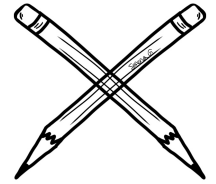


September 2013



**104<sup>TH</sup> Annual WASHINGTON SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

The Washington Sons and Daughters will be holding the 104th Annual meeting at the Old Town Hall on Washington Mountain Road **Sunday, September 8, 2013** beginning at 12:00 PM.

All Washington residents and anyone who has ever lived in the Town of Washington are welcome to join us: including children. Meet your neighbors and share your memories, stories and the history of our Town. Let's make this the Best Attendance year yet!

**FOOD AND DRINK (Hot and Cold) WILL BE PROVIDED** by the Committee. Come hungry!

**BAKE CONTEST**

Ladies and Gentlemen please bake your favorite "COOKIE" recipe and enter your cookies in our Contest. Please tape your name on the bottom of your plate. This is our **Dessert** so please enter the Contest and bring enough for all to share. Prizes will be awarded.

**WASHINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Washington Historical Commission will have a display with lots of interesting information about the town's History for you to view.

\*\*\*\*\***ENTERTAINMENT**\*\*\*\*\*

We are Proud to Announce that this year's Entertainment will be "**Bobby Sweet and the Beeline Ramblers**", who will be playing traditional and original folk music accompanied by fiddle, Mandolin, Guitar, Banjo and Dulcimer. Bobby and The Beeline Ramblers (Fran and Lisa Mandeville), are known for their tight vocal harmonies, great songwriting, and relaxed stage demeanor.



**7th Annual Hilltown Hoot**  
**Saturday, September 14th**  
**Noon-7PM**

- 12:00 Terry a la Berry & Friends (Kids Music!!)
- 1:00 Dharma DeMaranville & Mike Moro
- 2:00 Wahconah Jazz Band Feat. Brian Rabuse
- 3:00 The Faculty feat. Rob Putnam & B. Rabuse
- 4:00 John Flynn
- 5:00 Modest Me Krishna Guthrie, Jay Gelinis & Pete Borgnis
- 6:00 White Liger Abe Guthrie, Dan Teichert and Darren Todd

\*Music at quarter of the hours provided by:

**Berkshire Rocks**

plus vendors, food & fun!

**100% Proceeds goes to the schools of Central Berkshire**

Buy Discount Tickets at:

Becket Country Store, Becket General Store, Hinsdale Trading Co., Dalton CRA, Wood Bros., & Berkshire Organics until Sept. 13th

# **Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion have a new album out!**

*Wassaic Way* was released on their very own label Rte. 8 Records on August 6th. It was produced by Wilco's Jeff Tweedy and Patrick Sansone and recorded in Chicago at the band's famed studio The Loft. American Songwriter calls it "...an album that captures Guthrie and Irion's remarkable melodic strengths and marries them to Tweedy and Sansone's sympathetic and beautifully shaped production." You can pick up your copy at the Becket General Store. You can also download on i-tunes or if you prefer Amazon... you can find it there too!! We will also be selling them at the Hilltown Hoot On Sept. 14th to help benefit the local schools!! Please be sure to pick up a copy somewhere and support your local artists!!!

Two upcoming CD RELEASE SHOWS!!

Sept. 7th Club Helsinki, Hudson, NY

Sept 14th Iron Horse, Northampton, MA

More info @ [www.sarahleeandjohnny.com](http://www.sarahleeandjohnny.com)

Don't forget to "Like" us on FACEBOOK!!

Thanks for your Support!!



## **The WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are accepted from September 1, 2013 to/and no later than October 15, 2013. Any application received after Oct 16, 2013 is not accepted.

The Washington Cultural Council has set an October 15th postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. This deadline is mandated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities: including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Washington Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Application forms are available online at [www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public.asp](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp). Application forms are also available on the Town Clerks' desk beginning mid-August.

Please mail applications to:

Washington Cultural Council • c/o Carol Kennedy • P O BOX 335 • Becket, MA. 01223

To our fellow Washington residents:

August- September 2013

Our apologies for missing the deadline for the August *Tracks!*

Jeff Sawtelle has taken over the Council on Aging. Jeff brings great experience and energy and we expect he will build on the good work Rose Borgnis has done in the past two years. We thank Rose for her service and also want to thank Frank Kennedy who is retiring from his years of service as our webmaster, a role we have hired John Les to fill. We note with regret that our Treasurer, Cathy Briggs, is resigning due to an increased work load at her day job. She did a great job for us and will be missed. Applications are open if you know anyone interested.

Thanks to all who turned out for the 6/24 and 7/22 Special Town Meetings. We will be purchasing a new 4-wheel drive Expedition School Bus to replace the old Suburban which can no longer safely transport our Voc-Ed students. As in the past, we will also transport Becket students, greatly reducing the cost to the Town.

Our grant request for funding to restructure the Eden Glen area prone to flooding and washing the road out was turned down by FEMA, but we were actually the next in line. We have re-submitted for the next round of grant funding and are pursuing other funding sources.

The Town Hall use committee has decided to continue the use of our venerable wooden folding chairs and forego the expense of replacing them. Some changes in progress: displaying some of the Town's artwork and historical photographs, some additional improvements to the kitchen and bathrooms, and completion of the painting on the interior of the auditorium. We thank Williams College for all of the furniture provided to us but going forward we will specify what's best for the Town instead of relying on donations.

While nothing is ever certain before it actually happens, the Select Board's appeal to our legislators and the Secretary of Transportation for emergency funding for Washington Mountain Road has borne fruit. An Act Relative to Transportation Finance has passed and will provide funding for the full reclamation of Washington Mountain Road if the accompanying bond bill is also passed. DOT has prioritized the project and will begin design work during the last week of August. The plan is to put the project out for bid by the end of 2013 for construction in the spring. By all means contact our state representatives and thank them!

The bridge on lower Cross Place Road has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. The bridge has been restricted to one-way traffic and a second steel plate has been placed on the span by our Highway crew. A temporary bridge will be erected quickly if we are able to utilize an available structure owned by MA DCR. Otherwise we will need to design and construct a temporary bridge which will take up to six weeks. The design and construction of a replacement bridge may take several years, but the temporary bridge will be fully functional during that time.

We hope to see everyone at:

- The Sons & Daughters Reunion starts at noon on September 8 at the Old Town Hall. There will be food and festivities for all to celebrate our history!
- The free Flu Clinic on Saturday September 21 from 4 to 6 pm at the Town Hall.
- The Hilltown Hoot (noon to 7 pm on September 14) will offer the best music of the Berkshires plus food and fun for a great cause – all proceeds go to our schools!

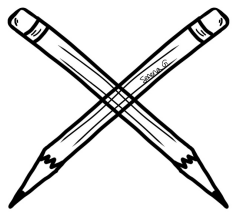
Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

**Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners** will be soil testing and answering gardening questions at the Berkshire Mall Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 7th and Saturday, September 14th from 9-12. Directions for obtaining soil for testing may be found on the [WMMGA.org](http://WMMGA.org) web site.  
There is a suggested donation of \$1. for soil testing.

The Historical Committee is happy to announce that two 80+ Washington Cups with chocolates were given to two residence.



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## Support Our Local Businesses

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