

September 2011
ALL AGES WELCOME
TO THE
WASHINGTON SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The Washington Sons and Daughters Committee invites you to join us at the Old Town Hall

Washington Mtn. Road on September 11, 2011 at 12 Noon for the

102nd annual meeting.

Anyone who lives or has lived in the Town of Washington is invited. Meet your neighbors, chat about the History of the Town, share memories, enter the bake contest, enjoy great food and entertainment.

This year's Bake Contest is "CAKE". Any kind of homemade cake. The winner of the Bake Contest will receive a special gift. The Committee appreciates everyone's baking efforts and in appreciation offers each contestant a choice of a cookbook. If anyone uses alcohol in their cake please leave a note stating this when you submit your cake.



Please BRING something yummy for our Pot Luck Lunch which can be shared by everyone.

The Committee will provide Hot Cider, Coffee, cold drinks and some food.

Barbara and Ralph Simmons will represent the WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY and will have interesting photographs and items for you to view. Barbara and Ralph will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Copies of the History of the Town of Washington Book, key chains and more will be available for you to purchase.

ENTERTAINMENT

We are pleased to announce that this year's entertainment is the Duo of

"BOBBY SWEET and ABE GUTHRIE"

Rudy Sacco, President

Richard Grillon, Vice President

Allison Mikaniewicz, Secretary

Carol Kennedy, Treasurer



The 5th Annual Hilltown Hoot Sunday, September 18, 2011

from Noon - 7PM @ The Washington Town Park.



12:00 BWS Band
12:40 Terry a la Berry & Friends
1:20 Hilltown Zydeco String Band
2:00 square dancing w/ Cliff Brodeur
2:40 Modest Me (Krishna Guthrie & Band)
3:20 Ryan Blessing
4:00 Annie Guthrie
4:40 Jordan Weller (from Gypsy Joynt)
5:20 Xavier
6:15 Arlo Guthrie

Plus vendors, food & Fun!

"FUN"raising for the schools of Central Berkshire!

Tickets in advance: \$ 20 Family Ticket • \$ 10 Individual • \$ 5 Students

Available at:

Becket Country Store • Becket General Store • Dalton CRA • Wood Bros.
www.hilltownhoot.com

The Board of Selectmen would like to give special thanks to Mary Jarvie, Rob Jarvie, Dawn Collins and Sebastiano Guansiracusa for good citizenship in watching out for their neighbors and their willingness to step forward to address the situation by heroically stopping a person from robbing a home on North Washington State Road and providing the information leading to the arrest.

The Parks Commission has an opening for an energetic individual looking to assist in the future planning of the Town Park. The Commission meets at 6:00 PM. at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in April and ending in October. Interested persons should send an email to the washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com.

ING Hartford Marathon and Half Marathon will be Honoring Margaret Kennedy Rorrio a former resident of Washington Mtn. Road on October 15, 2011

Quote from the letter of intent:

"You are a role model for hope, an inspiration to others, and the ING Hartford Marathon foundation wants to recognize your accomplishments. You have been selected to be amongst an exclusive group of ten runners of the inaugural Elite Inspiration Team 2011.

You will receive special VIP treatment including complimentary hotel stay the night before the race, VIP tickets to the Pasta Supper and a special Elite Team Jacket. Additionally, you will be profiled with a photo and story on the ING Hartford Marathon web site, New England Running Magazine and will also be introduced on October 15, 2011, at the start of the marathon and highlighted on a Jumbo-Tron in front of thousands of runners and spectators".

Margaret is RRCA certified as a Running Coach. She is a member of the Glastonbury River Runners Club and is in charge of their Publicity. She also assists with coaching for both the Hartford Marathon Foundation and Glastonbury River Runners Club.

Margaret has entered races in Washington, DC, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware in Sept. She has completed two Half Marathons and will be running her 3rd half on Oct 15th at the ING Hartford Marathon and Half Marathon.

Margaret organized the First Annual "Sunshine Kids" 5k race in CT which was held in April of 2011 in Middletown, CT. She states that next year's race will be bigger and better. The Sunshine Kids is a foundation for kids with cancer. This raised over \$2800.00

She is also a member of the Crossfit Playground gym and competes in Crossfit competitions as well. She runs and crossfits despite the fact she has rheumatoid arthritis since her early 20's

Margaret is a Realtor for Prudential Connecticut Realty and Manages Jim Didato's Real Estate Team

Margaret's positive personality, perseverance, dedication, self-belief and encouragement to her Community and others is infectious.

