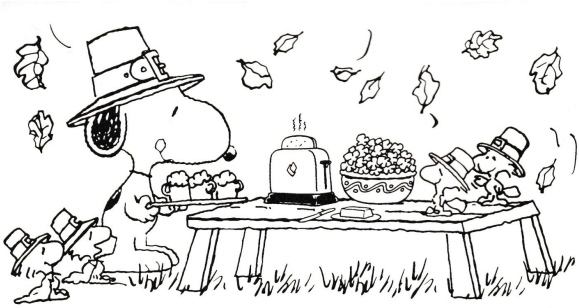




November 2019



BROADBAND IS COMING . . . BELIEVE IT!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Sign-up Kickoff Event on Oct 12. We had a great turnout, with lots of good questions. We are already halfway to our sign-up goal!

This is *our* town network. The long-term viability of it depends upon as many of us as possible participating. The more subscribers we have, the greater the likelihood that we can keep the monthly service costs low, and the greater our potential for Co-op dividends to return to the Town.

Now Is the Time to Sign Up!

Sign up before Dec 31 to receive a \$650 drop credit toward your installation costs. Go to **www.wiredwest.net/washington** to get started.

(Even if you gave a deposit and/or filled out a survey, you still need to do this one last step!)

The Governor has recently allocated additional funds for towns building their own networks. This means that we should now be able to pay for the \$650 drop credit for startup subscribers without raiding our town savings (i.e. Stabilization Fund). But the amount that we're eligible for is directly tied to the number of startup subscribers.

PROJECT UPDATE

We've gotten off to a bit of a rocky start, due to some make-ready not being done by the utilities, even though we received all our pole licenses. We hope to have this issue resolved soon, and Sertex should be able to hit their stride in the next few weeks.

We are currently projecting that the first homes will get connected starting in January. Installations will be able to begin as each Fiber Service Area is finished, tested, and certified. The whole process is expected to extend into the spring.

If you want to keep tabs on the project with periodic email updates, go to our WiredWest page and scroll down to subscribe to the construction update email list.

As always, feel free to reach out to Kent Lew with any questions.



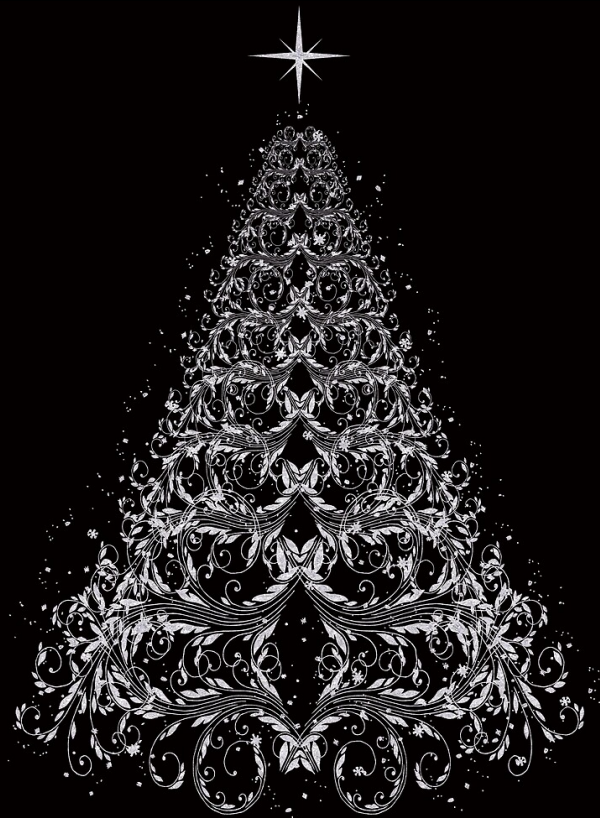
Holiday Bazaar

Washington Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road/ Route 8
Washington, MA 01223


December 7, 2019
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



raffles door prize vendors & much more
one of a kind gifts breakfast & lunch
paintings by Artist Pat Wigglesworth
baked good sale to benefit the fire department
childrens shopping & gift wrapping room



Tree Lighting at the Town Park
Sunday, December 1st 6:00PM
Cocoa, Cookies & Caroling



Becket Federated Church Parish House
3381 Main St., Becket (across from library)


Becket Food Pantry - 1st and 3rd Sat.,
9-11am
Free Supper - 1st Friday every month

COA

Ongoing at the Town Hall
Free Classes

Yoga 10AM Tuesdays
Osteoporosis class 10AM Thursdays
Tai Chi/Qi Gong 10AM Fridays

Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 Friday, Nov. 15th



Call for Donations

The Parks Commission
is holding a children gift
shopping room during the
December 7, 2019 bazaar at
the Town Hall, 9am-4pm.

We are looking for new items,
slightly used items or cash
donations to purchase item that
children can buy for their loved
ones for only \$1.00. We could
also use wrapping paper, tags,
bows or gift bags. Please drop
off your donation at the Town
Hall.

