

DECEMBER 2018

Tree Lighting Ceremony

**followed by Caroling,
Cookies and Cocoa**

Sunday, December 15, 2018

5:30 PM

Washington Town Park

2019 Dog Licenses Available

Dog licenses for 2019 are now available. Please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM with the following:

- Current rabies certificate
- Proof that your dog is spayed or neutered, if applicable
- Appropriate fee. \$4 if dog is spayed or neutered, \$10 if not
- You may also mail the above to the Town Clerk, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223 and a license and tag will be mailed to you.

The current dog licenses will expire on March 31, 2019. Any questions please contact the Town Clerk 413-623-8788 ext 105 or washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com.



Special Town Meeting Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline to register to vote at the upcoming special town meeting is Friday, November 30, 2018. There will be special voter registration hours on this day from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Washington Town Hall.

Any eligible town residents that have not previously registered to vote in Washington will need to register on or before this deadline.

Any questions please contact the Town Clerk 413-623-8878 ext 105 or washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com.

Washington Scholarship Bake Sale – One might say that the real winners on November 6 were the young people of our town. This year's scholarship fund bake sale raised a record \$1,457.05! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraiser in any way: from donating mouth-watering goodies, to buying them, to overseeing the sale of baked goods. Thank you one and all! We should be proud of the fact that we live in a town where we work together to encourage and support our youth in their pursuit of higher education.

Linda Levernoch
Washington Scholarship Committee

KIDS CORNER

WORD LIST:

BLIZZARD
BOOTS
CABIN
COAT
COLD
DECEMBER
EARMUFFS

EGGNOGG
EVERGREEN
FIREPLACE
FLEECE
FROSTY
FROZEN
HOLIDAYS

HOT CHOCOLATE
ICE
JANUARY
MITTENS
SKI
SLED
SNOW

SNOWBOARD
SNOWFLAKE
SWEATER
WINTER

C Y G B F
W A Q C O I M
C B N J O S C
C I W S T F E
R N R L S S G
Q P E Y Z
L I Q S D D S G I
V Q F I R E P L A C E
F R O Z E N V S E E S Z Q
X A C O L D T W F G J Y K
P M I T T E N S B G N O D
L Q S E Z G E R Q N N Z X
P B L I Z Z A R D O D U C
W I N T E R Q H G H Y
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I N H D A R R N E Q D C T O E M Y
A S C K Y S N O W F E E W N Z
K T E B J I B V F V L F A

To our Washington neighbors:

December 2018

Please welcome our new Assistant Tax Assessor, Laura Lafreniere, who is replacing Greg Viner.

The Board has made two appointments to replace Steve Deloye: Paul Mikaniewicz as an Emergency Manager and Rose Borgnis as head of the Council on Aging.

- We thank Steve for his many years of service to the Town.

We are still looking for volunteers to help determine what environmental hazards the Town faces or may face to help us create a Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA requires that we have a plan in order to qualify for construction grant funding. Please sign up by letting Jodi know if you are interested.

- The development of our Hazard Mitigation Plan is grant-funded.

The 15 member Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) was created in 2016 and serves as a research body to advise the Legislature and the Governor on issues critical to the welfare and vitality of Massachusetts' 170 rural municipalities.

- There will be a listening session open to the public at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission 1 Fenn Street, Suite 201 Pittsfield, MA on Thursday, December 6th from 6pm to 8pm.
- The Commission also invites residents of rural towns to provide input via an online survey:
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPAC2018>

The committee that is reviewing our grant application to become a Green Community has requested more information which will be submitted this week. We are still hopeful that we will not have to wait until we change our by-laws and zoning to be awarded the grants that come with being a Green Community.

We have signed contracts with both Westfield Gas and Electric and Sertex for the construction of our broadband network.

- We are still negotiating with Verizon and Eversource to determine how much it will cost the Town to prepare the utility poles to accept the new fiber cables.
- The hub of the network will be housed in a small building to be placed near the Town Hall.

Town Counsel is filing to have Woody's declared an abandoned property; this will facilitate our applying for grant funding through the Attorney Generals' Abandoned Housing Initiative.

Commissioner Dave Turocy of Pittsfield's Public Works & Utilities will meet with his staff and let us know soon whether they will install a gate restricting access to Ashley Lake.

