



September 2016



107th Annual Washington Sons & Daughters

The Washington Sons and Daughters will be holding the 107th Annual reunion at the Old Town Hall on Washington Mountain Road on Sunday, September 11th at noon.

All Washington residents and anyone who has ever lived in the town of Washington are welcome to join us. Bring your family, meet your neighbors and share your memories, stories, and the history of our town. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment.

Please bake your favorite cookies and enter them in our contest. Please tape your name on the bottom of the plate. This is our dessert, so please enter the contest and bring enough to share! Prizes will be awarded.

The Washington Historical Commission (WHC) is delighted to announce that the "Little Red Schoolhouse", officially the South Center School, on Washington Mt Road will be open to the public on September 11, from 10:00 to 12:00PM. If you've driven by the old schoolhouse over the years and wondered what's inside, now's the time to see for yourself. A member of the WHC will accompany you through a walk back in time.

And be sure to stop by the Old Town Hall and check out all the recent work on it, and please join the annual Sons and Daughters Celebration!



Everyone is a genius.

*But if you judge a fish
on its ability to climb a tree,
it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.*

-Alberf Einstein



The K9 Karnival is Returning to Hinsdale!

Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic and Beantown Dockdogs are proud to bring back the second annual K9 Karnival. The K9 Karnival is a family fun event for all ages that is the brainchild of Jesse Dalton, president of Beantown Dockdogs.

DockDogs events will typically see anywhere from 75-100 competitors, each of which is hoping to be the highest flying, fastest swimming, or farthest flying team at the event. Several of the teams being welcomed to the K9 Karnival are world class competitors, traveling from as far away as Canada, which adds to the excitement of the event! Dockdiving competitions are family friendly events, and we encourage the community to bring their entire family along, two and four legged!

Join Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic and Beantown Dockdogs on Saturday and Sunday, September 17th and 18th 2016, from 9am-5pm to see all the high flying action and excitement! Ozzie's Steak and Eggs at 26 Maple St Hinsdale, MA will again host the K9 Karnival in their back parking lot. There will be plenty of food, vendors, raffles, and more! All proceeds from the raffles will benefit the Chase Away K9 Cancer fund.

To register for the competition:

<https://dockdogs.com/eventscal/k9-karnival-2/>

About Beantown DockDogs:

Beantown DockDogs is an affiliate club of DockDogs Worldwide. We offer the canine aquatic sport of DockDogs to the state of Massachusetts. Founded in 2015, we are always striving to bring more and more DockDogs events to the state of Massachusetts. We have a practice facility being built in Carver, MA that will be ready for practices in the fall of 2017.

Contact Information:

Jesse Dalton, President beantownsdockdogs@gmail.com



To our Washington neighbors:

September 2016

Upcoming events:

- Primary elections are THURSDAY September 8 from 7 am to 8 pm; please make time -voting is our most important responsibility as citizens.
- We hope to see all of you at the Old Town Hall on September 11 for the Annual Sons & Daughters Reunion!
- The Becket Police Department will be holding a car show at our Town Park on October 1. Food and refreshments will be available.
- Free flu shots (yes, the season will soon be upon us) will be available from 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday October 3 at the Town Hall; bring your insurance card if you have one.

Massachusetts is unique in having a broad grassroots organization to distribute public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences through local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state. Our own Washington Cultural Council, which receives and distributes grant funding annually for public benefit, is looking for new members and is always open to ideas for grants. If you are interested in joining or helping, contact Chair Denise Johns or Jodi Hostetter. For more information about the program, visit https://www.mass-culture.org/council_basics.aspx.

The Select Board is still looking for someone to head a committee to design and finance an expanded Veterans' Memorial either on the Old Town Common or at the Old Town Hall. This is a solemn responsibility we share to those who fought for us. Anyone interested please contact Jodi.

Road & Bridge:

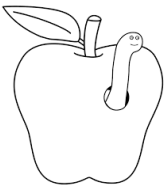
- Washington Mountain Road should be paved between the Dalton line and Frost Road as you read this, and all the paving done by the end of the month.
- The surface of Blotz Road is being milled and, after a couple weeks to allow the roadbed to dry out and settle, will also be fully paved by the end of September. Some design changes were made to the drainage and our road crew did extensive prep work to reduce the overall cost of the project.
- The new Cross Place culvert should be in place by the beginning of November.
- Bids for the construction of the Frost Road culvert over Depot Brook will be opened September 12. Completion of the project before winter depends on both the weather and the contractor's schedule.
 - The work will require that Frost Road be impassable to through traffic for several months.
 - We expect to hear whether our grant request to DER (the Division of Ecological Restoration) for funding the removal of the Eden Glen dam has been approved within four to six weeks so that any work may still be integrated with the culvert construction. Please remember that any action taken about the dam will require voter approval at a Special Town Meeting.
- Replacement of the Middlefield road bridge will not be done this year which gives us additional time to seek funding through either a MassWorks grant or through the small bridge funding program newly signed into law by the Governor.

The pole survey to prepare the installation of fiber optic cables appears on schedule, but we have new suspicions about how MBI wants to handle the financing. We will keep you posted.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board



Washington Tracks
Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Rd.
Washington, MA 01223

www.washington-ma.com

Support Our Local Businesses

Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic
Dr. Sharon Lynch, MVB
133 South Washington State Rd
Washington, MA 01223
Phone: (413)623-5329
www.hilltownsvetclinic.com

Mark Newton's
Full Service Pet and Home
Care, also light ground
maintenance, minor home
repair & snow plowing
Pet sitting in your home: Dogs,
Cats, Horses, and so much
more Passionate, Reliable, and
Caring.
413 623-2254 or email:
markspetcare@gmail.com

Independent Stampin' Up! Demonstrator
Sue Paquette
623.5918
"quality stamp sets, card stock, ink pads, etc -
I offer creative & fun parties for you and your
friends in your home or mine.

Justice of the Peace
Dorothy Filanowska
(413) 446-6921 /
justicedora@gmail.com
<http://www.justicedora.com>

Horace Mann Insurance Agency
Po Box 772 Becket Ma. 01223. Phone
413)623-2112.
Fax 413)623-5551.
Provide all Personal Lines of Insurance. Provide
Financial and retirement products too.

Summit Hill Campground
34 Old Middlefield Rd.
Washington, Ma. 01223
413-623-5761
Great Family Camping
Tents,R.V.s Motor Homes
Full Hook Ups
Pet Friendly
Seasonals Welcomed
Events scheduled May through sept

Your Way Computer
Frank Kennedy
1153 Washington Mt. Road
Washington, MA 01223
Call: 623.5180 / Fax: 623.2018
E-Mail:
carolandfranksr@carolandfrank.com
By appointment only

Email your TRACKS info by the 25th of the month to:
mrsabeski@mac.com
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.