To our Washington neighbors:

November 2019

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Special Town Meeting on September 23. Outside of two financial "housekeeping" items, the main issue was allocating \$75,000 from the stabilization fund to make sure that every household that wishes to be connected to our broadband network would have a \$650 credit towards the road-to-home connection.

- We will not need the money from stabilization if one of three other funding sources comes through: additional construction money from the state or the federal government or a Small Town Capital grant.
- Construction of the Broadband network remains on schedule with the first actual home hookups the calendar year.

Although we received no responses to our RFP for a consultant to create an ADA transition plan for full Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, resident Terry Robbins has stepped forward to head up the effort. Based on Terry's years of experience in support of housing for the disabled we were able to apply for a planning grant from the MA Office on Disability. The awards will be announced in December.

The Board has selected a candidate to replace Treasurer Glen Grogan but not yet formalized the appointment; we are still looking for a replacement for our Town Accountant, Dan Parnell.

The Commonwealth mandates that we have a Procurement Officer "...responsible for all activities related to buying, leasing, renting or otherwise acquiring supplies or services..." Berkshire Regional Planning is now offering to provide this; the Board is considering the contract.

The Broadband presentation on October 12 was well-attended and well received; many of our citizens have already signed up for service, please join us!

Our BRPC resource for Town Planning, Matt Dovell, is now fully on board and we will be re-starting this initiative. There will be ample opportunity for input from our residents. We expect to have a plan by summer.

Highway:

- Foresight is proposing some cost savings for the replacement of the Middlefield Road bridge, but any construction this year is doubtful
- MEMA has recommended our grant application to fund the replacement of the deep culvert on upper Frost Road to FEMA. If approved the Town will need to provide 25% of the construction costs.
- Between Gill Engineering and DCR the three bridges on Lenox-Whitney Road may be repaired within the \$500,000 of the Small Bridge grant. Turns out that DCR needs access to implement tree cutting in October Mountain State Forest and so may pay for some of the needed repair; Gill has some creative ideas for the rest.

Property issues:

- The Board of Health met to act on our Health Agent's recommendation that all of Bucksteep's buildings be condemned for not having working septic systems. There will also be a Housing Court hearing on November 20.
- Once we have the hazardous materials inspection report we will be issuing an RFP for the demolition of Woody's. There will need to be a Special Town meeting to approve the expenditure.
- We are waiting for a recommendation from the Board of Health, our Health Agent and the Planning Board regarding the proposed "glamping" operation.

The Pumpkin Walk was extremely well-attended. We hope everyone had a chance to go

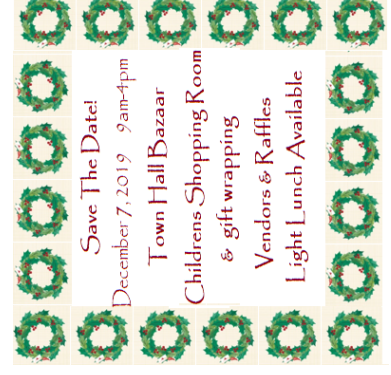
Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

TOWN OF WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	3	TOWN HALL	4	TOWN HALL	5	6	7	TOWN HALL	8	TOWN HALL	1	2	
		Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM		Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM ***** Conservation Commission Meeting 6 PM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM					
	10	TOWN HALL	11	TOWN HALL	12	13	14	TOWN HALL	15	TOWN HALL	16		
		Veterans' Day		Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM Planning Board Meeting 7 PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM ***** COA Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 PM					
	17	TOWN HALL	18	TOWN HALL	19	20	21	TOWN HALL	22	TOWN HALL	23		
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Entity	Contact	Number	Entity	Contact	Number
Assessors	Karen Avalle	717-7216	Finance Committee	Kent Lew	623-0202
Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668	Parks Commission	Dave Drugmand	623-6651
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964	Planning Board	Marilyn Wiley	623-5859
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	441-0787	Police Chief	Nicole Miller	446-4294
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-2185	Selectmen	Jim Huebner	655-8668
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	623-8333	Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146
Council on Aging	Rose Borgnis	441-0787	Veterans Agent	John Herrera	499-9433

Upcoming at the Becket Athenaeum: Email: info@bwlibrary.org or call 623-5483

Please note:

The Athenaeum will be closed Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving!

Community Game Night

Tuesday, November 5

6-8pm

Join us adults* for a fun evening of board games!

*older children (13+) welcome with an adult.

If you have a favorite, please bring it along to share/teach to fellow gamers.

