



## November 2022

### Scholarship's Election Day Bake Sale Returns

After a hiatus due to the Corona virus, the election day bake sale to benefit the Washington Scholarship Fund will return on November 8, starting at 7a.m. Donations of baked goods may be brought to the town hall either on election day or the night before—just leave your goodies in the kitchen refrigerator with a note indicating “bake sale”. In addition, volunteers are needed to “man” the bake sale table on election day. If you are willing to donate an hour or two of your time, please contact Linda Levernoch at 623-8309. With the generous support of our community, we are looking forward to another successful fundraiser.

Linda Levernoch, Washington Scholarship Committee

editor's note: This notice was suppose to be in October's issue and I overlooked it. If you can, please sign up to volunteer a couple hours at the bake sale, and if you can, a baked good would be greatly appreciated! - Lisa :)

In Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary  
of  
the Tree Lighting



*You're Invited*

To help decorate this year's tree  
The Parks Commission is providing ornaments  
residents can take home to decorate.

Bring your festive ornament to the Tree Lighting  
December 2nd, lighting at 5:30PM

Pick the perfect place to hang your ornament while  
enjoying cookies and hot cocoa

Count down to the lighting then join in on caroling

Led by *Stella Wibby*

Ornaments will be available at the Town Hall  
November 8th during the mid-term election  
7am-7pm.  
Next to the Washington Scholarship  
Bake Sale

Ornaments will also be available at the  
Town Hall  
8 Summit Hill Road  
Mondays 7pm-9pm & Wednesdays 11am-1pm



Enjoy this family fun project  
and attend the  
Celebration  
of a  
festive community event  
reaching it's tenth year in our  
beautiful park.

Questions?  
Contact Jodi at 464-6656

## COA

### Classes

Chair Yoga Mondays 11:00 AM

Yoga Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Osteoporosis Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Ti-Chi/QiGong Fridays at 10:00 AM

### Pot Luck Dinner

Friday Nov 18 5:30 join us for Turkey dinner \* We will provide the turkey - you bring the fixings and dessert .

Questions, comments, or need assistance? Call 413-394-0003 or email [washingtoncoa@gmail.com](mailto:washingtoncoa@gmail.com)

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### Becket Washington Athenaeum

- Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30-11:30am  
Pre-School STEAM Program. Preregistration required: [BecketAthenaeum.org/events](https://BecketAthenaeum.org/events)
- Tuesday, November 1, 1:30pm  
Book Club: Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
- Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30am
- Library Storytime (2nd Saturday of the month, the craft project is replaced by creative movement.)
- Monday, November 14, 6pm  
Cookbook Club: Lidia's A Pot, A Pan, and A Bowl by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich and Tanya Bastianich Manuali
- Weekdays, 2:55-5:30pm  
Kids Club After-School Care at BWS. Contact Jon Yetto at the Dalton CRA 413-684-0260 [jyetto@daltoncra.org](mailto:jyetto@daltoncra.org) for information and to sign up.

Does a student in your household need additional help with their schoolwork? The Becket Athenaeum is now accepting applications for our FREE after-school tutoring program! Open to Becket & Washington students in grades 2-8 (possibly 9-12, depending on available tutors). Tutoring for elementary school students will occur at Kids Club, the BWS Dalton CRA after-school care program.

To request tutoring or volunteer to become a tutor, please contact [jodi@bwlibrary.org](mailto:jodi@bwlibrary.org).

The Becket Athenaeum is holding an online silent auction November 14- 28!

Many wonderful items will be available to bid on, including theater tickets, dance tickets, paintings, and photography. Many gift certificates for local restaurants and stores will be offered, along with some specialty items such as an oyster and wine pairing, and a CRA 3-month membership!

The auction will be entirely online, and bidders will be notified by text or email concerning the status of their bids. Visit [BecketAthenaeum.org](https://BecketAthenaeum.org) on November 14 for the link. Come join in the fun and support your local community library!

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS  
OCTOBER 17, 2022**

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District's appropriation of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) for the purpose of repair and/or replacement of the Wahconah Regional High School Track, located at 150 Old Windsor Road, Dalton, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, said sum to be expended at the direction of the Wahconah School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the district is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or take any other action related thereto.

