



APRIL 2020 EARLY EDITION



To our Washington neighbors:

April 2020

On Monday March 16 the Select Board voted to declare a state of emergency, following both the national and Commonwealth in response to the COVID-19 (corona virus) pandemic.

- The Town Hall will be closed to the public at least until April 6. This means no meetings or any other functions.
- All Town functions are continuing. If you need to speak to someone refer to the Town website's contact information page:
<http://www.washington-ma.com/Town%20Government/directory.pdf>
- All emergency services - Police, Fire, Ambulance – are on call.
- The Transfer Station will keep the same hours but will not be accepting white goods, electronics or construction waste; household garbage, paper and recyclables are okay. The swap shop will be closed until further notice.
- If you need to make a tax payment you can pay with a credit card online at <http://www.washington-ma.com/taxcollector.html>. Or you can mail a check (if you want a receipt include a stamped self-addressed envelope).
- For anyone concerned about their health care coverage or unemployment, the Governor has mandated that testing and treatment must be provide by health insurers; similarly, unemployment regulations have been relaxed. For details go to <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-emergency-actions-to-address-covid-19>
- Seniors are particularly vulnerable and are encouraged to stay in their homes; if you are a senior, or if you know a senior who may need assistance, please contact our Council on Aging (washingtoncoa@gmail.com; 413-623-6401) so that appropriate aid and support can be provided.
- Corona virus symptoms are similar to the flu and can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you have symptoms of corona virus, contact your primary care physician or the Berkshire Medical Center hotline at 855-262-5465.
- If you have been *exposed* to the corona virus and have symptoms contact our Public Health Nurse at alliancenurse@berkshireplanning.org or our Board of Health japhuebner@gmail.com.
- For updates and contact information to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the Mass Department of Public Health (DPH) you can refer to the Board of Health page on the Town website: <http://www.washington-ma.com/boh.html>
- All Central Berkshire schools are closed at least until April 6; the District is working to address students' nutritional needs during the shutdown.
- Travel should be limited to shopping and medical appointments; grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open; restaurants and bars are closed although it may be possible to get take-out or delivery.

- Virtually all public events – sports, concerts, etc. have been cancelled throughout the country.
- Hospital and nursing home visits may be curtailed; check before you go.
- Stay home; avoid crowds if you must go out; wash your hands frequently; cover your mouth if you are coughing or sneezing. Stay safe and stay healthy.

We will get through this together. Check on your neighbors, friends and family members; look out for each other and help each other.

In other news:

- The public forum for our Town Planning effort scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled once the crisis has passed; the work of the committee will continue through e-mails.
- The construction of our Broadband network continues. Many of our citizens will be well-served by being able to tele-commute!
- We issued a Request for Quotes for the demolition of Woody's; the bid opening is set for Monday April 13 at 7:30.
- We are running out of storage space for the Town's records; the Annual Town Warrant will include a request for funds to purchase a trailer to be placed on the Town Hall site to serve as a storage bin.

Thanks to Lisa Guthrie and Michelle Beemer for agreeing to get **TRACKS** out ahead of schedule to keep everyone informed during these difficult times.

Spring is coming a bit early this year it seems. Stay home, plan your garden and look forward to less stressful times!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board



Attention high school seniors

The deadline for submitting your application for the Washington Scholarship is approaching quickly. Please send your completed application to Linda Levernoch (387 Upper Valley Rd.) by April 15th. If you need an application or have questions, please call Linda at 413-623-8309.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON APRIL 2020 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Selectboard will frequently assess the direction of the COVID-19 pandemic. All italicized information is subject to change. Please call ahead and check washington-ma.com frequently. On-line calendars will be updated as information is submitted.</p>						
Palm Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Women Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM</p>		<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Building Inspector 1:30 - 2:30PM or by appointment</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>OSTEOPODIOUS CLASS 10 AM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>TAI-CHI GONG CLASS 10 AM</p>
Easter	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM FOOD COOP DELIVERY Planning Board Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>Tax Day</p> <p>Building Inspector 1:30 - 2:30PM or by appointment</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>OSTEOPODIOUS CLASS 10 AM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>TAI-CHI GONG CLASS 10 AM ***** COA Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>TAI-CHI GONG CLASS 10 AM</p>
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Earth Day</p> <p>Building Inspector 1:30 - 2:30PM or by appointment</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>OSTEOPODIOUS CLASS 10 AM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>TAI-CHI GONG CLASS 10 AM</p>	<p>Cancelled</p> <p>TAI-CHI GONG CLASS 10 AM</p>
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<p>Conservation Commission meets as needed. Contact Chairman M. Lampro. Parks Commission meeting as needed in the winter. Contact Chairman D. Sinopoli.</p>						

