.us
Website: www.state.ma.us/legis/member/smb0.htm



Charlton PTO Officer and Team Member Directory ~ 2010-2011



All can be reached at charltonpto@yahoo.com

Officers (Board Members)

Position	Contact
Presidents	Open
Treasurer	Open (acting Treasurer is Peg Bishop)
Recording Secretary	Eileen Gammetto
Chair of Membership	Heidi Rerecich
Chair of Communications	Tara Fortin
Chair of Events	Peg Bishop
Chair of Fundraising	Kristin Fengler

Membership Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Heidi Rerecich</i>	<i>508-248-4489</i>	<i>charltonpto@yahoo.com</i>
CES Volunteer Coordinator	Heidi Rerecich	508-248-4489	charltonpto@yahoo.com
Heritage Volunteer Coordinator	Christina Mullen	508-248-3893	cmullen@charter.net
CMS Volunteer Coordinator	OPEN		

Communications Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Tara Fortin</i>	<i>1-978-729-9011</i>	<i>tfortin3@gmail.com</i>
Recording Secretary	Eileen Gammetto	508-434-0380	egammetto@yahoo.com
Clerical Secretaries	Kathleen Quinlivan-Beck	508-248-9281	Fins817@charter.net
Publicity Coordinator	Tara Fortin	1-978-729-9011	tfortin3@gmail.com
Website Coordinator	John Grondalski	508-248-1190	grondalski95@yahoo.com

Events Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Peg Bishop</i>	<i>508-248-9058</i>	<i>pbishop9058@charter.net</i>
Holiday KidShop	Christine Grondalski	508-248-1190	grondalski95@yahoo.com
Fall Family Fun Fest	Peg Bishop	508-248-9058	pbishop9058@charter.net
Ice Cream Socials	Christine Lee	508-248-9877	cleel1969@charter.net
Spring Event	Peg Bishop	508-248-9058	pbishop9058@charter.net
Teacher Appreciation	Susan Rousakos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Tornadoes Family Night	Tara Fortin	1-978-729-9011	tfortin3@gmail.com
Sharks Family Night	Kathleen Quinlivan-Beck	508-248-9281	Fins817@charter.net
Feed-a-Teacher CES/HER	Susan Rousakos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Feed-a-Teacher CMS	Peg Bishop	508-248-9058	

Product Fundraising Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Kristin Fengler</i>		<i>charltonpto@yahoo.com</i>
Scholastic Book Fairs	Dayna Dumas	508-248-9009	daynabeth@aol.com
Yankee Candle Fundraising	Kristin Fengler		charltonpto@yahoo.com
	Susan Rousakos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Great Lakes Scrip (gift cards)	Kristin Fengler		charltonpto@yahoo.com
	Eileen Gammetto	508-434-0380	egammetto@yahoo.com
Winter Wishes Raffle	Dana Reinke		dareinke@gmail.com
Spring Raffle	Open		
Spring Catalog	Open		
Spirit Wear	Kelly Dumas	774-402-4303	
Square 1 Art	Christina Mullen	508-248-3893	cmullen@charter.net
Heritage School Store	Christine Lee	508-248-9877	clee1969@charter.net
CMS School Store	Open		
Box Tops for Education	Patricia Montville	508-248-9909	pas466@hotmail.com
	Sheri Zanca	508-248-5245	mrszanca@gmail.com
Campbell's Labels for Education	Karen Dodos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Price Chopper Points	Kelly Dumas	774-402-4303	
Ink Jet Redemption (Empties4Cash)	Dana Reinke		dareinke@gmail.com
Cell Phones (Cartridges for Kids)	John Grondalski	508-248-1190	grondalski95@yahoo.com
Got Books	Pamela LeBlanc		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Old Home Day Booth	Kristin Fengler		charltonpto@yahoo.com
	Kelly Dumas	774-402-4303	

School Cultural Enrichment Coordinators

Charlton Elementary (CES)	Tammy Bellerive 508-765-2963	Justine Snow 508-987-9771
Heritage School (HER)	Lorinda Allen 508-248-4884	Jana Courtemanche 508-248-4884
Charlton Middle School (CMS)	Dean Packard 508-248-1423	N/A

Additional Contacts

Policy Committee 2010-2011	To Be Determined	
Audit Committee FY2009-2010	To Be Determined	
Scholarships	John Grondalski	508-248-1190

All PTO Officers and Board Members can be reached at our email address: charltonpto@yahoo.com

CHARLTON PTO TURNS TRASH INTO CASH!!

