



# The Charlestown Current

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## TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

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### Hours of Operation:

M-Th—7:30am-5:00pm  
F—7:30am-4:00pm

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September 12 & 26:

Yard Waste Collection

### September 13 & 27

—6pm:

Town Commissioners  
Meeting

### September 24

—9am-2pm:

Community Yard  
& Craft Sale  
(Rain Date: Sept. 25)

### September 28 & 29:

Bulk Trash Collection

### October 1:

Cecil Cares Day

### October 4—7pm:

Historic District  
Commission Meeting

### October 6—6pm:

Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting

### October 8—1-4pm:

PetOber & Autumn Fest

### October 29—1-3pm:

Nightmare on Water St:  
Halloween Parade  
& Trunk-or-Treat

## DO SOMETHING GREEN

**O**ctober 1st is Cecil Cares Day, a countywide day of service. The Charlestown Green Team will be spending the day beautifying Avalon Park by cleaning up trash, spreading mulch, and planting trees and shrubs. We are looking for volunteers to help, so if you're interested and willing, please meet us at Avalon Park at 9am! If you'd like to become a member of the Green Team, please contact Town Hall today!

“He that plants trees, loves others besides himself.”

- Thomas Fuller

**Not one for the outdoors?** The third week of September is National Indoor Plant Week. Bring a little bit of greenery into your home and benefit from the purified air they provide. Don't worry if you don't have a green thumb because there are many indoor plants species that require little attention to survive, such as succulents, Umbrella Plants and Philodendrons. If you have small kids and/or pets, be sure to do research before bringing a plant into your home to ensure it's not toxic.



### Seeking Volunteer Planning & Zoning Commission Member

The Board currently has a vacancy and is looking for an interested candidate to participate for a three-year term. Are you interested in the Town's zoning ordinance and willing to share the responsibility of revising it, along with updating the Comprehensive Plan, in order to help implement a shared vision for the Town? If so, we would welcome your service!

The Commissioners may appoint by a majority vote, a candidate who is willing to serve in this capacity.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Bryan Lightner, Town Administrator, at (410) 287-6173 or via email at [blightner@charlestownmd.org](mailto:blightner@charlestownmd.org).

### Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste is collected by Town maintenance staff on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, or on Tuesday, when Monday is a holiday. Although you do not have to make an appointment with Town Hall, there are some criteria you'll need to follow:

- All yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7am on the day of the pickup, but no more than 48 hours in advance.
- Paper bags are strongly encouraged, but bundles are okay, too.
- Trash bags should not be used — they are not accepted as yard waste by the landfill.
- If using a trash can, it must have a lid, to keep out water, and be properly marked.
- Bags or containers should not weigh more than 50lbs.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Utility Bills for 3rd Quarter 2022 (July 1—Sept. 30) will be mailed out the first week of October and will reflect the current sewer rate set by Cecil County.

Residents that receive a sewer bill from the County will not be affected by this change as they already pay the higher rate.

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