



Welcome to Charlton! Newcomer Parent Resource Guide 2011-2012



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: 68 Dudley-Oxford Road, Dudley, MA 01571		Phone: 508-943-3980 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	Lorinda Allen	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 (508-943-3980; jobrien@dcrsd.org).

Special **E**ducation **P**arent **A**dvisory **C**ouncil (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.

Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation (DCEF) was incorporated in 2008 as a conduit through which our community can immediately and positively impact our schools. The Foundation provides funding for educational opportunities that would not likely receive money from the school district's general fund.

The Foundation is a tax exempt 501(C)(3) organization independent of municipal boards, committees and school organizations. The DCEF invests in our district children what public tax dollars and declining state resources do not. To ensure the highest quality of public education, the Foundation funds innovative educational programs and opportunities that promote instructional excellence through the DCEF Grant Program.

For more information, please visit www.dcedfoundation.org . Also find, like, and stay current with DCEF news on Facebook: www.facebook.com/dcedfoundation .

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 governor, 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.

Governor

Deval L. Patrick

State House
Office of the Governor
Room 360
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 725-4005, TTY (617) 727-3666

State House of Representatives

Representative Peter J. Durant

State House, Room 33
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-2060
Email: Peter.Durant@MAhouse.gov

State Senate

Senator Stephen M. Brewer

State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1540
Email: Stephen.Brewer@MASenate.gov
Website: www.state.ma.us/legis/member/smb0.htm



Charlton PTO Officer and Team Member Directory ~ 2011-2012



All can be reached at charltonpto@yahoo.com

Position	Contact
Presidents	Christine Grondalski
Treasurer	Mike Savage
Recording Secretary	Kristin Johnson
Chair of Membership	Heidi Rerecich
Chair of Communications	Tara Fortin
Chair of Events	Open
Chair of Fundraising	Jeanne Wilbur

Officers (Board Members)

Membership Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Heidi Rerecich</i>	<i>508-784-1784</i>	hrerecich@gmail.com
CES Volunteer Coordinator	Heidi Rerecich	508-784-1784	hrerecich@gmail.com
Heritage Volunteer Coordinator	Heidi Rerecich	508-784-1784	hrerecich@gmail.com
CMS Volunteer Coordinator	Heidi Rerecich	508-784-1784	hrerecich@gmail.com

Communications Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Tara Fortin</i>	<i>1-978-729-9011</i>	tfortin3@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	Kristin Johnson	508-248-7525	jeffandkristin99@aol.com
Clerical Secretaries	Open		
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>Open</i>		
Holiday KidShop	Christine Grondalski	508-248-1190	grondalski95@yahoo.com
Fall Family Fun Fest	Open		
Ice Cream Socials	Open		
Spring Event	Open		
Teacher Appreciation	Susan Rousakos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Tornadoes Family Night	Open		
Sharks Family Night	Open		
Feed-a-Teacher CES/HER	Susan Rousakos		charltonpto@yahoo.com
Feed-a-Teacher CMS	Peg Bishop	508-248-9058	pbishop9058@charter.net

Product Fundraising Team			
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Jeanne Wilbur</i>	<i>508-248-0072</i>	<i>charltonpto@yahoo.com</i>
Scholastic Book Fairs	Open		
Yankee Candle Fundraising	Jeanne Wilbur	508-248-0072	charltonpto@yahoo.com
Great Lakes Scrip (gift cards)	Jeanne Wilbur	508-248-0072	charltonpto@yahoo.com
Spring Raffle	Open		
Spring Catalog	Open		
Spirit Wear	Open		
Square 1 Art	Christina Mullen	508-248-3893	cmullen@charter.net
Heritage School Store	Patricia Montville	508-248-9909	pas466@hotmail.com
CMS School Store	On Hold		
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)	Kristin Kustigian		charltonpto@yahoo.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	Open		
Donation Card Project	Kristin Johnson	508-248-7525	jeffandkristin99@aol.com

School Cultural Enrichment Coordinators

Charlton Elementary (CES)	Tammy Bellerive 508-765-2963	Justine Snow 508-987-9771
Heritage School (HER)	Jana Courtemanche 508-248-4884	Cynthia Rawson 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: Kristin Kustigian charltonpto@yahoo.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/oldhomedaycom.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/earthdaycom.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

Sherrie Sharron 508-248-1107



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

Joe Osche 508-887-1975



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

*Bill Murphy
wmurphy@fairwaymc.com*



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

Hockey

Scott Lindgren 508-248-1087



For more information, visit <http://hockeysharks.net> for registration dates and the board of directors contact list.

