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THE BECKET BULLETIN

INFORMATION ON TOWN GOVERNMENT ISSUES
AND ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF BECKET

Becket News

On Saturday, October 26th, the Town held a property auction. 36 properties were auctioned, 23 sold. Some people got very good deals on parcels of land around Town.

It was an impressive turnout and an interesting day to say the least. I appreciate the help and support from several people in Town Hall, Boards and Committees to make it happen. A particular thanks is due to the Treasurer and Tax Title custodian Christine Bleau. We will hold another auction at a later date with current and new properties. We will keep you updated when something is scheduled.

As we move into winter and the holiday season, please be careful, enjoy time with family and friends, and check on friends and neighbors.

Download the complete newsletter in PDF form from the Town website:

<https://www.townofbecket.org/about-becket/pages/becket-bulletin>

William J. Caldwell, Town Administrator

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November Meetings (Subject to change)

2nd: Sherwood Greens
Road District Prudential
Committee
6th: Board of Health
6th: Board of Selectmen
7th: Finance Committee
9th: Sherwood Forest Lake
District
9th : Sherwood Forest
Road Maintenance Dis-
trict
12th: Cultural Council
12th: Historical Commis-
sion
13th: Planning Board
19th: Energy Committee
20th: Board of Selectmen
26th: Conservation Com-
mission

THE SELECTMEN'S COLUMN

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the pumpkins and ghosts and goblins are out trick or treating, so be careful driving. Turkey-day is around the corner and that means check your winter tires and furnace oil. Last week there was an annual Pumpkin Walk in Washington at the Washington Park. Thanks to the Volunteer Firemen's Association and Police Department of Becket and Washington for supporting this yearly tradition. The weather was beautiful, unlike previous years where the cold may have kept people away. This community event is free for everyone and allows children of all ages to collect treats in a safe environment; and parents and grandparents can have apple cider or slice of pizza. Thanks to Heather and the Becket General Store for providing the hot food.

The town had a property auction in the Becket Town Hall on Saturday, 10/26 . Many of the 36 town-owned properties on the auction block were sold and are now back on the tax-rolls. If you missed this one, don't worry. There will be more auctions. Look for this newsletter and signs in front of Town Hall and ads in the Eagle for announcements.

Becket-Washington school is looking for a qualified After-School Program Teacher at Becket-Washington School on Maple Street in Becket. If you know anyone who is interested and available have them apply online here - <https://g.co/kgs/YT6Z8b>

For the Board of Selectmen,

Michael Lavery, Vice-Chair

Tutors Needed!

Due to great interest in our after-school tutoring program, ACE, we are seeking anyone looking to give back to our community by tutoring students. This is not something that requires a teaching degree - we are all community members interested in helping children reach their full potential.

We aim to provide a one-on-one tutoring experience. The time commitment is approximately 3-5pm on either Tuesdays, Wednesday, or Thursdays.

Email jodi@bwlibrary.org or give us a call at 623-5483, if you are interested!

Please note:

The Athenaeum will be closed Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving!

TOWN OF BECKET Winter 2019 / 2020 Road Closures

At the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent please note the seasonal closing of the below listed roads.

- Bonny Rigg Hill Road from house # 982 to Otis Town line.
- Corey Road from Captain Whitney to end.
- George Carter Road from house # 1304 to Jacobs Ladder Rd. (Rte. 20).
- Johnson Road from house # 733 to Otis Town line.
- Plumb Road from house # 677 to house number # 398 (middle narrow section).
- Tyne Road from house # 679 to Fred Snow Rd.
- Tyringham Road from house # 358 to Tyringham Town line.

Signs will be placed at points of closure to alert drivers of no maintenance beyond that point.

No maintenance will be provided from 11/14/2019 to 05/01/2020

Upcoming at the Becket Athenaeum:

Community Game Night

Tuesday, November 5

6-8pm

Join us adults* for a fun evening of board games!

If you have a favorite, please bring it along to share/teach to fellow gamers.

Games the Athenaeum owns include: Monopoly, Code Names, The All American History Trivia Game, Sorry, Chess, Quiddler (word game), SET, and many more.

Any questions, please call 623-5483

*older children (13+) welcome with an adult.

Community Movie Afternoons

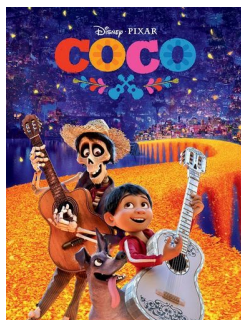
Saturday, November 16

1:30pm

We are hosting a free movie afternoon series.

Come enjoy an all-ages friendly movie with your friends, family & other community members!

