



☆ October 2013 ☆



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, October 5th. The class is "Putting your Garden to Bed". by Kathy DeVlyder, Master Gardener. The class is free and lasts from 1-2 hours. You can register or obtain more information by contacting Mary Ann Emery, 413 743-4284, [memery395@gmail.com](mailto:memery395@gmail.com) or Kathy DeVlyder, 413 637-1769, [artmdev@msn.com](mailto:artmdev@msn.com)

**MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE**

October 18th COA Potluck Dinner

Dinner 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees select Movie, 6:30 pm til ?

Bring what you can, you guys and gals are great!

WASHINGTON LOVES ITS SENIORS



The Hilltown Hoot would like to thank everyone who came out to the town park on that chilly Saturday to support our schools!

We raised over \$5,000!

Thank you to: Berkshire Gas, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Brown Oil/Cesco, Always Growing, Hilltowns Vet, Milltown, Pugzees Farm, Nuclea Biotechnologies, White Wolf, WM Penny Saver & Rising Son Records.

All of our volunteer musicians: White Liger, Modest Me, John Flynn, The Faculty, Wahconah Jazz Band, Mike Moro, Dharma DeMaranville & Terry a la Berry, Berkshire Rocks (Greg Geyer) performers: Justin Geyer, Ella Sears & Christine Bile, our emcee Rob Putnam and soundman Bruce Clapper.

Thank you to: our vendor coordinators Amy Feld & Helen Stewart, all of our vendors, the Cultural Councils for our inflatable obstacle course, and games for the kids, the Parks Committee & parking crew - Ed Bond, Dave Drugmond, Georgette Keator, Dick Spencer & Jayne Pitko.

Thank you to our police crew-Chief Victor Breen, Sean Lennon & Mike Case.

Thank you Jodi Hostetter, Cynthia Grippaldi, Annie Guthrie, Barb & Jim White, Jimmy White, Auron Aurelius, Aaron Besnoff and James, Jenn Knowlton, Dahlia Gotzmann, Leslie Blake-Davis, Caleb Davis, Jenni Rodgers, Serena & Jacklyn Guthrie, Mike Pezzo, Devon Dekorver, Dave Fish, Becket General Store, Becket Country Store, Hinsdale Trading Co., Dalton CRA, Wood Bros. & Berkshire Organics. Thank you to anyone else who we may have forgotten - together we can make a difference!

Peace, Lisa & Abe © [www.hilltownhoot.com](http://www.hilltownhoot.com)

The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Sons and Daughters get together was successfully held on September 8, 2013 at the Old Town Hall on Washington Mtn. Road. The meeting started at 12 Noon and as the meeting progressed more and more people arrived. A good guess on the amount of attendees is approximately 65 to 70 people which included children. President, Rudy Sacco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Stella Wibby sang "God Bless America". Rudy gave a short speech and then turned the meeting over to our Vice President Richard Grillon. Pam Nonken, Secretary read the town statistics. Carol Kennedy, Treasurer, read her report. And Richard Grillon continued to lead the meeting. Attendees were asked if they would like to make any changes with or vote in anyone new for the committee and they chose to keep the same slate.

This year's Bake Contest was "Cookies". The winner of the contest was Cynthia Grippaldi who baked "Moose Droppings" Cookies. The prize was a \$25 gift certificate to "Different Drummers" in Lenox. Anyone who baked cookies for the contest was entitled to choose a book to take home with them.

Once again, the Historical Commission had an interesting display for guests to view. Everyone enjoys viewing and talking about the town's history with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chamberlain attended because of their interest in Gene's "Chamberlain" ancestors who lived here back in the late 1800's into the early 1900's. Another

couple attended because they had "Sanders" ancestors who once lived here. Entertainment was provided by "Bobby Sweet" and "The Beeline Ramblers" (Fran and Lisa Mandeville) while everyone ate, walked around and socialized or just sat in chairs to relax and listen to Music and song. We are thankful that they were available to come this year.

The Council provided coloring books and crayons, bubbles and more for the children's entertainment.

