



September 2017



The 108th Annual Washington Sons & Daughters will be held on
Sunday, September 10th, 12:00-4
at the Old Town Hall on Washington Mountain Rd.
There will be food, drinks, a baking contest, and
entertainment by Jesse Taylor Cole.

The Washington Historical Commission invites everyone to visit the Old South
Center School ("The Little Red Schoolhouse") on Washington Mountain Road on
Sunday, September 10th. We will be open from 10:00 until noon. Hope you can join
us!

TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
September 15, 2017
Time 5:30PM

All seniors, please come and enjoy the pot luck dinner with the
COA as we ring in Autumn with steaks from the grill and baked
potatoes. Have a wonderful evening in the company of your fellow
Senior Town residents

Western Massachusetts Master Gardener's Association, Berkshire chapter, will be sponsoring a question and answer session on Saturday, September 9th at Springside Park, 874 North ST. Pittsfield on Seed Saving in the Vegetable Garden. . 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.

Local Non-Profit Distributes \$50,000 in Supplies to Area Families

Cummington, MA – August 16, 2017

It Takes a Village, a non-profit organization located in the Hilltowns of Western Massachusetts, has distributed over \$50,000 in clothing, diapers and other supplies to area families since opening its doors at the Berkshire Trail Elementary School building in Cummington in October of 2015.

It Takes a Village has been providing the Western Mass community with free maternity, baby and kids' clothing and gear since 2009, through its donation site The Village Closet. With their move to its current site and a goal of making supplies easy and convenient to access, families have been coming from all over the four Western Massachusetts counties, and as far away as Sturbridge, and even Vermont. This past year, The Village Closet served 783 families (almost 3000 individuals) from over 70 towns. Moreover, with the organization's addition of a delivery service, families lacking transportation have been able to benefit from the program.

"Before I heard about the Village Closet, I was so stressed about how I would pay for all the baby stuff," Krista, a local mother from Springfield, remarked. "I found nearly everything I needed there - car seat, stroller, clothes, blankets, nursing pillow, even cloth diapers, which saved me so much in the long run. And now I know where to bring all this stuff when we're finished with it! We are very lucky to have this here in our community."

It Takes a Village will be celebrating this \$50,000 milestone at their annual Open House taking place on Saturday, September 16th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. They will also be giving away their large inventory of winter clothing and Halloween attire. Complementary refreshments and childcare will be available. The Village Closet is located at 2 Main Street (off Route 9) in Cummington, MA.

It Takes a Village provides free postpartum support for families with newborns and young children living in Western Massachusetts. Their programs include home-visits for Hilltown families, parent support groups, free baby and children's items from The Village Closet, resource kits and an educational lending library, as well as referrals to other area services.

The Village Closet welcomes all families, regardless of income or circumstance. Many of the families who visit are low or very low income, including first time and teen mothers, families in transition, parents in recovery, unemployed families, single-parent households, survivors of domestic abuse, homeless families and foster families, as well as families seeking to live a more sustainable lifestyle. It is supported, in part, with funding from the United Way, The Hilltown Community Health Center, Baystate Noble Hospital and the Central Berkshire Taconic Foundation. For more information, please visit www.hilltownvillage.org

**Were you a part of Porchlight VNA's
Falls Prevention Program?!**

It's time for your three-month re-evaluation!



Where: Washington COA

When: 9/21/17

Time: 10:00 am



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VNA

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Fund, a Fund of Berkshire Taconic
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You Can Make A Difference. We Can Help.

To our Washington neighbors:

September 2017

Thanks to all who turned out for the Special Town Meeting on July 31. Both articles for the purchase of new highway equipment (a one-ton plow truck and a utility vehicle) were unanimously approved.

- The issue of adding a cars-only interchange to the Mass Pike in Becket or Blandford has re-surfaced. The voters present at the STM were mostly favorable to the idea. There are no definite plans yet; we'll let you know of any further developments.

Thanks to Matt Thomas of Frost Road who has stepped forward to take over as our Maintenance Coordinator replacing Ed Bond. Another change: Melissa Martinetto resigned her position as Tax Collector. The Board appointed Assistant Gina Campbell to replace her.

Thanks to Chief Breen for getting the grants and for purchasing supplies for use in an emergency. These are kept in the trailer by the Town Hall to be deployed when needed.

Things are moving quickly now that we have been awarded grant money to begin work on our fiber optic high speed internet system. In addition to our contract with Westfield Gas and Electric to begin design we now have a signed Memo of Understanding with WiredWest, the cooperative venture that we expect will manage the completed system.

If you are using a non-EPA certified wood stove (pre-1990 and including hydronic systems) for home heating you may qualify for \$300-\$5000 towards the purchase and installation of a new EPA certified gas or wood or pellet stove or hydronic heater. Call 1-800-548-8252 or visit www.LungNE.org/woodstove.

Road & Bridge:

- We have contracted with Foresight to design a bridge or culvert to replace the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook. We expect to be able to get bids for construction next March and complete the bridge next summer.
- Work on Summit Hill Road bridge over the CSX tracks is scheduled to be completed no later than November 4. We'll keep you posted.
- The new culvert is in place on Frost Road but the road itself will be closed through the month until paving is complete. We are still pursuing grant opportunities for the dam.
- There are still some open items for DOT and the contractor to correct along Washington Mountain Road including a misaligned culvert that created a new beaver pond and a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile section that is subsiding and may need to be replaced.
- The Cross Place Road culvert project is complete.
- We have applied for a MassWorks grant of \$600,000 to fund the reconstruction of the paved portion of Lovers' Lane and replace all the culverts
- We are exploring two other grant opportunities from FEMA for the culvert on upper Frost Road.
- The large culvert on Johnson Hill Road has been replaced and paved over.

Please remember to join everyone for the Sons & Daughters Reunion at the Old Town Hall from 12-4 on Sunday September 10!

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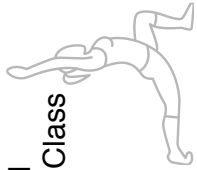


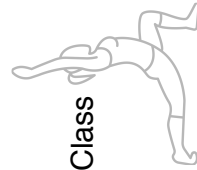






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Town of Washington **SEPTEMBER 2017** Council on Aging

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	2
3	4	5 10AM Yoga Class 	6	7 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	8 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	9
10	11	12 10AM Yoga Class 	13	14 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	15 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class  5:30PM Pot Luck	16
17	18	19 10AM Yoga Class Fall Prevention Awareness Day 	20	21 10AM Balance Evaluation	22 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class Autumn Begins 	23
24	25	26	27	28 10AM Osteoporosis Class 	29 10AM Tai-Chi/Qi-Gong Class 	30