



July 2013



COA Pot Luck Dinner and Movie

The COA Dinner will be on July 19th at 5:30 P.M.
MOVIE will follow
This Month: You will pick the Movie

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners' will be conducting a gardening class at Springside Park, 874 North St. Pittsfield at the demonstration gardens behind the Springside House at 10 am. Saturday, July 13th. The class is "Choice and placement of shrubs in your garden. Two additional classes will be presented in July, July 20th, Herbs, what to do with what you have grown and July 27th, Choosing, growing, and harvesting vegetables. The classes are free and last from 1-2 hours. You can register or obtain more information by contacting Mary Ann Emery, 413 743-4284, memery395@gmail.com or Kathy DeVyllder, 413 637-1769, artmdev@msn.com There will also be soil testing and answering gardening questions July 13 at the Berkshire Mall in Lanesboro from 9-12.

Fun Holidays in July

July 4th - Independence Day
July 21st - National Ice Cream Day
July 28th - Parents Day!!!

To our fellow Washington residents:

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We begin the new Fiscal Year with almost all of the same elected and appointed staff as we had a year ago. This kind of continuity helps everyone do their jobs more effectively and efficiently to the benefit of the whole Town.

The Maplevue property was sold at auction to Jayne Pytko on June 1 for \$5000 and is now back on the tax rolls.

Several of our residents have written us concerned about the condition of Washington Mountain Road. We have forwarded these concerns to our state representatives and the Department of Transportation.

- Although the Board has managed to keep the rehabilitation of Washington Mountain Road on the state project list, we recognize that the way the process works it is unlikely to be funded any time soon. We have:
 - Lobbied for a change in the process;
 - Asked DOT for special funding;
 - Asked our state representatives for special funding.
- Meanwhile the Board is considering imposing a weight limit on the road to limit further deterioration, imposing a very low speed limit to safeguard vehicles, or even closing the road to through traffic entirely. Please let us know whether you agree with and support these measures.
- Here's what else you can do: write to our state representatives: Smitty Pignatelli and Ben Downing and ask them to support funding for Washington Mountain Road: Rep.Smitty@mahouse.gov; www.senatordowning.com/Share

Speaking of our roads, during the extreme heat late May and early June, the tar on some of our roads softened enough to spatter passing vehicles. Although the road crew quickly addressed the problem by overlaying sand, please be aware of this problem on very hot days and protect yourself.

This coming month we hope to:

- Hear from FEMA/MEMA about our grant request to minimize the danger of flooding in Eden Glen.
- Finish the work on the auditorium wall.
- Get weight limits on Blotz Road.
- Get some partners for a solar energy project on the landlocked Town property on the other side of the CSX tracks that abut the Town Park.

Enjoy the Summer!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board

*Note new date for Tracks info on back page :)

Becket Athenaeum

The Becket Athenaeum, in partnership with Community Health Programs (CHP) is excited to announce a summer Storycraft program for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. The FREE Storycraft events will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30am at the Becket Athenaeum and will run from July 3 to August 14. Each event will feature stories for children, a snack and a take-home craft. For more information, visit:

<http://www.becketathenaeum.org/images/Storycraft.jpg>

The Becket Athenaeum is excited to announce the date for its annual Book Sale, set to coincide with the annual Becket Town Fair: Saturday, July 13 from 9am-2pm. There will be a large selection and wide variety of quality books along with some DVDs and CDs. Books will be individually priced from 9am-10am. From 10am-2pm, you can make a cash donation and take what you want! All proceeds will benefit The Becket Athenaeum. For more information, visit:

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