# **RESIDENTS' GUIDE**



# **BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803**

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#### Introduction

#### Greetings,

On behalf of everyone in Burlington, I'd like to welcome you to town! We are happy that you have decided to make Burlington your home. Over the course of my career in Burlington, I have found the residents of this community to be thoughtful, generous, and dedicated to the town and the many wonderful organizations and institutions within. Our business community contributes greatly to the quality of life here with businesses both large and small generously providing volunteers and financial sponsorship for a variety of community events and initiatives.

The town provides many opportunities for culture and recreation, an outstanding school system, and of course unlimited options for shopping and dining. In addition, we continue to plan for the town's future by making investments in public safety and public infrastructure to ensure that Burlington remains a desirable community in perpetuity.

One of the things that make Burlington such a special place is the spirit of volunteerism that exists here. For that reason I strongly urge you to join your fellow residents and get involved! I look forward to meeting you at some point so please say hello if we should cross paths in the future.

Paul Sagarino Town Administrator

# **Burlington at a Glance**

| Area                                       | 11.88 square miles - 7,577 Acres -                             | 220 ft. above sea level.                         |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| From Boston                                | 13 Miles Northwest of Boston. At                               | intersection of Rte I95 (128) and Rte 3.         |  |  |
| Population (2020)                          | Residential: 26,377  |  |  |  |
|  | Under 20 years of age  | 20.5%  |  |  |
|  | 20-39 years of age   | 22%  |  |  |
|  | 40-59 years of age   | 25%  |  |  |
|  | 60 years of age and over                                       | 19.2%  |  |  |
|  | Unknown age  | 8%   |  |  |
|  | Caucasian*   | 74.3%  |  |  |
|  | Asian & Pacific*   | 16.8%  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hispanic*  | 3.1%   |  |  |
|  | African American*  | 4.5%   |  |  |
| Voters (2020)                              |  |  |  |  |
|  | Democratic   | 4,443  |  |  |
|  | Republican   | 1,638  |  |  |
|  | Unenrolled   | 11,037   |  |  |
|  | Other  | 168  |  |  |
|  | Total  | 17,286   |  |  |
| Income (2019)                              | \$51,248 per capita; \$118,721 median household (Federal 2019) |  |  |  |
| Tax Rate (2021)                            | \$9.95 residential; \$25.84commercial.                         |  |  |  |
| Housing (2018)                             |  |  |  |  |
| g ()                                       | Single Family Homes  | 6,274  |  |  |
|  | Condominium Complexes (15)                                     | 1,249 units                                      |  |  |
|  | Public Housing Complexes (2)                                   | 116 units  |  |  |
|  | Assisted Living Facility (3)                                   | 299 units  |  |  |
|  | Apartment Complexes (9)  | 2,820 units                                      |  |  |
|  | Rent Range   | \$1,205 - \$4,400/month                          |  |  |
|  | e  |  |  |  |
|  | Average Tax Bill   | \$4,934.00/year                                  |  |  |
|  | Average Home Assessed Value                                    | \$446,100  |  |  |
|  | Residential Zoning   | 20,000 sq. ft. (approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ acre) lots |  |  |
|  | Married Couple Families*                                       | 61% Federal Census 2010                          |  |  |
|  | Single Head of House*  | 12% Federal Census 2010                          |  |  |
|  | Non-Family Households*   | 23% Federal Census 2010                          |  |  |
|  | Owner Occupied Units*  | 79% Federal Census 2010                          |  |  |
| Land Use                                   |  |  |  |  |
|  | 20% commercial~business~industr                                | rial: 49% residential: 17% open                  |  |  |
|  |  | ublic facilities (Land Use Element, Master       |  |  |
| Transportation:                            | ,  |  |  |  |
| 11 unsportation.                           | MBTA to Alewife Station Cambri                                 | dge and Boston. Fifteen minutes to commuter      |  |  |
|  |  | nderson RTC Station, Woburn. Lexington and       |  |  |
|  |  | rom Burlington Mall. MBTA service to             |  |  |
|  | Anderson RTC Station.  |  |  |  |
| *Dagad on 2019 F- Jamel                    | Anderson KIC Station.  |  |  |  |
| *Based on 2018 Federal<br>Census Estimates |  |  |  |  |
| May 2022                                   | 7  |  |  |  |

| Government & Budget:             | Selectmen/Town Administrator and Representative Town Meeting. Total Operating Budget FY22: \$152,M.  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Municipal Services:              | MWRA Sewer, Town Water Supply - Mill Pond Reservoir and Vine Brook/Mill<br>Pond Water Treatment Plants, weekly curbside trash collection and recycling.<br>Household hazardous waste collection twice/year at a central location. Leaf and<br>yard waste curbside collection program twice/year.               |
| <b>Business Associations:</b>    | Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), Burlington Rotary,<br>North Suburban Chamber of Commerce   |
| Schools:                         | Four elementary (K-5), one middle (6-8), one high school, one regional technical high school (Billerica). Per pupil expenditure \$20,606 (FY2017) Data from state MDE Report: <u>http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/</u>   |
| Private Schools:                 | Mt. Hope Christian Center School, Church of the Open Bible, Primrose School of Burlington.   |
| Colleges & Universities:         | Northeastern University Suburban Campus  |
| Day Care Centers:                | 12 commercial and 14 residential facilities.   |
| Police & Fire:                   | Full time 75 member police and 73 member fire departments.   |
| Health Care:                     | Lahey Clinic, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, AFC Urgent Care   |
| Assisted Living:                 | Atria Longmeadow Place, Sunrise of Burlington, Stonebridge @ Burlington  |
| Houses of Worship:               | Thirteen Protestant, two Catholic, one Jewish, one Jehovah Witness, one Islamic.   |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Organizations</b> | Numerous social, civic, and professional organizations.  |
| Library & Museums:               | 29,000-sq. ft. library constructed in 1994. Burlington Historical Museum.  |
| Parks & Recreation               | 19 parks & playgrounds, 1 street hockey court, 8 tennis courts, 11 basketball courts, 30 ball/multi-purpose fields, 4 picnic areas, fishing area, volleyball court, fitness court, football stadium and track, skate park, ice skating rink, wading pool, and recreation center. Private swim and tennis club. |
| Shopping & Restaurants           | Burlington Mall, Middlesex Commons, Crossroads, Vine Brook Shopping Plazas,<br>and Wayside Commons. Numerous smaller shopping plazas and independent<br>shops, as well as fine and casual dining. H-Mart, Market Basket, Shaws, Target,<br>Trader Joe's, and Wegman's Supermarkets.                            |
| Entertainment:                   | 10-complex cinema and Playhouse Theater. Numerous trips and tours sponsored by the Recreation Department.  |
| Hotels:                          | Marriott, Hilton Garden Inn, Hyatt House, Extended Stay America, Candlewood<br>Suites Hotel, Sonesta ES Suites, Residence Inn by Marriott, Archer Hotel  |
| Newspapers:                      | Daily Times Chronicle, Burlington Union (weekly), and On-line newspapers-<br>Wicked Local and Burlington Patch.  |

#### **Past and Present**

# **The Early Years**

Burlington's history reaches back to 1640 when, as a northwest corner of the Town of Woburn, it was a portion of a grant known as Charlestown Village. Since it was originally a part of Woburn, much of Burlington's early history has been written into the history of that city. In 1730 it was incorporated as the Second Precinct of Woburn. This northwesterly corner of Woburn, sometimes known as Shawshine, decided to have a meetinghouse of its own, and in 1732, the Burlington Meetinghouse was built. Before 1800, this section was a most important part of Woburn when that community was an agricultural one and farming the principal occupation of the people. Burlington was incorporated as a separate Town on February 28, 1799. In 1800, there were 74 houses and the total valuation assessed was \$30,061.

#### **Stage Coach**

The stage coach line from Concord, New Hampshire to Boston ran through Burlington, and the arrival of the stage brought a stir of excitement into the village several times each week. Burlington might have become a city had the railroad, in 1835, been built in this town instead of Woburn, drawing all traffic and business to that area. It is said that the Burlington Town Fathers objected to the commotion that such a railroad might cause to the town. So, for the next 100 years, farming continued to be the major business of Burlington. At one time, there were several large dairy farms, a number of piggeries and shoe factories, and a well-known ham-curing plant.

#### Town Hall

Burlington's first Town Hall was built in 1844. It was located on a hill in Simonds Park. In 1879, the building was expanded to include rooms for public offices, a post office, library and dining room. An entry dated May 30, 1902 in the Town Record Book simply states: "Town Hall burned this morning at 9:30." The current Town Hall is the third and was built in 1969 and renovated in 1999.

#### **Town Seal**

The Town Seal, designed in 1899, depicts the Sewall House that was destroyed by fire in 1897. The Sewall House was home to the Town's early ministers and was located on Lexington Street. A granite marker commemorates the site.

#### Route 128

In 1954, the completion of Route 128 acted as the catalyst for industrial expansion. As industry established itself here, the population began to mushroom. In 1950, the total population of Burlington was 3,250. In 1960, it was 12,952 and considered the fastest growing town in Massachusetts.

