



The WHATELY SCOOP

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Historical Society News

By Dee Bardwell

The Whately Historical Society has been pleased to have visits this summer from media readers wishing to travel closer to home who chose our museum as one place of interest. Their enthusiasm made the time and effort spent creating this exhibit rewarding. Many hands were involved in this project. Kara Leistyna was the fashion historian. Her professor, Pat Warner, contributed her expertise in the field. Jane Grybko, Gail Tilton, and Adelia Bardwell arranged the exhibit assisted by non-members Maryann Sadoski, Ann Wroblewski, and Grace Dwight. Bob Bourke created a manikin. We are indebted to Julie Sanderson's professional talents. Thanks go to Judy Markland for the powerpoint program and to Bill Saunders for the display board.

Fall Festival

**September 27 - 10am to 2pm
Whately Center School**

The textile exhibit will be featured September 27 at the Fall Festival from 10 to 2. Attendees will be entertained by Sidekicks, a musical group from the Amherst area. Craft and Tag Sale spaces are available by registering with Monique Gagnon 665-4694. Fall harvests will be on site. Our famous homemade pies will be for sale. Free ice cream can be eaten with the pie after enjoying hot dogs or hamburgers. Mums will be available. So put September 27th on your calendar for a day with your Whately neighbors and friends.

One of our purposes is to preserve the history of our town. One way we are accomplishing this is by recording personal memories. It has been a successful program and we hope to continue it. We need volunteers to keep going. Please consider sharing your memories. Call me and I will set up the date. 665-3837.

Friends of the Library News

By Jeannine Atkins

The Friends of the Library will be holding its Annual **Booksale** on Sunday, **September 27, 10 to 3**, when the Historical Society holds its Harvest Festival. We hope to see you there: we'll have bargains and treasures, and you'll be supporting programs such as the Summer Reading program for children. We'd also love to have some volunteers. If anyone can help move and/or sell books that day, or help sort books beforehand (we can work with your schedule), we'd be very grateful, and we think you'll have some fun! Please let us know by calling Sara at 665-0537.

Date Change: Next Bulky Waste Day Oct. 17

By Fran Fortino

Time for fall clean up! The next Bulky Waste Collection day will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 8-12 p.m. at the Transfer Station, one week later than previously announced.** Take this opportunity to clean out your bulky household items, large and small, including old furniture & carpets, mattresses, bicycles, scrap metal, BBQ tanks, appliances, TV's, computers & other electronics, tires, some construction and demolition materials. Fees charged to cover costs.

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

Enterprise Farm – 71 River Rd. Whately
Julie's - North Street, Whately
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Look for the ads from Austin's, Collective Homecare, Hillside House, Becky Jones, NEWFS, Northeast Alpacas and Flowers by Fiona inside!

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

We always need volunteers to make bulky day a success. If you can volunteer even for a little while, or need more information, please call 665-4561. This event is co-sponsored by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

Hazardous waste collection

Amy Donovan, FCSWMD

**HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION DAY**

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Collection sites in Athol and Greenfield. Directions to sites provided by mail after registration is processed. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH For more info or to register online: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org

Greetings from the First Congregational Church of Whately

By Rev. Dr. Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

Fall is upon us—even if we are reluctant to let the summer go. But we at the Whately Congregational Church are looking forward to a new year of worship and activities. We begin on Sunday, September 6th at 10 am with our first worship service back in our own sanctuary after joining with Conway for the summer, first at the West Whately Chapel and then in Conway. On Labor Day, Monday September 7th we hope that you will join us for our wonderfully delicious chicken barbeque. It promises to be better than ever this year featuring our chicken with the secret marinade, fresh corn, baked potatoes and all the fixin's. Tickets can be purchased for \$9 from church members or by calling 665-2653. Both walk-ins and take-outs are welcome.

