



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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

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## **CPA Update** by Judy Markland Community Preservation Committee

Whately was one of only seven Massachusetts communities awarded a 100% match by the state for its FY 2010 Community Preservation Act revenues. The town raised \$65,700 through its CPA property tax surcharge in the last fiscal year, and now has over \$130,000 in funds for community housing, open space and historic preservation. It expects to generate about \$65,000 more in town revenues this fiscal year and the Community Preservation Committee is hoping for another 100% match next fall.

The CPC is looking forward to bringing its first set of CPA funding proposals to town meeting next April. The deadline for submitting project proposals to the CPC is December 15 so that the committee has time to review submissions, make its choices, and hold a public hearing on the proposals prior to publication of the town meeting warrant. An application form and project eligibility criteria are available at the town's web site [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) or from any member of the committee.

Applicants are encouraged to consult with the

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CPC or one of its members for comments prior to submitting the application and to have any relevant town committees (Historical, Conservation, Agricultural,

Recreation and/or Cemetery Commissions) review the proposal before submission as well.

## **The 2011 Whately Talent Show**

Steve Calderone

Save the date – March 26, 2011 – for the 14th annual Whately Family Talent Festival, at 7pm, in the Whately Elementary School Gymnasium..

For thirteen years, this wonderful town has supported the children and adults who wanted to share their special skills – music, dance, magic, stories, poems, whatever. The event has been great each year, and for the third year in a row, it will happen before April First.

The good news: As always, the event is still free, the performances are still great, and (thanks to our wonderful sponsors) everybody who attends still has many chances to win a door prize

The winter break is always a great time to start thinking about what you might want do on stage. Please consider this a reminder to start those creative juices flowing.

The process for getting on stage is quite simple: just call and describe your act. If you have something in mind, please call Dave Robinson, at 665-8452.

The obligatory rehearsal is on Friday, March 25th, same place, 6-8pm. We are unable to allow any acts to perform on Saturday if they do not attend on Friday. There will be no exceptions. Thank you for understanding

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

### **Four Town Annual Flu Clinic a Success!**

by Michael Archbald, Whately Board of Health

The Boards of Health of Deerfield, Conway, Whatley and Sunderland held our annual flu clinic on Sunday October 24. As you may have heard, this year we experimented with a drive thru client and had a total number of people vaccinated at over 638!

The public stayed in their cars and were directed through five 'stations' - registration, triage, vaccination, form collection and a waiting area to assess for side effects. Nursing personnel and volunteers came to car windows to administer shots or flu mist, handed out forms, collected responses and monitored participants. The free inoculations contained both seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccines.

The new drive-through protocol was developed in response to a serious public health concern that indoor clinics create their own health risk. Large numbers of people standing in line in close proximity often for the better part of an hour. Since flus have an incubation period of 10-14 days, some of those in line might already be infected and contagious without knowing it, and could unknowingly infect those standing near them. Inoculations take ten days to become effective, so in a time of serious pandemic, a conventional clinic might help make a bad situation even worse.

This drive-thru flu clinic is only the second such offered in the Commonwealth.

Members of the Boards of Health with a strong team of community organizers, (90+ in all) have been meeting since last Spring to prepare for this exercise and we are very pleased at the success of our annual clinic. Thanks to all our Whately volunteers including nurses, police, forms people and of course our Emergency Manger Lynn Sibley. Hope to see you all, and more next year!

### **From the Historical Society**

by Dee Bardwell

As we dismantle our 2010 exhibit I can't help but let those who contributed to its success know how much their donations were appreciated. We have a remarkable collection, but is always enhanced by additions from all of you.

Now we turn our attention to our chosen theme for

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2011. We will be exhibiting farm and general tools as well as small equipment. During the winter months we will be creating displays which may beg for something you might loan related to the theme. May 29 and September 25 afford opportunities for large items to be on display outside for the day. Our picture boards will feature photos of activities connected to the theme. An example might be someone on a tractor, hanging tobacco, or building something.