# **Historical Points of Interest**

In November 1999 John Goff of Historic Preservation Design (Salem, Mass.) completed the Burlington Historic Resources Survey. For more information and pictures, visit the Archives at Town Hall or on the Web at <u>http://www.burlington.org/residents/archives.php</u>

Burlington has many historical points of interest, the following are among them:

**Francis Wyman House** - 56 Francis Wyman Rd. Built in 1666 and one of the three oldest homes in Massachusetts. It is a National Landmark.

**The West School** - Corner of Francis Wyman Rd. /Bedford St. Built in 1794 and served as a schoolhouse until 1898.

**United Church of Christ** - Corner of Lexington St. /Bedford St. Built in 1732 as the 2nd Parish Meetinghouse of Woburn.

**The Winn House** - 13 Wyman St. Built in 1734. During Revolutionary times it was known as the Hen and Chickens Tavern.

Old Burying Ground - Bedford St. across from Simonds Park. Pre-1736.

**Reed Family Home** - 25 Chestnut St. Built in 1750, it was a watering station stop for farmers on the way to market in Boston.

**Gen. John Walker House** - 9 Bedford St. Built in 1780 and was the birthplace of James Walker, President of Harvard University 1853-1860.

Grand View Farm (Marion Tavern) - 59 Center St. Built prior to 1834 - Stage Coach Stop.

**Historical Museum** - Corner of Bedford St. /Cambridge St. Built in 1855 and served as a school until 1897. Served as the Town's library until 1969.



Foster Store Dearborn house Statier by board Wood Tavern Town Hall



Photographs courtesy of Burlington Archives and Burlington Historical Commission. See <u>www.burlington.org</u> for more information.

| Тор          | Cambridge Street looking toward Center Street, ca. 1930 (item 205). Left to right: house of Charles Henry Foster (1852-1933) and Librarian Henrietta "Nettie" Richardson Foster (1859-1951), Dearborn's store, the Charles Dearborn house, Statler Tissues |
|--------------|--|
|              | billboard, Wood Tavern, and the second town hall. The Wood Tavern was built prior to the American Revolution by Capt. John   |
|              | Wood, Jr. (1740-1809), a Revolutionary War captain under the command of Col. Loammi Baldwin (1745-1807), designer of the   |
|              | Middlesex Canal, and the first individual to graft the Baldwin apple. This is the current location of the Burlington Fire Station,   |
|              | May 1959-present. Built in 1915, the second town hall stood at the current location of the town hall annex. When the town hall and police station building committees were appointed in 1967, the second town hall had reached capacity. The building was  |
|              | demolished in 1969 and a new police station was built on the site. The Burlington Police Department moved into the new police  |
|              | station in November 1970. This location now houses the town hall annex, which was renovated in 1997-1998. Gift of John   |
|              | Edward Fogelberg; 2000.08.   |
| Middle-left  | View down Main Street [Center Street] from Cambridge St., ca. 1900 (item 78). The Wood Tavern is the first building on the   |
|              | left; Cutler's general store is the second building (see item 205 for more information). Transfer; Historical Commission; 1999.06.   |
| Middle-right | Front yard of Crawford farmhouse looking toward Lowell St. in foreground and Newbridge Ave. in distance, ca. late 1940s  |
|              | (item 227). The photograph shows Newbridge Ave. in the distance; the far left side of the photograph is at the northeast end of  |
|              | Newbridge Ave. The road that runs parallel to the bottom of the photograph is the driveway to the house. The tire indentations   |
|              | turn left from the driveway onto what was then Lowell St. Lowell St. is now known as Beacon St.; during the Colonial era the   |
|              | road was known as Swamp Road. Gift of Herbert William Crawford, 2000.09 (duplicate).   |
| Lower-left   | Aerial view of the town common, ca. 1980s (item 1). Transfer; Historical Commission; 1999.06.  |
| Lower-right  | Exterior of the second town hall, ca. mid-20th century (item 17) (see item 205 for more information). Gift of John Edward  |
| -            | Fogelberg: 2000.08.  |

#### Government

### **Board of Selectmen**

The Executive body of Burlington's Town government is the Board of Selectmen. This board consists of five members elected for three years, with overlapping terms. Meetings are held twice a month at the Town Hall Main Hearing Room. Selectmen, as the principal officers in town, have general supervision over all matters that are not specifically delegated by law or vote to some other officer or board.

### **Town Administrator**

The Town Administrator is responsible for the administration and coordination of all matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen and acts as the Personnel Director. The Town Administrator is responsible for implementing policies, directives, and votes of the Board of Selectmen and makes all appointments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

# **Town Meeting**

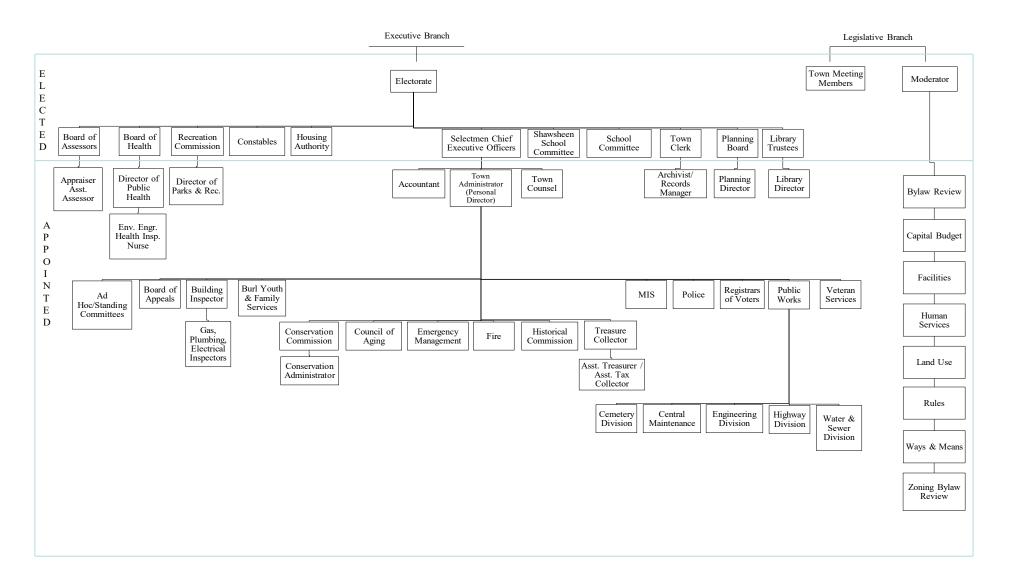
The unique form of government in New England that sets it apart from all other sections of our country is the Town Meeting. Here, New Englanders still maintain the practice of operating local government as a democratic process. The town is divided into seven precincts, and each precinct votes for its representatives to the Town Meeting. There are a total of 126 elected Town Meeting Members. The Town Meetings are held three times each year in January, May (Annual), and September. Articles of the warrant (agenda items) must be presented to the Board of Selectmen 45 days before the meeting by Town Meeting. The decisions reached at Town Meeting affect the lives and the purses of all citizens of Burlington. Town Meeting Members vote on the annual operating budget of the Town, land use issues, capital expenditures, and Zoning and General Bylaws.

Town Meeting is conducted at the Burlington High School, Fogelberg Performing Arts Center, Monday and Wednesday evenings until all the articles have been acted upon. A quorum of 63 members is mandatory. The public is invited to attend and may speak on issues being considered upon the recognition of the Moderator. Burlington Cable Access Television (BCAT) broadcasts meetings live on the local government channel 99 (COMCAST), 15 (RCN) and 41 (VERIZON).

Listing of Town Meeting Members, elected officials, and appointed officials, is available at the Town Clerk Department and on the web <u>www.burlington.org</u>

# Organization Chart Title

Town of Burlington, MA



# **Department Contact Information**

#### Main Number (781) 270-1600

#### (781) 270-1608 FAX www.burlington.org

#### Office Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 7:00 pm Wednesday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday

| Town Department                    | Phone        | Email or Web                                 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Accounting                         | 781-270-1610 | accounting@burlington.org                    |
| Animal Control Officer             | 781-270-1698 | <u>aco@bpd.org</u>                           |
| Archives                           | 781-270-1604 | archives@burlington.org                      |
| Assessors                          | 781-270-1650 | assessor@burlington.org                      |
| BCAT                               | 781-273-5922 | http://www.bcattv.org                        |
| B-Line (Community Bus)             | 781-270-1965 | <u>burlingtonpublictransit@burlington.or</u> |
|                                    |              | g  |
| Board of Health                    | 781-270-1955 | boh@burlington.org                           |
| Public Nurse                       | 781-270-1955 | boh@burlington.org                           |
| Environmental Engineer             | 781-270-1955 | boh@burlington.org                           |
| Building Inspector                 | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org                      |
| Burlington Youth & Family Services | 781-270-1961 | byfs@burlington.org                          |
| Conservation Commission            | 781-270-1655 | conservation@burlington.org                  |
| Council On Aging                   | 781-270-1950 | <u>coa@burlington.org</u>                    |
| Dog Pound                          | 781-270-1698 | <u>aco@bpd.org</u>                           |
| Emergency Management Agency        | 781-270-1914 |  |
| Fire                               |              | fire@burlington.org                          |
| Emergency & Ambulance              | 911          |  |
| Business                           | 781-270-1925 | fire@burlington.org                          |
| Housing Authority                  | 781-272-7786 | BHA@burlingtonhama.org                       |
| Human Resources                    | 781-270-1774 | hr@burlington.org                            |
| Library                            | 781-270-1690 | <u>library@burlington.org</u>                |
| Planning Board                     | 781-270-1645 | planning@burlington.org                      |
| Police                             |              | www.bpd.org info@bpd.org                     |
| Emergency                          | 911          |  |
| Business                           | 781-270-1914 | info@bpd.org                                 |
| Public Works                       | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org                 |
| Cemetery                           | 781-270-1982 | <u>dpwburlington@burlington.org</u>          |
| Central Maintenance                | 781-270-1678 | dpwburlington@burlington.org                 |
| Engineering                        | 781-270-1640 | engineering@burlington.org                   |
| Highway                            | 781-270-1677 | dpwburlington@burlington.org                 |
| Water & Sewer Utilities Division   | 781-270-1679 | dpwburlington@burlington.org                 |

