



The WHATELY SCOOP

Certified News for the Town
with the Milk Bottle...

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New Historical Society Exhibit

by Dee Bardwell

Excitement is at a high level at our museum! The Children's theme exhibiting clothing, furniture, games and toys is nearly finished. We are fortunate to possess the remarkable collection which will be viewed from May through September. If you are unable to attend our opening May 30, we will be pleased to open upon request. Call 665-3837 for an appointment.

There is so much to be done that we are seeking volunteers/members to join us with our projects. A computer program allows us to find articles in our collection. New acquisitions need to be recorded. Tuesday mornings find the museum a hub of activities. If you can spend some time drop by and get involved. We appreciate those who have contributed hours on behalf of the Historical Society.

Memorial Day Observance: Sunday May 30, 2010

10am - Service at the Whately Cong. Church
11am - Parade & memorial ceremony -Town hall
12-3pm - Food and exhibits at Center School

The following businesses have made donations to help cover the cost of printing & mailing the Scoop

- Enterprise Farm – 72 River Rd. Whately*
- Julie's - North Street, Whately*
- Pro Pel Plastech, Whately*

Look for the ads from *Austin's, Collective Homecare, Goin Gray Auto repair, Hillside House, NEWFS, Nicolas Jones, North East Alpacas, Signature Sounds, & The Whately Health Center* inside!

Want to see your business listed here?
Details on last page of this issue.

Capital Stabilization Fund Vote at Town Election by Lynn Sibley, on behalf of the Whately Finance Committee & Selectmen

The Town Needs Your Help - At the June 8th Annual Town Election the voters will be asked to approve an override to fund \$60,000 for a Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund. After many years of deferring projects in the hope that the economic picture would change, the Finance Committee and Selectmen have determined that the town can not continue to defer major maintenance projects, the purchase of new equipment and other similar purchases. They are now recommending a Capital Stabilization Fund that would help the town save for these types of projects. In order to set up such an account a number of steps need to take place. The first two have been completed.

- At the April 27, 2010 Town Meeting an article was proposed to create a Capital Stabilization Fund which passed unanimously.
- Another article to fund the account with \$60,000 pending a Proposition 2 ½ referendum vote also passed unanimously.
- The third step is to bring the question to a ballot vote and this will take place on June 8th.

The Finance Committee and Selectmen are in favor of this approach as a means to save enough money over a number of years in order to purchase items such as highway trucks, fire trucks, ambulances, police cruisers and do major repairs to our buildings such as roof replacements and painting.

We understand that voting for an override is a difficult decision to the voters of Whately especially in the current economic environment, however, we feel this method may be more palatable to the voters than funding each item individually through a debt exclusion vote. It would keep the tax rate from spiking as it does when we vote a large item debt exclusion. This \$60,000 increase each year

will be a more predictable increase for the residents. The \$60,000 will add about .25 cents per thousand to the tax rate. A \$300,000 debt exclusion would add \$1.25 per thousand to the tax rate. A house valued at \$275,000 would pay an additional \$68 for this \$60,000 override. If we bought a fire truck at \$300,000 and instead paid it in one year debt exclusion it would add \$343 to the same house.

A Capital Stabilization Fund override works a little differently than a regular override. The \$60,000 would be applied each year at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. If town finances improve over time, the selectmen can reduce or eliminate the amount in any given year. All purchases or projects would need to be brought to town meeting and would require a 2/3rd's vote to pass.

As difficult as this decision is going to be for the voters, it was just as difficult for the Finance Committee and Selectmen to even ask for passage of this override. The town can continue on the same path we are taking now, with no money available for replacement of our aging fleet of vehicles or for maintenance of our town buildings, but it will catch up with us. We need to be proactive and start saving for those major purchases. Remember, that you, the voters will vote at town meeting on how this money is spent and it will require a 2/3rd's vote for any purchase out of this stabilization fund. If you have any questions please contact a member of the Select board, Finance Committee or Lynn Sibley in the Selectmen's Office at 665-4400.