Scouting Information

Girl Scouts

Council: Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, Inc.
<http://www.gscwm.org>
Service Unit: Hammerock (serving Charlton and Southbridge)
Membership Development Specialist: Susan Lapierre, 413-584-2602 ext 3639
Charlton Registrar: Kristin Fengler

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:

Susan Lapierre
Membership Development Specialist
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts
81 Gold Star Boulevard
Worcester, MA 01606
(413)584-2602 ext. 3639
slapierre@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, 508-248-9229
SuperPack165@charter.net

Registration information is sent home from school.



There are 2 Boy Scout Troops in Charlton

Council: Mohegan http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1339
District: Massasoit

Grade 5 or 11 yrs old and up: Troop #165
Contact: Joe Gaucher
<http://troop165charlton.tk/>

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 or visit

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

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/Wed: 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;

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

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/dfwele/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, contact Nancy Gline 508-248-4689 or Tricia Gay 508-248-0130.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Kids Unlimited Services, Inc. 35 Trolley Crossing Road Charlton, MA 01507	www.kidsus.com Toll Free: 800-422-6738 508-248-6772 or 508-248-4297
Charlton Child Care Provider's Association Monica Adams (508) 248-7574 Michelle Leufstedt (508) 248-6816	www.charltonchildcareproviders.com
MOMS Club of Charlton P.O. Box 123 Charlton, MA 01507	Shannon Ares email: charltonmoms@yahoo.com https://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofcharlton/
One Family Foundation PO Box 310 Charlton, MA 01507	Nissa Gadbois (508) 248-5720 www.onefamilyfoundation.org

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.

<p>Charlton Federated Church 64 Main Street, Charlton, MA 1507 Phone #: 508-248-5550; Fax #: 508-248-5550 Rev. James E. Chase - Pastor http://fedchurchcharlton.org Church email: fedchurch@gmail.com</p>	<p>Charlton City United Methodist Church 74 Stafford Street, Charlton City, MA 01508 Phone #: 508-248-7379; Fax: 508-248-7124 Parsonage # 508-248-6594 Rev. Dr. Paul E. Samuelson - Pastor http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ccumc-charlton/ Email: charltoncityumc@verizon.net</p>
<p>Charlton Baptist Church 50 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507 Phone #: 508-248-4488 Stephen Nordbye & Stephan Coddington - Pastors http://www.charltonbaptist.org/administrator@charltonbaptist.org</p>	<p>St. Joseph Catholic Church 10 H Putnam Ext., Charlton, MA 01507 Phone #: 508-248-7862 Fr. Bob Grattaroti- Pastor http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/stjoecharlton@aol.com</p>
<p>Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters Route 20 Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-3711</p>	<p>Charlton First Assembly of God 16 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-4227</p>
<p>Holy Virgin Mary Spiritual Vineyard (Coptic Church) 74 Gould Road Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-1990</p>	<p>Hope Christian Fellowship 6 Haggerty Road Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-5144</p>
<p>Open Door Ministries Grange Hall Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 248-6605</p>	<p>New Life Fellowship 307 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507 Phone: (508) 347-7753 Pastor Ben Phillips http://www.nlfcharlton.org</p>

Newspapers

<p>Worcester Telegram and Gazette 20 Franklin St., P.O. Box 15012 Worcester, MA 01615-0012 Phone: 508- 793-9100 http://www.telegram.com/ Email: info@telegram.com</p>	<p>Charlton Villager & Southbridge Evening News A Stonebridge Press Weekly Newspaper 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 Phone: 508-764-4325; Toll-Free: 800-367-9898 Classified Toll Free: 800-536-5836 Fax: 508-764-8102 http://www.southbridgeeveningnews.com/</p>
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Charlton Community Information Clubs and Organizations