| Town Department                        | Phone        | Email or Web                         |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Recreation                             |              |                                      |
| Office                                 | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org            |
| Selectmen                              | 781-270-1600 | selectmen@burlington.org             |
| Shawsheen Valley Technical High School | 978-667-2111 | http://www.shawsheentech.org         |
| School Department                      | 781-270-1800 | https://www.burlingtonpublicschools. |
|  |              | <u>org/</u>                          |
| Superintendent of Schools              | 781-270-1800 |                                      |
| Burlington High School                 | 781-270-1800 |                                      |
| Marshall Simonds Middle School         | 781-270-1781 |                                      |
| Fox Hill School                        | 781-270-1791 |                                      |
| Francis Wyman School                   | 781-270-1701 |                                      |
| Memorial School                        | 781-270-1721 |                                      |
| Pine Glen School                       | 781-270-1712 |                                      |
| Tax Collector                          | 781-270-1625 | taxcollector@burlington.org          |
| Town Administrator                     | 781-270-1635 | selectmen@burlington.org             |
| Town Clerk                             | 781-270-1660 | <u>clerk@burlington.org</u>          |
| Treasurer                              | 781-270-1623 | tax@burlington.org                   |
| Veterans Agent                         | 781-270-1959 | veterans@burlington.org              |

## Agency Numbers & Websites

| Agency                                  | Phone        | Website   |
|---|--------------|---|
| Attorney General - Consumer Protection  | 617-727-8400 | https://www.mass.gov/topics/consum<br>er-protection |
| Better Business Bureau                  | 508-652-4800 | www.bbb.org   |
| Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce     | 781-273-2523 | https://www.burlingtonchamberofco                   |
| (BACC)                                  |              | mmerce.org/   |
| Daily Times Chronicle (daily newspaper) | 781-933-3700 | http://homenewshere.com/                            |
| Burlington Union (weekly newspaper)     | 617-629-3390 | www.burlington.wickedlocal.com                      |
| Citizen Information (State)             | 617-727-7030 | http://www.sec.state.ma.us/                         |
| Constables: William Pepicelli           | 781-789-0605 |   |
| Anthony Saia                            | 781-718-4612 |   |
| Lahey Clinic                            | 781-744-5100 | www.lahey.org                                       |
| Comcast (Cable)                         | 800-934-6489 | https://www.xfinity.com/                            |
| North Suburban Chamber of Commerce      | 781-933-3499 | www.northsuburbanchamber.com                        |
| Post Office                             | 781-270-4449 | www.usps.com  |
| Probate and Family Court                | 617-788-6600 | https://www.mass.gov/orgs/probate-                  |
| ·                                       |              | and-family-court                                    |
| RCN (Cable)                             | 800-746-4726 | www.rcn.com   |
| Registry of Deeds                       | 617-679-6300 | www.middlesexsouthregistry.com                      |
| Registry of Motor Vehicles              | 866-627-7768 | https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachu                  |
|   |              | setts-registry-of-motor-vehicles                    |
| Social Security Administration          | 800-772-1213 | www.ssa.gov   |
| Verizon                                 | 800-837-4966 | www.verizon.com                                     |
| Woburn District Court                   | 781-935-4000 | https://www.mass.gov/locations/wob                  |
|   |              | urn-district-court                                  |

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

For residents who are interested in getting involved in town government, there are numerous volunteer opportunities. A description of most committees is contained in the General Bylaws, Article V, which is available at the Town Clerk Department and on the website: <u>http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/town\_clerk/index.php</u>

The Town Administrator makes appointments to the following boards, committees, and commissions each summer:

B-Line Advisory Committee Beautification Committee Board of Appeals Board of Registrars Burlington Youth & Family Services Conservation Commission Council on Aging Cultural Council Disabilities Access Commission Facilities Committee Housing Partnership Committee Information Systems Advisory Committee Master Plan Study Committee Registrars of Voters Rink Oversight Committee

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The Town Moderator appoints members to committees of Town Meeting. Each committee is responsible for reviewing existing and proposed policies relating to their jurisdiction. The Committees serve as advisors to Town Meeting. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees, submit a letter of interest to the Moderator, c/o Town Clerk, Town Hall.

Bylaw Review Committee Capital Budget Committee Facilities Committee Human Services Committee Land Use Committee Rules Committee Ways & Means (Finance) Committee

Additionally, the Archives, Council on Aging, Conservation, Historical Commission, Library, and Recreation offer volunteer programs. If interested, contact the respective department directly. An application is provided in the Appendix.

# **Public Meetings** Boston Cares, <u>www.bostoncares.org</u>, offers volunteer opportunities in the Greater Boston area.

All meetings of elected or appointed members of boards, committees, or commissions are subject to the Open Meeting Law. Notices of meetings are posted in the Town Hall at least 48 hours in advance (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). The public is always invited to attend. The only time the public is prohibited from attending is when the board votes at an open meeting to go into executive session for legally permissible reasons.

All meetings are held in handicapped-accessible facilities. A meeting calendar is posted at the Town Hall and on BCAT (Burlington Cable Access Television). The calendar is also on the website <a href="http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/town\_clerk/index.php">http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/town\_clerk/index.php</a>

Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Town Meetings, etc. are broadcast live by BCAT. COMCAST: Channels 9, 22, and 99. RCN: Channels 3, 13, and 15. VERIZON: Channels 39, 40, and 41.

# **Local Bylaws**

In addition to federal and state laws and regulations, the Town has adopted many of its own local laws. There are two publications containing all local laws: the Zoning Bylaws which relate to land use, construction, home improvements, and development issues, and the General Bylaws which relate to public safety, the environment, and administration. Some bylaws of particular interest to residents are:

**Leash Law** - Article XIII, Section 2.1 "No dog shall be permitted away from the premises of its owner or keeper except when in the charge of a competent person at least twelve years old and controlled by a leash; or obedient to command; or confined within a vehicle; or confined to another premises."

**Dog Licensing Requirements** - Article XIII, Section 2.2.3 "An owner or keeper of a dog kept in the Town of Burlington who has not licensed said dog within 60 days of becoming a resident or being notified by the Clerk's office shall be required to pay a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00)."

**Pooper Scooper Law** - Article XIII, Section 2.7 "It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, street or other public area in the Town."

**Handicapped Parking Violations & Fines** - Article XIII, Section 1.24 "...no person shall leave or cause to be left any unattended vehicle within parking spaces designated as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped veterans or handicapped persons." Section 1.24.6 "Penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be \$200."

Yard Sale & Open House Signs - Article XIV, Section 2.2.2.1 "Yard sale signs, open house

signs and any other signs or notices posted to advertise a specific event cannot be posted sooner than two days prior to the event, and such signs and/or notices must be removed from all places of posting no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the event."

**Wetlands Protection** - Article XIV, Section 1.2 "Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas as defined in the Burlington Wetland Bylaw Regulations: any freshwater wetlands; marshes; wet meadows; bogs; swamps; vernal pools; springs; banks; reservoirs; lakes; ponds; beaches; lands under water bodies; lands subject to flooding by groundwater or surface water; or lands adjoining these resource areas out to a distance of 100 feet, known as the buffer zone. The Commission may establish performance standards for work within the buffer zone to protect the aforementioned resource areas; however, the buffer zone itself is not a resource area.

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: streams; brooks; creeks; rivers; lands adjoining these waterways out to a distance of 200 feet, known as the riverfront area. Said 200-foot riverfront resource area shall apply to all streams shown on the map "Regulatory Streams of Burlington" to be adopted and incorporated in regulations, whether the stream is perennial or intermittent."

**Winter Parking** - Article XIII, Section 1.12 "No person having a vehicle under his care or control shall leave the same parked or unattended upon a street between the hours of 2:00 AM and 8:00 AM from December 1 through April 1 in each year."