Quote from Margaret

"I didn't get here by myself. I've been lucky to be able to surround myself with great people that support and encourage me. And that's why I give back. I became RRCA certified and I'm a volunteer coach for HMF and the Glastonbury River Runners. I get very excited watching a new runner crossing the finish line for the first time. Especially when they think they can't and they DID. They deserve to get the same encouragement I did and still do ;)"

Messages from the Washington COA

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late!

Medicare's New Open Enrollment Period
October 15 - December 7

Medicare plans change every year!

SHINE Can Help!

SHINE counselors provide Medicare counseling free of charge.

Call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 3. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back as soon as possible.

Or

For assistance from a Medicare customer service representative 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

COA Survey

All residents age 60 or older should have received a survey in the mail, if not please contact me so I can get one out to you and add you to our mailing list. If you misplaced yours and would like another, please contact me so I can get one out to you. Please, even if the items on the survey are not of interest to you let us know and if something else is take a moment and write it in. A certain dollar amount is granted by the state to all local COA's annually and it would be helpful to know what programs or activities you would like to see those dollars spent on. Surveys can be dropped off at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, or mailed to me Rose Borgnis @ 56 Phillips Rd Washington Thank you to those who have returned your surveys.

Thank you

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To our fellow Washington residents:

September 2011

Normally August is a quiet month but summer ended with a bang called Irene. I want to thank our Emergency Managers, our Highway Department and everyone else who prepared for, helped out during, and cleaned up after the storm. We are fortunate that the Town came through with minimal damage to our roads and bridges.

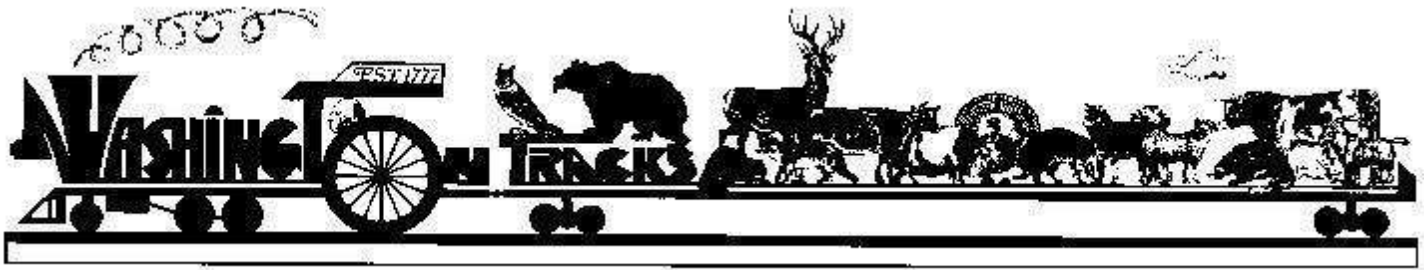
A number of good things have happened this past few weeks:

- Thanks to the Parks Commission we have a brand-new sign at the Town Park.
- MA Department of Energy (DOER), who administers the federal EECB Grant, has approved the use of grant funds to pay for the cleanup of the crawlspace between the utility room and the rest of the Town Hall and also to pay for the new garage doors at the Town Garage. This means we have avoided an \$8575.00 cost for the cleanup and will be reimbursed \$9,840.53 for the garage doors. Although we will be paying for the new water heater at the Town Hall, the total cost to the Town for all these improvements will be less than \$5000 from our current budget and we will have spent none of the \$20,000 approved at our Annual Town Meeting in May 2010.
- It appears unlikely that we will be doing insulation and siding of the Town Hall unless DOER decides to provide additional funds. BUT. We are still negotiating with DOER to use the remaining grant money (over \$50,000) for new energy efficient doors and windows at the Town Hall.
- The Ad Hoc Committee for the Town Hall has met and is developing plans to improve access (ADA compliance), better utilize space and make other needed improvements. Any ideas or concerns you may have can be directed to Committee Chair Shaun Lennon or committeewoman Jodi Hostetter.
- An RFP (Request for Proposals) to solicit bids for the re-use of the former Mapleview Nursing Home has been authorized by the Select Board. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the property please have them contact us at the Town Hall (e-mail washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com) before the RFP closing date of October 17. Ed Bond will conduct a walk-through of the property on Saturday 9/17 between 10 am and 12. We are hoping to both add some sale money to the Town coffers and get the property back on the tax rolls.

Don't forget the Hill Town Hoot on Sunday September 18 starting at noon. Invite your out-of-town friends and family. As our Select Board Chair Emeritus, Dick Grillon, was fond of saying, Washington has the highest concentration of folk singers in the world. Let's all celebrate with them!

Finally, lest anyone be alarmed that the other members of the Select Board have disappeared, the reason I am the sole signatory is that since we did not meet on August 29 we were unable to discuss and approve this letter in open meeting.

Jim Huebner,
Select Board Chair



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