

RESIDENTS' GUIDE



BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803

INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 28, 1799



January 2015

Acknowledgements

This guide was compiled and updated by the Town Clerk's Office and made possible by the input of many town employees whose contributions are appreciated. Cover illustration by Heather Chew.

Contents

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Introduction | 5 |
| Burlington at a Glance..... | 7 |
| Past and Present | 9 |
| The Early Years | 9 |
| Historical Points of Interest | 10 |
| Government | 12 |
| Board of Selectmen | 12 |
| Town Administrator | 12 |
| Town Meeting | 12 |
| Organizational Chart | 13 |
| Department Contact Information | 14 |
| Volunteer Opportunities | 16 |
| Public Meetings..... | 17 |
| Local Bylaws | 17 |
| Your Tax Dollars..... | 19 |
| Public Facilities and Land | 21 |
| General Government | 21 |
| Public Schools | 23 |
| Elementary School District Map | 25 |
| Elementary School District Addresses | 26 |
| Public Library..... | 29 |
| Recreation | 29 |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 30 |
| Conservation | 32 |
| Conservation Lands..... | 33 |
| Public Services and Utilities | 37 |
| Trash & Recycling | 37 |
| Hazardous Waste..... | 37 |
| Transportation | 37 |
| Rabies Clinic | 38 |
| Utilities Contact Information | 38 |
| Houses of Worship..... | 38 |
| Voter Registration and Elections | 39 |
| Voter Registration | 39 |
| Election Information | 39 |
| Absentee Voting..... | 40 |
| Our Political Address | 40 |
| Who Do I Talk To About...101 Subjects | 41 |
| Appendix | 43 |
| Talent Bank Form | 43 |
| Mail-In Voter Registration Form | 43 |
| Town Map..... | 43 |
| Dog License Application..... | 43 |

Introduction



Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the community of Burlington. I started in Burlington in 2012 and can tell you that this is a true community with deep roots. There are so many opportunities to get involved as this is a very active place. Activities abound for all ages. Our citizens take great pride in being from Burlington. This Residents' Guide will provide you with all the latest up-to-date information you need to know concerning this dynamic and vibrant community which is recognized nationally as a center for the high technology industry of the 21st century.

Within this guide, you will find information about who you can talk to in your local government, the demographics of the community, a comparative tax data analysis, and a description of our community assets and services including recreational fields, school locations, conservation areas, churches, public utility contacts, etc.

You will also find information about our local governmental structure, opportunities for you to participate in governing your community, voter registration information, a unique "101 questions" section for quick reference, and some local bylaws that have a positive impact on the quality of life for all our residents.

I certainly am excited to be a part of this vibrant community. Since you have chosen to live here, I know that you are looking forward to being a part of this community as well. Hopefully you will easily find the many resources that are available to make your life exciting within this guide. If not, please feel free to call upon the Town's staff to assist you in looking in the right direction for an answer.

Welcome to Burlington, a great place to live!

John Petrin
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 (2015) | Residential: 25,190 or 2,071/sq. mile. Daytime: Approx. 150,000 |
| | Under 20 years of age 21% |
| | 20-39 years of age 22% |
| | 40-59 years of age 26% |
| | 60 years of age and over 25% |
| | Unknown age 6% |
| | Caucasian* 77.98% |
| | Asian & Pacific* 12.9% |
| | Hispanic* 5.7% |
| | African American* 2.4% |
| Voters (April 2014) | Democratic 4499 |
| | Republican 1704 |
| | Unenrolled 9188 |
| | Other 34 |
| | Total 15,425 |
| Income (2010) | \$39,408 per capita; \$104,522 median household (Federal Census 2010) |
| Tax Rate (2014) | \$12 residential; \$32.24 commercial. |
| Housing (2013) | Single Family Homes 9716 |
| | Condominium Complexes (23) 1121 units |
| | Public Housing Complexes (2) 105 units |
| | Assisted Living Facility (3) 250 units |
| | Apartment Complexes (11) 1754 units |
| | Rent Range \$930 - \$2800/month |
| | Average Tax Bill \$4,403/year |
| | Average Home Assessed Value \$381,250 |
| | Residential Zoning 20,000 sq. ft. (approx. ½ acre) lots |
| | Married Couple Families* 61% Federal Census 2010 |
| | Single Head of House* 10% Federal Census 2010 |
| | Non-Family Households* 28% Federal Census 2010 |
| | Owner Occupied Units* 67% Federal Census 2010 |
| Land Use | 19.4% commercial~business~industrial; 50.5% residential; 16.4% open space~recreational~vacant; 13.7% public facilities (Land Use Element, Master Plan) |
| Transportation: | MBTA to Alewife Station, Cambridge and Boston. Ten minutes to commuter rail and Logan Airport shuttle at Anderson RTC Station, Woburn. Town operated bus service within town limits. Routes 128, 3, 3A, and 62 located within town limits. Lexington and Lowell bus lines offer services to/from Burlington Mall. MBTA service to Anderson RTC Station. |

*Based on 2010 Federal Census

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Government & Budget: | Selectmen/Town Administrator and Representative Town Meeting. Total Operating Budget FY14: \$110M. |
| Municipal Services: | MWRA Sewer, Town Water Supply - Mill Pond Reservoir and Vine Brook/Mill Pond Water Treatment Plants, weekly curbside trash collection and recycling. Household hazardous waste collection twice/year at a central location. Leaf and yard waste curbside collection program twice/year. |
| Business Associations: | Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), Burlington Rotary, 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 \$15,008 (FY2011) |
| Private Schools: | Mt. Hope Christian Center School, Church of the Open Bible. |
| Colleges & Universities: | Northeastern University Suburban Campus, Bay Path College, University of Phoenix – Burlington Learning Center |
| Day Care Centers: | 11 commercial and 22 residential facilities. |
| Police & Fire: | Full time 62 member police and 57 member fire departments. |
| Health Care: | Lahey Clinic, Harvard Community Health Center. |
| Assisted Living: | Longmeadow Place, Sunrise, NorthBridge (2012) |
| Houses of Worship: | Ten Protestant, two Catholic, one Jewish, one Jehovah Witness, one Islamic. |
| Clubs & Organizations: | 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, 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, and Wayside Commons. Numerous smaller shopping plazas and independent shops, as well as fine and casual dining. Market Basket, H-Mart, Roche Bros., Shaws and Trader Joe'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, Homestead Studio Suites, Candlewood Suites Hotel, Sonesta ES Suites. |
| Newspapers: | Daily Times Chronicle, Burlington Union (weekly), and On-line newspapers – 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. The residential population peaked in 1974 at 24,374. In 1990 it was 23,302 and appears to have stabilized.

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 www.burlington.org/archives.

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.