From The Town Clerk

by Lynn Sibley

The Annual Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Absentee Ballots will be available for those who will be out of town, physically unable to make it to the Town Hall, or have religious reasons for not being able to vote that date. Applications for absentee ballots must be received before Noon on Monday, June 7, 2010. However, keep in mind that the return ballot must reach the Town Clerk before the close of polls on election day.

Just a reminder that all dogs need to be licensed by June 1st or a \$25 late fee will apply. You will need to provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license. Dog licenses are \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for an unaltered dog. Dogs can be licensed by mail by sending the correct payment along with a valid rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Town Clerk, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. You may also license in person at the Town Clerk's Office in the Center School

Offices at 218 Chestnut Plain Road during regular business hours. Please call 665-0054 for hours.



Care for the Flag

by Cindy Weidhaas

Flags wear out over time, become tattered, torn and faded. A lot of the time flag's torn condition creeps

upon us and goes unnoticed. Please check your flag before it gets into this condition. The site below will better help people understand what our flag represents

A web site that I have gotten information from is www.homeofheroes.com and listed below is a few rules that I found very helpful in learning about the American Flag.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.

The flag, when in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Please call or e-mail Lynn Sibley at [www.tclerk2@comcast.net](mailto:tclerk2@comcast.net) She will have up to date information about a group that will take the flags for disposal. Thank you for your time and

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attention to this article.

Whately Grange News

by Ruth Fairman

At 2 recent meetings Whately Grange members held an Educational Night where Andy Olanyk got a talk on Home Safety and gave out hand outs on the subject. Richard Chapman, former member of the State Grange Heifer Project International spoke on HPI, its impact on the world and its need to continue. Whately Grangers donated profits from 2 raffles to the Educational Fund and HPI causes.

MA. State Grange Deputy Nancy Lescarbeau attended the April 22 meeting and did the annual inspection.

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In other business it was noted by the members that the Grange observed Grange Month in April by having a display at the library. The members voted to purchase more flags for the upcoming Memorial Day observance.

Rolland Miller, MA State Grange Veteran's Committee was the speaker on May 13. Past Master/Past Lecturer's Night and Memorial Service will be held on May 27. All past masters and lecturers of Whately Grange are encouraged to attend.

Historical Society Garden tours

Barbara Drollette, Program Chair

The Whately Historical Society is sponsoring a Gardens of Whately Tour, Saturday, June 19th, from 10-3 pm. We will be visiting six different gardens. They vary from intensively planted sunny gardens to gardens in the woods. Most are hidden from the roadside. You need to walk around to get the full effect. Some gardens have spectacular views of the valley.

Nasami Farm, (affiliated with the New England Wildflower Society) will be open to the public on Tour Day. Native plants will be on sale from 10-4pm.

Only garden tour members may participate in the plant raffle and behind the scenes tour of Nasami Farm(to be held from 3-4 pm).

Advanced Sale Tickets: \$12. Contact Barbara



Drollette (413-665-4818, barbdan@crocker.com).

Day of Tour Tickets: \$15. Available at the Whately Historical Museum (Whately Center behind the Milk Bottle). Tour is self-guided. A site map is on the ticket. This is a rain or shine event.

Proceeds to be used for the preservation of items of historical interest and educational programs. A donation will be made to "Beautiful Whately" which has been planting flowers in public spaces.

Learn about Whately's history on line!

by Judy Markland, Historical Commission

Thanks to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Whately residents now have internet access to important information about the town's historic areas, farms and houses. The state maintains a database of historical information, the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System or MACRIS, on the internet. It has recently added pdf versions of many municipalities' historic resource information to this database. Whately is one of the lucky towns whose information is now readily accessible.