Bring them in so we can arrange them. We will make copies and return your originals.

We encourage new members to join us as we continue preserving our history. Our meetings the first Thursday of each month are open to anyone interested.

Start collecting for our tool theme.

### **Whately Cultural Council**

By Neal Abraham

The Cultural Council will meet on Tuesday, December 21, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, to review proposals for grants for programs in 2011 from the allocation of about \$4000 granted to us by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Thirty-one proposals for grants totaling over \$18,000 were received by the proposal deadline. The meeting, of course, is open to the public. The meeting agenda will be posted on the town web site. The Council will also review its current guidelines for proposals and priorities for funding. The current members of the Council are: Neal Abraham (chair), George Colt, Tom Leamon, Shirley Pielock, Marianne Simon, and Frances Symanski. We want to take this opportunity to thank recent past chair Ramsay Klaff for her dedicated leadership over the past several years.



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## We're Number One!

By George Colt

Who could have dreamed that our water could taste any better than it already did? The Massachusetts Rural Water Association, that's who. Last year, a bottle of water from the Whately Water District, a small, nonprofit system that serves 42 households in the center of town, took second place in the MassRWA's annual tasting competition. This year, after a morning-long series of blind taste tests, conducted in what the MassRWA piquantly described as a "guarded tasting room" at the Northfield Pumped Storage Facility in Northfield, three judges unanimously agreed that Whately's water was the best. In beating out twenty-two other contenders from across the state, the Whately Water District won a blue ribbon, a cobalt-tinged lucite trophy, and the right to call itself the finest water in the Commonwealth. (Although water samples came from as far away as West Boylston, local water fared especially well, with Easthampton taking second place, and Huntington third.) "We work hard for our water, and it paid off," commented Nicholas Jones, longtime superintendent of the WWD, who accepted the award. The following day, Jones came home to find that Deirdre Cabral, an official for the DEP in Western Massachusetts had called to congratulate him on the victory--the water world's equivalent of the president of the United States telephoning the locker room of the winning Super Bowl team.

By winning the Massachusetts crown, WWD water earned the right to face off against winners from all fifty states in the National Water Tasting Contest to be held in early February in Washington, D.C. Entrants from distant states will ship their samples in refrigerated containers ahead of time so it doesn't become stale, but Superintendent Jones plans to travel by train, a gallon of Whately's finest in a cooler by his side. Meanwhile, the blue-ribbon bottle from the state competition will be on display at the Whately Inn--where, of course, the prize-winning water is served with every meal.



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## Whately Land Preservation

by Mary Shanley Koeber

WLP has been successfully protecting land since "four guys and a dog" began meeting in each others' living rooms in 2004. Six years and several more "guys" later, WLP is now affiliated with Franklin Land Trust, enabling membership dollars and gifts to qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions. (Consult your tax preparer.) We have done a lot, but we can't do it all alone. We need your help. Please join us.

Our organization began its work at a time many residents received postcards from as far away as California, inviting them to sell their land for development. It was plain that our farms, our watershed, the habitat for wildlife, indeed the very character of the town were already under siege. The threats were real. "For Sale" signs appeared on some of the most beautiful vistas in Whately. Today, the danger is intensified by the poor economy and the flattened real estate market. We must not be fooled. People who work in conservation or farming, or who manage land used for recreation or natural resources know that a bad economy makes protecting land that much more difficult. We who treasure life in Whately have a choice: plan skillfully to preserve land, farms, forests, drinking water and historic character and landscape, or go the way of so many other once lovely, livable places in Massachusetts. With that in mind, WLP board members will write a series of articles for the Scoop over the next year, describing our plan and how you can help. Please watch for them. For more information about WLP email Mary Shanley-Koeber, maryngeorge@comcast.net. The author of this series, Mary is a resident of West Whately, a member of the board of WLP, and Director of Mass Audubon Sanctuaries in the Connecticut River Valley, including Graves Farm in Whately and Williamsburg.

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available at the library's Holiday Fair, Dec. 11, 12-3pm

Can't make the Fair? Check the library and LaSalle's for WLP gifts.