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

- Top** *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

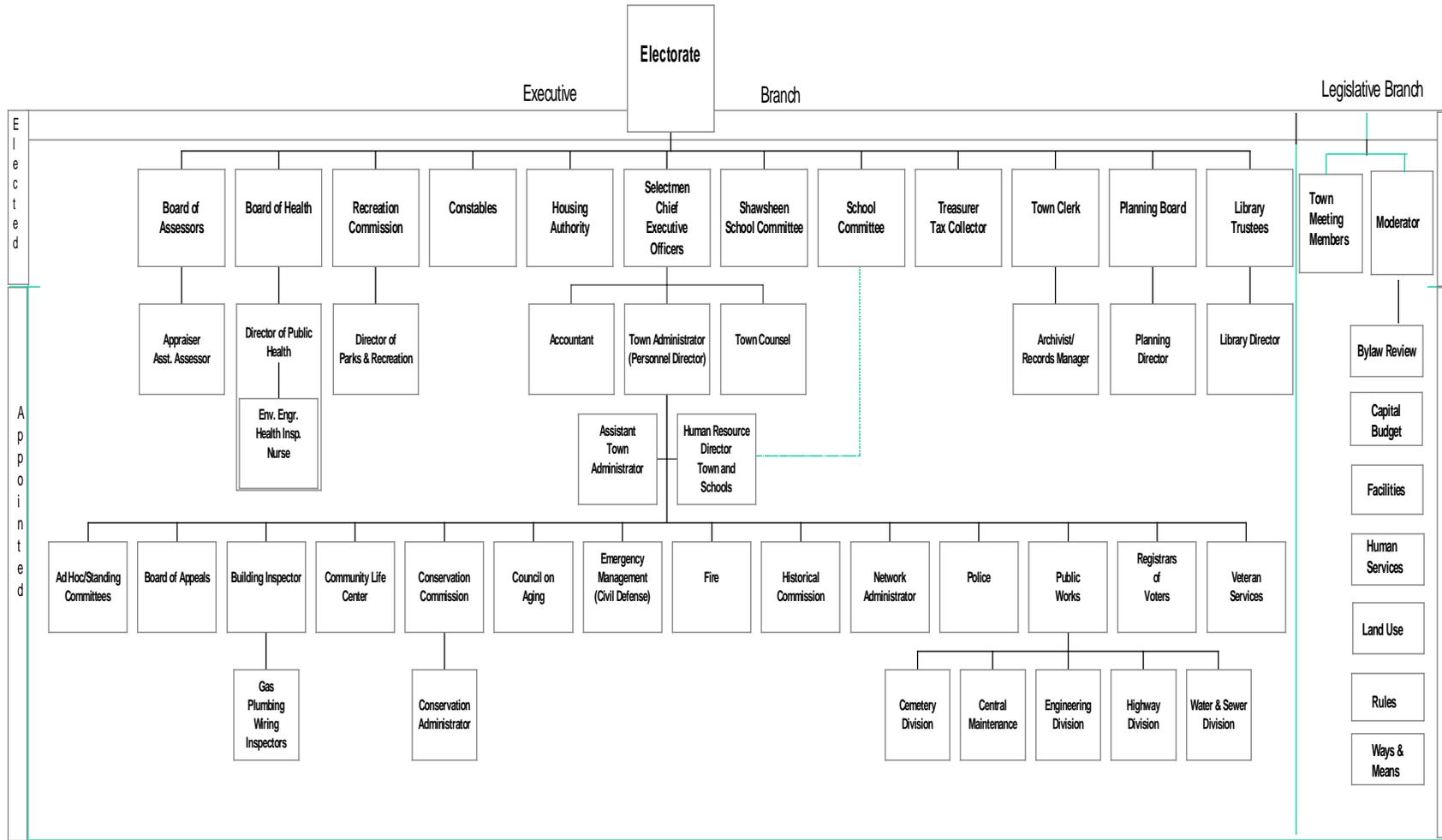
The unique form of government in New England that sets it apart from all other sections of our country is the Town Meeting. Here, New Englanders still maintain the practice of operating local government as a democratic process. The town is divided into seven precincts, and each precinct votes for its 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 Members or ten registered voters and Zoning Articles must be presented 90 days before the 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 10 (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 www.burlington.org

Organizational Chart

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 thru Friday

| Town Department | Phone | Email or Web |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Accounting | 781-270-1610 | accounting@burlington.org |
| Animal Control Officer | 781-270-1698 | aco@bpd.org |
| Archives | 781-270-1604 | archives@burlington.org |
| Assessors | 781-270-1650 | assessor@burlington.org |
| BCAT | 781-273-5922 | BCAT@burlington.mec.edu |
| B-Line (Community Bus) | 781-270-1965 | bline@burlington.org |
| Board of Health | | health@burlington.org |
| Public Nurse | 781-270-1957 | nurse@burlington.org |
| Sanitarian & Environmental Engineer | 781-270-1954 | health@burlington.org |
| Building Inspector | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org |
| Community Life Center | 781-270-1961 | bclc@burlington.org |
| Conservation Commission | 781-270-1655 | conservation@burlington.org |
| Council On Aging | 781-270-1950 | coa@burlington.org |
| Outreach Worker | 781-270-1953 | coa@burlington.org |
| Senior Tax Work Off Program | 781-270-1953 | coa@burlington.org |
| Lunch Line | 781-270-1952 | coa@burlington.org |
| Dog Pound | 781-270-1698 | aco@bpd.org |
| 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.ma@comcast.net |
| Human Resources | 781-270-1774 | hr@burlington.org |
| Library | 781-270-1690 | library@burlington.org |
| Planning Board | 781-270-1645 | planning@burlington.org |
| Police | | police@bpd.org |
| Emergency | 911 | |
| Business | 781-270-1914 | police@bpd.org |
| Public Works | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Cemetery | 781-270-1982 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| 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 | 781-270-1675 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Sewer Section | 781-270-1683 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Mill Pond Water Treatment Plant | 781-270-1680 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |

| Town Department | Phone | Email or Web |
|---|--------------|--|
| Vine Brook Ground Water Treatment Plant | 781-270-1648 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Recreation | | |
| Office | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Garage | 781-270-1697 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Selectmen | 781-270-1630 | selectmen@burlington.org |
| Shawsheen Valley Technical High School | 978-667-2111 | www.shawsheen.tec.ma.us |
| School Department | 781-270-1800 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Superintendent of Schools | 781-270-1800 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Burlington High School | 781-270-1800 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Marshall Simonds Middle School | 781-270-1781 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Fox Hill School | 781-270-1791 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Francis Wyman School | 781-270-1701 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Memorial School | 781-270-1721 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Pine Glen School | 781-270-1712 | www.bpsk12.org |
| Tax Collector | 781-270-1625 | tax@burlington.org |
| Town Administrator | 781-270-1635 | selectmen@burlington.org |
| Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Treasurer | 781-270-1620 | tax@burlington.org |
| Veterans Agent | 781-270-1959 | veterans@burlington.org |

Agency Numbers & Websites

| Agency | Phone | Website |
|--|--------------|--|
| Attorney General - Consumer Protection | 617-727-8400 | www.ago.state.ma.us |
| Better Business Bureau | 800-422-2462 | www.bosbbb.org |
| Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) | 781-273-2523 | www.baccma.org |
| Daily Times Chronicle (daily newspaper) | 781-933-3700 | www.woburnonline.com |
| Burlington Union (weekly newspaper) | 781-674-7733 | www.burlingtonunion.com |
| Citizen Information (State) | 617-727-7030 | www.state.ma.us/sec |
| Constables: William Pepicelli | 781-229-1849 | |
| Anthony Saia | 781-272-5480 | |
| Lahey Clinic | 781-273-5100 | www.lahey.org |
| Comcast (Cable) | 888-633-4266 | www.comcast.net |
| North Suburban Chamber of Commerce | 781-933-3499 | www.northsuburbanchamber.com |
| Post Office | 781-270-4449 | www.usps.com |
| Probate and Family Court | 617-494-4533 | www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/ |
| RCN (Cable) | 800-746-4726 | www.rcn.com |
| Registry of Deeds | 617-679-6300 | www.state.ma.us/sec/rod |
| Registry of Motor Vehicles | 866-627-7768 | www.massrmv.com |
| Social Security Administration | 800-772-1213 | www.ssa.gov |
| Verizon | 800-870-9999 | www.verizon.com |
| Woburn District Court | 781-935-4000 | |

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:

www.burlington.org/clerk

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

- B-Line Advisory Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Bike Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Registrars
- Cable Advisory Committee
- Community Life Center
- Conservation Commission
- Council on Aging
- Cultural Council
- Disabilities Access Commission
- Facilities Committee
- Grandview Farm Use Committee
- Historical Commission
- Housing Partnership Committee
- Information Systems Advisory Committee
- Recycling Committee
- Registrars of Voters
- Rink Oversight Committee
- Rt. 3A Subcommittee
- Senior Housing Options Committee
- Sign Bylaw Committee
- Stormwater Mgmt. Advisory Committee
- Town Common Oversight Committee



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

Northwest Park Redevelopment 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.

