



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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

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**FCAT CH 12 Update** by Joyce Palmer Fortune  
Frontier Community Access TV Board of Directors

Have you noticed the changes and improvements to the offerings on our local public access channel 12? Perhaps you caught one of the live broadcasts of Frontier Basketball games from Goodnow gymnasium, with live commentary by Frontier students, including Whately residents Brad Bean, Matt Fortune, Andrew Futter and Mike Griswold? Maybe you noticed a little more variety in the programming, more local programs about local events and happenings in the towns. If you haven't yet, check us out next time you're channel surfing, you might be pleasantly surprised.

Our recent digital server installation has allowed us to make some big improvements to what we offer. The transition has not been problem free, and we are still working out the kinks, but it has allowed us to offer more programs per day in addition to the community bulletin board. Starting this month, we have access to and are beginning to broadcast free speech TV during certain hours.

However, one cannot broadcast with equipment alone. In addition to our regular community producers, such as Father Randy from the HNJ church, who makes the weekly Mass available on CH 12 each week, FCAT has built up a large crew

of motivated student producers. These students help bring not only school events to Ch 12 but also have branched out into making their own independent videos on "how things work", from how to make a pizza to how to put a computer together. More truly *local* programming is being offered on Ch 12 than ever before.

If you are interested in getting involved in FCAT, think about becoming a member or volunteer, taking a class in video production at FCAT, or underwriting your favorite local shows, please contact us at the station: 665-0012; [mail@fcat12.org](mailto:mail@fcat12.org). Our schedule is usually listed in the Recorder, but the best way to view our schedule is on the web at [fcat12.org](http://fcat12.org), where you can also see recent clips of our programs. Check us out on Facebook too, (Frontier Community Access Television page) where you can see even more clips of what the student producers have been up to.

## **The 2011 Whately Talent Show**

Steve Calderone

We're getting close – March 26, 2011 – the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Whately Family Talent Festival.

For a dozen 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 second time in a dozen years, we are planning it before April First. (Call it, a time for CHANGE, if you'd like.)

The good news: 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 (from our wonderful local businesses).

The FUN news: this year, the event will include a new and exciting surprise for the grand finale. But you can't find out what it is if you don't attend the 14<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of our local talent. So, the best time to think about what you can do on stage ... is RIGHT NOW.

The event will be on Saturday night, 3/26/11, at 7pm, in the Whately Elementary School Gymnasium.

The process for getting on stage is quite simple:

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

*Enterprise Farm* – 75 River Rd. Whately

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Look for the ads from *Austin's*, *Collective Homecare*, *Goin Gray Auto repair*, *Hillside House*, *Jassy Timberlake*, *Nicolas Jones*, *Poplar Hill Farm*, *Signature Sounds*, *Ron Talbot*, *The Whately Congregational Church*, *Western Mass Realty Group* & *The Whately Health Center* inside!

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

just call and describe your act. If you already have something in mind, please call Dave Robinson, at 665-8452.

For over a dozen years, "Uncle Dave" has invited hundreds of acts onto the stage in your home town – from the youngest children to the most seasoned performers. Every year, the story is the same: everybody who attends, and everybody who performs, has had a great time. Everybody is welcome to join in the fun.

The obligatory rehearsal is on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS GREAT TRADITION GOING. Thank you for your continued support.

### Care packages for soldiers

Bill Saunders

Would you like to help our troops overseas but don't know how? Check out [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com). Contacts, usually lieutenants or sergeants enter lists of things they'd like to receive, usually snacks, personal hygiene items, socks, and magazines. Sometimes they want pencils, pens and school supplies for the local children. You send a package to the contact person who distributes it to the people in his/her unit. Often these are soldiers who never get mail from home (unfortunately, there are a lot). All share the goodies.

The Anysoldier site has good search capabilities and excellent instructions in how to pack. You'll need to fill out a customs form 2976-A. Kevin or Joella can furnish these at the Post Office. We've sent close to 100 packages this way. The packages arrive promptly and the recipients are very grateful, as much for the support as for the contents. It's a great group project too.

