Becket News

Where did summer go? It is very strange not returning to the classroom around this time of the year.

The Town is waiting on electrical connection to the EV Charging stations recently installed at Town Hall. We are also working on a project to convert the current lighting at town owned buildings to LEDs. This will further reduce our electrical consumption.

August 24th was the annual Energy Committee Information Session with several speakers discussing topics ranging from solar to heat pumps, consumer programs, and electric vehicles. It was well attended and very informative.

Make Ready work for the Broadband Project is continuing with many utility poles being replaced around the Town. Please be cautious of crews working in your neighborhood.

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

To subscribe to the Town of Becket meeting agendas and public notices, please visit: http://townofbecket.org/
Welcome September: back to school, cooler weather and, soon, beautiful fall colors.

A big THANK YOU! to all who keep our town running smoothly, safe, beautiful and inviting for all who live and visit here.

Becket has great employees who, fix the roads quickly after a summer downpour, greet us with a smile at town hall, patrol our roads day and night and generally, “make it happen”.

I particularly wanted to acknowledge all the townspeople who volunteer their time; serving on boards and commissions, planting flowers, sprucing up public spaces, organizing groups and events, responding to emergencies and making Becket a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

All of our meetings are open to the public so please come, join in, be heard and participate in your town government.

Remember, kids are back in school so keep your eyes open, slow down and be safe around school buses and places where they play.

Thank you,
Chris Swindlehurst
Becket Athenaeum News for September 2019

ACE After-School Tutoring Program
Held at the Becket Athenaeum

Our free after-school tutoring program meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, beginning September 10th.
ACE is open to grades 2-8.

The application is available both at the library and Becket Washington School.
A teacher recommendation is also required.

Questions? Contact Jodi at jodi@bwlibrary.org or 413-623-5483.

FALL HOURS AT THE ATHENAEUM:
The library’s fall hours return on Tuesday, September 3rd.
Tuesday: 1-7pm
Wednesday: 3-7pm
Thursday: 1-7pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm

We have E-Catalog items available:
The Becket Athenaeum offers e-books, digital audiobooks, and video content! Our patrons have access to six different library network collections: CLAMS, C/W Mars, Minuteman, NOBLE, Old Colony, and SAILS.

Like regular library materials, electronic resources are checked out for a period of time and when they are due back, they simply leave your device and become available for the next interested patron. Also like other library materials, there are a limited number of digital copies of any given item at a time.

To get started, go to www.becketathenaeum.org and follow the instructions, or:

If you’re new to e-books and need help, bring your device with you to the library and we’ll help you get set up to take advantage of our vast collection!

*IMPORTANT* To proceed, you will need to know your library card number and password associated with your account. The password is set to the last four digits of your library card number unless you have changed it when accessing our catalog on MassCat. If you don’t know your card number or are having issues, contact us.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ROMI DRUBETSKOY AND ARIEL KATZ FOR THEIR SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE ATHENAEUM!

Our Pre-School STEAM group is on hiatus and will begin again later in the fall. Please keep an eye out for the new schedule coming out by the end of September.
Per 225 CMR 20.07(5), the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has been conducting a review of the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program, which began upon the qualification of 400 MW of eligible Solar Tariff Generation Units. DOER has prepared the results of this review, and will be presenting its findings at four stakeholder meetings at the following times and locations:

DOER will present the same material at each of the four meetings. Additionally, the presentation will be available on DOER’s website beginning on September 5, 2019.

### Public Comments
Following the public presentations, DOER will be collecting written stakeholder feedback on the 400 MW Review. Public comments should be submitted electronically to DOER.SMART@mass.gov, with the subject “400 MW Review Public Comments.” Comments should be submitted to DOER by Friday, September 20, 2019.

Any questions regarding this proceeding can be directed to DOER.SMART@mass.gov.

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<td>Monday, September 9</td>
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**EV Charging Stations**

The Town worked with Eversource to install two EV charging stations. We are waiting on Eversource to connect the power for them to be made available to the public. The stations are Chargepoint systems and will operate with a fee to be determined either by the amount of electricity used or a set fee based on time.

**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, 4:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee .................... 1st Thursday 5:30 p.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