Boston Cares, www.bostoncares.org, offers volunteer opportunities in the Greater Boston area.

Public Meetings

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 Town Hall and is regularly published in the local papers and on BCAT (Burlington Cable Access Television). The calendar is also on the website www.burlington.org/clerk

Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Town Meetings, etc. are broadcast live by BCAT. COMCAST: Channels 9, 10, and 22. RCN: Channels 3, 15, and 16. 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 by the first day of June shall be required to pay a fine of Ten Dollars."

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 \$100."

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 1.1 "No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon or alter any bank, freshwater wetland, marsh, bog, wet meadow, swamp, creek, river, stream, pond or lake or any land under said waters, or any land bordering thereon as hereinafter defined, or any land subject to flooding or inundation, or riverfront area other than in the course of maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph and other telecommunication services without first filing either a determination of applicability or a written notice of his/her intention to so remove, fill, dredge, alter or build upon, including such plans as may be necessary to fully describe such proposed activity and its effect on the environment and without receiving and complying with a permit issued by the Conservation Commission."

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 on disk or hard copy from the Town Clerk Department or are available free of charge on the website www.burlington.org/clerk

Your Tax Dollars

| FINANCIAL FOR FISCAL YEARS: | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assessed Value | 2.37B | 1.92B | 2.73B | 4.02B | 4.52B | 4.47B | 4.9B |
| Tax Rate: Residential | 8.80 | 12.00 | 10.30 | 8.10 | 10.90 | 11.50 | 11.55 |
| Commercial | 17.30 | 31.60 | 26.50 | 28.00 | 29.70 | 30.80 | 30.95 |
| Appropriated | 45.2M | 53.3M | 66.4M | 79.5M | 103.2M | 106.0M | 104.0M |
| Total Budget | 47.0M | 55.2M | 68.7M | 82.4M | 106.8M | 109.8M | 108.0M |
| Raised by Taxation | 30.4M | 37.5M | 46.7M | 58.7M | 75.2M | 82.0M | 85.0M |

Contiguous Communities' Tax Rates FY2012

| Community | Residential | Commercial* |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bedford | \$15.21 | \$33.21 |
| Billerica | \$13.92 | \$31.93 |
| Lexington | \$15.39 | \$29.25 |
| Tewksbury | \$14.93 | \$25.05 |
| Waltham | \$13.35 | \$31.27 |
| Wilmington | \$12.14 | \$28.64 |
| Woburn | \$10.40 | \$26.83 |
| Average | \$13.36 | \$29.64 |
| *** Burlington *** | \$11.55 | \$30.95 |

Tax Summary By Property Class – FY12

| Property Class | Assessed Value | % | Assessed Tax | % |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Residential | \$2,2948,417,550 | 64.1% | \$4,054,222.70 | 40.0% |
| Commercial* | \$1,650,629,718 | 35.9% | \$51,086,989.78 | 60.0% |
| Total | \$4,599,047,268 | 100% | \$85,141,212.48 | 100% |

* Includes Industrial and Personal Property

Public Facilities and Land

General Government

| Facility | Departments Housed |
|---|--|
| Town Hall 29 Center Street 270-1600 www.burlington.org | Accounting, Archives, Assessors, Network Administration, Selectmen/Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and the Tax Collector/Treasurer Departments. |
| Archives Extended Hours: | Evenings by Appointment 270-1604 |
| Town Hall Annex 25 Center Street 270-1600 | Building, Conservation, Department of Public Works (DPW), Engineering, and Planning Departments. |
| Human Services Center 61 Center Street 270-1600 | Board of Health, Director of Public Health, Burlington Community Life Center, Council on Aging, Recreation, Senior Center (Kelly-Murray Wing), and Veteran's Director Departments. |
| Nurse: Blood Pressure Clinic | call for appt: 781-270-1139 |
| Flu Clinics | Check on web for Schedule during the Fall season |
| Mercury/Fluorescent Bulb Disposal | Drop off at Health Office anytime |
| Community Health Care Referral | For information call the Nurse at 781- 270-1957 |
| Vaccines for children | |
| Certain Adult vaccines pending availability | |

| Facility | Address | Phone |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Police Station | 45 Center Street | 781-270-1914 (business) |
| Fire Station | 21 Center Street | 781-270-1925 (business) |
| Sub Station | 114 Terrace Hall Avenue | 781-270-1925 (business) |
| Burlington Housing Authority(State Agency) | 15 Birchcrest Street bha.ma@comcast.net | 781-272-7786 |
| DPW Highway Barn | 1 Great Meadow Road | 781-270-1677 |
| Chestnut Hill Cemetery | 52 Bedford Street | 781-229-1879 |
| Pine Haven Cemetery | 84 Bedford Street | 781-270-1982 |
| Water Treatment Plants: | 171 Middlesex Turnpike | 781-270-1648 |
| Main Sewer Pumping Station: | 112 Terrace Hall Avenue | 781-229-2043 |
| Dog Pound | 3 Great Meadow Rd (At the DPW Highway Barn) | 781-270-1698 |
| Mill Pond Reservoir | 70 Winter Street | 781-270-1680 |

Public Schools

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

Elementary Schools (Grades K-5)

| School | Student Population | # of Teachers |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Fox Hill Fox Hill Road (781)270-1791 | 365 | 34 |
| Francis Wyman Terrace Hall Avenue (781) 270-1701 | 534 | 49 |
| Memorial Winn Street (781) 270-1721 | 424 | 36 |
| Pine Glen Pine Glen Avenue (781) 270-1712 | 283 | 29 |
| Total K-5 | 1605 | 148 |

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Marshall Simonds Winn Street (781) 270-1781 | 854 | 73 |
|---|-----|----|

High School (Grades 9-12)

| | | |
|--|------|----------|
| Burlington High School 123 Cambridge Street (781) 270-1839 | 1031 | 95 |
| Specialists (Art, Music, PE, etc.) | | included |

FY2013

Regional Technical High School

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School
100 Cook Street
Billerica, MA
(978) 667-2111
<http://www.shawsheen.tec.ma.us>