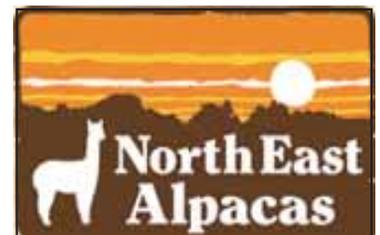
The site has a wealth of Whately information. There are "area forms" detailing the history and architecture of Whately Center, West Whately, East Whately, Canterbury and Straits as well as many farms and groups of tobacco barns. There are listings for 239 of Whately's historic buildings, most including dates and photos. More than 100 of these buildings also have detailed pdf files on line that delineate the building's architecture and history. There is also information for cemeteries, mill sites and other historic objects.

Spend some time with MACRIS and take a trip back through time in Whately! You can refine your search by

neighborhood, address or type of structure. The MACRIS web site is <http://mhc-macris.net/index.htm>.

You can also find a link at the Historical Society website whatelyhistorical.org.

Check it out. You'll be amazed at what you discover. If the Internet isn't your thing, you may find the information on paper at the Historical Society on Tuesday mornings, at the Whately Library or by contacting Alan McArdle of the Historical Commission at ahmcardle@gmail.com.



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And if your house or favorite historical building isn't there, don't despair. The Whately Historical Commission is hoping to be able to attract college and university interns to expand and update our historic resource inventory sometime in the future. If you're interested in helping or have information to add to what's in the current

<h1>GO WILD!</h1> <p>With sustainable gardens</p>	<p>NEW ENGLAND WILD FLOWER SOCIETY</p>  <p>NASAMI FARM</p>
<p>2010 Seasons Open Thursdays thru Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., April 15 thru June 14. Fall season Sept 2-Oct 3.</p> <p>Nasami Farm Nursery, Whately, MA 413-397-9922 • www.newenglandwild.org</p>	
<p>LEARN, GROW, AND PROTECT</p>	

inventory, contact Alan.

Adult Classes at Nasami Farm

Steve Ziglar, NEWFS

Here's a short list of classes held by NEWFS in the area, many at our very own Nasami farm. For more info, go to <http://www.newenglandwild.org/learn/adult>. Registration and fees (\$20-\$40) apply for most classes, call 508-877-7630, ext. 3303.

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Natural Pest Control, at Nasami Farm, Whately, Instructor James McSweeney explains how to apply natural or "organic" pest control techniques and products in this wide-ranging workshop.

Sunday, June 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., The Art and Fun of the Nature Journal, at Nasami Farm, Whately, MA. Join Elizabeth Farnsworth, scientific illustrator and ecologist with New England Wild Flower Society, to learn about and enjoy the art and addictive activity of keeping a nature journal.

Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Container Gardening with Native Plants, at Nasami Farm, Whately, MA. Forget the petunias and potato vines; create container plantings using native perennials adapted to our New England winters.

Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lakeside

Visit me here in Whately at the Whately Health Center, or in Downtown Brattleboro at my new, completely "green " office!

1-800-994-0504

Dr. Rebecca Jones

Thank You to everyone who helps produce the Scoop and helps keep Whately informed.

Habitat Garden, Spencer, MA. Join habitat naturalist and garden coach Ellen Sousa for a visit to a beautiful lakeshore property in central MA.

Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hilltown Landscapes in Western MA, Worthington. Join Jim McSweeney for a tour of three beautiful gardens he designed and installed two years ago.

Saturday, June 26, 1-3 p.m., Propagating Ferns and Mosses, at Nasami Farm, Whately, MA. Learn easy methods from instructor Leslie Duthie for propagating our wonderful New England native ferns and mosses.

Tennis Players Wanted!

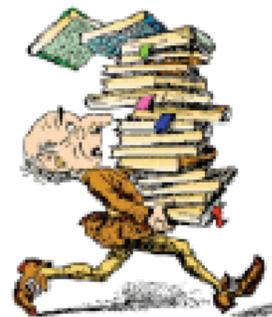
Bob Gaffney and Kay Klippel, 95 Haydenville Road (at the base of Webber Road), welcome neighbors for tennis play on Friday, June 4 from 4-6PM. Please bring a racquet and tennis sneakers (no black soles). RSVP (413) 665-9579.