The Zoning and General Bylaws are sold at the Town Clerk Office as a hard copy or are available free of charge on the website – <u>http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/town\_clerk/index.php</u>

# **Your Tax Dollars**

| FINANCIAL FOR FISCAL<br>YEARS:      | 2005           | 2010           | 2015           | 2016           | 2017           | 2018           | 2019           |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assessed Value                      | 4.02B          | 4.52B          | 5.3B           | 5.53B          | 5.8B           | 6.2B           | 6.6B           |
| Tax Rate: Residential<br>Commercial | 11.85<br>31.70 | 12.00<br>32.24 | 11.35<br>29.40 | 11.46<br>38.28 | 11.06<br>28.10 | 10.62<br>27.56 | 10.48<br>27.22 |
| Appropriated                        | 79.5M          | 103.2M         | 119.9M         | 124.9M         | 142.0M         | 139.9M         | 147.8M         |
| Total Budget                        | 82.4M          | 120.6M         | 140.1M         | 149.3M         | 126.8M         | 131.8M         | 137.4M         |
| Raised by Taxation                  | 78.2M          | 78.2M          | 94.6M          | 98.3M          | 102.8M         | 106.9M         | 112.1M         |

#### Contiguous Communities' Tax Rates FY2019

| Community           | Residential | <b>Commercial*</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Bedford             | \$12.96     | \$28.42            |
| Billerica           | \$13.48     | \$31.41            |
| Lexington (FY 2018) | \$14.30     | \$27.69            |
| Tewksbury           | \$15.84     | \$27.63            |
| Waltham             | \$12.66     | \$26.45            |
| Wilmington          | \$13.75     | \$30.94            |
| Woburn              | \$ 9.50     | \$23.72            |
| Average             | \$12.87     | \$27.94            |
| *** Burlington ***  | \$10.48     | \$27.22            |

#### Tax Summary by Property Class – FY17

| Property Class | Assessed Value  | %      | Assessed Tax  | %     |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Residential    | \$3,604,357,624 | 61.66% | \$39,864,195  | 40.0% |
| Commercial*    | \$2,138,554,119 | 38.6%  | \$62,999,352  | 60.0% |
| Total          | \$5,846,327,455 | 100%   | \$102,863,548 | 100%  |

\* Includes Industrial and Personal Property

#### **Public Facilities and Land**

## **General Government**

#### Facility

Town Hall 29 Center Street 270-1600 www.burlington.org

#### **Departments Housed**

Accounting, Archives, Assessors, Network Administration, Selectmen/Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and the Tax Collector/Treasurer Departments.

Archives Extended Hours:

Town Hall Annex 25 Center Street 270-1600

Human Services Center 61 Center Street 270-1600

Nurse: Blood Pressure Clinic

Flu Clinics

Mercury

Vaccines for children

Sharps Disposal

Evenings by Appointment 270-1604

Building, Conservation, Department of Public Works (DPW), Engineering, and Planning Departments.

Board of Health, Director of Public Health, Burlington Youth & Family Services, Council on Aging, Recreation, Senior Center (Kelly-Murray Wing), and Veteran's Director Departments.

call for apt: 781-270-1955

Check on web for Schedule during the Fall season

Drop off at Health Office anytime

Call: 781-505-1139

Fire Station or Police Station \*Containers are only available at the Board of Health Office

| Facility  | Address  | Phone                        |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Police Station  | 45 Center Street                               | 781-270-1914 (business)      |
| Fire Station<br>Sub Station   | 21 Center Street<br>114 Terrace Hall Avenue    | 781-270-1925 (business)      |
| Burlington Housing<br>Authority(State Agency)                               | 15 Birchcrest Street<br>BHA@burlingtonhama.org | 781-272-7786                 |
| Chestnut Hill Cemetery  | 52 Bedford Street                              | 781-229-1879                 |
| Pine Haven Cemetery   | 84 Bedford Street                              | 781-270-1982                 |
| Water Treatment Plants:<br>Vinebrook Treatment Plant<br>Mill Pond Reservoir | 171 Middlesex Turnpike<br>70 Winter Street     | 781-270-1679<br>781-270-1679 |
| Dog Pound   | 3 Great Meadow Rd<br>(At the DPW Highway Barn) | 781-270-1698                 |

#### Burlington School Administration Burlington High School 123 Cambridge Street (781) 270-1800 www.bpsk12.org

#### Elementary Schools (Grades K-5) (2018-2019)

| School   | <b>Student Population</b> | # of Teachers |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Fox Hill<br>Fox Hill Road<br>(781)270-1791                       | 426                       | 42.25         |  |  |  |
| Francis Wyman<br>Terrace Hall Avenue<br>(781) 270-1701           | 532                       | 55.15         |  |  |  |
| Memorial<br>Winn Street<br>(781) 270-1721                        | 398                       | 42.25         |  |  |  |
| Pine Glen<br>Pine Glen Avenue<br>(781) 270-1712                  | 319                       | 32.25         |  |  |  |
| Total K-5  | 1675                      | 171.9         |  |  |  |
| Mid  | dle School (Grades 6-8)   |               |  |  |  |
| Marshall Simonds<br>Winn Street<br>(781) 270-1781                | 787                       | 81.4          |  |  |  |
| High School (Grades 9-12)  |                           |               |  |  |  |
| Burlington High School<br>123 Cambridge Street<br>(781) 270-1839 | 1071                      | 88            |  |  |  |
| Specialists (Art, Music, PE, etc.)                               |                           | included      |  |  |  |

#### **Regional Technical High School**

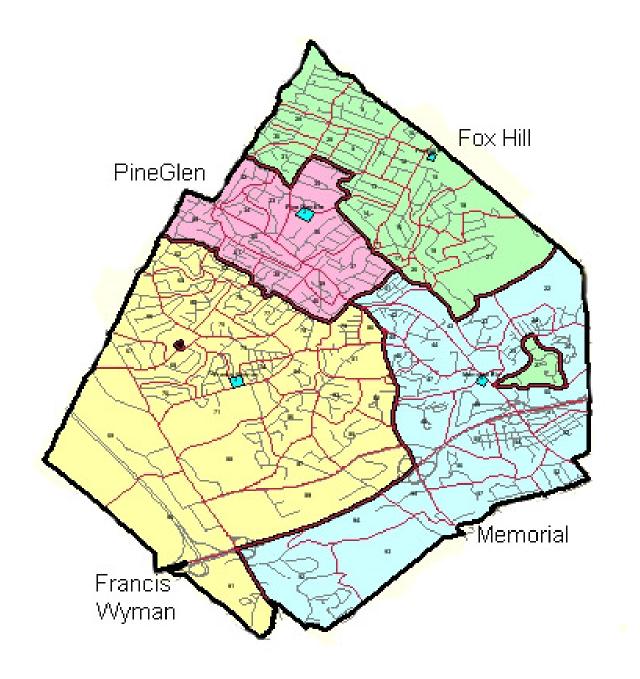
Shawsheen Valley Technical High School 100 Cook Street Billerica, MA (978) 667-2111 https://www.shawsheentech.org/

District served: Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Wilmington, and Tewksbury

Student Population: 1,294 (FY 2018) Burlington Students: 125 Teachers: 125.3 Paraprofessionals: 13 Per pupil expenditures: \$18,331 Data received from the MDE Report: <u>http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/shawsheen</u>

School closings are on the WEB as well as broadcast on WBZ and other radio channels as well as on BCAT.

# **Elementary School District Map**



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## Elementary School District Addresses 2019

#### Fox Hill

Barnum Rd Baxter Circle Beacon Village Beaverbrook Rd Black Horse Lane Blueberry Lane Boulder Dr Brenda Lane **Bristol St** Brookside Lane Caroline St Carter Rd Cathy Rd Chandler Rd Chester Ave Cook Rd Corbett Dr Donald Rd Donna Lane Doris St Drake Rd **Dublin** Circle Eisenhower Dr Ellery Lane Erin Lane Fox Hill Rd Freeport Dr Gedick Rd Gibson St Goodwin Dr Guild Rd Hansen Ave Harris Dr Hart St Harvard Ave High Pine Ave Holden Ave Irene St Jackson Rd Kingsdale St Laing Circle Lee Ave

Lisa St Locust St (76 to End) Lucaya Circle Makechnie Rd Mallard Way Marie Circle Marjorie Rd Martin St Marvel Ave Meadowcroft Rd Michael Dr Mill St (39 to End) Mullberry Lane Myrna St Park Dr Patriot Rd Phillip Ave Prouty Rd Radcliff St Randolph Rd Redcoat Lane Ext Richard Rd Richfield Rd Ridgewood Lane Rocky Hill Rd Ruping Dr Russell Circle Sandra Ave Sarah St September Lane Skilton Lane (41 to End) Spring Valley Rd Stanwood St Stephanie St Stewart St Stonehill Circle Sumner St Swain Road West Thornton Dr. Tinkham Ave Toner Dr Town Line Rd Upland Rd

Vincent Rd Westwood St Wheatland St Whitney St Wildwood Lane Wildwood St Wilhelmina Ave Wilmington Rd (81 to End)

#### **Francis Wyman**

Adams St Ainsworth St Algonquin Dr Amherst Rd Anna Rd Arlington Rd Barbara Circle Baron Park Lane Bates St Bedford St (Cambridge St South to Middlesex Turnpike) Benson Way Bradford Rd Brown Ave Buckman Dr Burlington Mall Rd Burlington Woods Dr Cambridge St (55-181 Odd Only) Carev Ave Cedar St Chadwick Rd Church Lane Clonmel Ave Colleen Circle College Rd Corcoran Rd Cranberry Lane Crowley Rd Crystal Circle Cypress Dr Daniel Dr Dartmouth Rd Demone Dr Dorothy Rd Druid Hill Ave Dunlap Rd Eastern Ave Edgemont Ave Elm Ave Evelyn St Evergreen Ave Fairfax St Foster Rd Fowler Terrace Francis Wyman Rd (41 to End) Fred St Frothingham Rd Garfield Circle Garrity Rd Gayland St Gidley St Glendale Rd Gloria Circle Great Meadow Rd Greenleaf Way Greenwood Rd