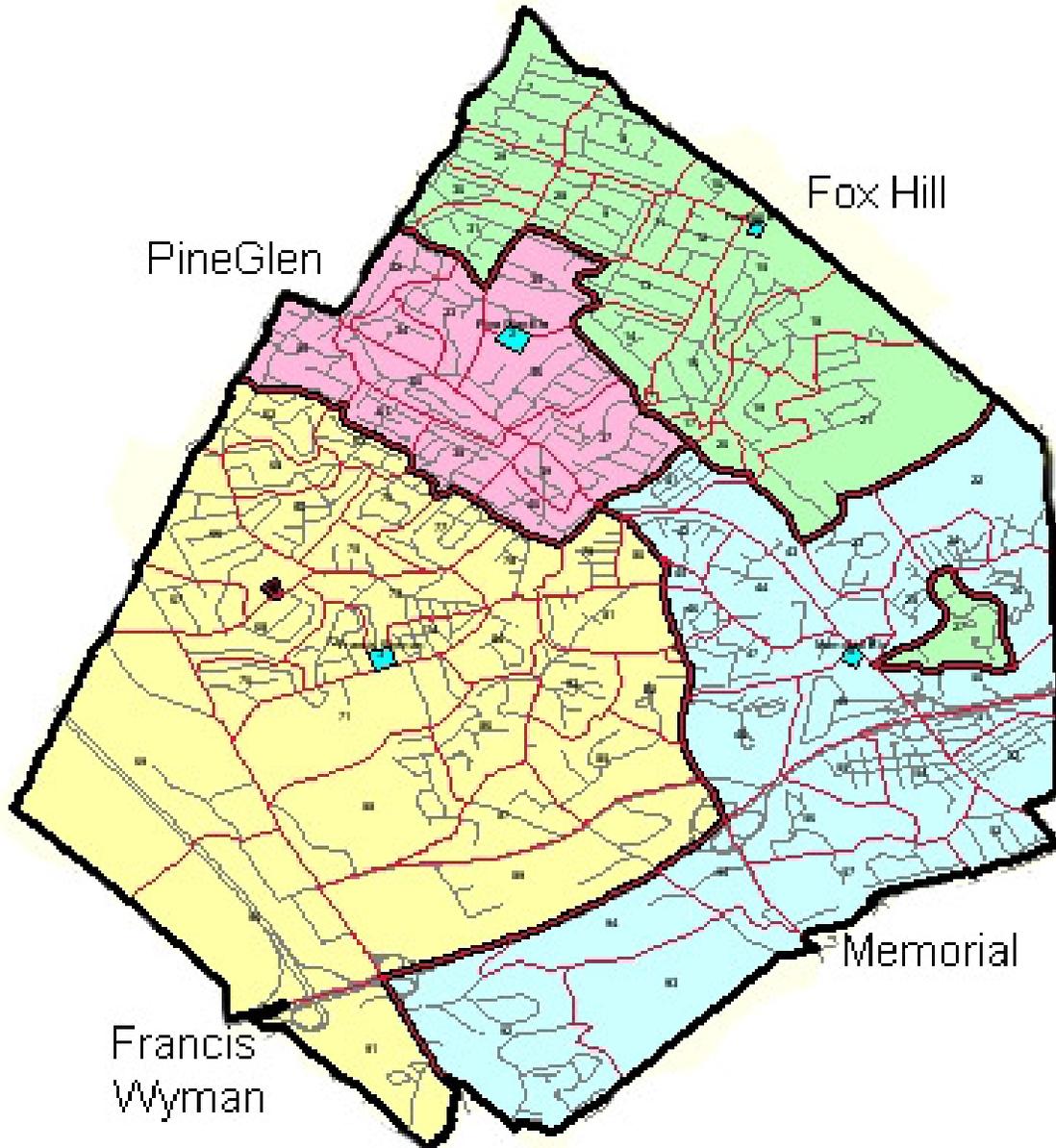
District served: Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Wilmington, and Tewksbury

Student Population 2010: 1300
Burlington Students: 80
Per pupil expenditures: \$12,949 (FY11 Proposed)

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

New Elementary School Districts
As of 6/2011



Elementary School District Addresses 2011

Fox Hill

Arboretum Way
Barnum Rd
Baxter Cir
Beaverbrook Rd
Black Horse Ln
Blueberry Ln
Boulder Dr
Brenda Ln
Bristol St
Brookside Ln
Caroline St
Carter Rd
Cathy Rd
Chandler Rd
Cook Rd
Corbett Dr
Donald Rd
Donna Ln
Doris St
Drake Rd
Dublin Cir
Eisenhower Dr
Ellery Ln
Erin Lane
Fox Hill Rd
Freeport Dr
Gedick Rd
Gibson St
Goodwin Dr
Guild Rd
Hansen Ave
Harris Dr
Hart St
High Pine Ave
Holden Ave
Irene St
Jackson Rd
Kingsdale St
Laing Cir
Lee Ave
Lisa St
Locust St 76 to END
Lucaya Cir
Makechnie Rd
Mallard Way
Marie Cir
Marjorie Rd
Martin St
Marvel Ave
Meadowcroft Rd
Michael Dr
Mill St 39 - END
Mullberry Ln
Myrna St
Park Dr
Patriot Rd
Phillip Ave
Prouty Rd
Radcliff St
Randolph
Redcoat Ln
Richard Rd
Richfield Rd
Ridgewood Ln
Rocky Hill Rd

Fox Hill-continue

Ruping Dr
Russell Cir
Sandra Ave
Sarah St
Sawmill Rd
September Ln
Skilton Ln 41 to END
Spring Valley Rd
Stanwood St
Stephanie St
Stewart St
Stonehill Cir
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 Ln
Wildwood St
Wilhelmina Ave
Wilmington Rd 81 to END

Francis Wyman

Adams St
Ainsworth St
Algonquin Dr
Amherst Rd
Anna Rd
Arlington Rd
Barbara Cir
Baron Park Ln
Bates St
Benson Way
Bradford Rd
Brantwood Ln
Brown Ave
Buckman Dr
Burlington Mall Rd
Burlington Woods Dr
Cambridge St 55 - 181 (Odd)
Carey Ave
Cedar St
Chadwick Rd
Church Ln
Clonmel Ave
Colleen Cir
College Rd
Corcoran Rd
Cranberry Ln
Crowley Rd
Crystal Cir
Cypress Dr
Daniel Dr
Dartmouth Rd
Demone Dr
Dorothy Rd
Druid Hill Ave
Dunlap St

Francis Wyman -continue

Eastern Ave
Edgemont Ave
Elm Ave
Evelyn St
Evergreen Ave
Fairfax St
Foster Rd
Fowler Ter
Fred St
Frothingham Rd
Garfield Cir
Garrity Rd
Gayland St
Gidley St
Glendale Rd
Gloria Cir
Great Meadow Rd
Greenwood Rd
Hallmark Gardens
Hancock St
Haven Ter
Hemlock Ln
Hickory Ln
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
LaSalette Dr
Laurel Hill Ln
Laurel Ln
Lexington St
Liberty Ave
Lido Ave
Luther Rd
Macon Rd
Manhattan Dr
Marion Rd
Mark St
Marrett Rd
Maud Graham Cir
Maureen Dr
McCarthy Dr
McGinnis Dr
McSweeney Way
Meadowvale Rd
Mellin St
Michele Dr
Middlesex Tpk North of Rte 128
Mildred Rd
Mohawk Rd
Morrison Rd
Nichold St
North Ave
Old Colony Rd
Orchid Cir

Francis Wyman-continue

Park Place
 Partridge Ln
 Paulson Dr
 Pine Ridge Rd
 Pinevale Ave
 Pinewold Ave
 Pleasant St
 Polk St
 Princeton Rd
 Raymond Rd
 Raymond Rd Ext
 Redmond St
 Reed St
 Sandy Brook Rd
 Savin St
 Sewall St
 Shady Lane Dr
 Shea Cir
 Skelton Rd 20 to END
 South Ave
 South Bedford St 1 to 80
 Spruce Hill Rd
 Saint Marks Rd
 Stony Brook Rd
 Sunset Dr
 Tami Lane
 Terrace Hall Ave
 Theresa Ave
 University Ave
 Valley Cir
 Victor Ave
 Violet Rd
 Visco Rd
 Washington Ave
 Webber Rd
 Williams Cir
 Willow Way

Memorial

Angela Cir
 Arbor Court
 Arborwood Dr
 Ardmore Ave
 Bassett Ave
 Beacon St
 Bedford St 1 – 199
 Belmont Rd
 Bennett Ln
 Bethel Ln
 Birch St
 Birchcrest St
 Blanchard Rd
 Briarwood Ln
 Burlington St
 Burton Rd
 Cambridge St 1 - 182
 Carlton Ave
 Carol Ave
 Cedarwood Ln
 Center St
 Central Ave
 Cierra Way
 Colburn St
 Cormier Rd
 Crawford Rd
 Crescent Rd
 Creston Ave
 Dearborn Rd
 Derryfield Ave

