



**October 2012**

**CTOBER 26, 2012**  
**6:00 to 9:00 P.M.**  
**ALL ARE INVITED**  
**To the**  
**JOHN F. X. KEATOR MEMORIAL**  
**PUMPKIN WALK**  
**TO BE HELD AT THE**  
**WASHINGTON TOWN PARK**  
**HAYRIDES AND BONFIRE**  
**6:00 CARVED PUMPKIN SHOW CASE**  
**ED THE WIZARD 6:00 to 7:30**  
**TRICK OR TREAT 6:00 to 7:00**



Pumpkin Carves Needed



The pumpkins for the Pumpkin Walk will be at the Washington Town Hall the week before the pumpkin walk. We could really use your help carving them. We have set up some times that week for carving. Come and carve with us during these times or just come and pick up a pumpkin(s) and stencil(s) to carve at home.

Sunday, October 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Thursday, October 25th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Friday, October 26th from 10:00 AM until finished



There is no school in the CBRSD on Friday, so carving on Thursday night or Friday morning would be a great family activity.

If you are picking up a pumpkin(s) to carve at home, we will supply you with a stencil(s), but you will need carving tools. We will let you know how to store your carved pumpkin when you pick up.

Hope to see you there!

Questions...Contact Allison Mikaniewicz [apadfamilly@yahoo.com](mailto:apadfamilly@yahoo.com)

Donations for the Pumpkin Walk

Candy and monetary donations for the Pumpkin Walk are being accepted at the Washington Transfer Station. Help us make this a great event!

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
8 Summit Hill Rd.  
Washington, MA 01223

Notice of Public Hearing

To: Select Board, Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Clerk, Towns of Becket, Dalton, Peru, Middlefield, Pittsfield, Hinsdale, Lee, Lenox, Planning Board members

September 27, 2012

Re: Proposed Zoning Bylaws: Solar Bylaw; Wireless Communication Bylaw

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, you are hereby notified that a public hearing for the above proposed bylaws will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7 PM at the Washington Town Hall, Summit Rd. Washington, MA. 01223

A copy of the proposed bylaws maybe obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Responses or comments regarding the above bylaws should be directed to the Planning Board of Washington and received prior to the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Wiley, Chair Planning Board

### Voter Registration Deadline

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 is the last day to register to vote in the November Presidential Election. On this day there will be a special voter registration session held at the Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are not sure of your registration status please contact me prior to the deadline and I can let you know. Contact: [washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com).

### Absentee Ballots for November Election

The policy for voting by absentee ballots requires that you complete and submit an absentee ballot application prior to receiving the actual ballot. If you will need to cast an absentee ballot for the November election, please contact me now so I can send you the application. You can also download the application: [http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee\\_ballot.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee_ballot.pdf). Contact: [washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com).

### VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

The Presidential Election is November 6, 2012. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The polling location is the Washington Town Hall. Be sure to come out and vote...your vote is important!

The Washington Scholarship Committee is seeking donations of baked goods for its election day bake sale, which will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 6 from 7am-8pm. Those wishing to drop off baked goods may do so either Monday night from 7-9 (leave them in the kitchen refrigerator) or any time on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, volunteers are being sought to "man" the bake sale table. If you would be willing to help for an hour or two, please contact Linda Levernoch at 623-8309, evenings.

Watching your weight? Share a delicious snack with your co-workers or a neighbor. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness and, at the same time, you'll be contributing to a good cause.

Be a hero this election day; after you vote, stop by the scholarship food table and help support our young people. See you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

The Washington Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce scholarship recipients from the class of 2012:

Catherine Elizabeth Borgnis who is studying at Mt. Holyoke College, Corey M Cameron, who is attending Berkshire Community College and Katherine Fickett who is enrolled at Roger Williams University.

Congratulations to these young women and to all the recent high school and college graduates.

## Reminder: Help Us Bring Broadband To Washington

WiredWest is a cooperative of 40 western Mass. towns, including Washington, working to build a fiber network to bring you high-speed, reasonably-priced Internet and other digital services. To make it happen, we need your support. We mailed a "Support Card" to everyone in town, so you can sign up to show your interest in getting service. It doesn't commit you to anything, but it will help us get financing to build the network. Be sure to mail it back, or go to our website and fill it out at [www.wiredwest.net](http://www.wiredwest.net). Many of you already did, so thanks!

