



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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## Whately Historical Society Events

by Dee Bardwell

The Whately Historical Society is offering you the opportunity to visit five local farms for farmer-led tours September 10 . Bearpath Farm and LaSalle Florists are from 10 to 12. Tall Grass Alpacas and Harvest Farm are from 12 to 2. Nourse Farm is from 2 to 3. Visit our website, call 665-3837, or stop by the Museum Tuesdays from 9 to 12 for more details. Advance tickets are \$12 at the Society Museum (Tuesday mornings), LaSalle's, and by calling 665-3837. Day of tour \$15. Children under 12 free.

We continue our memory talks with Katherine Kennedy Fleuriel October 6 and Regina Farrick Lobello November 3. Both meetings are at 7 at the Museum. Join us for a visit to the past as these speakers recall their earlier life in Whately.

We are preparing for our Fall Festival September 25. Plan to join us between 10 and 2 for Tag and Craft Sales (contact Gail Tilton 665-2610 to register) apple pies, food, music, free ice cream, and more.


New members are encouraged to join us as we endeavor to collect, preserve and display artifacts of special interest to Whately.

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

*Enterprise Farm – 75 River Rd. Whately*  
*Julie's - North Street, Whately*  
*Pro Pel Plastech, Long Plain Road Whately*

Look for the ads from *Austin's, Collective Homecare, Goin Gray Auto repair, Hillside House, Nicholas Jones, Pioneer Valley Housing, Poplar Hill Farm, Signature Sounds, The Whately Congregational Church, The Whately Inn, Western Mass Realty Group & The Whately Health Center* inside!

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



**Rally Day, September 11**  
All welcome for the start of the Sunday School year.  
Bring a friend. Parents optional.  
**Whately Congregational Church (UCC)**  
177 Chestnut Plain Road  
Worship service & Sunday School 10am  
Pot-luck luncheon following the service.

## Have You Captured Whately, yet?

by Larry Kutner

The deadline is approaching for the Capturing Whately 2011 Photo Contest. Entries must be postmarked by September 30. Submit your photo of a special Whately scene, person or event, and you may win a prize. The first prize in the Junior Division is a \$50 gift certificate to ADZ Science and Learning Store; first prize in the Adult Division is a \$50 gift certificate to the Whately Inn. Entry forms are available the Library, LaSalle Florists, Enterprise Farm, and at [www.whatelylandpreservation.org](http://www.whatelylandpreservation.org)

## Whately Cultural Council

by Neal Abraham, chair

The Cultural Council invites applications for grants again this year. The Council will make awards again this year of about \$4000 total (funded by the state through legislative allocations to the Massachusetts Cultural Council - MCC) to support cultural activities with priority given to cultural activities by Whately-resident artists and activities for Whately residents, particularly seniors and youth. The application deadline is October 15, 2011 (the postmark date for applications which must be sent to the Whately Cultural Council, P.O. Box 234, Whately, MA 01093). Newly revised application forms are available on the MCC website: [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org) where there is further information about the goals and priorities of the Whately Cultural Council.

The Council welcomes new members this year:

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Leesa Lesenski, Becky Jones, Marilee Kloc and Katie Edwards. Continuing members are: Neal Abraham, Frances Symanski, and Shirley Pielock.

**Watermelon Wednesdays 2011** by Paul Newlin

The 12th season of Watermelon Wednesdays in West Whately ends with four concerts in September:

Advanced tickets are available at Brattleboro Tickets ([www.brattleborotix.com](http://www.brattleborotix.com)). Some tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show. For more information call Paul Newlin at 413-665-3741. Note: the facility is fan-ventilated. All shows begin at 7.30 pm.

- Aoife O'Donovan and Band: Sept. 7
- Maeve Gilchrist and Band: Sept. 14
- The Bee Eaters: Sept. 21
- The Sweetback Sisters: Sept. 28



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**From the Whately Public Library**

by Tiffany Hilton

Visit our website for access to online databases and current event listings. [www.whately.org/library](http://www.whately.org/library)

**Introduction to Food Preservation** - Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:30pm - Whately resident Margaret Christie will help you start--or expand--your home food preservation efforts. We'll cover freezing, drying, and canning. Bring your experience and your questions—we'll talk about both small-scale and ambitious home food preservation. Resources for learning more also provided.

