



August 2017

108th Annual WASHINGTON SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The Washington Sons and Daughters will be holding the 108th Annual meeting at
the Old Town Hall on Washington Mountain Road

Sunday, September 10th

12:00 – 4:00 PM

All Washington residents and anyone who has ever lived in the Town of Washington are welcome to join us, children included. Meet your neighbors and share your memories, stories and the history of our Town.

Let's make this the Best Attendance year yet!

FOOD AND DRINK (Hot and Cold) WILL BE PROVIDED

By the Committee. Come hungry!

BAKING CONTEST

Ladies and Gentlemen please bake your favorite cake recipe and enter your cake in our contest. Please tape your name on the bottom of your plate. This is our dessert so please enter the contest and bring a cake for all to share.

Prizes will be awarded.

WASHINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Washington Historical Commission will have a display with lots of interesting information about the town's history for you to view.

*****ENTERTAINMENT*****

We proudly announce that this year's Entertainment will be Jesse Taylor Cole - No-gooder, rascal banjo and guitar player, Jesse will be playing some Americana style Folk and Bluegrass music as well as some original tunes.

He is an accomplished guitar and banjo player and instructor. He resides in Becket with his wife and children.

TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall

8 Summit Hill Road

August 18, 2017

Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy the pot luck dinner with the COA. Have a wonderful evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents.

2017 FARMERS MARKET COUPONS, are in and ready for distribution to eligible seniors. They will be available at the Town Hall Monday evenings 6:30PM-7:30PM, till August 21st and on August 18th at 5:30PM, the night of the Pot Luck Dinner. Please call Steve Deloye 623-6085 with any questions.

2017 Dog License Reminder

If you have not licensed your dog for the current license year (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018) please do so before August 31, 2017. **After this date, there will be a \$10 late fee imposed for each license.**

Licensing your dog is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (MGL Chapter 140, Section 137) and a violation of this law is **punishable by a fine of at least \$50** (MGL Chapter 140, Section 141).

Licensing your dog requires the following:

- A current rabies certificate.
- If your dog is spayed or neutered; proof of this.
- Applicable fee: \$4.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10.00 for unaltered dogs.

Please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM with above mentioned items. You may also mail these to the Town Clerk, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223 and license and tag will be mailed to you.

Town Clerk Office Hours

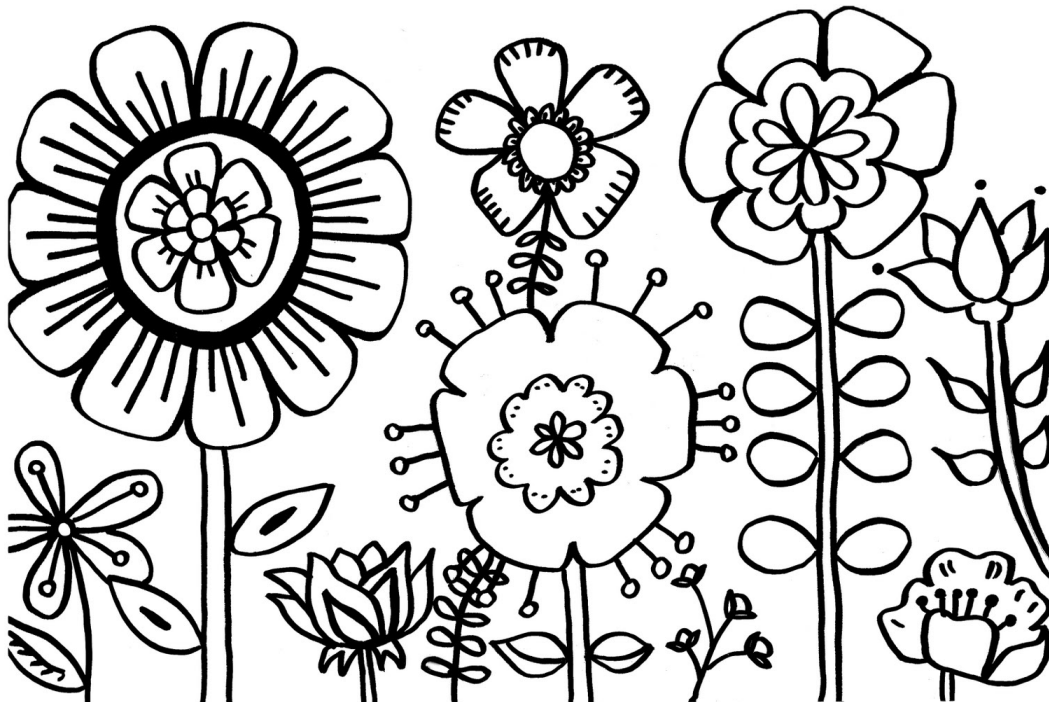
The Town Clerk will **NOT** hold office hours on the following dates:

- Monday, August 7, 2017
- Monday, August 14, 2017

The Old Heart of Washington

The Washington Historical Commission invites everyone to come see a beautiful show of photographs of Old South Center School and Old Town Hall displayed in the auditorium of the “new” Town Hall. The pictures remind us what a beautiful town we live in and our responsibility for maintaining our historical heritage.