### From the Historical Society

by Dee Bardwell

The Historical Society is busy recording new acquisitions and preparing for the 2011 exhibit which may be named "Early Agriculture in Whately".


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We are seeking pictures of people involved in an activity related to agriculture to display in the hall of the Center School. It will be great to see grandpa driving a tractor, dad splitting wood, or something similar. Pictures need to be in by the first of May. We have many tools and objects in our collection. Should you have a rare specimen you wish to donate or loan, please contact Adelia or stop by on Tuesdays from 9 to 12.

We encourage anyone interested in the history of Whately to consider joining us. We plan to continue our "memory talks". If you have a story to share, please call 665-3837. We want to record bygone happenings to allow future Whatelyites a better understanding of earlier life in Whately.

### Mother's Day Half-Marathon to be held in Whately, MA on May 8, 2011 by Sue Monahan

The Western Mass Mother's Day Half-Marathon will be held in Whately, MA to benefit Cancer Connection on Sunday, May 8, 2011. The run begins at 8:00 am on Christian Lane near the Whately Police/Fire Stations. The course is a scenic 13.1 miles, fairly flat with a few rolling hills. The course is a Certified and USATF sanctioned half-marathon course.

Those registered by April 26, 2011 will receive a free race shirt. Register online at [www.imathlete.com](http://www.imathlete.com). Parking will be provided by the Yankee Candle Company Manufacturing plant on Christian Lane in Whately, MA.

Cancer Connection is a non-profit cancer support center that has served as a haven for people diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers in the Pioneer Valley for 11 years. All programs and



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**Housing Rehab Funding Available**

by Charity Day

Whately Residents can qualify for Housing Rehabilitation funds for roofing, foundation repairs, heating systems, doors and windows, wells and septic systems, and much more! Funds will be loaned to homeowners in the form of a 0% interest Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) 50% of that loan will be repaid upon the sale or transfer of the property and 1/15<sup>th</sup> of the remaining 50% of the loan will be forgiven each full year after the date of closing. The loan will be enforced through a recorded mortgage lien on the property.

Homeowners and any rental families must have an annual gross income equal to or less than the following amounts:

# of persons	Gross Annual Income
# persons In Household	
1	\$43,800.00
2	\$50,050.00
3	\$56,300.00
4	\$62,550.00
5	\$67,600.00
6	\$72,600.00

Interested? please call Charity Day @ (413) 863-9781 x 132 or [cday@fchrh.org](mailto:cday@fchrh.org)

**Farming In & Around Wetlands How to Stay Out of Trouble**

By Bill Obear

The Agricultural Commission, and Conservation Commission will be jointly hosting a wetlands informational meeting on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the town hall from 7 to 9 PM.

As most farm operators know *Farming In and Around Wetlands* can be very challenging. If a mistake is made, it can be costly to correct. There is a fine line between normal field maintenance and



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a potential wetland violation. Fortunately Whately has two local wetlands experts who have agreed to present their knowledge and perspectives on farming around wetlands.

Scott Jackson, a notable wetlands expert, is chair of the Whately Conservation Commission and works for the Department of Environmental Conservation at UMass. John Devine, whose family operates a 350 acre dairy farm in Hadley, is a member of the Whately Agricultural Commission and is the state compliance specialist for Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This will be a very informal presentation. Those who are interested are encouraged to attend and talk with Scott and John about farming around wetlands and how to stay out of trouble. Questions and discussion are encouraged.

Refreshments will be provided. Sorry there will be no green beer.

**Whately Land Preservation**

by Mary Shanley Koeber and Don Wheelock

*Whately Land Preservation (WLP) has been working to protect land in our town since 2003. WLP is affiliated with Franklin Land Trust, enabling your membership dollars and gifts to qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions. Please join WLP! And come to the annual meeting on March 20 and meet the board and other members.*

Farms, forests, watershed and historic landscapes; Whately has them all, and in spite of what's going on around us. Even with our convenient location, our beautifully natural character, we have so far managed to maintain our rural identity and dignity. When WLP's founders began their work, they confronted many worthy acres with few helpful resources. While other towns and cities had caught on to the complicated process of attracting funds to help with planning and land protection, Whately had little history of attracting grants and other resources.