Popcorn will be served!



Athenaeum Book Club

All are welcome to join us at the Athenaeum on **Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30pm** to discuss [Lost Girls of Paris](#) by Pam Jenoff.

We meet at 1:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the book over tea/coffee and make our next selection.

Regular attendance is anywhere between 6 and 16 people. We generally wrap up by 2:45 or 3pm. We read fiction and non-fiction.

Upcoming at the Becket Athenaeum:

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HAS SPACE FOR A FEW MORE STUDENTS:



**EAT, DRINK AND LEARN
GEOGRAPHY
FROM OTHER CULTURES**

COME WITH US FOR:

AN EDUCATIONAL "JOURNEY" THROUGH
LATIN AMERICA AS WE COOK, LISTEN TO
MUSIC, WATCH DANCE, AND EXPLORE
THE LANDSCAPES OF THIS REGION!

**FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
GRADES 4-8
FRIDAYS, 3-5PM
AT THE BECKET ATHENAEUM**
(WITH ONCE MONTHLY SESSIONS
AT THE BERKSHIRE OUTDOOR CENTER
AND OTHER FIELD TRIPS)

CALL 623-5483 OR EMAIL [JODI@BWLlibrary.ORG](mailto:jodi@bwllibrary.org) FOR
MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD.
CLASS BEGINS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
SPACE FOR A FEW MORE CHILDREN THIS FALL!

Pre-School



Program

Did you ever think that some things are too hard to
do at home with your kids?

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*

1-2pm at the Athenaeum

FREE

No registration required.

*The program does not meet on the first Tuesday of the month
or during school vacations.

The Central Berkshire Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant is
funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Becket Athenaeum

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

with

David ROSIER, RN, BSN
Lisa Rosier, RN, MSN, NE-BC



**5-7PM
NOVEMBER 21
DECEMBER 19**

Tax Collector's Message

2nd Quarter Real Estate, District, and Personal Property Tax Bills are due by Friday November 1st. Set up a username and password using our on line bill pay system and schedule your payment now so it won't be late. There's no charge if you make the payment from your checking account. Have your bill handy and go to www.townofbecket.org and click on Online Bill Pay. Remember, the tax year for the current quarter is 2020!

Town of Becket – Parking Ban

Every Year November 15 through April 15

From November 15th through April 15th, there will be no parking on town roads or streets between 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Vehicles in violation of this ban will be ticketed and, if interfering with snow removal, will be towed at the owner's expense.

Becket Arts Center Community Survey

The Becket Arts Center is your gathering place for the ARTS in the Berkshires and we want to know how best to serve you. Please help us by answering a few **(totally anonymous)** questions. This survey takes only a few minutes to complete.

Complete the survey at:

<https://becketartscenter.typeform.com/to/yFwggc>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

For Residents of:

Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount
Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham,
West Stockbridge

When: Saturday, November 2nd, 2019: 9 am -
Noon

Where: Great Barrington Recycling Center

What To Bring

**From The Yard/Garden, From The Workbench, From The House, From The
Garage, Mercury Products:** Pesticides, Fungicides, Rust Proofers, Drain Cleaners,
Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene, Thermometers, Herbicides, Wood Preservatives, Oven
Cleaners, Brake & Transmission Fluids, Thermostats,
Insect Sprays, Wood Strippers & Stains, Floor Cleaners, Car Wax, Polish, Other mercury,
Rodent Killers, Paint Thinners, Metal Polish, Engine Degreaser, Button Batteries,
Muriatic Acid, Lead & Oil-Based Paint Arts & Crafts Supplies, Swimming Pool
Chemicals, Flea Powder, Varnish, Photo Chemicals, Driveway Sealer,
No-Pest Strips, Full Aerosol Cans, Chemistry Kits, Antifreeze,
Chemical Fertilizers, Sealants, Rechargeable Batteries, Car-Lead Acid Batteries
Lighter Fluid, Adhesives
Moth Balls Solvents

DO NOT BRING FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(413) 528-0867

Latex Paint, Motor Oil, Medical Wastes, Asbestos,
Fireworks & Explosives, Ammunition, Construction
Debris, Gas or Propane Cylinders, Smoke Detectors,
Radioactive Material, Fire Extinguishers, Fluorescent Lamps,
Electronics, PCB's, Medications, Medical Sharps



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 Town Hall will be closed:

November 11 to observe
Veterans Day

November 28 & 29 for
Thanksgiving

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

Board of Health 1st Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Board of Selectmen: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission..... 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee 3rd Tuesday, 4:00p.m.
Finance Committee 1st Thursday 5:30p.m.
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:
www.townofbecket.org

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