Community Movie Afternoons

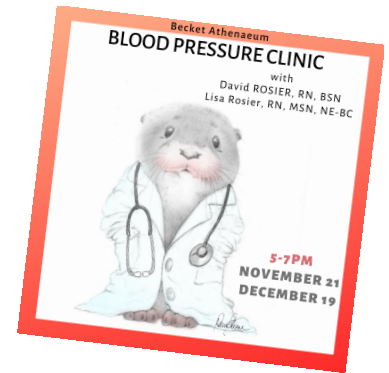
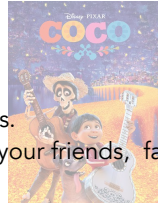
Saturday, November 16

1:30pm

We are hosting a free movie afternoon series.

Come enjoy an all-ages friendly movie with your friends, family & other community members!

Popcorn will be served!



Athenaeum Book Club

All are welcome to join us at the Athenaeum on **Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30pm** to discuss Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff.

We meet at 1:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the book over tea/coffee and make our next selection.

Regular attendance is anywhere between 6 and 16 people. We generally wrap up by 2:45 or 3pm. We read fiction and non-fiction.

Tutors Needed!

Due to great interest in our after-school tutoring program, ACE, we are seeking anyone looking to give back to our community by tutoring students. This is not something that requires a teaching degree - we are all community members interested in helping children reach their full potential.

We aim to provide a one-on-one tutoring experience. The time commitment is approximately 3-5pm on either Tuesdays, Wednesday, or Thursdays.

Email jodi@bwlibrary.org or give us a call at 623-5483, if you are interested!

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
HAS SPACE FOR A FEW MORE STUDENTS:



Community Recreation Association
400 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226
413-684-0260—www.daltoncra.org

CRA JOB OPPORTUNITY

After School Program Teacher (Site Coordinator)—Part Time (\$16-\$20/hr based on experience)
The Dalton Community Recreation Association (CRA) is seeking a highly motivated, professional, caring and hard-working head teacher who will provide leadership, supervision, and coordination for the Becket Washington School. You will have the opportunity to partner with the school, parents and your team to facilitate learning through passionate delivery of our high quality programs.

Responsibilities will include:

- Oversee the site and staff as well as functioning as the leader in a classroom of school-age children
- Must be able to provide a creative, stimulating, developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Follow EEC Regulations and Guidelines
- Report to the Program Director weekly
- Provide supervision and monitoring of health and safety needs; promote independence and creative thinking skills
- Direct the daily operations of the program in support of policies and procedures
- Motivate, develop and oversee all on-site staff
- Organize, evaluate, and oversee the school site to create a clean, fun and engaging learning environment
- Foster relationships by creating open and ongoing professional communication with parents and school administration
- Provide a caring family-oriented environment where positive child/adult relationships are developed
- Provide guidance and feedback to help team members strengthen knowledge and skills to accomplish individual and team goals
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Well-organized, thorough, and highly reliable/dependable
- Ability to remain calm and maintain a high-level of professionalism and personal and work ethics/integrity at all times
- Oversee children's and staff files on site as well as responsible for updating attendance lists, allergy sheets, and other forms of documentation.
- This is a part time position that requires weekday afternoon (approximately 2:30 – 5:30) availability 5 days a week (M-F) and 3 hours planning time and administrative.

Must meet one of the following:

- Have a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Child Guidance, Human Services, Nursing, Psychology, Physical Education, Recreation, Child Psychology, the Arts, Social Work, Sociology, or Child Care; and 6 months of experience working with school age children.
- OR Have a Bachelor's Degree in any field or an Associate's Degree in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Child Guidance, Human Services, Nursing, Psychology, Physical Education, Recreation, Child Psychology, the Arts, Social Work, Sociology, or Child Care and have nine months of experience working with school age children.
- OR Have a high school diploma or equivalent and one year of experience working with school age children.
- Flexible and demonstrates a passion to work with children in a learning environment
- Ability to successfully pass and maintain criminal background history checks including: CORI, SORI, DCF and Fingerprinting through EEC

Send a resume and cover letter to Taylor Vreeland

Email tvreeland@daltoncra.org or The Dalton CRA c/o Taylor Vreeland 400 Main St. Dalton, MA 01226

The Dalton CRA is an equal opportunity employer.

Pre-School



Did you ever think that some things are too hard to do at home with your kids?

Program

We will give you fun, easy, and not too messy ways to practice STEAM at home with your child/children. Join Wendy Provencher for an hour of great fun! This is an opportunity to inspire your kids to engineer, create, design, explore, and build!

Tuesdays*

1-2pm at the Athenaeum

FREE

No registration required.

*The program does not meet on the first Tuesday of the month or during school vacations.

The Central Berkshire Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Becket Arts Center



Community Survey

The Becket Arts Center is your gathering place for the ARTS in the Berkshires and we want to know how best to serve you.

Please help us by answering a few **(totally anonymous)** questions. This survey takes only a few minutes to complete.

Complete the survey at:

<https://becketartscenter.typeform.com/to/yFwggc>



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Email your TRACKS info by the **23rd of December** to get in to next month's
issue to Lisa at: mrsabeski@mac.com
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.