Where to begin? First, we defined the problem in terms of land use, narrowing it down to farms, forests, watershed and historic landscape. We then

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found the right resources for each. WLP Board members knew from the start that the nature of land use planning and conservation makes setting priorities a changing process. Everyone knew, for instance, the tumultuous history of Whately's aquifers, the need to insure the future of our drinking water, and knew as well that irresponsible development over or around the aquifer could easily defeat this goal. When "for sale" signs appeared on an old farm located over our clearest aquifer, we found it reason enough to take action. That the property contained wetland, habitat for rare species and a beautiful vista, it became clear it was suitable for a major project, indeed, a case of *Act now or lose the opportunity*. Working with the Franklin Land Trust, and with the generous help of private philanthropy, and, of course, with the Commonwealth's Agricultural Protection Restriction program, we were able to help preserve the land. That WLP had previously led and supported the aquifer zoning project was no small help in the effort. Maple Hill Farm faced a major threat to farmland, habitat and drinking water and survived. It is WLP's biggest success to date.

For more information about WLP email Mary at [marynGeorge@comcast.net](mailto:marynGeorge@comcast.net)

### **Friends of the Library**

by Susan Boone

Almost spring greetings from your friends on the "Friends". Your support means a lot to us and in return we have some great programs coming up for you to enjoy. For those interested in maps or who are Whately history buffs, on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 David

Allen will give a talk on old Whately maps. David is a map researcher who owns the on-line business [www.old-maps.com](http://www.old-maps.com). Thanks to a grant from the Whately Cultural Council he has scanned maps of Whately from 1755 to 1998. There are 11 detailed road maps and those from 1830, 1858 and 1871 show every house in town. They are available at the library and he will tell us all about them. (See last page of this issue.) On May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Bill Benner, who lives up in West Whately, will share his interest in butterflies. He will give a talk accompanied by photographs. Bill is president of

2nd Annual Frontier Music Telethon  
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the Massachusetts chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. Mark your calendars; these are spring events not to be missed. If that's not enough to look forward to, coming to the library this spring will be an outside picnic bench so you can pack a lunch and enjoy the view from behind the building. See the library events (below) for even more.

### **Spring Events - Whately Public Library**

by Tiffany Hilton

Please call the library to register 665-2170.

Writing Your Whately Memories – with Katherine Jamieson, Tuesdays, April 12, 26, May 10 & 24, 6:00-7:30pm. Do you have a story to tell? Come join us this spring for a series of four writing workshops to capture your memories of life in Whately. We'll publish a collection of everyone's work, and have a reading at Town Hall on June 21st. No experience needed, Workshops will be led

by Katherine Jamieson, MFA, freelance writer, professor and Whately resident. Funded by the Whately Cultural Council & Friends of the Whately Library.

New Mobiles by George Reynolds This exhibition will be on display at the Whately Library for the month of April.

Please join us for an opening reception on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. [www.suspensions-design.com](http://www.suspensions-design.com).

Computer Classes for Seniors at the Whately Elementary School Library, Mondays, April 11, 25, May 9, & 23, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

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from the Pioneer Valley Join us in celebrating National Poetry Month on Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm for a reading from three poets from the Pioneer Valley. Zach Savich divides his time between Holyoke and Belchertown. Hannah Brooks-Motl now lives and writes in Montague. C.S. Ward of Whately organizes the reading series Writers Read Their Work at The Montague Bookmill.

Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. March 28 we will discuss *The Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Tsar* by Robert Alexander. Copies of the book are available at the library each month. All are welcome.

