



## December 2017

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
At the  
**Washington Town Park**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
**5:30 PM**  
Followed by:  
**Caroling, Hot Cocoa and Cookies**

Dash-ing through the snow Inaone horse o-pen sleigh O'er the fields we go \_\_\_\_

### TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall 8 Summit Hill Road

December 15, 2017

Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy a relaxing evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents to celebrate the Holiday Season, and close out 2017 with a lovely dinner.



**Shop at Barnes & Noble  
and Support BWS  
Level Bookrooms!**

Use our code, share with friends and family  
**12266078**  
Online 12/11-12/17 and in store 12/16 and 12/17

**Saturday, December 16th 11-3**

The PTO will be at Barnes & Noble.  
Hear the Becket Washington Chorus at 12  
Special guest readers 12:15-1:15

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY THE PTO

To our Washington neighbors:

December 2017

We estimate that nearly 1000 people attended the Pumpkin Walk. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it work and special thanks for the three wooden figures carved from large timber sections that added interest to the bonfire!

Get your skates out - the Parks Commission is planning to set up an ice skating rink on the soccer field this winter.

The first step in transferring 5 acres of Pittsfield watershed property to the Town is to provide a survey of the property to their City Council. We located the firm that did the work and are waiting for the copy we ordered.

We expect our broadband system design from Westfield Gas and Electric this month. We have also learned that the legislature may make additional funding available to us if costs exceed expectations.

We hope everyone saw the special section in the November 5<sup>th</sup> *Berkshire Eagle* detailing the dire need for help on the failing bridges and culverts throughout the Berkshires. It is gratifying to see publication of the issues we have repeatedly raised to our legislative delegation.

Jim Barry of the MA Department of Energy Resources presented to the Select Board and attendees on November 13. The Board is considering placing an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for Green Communities.

- The stretch building code is far less stringent than it was the last time this was considered and the required inspectors more available.
- The Town would receive a grant of at least \$125,000 which we would use to put solar panels on the Town Hall and reduce the Town's electrical bill to near zero.
- Individual homeowners would benefit from reduced electric rates from renewable sources and subsidies for energy efficiency upgrades to their property.

The Board and the Finance Committee have started a committee to plan the future of our Town. We will review all of the information we can get, generate any additional data we think would be useful (especially from our residents!) and develop a vision for the Town's future plus projects to get us there. Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Jodi.

Road & Bridge:

- Thanks to our Highway Superintendent we have been able to auction off surplus equipment for \$3385 – quite a bit more than we had hoped.
- We have not yet heard whether the Small Bridge grant for the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook will be increased to \$500,000.
- Other projects for 2018: the deep culvert on upper Frost Rd and paving lower Frost.

The annual Tree Lighting at the Town Park will be Saturday December 2. Please come and enjoy the refreshments and caroling. Safe and happy holiday season to all!

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand  
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon  
Select Board



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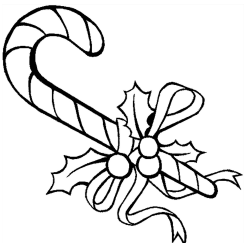


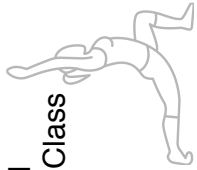


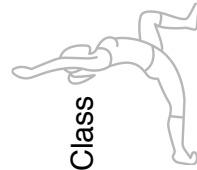


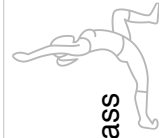




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no exp. date

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

# Town of Washington DECEMBER 2017 Council on Aging

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	2 
3	4	10AM Yoga Class 	6	7 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	8 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	9
10	11	12 10AM Yoga Class 	13	14 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	15 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong  5:30PM Pot Luck 	16
17	18	19 10AM Yoga Class Fall Prevention Awareness Day 	20	21 10AM Balance Evaluation  <b>1st day of winter</b>	22 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class Autumn Begins 	23
24/31 	25	26	27	28 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	29 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	30 