



# September 2023

## Annual Washington Sons and Daughters

### Annual meeting at The Old Town Hall

Sunday September 10th 12-3pm

Food and beverages will be provided. Entertainment 1-3 pm

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

Meet your neighbors and share your memories and stories .

This year prior to the event Tom Hoffman of Washington is willing to share his knowledge of some town history , leading us to various sites in the state forest. We can drive to the sites and then walk around with Tom. Anyone wanting to attend could meet at the Town Common at 10:30am , car pool or drive to the 4 corners intersection down West Branch Road.

Carol Lew will give us an update on the great progress of the cemetery, she and others have really been working hard !

Ladies and gentlemen please bake your favorite pie and enter our contest.

Please tape your name on the bottom of the plate.

This is our dessert so please enter the contest.

Prizes will be awarded

Please join us for this event, come meet your neighbors

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

### COA

#### Classes

Chair Yoga Mondays at 11:00 AM

Yoga Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Osteoporosis Thursdays at 9 AM

Pot lunch dinner on Friday 15th at 5:30 PM

Steve will be serving up burgers hot off the grill!

All seniors are welcome with or without a dish to share.

COA needs you help!! If you can help set up for the pot luck dinners, have ideas for additional classes, want to be in the board, let me know!!

Questions, comments or concerns contact Rose at  
413-394-0003 [Washingtoncoa@gmail.com](mailto:Washingtoncoa@gmail.com)

### Estate/Barn Sale at the Drugmands

Sat, Sept 2nd & Sunday, Sept 3rd. 9-3pm. Rain or Shine

572 Washington Mountain Rd, Washington.

(Up at our barn)

Furniture, lamps, rugs, Waterford and Tiffany glassware, vases, bowls, Rockwell figurines, assorted housewares, microwave, oven, Cuisinart ice cream maker, copper bowls, miniature clocks, brass candlesticks, linens, books, garden items, large baskets, saddle, harness, fencing, dog kennel, some tools, lots more really good stuff.....

Dear Washington Friends & Neighbors:

September 2023

It may have been one of coolest days of the summer, but two dozen folks gathered on the Town Common last month for our community picnic. We were spared any rain, thankfully, and kites did indeed get flown. Thanks to Susan Colgan and Sue Gagnon for doing most of the organizing. We'll hope for nicer weather next year to bring out more picnickers.

Fortunately, absolutely beautiful weather has graced this year's Music in the Park events. Nearly every Sunday has been a picture postcard for a Berkshire summer. Thanks as always to Jodi Hostetter and Friends of the Park helpers for pulling together another wonderful month of free music for all. If you want to get involved in next year's event, reach out to volunteer.

The periodic bouts of rain have not helped with the ongoing flooding of Upper Valley Road along the swamp. The road remains closed to through-traffic for public safety. Unfortunately, we do not have control over the underlying problems with the swamp, the beavers, or the compromised culvert at the railroad crossing. We continue to press on CSX to solve the issues with drainage.

We appreciate everyone's patience with the closure of Frost Road last month. By the time Tracks hits mailboxes, the road should be open again, for one lane at least. Work on the new culvert itself will continue through most of September, however, and occasionally delay traffic.

Before winter, the Highway crew intends to work on improvements to a gravel section of Lovers Lane Rd at Schulze Rd which is a chronic problem in mud season. This will entail excavating and replacing the road base with better material, including a geotech stabilization fabric, and improving overall drainage. This will require a period of road closure, which is currently expected to occur in early October. Area residents may need to detour. Stay tuned to the website for updates.

Beginning this month, the Select Board will be changing its regular meeting to every other Monday night, starting on Sept 11 and coinciding with payroll warrants. The meeting schedule is kept up to date on the Public Meetings calendar on the Town website.

Sean Curran, our Town Administrator, continues to get settled into his responsibilities. He is at Town Hall for part of nearly every weekday. His office schedule is posted on the town website, under Government > Town Administrator. Residents are invited to contact him with any issues. His Town email address is <[washingtontownadm@gmail.com](mailto:washingtontownadm@gmail.com)>.

This year's **111th Annual Sons & Daughters Reunion** takes place at the Old Town Hall on **Sunday, September 10**, starting at noon. Beforehand, Historical Commission member Tom Hoffman will lead a walk in the State Forest to visit historic sites from when the area was a fully settled part of Town. Meet at the Town Common at 10:30 a.m. to join him.

Kent Lew, Select Board chair

David Ellis, Select Board clerk

# Slow Down, You're Moving Too Fast

by Carol Lew

There's a speed enforcement experiment going on that Washington residents are going to want to pay attention to. The question to consider is this: If you have felt that speeding vehicles are a problem in town, have you been seeing an improvement since April?

