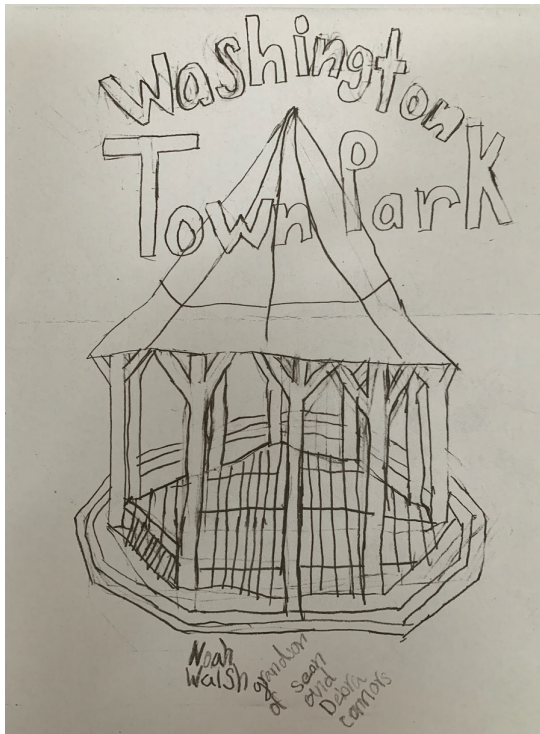




OCTOBER 2021



The Town of Washington Parks Commission is proud to announce that our \$4000 fundraising goal to replace the gazebo roof was exceeded thanks to the 50/50 raffle proceeds and donations made by residents at the Town Hall and the donation box at the Raise the Roof Concert Series. The Friends of the Park were able to hold the concert series, which brought in amazing talent and free family fun for the community, thanks to a grant by the Washington Cultural Council. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Cultural Council, all the volunteers who helped host the event, all the bands who provided us with great entertainment and to all of you who attended and donated to the event. The Parks Commission would also like to thank Will and Michele Beemer for their very generous donation. The anonymous benefactor, who matched \$1,000.00 of the funds raised during the last three events. The Girl Scouts Troop 40367 for their donation. Residents Peter and Susan Matson, Micheal and Stephanie Case, Debra Megaw, Mark Schnopp and Sibylle Baier for donations made at the Town Hall. Ed Bond for making the donation box that brought in as much as the 50/50 raffle week after week. A special thank you to both Craig and Paul Willis who time after time comes to the aid of the park and the Town. When the flash flooding crashed through the rock wall and washed out the path leaving debris far into the park just days before the series was to begin, Craig and Paul got to work restoring the bike path, securing the rock wall and cleaning up and hauling out the debris. Thank you! The Parks Commission hopes to continue this community series next year and welcomes any feedback and volunteers.

COA News

Classes are continuing with masks being required for all

Yoga Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Osteoporosis Thursdays at 9:00 am

Tai-Chi/QiGong Fridays at 10:00 am

Pot Luck Dinner Friday October 15th at 5:30 pm all seniors welcome with or without a dish to share - we look forward to seeing you!

(masks are required for socializing before and after eating)

Contact Rose @ 413-394-0003 with any questions or by email at washingtoncoa@gmail.com

Special Town Election Updates:

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Polling hours: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Polling location: Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road

Positions on the ballot: Board of Selectmen: vacant seat, 2-year unexpired term

Municipal Light Board member: term to expire 2022

Municipal Light Board member: term to expire 2023

Municipal Light Board member: term to expire 2024

Nomination Papers:

- Available **now**. Last day to take out nomination papers Tuesday, October 12, 2021.
- Deadline to submit nomination papers is Wednesday, October 13, 2021.
- Must have at least 25 signatures from Washington residents that are registered to vote.
- If you would like to take out nomination papers, please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM or send an email to washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com.

Absentee Ballots:

- If you need an absentee ballot you will first need to complete an absentee ballot application.
- If you need to request an absentee ballot, please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM or send an email to washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com.

