What's happening in Summer 2017 Washington,

WASHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE **Talking About Ourselves**

By Dan Sherr

If you live or visit Washington, you have a lot to talk about. Not that one, we mean Washington, CT. Starting last fall, the Washington Economic Development Committee asked itself, "what's the best way to do that?" WED has made substantial progress over the last year. And the community has responded.

Town Newsletter Mailed to Every Postal Address - With the Spring 2017 issue, the Town Newsletter is postal patron mailed to all the households. It'll also be emailed to everyone who has provided their email address. The Washington Events Calendar - www. Washingtonevenscalendar.org - is literally bursting at the seams. Lots to do in Washington.



Route 202 Signs - With a bit of bragging about Lake Waramaug, New Preston Falls and the Town's Five Villages, a gateway sign announces arrival in Washington for those traveling up Route 202 from New Milford.

And two new signs call out the Village of New Preston for those traveling East or West on Route 202.



Saying it Simply - Every town has a brand. Some are intentional, most are not. When a town is mentioned, a brand image is immediately conjured...followed by a smile or a frown. Marketing seeks to attach a compelling story to a brand so the smile is immediate. A logo, some with a tagline, instantly reminds us of the brand and its story. The WED Marketing Taskforce has been working on both since the beginning of 2017. With the help of the Connecticut

Economic Resource Center, a Washington Town logo and tagline has been created.

Sharing the Story, Building the Brand - Washington's story is compelling. Arts and culture, parks and preserves, and five wonderful villages, all with remarkable stories...some dating back 10,000 years and some only last week. The WED Marketing Taskforce has been planning and guiding the development of Washington Town Media. The goal is to make it easy to tell and find the remarkable assets and activities of Washington whether you live here or are visiting. Watch for a Town Marketing website, a refreshed Facebook page and Constant Contact this fall.

Message from the Selectman's Office

After a long, cool spring the summer season is upon us. The Romford Road bridge over the Shepaug River has been closed due to deterioration of the supporting I-beams. Access to all Romford Road addresses must be made from Route 109. This bridge had been scheduled for replacement in the summer of 2018. With the cooperative efforts of WMC Engineering and ConnDOT it has now been pushed up to fall of 2017 if DEEP permits can be obtained in a timely manner.

Other summer projects will be repaving Kirby Road and Ferry Bridge Road along with replacement of the sidewalk along Kirby Road.

The Bryan Plaza renovation has gone out to bid to be started in early fall and to be completed before the holidays. The project will be done in stages to allow access to all the plaza businesses during construction.

The water main replacement on the Washington Green continues. Work is currently proceeding on Wykeham Road as individual house services are hooked in to the new water main, once completed Aquarion Water will have a contractor give Wykeham Road a much needed repaving. To complete the project Aquarion will be connecting the new Kirby Road and Wykeham Road mains and tying in customers on Old North Road and Parsonage Lane.

You have or will have an insert in your tax bill requesting contact information: name, address, email, and phone number for text messages, please return it with your tax payment. Washington is generating an email list to provide information on Town events, reminders of Town meetings, and general information about goings on in Town. Your information will NOT be shared and our current Alert Now reverse 911 phone system will still be used for emergency messages.

All in all it'll be another busy summer, please be patient and use caution around these and other construction sites in Washington.

To get occasional emails about events and Washington news, please sign up at: washingtoncteventscalendar.com/ newsletter.html

Spotlight on Business: WAA @ 65

By Dan Sherr

For 65 years, the Washington Art Association & Gallery has beckoned the creative and the curious to explore their passion for the visual arts. Born by a cadre of established artists in 1952, WAA has evolved over two-thirds of a century into a one-of-a-kind icon of art in the northwest corner. Whether a creator or a collector, WAA delivers a discovery experience that transforms visitors into members.

Housed in a building that survived the '55 flood, the intimate and unassuming gallery and studio fully illuminates world-class art for the visitor. With classes, exhibitions, and galleries, WAA encourages the discovery of "your creative self." Art thrives on diversity – creative, critiques and conversation. WAA is a sanctuary for such exchanges often establishing life-long kinships.