Our Rally Day, marking the beginning of our church year for children adults alike, will be held on Sunday September 13th at 10am with a pot luck lunch to follow. All are welcome. Please join us any Sunday for worship. We've been called 'the little church with the big heart' and we'd like to show you how we live up to our name!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL at the Whately Congregational Church

Sunday, September 13th is Rally Day for Sunday School, where we will get acquainted and have some fun. We meet at 10 o'clock each Sunday in the sanctuary with the entire congregation, before going downstairs to our



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own, recently constructed Sunday School room. Each week, we tell stories, talk about our weeks, do crafts, sing songs, and lots of other fun stuff. We have exciting events we participate in throughout the school year. On Christmas Eve each year, the children put on a pageant after the annual Community Supper. And at the end of the school year, on our Children's Sunday, the kids run an entire church service by themselves which is followed by an all-church picnic or potluck, depending on the weather. Traditionally, we have had make-your-own-sundaes for dessert! We would love to have you join us this year!

Maggie DeGregorio and Marilee Kloc
Sunday School Teachers

Cemetery Commission needs Volunteers

by Roland Kinsman

Over the years some of the older grave stone markers in our Cemetery's have broken because of age. We have also had grave stone markers blown down by high winds and trees that have fallen. We have been contacted by, Mr. Fred Oakley a specialist in the repair of grave markers. Mr. Oakley would like to help us and teach us how to repair the grave markers. In order for us to get the most out of this opportunity we would need help. If you have a few hours to volunteer for this much needed project please contact Fred Bardwell @ 665-3837 or Roland Kinsman @ 665-9337 and a mutually agreed upon time will be set to start this important and long over due project Possibly 3 hours on a Saturday morning.



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Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pruning Fundamentals, Hilltown Tree and Garden, Chesterfield, MA. Instructor James McSweeney

covers pruning methods for established plantings in the home landscape. Bring hand pruners to try various cuts. Fee: \$33 (Member) / \$39 (Nonmember).

Saturday, October 10, 1-3 p.m. How Plants Work: Plant Physiology for Gardeners. Nasami Farm, Whately, MA. Learn about the simple yet amazing inner workings of plants. Instructor Ron Wik presents in a way that all who have grown a plant will understand. Fee: \$22 (Member) / \$26 (Nonmember).

Sunday, October 25, 1-2 p.m. The Native Plant Center: It's Easy Being Green. Nasami Farm, Whately, MA. Learn about the energy saving and other 'green' technologies used in the design and construction of the Society's new Native Plant Center with Nursery Business Director Ron Wik, free.

Watermelon Wednesdays

By Paul Newlin

At the West Whately chapel, 7:30pm.....

September 9th: Two shows for the price of one, a unique double bill of two of the fastest rising acoustic bands today:

The Sweetback Sisters: Aren't really sisters, and they're not even all females. But who cares?! It's the music that counts. This band is a euphoric mix of great playing and singing, honky-tonk and country swing.

Joy Kills Sorrow: a five person band from Boston playing "pop-grass" or "indy-grass" or, as they describe themselves, modern American stringband music (vocals, mandolin, bass, guitar, and banjo). As their name implies, their music is a foot-tapping antidote to the blues. Won first prize in the Podunk Bluegrass Festival band contest, among many other personal and group achievements. Hint:

If you like Crooked Still, you'll love these folks.

September 16th: Ivan Milev and Entcho Todorov. A musical blast from Bulgaria featuring Ivan on accordion and Entcho on fiddle. These guys combine to yield a musical tour de force of gypsy and traditional eastern european tunes that will simply amaze you. I guarantee you've heard nothing like them; and like them you will, a lot! More

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Dr. Rebecca Jones

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informed.**

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Library Notes by Tiffany Hilton

Food for Fines: Sept. & Oct.: The Whately Library has changed their fines policy to eliminate late fees. Patrons are invited to make a donation to the Friends of the Library. Items that are lost or damaged will be billed for replacement. To kick-off our new policy we are having a food drive to benefit the **Food Bank of Western MA** during the months of September and October. Anyone who brings a food item can waive all late fees on their record. Please see Betsy or Tiffany to update your account. **Current list of most-needed items:** Peanut butter and jelly, Rice and canned soup or stew, Spaghetti and canned spaghetti sauce, Canned pasta meals, Tuna, Low-sugar cereals, Canned beans, No glass jars please

Email Newsletter Sign up for the library's email announcements by sending your name to whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Start Halloween with local author Jeannine Atkins reading some **not too spooky stories** on **Oct. 31st at 10:00 am.**

Yoga Classes Gentle Yoga for ALL Ages with Alexandra Mello, every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm

Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Please join us September 28th for a discussion of Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich.

