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THE BECKET BULLETIN

INFORMATION ON TOWN GOVERNMENT ISSUES
AND ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF BECKET

Becket News

As I near the six month mark here in Becket, I can truly say how nice and helpful everyone has been as I acclimate and settled into the Town.

The Town will close out the current fiscal year, begin the next and complete the Town Meeting approved capital projects. The Town Beach was recently restored, Fire Station #1 was painted, and a new water tank was installed for the Becket Arts Center and Mullin House. Several projects remain.

The Town was recently accepted for the MVP Grant program. This will allow for climate change related mitigation. We also hope to hear about the Green Communities Competitive Grant for a new HVAC system at Town Hall. Additionally, we are still looking to have a small solar array built at Town Hall.

If you have seen the Verizon, Eversource and other utility trucks around Town, it is because they are doing some of the Make Ready work for the Broadband project. The Broadband Ad Hoc Group will hold information sessions this summer. See page 3.

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http://www.townofbecket.org/Public_Documents/index

William J. Caldwell, Town Administrator

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July Meetings

(Subject to change)

3rd : Board of Selectmen

**6th : Sherwood Greens
Road District Prudential
Committee**

10th: Board of Health

10th: Planning Board

11th : Finance Committee

**13th: Sherwood Forest Lake
District**

**13th : Sherwood Forest
Road Maintenance District**

**16th: Historical Commis-
sion**

**20th: Broadband Informa-
tional Session and Update**

**23rd : Conservation Com-
mission**

23rd: Energy Committee

24th : Board of Selectmen

THE SELECTMEN'S COLUMN

As I write this, it finally appears that summer has arrived. The summer camps have opened, Jacob's Pillow is in full "swing", our "snow birds" have returned and our various businesses are busy.

A couple of reminders:

1. As of July 1st you must have your new Transfer Station permit attached to your vehicle if you plan to visit the transfer station.
2. If you are a Becket resident and plan to use the town beach at Center Pond between the hours of 10 and 5 you must have a Beach Permit.

All permits may be purchased from the Collectors office at Town Hall Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

The playground at Center Park by the town hall and the North Becket Park (that has exercise equipment and a walking loop) on Maple St. are open to the general public, please take advantage of both parks.

Your Selectboard, Michael Lavery, Chris Swindlehurst and Bill Elovirta, hope that you have a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully submitted,
William H. Elovirta, Chairman



Questions about Medicare?

Contact Becket SHINE:
413 623-8934 Ext. 141

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone

**Free counseling by
a trained volunteer.**

The graphic features a Medicare card for Jane Doe, a stethoscope, various pills, a pill bottle, and a blue square with a white 'H'.



Calling all
**CRAFTERS,
ARTISANS
& VENDORS**

Reserve space by June 1st
Treasure in the Trunk **\$10**
OR
Table **\$20**

Join us @ Washington Town Park
Saturday, July 13th

for the 4th Annual
**hilltown
brouhaha**

brought to you by
BWCP
Becket Washington
Community Partnership

Becket Washington Community Fair

To register visit: www.HilltownBrouhaha.org

Becket Broadband

Informational Sessions and Update

The Broadband Ad Hoc Group will hold two informational sessions this summer to report on the high-speed Internet fiber network (broadband for short) project's status and projected timeline. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Starting in June we hope you noticed that work has commenced to install new utility poles wherever replacements are required. This is the first stage of the make-ready process, which will involve moving the existing electric and telephone wires where necessary to accommodate our new fiber. It is impossible to know when the utility companies (Eversource and Verizon) will complete the make-ready work. After this work is completed construction of the network will begin. The final phase will consist of connecting individual homes. We are hoping to have broadband service available in the first quarter of 2021.

The State has been very helpful and increased their funding to offset a significant increase in make-ready costs. Hopefully, this will allow us to offer residents who contract for service during the early-sign-up campaign a subsidy to cover some, if not all, of the cost to connect to the Internet via our network.