Donate to the PTO While Helping the Environment

Box Tops for Education

Contacts: Patricia Montville 508-248-9909
Sheri Zanca 508-248-5245

HELP US EARN UP TO \$60,000 PER SCHOOL EACH YEAR, BY CLIPPING BOX TOPS!!

Simply clip Box Tops for Education coupons from participating General Mills products by trimming along the dotted line. No expired box tops can be accepted. The PTO receives 10 cents or more for each coupon clipped. Don't forget to ask family and friends to also help clip and save! Box Tops may be used in lieu of admission fees at certain PTO-sponsored events! For more information visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Inkjet Printer Cartridges

Contact: Dana Reinke - dareinke@gmail.com

The Ink jet redemption program is www.Empties4cash.com. The PTO receives funds for each submitted cartridge. Used inkjet cartridges need to be placed in a plastic bag and turned in at any of the collection sites listed above. All cartridges are recycled. Acceptable Cartridges: Apple, Canon, Compaq, Dell, HP, Lexmark, Sharp, Xerox, Okidata (Sorry no Epson or laser cartridges)

Cellular Phones

Contact: John Grondalski 508-248-1190

The PTO receives funds in exchange for submitted cellular telephones. For more information visit <http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/>

Campbell's Labels for Education

Contact: Karen Dodos- charltonpto@yahoo.com

Clip and collect Campbell's UPC Labels from various Campbell's products. Only the UPC is needed, not the entire label. UPC codes of eligible Campbell brands are exchanged for free educational merchandise such as computers, software, gym/playground equipment, musical instruments, library books, etc. For more information visit <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

Got Books

Contact: Pam LeBlanc- charltonpto@yahoo.com

The PTO receives funds in exchange for books, DVDs, CDs, VHS, Audio Books and Records in reusable condition. Just drop them off in the Elementary School parking lot collection bin. For more information visit <http://www.gotbooks.com/>

Primary collection sites for all items listed above (except Got Books) are at the following locations:

Building	Location
Charlton Elementary School	Hallway outside the office
Heritage and Charlton Middle Schools	Office
Charlton Public Library	Hallway outside the Children's Room
Charlton Town Hall	Lobby



Charlton PTO Annual Family Events

(Subject to change)

Typically, each year the Charlton PTO sponsors the following fundraising events:

Summer:

Snow Cone Booth: *Old Home Day Celebration, Charlton Common* --All ages.

Fall:

Fall Family Fun Fest: *Charlton Middle School*

This is the PTO's most popular and anticipated event! Dress up in costume and join us for some fabulous fall festivities. Past activities have included Monster Mash Dance Party, Pumpkin Decorating, Cake Walk (a favorite!), Reptile Show, Magic Show, Dance Performances, Spooky Walk, etc! Students in Grades Pre-K through 8 are welcome!

Scholastic Book Fairs: *Charlton Elementary, Heritage and Middle Schools*

Winter:

Holiday KidShop: *Heritage School cafeteria* (Grades K through 8)

It's the kids' turn to do some holiday shopping while the parents relax, chat, read the paper and enjoy a muffin and coffee on us! Gift items cost between \$1 and \$3, and there's something for every member of the family (including the dog). Personal shopping assistants (middle school honor students) are available to accompany and help the younger children to make their purchases. There is also a bake sale and there are usually door prizes! The kids LOVE this event!

Spring:

Spring Event: *Charlton Middle School*

Fun activities for children, grades Pre-K through 8. Light refreshments are served.

Scholastic Book Fairs: *Charlton Elementary, Heritage, Middle School*

Town of Charlton Annual Family Events

OLD HOME DAY - Come and CELEBRATE CHARLTON!