The next 65? With second generation leadership from Peter Talbot, AIA, WAA is envisioning the next generation of The Association. Foremost, it'll continue what it does best - Education, including films and lectures, Exhibitions, including early talent and established artists and offering art for sale. And Events that continue to foster collaboration with organizations looking to extend the arts deeper into the community.

For example, WAA is planning a 2018 outdoor sculpture tour for the Depot. Curated by WAA trustees Barbara Talbot and Mark Mennin, the sculptor who created "Currents," the granite sculpture at The Judy Black Memorial Park & Gardens, the Washington Art Association & Gallery will install approximately 20 pieces throughout the Depot. The installations will be arranged to create a walking tour throughout the Depot. Property owners and shop keepers will be invited to participate with outdoor and indoor art installations.



The big news. Starting this fall, the Washington Art Association & Gallery will launch a major refresh and expansion of WAA. Gray Organschi Architecture, creators of the remarkable Thoreau Footbridge in Hidden Valley, have designed a phased next generation Building Program for the home of WAA.

Phase One will bring a new entry to the face of the building. A beacon at the far end of Bryan Plaza, the entry will welcome friends and visitors to the fountain of creative energy and practice that defines the Washington Art Association. The following phases (when funds have been raised) will reset and enhance the galleries and expand the footprint to provide additional space for the studio at the rear of the building. This project is a collaboration of the WAA building committee, which includes Peter Talbot, AIA, Alexander Purves, Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Yale University, contractor Eliot Johnson, and Elizabeth Gray, FAIA and Alan Organschi, Principals of Gray Organschi Architects, who have so generously given their time and expertise pro bono.

The Washington Art Association & Gallery is a cornerstone of the Town of Washington. Over WAA's first 65 years, it has educated generations of emerging arts and showcased the remarkable talent of northwest Connecticut. The Town says "Happy Birthday" and we share your excitement for the next 65 years.

Washington Parks and Recreation Commission

Over nineteen years ago, the Commission hired Lisa Easter as their recreation coordinator. During Lisa's years as coordinator she managed and conducted recreational activities and special events through the year, and inspected the facilities. The Commission thanks Lisa for her hard work and efforts on our behalf and we wish her well as she departs the recreation department for new opportunities.

The Commission welcomes Jeff Hammond as our new Recreation Coordinator. Jeff, who also works in the Selectmen's office, grew up in Washington and is a graduate of Shepaug Valley School. He'll be in the recreation office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. We look forward to working with Jeff and continuing to offer a variety of programs for the community, as well as maintaining our facilities.

Washington Town Beach 2017 Available to all residents and taxpayers of the Town of Washington. Membership includes use of picnic area and swim area. The Beach Opens Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 27 for weekends only. Opens for the season (7 days a week) on Saturday, June 24 through Labor Day, September 4.
Hours: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Fee: \$20.00 for the season. Permit available for

Fee: \$20.00 *for the season*. Permit available for purchase at the beach. **Director:** Jeff Cox

Boat Ramp 2017 Opens for the season – Saturday, April 15

Spring/Fall Hours: Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, Memorial Day and Columbus Day: 6:00am - 11am and 4pm -Sunset Summer Hours: Saturday June 24 to Labor Day, Monday, September 4, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays –6:00am – Sunset. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays – 10:00am - 5:00pm.

\$25.00 annual sticker fee.

All boats will be inspected for invasive aquatic life. Subject to a \$5.00 per launch inspection fee. Parking limited on a first come, first served basis. Violators will be towed. **Ramp closes for the season Sunday, October 29 at sunset.** Extra fee for late removal \$75.00.

Watch for **2017 Summer Recreation Information** on our website: **www.washingtonct.org**.

Also, if you'd like to sign up for our Constant Contact information, please drop us your email at rec@washingtonct.org and remember to follow us on Facebook!

Washington Environmental Council Future Now Expo!