## Thank You from WES

by Kathy O'Rourke

The Whately Student Council and 5<sup>th</sup> grade want to send a big thank you to everyone who donates bottles and cans to the Whately Elementary School via the transfer station.

The Student Council uses the proceeds for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Union #38 dance, school wide welcome gifts and other school projects.

The fifth grade uses the proceeds to help fund their historical field trip to Boston and other local field trips as well.

Your continued generosity helps to support these endeavors and the Whately Elementary school community. For this we are very appreciative.



Compiled by Judy Markland

**Montserrat Archbald** has been named the Western Massachusetts Recycler of the Year by the Springfield Recycling Facility Advisory Board for her recycling campaign for the Green River Festival. This year, with the help of 17 volunteers, she directed the recycling of about 16,760 bottles and cans at the festival and two cubic yards of cardboard.

If you listen to WFCR on Monday or Tuesday afternoons, don't be surprised to hear **Anne Wheelock**. Anne is an occasional announcer on the station's afternoon classical music program.

**Tiffany Hilton's** pottery is currently on display at the prestigious Society for Arts and Crafts in Boston as part of their show, Our Cups Runneth Over: Functional and Sculptural Ceramic Vessels. Her work is also on display at the Artisan Gallery and was just shown at Pinch Gallery, both in Northampton.



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Dr. Rebecca Jones

## News from the Whately Energy Committee

By Lynn DiTullio

The Energy Committee has been busy with several projects. Volunteers began blocking obsolete ductwork at the Center School Offices with rigid insulation panels painted black. This will stop some of the significant air leakage from the heated rooms. Also, after our state energy efficiency grant application was turned down, we went ahead with plans to install interior insulating panels on the many large, leaky windows on the first floor rooms. The Whately Historical Society agreed to split the \$2,200 cost, and the town voted the remainder at the special town meeting in October. These panels have arrived and will be installed by volunteers within the next few weeks, and should make the Selectboard room and the Historical Society rooms, along with the foyer, much warmer!

Measures like these will save the town money and increase the comfort of those who occupy these old but dear town buildings. There's much more to be done! If you want to help with future work, and/or have ideas, please contact Town Administrator Lynn Sibley at 665-7400.

## Friends of the Library

by Susan Boone

Greetings from the Friends of the Library. A huge thank you to those of you who have contributed to the Friends, bought our Anniversary book bags, or stopped by at our events to help out or just say "Hi". Our book sale in October was a huge success thanks to all of you who emptied your shelves to donate books and those who came and bought more to refill

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them again. Just think, when you've finished reading them you can donate them back to us next year and we'll sell them again! We purchased a couple of nifty chairs which are now on either side of the fireplace (very elegant), come by and have seat. There's also a new cover for the couch downstairs. Along with the Whately Historical Society we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the library building on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Those who came by were treated with cider, donuts, and Bart's ice cream. There are some great early pictures of the library prepared by Judy Markland on exhibit. In addition we provided more food (does it get any better than that?) for the hugely successful "Stonewalls and Sand Dunes: Exploring the Geomorphology and Glacial History of Whately" lecture and slide presentation by Will Ouimet on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't there you missed a good one! Best wishes for the holiday season from all of us on the Friends.



**HANDMADE HOLIDAY FAIR**  
at the Whately Library  
Saturday, December 11, 12 – 3 pm

Craft Fair  
Handmade Gifts  
Cookie Swap at 2pm  
Craft Project for Children  
Local Artists and Artisans  
Painting Christmas Ornaments with  
Santa's Helper at 1pm  
Refreshments and more!

Whately Public Library, 202 Chestnut Plain Rd, Whately    whately.org/library    665-2170

**December Events - Whately Public Library**  
by Tiffany Hilton

**Pop-Up Cards for the Holidays** – Saturday, Dec. 4, 1pm with local artist Jeannie Hunt will guide adults and children (ages 8+) through the process of making pop-up cards for the Holidays. All materials provided. Please register 665-2170. For more info please visit <http://www.oneheartarts.com>. This event is free thanks to the support of the Whately Local Cultural Council.