Hallmark Gardens Hancock St Haven Terrace Hemlock Lane Hickory Lane Hidden Valley Dr Highland Way Hilltop Dr Hope St Humboldt Ave Independence Dr Indian Hill Rd James St Janet Rd Jefferson Ave Juniper St Kay Rd LaSallette Dr Laurel Hill Lane Laurel Lane Lexington St Liberty Ave Lido Ave Luther Rd Macon Rd Manhattan Dr Marion Rd Mark St Marrett Rd Maud Graham Circle Maureen Dr McCarthy Dr McGinnis Dr McSweeney Way Meadowvale Rd Mellin St Michele Dr Middlesex Turnpike (North of Route 128) Mildred Rd Mohawk Rd Morrison Rd Murphy Ct Nichold St North Ave Old Colony Rd Orchid Circle Partridge Lane Paulson Dr Pine Ridge Rd Pinevale Ave Pinewold Ave Pleasant St Polk St Princeton Rd Raymond Rd Raymond Rd Ext Redmond St

Reed St Rosario Way Sandy Brook Rd Savin St Second Ave Shady Lane Dr Shea Circle Skelton Rd (20 to End) South Ave South Bedford St (1 - 80) Spruce Hill Rd St Marks Rd. Stony Brook Rd Sunset Dr Tami Lane Terrace Hall Ave Theresa Ave Tremonts University Ave Valley Circle Victor Ave Violet Rd Visco Rd Washington Ave Webber Rd Williams Circle Willow Way Windsor Lane Woodside Lane

#### **Memorial**

Angela Circle Arbor Court Arborwood Dr Ardmore Ave Azalea Dr Bassett Ave Beacon St Bedford St (Center St to Cambridge St North) Belmont Rd Bennett Lane Bethel Lane Birch St Birchcrest St Blanchard Rd Briarwood Lane Burlington St Burton Rd Cambridge St (1 - 182) Carlton Ave Carol Ave Cedarwood Lane Center St Central Ave Cierra Way Colburn St Cormier Rd Crawford Rd Crescent Rd Creston Ave Dearborn Rd Derryfield Ave Dover Dr Duncan Rd Edgemere Ave Edwards Rd Elizabeth Ave Eugene Rd Fairlawn Ave Fantasia Lane Fieldstone Dr Florence Rd Forbes Ave Frances Rd Ganley Dr Georgia Dr Given Dr Gleason Rd Glen Ave Grandview Ave Greystone Court Grove Lane Hampden Ave Harriett Ave Hearthstone Dr Heather Dr

Heritage Way Hill Circle Hillsdale Ave Hillside Ave Holly Glen St Howard Rd Johnson Rd Josephine Ave Julia Connors Dr Keans Rd Kelly Farm Way Kempton Ave Kenmere Ave Kimball Court Kimball Court (Bldgs 8 & 9) Knollwood Court Larson Circle Lilac Lane Lincoln Knoll Lane Little Brook Ct Locust St (1 - 75) Louise Rd Lowell St Lt Litchfield Way Maguire Way Manor Ave Maple Ridge Dr Maple St Margaret St Marigold Way Mary St Mayflower Ave McCafferty Way McIntire Dr McNamara Way Meyers Lane Middlesex Turnpike (South of Route 128) Mill St (1-38) Mooney Circle Mooney Rd Mountain Rd Mountain View Way Muller Rd Newbridge Ave North St (Lexington) Northeastern Ave Oak St Old Concord Rd Old Peach Orchard Rd Overlook Ave Oxbow Lane Paige Rd Peach Orchard Rd Pearl St Pearson Circle

Pine Ave

Pond Lane Porter Ave Randall Dr Ray Ave Reserve Way Rhuey Pass Richardson Rd Ridge Rd Rita Ave Robert St Robin St **Rolling** Lane Ruthven Ave Sawyer St Sears St Seven Springs Lane Shamrock Dr Sleeper Dr Sorelle Place South Bedford St (81 to End) Sparhawk Dr Stonewall Lane Sullivan St Sunnyfield Ave Sunnyside Ave Susan Ave Sycamore St Sylvester Rd Theodore Circle Thistle Rd Thomas St **Toomey Circle** Travers Lane Treetop Court Van De Graaff Dr Villagewood Dr Waite Ave Wall St Walnut St Ward St Wayside Rd Wellesley Ave Westgate (Bldgs 105 & 107) Wheeler Rd Wildmere Ave Winn St Winn Valley Dr Winnmere Ave Winter St Wyman St

**Pine Glen** Arboretum Way

Alcine Lane Allison Dr Alma Rd Arnold Terrace Arthur Woods Ave Austin St Brantwood Lane Brookfield Rd Bruce St Butters Lane Cambridge St [ 183 - 411 ] Cheryl Ave Chestnut Ave Chestnut Rd Clifford Rd County Rd Cresthaven Dr Cutting Lane Dale St Davida Rd Dennis Dr Dolores Dr Douglas Ave Edsel Dr Ellen Rd Farms Dr Fernglade Rd Forest Rd Four Acre Dr Francis Wyman Rd [1 - 40] Gardner Way Glenwood St Grant Ave Great Pines Ave Hannah Way Hershey Rd Hillcrest Rd Holly St Ivy Lane Jessica Dr Joanne Rd Johns Rd Jonathan Rd Kinney Ave Lantern Lane Laurie Lane Ledgewood Dr Leopold St Leroy Dr Long St Lucy Rd Manning St Maryvale Rd Moline Rd Moran Ave Moss St

Nelson Rd Nevada Rd Oak Knoll Rd Olean Rd Pathwoods Ave Patricia Way Paul St Paula St Phyllis Ave Pine Glen Way Pontos Ave Purity Springs Rd Putnam Rd Rahway Rd Robinhood Lane Scott Ave Sedalia Rd Sheighla Dr Sheldon St Short St Skelton Rd 1 - 19 Skilton Lane 1 - 40 St Mary Rd. Sumpter Rd Taylor Ave Teaberry Lane Terry Ave Van Norden Rd Virginia Rd Wing Terrace Winona Rd Wilmington Rd 1 - 80 Woodcrest Ave Woodhill Rd

Murray Ave

# **Public Library**

#### Burlington Public Library 22 Sears Street (781) 270-1690 http://www.burlington.org/departments/library/index.php

| Regular Hours: | Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm<br>Friday 10am-6pm<br>Saturday 10am-5pm<br>Sunday 1pm-5pm |
|----------------|--|
| Summer Hours:  | Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm<br>Friday 10am-6pm  |
| Dographian     | Saturday 10am-2pm<br>Sunday Closed   |

Recreation

Recreation Department 61 Center Street (781) 270-1695

#### http://www.burlington.org/community\_development/recreation/index.php

Burlington Parks & Recreation offers a multitude of programs, trips and events for all ages. Seasonal brochures are mailed to residents four times a year. For your convenience, online registration is available on our website. You may also register by mail or in person at the Parks & Recreation Department. If it is your first time registering, please bring proof of residency with you.

#### **Recreation Center**

Burlington's Recreation Center at the Center for Human Services is available to rent on a space-available basis. Facilities at the Recreation Center include meeting rooms, function rooms and a gymnasium. Sorry, the Recreation Center is not available for private functions. For further information, including a fee schedule, please contact the Recreation Office.

#### **Facility Permits**

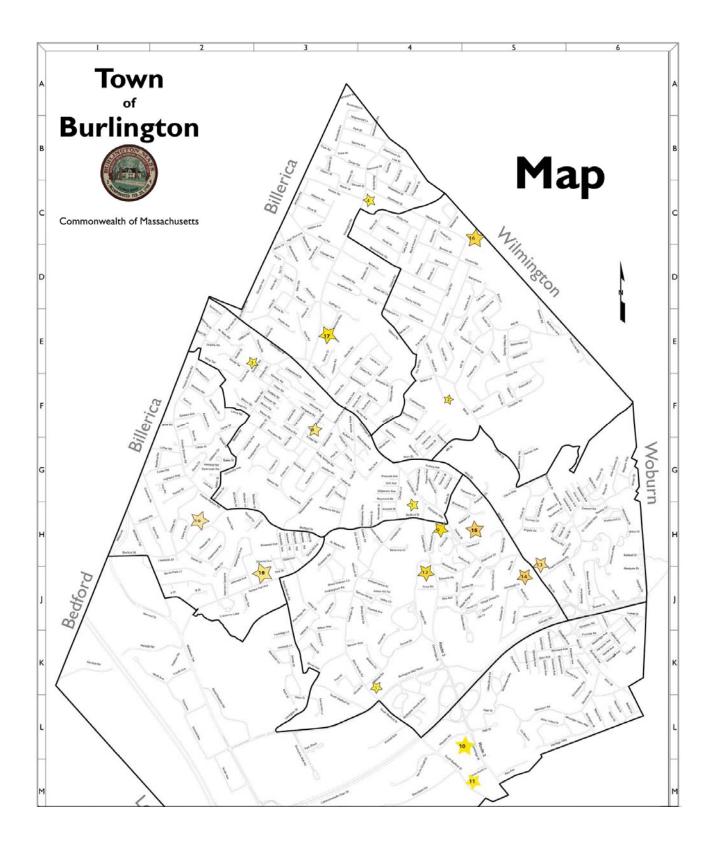
Burlington residents and companies may reserve athletic fields on a space available basis. Contact the Recreation Office to inquire about availability. You can find the current fee schedule on our website. Tennis courts are open to Burlington residents on a first-come first-served basis. Please limit playing time to one hour if others are waiting to play. You can find tennis courts at both Rahanis Playground and Simonds Park.