American Legion Post 391	Joseph Pranaitis, Commander (508) 248-7048 http://charltonamericanlegionpost391.weebly.com/
Charlton Activities Council	(508) 612-0293 http://www.townofcharlton.net/activitiescouncil.htm
Charlton Community Interest Group	Clarence Bachand, President (508) 248-7225
Charlton Firefighters Association P.O. Box 861 Charlton City, MA 01508-0861	(508) 248-2299
Charlton Garden Club	Nancy Gline (508) 248-4689 Tricia Gay (508) 248-0130
Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust (CHPT) P.O. Box 92, Charlton Depot, MA 01509	Lisa Westwell, President (508) 248-5121 http://www.charltontrust.org/
Charlton Historical Society P.O. Box 252 Charlton, MA 01507	Peter Cooper (508) 248-7840 http://www.charltonhistoricalsociety.org/
Charlton Lions Club	Carol Duquette, King Lion (508) 341-4992
Charlton Merchants Association	Paul Kolesnikovas, President (508) 248-4696
Charlton Performing Arts Alliance	(774) 230-9275
Charlton Police Explorers	Officer McGrath - (508) 248-2268 http://www.charltonpd.org/charltonexplorers.htm
Charlton Rec Friends, Inc. P.O. Box 222 Charlton, MA 01507	http://www.charltonrecfriends.org/
CHIP-IN Food bank	Frank Harrison Darlene Emco Rollins (508) 248-3292
Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Phoenix Bay Path Composite Squadron Charlton City Fire Department	Lt. Michael Barrette (508) 949-2348
Dudley-Charlton Parent Partners <i>A local parent support group</i>	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dcparentpartners/
Friendly Friends of the Charlton Seniors, Inc.	Barbara Boisclair, 508-248-3031
Friends of Charlton Animal Shelter, Inc. (FOCAS)	http://www.focascharlton.org/
Glen Echo Improvement Association (GEIA) P.O. Box 578 Charlton City, MA 01508	Jackie Nowak, (508)248-4832 http://www.glenecholake.org/
Helping Hand Society (Charlton) P.O. Box 643 Charlton, MA 01507	Annette Roberts 508-347-3651 http://www.charltonhelpinghandsociety.org/
Pasture Prime Players, Inc.	http://www.pastureprime.org/
REAS Foundation Charlton Chapter Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors	Elaine Kingston, Chapter Director 508-434-4402, http://www.reascharlton.org/
Republican Town Committee (Charlton)	Henry Camosse Jr. 508-248-6212
Toastmasters International	Corey Plourde, 508-612-0996
Tri-EPIC Regional Emergency Planning Committee c/o Harrington Hospital, Southbridge MA	http://www.triepicrepc.org/
Women-in-Business	Irene Girourd, 508-764-1657

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

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

Departments, Boards, and Committees	Phone Number
Activities Council	508-612-0293
Americans with Disabilities Act Commission	508-248-2241
Animal Control	508-248-2266
Animal Inspector	508-248-2210
Board of Assessors	508-248-2233
Board of Health	508-248-2210
Board of Selectmen	508-248-2206
Boston Post Cane Committee	508-248-2231
Building Inspectional Services	508-248-2241
Bylaw Advisory Committee	508-248-2200
Cable Access Committee	508-248-2206
Cemetery Commission	508-248-2208
Central MA Regional Planning Commission	508-756-7717
Charlton Public Library	508-248-0452
Chief Procurement Officer	508-248-2206
Conservation Commission	508-248-2247
Council on Aging / Senior Center	508-248-2231
Cultural Council	508-248-4376
Dam Monitors	508-248-2206
Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee	508-248-4884 / 508-943-6700
Earth Day Committee	508-248-6383
Economic Development Commission	508-248-2237
Emergency Medical Service Coordinator	508-248-2299
Energy Committee	508-248-2200 x. 2412
Fay Mountain Farm Committee	508-248-2247
Fence Viewer	508-248-2206
Finance Committee	508-248-2200
Fire Department	508-248-2299 / Emergency 911
Fire Station Land Study Commission	508-248-2200
Fire Station Building Committee	508-248-2200
Forest Warden	508-248-2299
Gas Inspector	508-248-5277

Hazardous Waste Coordinator	508-958-1724
Highway Department	508-248-2212
Highway Barn Building Committee	508-248-2212
Historic District Commission	508-248-2207
Historical Commission	508-248-2207
Housing Authority	508-248-5067
Insect and Pet Control Superintendent	508-248-2200
Insurance Advisory Committee	508-248-2259
Lakes and Ponds Task Force	508-248-2200
Local Emergency Planning Commission	508-248-2200
Millennium Committee	508-248-2233
Memorial Day Committee	508-248-2200
Militia Lot Committee	508-248-2200
Moderator	774-490-7314
Municipal Building Committee	508-248-2200
Monument Committee	508-248-2200
Old Home Day Committee	508-294-5800
Open Space and Recreation Committee	508-248-2247
Parking Clerk	508-248-2200 x. 2412
Personnel Board	508-248-2243
Planning Board	508-248-2237
Plumbing Inspector	508-248-5277
Police Department	508-248-2250 / Emergency 911
Recreation Commission	508-248-2236
Registrars of Voters	508-248-2206
Recycling Committee	508-248-6271
Sealer of Weights and Measures	508-867-3456
Senior Center Building Committee	508-248-2200
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee (Bay Path)	508-248-5971
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	508-248-2200
Technology Committee	508-248-2233
Town Accountant	508-248-2200
Town Administrator	508-248-2206
Town Clerk	508-248-2249
Town Collector	508-248-2239
Town Constables	508-248-2200
Town Treasurer	508-248-2242
Tree Warden	508-434-0196
Trustees of Charlton Public Library	508-248-0452
Veterans' Services	508-248-2244

Veterans' Grave Marker	508-248-2200
Water/Sewer Commission	508-248-4953
Wildlife Committee	508-248-2200
Wiring Inspector	508-728-8811
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-248-2200 x. 2414
Zoning Enforcement Office	508-248-2241

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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!