Margaret Christie is the Special Projects Director at Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture in South Deerfield. Margaret and her family grow food at home, providing much of their meat, milk products, maple syrup, and vegetables year-round. Margaret has been canning and freezing food for more than 20 years.

**Handmade Holiday Fair – Call for Vendors**

The library is hosting a Handmade Holiday Fair

Sat. Dec 3 – at the First Congregational Church from 10-2. Whately residents who wish to sell their handmade items or baked goods should contact Tiffany at 665-2170 or [whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com)

Monday Movie Times - September 19, 3:00 & 6:00pm - Jane Eyre, PG-13 Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender and Judi Dench star in acclaimed director Cary Fukunaga's daring new adaptation of this timeless romance. Free popcorn. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Kid's Craft Table** New projects each month – Drop in anytime! Coming Soon – Kids' Crafternoon on early release days in November.

Friends of the Library Book Sale - Sunday, September 25, 10am – 2pm

**Gentle Yoga** Wednesdays 6pm, please contact Alexandra Mello 413-210-4346.

**Volunteers Needed** – The library is preparing to join the C/W MARS regional library network in the future and we need to put new barcodes on 17,000 books! Do you have a few hours to spare, are comfortable with computers and have attention for details? We need your help!

**Did you know?** - We have new DVDs just released - for two week "free" rentals. Come check out our great movie selection.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday	1-8pm
Tuesday	1-8pm
Wednesday	1-8pm
Saturday	10-3pm

**News from the Friends of the Whately Library** by Susan Boone

Thanks to all who have recently joined the Friends, your support it greatly appreciated. Don't forget our annual used book sale coming up on September 25th from 10 until 3. In addition to lots and lots of fiction, general non-fiction, kids, and young adult books, there's a great selection of travel books, cook books, biographies and autobiographies, and CDs. Come by to browse, buy, or just to chat. If you'd like

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**Dr. Rebecca Jones**

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

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to lend a hand we'd welcome it. We can especially use some strong backs hauling the books up from the library basement and setting up.

**New Online Services proposed by Town Clerk**

By Lynn Sibley

The Town Clerk's office is in the process of creating an online system that would allow you to purchase dog licenses, birth, marriage and death certificates online. This system should be up and running by November. Much like the present system for paying real estate taxes on line, the Clerk's office will offer you the opportunity to purchase your dog license from the comfort of your home. If the Clerk's office has a valid rabies certificate on record, you will be able to pay from your checkbook or with a credit card on line. (Additional fees will apply to purchases made with a credit card). If you have a new dog or need to provide rabies information you will need to do the transaction by mail or in person.

Vital records will also be offered online. Birth certificates will be available for those people whose parents were living in Whately at the time of their birth. Marriage certificates will be obtainable for those people who filed their marriage intentions in Whately, not necessarily lived or were married in Whately. Death certificates will be available for any person that died in Whately or was living in Whately at the time of their death.

Although the Town Clerk is providing this new online system for certain transactions, the office will no longer provide hunting and fishing licenses for 2012. Due to a new online program the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has acquired, the Town Clerk's office will not be able to meet the requirements necessary to be a Licensing Agent.

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The office computer would need to be upgraded for the program required of a licensing agent and the town is uncomfortable with the new requirement that a vendor would sweep our bank account on a weekly basis to get the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Town Clerk's office personnel or S. White Dickinson Library staff would be happy to help any residents with the online transaction. Those of you who have automatically received free licenses over the years will also need to go online to get your license. We regret that we won't be able to provide licensing directly for the residents.

**Learn About The Proposed New Solar Facility By-Law** by Judy Markland, Planning Board

The Planning Board has drafted a new zoning by-law covering large ground-mounted solar facilities and is looking for comments at a public meeting to be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 20 at 6 pm. Our zoning is currently silent on solar power generation. The intent of the bylaw is to encourage alternative energy generation in town while protecting abutters and viewscapes. Passage of the by-law is also a critical component of the town's effort to qualify as a Green Community, which will make Whately eligible for certain state funding.

