



AUGUST 2018



**TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS
POT LUCK DINNER**
At the Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
August 17, 2018
Time 5:30PM

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

Arlo welcomes special guests for an evening of music, discussion, and audience Q & A to be filmed for broadcast.

The Guthrie Center and Rising Son Records present **Live From The Guthrie Center: The Talkin' Series**. In a special setting this August, Arlo Guthrie will host four evenings with special musical guests and speakers. Each night will begin with a song performed by Arlo, who will then introduce the musical guest. For the second half of the evening, there will be a panel discussion followed by a Q&A with the audience. Each event will be filmed for future broadcast. For ticket info call The Guthrie Center 413.528.1955

AUGUST 1: TALKIN' GUTHRIE ARCHIVES

Cole Quest & The City Pickers (Woody's grandson & his high-energy bluegrass band) with speaker, **Anna Canoni** (Senior Operations Manager of Woody Guthrie Publications & Woody's granddaughter).

AUGUST 8: TALKIN' SHENANDOAH

Members of Arlo's long-time band **Shenandoah**, **Terry "A La Berry" Hall**, **Steve Ide**, **Carol Ide**, **David Grover & Rob Putnam**. **Bruce Clapper**, Guthrie's audio engineer and road manager through the decades, joins the discussion.

AUGUST 15: TALKIN' GUTHRIE FAMILY

Arlo's kids **Abe**, **Cathy**, **Annie & Sarah Lee Guthrie**, also known as **The Guthrie Family**. The Guthrie Family presents family traditions passed down through generations in spirit and song.

AUGUST 29: TALKIN' BROMBERG

Legendary performer & multi-instrumentalist **David Bromberg**, declared an American icon by Dr. John, makes his first appearance at The Guthrie Center.



Massachusetts State Primary

State Primary Date, Polling Location and Hours

The 2018 State Primary is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Voting will be at the Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Rd, Washington. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

Registering to Vote

If you are a Washington town resident 18 years or older, but have never registered to vote here, please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM so you can register to vote. The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the State Primary is Wednesday, August 15, 2018. The Town Clerk does not normally have Wednesday office hours, but on this date the office will be open from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

You can also mail a completed voter registration form <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf> to the town hall. It must be postmarked by the August 15th deadline.

Absentee Voting

Registered voters can apply to vote by absentee ballot for one of three reasons.

- Voter will be absent from town on election day
- Voter has a physical disability
- Religious belief

In order to apply for an absentee ballot you must request one in writing. You can do this by email or postal mail. If done by postal mail (a signed letter or absentee ballot application) please allow for extra processing time.

Here is a link to the new short form absentee ballot application. <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2018-Short-Form-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf>. Complete and mail to Office of Town Clerk, Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223.

State Primary Ballot Information

In primary elections there are separate ballots for each party (Democratic, Republican and Libertarian). You must vote the ballot for the party in which you are registered. If you are an independent voter (not registered in a particular party) you will be able to vote whichever ballot you would like.

The offices and candidates on each ballot are as follows:



Offices on the 2018 State Primary Ballot	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Libertarian Candidates
Senator in Congress	Elizabeth A. Warren No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	Geoff Diehl John Kingston Beth Joyce Lindstrom	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Governor	Jay M. Gonzalez Bob Massie	Charles D. Baker Scott D. Lively	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Lieutenant Governor	Quentin Palfrey Jimmy Tingle	Karyn E. Polito No other Republican Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Attorney General	Maura Healey No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	James R. McMahon, III Daniel L. Shores	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin Josh Zakim	Anthony M. Amore No other Republican Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Treasurer	Deborah B. Goldberg No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	Keiko M. Orrall No other Republican Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Auditor	Suzanne M. Bump No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	Helen Brady No other Republican Candidates on Ballot	Daniel Fishman No other Libertarian Candidate on Ballot
Representative in Congress (First District)	Richard E. Neal Tahirah Amatul-Wadud	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Councillor (Eighth District)	Mary E. Hurley No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Senator in General Court (Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District)	Adam G. Hinds Thomas P. Wickham	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Representative in General Court (Fourth Berkshire District)	William "Smitty" Pignatelli No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
District Attorney (Berkshire District)	Paul J. Caccaviello Andrea C. Harrington Judith C. Knight	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Clerk of Courts (Berkshire County)	Deborah S. Capeless No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot
Register of Deeds (Berkshire Middle District)	Patsy Harris No other Democratic Candidates on Ballot	No Candidates on Republican Ballot	No Candidates on Libertarian Ballot