Writing Group – Tuesday, March 15, and April 5, 6:30-7:30pm For March meeting, share a piece of fiction, non-fiction or poem about bees. New members welcome anytime.

Craft Night – Tuesday, March 15, 6-8pm third Tuesday of every month – knitting, beading, scrap-booking, or even clothes mending. Chat and enjoy tea & cookies sponsored by FOTL.

Movie Times – Check our sign board for movie times. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Kid's Craft Table – Drop-in anytime for a special craft each month.

Gentle Yoga - Wednesdays 6pm

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

The snow is piled high and I am sure that many of you are anxious for Spring. But while you wait, we have some exciting activities going on at the church!

We begin March 'like a lion' belting out those African-American spirituals that are so inspiring. We didn't quite make it for February—Black History Month- but our worship on March 6<sup>th</sup> will features these hymns. Jumping to March 27, we have several things going on that day. At the 10 am service, we welcome Ginny Gray from Heifer Project International, which is one of our church's mission outreach projects. At 2:00 pm, we are proud to join the Hatfield church to welcome Rev. Bert Marshall for his "Gospel of Mark Alive!".

Throughout the Lenten season, we join with the churches of So. Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway and, for the first time, Montague, for a series of Lenten discussions. This year the series is entitled: "Heal Me Lord: Healing Then and Now" and promises to be an interesting springboard for

reflection. The discussions are held at different churches (again, there are flyers around town), but are all on Wednesdays at 7 pm. I will be leading us off on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, by preaching at Holy Name in So. Deerfield, with a brief discussion to follow. Our church will be hosting on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a talk by Rev. Barbara Turner-Delisle of Montague. Her topic is *"Hands on Healing: Following in the Way of Jesus"*.

In April, we begin our suppers once again. Please note, that because it would have fallen on Maundy Thursday, the Chicken Pie Supper has been rescheduled to Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>. April also brings Palm Sunday on April 17<sup>th</sup> when the children will parade with palms to remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem. On Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will remember the Last Supper with a simple supper and Maundy Thursday tenebrae. And on April 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Easter! Please join us at 6:00 am (I know, it's earlier than last year but Easter is much later) for the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise service near the library. Then, come back to the church for our famous Easter morning breakfast. Worship is at 10 am with an Easter egg hunt for the children to follow. Hope you can join us!

**Transfer Station Spring Calendar**

By Fran Fortino

**Brush Chipping** – May 7 & June 4 only, 8 a.m.- Noon. Bring brush up to 6" in diameter and free of nails and dirt, but NO construction debris. Wood chips available afterwards for landscaping.

**Swap Shed** – First Sat. of the month, May 7 – Nov. 5. Bring only useful household items, sporting goods, and small toys, etc. – NO exercise equipment



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**Spring Bulky Waste Collection day** - May 14, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring old furniture, stoves, freezers & refrigerators—DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FIRST, mowers, BBQ tanks, computers and TV's, furniture, metal items, air conditioners, bicycles, beds, radios, tires & more. Fees charged to cover costs.

**Sharps Collection** of needles used for personal health. Get free collection boxes at (and return to): Whately Health Center, 181 State Rd., **Tuesdays, 9-2 only.**

**Batteries**—see related article.

**Books, etc.** Drop off any books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, records/LPs, sports cards, old video games, computer software—free—into the Got Books container next to the ramp.

**Food Waste**— Drop food waste only in collection containers next to the book container.

**Fluorescent lights/bulbs** – See attendant for details. NO broken bulbs please!

**Plastic Bags** – All types, but must be **clean, dry** and **no paper inside or sticky labels** (tear them off even if bag rips). Drop into plastic bag barrel. See attendant for details.

**Thermometers** – Drop mercury-filled thermometers ONLY in special box - see attendant.

Thanks to the efforts Of Whately residents in 2010 the Town saved about \$10,000 by recycling 45% of our waste!

### Recycle Your Household Batteries

By Fran Fortino

Whately has a free battery and cell phone recycling program at transfer station. Please give used batteries and cell phones to the attendant. Batteries should not be put in the trash or regular recycling. Improper disposal of batteries can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into our air and water, posing health threats to people and the environment.

