



April 2011



\$5 to \$1
match!

Attention: Residents of Berkshire County Hilltowns!

We have another extraordinary opportunity to help our neighbors in need...but time is of the essence.

The Central Berkshire Fund is offering another challenge grant of \$100,000 to support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in our region. **The Fund will match \$5 for every \$1 raised** by the 14,550 residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor.

Last year, you and 341 of your neighbors in the communities of Central Berkshire raised over \$30,000 with gifts ranging from \$1 to \$4,000. The Central Berkshire Fund then contributed \$101,850 to bring the total to over \$130,000. This money has been used to help our neighbors in need and now we need your help to replenish the well of good will for 2011. The challenge is on again! **We need your help to meet it. Donations of ANY size will make a difference.**

**To meet this challenge we must raise \$20,000 by
June 1, 2011! Please donate today!**

To Donate: Make checks payable to Berkshire Taconic/Neighbor-to-Neighbor (your town).
Return in envelope or drop off at your town partner agency. Questions? Please contact programs@berkshiretaconic.org.

APRIL IS...

Holocaust Month

National Poetry Month

Jazz Appreciation Month

Be Vigilante Against Child Abuse Month

APRIL

1st: April Fools Day!

13th: Jefferson's Birthday

17th: Palm Sunday

19th: Passover

22nd: Earth Day/Good Friday

24th: Easter

29th: Arbor Day

State Tree - American Elm

Here's how the Neighbor-to-Neighbor challenge grant works:

TOWN	PARTNER AGENCY ACCEPTING DONATIONS	POPULATION* (Figures based on rounded 2000 census numbers.)	TOTAL \$ NEEDED FROM NO FEWER THAN 25 DONORS	CENTRAL BERKSHIRE FUND MATCH	TOTAL \$
Becket	Town of Becket 557 Main St. Becket, MA 01223 413.623.8934	2,000	\$2,750	\$13,750	\$16,500
Cummington	Hilltown Family Center 33 Main St. Cummington MA 01026 413.634.5362	1,000	\$1,375	\$6,875	\$8,250
Dalton	Dalton CRA 400 Main St. Dalton, MA 01226 413.684.0260	7,000	\$9,625	\$48,125	\$57,750
Hinsdale	Town of Hinsdale 39 South St. Hinsdale, MA 01235 413.655.2245	2,000	\$2,750	\$13,750	\$16,500
Peru	Town of Peru 21 West Main Road Peru, MA 01235	1,000	\$1,375	\$6,875	\$8,250
Washington	Town of Washington 8 Summit Hill Rd. Washington, MA 01223 413.623.8878	550	\$750	\$3,750	\$4,500
Windsor	Friends of Windsor 1890 Route 9, Suite 8 Windsor MA 01270	1,000	\$1,375	\$6,875	\$8,250
TOTAL		14,550	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$120,000

* Each town must meet its match with a minimum of 25 gifts per town by June 1, 2011. All of the funds will be dedicated to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program for that specific town, providing emergency aid to our neighbors in need.

**Every town's donation will be matched individually so long as the full challenge amount is raised. If any town raises less than the challenge amount, its donation will go to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program for that town, but will not be matched by the Central Berkshire Fund.

Attention high school seniors: The deadline for filing your application for the Washington Scholarship Fund scholarships is April 8. Applications may be obtained by contacting
Linda Levernoch 623-8309.

To our fellow Washington residents:

Thanks to Jan Nelson for stepping up to fill in as our Administrative Assistant while Jodie Hostetter has her second child. Jan has already started attending Select Board meetings and learning the ropes.

We have had several volunteers for the Conservation Commission step forward. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer on the Chapel Commission, Parks Commission, Historical Commission, Cultural Council, or Council on Aging or just learning more about them please let us know.

We do need a back-up bus driver. This is a paid position which requires a special license. Anyone interested should contact Victor Breen.

In the context of how space is used at the Town Hall we have asked our long-time tenants Head Start to consider moving to the Becket-Washington School. No decision has been made by the Board or Head Start. If you have any thoughts or concerns please let us know.

Some updates:

- The new insulated doors at the Town Garage have been installed.
- We had to re-bid the new boiler for the Town Hall since we wanted to include on-demand hot water for even greater energy efficiency.
- We are applying for FEMA/MEMA (Federal/Massachusetts Emergency Management) money to cover some of our costs related to the snow removal costs during the January 11-12 snowstorm.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee continue to work on next year's budget. Please get any budget requests or suggestions to us as soon as possible.

According to a 2/20/2009 report prepared for the MA Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, "Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Potential at State Owned Facilities and Lands", wind power accounts for 90% of the potential renewable energy on state owned lands. Washington figures in five separate sites with a combined potential of 119,500 kW, or more than one eighth of the total wind potential. The Select Board will be following up on both wind and solar possibilities for the Town.