The by-law changes will allow some solar facilities by right in certain areas of town and others by special permit, in addition to establishing site plan review criteria, such as setbacks, screening, and noise limits for these large-scale projects. We'd like your feedback on all of this.

The Planning Board and the Select Board both believe that this is a very important matter for Whately. As you may know, one 10-acre solar 'farm'

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is already planned in town. A special town meeting will be held in October for voters to act on the by-law.

**Transfer Station News** by Fran Fortino

**Next Bulky Waste Day Oct. 15**

Our next Bulky Waste Collection day will be held on **Saturday, October 16, 8-1 p.m. at the Transfer Station.** It is another chance to get rid of your old bulky household items, large and small, including old furniture & carpets, mattresses, bicycles, scrap metal, BBQ tanks, appliances, TV's, computers & other electronics, tires, even some construction and demolition materials. Fees charged to cover costs.

We always need a few volunteers to make bulky day a success. If you can volunteer 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 (call above tel. for details).

**Reminder: crush cardboard & plastic containers**

Our diligent transfer station staff rely on the good will and understanding of town residents to flatten their cardboard and crush plastic containers as much as possible before tossing into the recycling containers. Flattening and crushing these items saves the town space and money, not to mention the smiles it puts on our staff's faces. Thank you all for recycling as much as you do!

**Hazardous Waste Collection Sept. 25**

by Fran Fortino

The FCSWMD's annual hazardous waste collection will be on **Saturday, September 24** at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station. It

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is free to Whately residents and offers a once-a-year opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as oil-based paints, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries, fluorescent lamps, and other household chemicals.

All participants must **pre-register by Sept. 16** (online [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hwdform.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hwdform.html)) or call 772-2438. For a complete list of acceptable items, see the District's website: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html).

**Hurricane Irene**

By Lynn Sibley, Emergency Management Director

I would like to thank the residents of Whately for taking Irene seriously. Except for some minor flooding, some fallen trees, and a short power outage to one part of town, Whately came through the storm relatively unscathed. Things could have been much worse as we can see from watching the news coverage from our neighbors just to the north and west. Many of these neighboring communities will have a long road to recovery and will probably never be the same.

Emergency personnel manned the Emergency Operations Center for much of the day on Sunday and responded to incidents as they came in. Special thanks to Fire Chief John Hannum, Police Chief Jim Sevigne, Police Officer Don Bates, Highway Superintendent Keith Bardwell, Fire Captain Wayne Hutkoski, Ambulance Director Gary Stone, Firefighter Randy Sibley, Whately Citizen Corps members Peter Williams and Sandy Mazzacane for staffing the Emergency Operations Center. I would



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also like to thank the Firefighters, EMT's, Whately Citizen Corps members and Highway crew that stood by on call either at the Fire Station or at home should they be needed.

Connect CTY, the towns emergency information line, proved to be a good way to get news out to all residents. If you did not receive a phone call from me on Friday or Saturday, please call me at 665-4400 so that I can add your number to the automated message service. If there was an evacuation and phone and electricity was still operational, this would be the quickest method for the town to get a message to everyone in a particular area.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We would certainly rather be over prepared than suffer the effects of being unprepared.

### **Wild Creature Sightings**

by Marianne Simon

We had a bird rehab person visiting this week, bringing a baby tufted titmouse she was feeding. He lived in a cage in our window that overlooks the front porch, and he tweeted frequently (not on the computer!!), rather loudly. We discovered one night that an adult titmouse was sleeping on a nail on our porch, apparently keeping company with the baby. The next morning, there was a whole band of titmice on the porch, tweeting away, interviewing the baby, perhaps to ascertain if he needed help. They finally decided he was in good hands, and left. Compassion is for the birds, all right!!

We were informed by a jogging neighbor that a bear was hanging out in our yard at 8 AM one morning. We were sorry to have missed his visit - we haven't seen one in quite a while. However, we were grateful he had the good sense not to visit when we had friends sleeping in a tent for two nights! I can imagine the shrieks such a nocturnal visit might have provoked, and the neighborhood commotion that might have resulted!