Since April of this year, Washington has increased its speed enforcement capabilities. That's because of a decision the Select Board made to work on the issue. Speeding has been a regular complaint by Washingtonians.

It wasn't a problem that could be addressed with current staff hours. Chief Miller divides her time between Washington and Becket (where she holds a full time position), with only about 12 hours per week devoted to Washington. In that time, she has paperwork to do, public office hours, grants to write, and calls to respond to. She also patrols the town and does speed enforcement, but she's stretched pretty thin.

Prior to the most recent budgeting process, the Chief proposed to the Finance Committee that an extra \$8,000 be put in the budget to hire someone to enforce speed limits. That would have covered 8 hours per week. The Finance Committee did not think that the budget could bear that extra expense, so the Select Board took another route to work on the problem. They decided to use some of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money to hire a part time policeperson for a one-year experiment of increased enforcement of speed limits, which is an acceptable use of ARPA money. However, Chief Nicole Miller applied for and secured a \$19,000 federal grant to fund road safety issues. There were specific stipulations about what it could be used for. A portion went towards bike helmets and an educational day with kids, some of the funds were spent for a radar sign that is now on Summit Hill Road, and some is going towards the cost of six months of our speed enforcement experiment, freeing up some of the earmarked ARPA money for other uses.

To carry out our experiment, Chief Miller hired Officer Frank Murphy, a Sargeant in Chester and Blandford who also is a schoolteacher. He came to the job with the required training, so none of the grant funding went towards mandatory education. With only one police vehicle in town, Miller makes sure Officer Murphy has use of it when he is on duty. Chief Miller also increased the hours she stops speeding vehicles.





Although speeding is an issue in every part of town at times, there are three roads where the issue is more troublesome. Route 8 and Washington Mountain Road see most of the speeding issues, and Summit Hill Road has more speeding infractions than other Washington back roads during campground season.

Miller and Murphy are often issuing warnings, not tickets. “I think people need to be reminded to watch how they drive and pay attention to speed limits,” Chief Miller says. But the warnings are documented so if a person has multiple infractions, they will get a ticket. Whether a person gets a warning or a ticket also has to do with how far over the speed limit they’re going.

The increased hours devoted to speed enforcement has made a big difference in the number of stops made. Typically Chief Miller issues a few dozen warnings or tickets in a month. Officer Murphy issued 90 warnings or tickets in June. Most of the speed offenders are not residents, but campers or people passing through.

The road safety grant will expire in September. Chief Miller has applied for it again. If it’s awarded, it will begin in December of this year. Regardless of the source of non-taxpayer funding, the experiment will continue for the rest of this budget season.

At the next annual town budget meeting, the increased speed enforcement item will likely be in the budget and up for discussion. Residents will need to consider whether they saw enough of a difference during the year that it’s worth adding the operational expense to the budget, which is largely funded by taxpayer dollars.

#### **Vote by Mail for the Special Town Election**

- If you would like to vote by mail, visit [washington-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/vote-mail](https://www.washington-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/vote-mail) application to download the vote by mail application.
- Mail the completed application to the Town Clerk, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223 or leave it in the drop box at the town hall.
- The application must be received by the Town Clerk on or before Monday, October 16, 2023.

**Dear Neighbor,**

The Town of Washington is asking for your help today with Internet for All!

Internet for All is an important Statewide project the town is participating in to make sure everyone who needs affordable access to the internet and skills to use their computers can have it.

Washington is participating to make sure everyone has access and the devices, skills, and resources they need to connect with family, friends, and services online like telehealth!

You can help us by taking this survey as soon as possible!

You can return the survey to the town clerk's office in the drop box at the town hall or at the transfer station during open hours.

If you have any questions please contact Pauline Clark at 413-623-2193 or [jacksgalore@gmail.com](mailto:jacksgalore@gmail.com).

## Massachusetts Statewide Digital Equity Survey

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) wants to hear from you about your experiences with getting and using internet service! This survey is completely anonymous and should be completed by one individual per household. **Your feedback is vital to understand barriers to internet access, affordability, and adoption to help close the digital divide.** Thank you for your time and participation.

### Section 1: Please answer the following questions.

1. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which Massachusetts municipality do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Do you have internet service in your home?

- ☐ **YES** – Please proceed to Section 2 below
- ☐ **NO** – Please skip to Section 3 (flip this page over)

### Section 2: Please answer the following questions only if you CAN connect to the internet from home.

3. Who is your internet service provider? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of internet service do you have at home? Please check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> A data plan for a smartphone, hotspot, or tablet	<input type="checkbox"/> Dial-up internet
<input type="checkbox"/> Home wireline connection (cable, fiber, DSL, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite internet
5. How well does your home internet service work?