Is it Spring yet?

Jim Huebner,
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon,
Select Board Clerk

Absentee Ballots for Annual Town Election

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election will be available starting Monday, April 11, 2011. In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must complete and sign an absentee ballot application. Please contact the Town Clerk now for the application at 413-623-8878 or 413-623-2185 or download the application from the following link: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee_ballot.pdf.

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is 12:00 PM on Friday, May 20, 2011, but please request one sooner than that so there is enough time to send and process your application and send you the ballot.

Voter Registration for Annual Town Meeting and Election

For those eligible town residents not yet registered in the Town of Washington, the registration deadline for voting at the Annual Town Meeting (May 14, 2011) and the Annual Town Election (May 21, 2011) is Friday, April 22, 2011. A special registration session will be held on April 22 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Town Clerk's residence, 1214 Lovers Lane. Please call the Town Clerk 413-623-8878 or 413-623-2185 with any questions.

I'll be leading a bird walk around town for anyone interested in attending. We'll begin at 8 AM, Saturday, April 16th at the town park and break up before noon. In the event of inclement weather (rain or snow), the walk will be rescheduled for Sunday, the 17th, same time, same place. Call me at 413-884-4961 if you need any further information. Ed Neumuth

Some Recycling Info from our Transfer Station Attendant, Michelle Lampro...

The Recycling Scoop...

- PLEASE DO NOT PUT containers (aluminum & steel cans, plastic & glass bottles, or milk/juice cartons) in plastic bags. Opening the bags slows down the workers at the recycling facility. Plastic bags also get caught in the sorting machinery and create a litter problem because they blow outside of the facility. Recyclable paper can be placed in paper bags, separately from containers.
- Materials on the "YES list" are relatively easy to process: clean, sort, and bale. They also have some value and marketability. These materials are recycled and made into new items, such as new aluminum cans, new glass bottles, new metal products, new paper, new clothing (such as fleece), new carpet and plastic lumber, etc. Recycling is a viable and growing part of our nation's economy. Materials that were previously thought of as garbage are now sought after as resources for a growing global economy. Last year almost 14 million tons of recovered paper were exported from the U.S. In fact, scrap paper is now our nation's number one export by volume. Exports of recyclable commodities generate more than \$8 billion annually for the U.S. Recycling is not just about reducing garbage; it's also about saving resources and promoting sustainable economic development. When you recycle, your town receives a minimum of \$15.67 per ton.
- Materials on the "NO list," such as hangers, scrap metal, and plastic bags, can get tangled in sorting or baling equipment. Some supermarkets will accept plastic bags for recycling. Lids and medicine bottles are too small and fall through bales. Scrap metal is too large to bale, so although it is recyclable it is collected separately. Check with your local transfer station to see if they accept scrap metal for recycling. There are no markets for many plastics, especially Styrofoam, planting pots, and plastics that are not from food and beverage or detergent products. Putting materials from the "NO list" into the recycling boxes slows down the workers at the recycling facility, as they have to pick them out and throw them in the garbage. "NO list" items contaminate the other recyclables, and can make marketing difficult. We hope that in the future more items on the "NO list" will become recyclable!



THE "YES AND NO" OF WHAT CAN GO IN THE RECYCLING BOXES



YES	NO		
<p>Aluminum <i>Empty and rinse.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cans ➤ foil ➤ pie pans 	siding scrap foil-wrapped beverage pouches		
<p>Steel (tin) cans <i>Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage cans ➤ pet food cans 	hangers scrap metal aerosol spray cans paint cans car parts toys appliances pipes pots & pans fuel tanks		
<p>Glass <i>Empty and rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage bottles and jars 	ceramics baking dishes dishware drinking glasses cookware (Pyrex) coffee mugs medicine bottles plate glass light bulbs fluorescent lights mirrors vases windows glass art eye glasses wine corks		
<p>Plastics <i>ONLY containers smaller than 2 gallons are recyclable. Empty and rinse. Discard caps in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter ➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk ➤ detergent bottles ➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, conditioner 	Styrofoam (polystyrene) take-out food containers cups, plates, utensils, straws bags plastic wrap/sheeting cartons/trays (berry containers, cookie trays) liners from food packaging cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta) frozen food bags/pouches meat trays egg cartons medicine & pill bottles "packing" peanuts foam packing packaging of any kind clothes baskets toys flower pots black plastic 5-gallon pails; buckets VCR, CD cases tarps bottles that contained motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals or other hazardous substances curbside/other plastic bins dry cleaner/garment bags indoor/outdoor/patio furniture swimming pools hoses; PVC piping or tubing containers bigger than 2 gallons nalgene water bottles		
<p>Cartons <i>Empty, rinse, & flatten. Recycle with containers, not paper.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ milk and juice cartons ➤ soy milk and drink boxes 	foil-wrapped pouches frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging plastic straws		
<p>Paper <i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. "windows" in envelopes are ok; staples ok.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail ➤ white and colored paper ➤ shredded paper—put in paper bag ➤ corrugated cardboard ➤ boxboard (for example, cereal boxes) ➤ clean pizza boxes (no grease or food) ➤ paperback books and phonebooks 	soda, beer cartons cups egg cartons frozen juice cartons take-out containers butter, margarine boxes paper towels tissues Tyvek or padded envelopes hardcover books stickers & sticker sheeting glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) blueprints dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) copy paper packaging		