Memorial-continue

Dover Dr
 Duncan Rd
 Edgemere Ave
 Edwards Rd
 Elizabeth Ave
 Eugene Rd
 Fairlawn Ave
 Fieldstone Dr
 Florence Rd
 Forbes Ave
 Frances Rd
 Ganley Dr
 Georgia Dr
 Given Dr
 Gleason Rd
 Glen Ave
 Grandview Ave
 Greystone Ct
 Grove Ln
 Hampden Ave
 Harriett Ave
 Hearthstone Dr.
 Heather Dr
 Heritage Way
 Hill Cir
 Hillsdale Ave
 Howard Rd
 Johnson Rd
 Josephine Ave
 Julia Connors Dr
 Keans Rd
 Kelly Farm Way
 Kempton Ave
 Kenmere Ave
 Kimball Ct Bldg 8 & 9
 Knollwood Ct
 Larson Cir
 Lilac Ln
 Lincoln Knoll Ln
 Littles Brook Ct
 Locust St 1 - 75
 Louise Rd
 Lowell St
 Lt. Litchfield Way
 Maguire Way
 Manor Ave
 Maple Ridge Dr
 Maple St
 Margaret St
 Mary St
 Mayflower Ave
 McCafferty Way
 McIntire Dr
 McNamara Way
 Meyers Ln
 Middlesex Tpk South of Rte128
 Mill St 1-38
 Mooney Cir
 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

Memorial -continue

Oxbow Ln
 Paige Rd
 Peach Orchard Rd
 Pearl St
 Pearson Cir
 Pine Ave
 Pond Ln
 Porter Ave
 Randall Dr
 Ray Ave
 Rhuey Pass
 Richardson Rd
 Ridge Rd
 Rita Ave
 Robert St
 Robin St
 Rolling Ln
 Ruthven Ave
 Sawyer St
 Sears St
 Seven Springs Ln
 Shamrock Dr
 Sleeper Dr
 Sorelle Pl
 South Bedford St 81 to END
 Sparhawk Dr
 Stonewall Ln
 Sullivan St
 Sunnyfield Ave
 Sunnyside Ave
 Susan Ave
 Sycamore St
 Sylvester Rd
 Theodore Cir
 Thistle Rd
 Thomas St
 Toomey Cir
 Travers Ln
 Treetop Court
 Van De Graaff Dr
 Villagewood Dr
 Waite Ave
 Wall St
 Walnut St
 Ward St
 Wayside Rd
 Wellesley Ave
 Westgate Dr Bldg 105 & 107
 in Burlington
 Wheeler Rd
 Wildmere Ave
 Winn St
 Winn Valley Dr
 Winnmere Ave
 Winter St
 Woodside Ln
 Wyman St

Pine Glen

Alcine Ln
 Allison Dr
 Alma Rd
 Arnold Ter
 Arthur Woods Ave
 Austin St
 Brookfield Rd
 Bruce St
 Butters Ln
 Cambridge St 183 - 998

Pine Glen -continue

Cheryl Ave
Chester Ave
Chestnut Ave
Chestnut Rd
Clifford Rd
County Rd
Cresthaven Dr
Cutting Ln
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
Gardner Way
Glenwood St
Grant Ave
Great Pines Ave
Hannah Way
Harvard Ave
Hershey Rd
Hillcrest Rd
Holly St
Ivy Lane
Jessica Dr
Joanne Rd
Johns Rd
Jonathan Rd
Kinney Ave
Lantern Ln
Laurie Ln
Ledgewood Dr
Leopold St
Leroy Dr
Long St

Pine Glen -continue

Lucy Rd
Manning St
Maryvale Rd
Moline Rd
Moran Ave
Moss St
Murray Ave
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 Ln
Scott Ave
Sedalia Rd
Sheighla Dr
Sheldon St
Short St
Skelton Rd 1 to 19
Skilton Ln 1 to 40
Saint Mary Rd
Sumpter Rd
Taylor Ave
Teaberry Ln
Terry Ave
Van Norden Rd
Virginia Rd
Wilmington Rd 1 - 80
Winona Rd
Woodcrest Ave
Woodhill Rd

Public Library

Burlington Public Library
22 Sears Street
(781) 270-1690

<http://www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org>

Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Sunday Closed

Recreation

Recreation Department
61 Center Street
(781) 270-1695

www.burlingtonrecreation.org

Burlington Recreation Department offers a multitude of programs, trips and events for all ages. Brochures are mailed to residents four times a year. The Town Common serves as the location for movies and concerts during July and August.

Burlington's Recreation Center at the Center for Human Services is available to community groups on a space-available basis. Facilities at the Center include meeting rooms, function rooms, and a gym. There is a small fee to help cover maintenance costs. Sorry, the Center is not available for private functions. For further information, please contact the Recreation Department.

FIELD PERMITS

Burlington residents and companies may reserve athletic fields on a space-available basis. There is a small fee for field maintenance and improvements. Contact the Recreation Department for details.

TENNIS COURT POLICY

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.

Parks and Playgrounds

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Simonds Park (1) Location: 10 Bedford Street Facilities: Two lighted little league baseball fields, one lighted softball field, two lighted tennis courts, two lighted basketball courts, wading pool, playground, skate park, half-pipe, street hockey court, picnic area, concession stand, restrooms</p> <p>Rahanis Park (2) Location: 84 Mill Street / 2 Patriot Road Facilities: Two multi-purpose fields, two softball fields, six tennis courts, one basketball court, one sand volleyball court, playground, picnic area, restrooms</p> <p>Regan Park (3) Location: 14 Sumpter Road Facilities: One little league baseball field, one basketball court, playground</p> <p>Veterans Park (4) Location: 110 Wilmington Road (Route 62) Facilities: One softball field, ½ basketball court, playground</p> <p>TRW Park (5) Location: 26 Mall Road, at Mall Rd & Stoneybrook Rd Facilities: Two little league baseball fields, one multi-purpose field, playground, walking trail</p> <p>Overlook Park (6) Location: 1 Edgemere Avenue Facilities: One basketball court, playground</p> <p>Wildmere Park (7) Location: 19 Wildmere Avenue Facilities: One basketball court, playground</p> <p>Pathwoods Tot Lot (8) Location: 20 Pathwoods Avenue Facilities: Playground, ½ basketball court</p> <p>Town Common (9) Location: 2 Bedford Street Corner of Bedford St/Cambridge Street Facilities: Bandstand</p> <p>Marvin Field (10) Location: 100 South Bedford Street Facilities: Lighted softball field</p> <p>Reference number (#) for park map on next page</p> | <p>Rotary Field (11) Location: 110 South Bedford Street Facilities: Lighted softball field</p> <p>Burlington High School (12) Location: 123 Cambridge Street Facilities: Lighted multi-purpose artificial turf field, track, One softball field</p> <p>Marshall Simonds Middle School (13) Location: 114 Winn Street Facilities: Three multi-purpose fields, three basketball hoops (for informal play)</p> <p>Fox Hill School (16) Location: 252 Fox Hill Road Facilities: One softball field, one basketball court, playground</p> <p>Pine Glen School (17) Location: 1 Pine Glen Way / Wilmington Road (Route 62) Facilities: One multi-purpose field, one little league baseball field, playground</p> <p>Memorial School – (Under Construction) (14) Location: 119 Winn Street Facilities: Multi-purpose field, playground</p> <p>Francis Wyman School (18) Location: 41 Terrace Hall Avenue Facilities: One multi-purpose field, one major baseball field, playground</p> <p>Center for Human Services (15) Location: 61 Center Street Facilities: One multi-purpose field, one major baseball field, one softball field</p> <p>Wildwood Park (19) Location: 114-116 Bedford Street Facilities: One major baseball field, one softball field, one multi-purpose field, two basketball courts, one playground, two picnic areas, walking trail</p> <p>Mary P.C. Cummings Estate Burlington Recreation Area - (Under Construction) Location: 25 Blanchard Road Facilities: Multipurpose field, walking trail</p> <p>MITRE Corporation - (Under Construction) Location: 142-144 Bedford Street, Rte. 62 Corner Bedford St / Middlesex Turnpike Facilities: Two softball fields, multipurpose field</p> |
|---|---|