News from the Friends of the Whately Library

by Susan Boone

Malcolm Forbes once said, "The richest person in the world - in fact all the riches in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library." It's true and if you're looking for an easy



way to support your local library, the Friends are here to help you make that happen. We're looking for eager hands and generous hearts to help make more special programs available at the library. Over the last year the Friends have made possible some wonderful kids and adult programs, including goodies to go with them – book sales, animal entertainment, movies, summer reading programs and much more. And coming soon to a library near you are eco-friendly book bags, a luscious shade of green (of course!) with a picture of our very own library screened onto the front, just what you needed for your groceries and books. They'll be on sale for \$10 and all for a good cause.

If you join (or rejoin) the Friends before July 1 we'll put your name in a hat and the first 5 we pick out will get a free bag (what a deal!). So stop by and check out the incredible loot at your local library, pick up a form and join the Friends. It's only \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families and \$35 for organizations or businesses, or you can be

Patron for \$50, a Sponsor for \$100, or a Benefactor for over \$100, and we'll even find another special name for you if you want to be a really big donor! If you have any questions call the library at 665-2170 or go to our website at <http://www.whately.org/library/Friends.htm> where you'll find a handy form.



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Library Notes by Tiffany Hilton

Summer Reading Program is "GOING GREEN" this year. Join us for earth day everyday this summer with programs and activities to encourage kids to read and think about our planet.

Go Green and Make a Scene!
With comedian and mime, Robert Rivest. Wednesday, June 30th 5:30pm. Everyone gets to laugh, make a scene, and learn ways to live green! Join us for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party! Funded by the Whately Cultural Council:

Lou's Upcycles - Wednesday, July 28th 2-5pm. Make an upcycled wallet to hold your stuff from un-recyclable plastic wrappers. The plastic bags are transformed into fabric using heat and pressure. For ages 8 and up. Earth Celebrations! With storyteller, Rona Leventhal, Wednesday, August 11, 5:30pm. Join us for a magical evening around a campfire - with stories, songs and marshmallows, of course!

Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Please join us May 24th for a discussion of Breakfast With Buddha, by local author, Roland Merullo. June 28th we'll discuss Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Copies of the book are available at the library. All are welcome.

Gentle Yoga for ALL Ages Wednesdays

Library Hours Monday & Wednesday 10am - 8pm, Saturday 9am-3pm.

The Library is closed for holidays on Monday, May 31st and July 5th.



6-7pm. First class free. (No class June 30th)
Outreach Services Do you have difficulty getting to our library? Volunteers will select and bring books and media to Whately residents who would otherwise have difficulty reaching the library. Call Tiffany Hilton at 413-665-2170 to request delivery.

Please visit www.whately.org/library for the most up to date library events or sign up for the library's monthly email newsletter by sending your name to whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Greetings from the First Cong. Church, UCC
by Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

What a glorious time of year! Watching all of nature blooming and growing is inspiring. At the Whately church, we too are emerging into a busy Spring with lots of activities. On May 9th, we installed seven new acolytes. We are also holding preparatory meetings for accepting new members into the church.

Our church suppers continue to be a high point in the community. Hope you don't miss our Asparagus supper on May 20th or our Strawberry supper on June 17th. For reservations, please call the LaSalle's at 665-2663.

For the town-wide Memorial Day celebration on May 30th, our worship service at 10 am begins the day. We hope to have a good representation of civic groups attending including police, fire department, Grange, Scouts and others. Also, any one from any branch of the armed services is welcome. Our offering will again be dedicated to Canines for Combat Veterans of NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans, an extremely worthwhile organization in Princeton, Massachusetts that places service dogs with veterans returning from combat with physical disabilities or post traumatic stress (PTSD).