Steve Nelson  
Washington Delegate to WiredWest

Jan Nelson  
Alternate Washington Delegate to WiredWest

To our fellow Washington residents: October 2012

Welcome aboard to our two latest volunteers for town service! Peter Blake has stepped in to take over as our Veterans' Agent. (Thanks also to Victor Breen for having served in this position up until now - Victor wears many different hats for the Town!) Glenn Grogan has been sworn in as Town Auditor. Glenn will be working together with our Treasurer and Town Accountant to make sure that our finances are transparent, accurate and in compliance with all DOR requirements.

Washington's spirit of volunteerism was on display on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hilltown Hoot. Thanks to all of those who made this event possible by parking cars, providing security and facilities, and, of course, making great music. A good time was had by all and our schools got thousands of dollars in donations.

Another of Washington's signature events, The Annual Sons & Daughters reunion on September 9<sup>th</sup>, featured music, abundant and delicious food and the chance to celebrate our Town together. Thanks to all who made it possible and all who participated. We hope to see everyone there next year.

And don't forget that the third of Washington's unique Fall celebrations: The John F. X. Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk is coming up on Friday October 26.

The tax rate is actually going down a bit to \$12.91 per thousand for the new year; moreover, thanks to the hard work of our Assessors, we were the 7<sup>th</sup> municipality in the Commonwealth to have our rate certified.

The Mass Infrastructure Grant to resurface Washington Mountain Road has been submitted.

Seeing that more than half of the municipalities in the Commonwealth each received a minimum of \$125,000 for being Green Communities, the Board is considering bringing this up for another vote at Town Meeting. The funds can be used to defray the cost of energy efficiency projects for our homeowners!

We delayed the bid opening to replace the windows and doors at the Town Hall until October 1 since we have to make provisions for removing the lead paint on the exterior of the Town Hall before any work can be done.

- Thanks to all those who attended the Special Town Meeting on 9/10 to approve borrowing authority for the doors and windows; we expect that at least some of the funding can be taken from the Town's Free Cash once our FY12 books are closed.

- We are looking for grant funding to pay for the lead paint removal and repainting.

We are working on:

- The claim with CSX to pay for the damage caused to Upper Valley Road;
- The Mapleview demolition;
- Placing a weight restriction on Blotz Road
- The FEMA/MEMA grant application to restructure/rebuild the Depot Brook culvert/bridge/dam area; and
- Support from Westfield Wild and Scenic for new culverts on Cross Place Road.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

The Becket Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local arts, humanities, and science programs. Application forms can be obtained at [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org), or at the Becket Athenaeum, and must be postmarked by Oct. 15.

Please send applications to Becket Cultural Council, Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223. Contact Zina Jayne at the Becket Athenaeum with any questions, at [413-623-5483](tel:413-623-5483) or [zinajayne@gmail.com](mailto:zinajayne@gmail.com).

**OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**TOWN of WASHINGTON**  
**COUNCIL on AGING**  
**POT LUCK DINNER 5:30 to 6:30**

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**LIVE on STAGE**

**6:30 TO ???**

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**

**THE FISHER FAMILY ENTERTAINERS**

**MUSIC ----- SONG ----- COMEDY**



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Submitted by Jane Kelly former resident of the Town of Washington who visited with us at the 103rd Annual Sons and Daughters Meeting.

**AUNT MAGGIES SPICY ZUCHINI BROWNIES**

The Brownies:

- 1 1/2 Cups Flour
- 1/2 Cup Cocoa Powder, unsweetened
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tsp Baking Soda
- 2 Tsp Cinnamon
- 3/4 Tsp Cayenne Pepper
- 2 Eggs, 1 Cup Oil
- 2 Tsp Almond Extract
- 3 1/2 Cups Shredded Zucchini

Grease a 9 X 9" square baking pan. Set aside.

Preheat Oven t 350 degrees.

In a Large Mixing Bowl, combine dry ingredients. Slowly mix in Oil, Eggs, and Almond Extract. Once thoroughly mixed, add zucchini, 1/2 cup at a time. Mix well. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool in Pan.

Once brownies have cooled, add the cream cheese frosting by swirling it onto the brownies.

**CREAM CHEESE FROSTONG**

4 Oz. softened Cream Cheese

1/2 Cup Softened Butter

2 Cups Powdered Sugar

1 TBs Almond Extract

Combine all Ingredients until smooth.

Jane said that she uses Carob Powder instead of Cocoa.



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<http://www.justicedora.com>

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### **Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic**

Dr. Sharon Lynch, MVB  
133 South Washington State Rd  
Washington, MA 01223  
Phone: (413)623-5329  
[www.hilltownsvetclinic.com](http://www.hilltownsvetclinic.com)

Please send your Tracks info by 28th of the month to:

[mrsabeski@mac.com](mailto:mrsabeski@mac.com) & put TRACKS in the subject, or if you do not have email, call Lisa at 623.5088