**Handmade Holidays Fair** – Saturday, Dec. 11, Noon-3pm - The Library Holiday Fair returns! Join us for an afternoon with local vendors, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, craft projects, raffles, refreshments and more. Featuring Whately vendors: Julie Sanderson, quilted items; Ellen Shukis, beaded jewelry; Ewan Mikolajczuk, honey; Melanie Chorak, Potash Hill Farm, Goat Milk products and soap; Signature Sounds, music CDs; Mary Lobello, jewelry; Whately Land Trust, note cards; Paul Fleuriel, hand carved wood decorations; Elihu Jones, wooden swords and t-shirts; Cynthia Herbert, Moonshine Designs, mohair products; and South Deerfield's Stockbridge Herb Farm, vinegars and herb products.

Special Events during the Holiday Fair:  
**Kids Crafts at 12pm** with Jan Brown  
**Ornament Painting** for kids at 1pm  
**Cookie Swap at 2pm** – bring a tray of cookies to share and an empty tray to fill up!  
**Tiffany Hilton Pottery Raffle** to benefit the Friends of the Library.

**Writing Group** – Tuesday, December 7, 6:30pm  
Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. Bring copies to share - one page personal narrative and one page fiction.

**Movie Times** – Join us for movies and popcorn each month! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Invictus, PG-13, Mon., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm & 6pm  
Elf, PG, Mon., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 4pm & 6pm

**Book Discussion Group** meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. December 27 we will discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies of the book are available at the library. All are welcome.

**Kid's Craft Table** – Decorate paper mittens. Drop in any time during library hours.

**Gentle Yoga** - Wednesdays 6pm.

**Greetings from the First Congregational Church** by Cynthia Crosson Harrington

It is always exciting to anticipate the events of our Advent season. Each year they seem new and exciting and give us a wonderful opportunity to join together as a church and a community

On Dec 5th we will again welcome the season of Advent with our traditional pot luck lunch following the 10 am worship service. As soon as we clear away the dishes, we join in making Advent crafts. Both young and 'older' enjoy the various crafts that surprise us each year. All are welcome to join us.

Each Sunday in Advent we begin our worship with the lighting of the Advent wreath. This year the candles will be lit by those in training to be confirmed in the Spring. Each potential confirmand has a mentor who will join him or her in the candle lighting.

Once again, on December 19, we will present the "Living Nativity" when the adults get to dress up as the participants of that first Christmas Eve when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This pageant will begin at 3pm in the historic Carriage Shed behind the church. Ours is the narrated story of Jesus' birth and lasts for about a half hour. Afterwards, you are welcome to warm up with refreshments in the church hall.

Christmas Eve is very special in Whately. At 6 pm we



Join us in celebrating the wonder of Christmas.

Sun. Dec. 19	Christmas Service at 10am Living Nativity at 3pm
Christmas Eve	Christmas Supper at 6pm Children's Pageant following supper Candlelight Service at 9pm

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gather for a supper followed by the children's Christmas pageant. We will have a new story this year that we hope will entertain and delight both children and adults. After the pageant, we expect that Santa will take time from his rounds of the world to stop by Whately and deliver presents to us. And finally, we join together at 9 pm for our candlelight Christmas Eve worship of readings and carols. It is an evening not to be missed and everyone is welcome.

May your holiday season be a blessed one. We hope to see you!