<input type="checkbox"/> Good enough to meet my household's needs	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Not good enough to meet my household's needs	
6. Is your home internet service bundled with other services such as telephone or TV?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
7. How much do you pay for the internet every month? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
8. How hard is it for you to pay your internet bill?

<input type="checkbox"/> Very hard	<input type="checkbox"/> Not too hard
<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat hard	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all hard
9. Have you heard about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) that provides discounted internet service for low-income households?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

*For more information and to find out if you qualify for ACP, call the Federal Communication Commission's ACP Support Center: 877-384-2575.*

**When complete, skip to section 4 below.**

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**Section 3: Please answer the following questions only if you CANNOT connect to the internet at home.**

10. If you do not have internet service in your home, what is the reason?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service is not available in my area                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't afford or access a device to use the internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service is too expensive   | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want / don't use the internet.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about online privacy or safety                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't feel confident navigating the internet or using online tools |  |

11. If you do not have internet at home, where do you go to use the internet? Please check all that apply.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A workplace  | <input type="checkbox"/> A public space such as a park or government building            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friend or family member's home   | <input type="checkbox"/> On public transit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School, college, or university   | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not regularly access internet in these or any other spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A library or community center  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A business such as a restaurant, cafe, or bookstore (e.g., McDonald's, Taco Bell, Starbucks, etc.) |  |

**When complete, proceed to section 4 below.**

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**Section 4: All respondents should answer these questions.**

12. Does everyone in your household have access to the computer devices they need to meet their everyday needs for internet use? (Computers, smartphones, tablets, or other internet enabled devices)?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

13. Which of the following devices do you use most of the time to connect to the internet? (Check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cellphone        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tablet (or similar device)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop computer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop computer  |  |

14. How much would you be able to pay for a laptop or desktop computer?

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-50    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150-250         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50-100  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250-500         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-150 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1,000 |

15. Are you able to regularly use the internet for online activities?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

16. Please rank the level of difficulty for what you use the internet for. (Easy, Not easy, Hard)

	Easy	Not easy	Hard
Searching and applying for a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care or telehealth services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participating in your local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General internet searching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Searching and/or applying for benefits or resources for you or your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. If you do not have regular access to the internet, what would most like to use it for if you could?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Searching and applying for a job      | <input type="checkbox"/> Searching and/or applying for benefits or resources for you and your family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care or telehealth services    | <input type="checkbox"/> Something else  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in your local community | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want to use the internet regularly                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General internet searching            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation information            |  |

18. What kind of digital skills support would you be most interested in?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In person classes | <input type="checkbox"/> In person support from a friend or instructor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online classes    | <input type="checkbox"/> A do-it-yourself training module              |

19. How concerned are you, if at all, about internet safety?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very concerned     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not very concerned   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat concerned | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all concerned |

20. What are you most concerned about? (Select all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> That my data could get stolen or used without my consent | <input type="checkbox"/> That I could be tracked or surveilled                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> That I or a loved one could get scammed or tricked       | <input type="checkbox"/> That I or a loved one could be harassed or abused online |

21. Are you aware of tools or resources you can use to stay safe online?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have tools and resources I use stay safe online         | <input type="checkbox"/> I know of tools or resources to stay safe online, but they don't work for me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, I don't know of any tools or resources to stay safe online | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) : _____   |

22. How accessible are online government services like benefits portals, RMV services, or paying for permits or tickets to you?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very accessible     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not very accessible   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all accessible |

23. When you have used online government services like benefits portals, RMV services, or paying for permits or tickets, how well did they work for you?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very well     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not too well    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat well | <input type="checkbox"/> Not well at all |

**When complete, proceed to section 5 below.**



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**Section 5: All respondents should answer these questions.** *We collect demographic information so that we can make sure we are representing all neighborhoods, towns, cities and groups across the Commonwealth.*

24. What is your age?

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 74             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 and older         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 59 |   |

25. What is your gender identity?

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender fluid         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Man        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

26. How many people, including yourself, currently live in your household? *(Note: A household is defined as all the people who currently occupy the housing unit where you live).*

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 7                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 or more            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |   |

27. How many children under age 18, currently live in your household? *(Note: A household is defined as all the people who currently occupy the housing unit where you live).*

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |   |

28. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school, or high school incomplete<br>(Up to grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's<br>degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or<br>GED certificate)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate or professional degree, including<br>master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g.,<br>MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year associate degree from a college or<br>university   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer  |

29. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

30. Which of the following best describes your race? (Select all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Some other race (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian-American                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native |   |