#### Serving People with Disabilities

We are committed to providing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. If you or a family member needs accommodations to participate in the Town's recreation activities, please contact our office and ask to speak to our Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

# Parks and Playgrounds

| Simonds Park – (1) Reference Number for Map on next page   | Marshall Simonds Middle School – (13)   |
|--|---|
| Location: 10 Bedford Street  | Location: 114 Winn Street   |
| <b>Facilities:</b> Two lighted little league baseball fields,  | <b>Facilities:</b> Lighted multi-purpose artificial turf, two grass   |
| one lighted softball field, one lighted tennis   | multi-purpose fields, track, two basketball hoops   |
| court, four lighted pickleball courts, two lighted   |   |
| basketball courts, wading pool, playground,  | Fox Hill School – (16)  |
| skate park, street hockey court, picnic area,  | Location: 252 Fox Hill Road   |
| concession stand, restrooms  | <b>Facilities:</b> One softball field, one basketball court,  |
| ,  | playground  |
| Rahanis Park – (2)   | phuj fi ound  |
| Location: 84 Mill Street / 2 Patriot Road  | Pine Glen School – (17)   |
| Facilities: Two multi-purpose grass fields, one softball   | Location: 1 Pine Glen Way / Wilmington Road (Route 62)  |
| field, six tennis courts, one basketball court, one  | <b>Facilities:</b> One grass multi-purpose field, one little league   |
| sand volleyball court, playground, picnic area,  | baseball field, playground  |
| gaga ball pit, dog park, restrooms   | - ··· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |
|  | Memorial School – (14)  |
| Regan Park – (3)   | Location: 119 Winn Street   |
| Location: 14 Sumpter Road  | Facilities: One grass multi-purpose field, playground   |
| Facilities: One little league baseball field, one basketball   |   |
| court, two pickleball courts, playground, picnic area  | Francis Wyman School – (18)   |
|  | Location: 41 Terrace Hall Avenue  |
| Veterans Park – (4)  | Facilities: One grass multi-purpose field, one major  |
| Location: 110 Wilmington Road (Route 62)   | baseball field, playground  |
| Facilities: One little league baseball field, <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> basketball                                 |   |
| court, playground  | Center for Human Services – (15)  |
| TRW Park – (5)   | Location: 61 Center Street  |
| Location: 26 Mall Road   | Facilities: One grass multi-purpose field, one major  |
| Corner of Mall Road and Stony Brook Road   | baseball field, one softball field  |
| Facilities: Two little league baseball fields, one multi-  |   |
| Purpose grass field, playground, fitness court,  | Wildwood Park – (19)  |
| walking path   | Location: 114-116 Bedford Street  |
| Overlook Park – (6)  | Facilities: One major baseball field, one softball field,   |
| Location: 1 Edgemere Avenue  | one grass multi-purpose field, two basketball courts,   |
| Facilities: Playground   | playground, picnic area, walking path   |
| Wildmere Park – (7)  | Mary P.C. Cummings Estate   |
| Location: 19 Wildmere Avenue   | Burlington Recreation Area  |
| Facilities: One basketball court, playground   | Location: 25 Blanchard Road   |
|  | <b>Facilities:</b> One grass multi-purpose field, walking trail   |
| Pathwoods Tot Lot – (8)  | MITRE Corporation   |
| Location: 20 Pathwoods Avenue  | Location: 142 Bedford Street / 256 Middlesex Tpk  |
| Facilities: Playground, <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> basketball court   | Facilities: Two little league baseball fields, one grass  |
|  | multipurpose field  |
| Town Common – (9)  |   |
| Location: 2 Bedford Street   | PARKS & RECREATION CENTER AVAILABLE TO  |
| Corner of Bedford Street/Cambridge Street  | COMMUNITY GROUPS  |
| Facilities: Bandstand  | Burlington's Parks & Recreation at the Center for Human Services is   |
|  | available to community groups on a space-available basis. Facilities at the   |
| $\mathbf{Marvin Field} - (10)$   | Center include meeting rooms, function rooms and a gym. There is a small fee to help cover maintenance costs. The Center is not available for private |
| Location: 100 South Bedford Street   |   |
| Facilities: One lighted softball field   | functions. For further information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department.   |
| $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{r}} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{r}}$ (11) | FIELD PERMITS   |
| Rotary Field – (11)<br>Location: 110 South Bedford Street  | Burlington residents and companies may reserve athletic fields on a space-  |
|  | available basis. There is a fee for field maintenance and improvements.   |
| Facilities: One lighted softball field   | Contact the Burlington Parks & Recreation Department for details.   |
| Burlington High School – (12)  |   |
| Location: 123 Cambridge Street   | TENNIS COURT POLICY   |
| <b>Facilities:</b> Lighted multi-purpose artificial turf field, track,   | Tennis courts are open to Burlington residents on a first-come first-served   |
| two grass practice football fields   | basis. Please limit playing time to one hour if others are waiting to play.   |
| 0 1  | Updated: August, 2019   |



# Conservation

Conservation Department Town Hall Annex 25 Center Street (781) 270-1655 Fax (781) 238-4667

The Conservation Commission was founded in 1966 "for the promotion and development of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources." Today, the Conservation Commission continues this mission through the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the associated Burlington Bylaws.

Additionally, the Conservation Commission manages more than 250 acres of permanently protected open space, designated as Conservation Areas. The Conservation Commission encourages use and enjoyment of the Town's Conservation Areas and works continuously to ensure these properties are well-managed and properly maintained. For information on Conservation areas see the chart and map that follows.

Finally, the Conservation Commission promotes environmentally conscious residential, commercial, and industrial practices. Through educational outreach efforts and environmentally sensitive regulations, the Commission helps to ensure the continued health of the natural world. Some of the areas we work in are recycling and water conservation.

#### Trash and recycling

The most important thing that we can all do, with regards to trash and recycling, is to ensure our waste is handled properly. Proper disposal of our waste is of utmost importance to the health of our planet. Trash that ends up in our woods, meadows, and wetlands will harm wildlife and pollutes our air, water, and land. Another great way to reduce our trash burden is to compost food and yard waste. Plant-based food waste and yard waste, such as grass clippings and leaves, can be composted (naturally decomposed) and used as fertilizer for our gardens. Composting is simple; all you need to do is pile food and yard waste, turn occasionally, and let natural decomposition occur. Recycling and compost bins are available from DPW at (781) 270-1670.

#### Water conservation

We are fortunate enough to have clean water available to us, whenever we need it, with just a touch of a faucet. The water that flows from our faucets comes from our rivers and streams. We need to be aware of our water use. Reduction of water consumption is an easy way to make a big difference. Installation of a low flow toilet will save between two and five gallons of water per flush. A low-flow showerhead can reduce your daily water consumption by three gallons per minute.

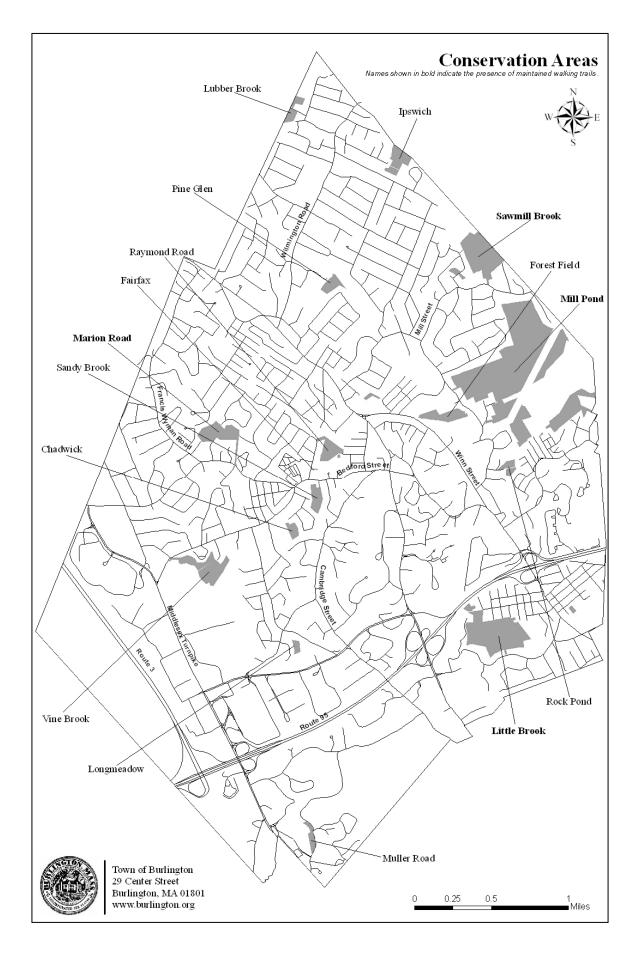
For additional information check our website at www.burlington.org.