During July, we will again be worshipping at the chapel in West Whately. Please join us!

Owner
Robert Kubosiak

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Willow Inspires Indomitable Spirit in People of Whately

The following article was submitted by Diane Porcella, I added the title - the editor.

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming." Pablo Neruda

For the second spring now the willow trees and bushes at the end of our driveway have been attacked, repeatedly hacked away at with an angry blade. I really cannot understand why anyone would do this. But, the willow is a forgiving plant and it will forgive these attacks, grow stronger and be a food source for caterpillars, bees butterflies and other creatures. Last year, I rooted the "clippings" and happily, they have made it through the winter and are all wispy spring green. I'll try it again this year. It is a great disappointment that I need to, but I feel like it is important to meet this senseless aggression with some hope. And move on into the sunshine.



Beautiful Whately

By Fiona Stryzko

Beautiful Whately is looking for your support this year the gardens need donations of good compost so if you have some piles of compost that i could use let me know. Also if you would like to donate cash make checks payable to beautiful whately and mail to p o box 178 care of

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Fiona. If you grow plants and want to make a donation to the beautiful gardens give me a call and I will pick them up and get them planted. Any perennials you all may have that you are dividing I would love to have them to plant some where I can be reached at 413 325 3130 - thanks a lot - Fiona

Watermelon Wednesdays

By Paul Newlin

This year is the big 10 + 1 year anniversary (in other words, 11th; I missed recognition of the tenth last year!) of Whately's own concert series, Watermelon Wednesdays at the West Whately Chapel. And it is by far the biggest and best so far. Here's the lineup: see <http://www.watermelonwednesdays.com/>

All concerts are \$15 and begin at 7:30. Advance tickets are available through www.brattleborotix.com. Doors open approximately fifteen minutes before the show. Watermelon comes with ticket price. Brownies might be available for a slight charge.

The concerts are made possible in part by a grant from the Whately Cultural Council. And thanks to the Congregational Church as well.

Another Successful Event

By Steve Calderone

The 13th Annual Whately Family Talent Festival was held on Saturday, March 27th. Once again, the very talented volunteer musicians in the community provided a performance that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the wonderful folks who took part in this great traditional springtime event.

The highlights of the event included the amazing performance by the tiny string players, including Dominique Whitney, Gabrielle Whitney, and Chanthoehn Varon-Collins, who all have been providing classical music to the WFTF audience for several years.

The other acts included singers Ana Labato, Clair Rief, Mary Mason and Destiny McDonough (who also added a Moon Walk), rapper Elijah Forcier, wizards Mindy Esposito, Yo Kinsman, and Mimi Olsen, and flutist was Elizabeth Calderone. We also had guitar and vocal performances by Matthew Manheim, Hugh Manheim, and Jerry Mason. In addition,



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Uncle Dave Robinson entertained the crowd with Cutting Edge Jazz on his Musical Saw and Harmonica. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to the many sponsors of this year's WTF: The Whately Inn, the Bow Wow Bath House, LaSalle's Florist, The L&L Fence Company, Muriel's Handicrafts, The Whately Antiquarian Book Center, The Yankee Candle Flagship in South Deerfield, Elm Farm Bakery in South Deerfield, Holiday Pizza in South Deerfield, Wolfie's Family Restaurant in South Deerfield, and Subway of Elm Street in South Deerfield.

Thanks also to the wonderful Whately Elementary School staff, including Sarah Williams, Lola Stone, and Ralph Lovering, as well as our new principal, Pete Crisafulli. They all know the wonderful benefit of this great community tradition. Their support made this event possible.

We look forward to seeing more talented folks and enthusiastic audience members, next spring, at the 14th Annual Whately Family Talent Festival in 2011. Hope to see you then!!



THE WHATELY SCOOP is an all-volunteer community supported quarterly newsletter. **Deadline for the next Scoop (Sept) issue is Aug 30, 2010.** Send your community oriented article or event information to jpfortune@comcast.net, 665-6739 or 152 Westbrook Road, Whately 01373.