Western Massachusetts Master Gardener's Association, Berkshire Chapter, will have a question and answer session at the Springside demonstration gardens, 847 North St. Pittsfield, MA at 10 am August 12th. The session on Vegetables and Hydrangeas will run for 1-2 hours. For more information contact Mary Ann Emery 413 743-4284, memery395@gmail.com or Jim McCarthy 413 637-2940, heljim@msn.com



To our Washington neighbors:

August 2017

Our friends in Becket were concerned that some non-residents of Washington were showing up at Becket Beach. From now on beach stickers will only be given out at the Town Hall by our Town Clerk or Administrative Assistants.

We have written to the owners of Bucksteep that their claim of tax-exempt status for the property is flawed because of ongoing non-compliance to Board of Health and ADA requirements since they bought the property over three years ago. This precludes use of Bucksteep for any public purpose, tax-exempt or otherwise. Our Assessors will follow up.

We have received a \$490,000 grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to begin design of our fiber optic high speed internet system. We have contracted with Westfield Gas and Electric to begin the work. We expect the system to be up and running in 2018!

32 years ago our voters narrowly rejected a petition from Petricca to put a cell tower on Washington Mountain Road. Pittsfield's then-Mayor Smith made an appeal and a promise to the Town: 5 acres of Pittsfield's watershed property across from Ashley Lake would be given to the Town to use as a cemetery if the cell tower was approved. Our voters accepted the proposal, the tower went up, but the 5 acre parcel was never transferred. Successive Boards have tried to get this done through a succession of Pittsfield Mayors: Wojtkowski, Reilly, Hathaway, Ruberto, and Bianchi (with apologies if we missed anyone.)

- Our current Board had a very cordial meeting with current Pittsfield Mayor Linda Tyler last month and our hope is that we will finally get resolution of this matter.

We are still looking for:

- A Virginia Lakes property owner or abutter to work with the group for Virginia Lake Estates; and
- A Maintenance Coordinator to keep up our Town Hall and historical buildings.

Road & Bridge:

- We have received two proposals to design a bridge or culvert to replace the Middlefield Road over Coles Brook after our re-issue of an RFP. We are still hopeful to get the work done this year.
- Work on both the Eden Glen culvert and the Summit Hill Road bridge over the CSX tracks is proceeding but we do not yet have a projected completion date for either project.
- The punch list for Washington Mountain Road remains open; likewise, the punch list for completion of the Cross Place Road culvert remains open; we are pressing to make sure both projects are complete before fall.
- We have applied for grant funding to engineer a new culvert on upper Frost Road and are submitting a MassWorks grant for the reconstruction of a mile of Lovers' Lane.

We hope to see everyone at the Sons & Daughters Reunion in September!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

Please plan to attend a Special Town Meeting at 7:30 on Monday July 31 at the Town Hall. There are two articles for the purchase of a one-ton small plow truck and a light-duty utility truck for the Highway Department.



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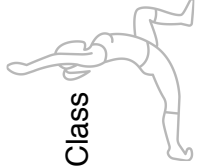





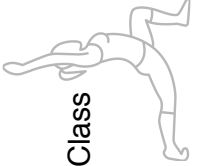
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Email your TRACKS info by the 25th of the month to:
mrsabeski@mac.com
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.

Town of Washington August 2017 Council on Aging

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	4 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	5
6	7 6:30-7:30PM Farmers Market coupons at Town Hall for eligible seniors	8	9	10 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	11 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	12
13	14 6:30-7:30PM Farmers Market coupons at Town Hall for eligible seniors	15 10AM Yoga Class 	16	17 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	18 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong 5:30PM Pot Luck 	19
20	21 6:30-7:30PM Farmers Market coupons at Town Hall for eligible seniors	22 10AM Yoga Class 	23	24 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	25 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	26
27	28	29 10AM Yoga Class 	30	31 10AM Osteoporosis Class 