# **Conservation Lands**

| Conservation Area and Size        | Access   | Design   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Chadwick<br>Size: 3.78 Acres      | Access is from the end of<br>Chadwick Road.  | Running brook, wetlands and woodlands. No marked trails.   |
| Fairfax<br>Size: Less than 1 acre | Access at end of Fairfax St  | Natural resource protection  |
| Forest Field<br>Size: 7+ Acres    | No legal access.   | Mixed uplands and wetlands<br>located along the Boston Edison<br>power lines between Mill and<br>Locust Streets.   |
| Ipswich<br>Size: 3 Acres          | Access will be from the end of<br>Kingsdale Street.  | Boggy, wooded swamp including<br>rock peak. Abuts Wilmington<br>Conservation Land.   |
| Little Brook<br>Size: 36 Acres    | Access from the ends of Creston<br>and Hillside Avenues, gate off<br>Mountain Road, Overlook Park.             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest conservation area, steep<br>with low-lying wetlands in western<br>portion. Beautiful upland area in<br>central and eastern sections with<br>many trails open to the public.  |
| Longmeadow Brook<br>Size: 2 Acres | Access is from Mall Road between<br>South Bedford Street and the<br>Longmeadow Assisted Living<br>Facility.    | Main purpose is for flood control<br>and water quality protection.   |
| Lubber Brook<br>Size: 5.4 Acres   | Access is from Cook Road. (very wet)   | In addition to Lubber Brook, a<br>number of small brooks and<br>wetlands are present. Provides<br>wildlife habitat, flood storage, and<br>water quality protection.  |
| Marion Road<br>Size: 15 Acres     | Access from Evergreen Ave.,<br>Marion Rd, and a gate off Bedford<br>St. adjacent to the Pine Haven<br>Cemetery | Several acres of uplands and a<br>wetland system that provides flood<br>storage and water quality<br>enhancement. Well-used trail<br>system and excellent diversity of<br>native vegetation (including large<br>shagbark hickory trees – rare in<br>Burlington) that provide valuable<br>wildlife habitat. |
| Mill Pond                         | Access from corner of Winter and   | Surrounds the town reservoir and   |

| Size: 140 Acres                  | Chestnut Streets (next to the water<br>treatment plant), through a gate at<br>the end of Hansen Avenue, and<br>through a gate at the end of the<br>offshoot from Town Line Road.           | forms the largest conservation area<br>in town. Marked and unmarked<br>trails run throughout, which are<br>used by joggers, walkers, and<br>mountain bikers. This land was<br>originally acquired to protect the<br>reservoir watershed, which remains<br>its primary purpose.  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Muller Road<br>Size: 3 Acres     | Access is from Muller Road.  | Used primarily for urban<br>wildlife and located under<br>high tension lines.   |
| Pine Glen<br>Size: 6 Acres       | Access is from the Pine Glen<br>School.  | Area serves mainly to provide<br>wildlife habitat and protect<br>water supply. Loop trail with<br>stream crossings.   |
| Rock Pond Brook<br>Size: 3 Acres | Access is from a right of way off<br>Locust Street between Sparhawk<br>Drive and Angela Circle.  | Steep uplands and brook.  |
| Sandy Brook<br>Size: 5 Acres     | Access is from the end of Saint<br>Marks Road and Bedford Street.  | Primarily wooded swamp along the<br>Sandy Brook. Main functions are<br>to protect water quality and provide<br>flood storage.   |
| Sawmill Brook<br>Size: 30 Acres  | Access from a gate on Mill Street,<br>the gas line easement at Erin Lane,<br>and from a trail starting behind<br>Fox Hill Elementary School.<br>Parking located at end of Sawmill<br>Road. | 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest area comprised of mostly<br>dry woodland, wetlands and<br>meadows. Benefits for visitors<br>include Sawmill Brook, and several<br>trails that run through the property.<br>Also, directly adjacent to Clapp's<br>Mill Site, which contains remnants<br>of an historic mill and dam.                         |
| Vine Brook<br>Size: 22 Acres     | Access is from the end of Fowler<br>Terrace Avenue.  | The Vine Brook well field near the<br>confluence of Vine Brook and<br>Sandy Brook contains some of the<br>most beautiful natural areas in<br>Burlington. The area is not open to<br>the general public because it is a<br>water supply, but some groups can<br>obtain special permission to view<br>the site from a trestle bridge. |
| Mary Cummings Park               | Access is from Blanchard Road  | Mary Cummings is one of the great   |

| Size: 200 Acres                          |   | public parks of Greater Boston.<br>This public park on the Burlington-<br>Woburn border, which is over two<br>hundred acres, was created when<br>the Boston City Council accepted<br>Mary P. C. Cummings land in 1930<br>to be kept forever open as a public<br>pleasure ground. More information<br>on this park can be found online:<br><u>http://cummingspark.org/</u> .       |
|--|---|---|
| The Landlocked Forest<br>Size: 250 Acres | Access is at the corner of Turning<br>Mill Road and Mountain Road in<br>Lexington | The landlocked Forest is so named<br>because of its location between<br>Routes 62, 3, and 128 in<br>Burlington, and conservation land<br>in Bedford and Lexington. The<br>property currently offers 13 miles<br>of maintained trails. More<br>information, including trail maps,<br>on this beautiful forest can be found<br>online:<br><u>http://www.landlockedforest.com/</u> . |



### **Public Services and Utilities**

# **Trash & Recycling**

The Town provides weekly curbside trash and recycling pickup. Trash is picked up via automated trash trucks. Each home is provided with a blue 64 gallon toter for trash only. For recycling each home is provided with a green 64 gallon toter.

A new recycling program that began in 2017 is for clothing, shoes, houseware items, etc. This program uses pink bags. For more information, check out their website at <u>simplerecycling.com</u> or call (866) 835-5068.

Furniture, appliances and large items (appliance, TV, and/or computer monitor) pickup, is considered a bulk item and the resident must call 800-442-9006 to schedule a pick up. Bulk items are any item that cannot fit into the 64 gallon Trash Toter.

Yard waste (leaf and grass clippings) collection is scheduled each spring/fall. Tree/brush limbs no larger than 4 inches in diameter and should be cut into 3-ft. lengths and bundled. This information can be found in the Recycle Calendar that is sent out annually. It can also be found on the Town website via the Public Works page.

Construction materials are not accepted through the Towns trash pickup and must be privately contracted.

# **Hazardous Waste**

Twice a year the Board of Health sponsors a hazardous waste collection. Residents are notified by mail of the date, time and place. The board also sponsors a mercury thermometer exchange and mercury collection program for residents.

# Transportation



The MBTA (<u>www.mbta.com</u>) serve Burlington. Train connections are in Winchester and Woburn at the Anderson Regional Transportation Center. Bedford, Lexington and Lowell local bus lines offer services to and from the Burlington Mall. A Logan Express is located in Woburn at the Anderson Regional Transportation Center. MBTA services from various Burlington locations to Anderson Regional Transportation

Center.

There are multiple licensed taxis providing local taxi service.

| Mass Bay Transportation Authority | 800-392-6100 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Burlington Taxi                   | 781-272-1060 |

# **Rabies Clinic**

The Board of Health sponsors its annual Rabies Clinic each spring. The event, for both dogs and cats, is held at the DPW Highway Barn on 3 Great Meadow Road. Dogs must be on leashes; cats must be in carriers. A nominal fee is charged. Owners are asked to bring in their past last rabies certificate or collar tag.

# **Utilities Contact Information**

| Utility   | Phone  | Web  |
|---|--|--|
| Eversource<br>National Grid Energy  | 800-592-2000<br>G: 800-233-5325<br>E: 800-322-3223   | https://www.eversource.com/<br>https://www.nationalgridus.com/   |
| Water/Sewer Department (Town)<br>Comcast<br>RCN<br>BCAT (Burlington Access Cable TV)<br>Verizon<br>Dig Safe | 2. 800-322-3223<br>781-270-1679<br>800-934-6489<br>800-746-4726<br>781-273-5922<br>800-837-4966<br>888-344-7233 or 811 | http://www.comcast.com/<br>https://www.rcn.com/boston/<br>www.bcattv.org/<br>https://www.verizon.com/<br>http://www.digsafe.com/ |

# **Houses of Worship**

| Name                                   | Address                    | Phone        |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|
| Anthem Church                          | <b>Burlington Marriott</b> | 781-262-8308 |
| Church of Christ                       | 344 Cambridge St.          | 781-272-6430 |
| Church of the Open Bible               | 3 Winn St.                 | 781-272-0090 |
| Fellowship Bible Church                | 71 Center St.              | 781-272-2278 |
| Heritage Baptist Church                | 129 Lexington St.          | 781-273-1669 |
| International Church of God            | 84 Cambridge St.           | 781-674-0123 |
| Islamic Center of Burlington           | 130 Lexington St.          | 781-229-0336 |
| Jehovah Witnesses                      | 136 Winn St.               | 781-272-7069 |
| Mount Hope Christian Center            | 3 McGinnis Drive           | 781-272-1014 |
| Pinewood Lutheran Church               | 24 Wilmington Rd.          | 781-273-1610 |
| Presbyterian Church                    | 335 Cambridge St.          | 781-272-9190 |
| Revive Church                          | 111 Terrace Hall Ave.      | 877-973-8483 |
| St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church    | 99 Bedford St.             | 781-272-5111 |
| St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church   | 111 Winn St.               | 781-272-3111 |
| St. Mark's Episcopal Church            | 10 St. Mark's Rd.          | 781-272-1586 |
| Temple Shalom Emeth                    | 16 Lexington St.           | 781-272-2351 |
| United Church of Christ Congregational | 6 Lexington St.            | 781-272-4547 |

#### **Voter Registration and Elections**

Nomination papers are available after January 1st each year from the Town Clerk Department. The Election Calendar is published in the local newspapers and is also available from the Town Clerk Department.