Town Clerk Office Hours

Please note that the Town Clerk will not have office hours on Monday, October 18. There will be a lock box on the Clerk's counter if you need to leave paperwork and payment for a dog license. For anything else you would need to see the Town Clerk for, please send an email to washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com.

Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Information

If you have been vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine you are eligible for a booster shot six months after your second dose if you are:

- 65 years of age and older;
- 18-64 years of age at risk for severe COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions;
- or 18-64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 because of occupational or institutional settings

In order to locate a convenient location for getting a Pfizer COVID-19 Booster:

1. Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a full list of hundreds of locations to receive a booster and select a location and schedule an appointment online; or
2. If you are unable to use vaxfinder, or have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line (Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9AM-2PM) by calling **2-1-1** and following the prompts.

October Happenings at the BAC



20 Years After 9/11 - Photo Exhibit by Todd Maisel - Open Fridays-Mondays 12-4 pm through October 11

Alchemy - OIL - WATER - RUST - Art Exhibit Open Fridays - Mondays 12-4 pm through October 11

Monday, October 18, 7 pm via Zoom Exploration with Mallory Mortillaro: The Discovery of a Masterpiece - FREE.

Preregister online.

Sunday, October 31, 1 pm - Oysters, Wine and Good Times: A Fundraiser for the Becket Arts Center at Canterbury Farm.


Remember: Our Gift Shop is Open Friday-Monday from 12-4 through October 11.

We will be open Saturdays in November for Holiday Shopping.

Please visit: becketartscenter.org for more information about our October programs.



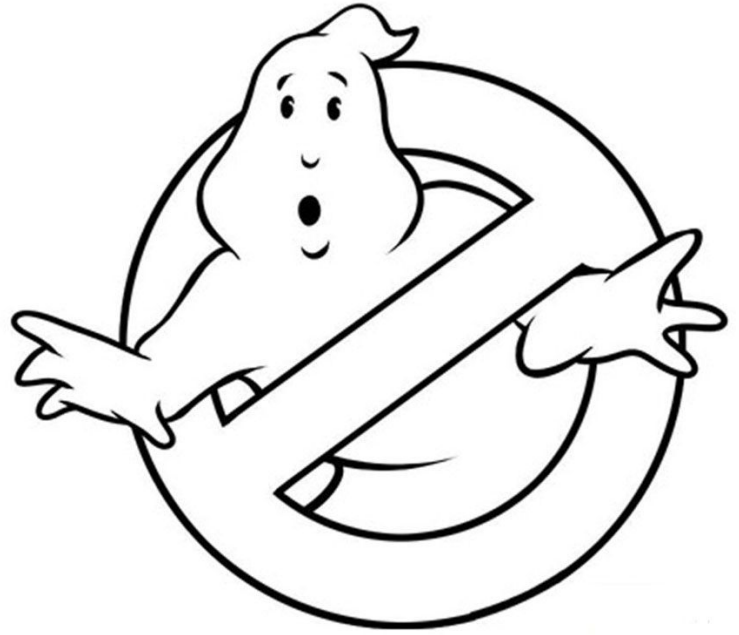
TOWN OF WASHINGTON OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Important Notice: The Select Board reinstated a mask requirement for all staff and visitors in Town Hall regardless of vaccination status, effective immediately.						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Select Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Assessors Office 6:00 - 8:00PM Tax Collector 6:00 - 8:00PM Town Clerk 7:00 - 9:00PM Police Department 7:00 - 9:00PM	Yoga with Rena 9AM	Administrative Assistant 10AM-2PM Building Inspector 1PM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM Scout Troop 40367 6 PM-8 PM	OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 9AM	TAI-CHII/QI-GONG CLASS 10AM	Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
TOWN PARK	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Town Offices Closed in Observance of Columbus Day	Yoga with Rena 9AM Planning Board Meeting 7PM	Administrative Assistant 10AM-2PM Building Inspector 1PM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM Scout Troop 40367 6 PM-8 PM	OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 9AM	TAI-CHII/QI-GONG CLASS 10AM Council On Aging Polluck Dinner 5:30PM-7PM ★ October 15, 2021 Cultural Council Application Submission Deadline (State no longer accepts paper apps)	Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
TOWN PARK	17	18	19	20	21	22
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31	Upcoming Dates: ★ November - Special Town Meeting ★ December 4, 2021 Special Town Election					