THANK YOU to Jim Olsen from Whately's own Signature Sounds for his generous donation of the entire collection of music CD's from his record label. Over 80 CD's!. **THANK YOU to the Whately Lions Club** for their generous donation of \$500 for the purchase of audio books on CD and cassette. **THANK YOU to our Volunteers** Bryanne McDonough, Bobby Kieras, Barbara Banik, Sharon Young...we appreciate the time you put in to helping the library.

Did You Know? All MA residents have access to online databases to find magazine and newspaper articles, transcripts, literary criticism, medical information, business information, and more.

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Michael Archbald, RN- Owner

Many articles are available in full text. Want to find an article from the New York Times that you remember from years ago? Come in and ask Tiffany for a free demonstration on any Monday or Wednesday between noon and 6pm.

For more information on any events at the Whately Public Library please visit our website <http://www.whately.org/library/Events.htm>, call 413-665-2170, or email us at library@whately.org.

From the Town Clerk

by Lynn Sibley

REMINDER – TAXES DUE NOV. 2nd - The second quarter taxes will be due on November 2, 2009. You received the bill for this payment along with your July bill. Please contact Susan Warriner, Tax Collector at 665-2595 with questions.

Connect-CTY - The Selectmen recently signed a contract with Blackboard Connect, Inc. to supply the town with a town-wide communication system called Connect-CTY. This system will allow the town to reach all citizens in minutes with an important message by phone, email and/or text messaging. The system will be installed over the next few months.

Blackboard Connect will acquire phone listings for our residents from various sources. Individuals will also be able to add additional contact phone numbers, email or text message information once the system is up and running.

We will post additional information on our website www.whately.org and on cable television as it becomes available. The next edition of the Scoop will also have updates regarding this very important communication system.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator at 665-4400.

Board and Committee Vacancies - The Selectmen are looking for a few good men and women to fill the following vacancies on town boards and committees.

Cultural Council (2 vacancies)
Council on Aging (2 vacancies)
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Hillside House

Bed and Breakfast

60 Masterson Rd

Whately, MA 01093

413-665-5515

Web address: www.hillsidehousebb.com

Whately Earns \$15,358 in Insurance Premium Credits

(Boston, MA, August 20, 2009) – Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, the Town of Whately has received \$15,358 back on its workers compensation and property casualty insurance costs. The town earned the credits through its MIIA membership and participation in loss prevention and risk management activities which are part of the Rewards program offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), Whately's insurance provider.

"As a nonprofit organization, MIIA works with members as a partner to develop innovative programs that help them save resources without sacrificing coverage during this challenging economic time," said MIIA Executive Director Stanley Corcoran. "The Rewards program provides an incentive to members to increase their education and awareness which ultimately reduces risks and expensive claims. We applaud our participating members who have taken these actions to lower their insurance costs and lessen impact on taxpayers."

For more information, visit www.emiia.org and www.mma.org.

Emergency Dispensing Site Drill – Flu Clinic

Need a seasonal flu shot or pneumonia vaccine?

WHO: To all Whately Residents

WHEN: October 3, 2009 from 9 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Frontier Regional School, 113 North Main Street, South Deerfield

WHY: Whately officials and volunteers will be joining with those from Deerfield, Conway and Sunderland to practice our medication or vaccine distribution procedure. Seasonal flu shots (not H1N1 - swine flu), flu mist for children and pneumonia shots for qualified people will be available free of charge. This flu clinic gives the towns the opportunity to drill a plan to prepare should we need to disperse medication or vaccine to a large number of people in a short time span.