When: Labor Day – September

Where: Charlton Town Common

If you are new to Charlton, Old Home Day is a great way to get involved and have fun in your new community! Some Old Home Day Highlights include: soap box races, petting zoo, art and photo exhibits, craft fair, delicious food booths, face painting, frog jumping and lumber jack contests, entertainment, 5 mile road race, music, garden show, book sale, decorated doll carriages, bikes and wagons, games for all ages and a parade. For more information, visit

<http://www.townofcharlton.net/oldhomeday.htm>

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

When: Early December Where: Charlton Town Common & Public Library



Bring the kids to cheer on Santa as he lights the town's Christmas tree. Join us for Christmas caroling, snacks and hot chocolate and a candy cane!

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

When: Usually in early May Where: Charlton Town Common



Some highlights include: Earth Day clean up, live music, local earth-friendly merchants and organizations, car seat checkpoint, raffles, games and other family-oriented activities. Come and meet friends, old and new, and celebrate the Earth! For more information, visit: <http://www.townofcharlton.net/earthday.htm>

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

When: Memorial Day afternoon Where: Charlton Town Common
Come out and support your local veterans and town officials!



LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

When: Kick off is usually in June Where: Charlton Public Library

Encourage your children to read throughout the summer and participate in the Charlton Library Summer Reading Program. The kick off party includes wonderful events such as a Moonwalk, 3-D movie, arts and crafts, face painting, games and prizes. You don't want to miss it.



Charlton Youth Sports

www.charltonsports.org

Registration forms for all town sports may be found in the Public Library lobby. Most forms are also distributed at school or are available on the Internet.

Soccer

Richard Thomas 508-248-1185

For more information, please see the website www.charltonsports.org/soccer for registration dates, forms, fees and the board of directors contact list. Children must be age 4 prior to August 1st to participate.



Basketball

Doug Higginbotham 508- 248-0252

For more information, please see the website http://www.leaguelineup.com/charlton_youth_bball for registration dates, forms, fees and the board of directors contact list. Basketball participation begins at Grade 1.



Softball – Lassie League

Jean Sweet 508-943-9120

For more information, please see the website <http://www.charltonsports.org/softball/> for registration dates and the board of directors contact list. T-ball participation begins at age 5.



Baseball – Little League

Mike Jacobs 774-230-3448

For more information, visit <http://www.eteamz.com/charltonmalittleleague/> for registration dates and the board of directors contact list.



Football & Cheerleading

Lance Gelb 508-248-4010

For more information, visit <http://www.cdyfc.com/> for registration dates and the board of directors contact list. Children must be age 5 by July 31st, to participate.



Scouting Information

Girl Scouts

Council: Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, Inc.
<http://www.gscwm.org>
Service Unit: Hammerock (serving Charlton and Southbridge)
Service Unit Manager: Bonnie Scanlan 508-749-3612
Charlton Registrar: Hilary Wheeler

Girl Scout Grade Levels

- Girl Scout Daisies - (Grades K-1)
- Girl Scout Brownies - (Grades 2-3)
- Girl Scout Juniors - (Grades 4-5)
- Girl Scout Cadettes - (Grades 6-8)
- Girl Scout Seniors - (Grades 9-10)
- Girl Scout Ambassadors - (Grades 11-12)



Girls are eligible to become Girl Scouts at the Daisy level, if there is a Daisy Troop with available openings. Registration occurs in September at the Charlton Public Library.

There is a Girl Scout Camp (Camp Laurel Wood) on Buteau Road in Spencer, MA, near the Charlton town line.

Girl Scout leaders are desperately needed!

A great way to meet fellow parents of same-aged children is to become active with a girl scout troop or become a leader or assistant leader.

For more information, contact:

Bonnie K. Scanlan
Membership Manager
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts
81 Gold Star Boulevard
Worcester, MA 01606
(508) 853-1070 x 112
bscanlan@gscwm.org

Boy Scouts
<http://www.scouting.org/>



There is one Cub Scout Pack in Charlton

Grades 1 – 4: Cub Scout Pack #165
Contact: Matt McCabe, Cub Master.
SuperPack165@charter.net

Registration information is sent home from school.