**Article 1 passed by secret ballot vote:**

**Yes votes 23**

**No votes 9**

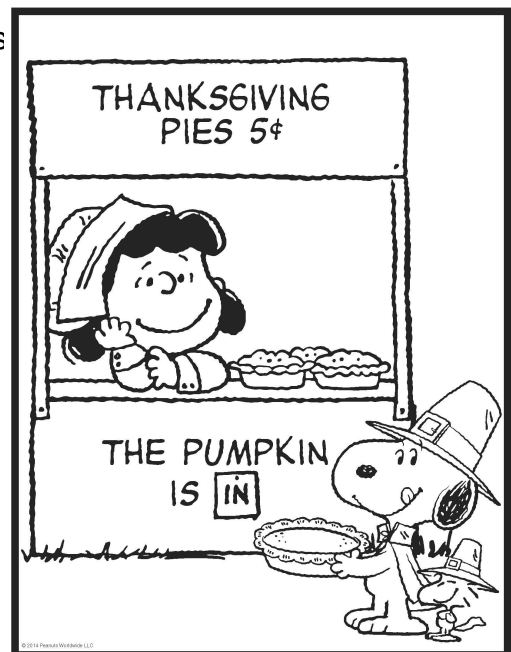
**Article 2.** To see if the Town will amend its Departmental Revolving Funds bylaw to add the following authorized revolving fund to Table 11.1 for the collection and payment of legal notice fees:

- A. Revolving Fund: Planning Board & ZBA Legal Notices Fund
- B. Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund: Planning Board chair or ZBA chair
- C. Fees, Charges or Receipts Credited to Fund: Fees collected for reimbursement of costs for legal notices of public hearings required by M.G.L. Ch 40A §11.
- D. Expenses Payable from Fund: Fees, charges and costs incurred for legal notices of public hearings required by M.G.L. Ch. 40A §11.
- E. Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund: None
- F. Other Requirements/Reports: An annual report shall be provided to the Select Board detailing total receipts and expenditures for the prior fiscal year
- G. Fiscal Years: Fiscal Year 2023 and all subsequent years

**Article 2 passed unanimously by voice vote**

*Allison Mikaniewicz*

Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk  
Washington, Massachusetts  
October 24, 2024



## **State Election Information**

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polling Hours: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Polling Location: Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road

### **Positions on the ballots:**

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

Secretary of State

Treasurer

Auditor

Representative in Congress

Councillor

Senator in General Court

Representative in General Court

District Attorney

Sheriff

### **Ballot Questions:**

- Additional Tax on Income Over One Million Dollars
- Regulation of Dental Insurance
- Expanded Availability of Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages
- Eligibility for Driver's Licenses

Full text of the ballot questions along with information on what a Yes or No vote will mean can be found in the Information for Voters booklets that the State mailed to each household. You can also visit [VoteInMA.com](http://VoteInMA.com).

### **Vote by Mail**

If you would like to request a vote by mail ballot, please complete and return the postcard application received in the mail. Requests must be by the Town Clerk no later than November 1, 2022.

### **Early Voting**

Early in-person voting will be held at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office on the following dates and time:

Thursday, November 3                      8:00 am - 10:00 am

Friday, November 4                        4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### **Help Wanted: Vocational Education Driver**

Our stalwart Voc. Ed. driver, Ben Phillips, is stepping down at the beginning of November after six years of yeoman's service transporting students for both Washington and neighboring Becket. We thank him for all his dedication.

Now the Town is urgently seeking a replacement. The job posting, job description, and application can all be found on our website under About Us > Job Opportunities: [www.washington-ma.gov/job-opportunities](http://www.washington-ma.gov/job-opportunities)

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please take a look. Additional questions can be directed to Select Board chair Kent Lew at [kent@kentlew.com](mailto:kent@kentlew.com). Help spread the word so we can find an equally well-qualified driver to take Ben's place.

Dear Washington Friends & Neighbors:

November 2022

The harvest is in, gardens are being put to bed, and woodstoves are being fired up.

Kudos to Ed Bond, Phebe Wehner, and Jodi Hostetter for helping revive the annual Pumpkin Walk tradition this year. Thanks also to Adam & Jim from the Highway crew for prepping new stumps; Allison, Jessica, and their Girl Scouts for carving pumpkins; Craig for all his contributions; and Paul and his volunteer firefighters for handing out candy and keeping an eye on the bonfire.

At last month's vaccine clinic, our Public Health Nurse Leslie Drager administered 99 shots to 67 people — probably a record! Thanks to our BOH members Ellen Bond and Mary Jarvie for helping out Leslie's team this year.

We appreciate all the residents who participated in the Special Town Meeting that same evening, contributing to the debate and weighing in on the Wahconah Track replacement. The article eventually passed, with 23 in favor and nine against.

Remember to come out on **Election Day, November 8**, to cast your votes in important state races and ballot questions. Polls will be open all day, thanks to the service of all our poll workers.

Folks will have noticed the repaved Town Park/Garage driveway now. The contractor should be back this month to repair the washed-out Stonehouse Rd edges and Washington Mountain Rd/Nocher Rd swale, which will be the last of the major damage from last year's July 18 flash flood.