### **Safe Medication Self-Management Program for Seniors** By Barbara Banik

Our "Safe Medication Self-Management Program for Seniors", funded by a grant from Franklin County Home Care Corporation took off November 16 with a "Green Bag Party" at South County Senior Center. Elders from Deerfield and Whately brought in all their medications to be checked by volunteers, nurses and pharmacists. It was a great success! Lisa White RN, Town Nurse in Deerfield will continue to check seniors' medications at her Wednesday walk-in clinic. We would like to thank the volunteers that helped with the Party: Virginia Allis, Lois Bean, Joanne O'Shea, Marcia Gobiell, Beverly Welcome, and Betty Turner. And of course, our nurses, Lisa White and Barbara Banik, our pharmacists Marla O'Shea-Bulman and Ed Tessier, as well as Mary Wheelan, Director of the Senior Center and Desiree Jarosz, Program Assistant. Volunteers from the three towns Councils on Aging and TRIAD will make follow-up calls to seniors who attended the "Party" to see how they are managing their medications after the event.

Now we are planning Phase Two of the program: Safe disposal of unused, out-dated, left-over medications, AND home visits to elders in Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately, beginning in January, 2011. Lisa White RN will visit elders in Deerfield, while Barbara Banik RN will visit elders in Sunderland and Whately. Local physicians who have already been supportive of the program, will help make their patients aware of the home visit program. If you or someone you know might benefit from this program, please contact Barbara Banik at 665-2497 to schedule a visit.

### **Transfer Station Holiday Hours Dec. 24 & 31**

By Fran Fortino

Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day are Saturdays, the Whately Transfer Station will be closed on those days but will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24 and 31 to give folks more options during the year end rush.

#### **Annual Holiday Reminder - Free Recycling**

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composting are open to all residents, even if you have a private trash hauler. Any trash left over can be disposed of in Whately bags for just \$2 per bag at the transfer station.

Please recycle corrugated cardboard boxes, paperboard gift boxes, and greeting cards (except those with foil or wire). The following items are not recyclable: glossy gift-wrapping paper; ribbons, bows, and tinsel; plastic coated boxes; tissue paper; plastic packing peanuts and styrofoam.

#### **Thanks for Bulky Day Support**

On October 16, Whately residents got rid of tons of bulky items. Thank you to town staff Clint Labato and volunteers: Montserrat Archbald, Chris Boutwell, Vic Covaleski, Quint Dawson, Caroline Gear, Larry Kutner, Gary Lawrence, Dana Robinson, and Ronnie Williams. Next bulky day will be May 2011.

#### **Medical Waste and Sharps Disposal Tips**

Medical prescriptions, pills and used sharps (medical needles) pose risks to our health and the environment if disposed of improperly. Do not flush them. Septic systems are not designed to treat medical waste! Place medications in a small bag that is not clear, tape or otherwise close the bag, and put it in your (Whately) trash.

Do not put sharps in your trash. They can poke through bags and containers, potentially exposing transfer station staff or haulers to serious diseases. For 2011, we will again have a local option for safe disposal of sharps at the Whately Health Center on Tuesdays. Please call 665-4561 for more info.

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To the person or persons who left a pink and black jewelry box at the Whately transfer station in mid-November: please check with Lee about the contents.

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### **Selectmen's News**

By Lynn Sibley

Housing Committee - The Selectmen are looking for volunteers to serve on a new Housing Committee to work with the Community Preservation Committee on their affordable housing projects. The ideal volunteer would be someone with experience with housing issues



but we would consider anyone with a special interest in the field of housing. Please contact Lynn Sibley in the Selectmen's Office at 665-4400 if you are interested.

Artist Needed! - Whately has many signs that need some work. The sign in front of the Center School building and the sign on Town Hall are in desperate need of a facelift. We have a volunteer that will supply the wood and the back ground paint. We are seeking another volunteer with an artistic eye and a steady hand to paint the lettering on the signs. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Sibley at 665-4400.

Green Communities Act - Whately has recently received a grant from the Mass. Department of Energy Resources to assist the town in meeting the requirements to become a Green Community. The Green Community designation would allow the town to apply for grant money to finance all or a portion of the cost of studying, designing, constructing and implementing energy efficiency activities in Whately. There are five requirements to receive the Green Communities designation:

As-of-right siting of renewable/alternative energy. The town will need to provide an area of town through its zoning that would allow renewable or alternative energy generating facilities, OR renewable or alternative energy research and development facilities OR renewable or alternative energy manufacturing facilities.