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**There are 2 Boy Scout Troops in Charlton**

**Council:** Mohegan [http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=1339](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1339)  
**District:** Massasoit

**Grade 5 or 11 yrs old and up:** Troop #165  
**Contact:** Joe Pranitis, (508) 248-7048

**Grade 5 and up:** Troop #338  
**Contact:** Jim Lambert, (508) 248-3895  
<http://charlton338.mytroop.us/>



# Things to Do in Charlton

## **Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary**

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary is a beautiful 72-acre wildlife sanctuary in Charlton off route 20. The sanctuary offers hiking trails and wildlife displays free of charge, educational courses, exhibits and a summer day camp. The Great Egg Hunt, an annual fundraiser, is good family fun. For more information- 508-248-5516.

<http://www.capenhill.org>

## **Charlton Community Center**

Charlton community center is used for meetings, art, crafts, photography classes, performing arts, and more. Located at 4 Dresser Hill Road, Charlton, MA. The contact is Sandra Bacon – 508-612-0293.

## **Charlton Public Library**

Our wonderful public library features community space, state of the art technology, community meeting room, computer and technology services, a children's room with a story hour and dedicated homework area, expanded print, audio-visual and computer collections and much more! *Hours:* Mon/Wedn: 9:30-5:00; Tues/Thurs: 9:30-8:00; Sat 9:30-3:00; Call 508-248-0452 or visit [www.charltonlibrary.org/charlton](http://www.charltonlibrary.org/charlton);

## **Buffumville Lake Park**

Managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, is open daily from mid-May through mid-September. The park has a 300-foot-long beach with an enclosed swimming area for your safety. People over 12 pay a fee for using the beach. Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park, and two picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee. A volleyball court and horseshoe pits can also be reserved for a fee. There are walking programs, junior ranger programs, as well as hunting, fishing and boat launch. Call for more information - 508-248-5697. [www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/bvl/bvlhome.htm](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/bvl/bvlhome.htm)

## **Bennett Wildlife Management Area**

A mixed hardwood and open field 281 acre habitat containing stretches of marsh-bordered brooks abutting the Mid State Trail. Wildlife includes beaver, grouse, woodcock, white tail deer, coyote, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and stocked pheasants. Bennett is accessible from Gould Road in Charlton and is managed by the Commonwealth of MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Be sure to wear hunter orange during pheasant season. <http://www.mass.gov/dfwle/dfw/habitat/maps/wma/centralwma/fourchimneyswma.pdf>

## **Charlton Garden Club**

Founded in 1937, and meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Charlton Federated Church. The club's purpose is "to create interest in gardening in all its branches, and encourage the beautification of home and community". For more information, visit <http://www.charltongardenclub.org/>

## **The Rider Tavern**

The MOST outstanding and historic building in Charlton. The tavern is being restored by and is the home of the Charlton Historical Society. It is located at 255 Stafford Street. Group tours are available by appointment. For more information, visit <http://www.charltonhistoricalsociety.org/index.htm> or call 508-248-3202.

## **Massachusetts Mid-State Trail**

Follow the yellow triangles! The Town of Charlton hosts 8.3 miles of the Mid-State Trail entering town from Oxford near the north end of Buffumville Lake, exiting northward to Spencer off of Gould Road.

<http://www.midstatetrail.org/index.htm>

## **Grizzly Adams' Grave**

The Burial Site of James Capen "Grizzly" Adams is located in Bay Path Cemetery, Route 31, just south of the Charlton Town Common.