You might think the weather was great; and it was. You might think the band was great; and it was. And you might think Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty was great; and she definitely was. Or, maybe you might think the presentation, workshops and vendors were great . . . and, trust me, they were. But in spite of all that greatness, it was the WAA Endangered Species Parade that stole the show!! Fifteen children, all wearing endangered species mask/hats, marched throughout our town, igniting smiles, applause and praise the entire time.



Thank you to all the vendors (ASAP!, Alan Mahahee, Annie Bananie Food Stand, Arbonne Organics, Artisan Bags, Aruna Chocolates, Back 40 Farm, Be Straw Free Campaign, Bee Knees Ice Pops, Camps Road Farm/Kent Falls Brewing Co., County Wine and Spirits, CT. NOFA, all the electric and hybrid cars, Everything Botanical, Hickory Stick Bookshop, Housatonic Valley Association, Institute For American Indian Studies, Land People Habitat, Litchfield Hills Solar, Mike's Beehives, Newbury Place, Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, Salt of the Earth, Solar City, Steinen Jewelry, Steep Rock Association, Traveling Farmer, Valley Spirit Cooperative and Wellness Center, Washington Art Association & Gallery, Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust and Wendell and Florence Minor).

And thank you to all our sponsors (The Steep Rock Association, Washington Art Association & Gallery, Rivers Alliance of CT., Small Area Land Trust, Ferguson/ Sherr, Washington Conservation Commission, Stephanie Johnson, James Kelly Attorney, Lake Waramaug Task Force, HVA, The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, Town of Washington, Washington Business Association, Warren Land Trust).

A shoutout to our volunteers . . . the six wonderful AmeriCorps NCCC Moose 4 volunteers (Adam, Josh, Kennedy, Jacob, Gus and Brandon) and the six Washington Police Cadets and Officer Patrick Kessler!

The WEC Future Now Environmental Expo was a HUGE success!!!

Pilobolus

A Chance for Kids to Discover and Learn Through Creative Play, Improvisation and Performance!

Pilobolus Kids is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for kids ages 6 to 12 to engage in Pilobolus's signature processes of learning through movement. Through creative play, improvisation, motor skill building, and performance, children will discover their own creative voice and learn how to share it with others.

Workshops take place at Washington Primary School in the Depot and are limited to 25 students.

July 10 - 14, 9am - 3pm - Dates subject to change, Ages 6 - 12

Fee: \$300/week.

Events at the Gunnery

Middle and High School Summer Camps at The Gunnery!

This summer, The Gunnery is offering sessions for field hockey, rowing and soccer. All programs, led by highly qualified, dedicated and energetic counselors, provide campers (ages 7 to 16) with a learning environment that encourages growth and enjoyment. To register or to find out more, visit www.gunnery.org/SummerCamps.

ASAP![®] Upcoming Events & Workshops

For more information about these programs, please visit **asapct.org** or call 860-868-0740.

ASAP! Summer Camp

Washington Montessori School, New Preston Ages 4.5-13 | Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm Week 1: July 31-August 4, Week 2: August 7-11 \$375 per week or \$650 for both weeks

ASAP!'s full-day summer camp offers a comprehensive arts camp experience like no other in the area. Campers have the chance to take part in visual arts, Capoeira, creative writing, dance, drama, music, textile arts, circus arts, African dance, yoga, pottery, and more with teaching artists who are all professionals in their fields. Organic nut-free and gluten-free snacks are offered daily. Children must bring a nut-free lunch. The camp will culminate with a festival on the last day featuring participants' art in special exhibits and performances. An ice cream party and refreshments will be included as part of the festivities.

ASAP! Youth Crew

Washington Montessori School, New Preston Ages 14-17 | Monday-Friday, 8:45am-3:45pm 2017 | July 31-August 11 Orientation: July 30, Sunday, 2:30-6:00pm \$550 for both weeks

Develop your leadership skills through the lens of art, imagination and collaboration. Youth Crew (YC) will inspire you with challenging, fun and unique opportunities. As a member of YC, you'll attend classes in visual arts, printmaking, ceramics, theatre, movement, hand drumming, creative writing, music and so much more. You'll have the chance to select ASAP! Teaching Artists to shadow and learn about how you can choose a career that you feel passionate about. Some days will be spent off campus exploring the local community and beyond, which will include a trip to WestConn's new Visual and Performing Arts Center. YC will help find your passion, meet new people and form meaningful friendships.

