



# September 2019

## 110<sup>th</sup> Annual WASHINGTON SONS AND DAUGHTERS

at the Old Town Hall  
Washington Mountain Road  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 – 3:00 PM

All Washington residents and anyone who has ever lived in the Town of Washington are welcome to join us, children included.

### FOOD AND DRINK (Hot and Cold) WILL BE PROVIDED

By the Committee. Come hungry!

### BAKING CONTEST

Ladies and Gentlemen please bake your favorite pie recipe and enter it in our Contest.

Please tape your name on the bottom of your plate.

This is our Dessert so please enter the Contest and bring something delicious for all to share.

Prizes will be awarded.

### \*\*\*\*\*ENTERTAINMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Entertainment will be provided by

David Bacon on keyboard

A wide range of music, sure to play something for everyone!

You won't want to miss this folks!

Come one and all and enjoy!

## BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE

We have received our pole licenses from Eversource and are now waiting for Verizon. They're supposed to be done with make-ready in town by the third week in September. So, we have a kickoff meeting scheduled with Sertex, our fiber-optic construction contractor, for Sept 24, with a tentative date for construction starting on Oct 1st.

### Getting Closer . . .

We are now working on having our system in place to start officially signing up customers in early October. The date for a sign-up kickoff meeting will be announced in next month's Tracks.

But before we can do that, we need to finalize how much discount the Town will be able to offer on the installation costs. The current projections do not leave enough funding after construction to cover our desired target amount. There are two possibilities for additional state funding that are pending. But the results of these requests will not be known in time to continue on our present schedule. So, at the Special Town Meeting on Sept 23 we will be asking the voters to approve an additional appropriation as a fallback in order to keep moving ahead with the current plans. Please come join that discussion.

### Broadband is Coming! Take the Survey

To help with our planning and to make sure that you will be directly notified when sign-ups begin in October, please take our Broadband Survey online at: [www.wiredwest.net/towns/washington](http://www.wiredwest.net/towns/washington)

The results of the broadband survey will play a role in determining in what order the various sections of town get built out. If you haven't yet filled out a survey to indicate your level of interest, please do so now. If you've already completed a survey, thank you!

(If you have no internet access at all, paper copies of the survey can be found at Town Hall. Or get in touch with Kent Lew at 413-446-7897.)

### **Come See the Little Red School House!**

The Washington Historical Commission invites you to the South Center School (the red school house) on Washington Mt Rd from 11AM to noon Sunday, September 8th. We hope you come see the inside of this wonderful, historical survivor from our town's past.

The historical commission will also display town historical items at the Sons and Daughters annual gathering starting at noon.

## Voter Registration Session for Special Town Meeting

A voter registration session will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. If you are not already registered to vote in the town of Washington, this will be your last chance to register and be eligible to vote at the Special Town Meeting being held Monday, September 23, 2019.

### **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**

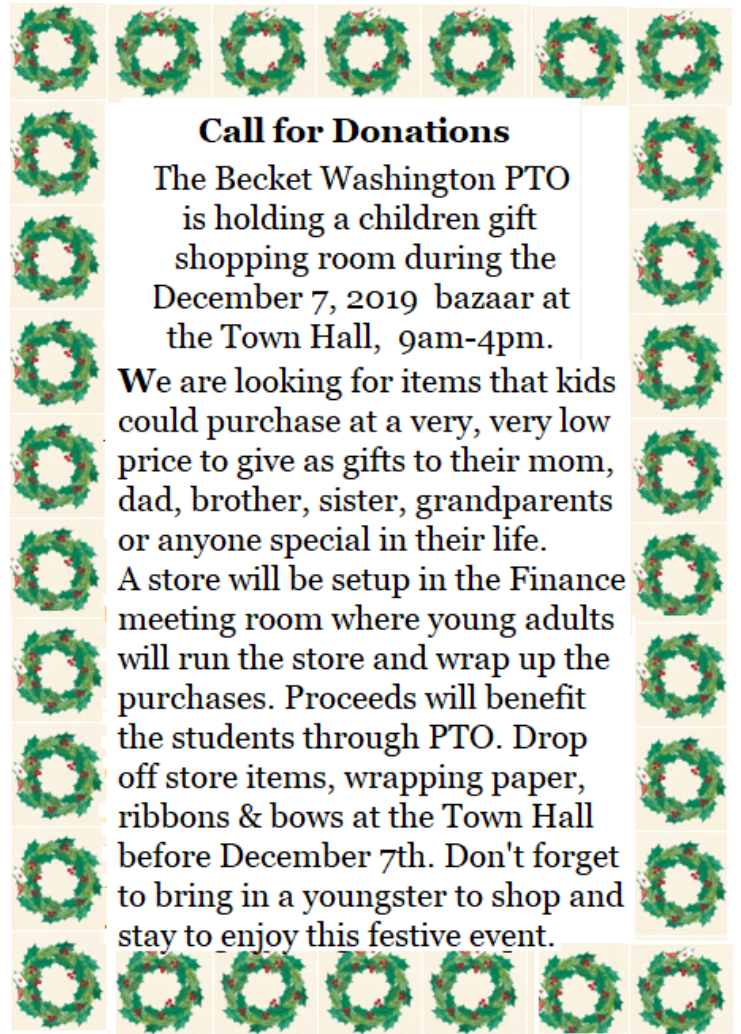
Ongoing at the Town Hall  
Free Classes

**Yoga** 10AM Tuesdays

**Osteoporosis class** 10AM Thursdays

**Tai Chi/Qi Gong** 10AM Fridays

**Pot Luck Dinner** 5:30 Friday, September 20th  
with guest grill master **Steve Deloye** grilling  
steaks for our end of summer celebration!