Entity	Contact	Number
Assessors	Karen Avalle	717-7216
Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	394-0003
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-2185

Entity	Contact	Number
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	464-2388
Council on Aging	Rose Borgnis	394-0003
Finance Committee	Sean Connors	212-1182
Parks Commission	Dominic Sinopoli	623-2086
Planning Board	Don Gagnon	822-8385

Entity	Contact	Number
Police Chief	Nicole Miller	446-4294
Selectmen	Kent Lew	623-0202
Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146
Transfer Station	Michelle Lampro	464-2388
Veterans Agent	John Herrera	499-9433



Halloween Treats



Find the following hidden words:

candy
cupcake
pumpkin
sweets
treat
trick
yum
gum
boo



Dear Washington Friends & Neighbors:

October 2021

And just like that, another summer has passed. The Sunday Concerts in the Park were a great success and donations exceeded the goal for helping replace the gazebo roof. Special thanks to Jodi Hostetter and the Cultural Council and Parks Commission for making these events possible.

Tom and Adam are working diligently to finish summer projects, but our Highway Dept remains short-staffed. We may have to come up with a contingency plan for plowing during heavy winter storms. If you or anyone you know might be interested in working as temporary, on-call help for winter plowing, please contact Tom at 623-8383 or washingtondpw@gmail.com.

The Washington-Hinsdale sign on Rte 8 has finally been reinstalled. Thanks to Linda Levernoch and Don Campbell for helping us get DOT to attend to this.

The new owner of the Woody's property has promised the structure will be demolished "before the snow flies". He is trying to pin down his contractor for a firm date. The Board is pressing for mid October.

Tax bills will be going out late this year, toward the end of the month. The delay is due to this being a major Recertification year and all the extra hoops the Assessors are being made to jump through. Overall property values have gone up, which means that the nominal tax rate will go down. About 40% of taxpayers may see an increase in tax, while 60% will thus see some reduction. A comparison of all property assessment changes is available to preview on the town website.

A major makeover for our Town website is underway. We have engaged with CivicPlus, a platform specializing in municipal websites and used by many of our neighboring towns. In addition to easier navigation, we aim to implement more online permitting, online payments, emergency notifications, email newsletters, and more to bring us into the 21st century. It will still be several months before a new site goes live, but stay tuned.

*The Flu Vaccination Clinic will be back this year, thankfully. Our Public Health Nurse will be at Town Hall on Monday Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m. The Select Board and Board of Health are also exploring the possibility of a mobile Covid-19 vaccination clinic for booster shots later down the line.

The John F. X. Keator Pumpkin Walk has been cancelled again this year, but the Fire Department is planning a Halloween event for the kids, similar to last year's (date yet to be determined). Thanks to Paul Mikaniewicz and his whole crew for making that possible.

We hope everyone gets out and enjoys the natural beauty of Fall in Washington.

Kent Lew, Select Board chair

Tricia Drugmand, Select Board clerk

* Register for the Flu Vaccine Clinic at <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/berkshire>
Scroll to find the Washington Town Hall site

The flu vaccine is available at no charge to individuals ages 6 months and older. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

* If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card(s) with you.

* Please wear short sleeves, or a shirt that has easily rolled-up sleeves.

If you have any questions regarding this program, or are interested in other flu clinics in your area, please call (413)442.1521 x37, or email alliancenurse@berkshireplanning.org

Residents can see the FY22 PRELIMINARY ASSESSED VALUES through a link on the website washington-ma.com before tax bills are issued.



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