Gunn Memorial Library & Museum

Washington Connecticut Design & Antiques Show

SAVE THE DATE! The 31st annual Washington Connecticut Antiques & Design Show will be held at the Washington Primary School on Columbus Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8, 2017. There's no charge for daily admission. Reservations are available for the Friday night Preview and Saturday evening Tapas parties. Visit **www.gunnlibrary.org** or call 860-868-7586 for more details.

Children's Fun "Build a Better World" with summer reading! Children receive a bag filled with goodies and a journal to record time spent reading, being read to or listening to books. Tickets are awarded for each hour and can be used as chances to win prizes donated by local businesses and patrons!

Summer Evening Programs for Children:

ScienceTellers presents "Tall Ships and Pirate Tales" – Tuesday, July 11 – 6:30pm Set sail on this thrilling, action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. Don't miss this exciting tale filled with interactive science demonstrations about clouds, combustion, air pressure and more.

StoryWalk® Woodworking Project – Tuesday, July 18 – 6:30pm Children and caregivers will use tools and precut wood to make the display boards to be used for a StoryWalk® to be installed at Steep Rock. Junior Library patrons, SRA and Washington Supply are teaming up to create a way to enjoy reading and the outdoors. Please bring you own hammer and Phillips-head screwdriver.

Washington Ambulance Association Visit – Tuesday, July 25 – 6:30pm The Washington Ambulance Association will visit the library with their ambulance and share what it's like to be on an ambulance

with their ambulance and share what it's like to be on an ambulance crew along with some simple safety and first aid.

Cardboard Construction Workshop – Tuesday, August 1 – 6:30pm Take a mountain of different size cardboard boxes; some duct tape, markers and scissors. Add some creativity and imagination and presto – make a robot, spaceship, truck, house, and more! Supplies provided.

Agriculture and Nature Summer Exhibition – Tuesday, August 8h – 6:30pm Children should bring in a sample of summer bounty from the garden, the beach or the woods - to show and share. Try to find something unusual. No live animals or bugs please. We'll also have some garden fresh vegetables to dissect and examine, as well as prepare into a delicious, healthy snack to be enjoyed by all.

STEM Night – Tuesday, August 15 – 6:30pm Science, Technology, Engineering and Math will be presented as fun and games! Stations will be set up throughout the Junior Library for children to explore and play with things like magnets, a microscope, sponges, craft sticks, LEGO^{*} and more. See what science can do to spark a child's interest.

Ice Cream Social – Tuesday, August 22 – 6:30pm Our young patrons have worked hard this summer reading and playing. They deserve to enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae to celebrate their reading success. Stick around for Bingo after enjoying your ice cream.

Adult Programs

Shakespeare on Film Series – John Long, Shakespeare scholar and frequent lecturer in drama and film at UConn, will lead a four session screening and discussion on film adaptations of William Shakespeare's plays. This series will show different styles and approaches to the

original scripts while also illustrating their power and continuing relevance.

- Hamlet Monday, July 31 1:00pm Directed by and starring Laurence Olivier, featuring Jean Simmons (1948).
- Henry V Monday, August 7 1:00pm Directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh (1989).
- Twelfth Night or What You Will Monday, August 14 1:00pm -Directed by Trevor Nunn and featuring Helena Bonham Carter and Ben Kingsley (1996).
- Richard III Monday, August 21 1:00pm Directed by Richard Loncraine, starring Ian McKellen and features Annette Benning and Jim Broadbent (1995).