Rechargeable batteries are in devices that can be recharged, i.e. cell phones, ipods, cordless phones, laptop computers, power tools, toys, digital cameras, and rechargeable toothbrushes, razors, flashlights, and handheld vacuum cleaners. Cell phones and other rechargeable batteries can also be recycled. We have a special box for these rechargeable batteries and cell phones. Free battery recycling is also available at Home Depot, Lowe's, and Radio Shack.

What to recycle:

**Alkaline batteries** such as AA, C, D and 9 volt

**Lithium batteries**, most often in digital cameras

**Button batteries** in watches, calculators and

hearing aids

**Lead acid batteries** from vehicles must be recycled too at auto supply stores, scrap metal recyclers and at household hazardous waste collection day (Sept. 24).

If you have any questions, contact Franklin County Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438, or 665-4561.

### Senior Center and COA by Barbara Banik

S.A.L.T. COUNCIL & TRIAD are sponsoring two free paper shredding events by PROSHED at the Hampshire Mall May 7 from 9AM to 12 Noon and at Southampton Town Hall parking lot on May 21 from 9AM to 12 Noon. No restrictions on amount of paper or where you live. Let's get rid of some of our "clutter"! Just do it!

These two organizations are also giving a "heads-up" for a nationwide "Prescription Drug Take-back" event to be held in several Franklin and Hampshire County towns on April 30, 2011.

This will be a great opportunity to safely dispose of outdated, unused, leftover medications! Watch the news for further information.

**SAFE MEDICATION SELF-MANAGEMENT GRANT:**

In October 2010 Whately received a grant from Franklin County

Home Care Corporation (FCHCC) to help seniors in the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately manage their medications safely. In November, a "Green Bag Party", held at South County Senior Center kicked off the grant. Nurses and pharmacists were there to help. It was "very helpful" and "I learned a lot" according to the seniors who came. Another "Green Bag Party" event will be held from 9AM to 1PM at South County Senior Center on April 13. You are asked to put all your medications in a Green Bag (bags will be available at the Senior Center or Town Clerk's Office in Whately, beginning March 14) and bring it to the Senior Center April 13 where nurses and a pharmacist will help you sort and manage your medications. Refreshments, pillboxes and medication "diaries" will be available.

Also starting March 14, a nurse from Whately will begin visiting those elders in their homes who can't get out to the Senior Center to help them sort and manage their medications. Watch for fliers and other news or call Barbara Banik RN at 665-2497 for more information.

### Town Clerk News

By Lynn Sibley

**Census forms** were mailed at the end of December. If you have not done so already, please return them to the Town Clerk's Office, 218 Chestnut Plain Road, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. If you never received a form, please call the Town Clerk's office at 665-0054.



**Dog Licenses are available.** A valid rabies certificate and the appropriate fee will be required to license your dogs. Intact Males and Females are \$10.00, spayed females and neutered males are \$5.00. Licensing may be done in person at the Town Clerk's Office, 218 Chestnut Plain Road during regular office hours or by mail. You may also license by mail by sending the rabies certificate and a check made payable to the Town of Whately for the applicable fee to Town Clerk, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. All dogs must be licensed by June 1, 2011 to avoid a late fee. Late fees will be \$25 per dog after June 1 and before July 15<sup>th</sup>. After July 15<sup>th</sup> fees will increase to \$50 per dog.