# Things to Do in Neighboring Towns

## **Old Sturbridge Village**

Old Sturbridge Village is a “must-see” destination to experience early New England life from 1790-1840. One of the country’s largest living history museums, OSV has a large staff of historians in costume, 59 historic buildings on 200 acres, three authentic water-powered mills and two covered bridges. Visitors can ride in a stagecoach, view antiques, heirloom gardens, meet the farm animals, and take part in hands-on crafts year-round. While there, take note of the Salem Towne House, which was trans-located from Charlton. For more information about Old Sturbridge Village, please call 508-347-3362 or visit [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)

## **Clara Barton’s Birthplace Museum**

Located at 66 Clara Barton Road, North Oxford, is open 11am to 5pm, Wed thru Sun, and by appointment. Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross, was once a school teacher in Charlton in the mid-1800s. Call 508-987-2056 x 213 or visit <http://www.clarabartonbirthplace.org/> for more information.

## **Hodges Village Dam**

Managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers is located in Oxford, east of Charlton’s Buffumville Lake and Recreation Area. Hodges Village provides canoe access to the French River and is home to more than 15 miles of trails for hiking, mountain and dirt biking and snowmobiling. For more information visit <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/hvd/hvdhome.htm>

## **Westville Dam and Recreation Area**

The dam at Westville Lake is situated on the Quinebaug River in the towns of Southbridge and Sturbridge, Massachusetts, approximately seven miles downstream from Old Sturbridge Village. It’s a great spot to hike, bike, canoe or fish, fly kites or have a picnic! For more information, see <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/wvl/wvlhome.htm>

## **Wells State Park**

A popular 1,400-acre woodland park is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The two principal activities are camping and hiking. The campground has [60 attractive sites](#). Walker Pond provides a peaceful setting for fishing, canoeing, and swimming. The swimming beach is for campers' use only. For more information visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/well.htm>

## **Spencer State Forest**

A 965-acre area provides swimming and picnicking facilities on Howe Pond. Other activities offered include fishing, canoeing, hiking, Nordic skiing and snowmobiling. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/spen.htm>

## **Pierpont Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary**

Bird the shrubby successional habitats along the Pierpont Pond cart path for towhees, catbirds, sparrows, and warblers or enjoy a short walk through field and forest while you look for additional wildlife. Located in Dudley, the trails open every day, dawn to dusk. Members may rent a secluded and cozy cabin on the sanctuary from mid May to early October. For more information, call 978-464-2712. Pets and vehicles are not permitted, as this is a sanctuary.

[http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pierpont\\_Meadow/index.php](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pierpont_Meadow/index.php)

## **Tri-Community YMCA**

The dynamic variety of membership and program opportunities enables the YMCA to provide services to persons of all ages. Child care for children infant through school ages, Aquatics, Day Camping, Family Programming, Fitness Programs for persons of all ages, Special Events, Swim Team, Youth and Adult Sports, and so much more. The YMCA is located at 43 Everett Street, Southbridge, MA. Camp Foskett, the summer camp for kids, is located in Charlton on Daniels Road. For more information call 508-765-5466 or visit <http://www.tricommunityymca.org/>

## Area Hospitals

The following is a partial list of local and regional hospitals listed here for your convenience. Please consult your phone book for further listings.

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| <b>Harrington Memorial Hospital</b><br>100 South Street<br>Southbridge, MA 01550<br>508-765-9771<br><a href="http://www.harringtonhospital.org">www.harringtonhospital.org</a>                                                                                                   | <b>University of Massachusetts (UMASS) Memorial Campus</b><br>119 Belmont Street Worcester, MA 01605<br>508-334-1000<br><a href="http://www.umassmemorial.org">www.umassmemorial.org</a> |
| <b>Saint Vincent Hospital</b><br>123 Summer Street<br>Worcester, MA 01608<br>508-363-5000<br><a href="http://www.stvincenthospital.com">www.stvincenthospital.com</a>                                                                                                            | <b>UMASS University Campus</b><br>55 Lake Avenue North<br>Worcester, MA -1655<br>508-334-1000<br><a href="http://www.umassmemorial.org">www.umassmemorial.org</a>                        |
| <b>Harrington HealthCare at Charlton</b><br>10 North Main Street<br>Charlton, MA 01507<br>Main Number: 508-248-6780<br>MRI Operation: 508-248-4446<br>Primary Care Physicians: 508-248-3015<br><a href="http://www.harringtonhospital.org">http://www.harringtonhospital.org</a> |                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Children and Child Care Services

The following is a partial list of childcare providers listed here for your convenience. Please consult your phone book for further listings.

