



September 2014



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



The Washington Sons and Daughters will be holding the 105th Annual meeting at the Old Town Hall on Washington Mountain Road on Sunday, September 14, 2014 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 "CAKE or CUPCAKE " recipe and enter your baked goods 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 **The Limb Shakers** who will be playing traditional jazz, blues and swing. Everything from "Tin Roof Blues," "Somebody Stole My Gal" and "Ole Miss Rag" to "Jersey Bounce" and "Opus One." Past performances include Club Helsinki Hudson, Naumkeag, Norman Rockwell Museum, Sheffield Land Trust, Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter School, New Lebanon Library, Roe Jan Library and other venues. Visit online at [allenlivermore.wordpress.com](http://allenlivermore.wordpress.com)

Allen Livermore, saxophone, clarinet and vocals

Tim Thibideau, guitar

Pete Toigo, upright bass

\*\*Carol Kennedy is retiring from the Treasurer's Position. The position needs to be filled. Please consider joining the Committee and filling the Treasurers position.

WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Marc Johns is the new Chairman for the group.

In October, when Carol's Term expires the Council will consist of: Barbara Keyes: Secretary, Marc Johns: Chairman, Denise Johns: Treasurer, Paul Mikeniewicz: member, and Nancy DeSantis: member.

WELCOME MARC

Greetings from State Representative Pignatelli,

I've enjoyed reading your monthly town publication, Washington Tracks. It was also nice to see many of you at the Washington Mountain Road Scenic Byway designation and I thought I'd drop you all a note to let you know that you can contact my office anytime. I'm in the Lenox Town Hall, 6 Walker St., and my district office number is 413-637-0631 or via email, Rep.Smitty@mahouse.gov

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Smitty**

**State Representative**

**Fourth Berkshire District**

The WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS  
for the year 2015

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are accepted from September 1, 2014 to/and no later than October 15, 2014. 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.

Applicants must be Non Profit.

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

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This notice is to inform the residents of the Town of Washington that Peter Blake has been re-appointed by the Select Board to the position of Veterans Service Officer effective 1 July 2014

Mr. Blake will have office hours beginning in September on the second Monday of each month. Office hours will begin at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. unless a need arises for additional time. If an immediate need arises, Mr. Blake may be reached at 413/ 623-5643.

"Additionally, I would also like to invite any resident of the town to my first meeting in September to begin discussions pertaining to the proposed veterans' memorial. I would suggest that the folks that come to the meeting be willing to create a committee in order that the progress of defining this memorial be inclusive to as many residents as possible. Thank you."

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 September 27. The class is "Putting your Garden to Bed". 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, [memory395@gmail.com](mailto:memory395@gmail.com) or Jim McCarthy, 413 637-2940, [heljim@msn.com](mailto:heljim@msn.com).

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners will be soil testing and answering gardening questions at the Berkshire Mall Farmers' Marketon Saturday, September 13th and September 20th from 9-12. Directions for obtaining soil for testing may be found on the WMMGA.org web site. There is a suggested donation of \$1. for soil testing.

To our fellow Washington residents:

September 2014

Kinder-Morgan representatives - the company proposing a new natural gas pipeline through Massachusetts, presented and answered questions from the twenty residents who attended on August 14. As presently designed the pipeline would cross into Washington from Lenox west of Farnham Reservoir and run through Town for less than a mile before crossing into Pittsfield. Although no Washington residents or property owners would be affected, the pipeline is shown as crossing both Washington Mountain Road and Blotz/Kirchener in Dalton. The Board wants to stress several points:

1. History, economics and the law make the construction of this pipeline a near certainty, like it or not.
2. Nevertheless, several of our neighbor towns are strongly opposed to this pipeline and we – the Board – will be supportive of them.
3. The route may change and become more of an issue for us.

The K-M presentation is posted on the Town website. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which approves and regulates pipelines has a website: [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). The Board would like to hear more from our citizens on this issue. Please let us know.

We are still waiting for FEMA to decide whether we are getting grant funding to restructure the area around Eden Glen Dam to mitigate flooding and widen the road.

- The Board has heard conflicting opinions as to whether the dam should be removed to improve the flow of Depot Brook or retained and rehabilitated as a flood barrier and recreational pond. We want to hear more from our residents!
- We have issued a Request for Proposals for design studies of the culverts (bridges) on Lower Sargent, Lower Valley and Cross Place. We should be able to bring a cost proposal to our voters in October.

The PASER study of the Town's roads should be complete by the end of September. In addition to their current rating we can compare them to a 1998 BRPC rating study.

The Business Census has been completed with about 70% compliance. About one-sixth of our homeowners have one or more businesses and all but a few conform to our existing by-laws. Next steps include deciding whether to require no-fee registration of businesses and drafting an amendment to our by-laws for voter approval.

- The sale of Bucksteep has brought the need for clarification into sharp relief since the prior use of the property was non-conforming.
- The new owners of Bucksteep have said that they plan to contribute to the Town since, as a non-profit, they are not required to pay taxes.

We have asked the State Police for increased patrols and for truck weight stops.

Don't forget that two unique Washington events are coming up: The Hilltown Hoot on September 7 at the Town Park and the Sons & Daughters Reunion on the 14th at the Old Town Hall. See you all there!

Also, don't forget the State primary election on September 9. We are only as strong as our voter turnout.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

### **MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE**

Friday, September 19, 2014 Potluck Dinner " COME ONE COME ALL "

Dinner 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees select Movie, 6:30 pm til ?

Bring what you can, or just yourselves, you guys and gals are great!  
"This really feels good to be with all of you"  
We look forward to having you.

Remember, WASHINGTON LOVES ITS SENIORS...



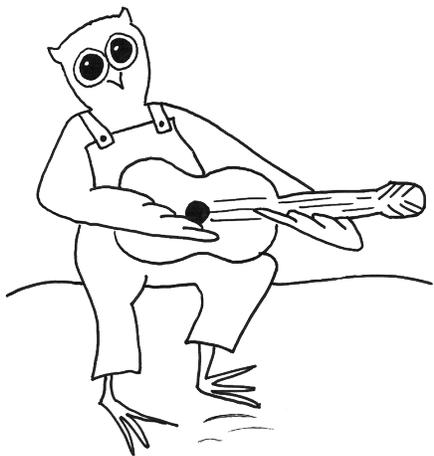
Committee members of the Washington Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that Eric Desautelles and Cory Roos are the class of 2014 recipients. Both students are planning to attend Berkshire Community College this fall.

These scholarships are funded through election day bake sales. The next sale is scheduled to be held at the town hall in conjunction with the November 4 election. Donations of baked goods are welcomed. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the baked good table for an hour or two can contact Linda Levernoch at 623-8309.



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[www.washington-ma.com](http://www.washington-ma.com)



Tickets available at Becket General Store, Becket Country Store, Hinsdale Trading Co., Dalton CRA, Wood Bros. & Berkshire Organics

### 8th Annual **Hilltown Hoot**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 12:00-7PM**

Washington Town Park

Live Music, Crafts, Food & Fun

"FUN" raising for the schools of Central Berkshire

Live Music:

12:00 Terry a la Berry & friends

1:00 Local Yokels (Sean & Deb Connors & friends)

2:00 Krishna Guthrie

3:00 Bobby Sweet

4:00 The Faculty

5:00 High Adventure with Wahconah Band Teacher, Brian Rabuse

6:00 White Liger

Please send your Tracks info by 25th of the month

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put TRACKS in the subject