Dan Parnell, our Town Accountant, and Glen Grogan, our Treasurer, plan to retire at the end of 2019. We thank them for their years of service to the Town. These part time positions require knowledge of municipal finance and at least one evening - Monday - a week at the Town Hall. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please let Jodi know.

The Board has adopted a policy of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which appears separately in this month's *Tracks*. We have put out an RFP for a consultant to help us with a transition plan for full ADA compliance which will be funded by a Mass Office on Disability planning grant. We once again invite any and all interested residents who want to participate in this process to contact Jodi.

We were unable to position the Town to apply for Green Community this year. What is needed is a zoning by-law to set aside a small area of Town for a large-scale solar array. The Board is considering the area behind the railroad tracks above the Town Park. We expect to have the new zoning law ready for approval at the Annual Town Meeting next May.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Monday September 23 at the Town Hall. One article will be to allow our Highway Crew to participate in a new family leave program set up by the Commonwealth and funded by payroll deductions. Another will be to set aside additional funding to assure completion of our broadband network.

- Broadband construction remains on schedule and we are hoping that the \$100,000 Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant will be awarded which would eliminate the need for additional Town funds.

Highway:

- We have no word yet on either of our two grant applications to fund the replacement of the deep culvert on upper Frost Road.
- The \$500,000 small bridge grant to repair the three bridges on Lenox-Whitney Road remains in limbo. We have no design and no indication of help from DOT.
- DOT has responded to us regarding the bridge on Middlefield Road over Coles Brook; they, and our engineer, Foresight are reviewing options and the two bids we received to fit any solution within the \$500,000 Small Bridge grant.

Property issues:

- The inspection of Bucksteep revealed that all six of its septic systems are inadequate. Our health agent is preparing a report for the next court appearance on September 18. We have no indications of Family Unity's plans since the property cannot be used without proper sanitation.
- The prospective buyer for Woody's has again reached out to the Board but has not done anything that would forestall the demolition contract we expect to sign next month.
- A property owner has proposed using four lots along Lower Valley for "glamping". This will require both a special permit from the Planning Board and a Board of Health sign-off. There will likely be a public hearing next month.
- Dick Spencer has taken on the challenge of negotiating with Nature Conservancy for the sale of Town-owned property in Virginia Lakes.

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend. See you all at The Sons & Daughters Reunion Sunday September 8 from noon to three at the Old Town Hall!

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand  
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon  
Select Board

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**






The Town of Washington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, services, activities and employment practices.

If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or a reasonable modification in programs, services or activities contact Jodi Hostetter (washingtonaas@gmail.com; 413-464-6656) or Mark Roos, our ADA Coordinator (markfr909@gmail.com; 413-822-6143) as soon as possible before the activity or event.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternative formats such as large print or Braille.

A grievance procedure is available to resolve complaints.

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Town Hall Closed for Labor Day	TOWN HALL 3 Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM	4	TOWN HALL 5 OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM ***** Conservation Commission Meeting 6 PM	TOWN HALL 6 TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	7
8 110TH Washington Sons & Daughters 12-3 Pie Contest 	9 TOWN HALL Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM	TOWN HALL 10 Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM Planning Board Meeting 7 PM	11 	TOWN HALL 12 OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TOWN HALL 13 TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	14 TOWN HALL
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22	23 TOWN HALL Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM <b>SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 7:30</b>	TOWN HALL 24 Yoga with Rena 10:00 AM	25	TOWN HALL 26 OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS 10 AM	TOWN HALL 27 TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM	28 TOWN PARK 
29	30 TOWN HALL Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM	 <b>John FX Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk</b> Washington Town Park Friday, October 25, 2019 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM 				

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

Please **CALL AHEAD**





4TH ANNUAL

# BECKET POLICE ASSOCIATION

## COPS & RODDERS CAR SHOW



LIVE MUSIC  
TROPHIES @ 2PM

REGISTRATION  
\$10

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 10AM-3 REGISTRATION OPEN @ 8AM

RAIN DATE: 9/29/19

### WASHINGTON TOWN PARK

MA-RT8 WASHINGTON STATE ROAD, WASHINGTON ~ MASSACHUSETTS

\*FIND US ON FACEBOOK\*



### FOOD DRINKS PRIZES 50/50 RAFFLE





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month's issue to Lisa at: [mrsabeski@mac.com](mailto:mrsabeski@mac.com)  
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.