To join the food coop call Sarah Francis at (413) 623-6190

Entity	Contact	Number
Assessors	Karen Availle	717-7216
Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	441-0787
Clerk	Allison Mikanievicz	623-2185
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	623-8333
Council on Aging	Rose Borgnis	441-0787

Entity	Contact	Number
Finance Committee	Kent Lew	623-0202
Highway Super	Tom Johnson	623-5648
Parks Commission	Dominic Sinopoli	528-1710
Planning Board	Don Gagnon	623-5859
Police Chief	Nicole Miller	446-4294
Selectmen	Jim Huebner	655-8668
Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146
Veterans Agent	John Herrera	499-9433

ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 3, 2020

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

	Democratic
0	Deval Patrick
3	Amy Klobuchar
33	Elizabeth Warren
0	Michael Bennet
14	Michael Bloomberg
0	Tulsi Gabbard
0	Cory Booker
0	Julian Castro
1	Tom Steyer
43	Bernie Sanders
70	Joseph Biden
0	John Delaney
0	Andrew Yang
0	Pete Buttigieg
0	Marianne
5	No Preference

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

	Republican
5	William Weld
1	Joe Walsh
31	Donald Trump
0	Roque "Rocky" De La
0	No Preference

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

	Green Rainbow Party
0	Dario Hunter
0	Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry
0	Kent Mesplay
0	Howard Hawkins

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

	Libertarian
0	Arvin Vohra
0	Vermin Love Supreme
1	Jacob George Hornberger
0	Samuel Joseph Robb
1	Dan Taxation is Theft Behrman
0	Kimberly Margaret Ruff
0	Kenneth Reed
0	Adam Kokesh
0	Jo Jorgensen
0	Max Abramson
0	No Preference

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

	Democratic
13	Sherwood Guernsey,
33	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

	Democratic
13	Marietta Rapetti
33	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

	Republican
24	Michael Case
11	Tyler James Hastings
2	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

	Republican
18	Robin Almqren
14	Christine Canning
5	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

	Libertarian
2	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

	Libertarian
2	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

	Green Rainbow
0	Blanks

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

	Green Rainbow
0	Blanks

PLEASE NOTE: The write-ins for Town Committee on the Democratic ballots are not included in these results as Washington does not have Town Committees

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 418
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 208
DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST: 169
REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST: 37
LIBERTARIAN BALLOTS CAST: 2
GREEN RAINBOW BALLOTS CAST: 0
VOTER TURNOUT: 50%

Free Lunch Program Postponed

We are making the decision to keep our communities as safe as possible due to the Coronavirus threat. We will be postponing the Free Lunch at the First Congregational Church until we feel that we can serve food and have a gathering safely.

-Linda Shaw from the Becket Yoked Parishes

COA

All classes & pot luck dinners are temporarily cancelled.

Becket Federated Church Parish House

3381 Main St., Becket (across from library)

Canceled until the coronavirus passes.

Prevention Is Key They say ticks are active above 42degrees, but people have been bitten during winter. It takes only one bite from a tick to risk your life. Any size tick can carry Lyme Disease & Co-Infections. Although ticks like tall grass, dense vegetation, and dead leaves, they can be anywhere. Pets and mice bring them inside. Bring a walking stick when outside and tap vegetation ahead of you to knock off unwanted ticks. Ticks show up better on light colored clothing, tuck shirts into pants and tuck pants into socks. Use repellent, tick check yourself daily, carry a tick remover. If bitten, visit the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society at www.ilads.org for their diagnostic and treatment guidelines.

Berkshire Lyme Alliance

Have Lyme Disease? Know or take care of someone with Lyme? Have any questions about Lyme? Berkshire Lyme Alliance meets monthly at the Pittsfield Library, ground floor auditorium
1 Wendell Ave.
Pittsfield, MA

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are temporarily cancelled

Upcoming at the Becket Athenaeum: please call or email for more info: info@bwlibrary.org 623-5483

To mitigate the risks of spreading coronavirus within our community, we are temporarily closed and are encouraging the use of our e-catalog.

If you'd like physical items (books, DVDs, etc), please email or call us with your orders and we will fill them as quickly as possible. We will notify you when the items are ready for pick-up from our entryway.

If you and anyone in your household is ill, please **do not** return any items to us until everyone in your household has been well for at least two weeks.

We do not charge fines but cannot control automated overdue email notices so you may receive those but there's no need to rush items back to us.

The library staff and the most vulnerable members of our community thank you!



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LisaPeltier413@gmail.com

Mark F. Roos, broker Associate ABR

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markfr909@gmail.com
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Full Hook Ups
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Seasonals Welcomed
Events scheduled May through Sept

Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic

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Becket General Store

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fb 3235 main street

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STORE NO EXP. DATE

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Please put TRACKS in the subject line.