Updated May 2012

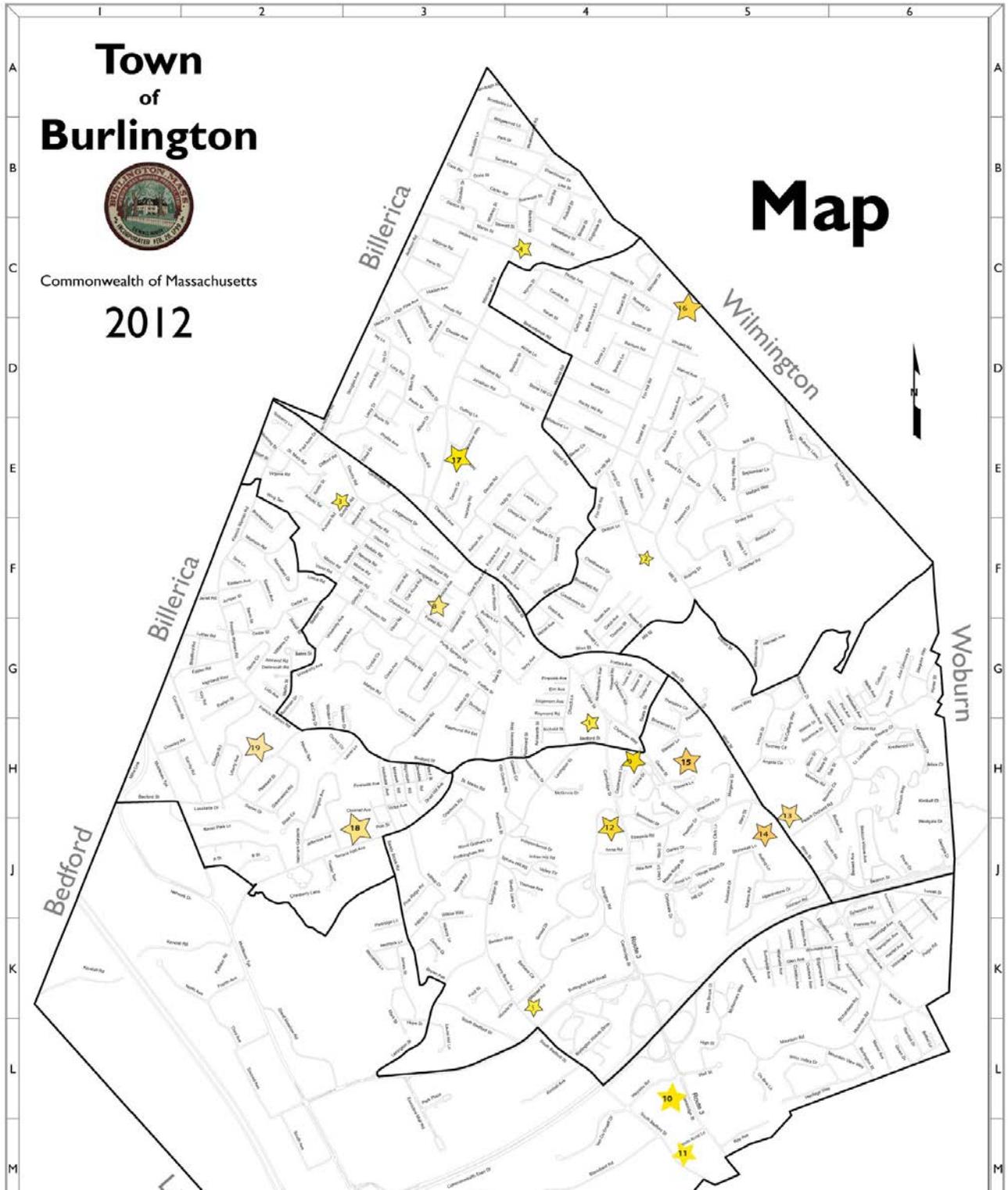
Town of Burlington



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

2012

Map



Conservation

Conservation Department
Town Hall Annex
25 Center Street
(781) 270-1655
Fax (781)273-4690

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.

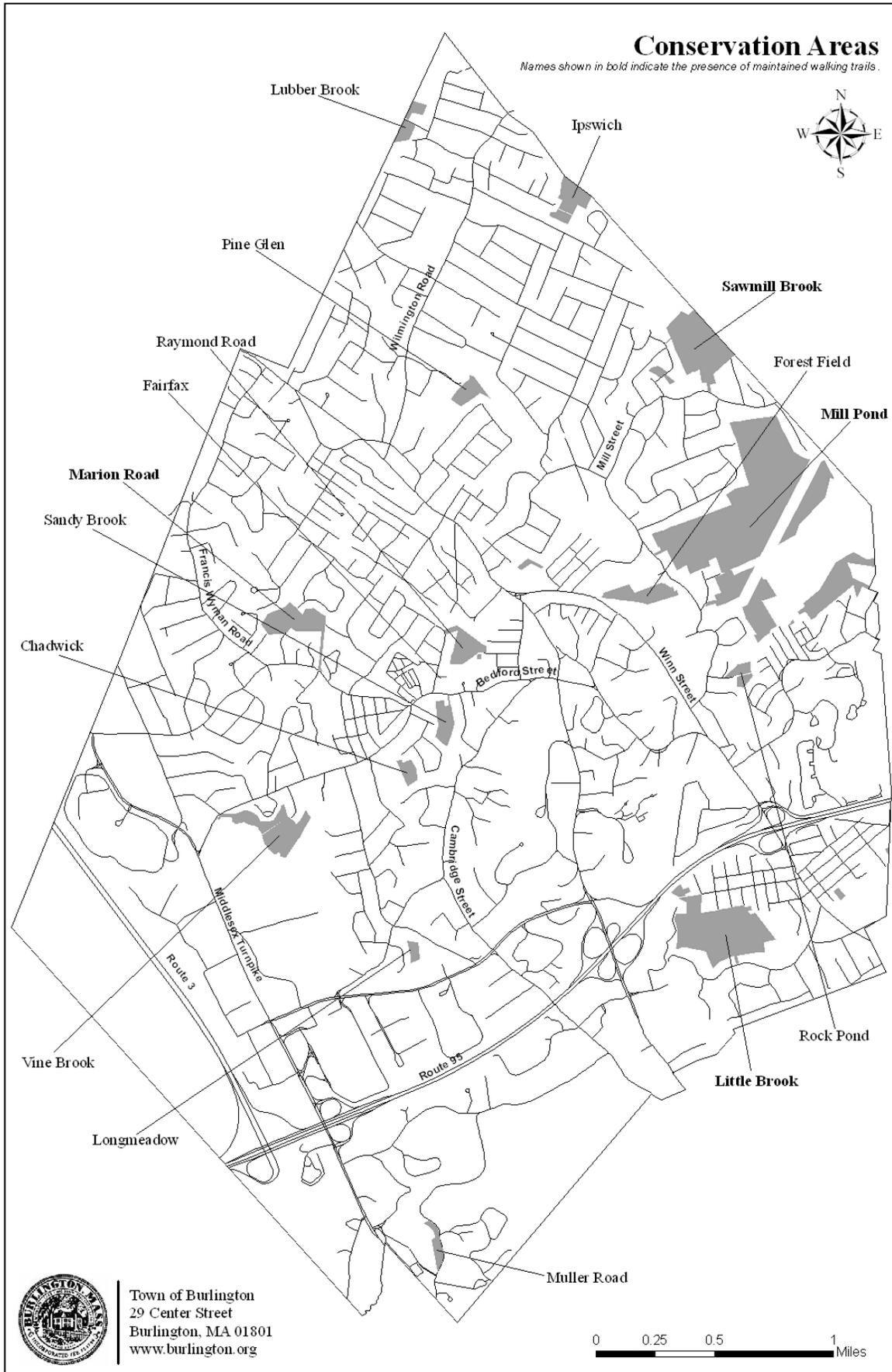
MWRA has provided
FREE
water conservation kits to
Burlington residents. Please call
781.270.1655

