



June 2013
HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



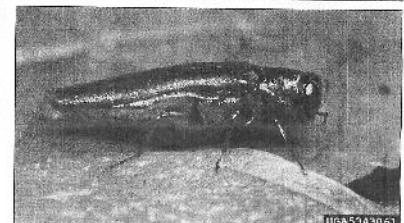
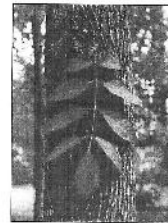
POTLUCK DINNER JUNE 21, 2013

DINNER AT 5:30 MOVIE AT 6:30



SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
WASHINGTON TOWN PARK
CLEAN UP
9:00-2:00
COME FOR AN HOUR, 2 HOURS, OR
THE WHOLE DAY TO HELP
BEAUTIFY YOUR PARK!

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and the
Future of Ash in Berkshire County**
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A **FREE** Seminar for the Public and
Ash Resource Managers in Berkshire County



Wednesday, June 19, 5-8pm
Koussevitsky Arts Center, Room 111
Berkshire Community College
1350 West St., Pittsfield, MA
(Directions at www.berkshirecc.edu/MapsDirections)

Please join us for a comprehensive look at the emerald ash borer, its expected impact on Berkshire County, and how to deal with this destructive pest in the wake of its arrival.

For more information, contact your service forester:

- North Berkshire, Pete Grima, peter.grima@state.ma.us, (413) 784-1828 ext. 127
- South Berkshire, Tom Ryan, tom.ryan@state.ma.us, (413) 784-1828 ext. 123

This event is being brought to you by the MA DCR Service Forestry Program with support from Berkshire Community College and the Massachusetts Forest Alliance-Tree Farm Program.

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COA Potluck Dinner June 21
The COA will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, Just bring a **salad** or dessert to share.
Come early and try out the Wii or one of the other games that are available.
The Town Hall will be open by 4:00.

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

RESULTS

**Saturday, May 18, 2013
147 Votes Cast**

AUDITOR (3 year term)

133 Glenn Grogan
13 Blanks

Write-Ins:

1 James Fish

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

128 Peter F. Borgnis, Incumbent
17 Blanks

Write-Ins:

1 James Huebner
1 Paul Willis

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

131 David Weissbrod, Incumbent
16 Blanks

Write-Ins:

None

Moderator (3 year term)

Write-Ins:

39 Ed Bond
3 Edwin Neumuth
1 Craig Willis
1 Michael Burke
1 Steve Nelson
1 Victor Breen
1 Barbara Keyes
1 Mark Powell
1 Frank Kennedy
1 William Cawley
1 Shaun Kelley
96 Blank

PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

103 Lisa Peltier
39 Blanks

Write-Ins:

1 James Fish
1 Paul Willis
1 Phillip Clark
1 Will Beemer
1 Tricia Drugmand

SELECT BOARD (3 year term)

98 Shaun P. Lennon, Incumbent
47 Michael Burke
1 Blank

Write-Ins:

1 Richard Grillon

TAX COLLECTOR (3 year term)

139 Belinda A. Phillips, Incumbent
8 Blanks

Write-Ins:

None

STAY HEALTHY THIS SUMMER!

You are invited to a free presentation at Town Hall on
Wednesday, June 26th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM by our
Public Health Nurses

Brenda Hitchcock and Barbara Choon

from the Berkshire Regional Health Alliance on:

Mosquito and Tick-related Illness:

Prevention, Signs and Treatment

Share your recipes for insect repellent and any experience
you have had with these serious illnesses

Much printed information and samples will be available
for you to take away.

Light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

Funded by a Public Health Service Mini-Grant applied for
by Jodi Hostetter and Jan Nelson, Administrative
Assistants to the Select Board

To our fellow Washington residents:

June 2013

Thanks to all of you who took the time to come to our Annual Town Meeting. The Town voted to implement a solar by-law which protects residents who want to install solar power but gives the Planning Board additional authority to control any large, commercial-scale installation.

Thanks also to everyone who took the time to vote at our Annual Town Election and for recognizing Shaun Lennon's contributions to the Town by re-electing him to the Select Board and maintaining the stability and harmony we have worked to achieve.

This month the Select Board will be making appointments and reappointments to various Town offices and boards. Anyone interested in serving please let us know.

CSX has offered to settle our claim against them for the damages from their flooding of Upper Valley Road. The Select Board negotiated and has agreed to settle for \$12,000. We do note that CSX has made considerable efforts to improve the drainage through their right-of-way and has engaged the USDA on an on-going basis to control the beaver population so there should be no recurrence of flooding from a blocked culvert.

Thanks to the efforts of our Administrative Assistants the Town received a Public Health mini-grant in the amount of \$250 which will be used for an educational program about avoiding mosquito and tick-borne diseases and other hazards. Look for an announcement in *Tracks*.

By the time you read this an auction of the Maplevue property will have taken place on Saturday June 1.

The Board has found another potential partner to supply low cost green energy for the Town. Vanguard Energy Partners is interested in placing a large-scale solar array on the landlocked Town property on the other side of the CSX tracks that abut the Town Park. We are working together to find other municipalities to join us.

The Board is keeping up the pressure on DOT and our legislators regarding the rehabilitation of Washington Mountain Road. Meanwhile our road crew will be working to improve drainage along the road's length this summer since that will help prevent further deterioration.

After Hinsdale's Town Elections we will make another effort to get them to post a weight limit at Rte 8/Pittsfield Road. The Board will take unilateral action if Hinsdale does not respond.

Three dates to keep in mind:

- The Parks Commission will be doing clean-up on Saturday June 8: if you can volunteer to help in any way please do so!
- There will be a Special Town Meeting at 7:30 on Monday June 24. In addition to the usual end-of-year financial adjustments there will be two by-law questions: the wireless by-law that was tabled at the ATM to allow the voters a longer time to consider; and a proposal to change the ATM date from the second Saturday in May to the Thursday prior to the second Saturday in May.
- The special election for the US Senate on June 25.

Happy Summer!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board

WiredWest and MBI focusing on broadband connections for town residents

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) is nearing completion of its "middle mile" fiber broadband network, with the connection to Washington's town hall going live by August. WiredWest congratulates MBI on a job well done, and remains committed to connecting homes and businesses through a "last mile" fiber network. Governor Patrick has proposed a \$40 million bond toward the cost of the last mile. WiredWest is in discussions with MBI about how we can work together to build it.

Your support is critical to making the last mile a reality. Nearly 12,000 people have signed our "Support Cards" to show that they want broadband service. Among WiredWest's 42 member towns, Washington has the 4th highest percentage of residents responding! If you haven't yet, please join your neighbors by signing up now at www.wiredwest.net. Help us in "bringing broadband home" to you.

Steve Nelson, Washington Delegate to WiredWest
Jan Nelson, Alternate Washington Delegate



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

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