



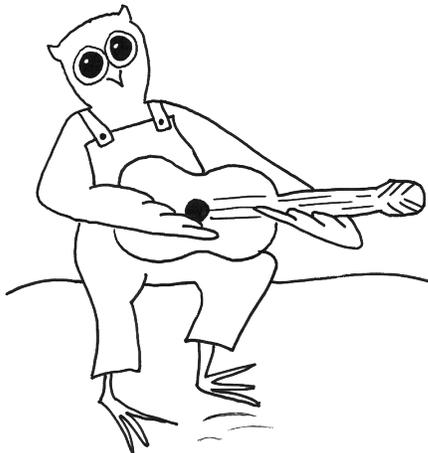
July 2014



## Washington Seniors Barbecue

Washington Seniors will have their annual Barbecue on July 18th at Town Hall at 5:30. Food supplied by the committee will include hamburger, hot dogs, corn, potato salad, cole slaw, and watermelon. Seniors should bring desserts as well as other salads, maybe baked beans.

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Sawtelle,  
Bbejeff@aol.com.



### SAVE THE DATE...

8th Annual **Hilltown Hoot**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 12:00-7PM

Washington Town Park

Live Music, Crafts, Food & Fun

"FUN"raising for the schools of Central Berkshire

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners' will be conducting a gardening class at Springside Park, 874 North St. Pittsfield at the demonstration gardens behind the Springside House at 10 am. Saturday, July 26. The class is "Designing a Cottage Garden". The class is free and lasts from 1-2 hours. You can register or obtain more information by contacting Mary Ann Emery, 413 743-4284, [memery395@gmail.com](mailto:memery395@gmail.com) or Jim McCarthy, 413 637-2940, [heljim@msn.com](mailto:heljim@msn.com).

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners will be soil testing and answering gardening questions at the Berkshire Mall Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 19 from 9-12. Directions for obtaining soil for testing may be found on the [WMMGA.org](http://WMMGA.org) web site. There is a suggested donation of \$1. for soil testing.

## Ongoing...

**The children's reading and craft program** currently held at the Becket Athenaeum on Tuesday mornings will be changing to Wednesday mornings beginning Wednesday, July 2.

Schedule for Story Craft

Tuesday, June 24 10:30 - noon

Wednesday, July 2 10:30 - noon

Please join us for interesting stories, fun crafts, and a nutritious snack. All children are welcome. The focus is on preschool and early elementary students.

This program is sponsored by the Becket Athenaeum and a grant from the Berkshire Taconic - Central Berkshire Fund.

## Yoga and Qigong

Health Preservation Classes are held every Friday in the Washington Town Hall community room from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. A great class for anyone who would like to take a more active role in maintaining a greater sense of wellbeing. Classes are low impact with a focus on breathing, stretching, massage and meditation. Individual needs are addressed. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged. Questions can be directed to Heidi Nugent at (413) 623-8713.

To our fellow Washington residents:

July 2014

With the twin exceptions of Michael Weissbrod's volunteering to serve on the Historical Commission and Carol Kennedy stepping down from the Cultural Council, the Board has reappointed all the current incumbents to the Town's offices and boards. The Town relies heavily on our volunteer citizens and there is always room for new faces. Please let us know if you want to help.

Our Administrative Assistants have been calling those of you who did not respond to our business census and we hope to have nearly complete information by the end of the month.

Our payroll has been changed to bi-weekly which will save the Town approximately \$1000/year in fees.

Public hearings with Kinder Morgan, the company proposing a "Northeast Expansion Pipeline" have been held in Sandisfield and Richmond. Berkshire Regional Planning is in discussions with an environmental law specialist to represent the Berkshires' interests. If the pipeline enters Washington at all it appears it will be through the Pittsfield watershed. The Board plans to support whatever posture our neighboring towns of Dalton (which relies on the same water supply) and Pittsfield adopt.

Now that Washington Mountain Road has been returned to a safe condition the Town can be proud of, the Board has designated it a scenic byway commemorating Afghan and Iraqi war veterans. There will be a dedication ceremony including refreshments on Saturday July 19 at 11 am at the Old Town Hall. Our State Senator, Ben Downing, and State Representative Smitty Pignatelli who were instrumental in getting the work done plan to be there. We hope that many of our residents will attend and take the opportunity to thank them.

With Washington Mountain Road no longer a priority, the Board is turning its attention to the Town's many other pressing capital needs:

- Cross Place: the next step is to get a hydrological study of the area around the temporary bridge and a design/construction plan for a new bridge based on the study. We will be issuing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for bids on the work.
- Eden Glen also needs a design and construction plan and we will issue an RFP.
- There are a couple of other small bridges in need of repair and a design RFP will be issued for these as well.
- We are considering closing Lower Sargent Road rather than spending money on repairing that bridge. We welcome your comments either way.
- Since the Cross Place bridge is less than 20 feet long DOT considers it a culvert and will not provide any funding; even if we are approved for FEMA/MEMA funding for Eden Glen the Town will still be expected to pay for a portion of the work. Although the work will take place over several years and we can use some of our Chapter money, the Town will almost certainly need to borrow to get these projects done. We are working with FinComm on a long-range capital plan for the Town and will share it with you in the coming months.

Summer seems to have finally arrived. Enjoy!

Jim Huebner  
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