Expedited permitting process has to be adopted for the above as-of-right zoned parcels. - Energy baseline/20% Energy reduction plan within 5 years. - Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles - Minimize Life-cycle costs - One way to meet this requirement is to pass the BBRS Stretch Code which is an appendix to the State Building Code.

Over the next few months Whately will be working with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department towards meeting these requirements some of which will be brought to town meeting for the voters approval. If you are interested in serving on the committee that will be charged with meeting the criteria to become a Green Community, please contact Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator at 665-4400 or at [tclerk2@comcast.net](mailto:tclerk2@comcast.net).

### **Town Clerk News**

By Lynn Sibley

Street List - During the last week of December 2010, the 2011 Annual Street List forms will be sent to all households. Please verify the information, sign and date the form and return to the Town Clerk's Office by January 20th. It is important that the town has a correct account of all residents because many assessments and grants are based on population and

we must have accurate numbers so that we receive or are charged the correct amount of money.

Dog Licenses - The Town Clerk's Office will start issuing dog licenses on February 1, 2011. There will be an insert in the Street List envelope explaining the requirements to license your dogs. All dogs must receive a rabies vaccine, any dog six months old or older must be licensed per state law. Late fees for not licensing your dog go into effect June 1, 2011.

Elections - The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Nomination papers for elected positions will be available on February 1, 2011. Visit [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) for more information in the weeks to come or contact Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk at 665-0054.

### **WILD CREATURE SIGHTINGS**

Compiled by Marianne Simon

Reported by Ramsay Klaff: I keep forgetting to mention to you that about two months ago, I was reading in bed when the motion detector lights on our house and shed came on, and I looked out the window to see a large (male) bear lumbering casually down our driveway, past our front door, around the back of the house, past the back door, down the stone stairs and out along the pond to the stream and woods beyond. He was totally unperturbed either by the lights or my daughter's barking dog or the considerable commotion in the house caused by his visit. I thought to myself if he only knew how easy it would be for him to simply push the patio door open and enter the house! Last year, he came almost as close to the house, on the opposite side and from the opposite direction, as I was weeding outside the back door. He was not 25 feet from me when I spotted him (and he me, I assume), at which point I started singing and backing slowly toward my door; he remained still for a few moments and then corrected course to continue on at a more comfortable distance from me, traveling right under the swings on the children's play structure in the field, which happily were not then in use. I have the feeling he visits more often than we know..

**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, 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.

**The deadline for submission to the March 2011 issue of the Scoop is February 28.** Please email your literary contributions to [jpfortune@comcast.net](mailto:jpfortune@comcast.net).

*If you know of any local businesses that you would like to see advertising in the scoop, **LET THEM KNOW!*** and give them the following contact information: Joyce Palmer Fortune, [jpfortune@comcast.net](mailto:jpfortune@comcast.net), 665-6739.



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Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	772-2026x125
Wiring	Courthouse	772-2026x126
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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](http://www.whately.org/library))***

## OFFICE HOURS

Assessors - Tue 9a – 8:30p. Wed. 9a – 5p  
Library - Mon Tue Wed 1p. – 8p; Sat 10a – 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Conservation Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Council on Aging - 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 10:00p Senior Center  
Franklin Tech School Com. 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 7:00p, Tech School  
FRS School Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 7:00p FRS  
Historical Commission -3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Library Trustees - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00p, Library  
Planning Board - Last Tuesday, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Recreation Commission –2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7:00p,WES/Herlihy  
Selectmen - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Water Commissioners - 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Whately School Committee -1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00p WES  
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs, 6:30p, Town Hall  
Historical Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00p, Center School

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December's here - it's time to rest  
All creatures find a cozy nest  
Or else a warm and ample cave  
For them and all the food they've saved.

Birds are quiet - not a song  
to hear from them all winter long,

Snow is quiet coming down,  
It muffles sound throughout the town.

So let's keep warm and ease our pace,  
Remember life is not a race,  
Enjoy the winter and the snow,  
Drive with care and keep it slow!