

June 2012

Senator Ben Downing
Invites you to join him for
Coffee & Conversation

Monday, June 18th
2:00-4:00pm

Washington Town Hall
8 Summit Street
Washington, MA

All are welcome to visit with the Senator and his staff, enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and discuss current issues, events and concerns.

For more information, contact Senator Ben Downing at (413) 442-4008 or visit his online office at www.SenatorDowning.com.



Save the date...
SATURDAY, September 15th

June 15, 2012

Dinner at 5:30 Movie at 6:30



An independent, single mother who owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island, Donna (Meryl Streep) is about to let go of Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), the spirited daughter she's raised alone. For Sophie's wedding, Donna has invited her two lifelong best girlfriends—ractical and no-nonsense Rosie (Julie Walters) and wealthy, multi-divorcee Tanya (Christine Baranski)—from her one-time backing band, the Dynamos. But Sophie has secretly invited three guests of her own.

A REMINDER FROM THE TRANSFER STATION

HOWDIE ALL !

Thanks so much for all your efforts!

For the most part, we are doing good. There are a few things that continue to show up in the paper and recycle bins that don't belong. Here is quick list of some of the more common offenses.

PAPER BIN – NO – greasy pizza boxes - soda or beer cartons (treated with a chemical for water resistance) – coffee cups – twine or rope to tie bundles – paper egg cartons (compostable) – oil stained boxes – hard cover books – butter or marg boxes – padded envelopes – stickers – glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) – fast food wrappers - and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – take the 30 seconds to break down your boxes completely.

PLASTIC BIN – NO – Styrofoam – black plastic – cookie trays – containers bigger than 2.5 gallons – motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides or the like – flower pots – cellophane food bags (candy bars, cookies, pasta) – meat trays – plastic bags – hangers – CDs or cases – plastic cups – straws – foil juice containers.

ITEMS WITH A FEE – refrigerators and freezers \$ 30 – dehumidifiers \$ 20 – TV'S and old style computer monitors \$ 5 – mattress and box springs \$ 10 each – water heater \$ 10 – toilets and sinks \$ 5

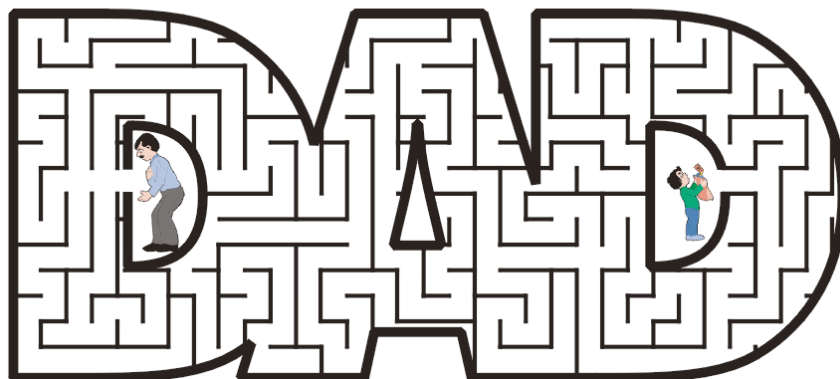
NON-HOUSEHOLD TRASH = spring cleaning, things not from the kitchen, construction and demo trash – etc etc.

We charge \$ 25. a pick-up truck load for NON-HOUSEHOLD TRASH. Your fee will be based on the size and weight of your load. (ceramic tiles will cost more than plastic shutters) If you have one item, please pay your dollar – our bin can fill up quickly with everyone throwing one item in for free and then we have nothing to pay for it with.

The Board of Selectmen voted to hold the ATM on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM and the Town Elections on Saturday, May 18, 2013 with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 instead of 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Board of Selectmen invite comments from the residents, which can be sent to washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com or delivered by calling 623-8878.

As of June 4, 2012 the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen will be holding office hours at the Town Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Help the father find his way through the DAD
shaped maze to find his gift giving son.



To our fellow Washington residents: June 2012

First we would like to acknowledge the 166 residents who took the time to exercise their most important duty and voted on May 19. Second we would like to thank them for keeping our current board together. Before last May we suffered through seven different Board configurations in three years. Now we should have at least a second year of stability and the further development of our efficiency and effectiveness. With your continued support we will focus on the Town's well-being and do our best to keep you informed. Most of all we will build an atmosphere of cooperation, trust, assistance and respect among our Board and with all of those who are elected or appointed or volunteer to make our Town such a great place.

Speaking of that, anyone interested in volunteering for the Town's various jobs, committees, or boards please email washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com (or snail mail to 8 Summit Hill Road or call 623-5059) and let us know. We will be making appointments this month and we want to have as many different people involved as possible. There is plenty to do!

What a tremendous turnout for the Annual Town Meeting – democracy in action and a tribute to our sense of community! While we will no longer be pursuing the label of “Green Community” we intend to further upgrade the energy efficiency of the Town Hall and will explore ways in which we can help our residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Other things that your Board will be working on:

- Refurbishing the exterior of the Town Hall. Thanks again to Shaun Lennon and Ed Bond!
- Rebidding the Mapleview property. We will do everything we can to get this back on the tax rolls – or at the very least off the Town's books!
- Making sense of the patchwork of small plots the Town owns in Virginia Lake Estates. We have considered aggregating them into building lots that conform to our zoning – but both access and intervening privately-owned plots make this problematical. We have also considered making a Town Park out of the area – but limited access would still be an issue. Any and all ideas welcomed...
- The hydrological study of Eden Glen will be done over the next few months. The study includes drafting a grant proposal to FEMA/MEMA to make changes to the area and its dam, bridges and culverts to avert potential flood damage.
 - Westfield Wild and Scenic is considering grant support for both the study and the mitigation itself.
- We hope to have our new personnel policies in place for our personnel reviews this month. These new policies are being written by a legal firm that specializes in them. This will help protect both the Town and its employees from falling foul of the many laws and regulations of the Commonwealth.

Don't forget the Town Park clean-up on Saturday June 2 from 9-12. Many hands make light work. Come and join your friends and neighbors and help us keep building our community.

There have been many bear sightings this year and we understand that a lot of large turkeys have been harvested. We are so fortunate to live among the life and scenic beauty of the natural world of Washington. Now that summer is here we can experience nature at its most benign and serene. Enjoy!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
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