

# Whately Transfer Station Calendar

## - 2013 -

*Please note: Only trash in Town of Whately bags will be accepted - still the best deal in Town at only \$2 for a 33 gal. trash bag!*

**Batteries**—rechargeable and non-rechargeable. **Also cell phones & batteries; laptop, camera and power tool batteries.** Drop in battery recycling box—see attendant for details.

**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.

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

**Fluorescent lights/bulbs** —Drop off in swap shed box. See attendant for details. No fees charged. NO broken bulbs please!

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

**Sharps Collection** — For those who use needles for personal health, get free collection boxes at (and return to): Whately Health Center, 181 State Rd., **Tuesdays, 9-2 only.**

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

**Brush Chipping** — **May 4 & June 1 only, 8 a.m.-Noon.** Bring brush up to 6" in diameter and free of nails and dirt, but **NO** leaves, grass, or construction debris. Wood chips available afterwards for landscaping.

**Swap Shed** — **open most Tuesdays p.m. & Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Bring only useful household items, sporting goods, and small toys, etc. — NO exercise equipment please. Take items you can use free. All items must be in **good working condition** & re-usable or will be rejected. **PLEASE** be considerate of staff and other residents, don't bring or leave broken junk or parts or TV's! Thanks.

★ **Spring Bulky Waste Collection day - May 18, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** For 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 for most items to cover costs.

**Hazardous Waste Collection day, Sept. 21** - at various sites. Bring toxic materials like motor oil, pesticides and solvents, etc. Pre-registration required, call 772-2438.

★ **Fall Bulky Waste Collection Day - Oct. 19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Same as spring bulky day above, so bring all the rest of your stuff you forgot.

**After the holidays** each year, bring Christmas trees for chipping. More recycling information over →→

*In 2012, Whately residents saved close to \$10,000 by recycling about 43% of our waste. Thank you all for doing your part! If you would like more information, please call 665-4561. -Whately Waste Management Committee*

- Remember to recycle! PLEASE PUT THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR -

## WHAT CAN GO IN THE WHATELY RECYCLING BOXES?

### **YES - Please empty and rinse, or flatten these items**

<p><b>Aluminum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cans, aluminum foil</li> <li>➤ pie pans, aluminum trays</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO – but several items below have other recycling options*</b></p> <p>siding scrap metal foil-wrapped beverage pouches (Capri Sun) pots &amp; pans, utensils, tools</p>
<p><b>Steel (tin) cans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK)</li> <li>➤ pet food, soup cans (metal lids OK)</li> <li>➤ EMPTY aerosol spray cans (food, laundry, beauty)</li> </ul>	<p>hangers scrap metal pots &amp; pans paint cans</p> <p>car parts, pipes, fuel tanks, etc. appliances toys <b>aerosol spray cans that contained hazardous products:</b> spray paint, insecticides, etc.</p>
<p><b>Glass:</b> Labels do not need to be removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food and beverage bottles and jars</li> </ul>	<p>Ceramics, baking dishes, dishware drinking glasses, vases canning jars broken glass</p> <p>cookware (Pyrex) coffee mugs medicine bottles plate glass</p> <p>light bulbs* (see fluorescent lights below) glass art windows mirrors eye glasses</p>
<p><b>Plastics:</b> Smaller than 2.5 gallons ONLY. <b>Please Flatten, if you can.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, etc.</li> <li>➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk</li> <li>➤ detergent bottles</li> <li>➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, conditioner</li> <li>➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam)</li> <li>➤ clean dry plastic bags (see below)</li> </ul>	<p>Plastic egg cartons medicine &amp; pill bottles "packing" peanuts or foam packing packaging of any kind clothes baskets toys* (see swap shed) flower pots black plastic or tarps 5-gallon pails; buckets VCR, CD cases</p> <p>bottles that contained motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals or other hazardous stuff curbside/other plastic bins indoor/outdoor/patio furniture swimming pools, tarps, hoses; PVC piping or tubing containers bigger than 2.5 gals. nalgene water bottles plastic wine corks</p>
<p><b>Cartons:</b> Recycle with containers, not paper. No straws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK)</li> <li>➤ soy milk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws)</li> </ul>	<p>foil-wrapped pouches (Capri Sun) frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging</p> <p>butter, margarine boxes tissues Tyvek or padded envelopes stickers &amp; sticker sheeting paper cups</p>
<p><b>Paper:</b> Clean paper and cardboard only-<b>Flatten boxes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail</li> <li>➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper</li> <li>➤ shredded paper—put in paper bag</li> <li>➤ corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes (no grease or food)</li> <li>➤ cardboard (for example, cereal boxes)</li> <li>➤ gift wrap, gift bags, cards, gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter)</li> <li>➤ paperback books and phonebooks</li> </ul>	<p>soda, beer cartons frozen juice cartons take-out containers paper towels** egg cartons** dirty pizza/food boxes** (put in food compost bins)</p> <p>glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) blueprints dirty paper (pet waste, paint) copy paper packaging</p>
<p><b>Other* (ask attendant)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Plastic bags (Clean, dry, empty and no stickers)</li> <li>➤ Household batteries (separate different types)</li> <li>➤ All fluorescent lights (separate different types)</li> <li>➤ All books, etc. (see other side for details)</li> </ul>	<p>* Several of the above items in the 'No' column can be disposed of on bulky waste collection days (see other side for details) OR in the food waste composting containers at the bottom of the transfer station ramp. ** → food waste, ask attendant for details.</p>