Please come to the Town Hall on Monday December 10 at 7 pm for a Special Town Meeting for the approval of two new by-laws and to address a few financial items.

- One by-law is to adopt policy regulating marijuana establishments
- The other new by-law will regulate the use of outdoor lighting
- You can see the text of both new by-laws on our website <http://washington-ma.com/>
- There will be a Q&A session between 6:30 and 7 on the 10th.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

A garage door opener has been found and dropped off at the Town Hall. Please see Jodi at the Town Hall to retrieve it.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday							Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
																	TOWN HALL	1
																	HOLIDAY BAZAAR with Vendors, Food and Childrens Shopping Room 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
	2																TOWN HALL	7
																	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	
	9																TOWN HALL	14
																	TOWN PARK	15
																	Tree Lighting in the Park 5:30 PM	
	16																TOWN HALL	21
																	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM ***** COA Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 PM Winter Solstice	
	23																TOWN HALL	28
Happy Festivus																	TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	
	30																	
Entity	Assessors	Board of Health	Building Inspector	Chapel Commission	Clerk	Conservation	Council on Aging	Contact	Karen Avalle	Janice Paxton	Paul Greene	Rose Borgnis	Allison Mikaniewicz	Michelle Lampro	Steve Deloye	Number	Contact	Number
									717-7216	655-8668	446-0964						Kent Lew	623-0202
																	Dave Drugmand	623-6651
																	Marilyn Wiley	623-5859
																	Nicole Miller	436-4294
																	Jim Huebner	655-8668
																	Gina Campbell	623-0146

Please **CALL AHEAD**



ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON STATE ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 415
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 299
VOTER TURNOUT: 72%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

206	Elizabeth Warren, Democratic
84	Geoff Diehl, Republican
7	Shiva Ayyadurai, Independent
2	Blanks

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

240	Richard Neal, Democratic
	Write In:
2	William Pignatelli
57	Blanks

SECRETARY OF STATE

214	William Francis Galvin, Democratic
72	Anthony M. Amore, Republican
6	Juan G. Sanchez, Jr., Green-Rainbow
7	Blanks

GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

158	Baker and Polito, Republican
133	Gonzalez and Palfrey, Democratic
	Write In:
1	Scott Lively
7	Blanks

AUDITOR

210	Suzanne Bump, Democratic
73	Helen Brady, Republican
2	Daniel Fishman, Libertarian
5	Edward Stamas, Green-Rainbow
9	Blanks

ATTORNEY GENERAL

215	Maura Healey, Democratic
79	James McMahon, III, Republican
	Write In:
1	Paul Caccaviello
4	Blanks

TREASURER

208	Deborah Goldberg, Democratic
74	Keiko Orrall, Republican
9	Jamie Guerin, Green-Rainbow
8	Blanks

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

252	William "Smitty" Pignatelli, Democratic
	Write In:
1	Paul Caccaviello
46	Blanks

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

181	Andrea Harrington, Democratic
	Write In:
93	Paul Caccaviello
25	Blanks

COUNCILLOR

215	Mary Hurley, Democratic
62	Mike Franco, Massachusetts Independent
22	Blanks

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

250	Adam Hinds, Democratic
49	Blanks

REGISTER OF DEEDS

254	Patsy Harris, Democratic
45	Blanks

CLERK OF COURTS

239	Deborah Capeless, Democratic
	Write In:
2	Paul Caccaviello
58	Blanks

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Becket (Vote for not more than 1)

231	Barbara Craft-Reiss
68	Blanks

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Cummington (Vote for not more than 1)

	Write Ins:
1	Richard Spencer
1	Edward Bond
1	Todd Emerson
1	David Drugmand
295	Blanks

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Dalton (Vote for not more than 4)

166	Michael Hagmaier
166	Ellen Lattizzori
	Write Ins:
1	Michael Hinckley
1	Robert DiFazio
862	Blanks

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Hinsdale (Vote for not more than 1)

209	Shawn Armacost
90	Blanks

QUESTION 1

113	Yes
184	No
2	Blanks

QUESTION 2

233	Yes
61	No
5	Blanks

QUESTION 3

205	Yes
90	No
4	Blanks

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