Presently the swine flu (H1N1) vaccine is not

available. Once town officials receive notification of its availability and the distribution method we will let residents know through the Whately website at www.whately.org or channel 15 on cable. We should have our phone communication system, Connect CTY available shortly for communicating up to date information by phone as well. For additional information on swine flu contact: <http://www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu>

Senior Survey - The Selectmen recently sent a survey to all residents over the age of 60 to find out what kind of services they are looking for from our council on aging and senior center. Surveys are still trickling in. Results will be available on our website, www.whately.org. in the next couple of weeks. If you haven't sent in your survey please do so as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Lynn Sibley at 665-4400.

A word from the Police Department:

Chief James A. Sevigne Jr.

Recently there have been a number of thefts from homes and motor vehicles in Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Whately residents have suffered from some of these crimes. Fortunately most of the offenders have been apprehended or now have charges pending as a result of investigations from many of the local agencies. I would like to remind everyone of a few simple ways to avoid becoming a victim. First, you should always lock the doors and close the windows in your homes and your vehicles. Don't leave anything in open view that may tempt a criminal e.g. (GPS units left in cars, cell phones, cameras, and laptops in view). Leaving car chargers plugged in to your car can also tempt criminals because they will enter your car to see what device might belong with the charger. Don't leave packages outside your home. If you are going on vacation, put a hold on any newspaper deliveries and have someone pick up any packages that might be delivered. You don't want to give the impression that no one is home. You can also contact the Police Department if you are going on vacation and we will check your home. The final thing you can do is be "Proactive". If you see something out of the ordinary, (suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity) call 911 ASAP. You know your neighborhoods best. So keep an eye out for each other.

On another note, hunting season is fast approaching so we have a few safety tips for you. If you are going to shoot your firearms, the safest place to do so is at a certified firearms range. If you don't belong to a range here is a reminder of some important laws. You must be at least 500 feet from any dwelling. You must be at least 150

feet from any road and must not shoot across a road. You should also be aware of your surroundings so you are not shooting toward homes, businesses, or roads. It is safest if you shoot into something with a backstop, preferably a large mound of dirt. Finally, be cautious of your targets to avoid ricochets, or accidental injuries. With safety "Accidents" can be avoided. If you are just a person that likes to hike or walk you're dogs in the woods, it is a good idea to wear bright colors (orange) and also put an orange vest on your dogs.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at the police department. 413-665-0430

WILD CREATURE SIGHTINGS Summer 09

Report your wild creature sightings to Marianne Simon, mpsimon70@comcast.net

My granddaughter and I were swimming at the Tri-town Beach this summer when we noticed the resident Great Blue Heron flying over the lake and landing in the water near the reeds up the beach. As we watched him (or her) slowly fishing alongside the reeds, we were fascinated to see how he blended in so perfectly that unless we could see his beak, so white against the dark green, he was totally invisible. Even his progress was so slow that it duplicated the movement of the reeds.

How beautifully Mother Nature takes care of her vast family!

THE WHATELY SCOOP is an all-volunteer community supported quarterly newsletter. **Deadline for the next Scoop (Dec.) issue is Nov. 30, 2009.** 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 so we can get you on our list. Or, if you are not a resident but have a Whately connection and want to receive the Scoop by mail or email, contact Joyce (same email, phone, address above).

Businesses or individuals wishing to donate to help support the production cost of the scoop, please contact Joyce (same address above). Most businesses contribute \$100 to place a business card sized ad in 4 issues (1 year). Other businesses have contributed \$50 to be listed in the sponsor's area on the front page.

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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To be sung to the tune of Taking a Chance on Love

Here I go again,
I see the garbage grow again
Beside the road again,
Taking my nice bike ride

Why do people toss
Their garbage into grass and moss
When it is such a loss
To our pristine road side.

I know that stuff comes from autos,
No walker holds trash.
I know no cars are too tiny
To hold so small a stash

So, please, take mindful care,
Remember not to ever dare
Toss out your used-up share;
But recycle it with great pride.