## **Town Hall Restoration & Expansion FAQ**

### **1. What does the proposed restoration involve?**

The project includes stabilization and renovation of the existing building, construction of a 3400 square foot addition at the rear of the building, septic and other site work. New restrooms and an elevator would be added, as well as 1000 square feet of mechanical space housing heating and air conditioning systems. In addition to creating needed office space, there would be a vault and climate-controlled storage for town documents, a meeting room for the Select Board, and the auditorium would be preserved with the floor stabilized so that it could accommodate up to 200 people. The preliminary design can be found at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org)

### **2. Why do we need to do anything? Town government seems to be working fine.**

There are many reasons. First, because of deferred maintenance, Town Hall is in a bad state of repair. As a minimum, there are environmental and health issues that need to be addressed soon which includes asbestos, lead paint, rodent infestation, and animal waste. It badly needs work on the foundation, insulation, wiring, window repair heating system and more. The auditorium floor is not structurally sound and cannot be used for the large crowds it was designed to accommodate.

Second, both Town Hall and Center School are currently illegal for use as public meeting and office space, since neither is fully handicap accessible. Presently, the courts could force the town to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring Town Hall or the Center School offices into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If we're going to spend that kind of money, we'd like to do it as part of a thoughtful restoration that gives us a building that meets the town's needs.

Third, there is currently inadequate office space for town employees, inadequate and unsafe storage for town documents, and no room for future growth. Having town offices separated in two buildings is inefficient for operations and expensive for maintenance.

### **3. Why not build a new building to consolidate town offices?**

This option was analyzed by the Municipal Building Committee. (See the Powerpoint presentation at <http://www.whately.org> or see a copy at the Selectmen's Office or the library for the office consolidation options considered by the Committee.) Voters on Election Day were asked whether they prefer a new building for town offices or restoration of Town Hall for the offices. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the Town Hall project.

Therefore, the Municipal Building Committee has

endorsed and recommended to the Selectboard the Town Hall restoration option rather than a new building for several reasons:

- Town Hall is an important historic building and a key landmark in Whately Center. It should be restored and used.

- CPA historic preservation funds can be used for this project and historic preservation grant money and grant funding for accessibility renovations may be available. These funding options aren't available for a new building, which initial estimates show would cost Whately taxpayers approximately as much as renovation and still leave the expense of fixing Town Hall.

- The only two possible sites that the town owns are near the Fire Station on Christian Lane and the site of the former Villa Di Maio restaurant on State Road. Building on the space adjacent to the Fire Station is feasible, but would limit future expansion of existing buildings that offer critical services to town residents. The restaurant site could be rezoned for commercial use and eventually be sold to generate funds as well as future tax revenues.

- Building a new building would leave the town with three civic office buildings to maintain rather than the current two, and Town Hall would still need to be restored.

### **4. Why can't we just restore the existing building without adding more space?**

There simply isn't enough space in Town Hall for current town offices and storage of town documents, even if the auditorium space was sacrificed for these uses. The town would incur a large cost for rehabilitating Town Hall and still have inadequate facilities. The Building Committee feels that for the amount of money being invested by Whately taxpayers we should create a building that not only meets our current town office needs but our future needs as well.

### **5. Why do we need a large conference room for 200 people when we have the elementary school space?**

The Municipal Building Committee and other committees and commissions in town want to preserve the auditorium. The town needs a larger assembly space for meetings, concerts and theatrical productions – all important to keep the town alive and thriving. The Historical Commission feels strongly that it is important to maintain the auditorium, which is a critical part of the building's history and importance to the town.

Note: the Historical Commission's support is critical in securing CPA funds awarded to help fund the project. Cultural grant money may also be available for preserving the auditorium space.

### **6. Since the Town Hall is an historic building, has the historical commission been involved?**

The historic commission fully supports and

endorses the renovation of the Town Hall. They have a member on the Municipal Building Committee and have contributed to the historic preservation and architectural issues. It is an underlying goal that the architecture and historic character of the building be restored and maintained.