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To our Washington neighbors:

August 2018

Becket's interim town administrator held a disciplinary hearing concerning Fire Chief Mark Hanford. Over a hundred residents of Becket and Washington - including all of your Select Board and members of our Finance Committee - attended to express their support for the Chief and to object to what appeared to be retaliation for the Chief's 6/11/18 letter to the Berkshire Eagle. The Chief readily answered the concerns of the town administrator. It appears that the disciplinary action has been dropped, but it is not yet clear that Chief Hanford will be reappointed after next June.

Based on the recommendations of the ad hoc committee formed by Sean Connors we have appointed Nicole Miller as our Police Chief. Thanks to the committee and Nicole's good work filling in for Victor this was an easy decision.

The July 14 Hilltown Brouhaha held at our Town Park drew many hundreds of attendees to the booths, the food, games and music. We look forward to this becoming a regular summer event!

We are still hopeful that the owner of Woody's will remove the structure but he has not responded to our orders. Town Counsel is filing an Order of Attachment in Superior Court to place a lien on the property in the event of non-compliance to recover any costs.

Our two major bridge projects are inching along.

- We finally have a design for the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook in for DOT's review. Once we have the go-ahead we will be bidding the work and are still hopeful of completion before winter.
- The basic design for the deep culvert on upper Frost Road has been completed but we still need both regulatory clarity about its size and a funding source.

The budget presented to Governor Baker includes full restoration of our PILOT funds. Whether or not he signs it we will be petitioning him for substantive changes to this program.

A new capital grant program for small communities was just announced. We plan to apply for funding to construct a new Town Hall roof, and then be able to use our expected Green Communities grant for solar panels and other energy improvements.

Although we have secured grant funding, we are still waiting for Berkshire Regional Planning to identify the resources we need to proceed with three separate programs:

- Shared Services. Especially in light of our difficulties with Becket over fire protection we want more formal arrangements to share public safety, public health, financial expertise, etc. among our neighboring towns and across the Berkshires.
- Capital Planning. This will allow us to better control our tax rate and expenditures.
- Town Planning. This will give us a better handle on the Town's future.

We should have a fully-fleshed out design for our broadband network very soon. This will allow costs and timing to be projected with some accuracy.

Enjoy the summer and remember that we always need volunteers! Let Jodi know if you would like to serve the Town in any capacity!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

TOWN OF WASHINGTON AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM Build Inspector Mid Day	OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM Conservation Commission Meeting 6 PM	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	
5	TOWN HALL 6	TOWN HALL 7	8	9	10	11
	Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM	COA Meeting - 5:30 PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	
12	TOWN HALL 13	TOWN HALL 14	15	16	17	18
	Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Capital Asset Meeting 7:30 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM	Planning Board Meeting 7 PM Town Hall		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM COA Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 PM	
19	TOWN HALL 20	21	22	23	24	25
	Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM			OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	
26	TOWN HALL 27	CHAPEL 28	29	30	31	
	Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM	Chapel Commission Meeting 7PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	

Entity	Contact	Number	Entity	Contact	Number
Assessors	Karen Avalle	717-7216	Finance Committee	Kent Lew	623-0202
Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668	Parks Commission	Dave Drugmand	623-6651
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964	Planning Board	Marilyn Wiley	623-5859
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis		Police Chief	Nicole Miller	436-4394
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-2185	Selectmen	Jim Huebner	655-8668
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	623-8333	Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146
Council on Aging	Steve Deloye	441-0787			

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