Conservation Lands

| Conservation Area and Size | Access | Design |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Chadwick Size: 3.78 Acres | Access is from the end of Chadwick Road. | Running brook, wetlands and woodlands. No marked trails. |
| Fairfax Size: Less than 1 acre | Access at end of Fairfax St | Natural resource protection |
| Forest Field Size: 7+ Acres | No legal access. | Mixed uplands and wetlands located along the Boston Edison power lines between Mill and Locust Streets. |
| Ipswich Size: 3 Acres | Access will be from the end of Kingsdale Street. | Boggy, wooded swamp including rock peak. Abuts Wilmington Conservation Land. |
| Little Brook Size: 36 Acres | Access from the ends of Creston and Hillside Avenues, gate off Mountain Road, Overlook Park. | 2 nd largest conservation area, steep with low-lying wetlands in western portion. Beautiful upland area in central and eastern sections with many trails open to the public. |
| Longmeadow Brook Size: 2 Acres | Access is from Mall Road between South Bedford Street and the Longmeadow Assisted Living Facility. | Main purpose is for flood control and water quality protection. |
| Lubber Brook Size: 5.4 Acres | Access is from Cook Road. (very wet) | In addition to Lubber Brook, a number of small brooks and wetlands are present. Provides wildlife habitat, flood storage, and water quality protection. |
| Marion Road Size: 15 Acres | Access from Evergreen Ave., Marion Rd, and a gate off Bedford St. adjacent to the Pine Haven Cemetery | Several acres of uplands and a wetland system that provides flood storage and water quality enhancement. Well-used trail system and excellent diversity of native vegetation (including large shagbark hickory trees – rare in Burlington) that provide valuable wildlife habitat. |
| Mill Pond Size: 140 Acres | Access from corner of Winter and Chestnut Streets (next to the water treatment plant), through a gate at the end of Hansen Avenue, and through a gate at the end of the offshoot | Surrounds the town reservoir and forms the largest conservation area in town. Marked and unmarked trails run throughout, which are used by joggers, walkers, and mountain |

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

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



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 64 gallon toter for trash only. For recycling the resident can purchase the Town issued recycling bin or use their old trash barrels. Recycling should be separated with all containers in one barrel and all paper and cardboard in the other.

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 can not 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 3 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 pick up and must be privately contracted.

Residents may purchase recycling bins for a nominal fee from the DPW at the Town Hall Annex, 25 Center St. Recycling is mandatory.

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 (www.mbta.com) and a local bus line (B-Line) serve Burlington. The B-Line operates from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM. There are three buses that operate six routes within Burlington. Schedules are available at various Town Departments and the B-Line schedule is also on the town's web page www.burlington.org. 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.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Burlington B-Line (local bus service) | 781-270-1965 |
| Mass Bay Transportation Authority | 800-392-6100 |
| Brentwood Taxi | 781-272-1060 |
| Burlington Center Taxi | 781-273-3900 |
| Burlington Taxi | 781-272-0700 |

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.

The Rabies Clinic is advertised through the local newspapers, BCAT and posters in various locations throughout town. Known dog owners are also notified of the clinic date in their license renewal letter from the Town Clerk's office. These are mailed out a few weeks prior to the clinic.

Utilities Contact Information

| Utility | Phone |
|---|--------------|
| NSTAR http://www.nstar.com/residential/ | 800-592-2000 |
| National Grid Energy website | 800-532-9600 |
| Water/Sewer Department (Town) | 781-270-1670 |
| COMCAST http://www.comcast.com/ | 888-633-4266 |
| RCN http://www.rcn.com/dc-metro/ | 800-746-4726 |
| BCAT (Burlington Access Cable TV) | 781-273-5922 |
| VERIZON http://www.verizonfiiosdeals.com/ | 800-870-9999 |

Houses of Worship

| Name | Address | Phone (781) |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Mount Hope Christian Center | 3 McGinnis Drive | 781-272-1014 |
| Church of Christ | 344 Cambridge St. | 781-272-6430 |
| Church of the Open Bible | Winn/Wyman Sts. | 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. | 781-221-8444 |
| Islamic Center of Burlington | 130 Lexington St. | 781-229-0336 |
| Jehovah Witnesses | 136 Winn St. | 781-272-7069 |
| Pinewood Lutheran Church | 24 Wilmington Rd. | 781-273-1610 |
| Presbyterian Church | 335 Cambridge St. | 781-272-9190 |
| Revive Church | 111 Terrace Hall Ave. | website |
| 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 | 14-16 Lexington St. | 781-272-2351 |
| United Church of Christ Congregational | 6 Lexington St. | 781-272-4547 |

Voter Registration and Elections

Voter Registration

You must be 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, either by birth or by naturalization. All eligible residents must complete an Affidavit of Registration to be added to the town's voting list. You may register to vote in person at any city/town hall, or use a mail-in form that is available at the Post Office, Library, Recreation Dept., or Town Hall. You may also request that an application be mailed to you from the Town Clerk Department or call 1(800) 462-VOTE. Mail-In Voter Registration Form provided in Appendix.

Election Information

Town elections take place each April on a Saturday from 8AM to 8PM. Voting for all elections is conducted at the gym of the Burlington High School at 123 Cambridge Street.

Town elections are non-partisan. Any resident who is a registered voter is eligible to run for office. The voters of the town elect the listed positions. Terms are staggered and not all positions appear on the ballot each year.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Town Clerk | 1 for 5 yrs. |
| Moderator | 1 for 1 yr. |
| Selectmen | 5 for 3 yrs. |
| Assessors | 3 for 3 yrs. |
| Treasurer | 1 for 3 yrs. |
| School Committee | 5 for 3 yrs. |
| Library Trustees | 6 for 3 yrs. |
| Planning Board | 7 for 5 yrs. |
| Board of Health | 5 for 3 yrs. |
| Constables | 2 for 3 yrs. |
| Housing Authority | 5 for 5 yrs. |
| Recreation Commission | 3 for 3 yrs. |
| Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee | 2 for 3 yrs. |
| Town Meeting Members | 126 for 3 yrs. |