The Scoop is sent free of charge to all Whately residents with Whately PO Boxes, North Hatfield PO Boxes, or delivery from So. Deerfield or Haydenville Post Offices. It is also available at the library and the town Clerk's office.

If you live in Whately & have not been getting the Scoop, please let us know where you get your mail and we'll add you to the specials list.

The Whately Scoop needs help following up on the small amount of fundraising we do to keep this newsletter free to all. It involves sending letters to our businesses sponsors and following up with a phone call, and depositing donations. This would help enormously to keep the scoop going, so if you have even a small amount of time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Scoop Annual Reader Survey and request for support

The Whately Scoop is provided for free 4 times per year to all town residents and anyone who requests it. It is written and produced by volunteers to keep the cost down, but our expenses are not zero. Thanks to the support of local businesses who buy ads and to community organizations like the Whately Historical Society, WLP and Friends of the Library who have made donations in the last year, 60-75% of the printing and postage costs are covered.

Thank you to the many individuals who have chipped in to close the gap, your support is very much appreciated. If you haven't done so already, please consider sending in a donation of any size to help keep the scoop running in the coming year. 100% of donations go toward printing and postage costs. Please send to 152 Westbrook Road, So. Deerfield, Ma 01373

Name: _____ Donation Amount \$10 \$20 \$30 Other

What I'd like to see more of in the scoop: _____

Special topics: WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN LATELY ON CH 12?: Frontier Events? Polka? Homegrown? Church Services? Midweek politics? Healthbeat? Franklin County Matters? The Soapbox? Local Bias? Other local shows? _____

What local access shows to you want to see on CH 12? _____

Contact email or Phone (optional) _____

TOWN DIRECTORY

Department	Office	Phone
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health Health Agent		268-8404
Animal Control		665-8027
Emergency Mgmt	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Inspection Services:		
Building	Courthouse	772-2026x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	772-2026x125
Wiring	Courthouse	772-2026x126
Police (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional School		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen/Center School		665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library		665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

If you misplace your copy of the Scoop - do not despair! You can always find it on the Whately Library's website (www.whately.org/library)

OFFICE HOURS

Assessors - Tue 9a – 8:30p. Wed. 9a – 5p
Library - Mon & Wed 10a. – 8p; Sat 9 a – 3:00p
Selectmen - Monday – Friday 9a – 4:00p
Town Clerk –M-W-Th-F 9:00a -4:00p; Tue noon-7:00p
Treasurer/Town Collector -Tue & Thu 8:45a-2:45p Mon. 3-7p
Transfer Station - Tue., Noon–5p; Sat. 7a–5p

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR TOWN BOARDS

Assessors- Most Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00p, Town Hall
Board of Health-2nd Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Conservation Commission-3rd Weds, 7:00p, Town Hall
Council on Aging - 2nd Weds, 10:00p Senior Center
Franklin Tech School Com. 2nd Weds, 7:00p, Tech School
FRS School Committee - 2nd Tues, 7:00p FRS
Historical Commission -3rd Monday, 7:00p, Town Hall
Library Trustees - 2nd Thursday, 7:00p, Library
Planning Board - Last Tuesday, 7:00p, Town Hall
Recreation Commission –2nd Mon, 7:00p,WES/Herlihy
Selectmen - 2nd and last Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Water Commissioners - 1st Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Whately School Committee -1st Monday, 7:00p WES
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1st Thurs, 6:30p, Town Hall
Historical Society 1st Thursday, 7:00p, Center School

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Bulletin Board, Channel #15 for cable viewers in town and at the town's website, www.whately.org. Please check at the Town Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings.

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Soon tree frogs will be singing out
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Warming days and still-cool nights
Make sap rise up to untold heights
Birds will soon call for a mate
And hope they don't have long to wait

For life's upon us, one and all
We can't refuse to heed its call!