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| Kids Unlimited Services, Inc.<br>35 Trolley Crossing Road<br>Charlton, MA 01507                                | <a href="http://www.kidsus.com">www.kidsus.com</a><br>Toll Free: 800-422-6738<br>508-248-6772 or 508-248-4297                                      |
| Charlton Child Care Provider's Association<br>Monica Adams (508) 248-7574<br>Michelle Leufstedt (508) 248-6816 | <a href="http://www.charltonchildcareproviders.com">www.charltonchildcareproviders.com</a>                                                         |
| MOMS Club of Charlton<br>P.O. Box 123<br>Charlton, MA 01507                                                    | Anya Butler<br>(508) 277-8128<br><a href="https://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofcharlton/">https://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofcharlton/</a> |
| One Family Foundation<br>PO Box 310<br>Charlton, MA 01507                                                      | Nissa Gadbois<br>(508) 248-5720<br><a href="http://www.onefamilyfoundation.org">www.onefamilyfoundation.org</a>                                    |

Additional resources can be found at the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care website <http://www.eec.state.ma.us/>

## Area Churches

The following is a partial list of local churches listed here for your convenience. Please consult your phone book for further listings.

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| <p><b>Charlton Federated Church</b><br/>         64 Main Street, Charlton, MA 1507<br/>         Phone #: 508-248-5550; Fax #: 508-248-5550<br/>         Rev. James E. Chase - Pastor<br/> <a href="http://www.uccwebsites.net/federatedchurchofcharltonma.html">http://www.uccwebsites.net/federatedchurchofcharltonma.html</a><br/>         Church email: <a href="mailto:fedchurchcharlton@netzero.net">fedchurchcharlton@netzero.net</a></p> | <p><b>Charlton City United Methodist Church</b><br/>         74 Stafford Street, Charlton City, MA 01508<br/>         Phone #: 508-248-7379; Fax: 508-248-7124<br/>         Parsonage # 508-248-6594<br/>         Rev. Dr. Paul E. Samuelson - Pastor<br/> <a href="http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ccumc-charlton/">http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ccumc-charlton/</a><br/>         Email: <a href="mailto:charltoncityumc@verizon.net">charltoncityumc@verizon.net</a></p> |
| <p><b>Charlton Baptist Church</b><br/>         50 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507<br/>         Phone #: 508-248-4488<br/>         Stephen Nordbye &amp; Stephan Coddington - Pastors<br/> <a href="http://www.charltonbaptist.org/administrator@charltonbaptist.org">http://www.charltonbaptist.org/administrator@charltonbaptist.org</a></p>                                                                                             | <p><b>St. Joseph Catholic Church</b><br/>         10 H Putnam Ext., Charlton, MA 01507<br/>         Phone #: 508-248-7862<br/>         Fr. Bob Grattaroti- Pastor<br/> <a href="http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/stjoecharlton@aol.com">http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/stjoecharlton@aol.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Assemblies of God Southern New England</b><br/>         District Headquarters<br/>         Route 20<br/>         Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-3711</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Charlton First Assembly of God</b><br/>         16 Sturbridge Road<br/>         Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-4227</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Holy Virgin Mary Spiritual Vineyard</b><br/>         (Coptic Church)<br/>         74 Gould Road<br/>         Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-1990</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Hope Christian Fellowship</b><br/>         6 Haggerty Road<br/>         Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-5144</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Open Door Ministries</b><br/>         Grange Hall<br/>         Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-6605</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Charlton Community Information Clubs and Organizations