Property tax bills should finally go out later this month. The amount to be raised from taxes is shaping up to about 11% more than last year. The tax rate itself should only be about about 2–3% higher, but overall home assessments have gone up around 10.5%, so residential tax bills could be 13% higher on average. First half payments will be due thirty days after the bills are mailed.

The Washington and Middlefield Select Boards have come to terms on an intermunicipal agreement for the shared Town Administrator. The document is now in legal review with Town Counsels. Some of the finer points of an Employment Agreement for the position are still being hammered out. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is guiding the process and helping with recruitment. The position has been posted and BRPC has reported three applicants so far. A subcommittee with members from both Towns will be reviewing the applications and making recommendations. The Select Boards are tentatively scheduled to conduct interviews on Nov. 21.

Remember to take a moment to remind family & friends how much you appreciate them in this Thanksgiving season.

Kent Lew  
Select Board chair

David Ellis  
Select Board

John Fish  
Select Board clerk

## Disposition of Town Assets

The Board of Selectmen voted to dispose of the below assets offering them to residents at salvage value. If you are interested, please email the Administrative Assistants, Jodi Hostetter and Sharon Davis at [washingtonaas@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonaas@gmail.com). Please provide which item you are interested in and a phone number where you can be reached.

An All-In-One computer was kept and declared, designated for public use. Use primarily for permits but the Administrative Assistant's office is curious if this computer could provide other benefits to the public. Please use the email address above to express an opinion, if you have one on the matter.

Dell Studio XPS desktop computer with monitor and keyboard	\$100.00
Dell Inspiron 3847 desktop computer with monitor and keyboard	\$100.00
Dell monitor	\$50.00
Dell monitor	\$50.00
External Speakers	\$20.00



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Becket Arts Center  
2022 Survey

Help Us Plan for 2023 & Beyond



[becketartscenter.org](http://becketartscenter.org)

Paper surveys are available by request





## TOWN OF WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				TOWN HALL	1	TOWN HALL	2	TOWN HALL	3	TOWN HALL	4	5	
				Yoga with Rima 9AM		Historical Commission 10AM Administrative Assistant 10AM-2PM Building Inspector 1PM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 9AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10AM		Transfer Station 8AM-4PM	
6	Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set you clocks back an hour. Perhaps change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors too.	TOWN HALL	7	8	2022 State Election 7AM - 8PM  Washington Scholarship Bake Sale. Contact Linda Levermoch at 623-8309 to donate.	TOWN HALL	9	TOWN HALL	10	TOWN HALL	11	12	
			Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Select Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 - 7:00PM Assessors Office 6:00 - 8:00PM Tax Collector 6:00 - 8:00PM Town Clerk 7:00 - 9:00PM Police Department 7:00 - 9:00PM Chair Yoga with Rima 11AM		Administrative Assistant 10AM-2PM Building Inspector 1PM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 9AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10AM Veterans' Day		Transfer Station 8AM-4PM		
13		TOWN HALL	14	15		TOWN HALL	16	TOWN HALL	17	TOWN HALL	18	19	
			Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Select Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Finance Committee 6:00 - 7:00 PM Assessors Office 6:00 - 8:00PM Tax Collector 6:00 - 8:00PM Town Clerk 7:00 - 9:00PM Police Department 7:00 - 9:00PM Chair Yoga with Rima 11AM	Yoga with Rima 9AM  Planning Board Meeting 7PM		Administrative Assistant 10AM-2PM Building Inspector 1PM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM		OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 9AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10AM Council On Aging Polluck Dinner 5:30PM-7PM		Transfer Station 8AM-4PM	
20		TOWN HALL	21	22		TOWN HALL	23	TOWN HALL	24	TOWN HALL	25	26	
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27		TOWN HALL	28	29		TOWN HALL	30	TOWN HALL					
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Entity	Contact	Number	Entity	Entity	Contact	Number	Entity	Contact	Number	Entity	Contact	Number	
Assessors	Karen Avallé	717-7216		Finance Committee	Dave Drugmand	446-1774							
Board of Health	Jim Huebner	655-8668		Parks Commission	Dominic Sinopoli	823-2086							
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964		Planning Board	Don Gagnon	822-8385							
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	394-0003		Police Chief	Nicole Miller	446-4294							
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-2185		Select Board	Kent Lew	623-0202							
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	464-2388		Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146							
Council on Aging	Rose Borgnis	394-0003		Transfer Station	Michelle Lampro	464-2388							
				Veterans Agent	John Herrera	499-9433							

Please CALL AHEAD





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Events scheduled May through Sept

Email your TRACKS info by the 25th of the month to get in to next month's issue to  
Lisa at: [mrsabeski@mac.com](mailto:mrsabeski@mac.com)  
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.