



SEPTEMBER 2020

We hope everyone has had a chance to drive by the Washington Town Park and see the beautiful new sign posts installed for the park. The Town of Washington, the Washington Park Commission and the residents of Washington would like to extend an enthusiastic THANK YOU to Brad Morse, Uncarved Block Inc., for your donation of the wood used for the sign posts, Will Beemer & the Heartwood School for the amazing woodworking and your donation of time and effort in the creation of the sign, and to David Drugmand for your assistance in the installation of the new sign. We thank all those involved and look forward to seeing the sign for years to come.



To our Washington neighbors:

September 2020

Pandemic update: The Commonwealth has imposed a two-week quarantine on anyone entering or returning to Massachusetts *unless* from Maine, New Jersey, Hawaii or any of our neighboring states except Rhode Island.

- A newly created map of the Commonwealth divides municipalities into four categories: red for those with more than 8 cases per 100,000 in the past two weeks (four towns north of Boston), yellow for those with 4-8 cases, green for those with under 4 and white for those with essentially no reported cases. All Berkshire County shows white, except Pittsfield (green). We are getting ahead of the pandemic but please keep doing what you are doing!

Washington's response to the 2020 Census has been lower than our 2010 response rate. Our representation at and funding from both the state and federal government depend on an accurate and complete count of our residents. If you have not yet done so, please send in your census report. This is a civic responsibility almost as important as voting.

The lower portion of the Town Hall roof has been repaired and gutters installed. The leaks that have plagued us for years should be gone and the new insulation should lower our heating costs.

We have applied for an implementation grant to address the ADA access deficiencies identified in the ADA Self-Evaluation put together by Terry Robbins (available on the Town website).

The Town's fiber optic network is all but complete, with just a few dozen customers left to get connected." Thanks, Kent !!

Highway:

- We have had no word on any of our grant proposals (Frost Road culvert, Lenox-Whitney Road bridges and Middlefield Road bridge).
- Upper Valley Road has been raised and paved.
- Culverts have been installed on Lovers' Lane, Blotz and Summit Hill roads.

As a Green Community the Town would receive over \$100,000 for energy-saving projects. A committee headed up by Dave Drugmand is putting together the application. There will need to be a Special Town Meeting for voters to approve a zoning change for a large-scale solar array. Details to follow.

The Town Planning Committee has adopted this Mission Statement: *Chart a course with a Town plan which articulates a long-term vision based on the priorities of the community that will ensure viability and sustain it for our future.* The results of the interviews and surveys conducted earlier this year have been posted on the website. Next steps: a follow-up survey, a preliminary plan and a public review.


Stay safe, enjoy your garden and the warm weather while it lasts. And keep in mind that a level 2 drought has been declared for the Commonwealth.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

TOWN OF WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM			Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
6	TOWN HALL 7	8 Planning Board Call-In meeting scheduled for 7PM	TOWN HALL 9 Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM	10	11 	12 Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
13	TOWN HALL 14 Selectmen Meeting Call-in (413) 672-0134 PIN: 336662 at 7 PM * Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM	15 CBRSD REMOTE LEARNING BEGINS	TOWN HALL 16 Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM	17 Constitution Day 46 days until the Presidential Election	18	19 Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
20	TOWN HALL 21 Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM	22 First Day of Autumn	TOWN HALL 23 Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM	24	25 TOWN HALL	26 Transfer Station 8AM-4PM
TOWN HALL	TOWN HALL 28 Selectmen Meeting Call-in (413) 672-0134 PIN: 336662 at 7 PM * Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM	29 TOWN HALL	TOWN HALL 30 Administrative Assistants 10AM-2PM Transfer Station 5PM-8PM	The Town Hall continues to be closed to the public. As of July 13, 2020 Town Hall Offices are open by Appointment ONLY.		

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Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	394-0003
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-2185
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	464-2388
Council on Aging	Rose Borgnis	394-0003

Entity	Contact	Number
Finance Committee	Kent Lew	623-0202
Parks Commission	Dominic Sinopoli	623-2086
Planning Board	Don Gagnon	822-8385
Police Chief	Nicole Miller	446-4294
Selectmen	Jim Huebner	655-8668
Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	623-0146
Transfer Station	Michelle Lampro	464-2388
Veterans Agent	John Herrera	499-9433



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