Smart But Scattered: Helping Your Child Reach Their Full Educational Potential – Thursday, August 3 – 6:30pm - Many gifted learners meet with difficulties such as planning, organizing, time management and emotional control. They lose important school work, are known for "dawdling" and just can't seem to keep their act together. Highly intelligent, but often misunderstood, these students may be experiencing executive functions weaknesses. In this talk, led by Helen Waldron, Associate Director of Admissions at the Gunnery, participants will look at executive functions through a neurodevelopmental lens and learn about strategies for various executive functions challenges.

On the Path of a Genius: Finding Frederick Law Olmsted in CT – **Thursday, August 10** – **6:30 pm** - David Leff, local author, poet, historian and past recipient of the Olmsted Scholars Award, will guide participants on a special journey, with verbal and pictorial imagery. Discover how Olmsted, America's "father of landscape architecture," was able to create a sense of nature in the densest urban areas, and why his designs are enduring a century-and-a-half later.

Tai Chi/QiGong – Thursday, August 17 – 6:30pm – Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Jampa Mackenzie Stewart of Valley Spirit Cooperative and Wellness Center in Washington, presents an introduction to this ancient Chinese art. It helps develop physical and mental fitness and find a new harmony of the mind, body and spirit.

Stairwell Gallery

Heather Scofield's "Sans Wall" - On display July 29 through September 9. Opening reception Saturday, July 29 from 12-2pm. A dazzling new collection of New England landscapes. Heather's paintings have been described as kinetic and bold, vibrating with color and movement. Her influences include the Impressionists as well as Thomas Hart Benton and Charles Burchfield.

Museum

20th Anniversary of Tea for Two Hundred – Saturday, August 12 – 4-7pm. Revel in an afternoon of delicious food, wine and dancing to the music of the legendary "Beehive Queen" Christine Ohlman (once a Saturday Night Live Band vocalist) and Rebel Montez. Shop the fabled Silent Auction. Participate in the beloved hat contest featuring guest judge Laura Daly, world renowned milliner. Dress code is summer white attire. For more information and to register, please visit http:// teafortwohundred.net or call 860-717-0695.

Washington History Club in the Morning, Monday, September 18 – 10am at the Washington Senior Center

For more information and a complete listing of programs and events at GML, Inc. visit **www.gunnlibrary.org**

Shepaug Regional School District 12: Innovation

Washington, CT - June 27, 2017 - The Region 12 schools constantly promote the concept of innovation. At Washington Primary School (WPS), innovation is seen as introducing new ideas to bring about positive change to students and staff. This year, the entire school community embraced innovation through classroom and extracurricular opportunities for students focused around the 21st Century skills of creativity, collaboration and critical thinking while incorporating technology, science and the engineering design process.

Students in all grades created multimedia projects using software to combine illustrations, written work, video and voice together for presentations. The traditional morning announcements were turned into weekly news broadcasts by budding journalists using video production equipment. A new MakerSpace was born that allowed students to explore projects of their choice in varied topics such as photography, puppet-making, drawing, movie-making, Lego® building, engineering challenges, or sewing.

The enrichment program at WPS introduced innovation through the History of Transportation and Flight workshop where students built a magnetic levitation racer with a partner. Using the engineering



process, students perfect their fast and efficient vehicle through trial and error along with multiple revisions.

Innovation will continue to be purposefully woven into the community culture of Washington Primary School, as students and staff embrace the skills of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, new ideas, and new learning!

What's Going on in Washington, CT

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July

Saturdays | 10:00am – 1:00pm **Farmers Market** Location: The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens Contact: Katie Morley Email: katie@thejudyblackparkandgardens. org Phone: 216-650-0923

23 | 7:30 – 8:30am Get Fit Class with Melissa on Sundays and Wednesdays

Location: Basketball Court at Washington Primary

A GET FIT class will be held at Weresbe Hall at the First Congregational Church on the Green every Sunday at 7:30am. Classes will run an average of 50 minutes. The cost is \$10 per class with your first class FREE! Exercises can be modified to fit the needs of different levels of participants. Classes will consist of cardio, weight training, yoga, Pilates and kickboxing. You'll need to bring a yoga mat, free weights and water. Expect to get a good sweat and have a great time!