**Nomination Papers are available for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Town Election.** Positions up for election this year are Selectman - 3 year term, Assessor - 3 year term, Board of Health - 3 year term, School Committee - 3 year term, Two Library Trustee Positions - 3 year terms, Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term, Water Commissioner - 3 year term and Moderator and Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith for 1 year terms each. If you are interested in running for office in the June 14<sup>th</sup> election, please contact Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk at 665-0054. Nomination papers will be available until April 22, 2011. Nomination Papers must be returned with 20 valid signatures to the Registrars of Voters (Town Clerk's Office) by April 26, 2011

**Annual Town Meeting**  
 - Mark your calendars for the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Whately Elementary School on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. Town reports, which will include a copy of the town meeting warrant, will be delivered to all households the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Want to know more about what is happening in Whately?** Check out Whately's website - [www.Whately.org](http://www.Whately.org) for the latest. Our website contains all the events happening in Whately along with a Calendar of board and committee meetings. Also included in the calendar are agendas to all meetings. Agendas are posted at least 48 hours before each meeting. Just click on the meeting that you would

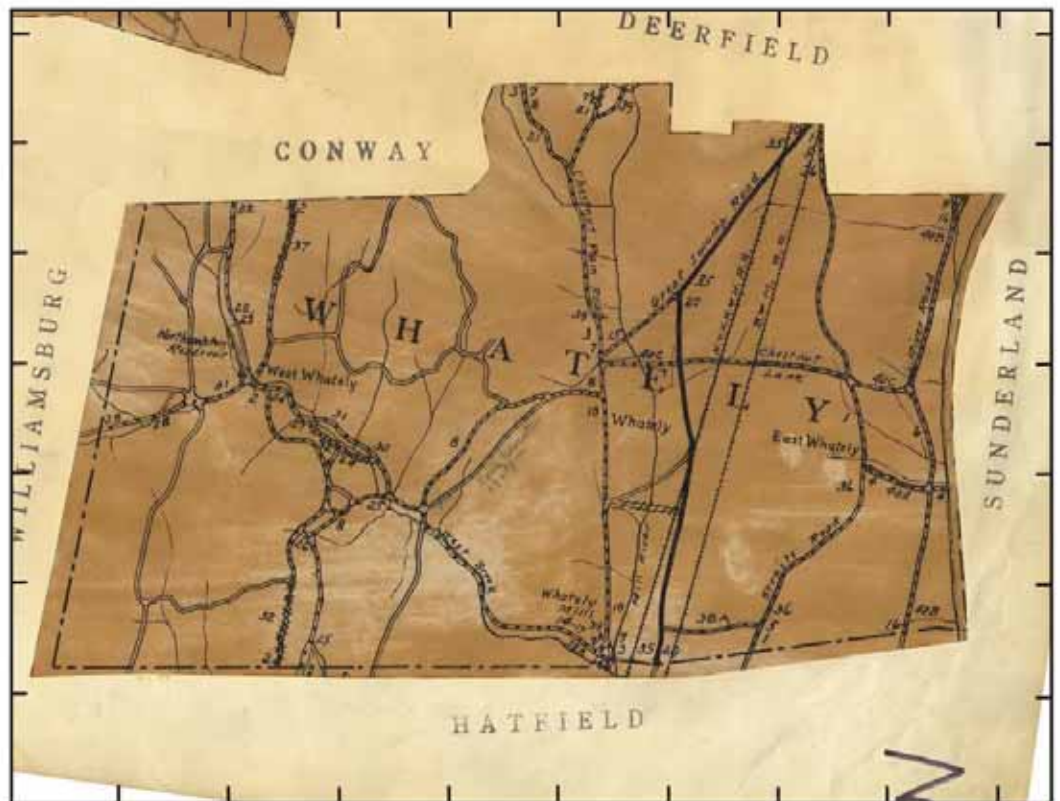
like to know more about and the agenda should be there. Check out the website and come back often as the information changes regularly. You can also find many of the same things on Channel 15. For those of you that do not have cable or internet access feel free to call the Selectmen's Office with specific questions or visit the Town Clerk's Office where all notices are posted.

***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 May 2011 issue of the Scoop is May 15.** 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.

More old maps of Whately at <http://vhist.com/mcc/towns/whately/whately-maps/>



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County Road Index Map	<small>Franklin County Commissioners</small>	

**TOWN DIRECTORY**

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Emergency Mgmt	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
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Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
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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 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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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.