



January 2017



**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
SENIORS
POT LUCK DINNER**

**AT THE TOWN HALL
8 SUMMIT HILL ROAD
JANUARY 20, 2017
TIME 5:30PM**

**PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A
RELAXING EVENING IN THE
COMPANY OF YOUR FELLOW
SENIOR TOWN RESIDENTS TO
ENJOY THE START OF A NEW YEAR**

2017 Dog Licenses Available

Dog licenses for 2017 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, 2017. Any questions please contact the Town Clerk 413-623-8788 ext 105 or washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com.

The Becket/Washington PTO would like to share some information on Wahconah Regional High School. The school has been invited to participate in the MSBA (Massachusetts Building Authority) School Building Program. The first step in the MSBA process is for the residents of the towns to approve (by vote) a feasibility study. This vote will take place next spring, 2017. If passed, the study will determine the best long-term solution for the building. A significant portion of the funding for the feasibility study and any resulting building project (new or renovation) will be reimbursed by MSBA. A School Building Committee has been formed, chaired by School Committee Chairperson, Shawn Armacost and Retired High School Principal, Tom Callahan. The membership of the School Building Committee includes representation from each of the seven towns and school personnel.

To learn more about the Wahconah School Building Project, consider attending a meeting of the School Building Committee. The meeting dates and agendas are posted on the following website. http://www.cbrsd.org/m_s_b_a_building_project.

There will also be an informational **tour of the school on January 7, 2017 at 10:00**. The tour will be led by Wahconah Principal, Aaron Robb and retired Principal and SBC Co-Chairman, Tom Callahan. The previous tours have been very successful and take approximately, 45 minutes followed by a Q and A session. All ages are welcome to attend.

Becket Washington PTO and Tom Callahan

WINTER WORD SEARCH



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

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To our Washington neighbors:

January 2017

As we move into the New Year we are constantly reminded of our good fortune in living in Washington. We are a town of volunteers and neighbors helping neighbors. We know all of you will continue to reach out and support one another and to bring that spirit of community to the rest of the Berkshires, the Commonwealth and beyond. We are only as strong as the strength we bring to others.

Sandi Cameron, our elected Tax Collector resigned as of the end of 2016. The Board is looking for someone to appoint on an interim basis, so if you are interested and have some background in finance or accounting please let Jodi Hostetter know.

- If we cannot find a Washington resident to run for Tax Collector next spring, we may need to ask the voters to change it to an appointed position.
- Our Assistant Tax Collector, Sue McGrath, was also assisting our Treasurer, Glenn Grogan and since her departure a few months ago both Sandi and Glenn have been missing her support. The Board is considering hiring a part-time financial support person. Please let Jodi know if you are interested.

Thanks to Jodi, many of the Town's files have been consolidated in the conference room and the long-term project of shredding documents no longer required to be kept by statute complete.

- As part of the clean-up and consolidation there are a number of file cabinets, a table and chairs and a couple outmoded computers that we can dispose of. There is a list elsewhere in Tracks today. If you are interested in any of the items they can be seen at the Town Hall.

The Council on Aging Christmas dinner on the 16th was very well attended. Thanks to all who brought food, especially Heather Anello for the delicious hams!

The Tree Lighting on December 17 was well attended and was even enjoyed by some of our Becket neighbors! Thanks again to Jodi Hostetter for organizing this annual event.

Road & Bridge:

- A new, much larger culvert was put across lower Johnson Hill Road where we have had ice dams in previous years. This should alleviate the problem, but the new culvert area will remain gravel until the asphalt plants open in the spring.
- The new Cross Place culvert is finally in place.
- Work on Eden Glen, the Summit Hill bridge and the Middlefield Road bridge will need to be scheduled next year.

The survey to determine what, if any, work needs to be done to ready the existing utility poles for fiber optic cables should be complete by the end of the year. We are still waiting for MBI to outline the next steps in the process of bringing high speed internet to every address in Town.

The presentation by Syncarpha Solar VP Matt Preskenis was rescheduled from 12/12 to 12/19 due to the snow. Syncarpha is constructing solar-photovoltaic installations in Hancock and is soliciting individual homeowners to sign up for solar-generated power at a 10% discount from Eversource rates. <http://www.syncarpha.solar/faqs> for more information.

Stay safe, stay warm and start reading those seed catalogs!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

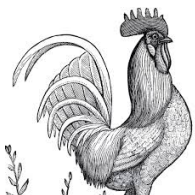
Mike Case
Select Board

Town Hall Surplus Equipment for Sale to Residents

Interested parties please contact J. Hostetter at washingtonaas@gmail.com

or leave a message on 623-8878 Ext. 1

<u>Quantity - Description</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Value per Item</u>
1. 4 5 Drawer pad locking grey file cabinets	old/poor	\$ 50.00
2. 3 4 Drawer key locking tan file cabinets without keys	fair	\$ 20.00
3. 1 5 drawer side filing grey cabinet without keys	broken	\$ 20.00
4. 1 4 drawer grey file cabinet	fair	\$ 20.00
5. 1 round table	good	\$150.00
6. 2 wooden chairs with padded seat	poor	\$ 0.00
7. Dell Optiplex 360 Desktop w/screen and keyboard	good	\$177.00
8. Dell Optiplex 330 Desktop w/screen and keyboard	good	\$177.00



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