



# July 2017



## TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall 8 Summit Hill Road July 21, 2017 Time 5:30PM

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

Also the COA is happy to announce a Summer Yoga Session beginning July 11th 10AM at the Town Hall. The classes will run for 8 weeks during the summer occurring each Tuesday morning at 10AM.

#### Washington Gets \$490,000 State Grant for Broadband

The Baker-Polito Administration announced award of the grant on Tuesday, June 27. It will enable the town to proceed with design and construction of a fiber-optic network. Keep an eye on future issues of the Tracks for reports on the progress of the project.

The Washington Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Devon Mikaniewicz is this year's scholarship recipient. Devon, the son of Paul and Allison Mikaniewicz, is planning to attend Boston University, majoring in journalism. Thanks to everyone who has made this award possible by contributing to our fundraising events. Linda Levernoch

Washington Scholarship Committee

Western Massachusetts Master Gardener's Association, Berkshire chapter, will be sponsoring a question and answer session on July 8th at Springside Park, 874 North ST. Pittsfield on Perennials and Shrubs. The sessions will run for 1-2 hours. starting at 10 am. at the Demonstration Garden. For more information contact Mary-Ann Emery, 413 743-4284,,memery395@gmail.com or Jim McCarthy 413 637-2940 or heljim@msn.com.

-Marilyn Wiley

# SATURDAY JULY 8, 2017

## NORTH BECKET VILLAGE

Proceeds from this year's fair benefit the Becket Washington PTO which supports students at Becket Washington School.



Becket Washington Community Fair

Daytime: Vendors, free children's events, book sale, fairy houses, live music, food, and more! Evening: Family friendly event with food, dancing, music, and a beer garden.

This project is supported by a grant from the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and also in part by funding from the Becket and Washington Cultural Councils.

Like our Facebook page for the latest information!

Becket Washington Community Partnership

It's tick season, so please make sure that you check for these unwanted passengers whenever you have been outside. We have a relatively low incidence in Town relative to South County thanks to our higher elevation, but since some tick-borne diseases can be life-threatening please take care.

- DEET is effective as a repellant; Permethrin (NIX or other brand names) can be used to treat clothing.
- Please review and take the literature available at Town Hall.

We are forming a working group composed of representatives of the Select Board, Planning Board and FinComm to discuss the future of Virginia Lake Estates. We would really appreciate any owner of a property there or an abutter, or both, who would be willing to work with the group. Let Jodi know.

The Select Board is finalizing the Town's appointments for the next Fiscal Year, but more volunteers are always welcome! Let us know.

• Maintenance Coordinator – someone to replace Ed Bond – remains open. We really need someone to keep up our Town Hall and historical buildings.

### Road & Bridge:

- We received only a single proposal for the design of a bridge or culvert to replace the Middlefield Road over Coles Brook but the Board rejected it as being far too high, so we are re-bidding. We still hope to get the work done this year.
- Work on the Summit Hill Road bridge over the CSX tracks has started after a two-month delay. We continue to push Hinsdale and DOT to make the detour over East Washington Road as good as possible. Once we have a firm completion date we will determine whether school bus service will need to be modified this fall.
- The Eden Glen culvert replacement is moving forward rapidly; we expect the work will be done well before winter sets in.
- The punch list for Washington Mountain Road remains open until the correction of a number of issues, including the post-and-chain installation at the Town Common.
- We have applied for grant funding to engineer a new culvert on upper Frost Road.

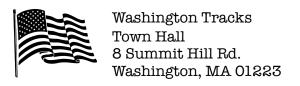
We have submitted our grant request for design and construction funding of our high speed internet system. We should have the funding in hand shortly to be able to move on to design of the system.

We have started working with BRPC on the grant we received last year to define what municipal services we can share with our sister towns or other service providers.

The Board will meet with Pittsfield's Mayor Tyer and her representatives this week to see if we can make some progress on the long-promised transfer of a five acre parcel along Washington Mountain Road to the Town for a new cemetery.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth. Now it really is Summer!

Jim HuebnerTricia DrugmandDick GrillonSelect Board ChairSelect Board ClerkSelect Board



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

July 2017 Council On Aging	Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
	Friday		7	14 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi- Gong class	21 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi- Gong class 530P Pot Luck Dinner	28 1PM Tai-Chi/Qi- Gong class	
	Thursday		9	13 10AM Osteoporosis class	20 10AM Osteoporosis class	27 10AM Osteoporosis class	
	Wednesday		2	12	19	26	
	Tuesday		4	11 10AM Yoga Class	18 10AM Yoga Class	25 10AM Yoga Class	
	Monday		8	10	17	24	31
	Sunday		2	6	16	23	30