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. **HOSPITALIZED VOTERS:** 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 Massachusetts State House Office of the Governor Room 280 Boston, MA 02133 | 617-725-4005 |
| U.S. Senators: | Edward Markey John F. Kennedy Federal Bldg. Boston, MA 02203 | 617-565-8519 |
| | Elizabeth Warren 2400 John F. Kennedy Federal Building Boston, MA 02203 | 617-565-3170 |
| Congressman: 6th District | Seth Moulton 17 Peabody Square Peabody, MA 01960 | 978-531-1669 |
| Councilor: 3rd District | Marilyn M. Pettitto Devaney State House, Room 184 Boston, MA 02133 | 617-725-4015 x3 |
| State Senator: 4th Middlesex | Kenneth J. Donnelly State House, Room 416-A Boston, MA 02133 | 617-722-1432 |
| State Representative: 21st Middlesex | Kenneth Gordon State House, Room 39 Boston, MA 02133 | 617-722-2014 |
| General Court Members: | http://www.mass.gov/legis/memmenu.htm | |
| 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.ma@comcast.net |
| 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 | bline@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 | Asst. Town Administrator | 781-270-1634 | selectmen@burlington.org |
| Cable TV Reception/Problems | Verizon | 800-870-9999 | www.verizon.com |
| Cable TV Reception/Problems | Comcast | 888-633-4266 | 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 |
| Corporations | Sec. of Commonwealth | 617-727-9640 | www.sec.state.ma.us/COR/coridx.h |
| Counseling Services | Community Life Center | 781-270-1961 | bclc@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 | http://www.eec.state.ma.us |
| Dead Animals | Police/Animal Control Officer | 781-270-1914 | police@burlington.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) | 617-768-5905 | www.mass.gov |
| Dog License | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Employment Opportunities | Human Resources | 781-270-1630 | hr@burlington.org |
| Field Permits | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Fire Alarm Inspections | Fire | 781-270-1925 | fire@burlington.org |
| Fishing Permits - Reservoir | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Fishing/Hunting Licenses | Online | 617-626-1600 | www.sport.state.ma.us |
| Flu Shots | Board of Health - Nurse | 781-270-1958 | nurse@burlington.org |
| Food Pantry | People Helping People | 781-270-6625 | www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.com |
| Food Stamps | Dept. Transitional Assistance | 781-388-7300 | www.gettingfoodstamps.org |
| Found Dogs | Town Clerk AM/Police PM | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Fuel Assistance | Veteran's Director | 781-270-1959 | veterans@burlington.org |
| Gas Company | National Grid | 800-532-9600 | |
| Genealogy Research | Archives | 781-270-1604 | archives@burlington.org |
| Hazardous Waste | Board of Health | 781-270-1955 | health@burlington.org |
| Health Issues | Board of Health | 781-270-1955 | health@burlington.org |
| Home Business (DBA) License | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Home Improvements/Additions | Building | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org |
| Homestead Applications | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Housing Court | Woburn District Court | 781-935-4000 | |
| Housing for Elderly/Disabled | Burlington Housing Authority | 781-272-7786 | bhama@earthlink.com |
| Labor Laws | Div. Of Fair Labor/Business | 617-727-3465 | www.mass.gov |
| Leash Law | Animal Control Officer | 781-270-1698 | aco@burlington.org |
| Legal Aid | Mass. Bar Association | 800-392-6164 | www.massbar.org |
| Library Services | Library | 781-270-1690 | www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org |
| Lost Pets | Animal Control Officer | 781-270-1698 | aco@burlington.org |
| Marriage License/Records | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Meeting Room Bookings | Selectmen | 781-270-1600 | selectmen@burlington.org |

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Meeting Schedules | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Mosquito Spraying | Board of Health | 781-270-1955 | health@burlington.org |
| Movie Schedule-Town Common | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Noise Complaints - Commercial | Building | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org |
| Noise Complaints - Residential | Police | 781-270-1914 | police@burlington.org |
| Notary Public Services | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Parking of Commercial Vehicles | Building | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org |
| Parking Tickets | Tax Collector's Office | 781-270-1625 | tax@burlington.org |
| Parks and Playgrounds | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Passports/Passport Photos | Post Office | 781-270-4449 | travel.state.gov |
| Pay Town Related Bills, Fees, etc. | Tax Collector's Office/On-Line | 781-270-1625 | www.burlington.org |
| Phone Book (Local) | JFL Marketing, Inc. | 781-665-2511 | jflmarketing@erols.com |
| Plot Plans | Building | 781-270-1615 | building@burlington.org |
| Post Office Hours | Post Office | 781-270-4449 | www.usps.com |
| Pot Holes | Highway Div. Of DPW | 781-270-1676 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Power Outages | NSTAR | 800-592-2000 | www.nstaronline.com |
| Property Boundary Issues | Engineering Div. Of DPW | 781-270-1640 | engineering@burlington.org |
| Property Values | Assessor | 781-270-1650 | assessor@burlington.org |
| Public Assistance | Mass Resources | 800-772-1213 | www.massresources.org |
| Public Meetings | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Public Records | Town Clerk/Archives | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Recreation Activities | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Recycling Dates/Supplies | DPW | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Rent-A-Kid | Community Life Center | 781-270-1961 | bccl@burlington.org |
| School Enrollment | School Administration | 781-270-1800 | school@burlington.org |
| Senior Citizen ID's | Council on Aging | 781-270-1950 | coa@burlington.org |
| Senior Citizen Programs | Council on Aging | 781-270-1950 | coa@burlington.org |
| Sewer Issues | DPW | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Smoke Detector Inspections | Fire | 781-270-1925 | fire@burlington.org |
| Social Security | Social Security Administration | 800-772-1213 | www.ssa.gov |
| Sports Organizations/Associations | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Street Cleaning/Plowing | Highway Div. Of DPW | 781-270-1676 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Street Construction/Opening Issues | Engineering Div. Of DPW | 781-270-1640 | engineering@burlington.org |
| Street Lights - Report Out | Republic Electric | 800-544-4876 | www.brite-lite-electrical.com |
| Tax Payments | Tax Collector's Office/On-Line | 781-270-1625 | www.burlington.org |
| Taxes - Vehicle Excise | Assessor | 781-270-1650 | assessor@burlington.org |
| Temporary Food Permits | Board of Health | 781-270-1955 | health@burlington.org |
| Tenant Rights | Attorney General | 617-727-8400 | lawcenter@middlesex.cc.ma.us |
| Town Common Events | Recreation | 781-270-1695 | recreation@burlington.org |
| Town Common Gazebo Reservation | Selectmen | 781-270-1600 | selectmen@burlington.org |
| Town Officials Listing | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | www.burlington.org/clerk |
| Traffic Lights | Engineering Div. Of DPW | 781-270-1640 | engineering@burlington.org |
| Trash (Pick-up bulk items) | DPW Contractor | 800-442-9006 | |
| Trash Issues | DPW | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Trees (Downed - no hazard) | DPW Highway | 781-270-1676 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Trees (Downed - safety hazard) | Fire | 781-270-1925 | fire@burlington.org |
| Unemployment Compensation | Mass. Div. of Employment | 617-626-6800 | www.mass.gov |
| Variance Applications | Town Clerk | 781-270-1660 | clerk@burlington.org |
| Variance Questions | Board of Appeals | 781-505-1150 | boa@burlington.org |
| Veteran's | Veteran's Director | 781-270-1959 | veterans@burlington.org |
| Visiting Nurses | Visiting Nurses Association | 781-224-3399 | www.vnaofme.org |
| Volunteer Opportunities | Town Administrator | 781-270-1600 | selectmen@burlington.org |
| Water & Sewer Payments | Tax Collector's Office | 781-270-1625 | tax@burlington.org |
| Water Billing | DPW | 781-270-1675 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Water Issues | DPW | 781-270-1670 | dpwburlington@burlington.org |
| Wetlands | Conservation | 781-270-1655 | conservation@burlington.org |
| Wires (Downed) | Fire | 781-270-1925 | fire@burlington.org |
| Working Papers | School Administration | 781-270-1800 | school@burlington.org |
| Zoning Issues | Planning Board | 781-270-1645 | planning@burlington.org |

Appendix

Talent Bank Form

Mail-In Voter Registration Form

Burlington Public Library Information

Town Map

Dog License Application