Food was plentiful and delicious. We thank Becket Chimney Corners YMCA for graciously donating two large trays of pasta, a large tray of meatballs, a tray of cold cuts and cheese and a large tray of salad. This was well appreciated and very generous of them. Thanks to Chief Victor Breen for putting Cones on the road and having the Police car parked with its lights flashing for our Guests Safety. We would like to Thank Craig Willis of "White Wolf" for donating the use of a Port-a-Potty. We also thank those who helped put out chairs and a big thank you to Jan Green who stayed after the meeting and helped us with the clean up. If we forgot to thank anyone; just know that anything and everything that anyone did to help make the Annual meeting a success was warmly appreciated.

We received \$43.00 in Donations. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,  
Pam Nonken, Sons and Daughters Committee Secretary  
Rudolph Sacco, President  
Richard Grillon, Vice President  
Carol Kennedy, Treasurer

Thank you for your support of the COA over the last 2 years. I really enjoyed our potluck dinners and the opportunity it gave me to get to know many of you better. I would gladly serve again if reappointed.

Sincerely,  
Rose Borgnis

Computer classes will continue starting October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at 207 Frost Rd. Seating is very limited so please call Frank Kennedy at 623-5180.

Classes will continue until the first snow fall.

You must bring your own laptop if you have one.

I will supply a laptop for those who need one.

Hi Speed internet will be available.

To our fellow Washington residents:

October 2013

The turnout at the annual Sons & Daughters reunion was tremendous! We hope everyone enjoyed learning about our history – not to mention the great music and food! Thanks to all who helped make it a success. Thanks also to the vendors and musicians and organizers of the Hilltown Hoot!

Our long-serving Assessor, Cheri Rodhouse, has resigned. The annual salary for an Assessor is \$3150 and the Town will pay to train any resident who might be interested in the position. Let Jodi Hostetter know!

The Becket Arts Council wants to appoint a Washington resident to its Board which meets every third Monday. Anyone interested please let Jodi know.

The Select Board has appointed Glenn Grogan, a Washington resident, as our new Treasurer. Glenn has tremendous financial experience and has served as our Auditor this past year – a post we will now have to fill. If anyone is interested, let Jodi know.

14 people got free flu shots at the Flu Clinic on September 21 at the Town Hall. This is just one of the benefits that our residents get from our participation in the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. The Board is also exploring other types of shared services.

Now that the rehabilitation of Washington Mountain Road is underway – DOT is currently doing survey work in support of putting the project out to bid late this year – we can turn our attention to other needed improvements to our infrastructure:

- The grant funding for flood control of Depot Brook and widening Frost Road has been resubmitted to FEMA. Even with funding the Town will have to pay some of the cost.
- We are working with Westfield Wild & Scenic for funding to design a permanent bridge on Cross Place Road.
- It appears unlikely that we will get support from Dalton and Hinsdale to further restrict vehicle weight on Blotz Road
- We have applied for a MassWorks grant to repave Blotz Road.

The Town Hall Use Committee is once again soliciting help from the Sheriff’s Department for painting inside the Town Hall. They are also planning new cabinets for the kitchen and other improvements. A new office for our Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, Paul Mikaniewicz, will be created within the Town Clerk’s office space.

Thanks to our Highway Crew for doing such a fantastic job getting the bridge on lower Cross Place Road replaced in less than two weeks. We were fortunate that a Bailey bridge owned by MA DCR was available, but it took a concerted effort by our guys plus engineering help from Phil Clark to make it happen so quickly. We are still considering our next steps, but the temporary bridge is fully functional and will serve for as long as we need it.

Don’t forget that the annual John F. X. Keator Pumpkin Walk is coming up this month. There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday October 2 at 6:30 at the Town Hall for anyone who wants to help make this another one of Washington’s truly special events.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

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 :There will be a **John FX Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk meeting** held at the **Town Hall**  
 :on **Wednesday October 2nd at 6:30 PM** to discuss the event date, donations, parking, event  
 :needs, activities and most importantly **CARVING**, which last year had been done by the Boy  
 :Scouts, Girl Scouts, many residents and friends of the Town. Anyone interested in participating  
 :or contributing to this exciting event is welcome to attend or call **Jodi Hostetter at 464-6656**.  
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