Washington Tracks
Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Rd.
Washington, MA 01223

Fun Recycling Facts

- Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent of one cup of gasoline.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 full-sized trees and 380 gallons of oil.
- Five recycled two-liter PET bottles make one square foot of carpet.
- Each glass bottle produced in the U.S. contains around 30% recycled glass.

ATTENTION VETERANS...

If you have inadequate health insurance please stop by the Town Hall on Monday evenings to speak with the Washington Veterans Officer, Victor Breen.



Support Our Local Businesses

The Becket General
30 Washington Street
Becket, MA 01223
Al & Tracy Lussier, Owners
Coffee bar, Deli, Sandwiches & Pizza
Beer, Wine, Groceries & Dairy Products
Ph: 623.5700 / Fax: 623.5707

Bucksteep Manor
Casual fun atmosphere
865 Washington Mt. Rd
Washington, MA
(413)623.5535

The Bucksteep Pub will be open with light fare
Friday 11am-4pm
Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm

Horace Mann Insurance Agency
Po Box 772 Becket Ma. 01223. Phone 413) 623-2112.
Fax 413)623-5551.
Provide all Personal Lines of Insurance. Provide Financial and retirement products too.

Independent Stampin' Up! Demonstrator
Sue Paquette
623.5918
"quality stamp sets, card stock, ink pads, etc -
I offer creative & fun parties for you and your friends in your home or mine.

Your Way Computer
Frank Kennedy
1153 Washington Mt. Road
Washington, MA 01223
Call: 623.5180 / Fax: 623.2018
E-Mail: cavolandfrank@cavolandfrank.com
By appointment only

Send your Tracks info to mrsadeski@mac.com or if you do not have email, call Lisa at 623.5088

[From Your Way Computer](#)

How to Defeat Lizamoon in One Easy Step (False Anti-Virus)

By David Murphy



Reprint from pc.net

A new bit of malware has been making headway across the Internet, but is it really that big of a deal? You've probably seen the news that "Lizamoon," an SQL injection attack designed to point your browser to a piece of fake security malware, had infected hundreds of thousands of pages across the Internet. And this includes links found within Apple's iTunes itself... to a degree.

But here's the deal: In order for the script to have any noticeable effect on your computer, you have to agree to allow it to work its unhealthy magic on your system, [according to WebSense](#) (video below). Simply visiting a site with injected code only redirects your browser to another site, and the social engineering takes over from there.

The simple solution: Don't install unknown files! The more complex solution: Know what antivirus programs already exist on your system, and know what they look like when they scan for and find files. If something says you have malware on your system, and this something looks nothing like applications you already have on your system, be suspicious!

In this case, a successful Lizamoon redirect takes you to a dummy pages that looks as if a large antivirus/anti-malware scan is taking place on your computer. Go figure, the scan finishes quite quickly, and a user is alerted that his or her machine might be compromised by various Trojan horse attacks and other cleverly titled malware. If a user is still playing ball, he or she can click on the simulated option to "remove" these malware apps, which then pulls up a simple download window for a "malware-removing" executable.

Still with us? Here's the deal: If you push some common sense into the mix, you'll notice that this entire process seems a bit fishy to begin with. Step one: A virus scan for Windows Explorer appears in your browser window. Step two: It finishes in lightning speed. Step three: You have to download a file—apparently via Windows Explorer, but using your browser's standard download file prompt—to finish the deal.

In short, Lizamoon can't do a thing to your system unless you let it.

The SQL injection attack on the initial site you were visiting, which itself prompts the redirect to the bogus scanning site, only works on this first web site. Lizamoon doesn't hang out in your browser, or continually redirect you to fake sites, or install itself on your computer in a manner that doesn't first require you to perform the action yourself.

And if you're already running a piece of virus- or malware- scanning software like Microsoft's Security Essentials (free), Sophos Anti-Virus (not free), or SuperAntiSpyware (free, but not a real-time scan), the file that the "Your computer is compromised!" site prompts you to download will be flagged for what it really is: Malware.

So what has Lizamoon taught consumers? Don't let your browser con you into thinking that some kind of action is magically happening on your system, don't trust this magical action if it takes less than 30 seconds to do or looks otherwise unknown to you, and run an up-to-date virus-scanner in the background of your system. Ta-da: Lizamoon defeated.

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