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| American Legion Post 391                                                                                                                             | Joseph Pranaitis, Commander (508) 248-7048                         |
| Charlton Activities Council<br><a href="http://www.townofcharlton.net/activitiescouncil.htm">http://www.townofcharlton.net/activitiescouncil.htm</a> | (508) 612-0293                                                     |
| Charlton Child Care Provider's Association<br><a href="#">Website</a>                                                                                | Monica Adams (508) 248-7574<br>Michelle Leufstedt (508) 248-6816   |
| Charlton Community Interest Group                                                                                                                    | Clarence Bachand, President (508) 248-7225                         |
| Charlton Firefighters Association<br>P.O. Box 861 Charlton City, MA 01508-0861                                                                       | (508) 248-2299                                                     |
| Charlton Garden Club                                                                                                                                 | Nancy Gline (508) 248-4689<br>Tricia Gay (508) 248-0130            |
| Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust (CHPT)<br>P.O. Box 92, Charlton Depot, MA 01509                                                                 | Lisa Westwell, President (508) 248-5121<br><a href="#">Website</a> |
| Charlton Historical Society<br>P.O. Box 252 Charlton, MA 01507                                                                                       | Peter Cooper (508) 248-7840<br><a href="#">Website</a>             |
| Charlton Lions Club                                                                                                                                  | Carol Duquette, King Lion (508) 341-4992                           |
| Charlton Merchants Association                                                                                                                       | Paul Kolesnikovas, President (508) 248-4696                        |
| Charlton Police Explorers <a href="#">Website</a>                                                                                                    | Officer McGrath - (508) 248-2268                                   |
| Charlton Rec Friends, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 222 Charlton, MA 01507                                                                                        | <a href="#">Website</a>                                            |
| CHIP-IN<br>Food bank                                                                                                                                 | Frank Harrison<br>Darlene Emco Rollins (508) 248-3292              |
| Civil Air Patrol (CAP)<br>Phoenix Bay Path Composite Squadron<br>Charlton City Fire Department                                                       | Lt. Michael Barrette<br>(508) 949-2348                             |
| Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation, Inc.<br>PO Box 92 Dudley, MA 01571                                                                             | <a href="#">Website</a>                                            |
| Dudley-Charlton Parent Partners<br>A local parent support group                                                                                      | <a href="#">Website</a>                                            |

## Newspapers

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| <b>Charlton Gazette</b><br>Charlton Information Project<br>P.O. Box 138, Charlton, MA 01507<br>Phone: 508 248-3352 (Ads)<br><a href="http://www.charltongazette.com/">http://www.charltongazette.com/</a><br>Email: <a href="mailto:charltongazette@charter.net">charltongazette@charter.net</a> | <b>Charlton Villager &amp; Southbridge Evening News</b><br>A Stonebridge Press Weekly Newspaper<br>25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550<br>Phone: 508-764-4325; Toll-Free: 800-367-9898<br>Classified Toll Free: 800-536-5836<br>Fax: 508-764-8102 <a href="http://www.charltonvillager.com/">http://www.charltonvillager.com/</a> |
| <b>Worcester Telegram and Gazette</b><br>20 Franklin St., P.O. Box 15012<br>Worcester, MA 01615-0012<br>Phone: 508- 793-9100<br><a href="http://www.telegram.com/">http://www.telegram.com/</a><br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@telegram.com">info@telegram.com</a>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Charlton Municipal Offices**  
**37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507**  
**(508) 248-2200**

Please use the following directory and links for assistance.