### **General Bylaw Approval**

On August 26, 2011 the Attorney General approved a general bylaw adopted under Article 26 at the Whately Annual Town Meeting held on April 26, 2011. The bylaw is as follows:

Article 26. Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted that the town amend the Code of the Town of Whately, Chapter 41, Property Sales of, Section 41-1, Authority to Sell Certain Property by deleting the current chapter and section in their entirety and by replacing the chapter with the following:

Chapter 41. Property, Sale Of

§ 41-1. Authority to sell certain property.

In accordance with Chapter 30B, §15(f) the Town hereby approves a written procedure to dispose of surplus property with an estimated net value of less than \$5,000. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that the Town obtains the best possible return when disposing of supplies that are no longer useful to the

Town. This procedure applies to all tangible surplus supplies including motor vehicles, machinery, computer equipment, furniture, and other materials and supplies. The term "supplies" does not include real property. This procedure does not apply to unclaimed property in the possession of the Police Departments which must be auctioned pursuant to G.L. c. 135, §8.

This procedure applies to all Town Departments, Board, Committees and Commissions of the Town of Whately.

A. The Department Head, Board, Committee or Commission who has jurisdiction over the surplus supplies shall first declare that said supplies are no longer useful.

B. The Department Head, Board, Committee or Commission shall place a net value of less than \$5,000 on said surplus supplies.

C. Notice of this declaration shall be forwarded by the Department Head, Board, Committee or Commission to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation for action.

D. The Board of Selectmen shall offer the surplus supplies to other Town Departments, Boards, Committees or Commissions. Should any of these units be interested in the surplus supplies the Board of Selectmen shall transfer the surplus supplies to the appropriate unit for its use.

E. If said surplus supplies were a gift or donation from an individual, organization or business, the Board of Selectmen will have the option of returning said surplus supplies to said individual, organization or business at no cost.

F. If no other Town Department, Board, Committee or Commission is interested in said surplus supplies and the surplus supplies are not returned to the individual, organization or business who donated said supplies, the Board of Selectmen shall dispose of said surplus supplies through one of the following methods:

Disposal of the item or items as refuse or recyclable material.

Charitable Donation – Surplus supplies can be disposed of at less than fair market value to any organization that has an IRS tax exempt status by reason of its charitable nature. A charitable donation must be approved in advance by a majority vote of Town Meeting.

Trade-In when making a purchase. IFB or RFP should specify the items to be traded in as part of the procurement.

Public Auction or yard sale.

Sealed bids

Said proceeds of the sale of surplus supplies through either of the methods mentioned in section F above will be deposited into the General Fund.

A true copy, Attest: Lynn M. Sibley, CMC, CMMC

Town of Whately

**The Whately Scoop needs help** following up on the small amount of fundraising we do to keep this newsletter free to all. If you have even a small amount of time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

**The deadline for submission to the Dec. 2011 issue of the Scoop is Nov. 30, 2011.** 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.

**TOWN DIRECTORY**

<i>Department</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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

Assessors - Tue 9a – 8p. Wed. 9a – 4p  
Library - Mon Tue Wed 1p. – 8p; Sat 10a – 3:00p  
Selectmen - Mon Tue 9-6– Wed Fri 9a – 4:00p  
Town Clerk – Mon noon-7:00p; Tue-Fri 9:00a -4:00p  
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> Tue, 4:00p Library  
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> Tuesday, 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

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](http://www.whately.org). Please check at the Town Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings.

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September clears the summer's haze  
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 To learn in many other ways...  
 How short it was, a two-month phase  
 The southern march of summer's sun  
 Tells us summer's almost done  
 Those luscious chilly swimming holes  
 Will soon be feeling much too cold

Other games will be more fun  
 Autumn brings its own delights  
 Cooler days and colder nights  
 Electric bills become more tame  
 And soon the leaves will turn to flame  
 And energy will reach new heights  
 So we wish to one and all  
 A joyous and exciting Fall!