More Info: http://www.washingtonct.org/ parks-and-recreation-commission/pages/ get-fit

28 | 6:00pm

New Beginnings Pot Luck Supper at The **First Congregational Church**

Location: First Congregational Church

New Beginnings is a single-life ministry of The First Congregational Church. Our purpose is to provided a Christian focused church-based program for single adults. We seek to help single adults to find purpose and wholeness in all dimensions of their lives — physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. At the heart of our ministry are our support groups, which offer healing and personal growth to participants. We also have a social component to our ministry, which provides opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy new experiences.

Social Activities: Another important part of our mission is to provide a safe and supportive place for people to be single. Our weekly Friday night pot luck suppers are very popular with our members. Many feature a special program or theme. Theater trips, concerts, dances, hikes, picnics on Lake Waramaug and book discussion groups are some other events that round out our overall social program. Come join us.

Please note that pre-registration for all groups is required. Please call or email for additional information.

Email: admin@firstchurchwashington.org Phone: 860-868-0569 More Info: http://firstchurchwashingtonct. org/page/calendars

30 | 2017 10:00 – 11:15am Yoga at the Vineyard

Location: Hopkins Vineyard Summer Sadhana - Yoga at the Vineyard Enjoy summer yoga outside at the vineyard with instructor Jacquie Rupert. Class will be held indoors if raining. For more information or to sign up, contact Jacquie at Bloom Yoga. Fee: \$20 Email: info@bloomhere.yoga Phone: 860-868-7954 More Info: www.bloomhere.yoga

August

5 | 3:00 – 4:00pm Seed Savings in the Garden at Hollister House Garden

Location: Hollister House Garden

In this talk and garden practicum, Lee Buttala, HHG board member and the author of the American Horticultural Society award-winning "The Seed Garden," will teach us about the art and practice of saving seeds. Attendees will (continued)

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walk away with an understanding of how to collect and save seeds for their gardens. A garden walk-about looking at seed development will follow. Email: office@hollisterhousegarden.org Phone: 860-868-2200 More Info: https://hollisterhousegarden. org/events/

8-11 | 9:00am – 12:00pm "How Cool Is That?!" (Hands-On Science)

Location: Shepaug Valley Middle High School

Active investigations nurture curiosity and develop positive attitudes toward science which will last a lifetime. Classes may include: Solar Ovens, Bath Fizzies, Marshmallow Toothpick Bridges, Marbled Milk Paper, Gelatin, Streaking, Lemon Volcano, Owl or Nothing! (dissecting owl pellets), Diaper Derby (diapers and sodium polyacrylate), Bungee Jump Barbie, Gotta Brain? Getta Helmet! For children entering grades 1st to 6th. Fee: \$145 per child – All materials provided Phone: 860-868-1519 More Info: http://www.washingtonct.org/ sites/washingtonct/files/file/file/2017_hcit_ aug_camp_reg_form.pdf

9 | 5:30 – 7:00pm

Weed & Wine in Judea Garden

Location: Macricostas Preserve

Any job goes quicker when you do it with friends. Drop by to help keep Steep Rock Association's Judea Garden, the giving garden, free of weeds and then enjoy a glass in beautiful Macricostas Preserve. With your help, we've grown, harvested, and distributed over 30,000 lbs. of fresh produce to members of our community who have limited financial resources. Contact: Denise Arturi Email: denise.arturi@steeprockassoc.org Phone: 860-868-9131 More Info: www.steeprockassoc.org

Tuesdays | 2:30pm

Technology Help for Seniors at the Washington Senior Center

Location: Washington Senior Center Technology help for seniors. Tuesday afternoons by appointment only. Contact: Pam Collins Email: seniors@washingtonct.org Phone: 860-868-0735 More Info: http://www.washingtonct.org/ washington-senior-center



Washington Trivia

Bryan Memorial Town Hall was dedicated in 1932. Who was it named after and what special recreational facility is actively used there?

See if your answer is correct in the next issue, out in September!

Last issue's answer: It was a 1937 used Packard.

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