31. Do you belong to a North American Indigenous, Native, or Tribal group?
- ☐ Yes ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ No
32. What is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes?
- ☐ Less than \$22,000 ☐ \$45,000 to \$52,999
- ☐ \$22,000 to \$29,999 ☐ \$53,000 to \$59,999
- ☐ \$30,000 to \$36,999 ☐ \$60,000 or more
- ☐ \$37,000 to \$44,999 ☐ Prefer not to answer
33. Do you identify as a person with a disability? *(Note: Disability is defined as physical, emotional, or mental health conditions that result in limitations of activities or restrictions to full participation at school, at work, at home, or in the community).*
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
34. If you identify as a person with a disability, do you have difficulty in any of the following areas? Please check all that apply.
- ☐ Seeing even if wearing glasses ☐ Communicating, for example understanding or being understood
- ☐ Hearing even if using a hearing aid ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Walking or climbing steps ☐ I do not identify as a person with a disability
- ☐ Remembering or concentrating
- ☐ Self-care
35. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
36. Did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
37. Do you live in affordable housing? *(Note: Affordable housing is defined as housing subsidized by a housing authority, paid for through a voucher, or in a building run by a private developer.)*
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
38. Where did you hear about this survey? Please check all that apply.
- ☐ From a government website, email list, flyer, or other outreach ☐ From an organization's website, email list, flyer, or other outreach
- ☐ From a friend, colleague, or acquaintance ☐ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ From a community meeting, community anchor such as a library or school, or other local institution

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## Thank you for taking the survey!

Your response will help shape Massachusetts's policies and future funding allocations to close the digital divide for all its residents. If you would like to learn more, please visit <https://broadband.masstech.org/>.

# BECKET POLICE ASSOCIATION COPS & RODDERS CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER



Location: Washington Town Park  
MA-Rt8 Washington State Rd.  
Located on Route 8 in the  
Town of Washington ~ Massachusetts



**Saturday September 23, 2023**

Rain date: September 24, 2023

**10am – 3pm**

Registration opens @ 8am

## Family Event!!

Free activities for kids!

Food \* Drinks \* Prizes \* 50/50 \* Raffle

**COLD BEER!!**

**FREE Admission for spectators**

**Specialty Trophies @ 1pm**

**Event patch for the first 50 vehicles  
registered!**

**FREE SHOW CAR ONLY RAFFLE!!!**

## Registration \$10

All proceeds will benefit the Becket Police Association sponsored Childrens Holiday Party in December

**Classic Cars, Trucks, Hot rods, Motorcycles**

For more information or to register your show car please contact Nicole Miller @ [officermillertownofbecket@gmail.com](mailto:officermillertownofbecket@gmail.com)

Visit our website to stay up to date on raffle prizes and any news  
<http://copsandrodders2023.weebly.com>

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Or at [SouthernVoiceBand.com](https://southernvoiceband.com)



The Parks Commission will be raffling off 3 pairs of tickets to the Deadfall Music & Arts Fest II at the

Cops & Rodders Car Show Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23rd!

**Deadfall Music & Arts Fest is Saturday,  
November 4th**

**3-11PM at The Stationery Factory in Dalton  
5 Bands • Food • Craft Vendors • Family friendly**

## BECKET ARTS CENTER

# ARTS & CRAFTS MARKETPLACE

**SATURDAY 9 SEPT**

*from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm*

Photography, woven clothing, handbags, purses, metal, oil paintings, mixed media paintings, self-authored books, handmade stoneware ceramics, wood and metal artworks, paintings, notecards, birch bark vessels, collage and woodblock prints, ceramics and drawings, safety pin jewelry, beaded jewelry, and felted wool art



Becket Firefighters' Pavilion  
108 Washington St.  
North Becket Village

## OPEN STUDIOS SUNDAY 10 SEPT

*from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm*

\* Art Alpert - photography - 98 Access Rd., Becket Woods, Becket  
\* Olwen Dowling - monotype, drypoint, watercolor - 322 East River Rd., North Chester  
\* Judith Koppel - ceramics and drawings - 215 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd., Becket

[becketartscenter.org/marketplace](https://becketartscenter.org/marketplace)

## Becket Athenaeum

- Saturday, September 2 & Sunday, September 3,  
10am-4pm

### Book Sale Fundraiser

On the library lawn (weather permitting). By donation (cash or check). All proceeds support the services & programs at the Becket Athenaeum!

- Saturdays September 2, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:30am

### Library Storytime

- Tuesday, September 5, 1:30pm

**Book Club:** The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

- Saturday, September 9, 10:30-11:30am

**Creative Movement & Storytime with Laurel Lenski**

- Monday, September 11, 6pm

**Cookbook Club:** In Bibi's Kitchen by Hawa Hassan and Julia Turshen

- Wednesday, September 13, 5-7pm

### Game Night

- Saturday, September 16, 6:30-9:30pm, movie starts at 7pm

**Movie Night for Adults:** Licorice Pizza



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Washington, MA 01223

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tapes and video cassette tapes to DVDs.  
Call or email for pricing.

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