State/Federal elections and primaries are held in even numbered years in September and November. Presidential primaries are held every four years in March.

# **Absentee Voting**

Voters who are unable to vote due to: 1) absence from the town during the polling hours, 2) physical disability, or 3) religious beliefs, may vote absentee. <u>HOSPITALIZED VOTERS</u>: Must have been admitted after noon of the 5th day before the election. Must apply themselves and designate in writing who may hand-carry the ballot to them. Applications can be made anytime; however, the ballot must be returned by the close of the poll.

Absentee ballots are available three weeks prior to every election. Your request for a ballot must be received by the Town Clerk Department by noon the day before an election.

# **Our Political Address**

| Governor:                       | Charlie Baker<br>Massachusetts State House<br>Office of the Governor<br>Room 280<br>Boston, MA 02133 | 617-725-4005         |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| U.S. Senators:                  | Edward Markey<br>975 John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg.<br>Boston, MA 02203                               | 617-565-8519         |
|                                 | Elizabeth Warren<br>2400 John F. Kennedy Federal Build<br>Boston, MA 02203                           | ling<br>617-565-3170 |
| Congressman:<br>6th District    | Seth Moulton<br>21 Front Street<br>Salem, MA 01970   | 978-531-1669         |
| Councilor:<br>3rd District      | Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney<br>98 Westminster Avenue<br>Watertown, MA 02472                           | 617-725-4015 x3      |
| State Senator:<br>4th Middlesex | Cindy Friedman<br>State House, Room 413-D<br>Boston, MA 02133  | 617-722-1432         |

State Representative: 21st Middlesex

Kenneth Gordon State House, Room 146 Boston, MA 02133

617-722-2575

**General Court Members:** 

https://malegislature.gov/

Local Officials and Town Meeting Members www.burlington.org

## Who Do I Talk To About...101 Subjects

| Animal Complaints                         | Animal Control Officer                  | 781-270-1698                 | aco@burlington.org   |
|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| Assisted Living                           | Burlington Housing Authority            | 781-272-7786                 | BHA@burlingtonhama.org                                     |
| Birth Records                             | Town Clerk                              | 781-270-1660                 | clerk@burlington.org                                       |
| Board/Committee/Commissions               | Town Clerk                              | 781-270-1660                 | clerk@burlington.org                                       |
| Building Permits                          | Building                                | 781-270-1615                 | building@burlington.org                                    |
| Bus Schedules - Boston                    | MBTA                                    | 800-392-6100                 | www.mbta.com   |
| Bus Schedules - Local                     | B-Line                                  | 781-270-1965                 | burlingtonpublictransit@burlington.org                     |
| Bylaws                                    | Town Clerk                              | 781-270-1660                 | http://www.burlington.org                                  |
| Cable TV - Local Access                   | BCAT                                    | 781-273-5922                 | http://www.bcattv.org/                                     |
| Cable TV Complaints                       | Purchasing Agent                        | 781-270-1600                 |  |
| Cable TV Reception/Problems               | Verizon                                 | 800-837-4966                 | www.verizon.com  |
| Cable TV Reception/Problems               | Comcast                                 | 800-934-6489                 | www.comcast.com  |
| Cable TV Reception/Problems               | RCN                                     | 800-746-4726                 | www.rcn.com  |
| Car Excise Abatements                     | Assessor                                | 781-270-1650                 | assessor@burlington.org                                    |
| Car Excise Payments                       | Tax Collector's Office                  | 781-270-1625                 | tax@burlington.org   |
| Car Registration                          | Assessor                                | 781-270-1650                 | assessor@burlington.org                                    |
| Cemetery Plots                            | Cemetery Div. Of DPW                    | 781-270-1982                 | dpwburlington@burlington.org                               |
| Chamber of Commerce                       | North Suburban                          | 781-933-3499                 | www.northsuburbanchamber.com                               |
| Chamber of Commerce                       | Burlington Area                         | 781-273-2523                 | burlingtonchamberofcommerce.org                            |
| Citizen Information                       | Secretary of State                      | 617-727-7030                 | www.state.ma.us/sec  |
| Civic Clubs/Organizations                 | Local Phone Directory                   |                              |  |
| Concerts on the Common                    | Recreation                              | 781-270-1695                 | recreation@burlington.org                                  |
| Conservation Land                         | Conservation                            | 781-270-1655                 | conservation@burlington.org                                |
| Consumer Complaints                       | Atty General/Consumer Affairs           | 617-727-8400                 | www.mass.gov/ago   |
| Corporations                              | Sec. of Commonwealth                    | 617-727-9640                 | www.sec.state.ma.us/COR/coridx.h                           |
| Counseling Services                       | Burlington Youth & Family Services      | 781-270-1961                 | byfs@burlington.org  |
| CPR Classes                               | Fire                                    | 781-270-1925                 | fire@burlington.org  |
| Curb Cuts                                 | Engineering                             | 781-270-1640                 | engineering@burlington.org                                 |
| Day Care Centers                          | State Office of Children's Services     | 617-988-6600                 | www.mass.gov   |
| Dead Animals                              | Police/Animal Control Officer           | 781-270-1914                 | police@bpd.org_or aco@bpd.org                              |
| Death Records                             | Town Clerk                              | 781-270-1660                 | clerk@burlington.org                                       |
| Disability Access/Issues                  | Veteran's Director                      | 781-270-1959                 | veterans@burlington.org                                    |
| Divorce Records                           | Probate Court (Middlesex)<br>Town Clerk | 617-768-5800                 | www.mass.gov   |
| Dog License                               | Human Resources                         | 781-270-1660                 | clerk@burlington.org                                       |
| Employment Opportunities<br>Field Permits | Recreation                              | 781-505-1160<br>781-270-1695 | hr@burlington.org  |
| Fire Prevention/Inspection Services       | Fire                                    | 781-270-1925                 | recreation@burlington.org<br>fireprevention@burlington.org |
| Fishing Permits - Reservoir               | Recreation                              | 781-270-1925                 | recreation@burlington.org                                  |
| Fishing/Hunting Licenses                  | Secretary of the Commonwealth           | 888-773-8450                 | www://www.mass.gov/eea                                     |
| Flu Shots                                 | Board of Health - Nurse                 | 781-270-1955                 | boh@burlington.org   |
| Food Pantry                               | People Helping People                   | 781-270-6625                 | www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.com                             |
| Food Stamps                               | Dept. Transitional Assistance           | 877-382-2363                 | www.mass.gov   |
| Found Dogs                                | Town Clerk AM/Police PM                 | 781-270-1660                 | clerk@burlington.org                                       |
| Fuel Assistance                           | Veteran's Director                      | 978-459-6161                 | veterans@burlington.org                                    |
| Gas Company                               | National Grid                           | 800-233-5325                 | https://www.nationalgrid.com                               |
| Genealogy Research                        | Archives                                | 781-270-1604                 | archives@burlington.org                                    |
| Hazardous Waste                           | Board of Health                         | 781-270-1955                 | health@burlington.org                                      |
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Health Issues Home Business (DBA) License Home Improvements/Additions Homestead Applications Housing Court Housing for Elderly/Disabled Labor Laws Leash Law Legal Aid Library Services Lost Pets Marriage License/Records Meeting Room Bookings Meeting Schedules Mosquito Spraying Movie Schedule-Town Common Noise Complaints - Commercial Noise Complaints - Residential Notary Public Services Parking of Commercial Vehicles Parking Tickets Parks and Playgrounds Passports/Passport Photos Pay Town Related Bills, Fees, etc. Phone Book (Local) Plot Plans Post Office Hours Pot Hole Damage Claims Pot Hole Reporting Power Outages Property Boundary Issues Property Values Public Assistance Public Meetings Public Records **Recreation Activities** Recycling Dates/Supplies Rent-A-Kid School Enrollment Senior Citizen Information Sewer Issues Smoke Detector Inspections Social Security Sports Organizations/Associations Street Cleaning/Plowing Street Construction/Opening Issues Street Lights - Report Out Tax Payments Taxes - Vehicle Excise **Temporary Food Permits** Tennant Rights Town Common Events Town Common Gazebo Reservation Town Officials Listing Traffic Lights Trash (Pick-up appliances) Trash (Pick-up bulk items) Trash Issues Trees (Downed - no hazard) Trees (Downed - safety hazard) Unemployment Compensation

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## Appendix

 Town Administrator Committee Application

 <a href="http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/docs/CommitteeApp.pdf">http://www.burlington.org/town\_government/docs/CommitteeApp.pdf</a>

 Mail-In Voter Registration Form

 <a href="https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf">https://www.burlington.org/town\_government/docs/CommitteeApp.pdf</a>

 <a href="https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf">https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf</a>

 <a href="https://www.burlington.org/community\_development/maps.php">http://www.burlington.org/community\_development/maps.php</a>

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