As the project moves along, each homeowner who contracts for service will have an opportunity to review how the connection to the house has been designed as well as to learn about any available options and what the estimated cost will be.

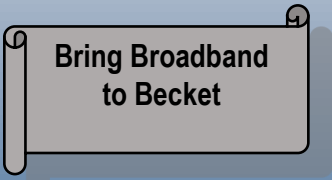
Attend One of Two Sessions

When: ♦ Saturday, July 20 at 10am ♦ Tuesday, August 6 at 4pm

Where: Town Hall Community Room, 557 Main Street, Becket MA 01223

RSVP: Bev Gilbert (413) 623-8934 ext. 100 or adminasst@townofbecket.org

Please let us know which session you will attend. *Walk-ins welcome.*



Bring Broadband
to Becket

Hilltown Brouhaha

Please join us on July 13th at the *4th Annual Hilltown Brouhaha* at Washington Town Park!!

We need more volunteers to work 3.5 hour shifts (9-12:30 or 12:30-4PM).
Volunteers will receive a free lunch!! To sign up please email bwcpchair@gmail.com or call the Becket Athenaeum at 623-5483!

We need folks to donate fairy house building materials to the fairy garden (bark, acorns, pine cones, etc) or fairies, gnomes, and other magical creatures!!

Please contact Dave Drugman at Washington Town Parks commission at Washington Town Hall!!

See you all at the Fair!!!

Athenaeum Summer Storytime & Craft

10-11am on the following Saturdays:

July 6, 20, 27 (NOTE: there is NO storytime on the 13th, as that is the Hilltown Brouhaha)

August 3, 10, 17, and 24

Join Athenaeum librarians and local school children for our weekly Storytime & Craft this summer!

We have local students from Becket Washington School volunteering to read a book each week to the children ages 0-7 with a fun craft after the story.

Please call 413-623-5483 to pre-register so that we can have enough supplies for the children planning to participate!
THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM!

Pre-school STEAM Program

Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math

We will give you fun, easy, and not too messy ways to practice STEAM at home with your child/children. Join Wendy Provencher for an hour of great fun!
This is an opportunity to inspire your kids to engineer, create, design, explore, and build!

Tuesdays

July 9, 16, 23, 30

August 13

1-2pm at the Athenaeum

FREE

The program does not meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

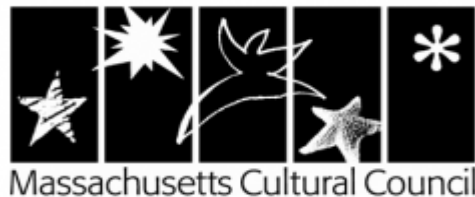


The Becket Cultural Council needs members!

The Council funds cultural activities within the Becket Community, including these previous grants in support of the Brouhaha, numerous school programs, library and art center enrichment events.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please sign up today or contact Linda Bacon at 413-623-01000 to volunteer.

The Becket Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Zoning Board of Appeals Seeks New Member

The Zoning Board of Appeals is searching for two new members. This Board meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Becket Town Hall. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviews land use issues that pertain to Becket zoning ordinance. In 2018, the Board met three times. If you would like more information, please contact Jessica at zba@townofbecket.org



The Becket Arts Center is inviting everyone to a FREE family-oriented concert by the brilliant young musicians of B.U.T.I., the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, to take place at Becket-Washington School auditorium at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 31.

B.U.T.I. musicians range in age from 20 years old to as young as 10. They come from all over to study at Tanglewood. Theirs is the only program of its kind associated with a major orchestra like the Boston Symphony. Everyone is encouraged to bring their kids, to have fun and find inspiration from hearing other youngsters entertaining us all by playing great music.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN OF BECKET
COMMITTEE AND BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Board of Health 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission..... 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee..... 3rd Tuesday, 4:00pm
Finance Committee 1st or 2nd Wednesday, evening
Historical Commission..... 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m.
Planning Board: 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. as needed

For the most updated schedule, please see the calendar section of the town website:
http://townofbecket.org/Public_Documents/BecketMA_Calendar/?formid=158

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