

March 2013

## Jerry Atric – The Older I Get

A few stories about ice cream, health care and even romance

Presented by Steve Henderson

Place: Washington Town Hall  
8 Summit Hill Rd  
Washington MA

Date: March 15, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm following the COA potluck dinner

Enjoy a humorous look at aging through the eyes of an elderly gentleman with a sense of humor and a joy for living.



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Washington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

### Interested in Yoga?

The COA is considering offering Yoga classes, but we need to hear from you, if you are interested call Frank or Carol at 623-5180 or email [washingtoncoa@gmail.com](mailto:washingtoncoa@gmail.com)  
This will only happen if enough residents are interested

The COA is still in need of Board Members, we meet once a month for discussion and brainstorming and we host the monthly potluck dinner at the town hall. If you are interested in joining us or just finding out more information call Frank at 623-5180 or email [Washingtoncoa@gmail.com](mailto:Washingtoncoa@gmail.com)

**Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners' Association Berkshire county symposium**, Lenox High and Middle School, 197 East St. Lenox, MA. Pick three classes from twelve offered gardening topics: Session 1, Critter Control, Redesign your Garden, Invasive Plants, Landscaping with Shrubs, Section 2. Organic Lawn Care, Container Gardening, Hostas, Growing and Cooking with Herbs, Section 3, Plants for Butterflies and helpful insects, Community Supported Agriculture, Heirloom Vegetables, Right Plant, Right Place. Registration includes lunch and breakfast snacks, \$30. Saturday, April 13. 8:30 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Reservations: Marilynwiley@toast.net or call 413 623 5859. Registration after March 31, \$35. Includes Book sales from Storey Publishing and Timberlake Press at a discount, plant sale of early vegetables and flowers from Blossoming Acres, Southwick, MA and raffle.

## 2013 Dog Licenses Available

Dog licenses for 2013 are now available. Please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM with the following:

- Current rabies certificate
- Proof that your dog is spayed or neutered, if applicable
- Appropriate fee. \$4 if dog is spayed or neutered, \$10 if not
- You may also mail the above to the Town Clerk, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223 and a license and tag will be mailed to you.

The current dog licenses will expire on March 31, 2013. Any questions please call the Town Clerk 413-623-2185.

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## 2013 Town Election Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for the 2013 town election are now available from the Town Clerk. Offices that will be on the ballot this year are:

- Auditor: one 3-year term
- Finance Committee: two 3-year terms
- Moderator: one 3-year term
- Planning Board: one 5-year term
- Select Board: one 3-year term
- Tax Collector: one 3-year term

If you are interested in running for any of the above offices, please contact the Town Clerk by Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

The nomination papers must be completed, signed by at least 25 registered voters residing in Washington and submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday, March 22, 2013.

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## 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Petitions

If you have an article you would like included on the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, you must submit a petition with the wording of the article and the signatures of at least 25 registered voters from Washington.

The deadline for submitting a petition to the Town Clerk is Monday, March 25, 2013.

## Flower Show at Smith College, Sunday, March 10, 2013

Bus leaving Hinsdale Fire House @ 8:30AM  
Reservations, contact Lois Murray 655-8367  
\$5.00 for non-Hinsdale Residents.  
Brunch on your own at the Brewmaster, Williamsburg.



To our fellow Washington residents:

March 2013

The Select Board, Planning Board and Finance Committee will hold a Capital Assets Meeting at 7:30 on Monday March 11 which will focus on our many home-based businesses and whether we need any changes to our by-laws. Our intent is both to support our businesses and maintain our quality of life. As always, public comment is welcomed.

Our Administrative Assistant, Jodi Hostetter, has been trained to perform many of the functions of our Town Clerk. We thank Jodi for taking on this additional responsibility. Her office hours are Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The Select Board is doing due diligence by looking into other options for reducing our energy cost using solar power. The bid from E2Sol remains viable and attractive and we plan to move forward unless we can find something better.

We are working out the legalities of returning the Maplevue property to the tax rolls and expect to set an auction date very soon.

We did not receive Community Innovation Challenge Grant funding to develop municipal accounting software which means that the Town will need to budget for new accounting software next year.

Dalton has placed a weight limit on a culvert on Kirchner Road. We are working with Dalton and Hinsdale to make sure that limits are posted at Route 8 and Pittsfield Road in Hinsdale and the intersection of Kirchner and Washington Mountain Road in Dalton before notifying local truckers to enforce the limit.

Speaking of Washington Mountain Road the Town was recently informed that the road is no longer eligible for federal funds. While we do not regard this as a closed issue the Select Board will redouble its efforts to improve its safety and longevity through MassDOT funding and pushing for legislative action.

We have submitted a damage claim to CSX using Phil Clark's engineering estimate for the damage done by the flooding of Upper Valley Road.

Thanks to Dick Spencer and the Historical Society our Town History has been converted into an electronic file from which as many copies as desired can be printed. We should all be proud of our history and we hope that everyone in Town has or will get a copy of the book. Proceeds go towards the Historical Society which works to preserve our heritage. The Kennedy's have also posted the Town History in electronic form on our web site at [www.washington-ma.com](http://www.washington-ma.com).

We were spared the worst effects of February's winter storms. Here's hoping that March brings no unpleasant meteorology (or meteors!) so we can proceed into a normal spring; that is to say, mud season.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

March 17<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Patrick's day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs.*

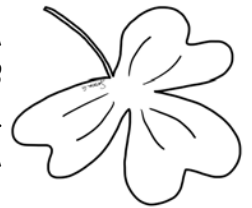
*Are you Irish perchance!?! Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.*

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 10

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Washington, MA 01223



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Becket, MA 01223  
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Casual fun atmosphere  
885 Washington Mt. Rd  
Washington, MA  
(413)623.5535

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Friday 11am-4pm  
Saturday 11am-4pm  
Sunday 11am-4pm

### Horace Mann Insurance Agency

Po Box 772 Becket Ma. 01223. Phone  
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### Justice of the Peace

Dorothy Filanowska  
(413) 446-6921 /  
[dora@justicedora.com](mailto:dora@justicedora.com)  
<http://www.justicedora.com>

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Call: 413-623-2185  
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Frank Kennedy  
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Washington, MA 01223  
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By appointment only

### 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