| <b>DEPARTMENT/BOARD/COMMITTEE</b>                                         | <b>PHONE NUMBER</b>                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| All Offices                                                               | (508) 248-2200                                   |
| <a href="#">Activities Council</a>                                        | (508) 612-0293                                   |
| <a href="#">Animal Control</a>                                            | (508) 248-2266 (calls go through PD)             |
| <a href="#">Animal Inspector</a>                                          | (508) 248-2210                                   |
| <a href="#">Board of Assessors</a>                                        | (508) 248-2233                                   |
| <a href="#">Board of Health</a>                                           | (508) 248-2210                                   |
| <a href="#">Board of Selectmen</a>                                        | (508) 248-2206                                   |
| <a href="#">Boston Post Cane Committee</a>                                | (508) 248-2231                                   |
| <a href="#">Building Commissioner</a>                                     | (508) 248-2241                                   |
| <a href="#">Cable Access Committee</a>                                    |                                                  |
| <a href="#">Cemetery Commission</a>                                       | (508) 248-2208                                   |
| <a href="#">Conservation Commission</a>                                   | (508) 248-2247                                   |
| <a href="#">Council on Aging/Senior Center</a>                            | (508) 248-2231                                   |
| <a href="#">Cultural Council</a>                                          | (508) 248-1174                                   |
| <a href="#">Dudley Charlton Regional School District School Committee</a> | (508) 248-4884 –Charlton; (508) 943-6700- Dudley |
| <a href="#">Economic Development Commission</a>                           | (508) 248-2237                                   |
| <a href="#">Fence Viewer</a>                                              | (508) 248-2206                                   |
| <a href="#">Finance Committee</a>                                         |                                                  |
| <a href="#">Fire Department</a>                                           | (508) 248-2299; 911 - Emergency                  |
| <a href="#">Forest Warden</a>                                             | (508) 248-2299                                   |
| <a href="#">Gas/Plumbing Inspector</a>                                    | (508) 248-5277                                   |
| <a href="#">Highway Department</a>                                        | (508) 248-2212                                   |
| <a href="#">Historic Commission</a>                                       | (508) 248-2207                                   |
| <a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste Day Committee</a>                   | (508) 248-2211                                   |
| <a href="#">Housing Authority</a>                                         | (508) 248-5067                                   |

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| <a href="#">Insurance Advisory Committee</a>                                                              | (508) 248-2259                  |
| <a href="#">Library</a>                                                                                   | (508) 248-0452                  |
| <a href="#">Northside Historic Districts Commission</a>                                                   | (508) 248-2207                  |
| Parking Clerk                                                                                             | (508) 248-2200 ext. 2412        |
| Personnel Board                                                                                           | (508) 248-2243                  |
| <a href="#">Planning Board</a>                                                                            | (508) 248-2237                  |
| <a href="#">Police Department</a>                                                                         | (508) 248-2250; 911 - Emergency |
| Procurement Office                                                                                        | (508) 248-2206                  |
| <a href="#">Plumbing/Gas Inspector</a>                                                                    | (508) 248-5277                  |
| <a href="#">Recreation Commission</a>                                                                     | (508) 248-2247                  |
| <a href="#">Recycling Committee (Ad Hoc)</a>                                                              | (508) 248-6271                  |
| <a href="#">Sealer of Weights and Measures</a>                                                            | (508) 867-3456                  |
| <a href="#">Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District</a> (Bay Path School Committee) | (508) 248-5971                  |
| <a href="#">Technology Committee</a>                                                                      | (508) 248-2233                  |
| <a href="#">Town Administrator</a>                                                                        | (508) 248-2206                  |
| <a href="#">Town Clerk</a>                                                                                | (508) 248-2249                  |
| <a href="#">Town Collector</a>                                                                            | (508) 248-2239                  |
| <a href="#">Town Treasurer</a>                                                                            | (508) 248-2242                  |
| <a href="#">Tree Warden</a>                                                                               | (508) 248-2245                  |
| <a href="#">Veterans' Services</a>                                                                        | (508) 248-2244                  |
| <a href="#">Water/Sewer Commission</a>                                                                    | (508) 248-4953                  |
| <a href="#">Wildlife Committee (Ad Hoc)</a>                                                               | (508) 248-2200                  |
| <a href="#">Wire Inspector</a>                                                                            | (508) 728-8811                  |
| <a href="#">Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)</a>                                                             | (508) 248-2200 ext. 2414        |
| <a href="#">Zoning Enforcement</a>                                                                        | (508) 248-2241                  |
| <a href="#">Charlton Business Directory</a>                                                               |                                 |

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If you have any recommendations or information you would like to see included in the next edition of the Newcomer Parent Resource Guide, please send it to: Charlton PTO, Attention: Publicity Coordinator, c/o Charlton Middle School, 2 Oxford Road, Charlton, MA 01507. Thank you!