**7. Why is the town hall being painted before the restoration is completed?**

Since actual restoration may not commence for a few years, with 2015 probably the earliest, something needs to be done to preserve the outside of the building. Most of the restoration work will occur from the inside of the building with the outside being left intact except for areas of decay or replacement. Being a historic building it may be required that the outside be maintained as wood or a similar product and not covered with vinyl or metal materials.

**8. What happens to the Post Office?**

The post office building will remain at its current location.

**9. What about parking and a septic system?**

The project costs include land preparations and installation of an adequate septic system on town land. The design also includes an expanded and reconfigured parking area in front of and behind town hall on town land. Current town property would create parking to accommodate 23 cars, a sizeable increase over the current situation, but not enough for large groups in the auditorium. Simultaneously, the library also needs more parking and the sidewalks in town center also need improvement. The Town hopes to create improvements to both parking and sidewalks for a variety of town center buildings and uses without sacrificing the beauty of the street.

**10. What will the project cost and what's the effect on my tax bill?**

The Architectural and Engineering Designs are a critical part of determining the exact project cost and the impact on the average taxpayer in town. Without this design step, the town could not accurately assess the impact on the tax base of the Town Hall Restoration and Expansion project.

**11. Where will the assessor and treasurer work while construction is underway and where will handicap accessible meetings be held?**

The Center School offices will need to temporarily accommodate all town offices during Town Hall restoration and expansion. All public forums and towns meetings will be temporarily held at the Whately Elementary School to accommodate individuals with handicaps.

**12. What will happen to the Center School Building?**

There are many possible options including the sale of the building. These options will be evaluated once this project is complete.

**13. What are the next steps?**

The Municipal Building Committee is encouraging a record turnout at this year's Town Meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013. At the May Town Meeting, a vote will be taken to appropriate money for the construction design phase of the project and to hire an architect to create the necessary plans. We hope that all residents will attend town meeting and vote your support for the town hall construction design phase necessary to meet the needs of Whately residents today and far into the future.

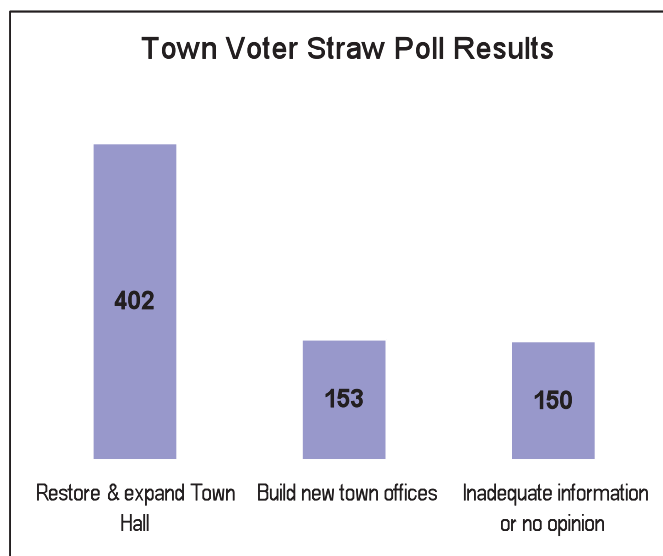
A second and concurrent step in our process to build a town hall that meets our community needs while keeping costs as low as possible, is that we are currently and actively pursuing various funding opportunities that will help defray the construction costs of rehabilitating and expanding town hall. The Town of Whately will apply for a variety of grants to help pay for construction and handicap accessibility costs and we are also considering forming a "Friends of Town Hall" committee that will help the town find additional money sources to minimize the tax burden of this project for Whately residents.

Conclusion: The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Municipal Building Committee meetings. Committee meetings are held at town hall and the dates and agendas are posted

on the Whately website at least 48 hours in advance of meetings.

You may also contact individuals on the Municipal Building Committee to comment on our the Town Hall Project. Members of the Committee are:

- Jonathan Edwards, Chair
- Fred Orloski, Vice Chair
- Anita Husted, Secretary
- Virginia Allis
- Adelia Bardwell
- J D Ross
- Darcy Tozier
- John Wroblewski







# The WHATELY SCOOP

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with the Milk Bottle...

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### 2013 CPA project funding proposals, public forum March 13 at 6pm

Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee hopes you'll come to Town Hall on Wednesday, March 13 at 6pm to learn about this year's CPA project funding recommendations.

The Committee has approved three applications for funds totaling \$101,246, and we'd like your comments and feedback before they go on the Town Meeting warrant.

The largest is a request to provide about \$88,000 for architectural and engineering work for the restoration of Town Hall. A second historic preservation proposal is for \$2000

to fund the archival preservation of five historic cemetery maps. The third project is a request for \$11,340 to fund the local share of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on farmland on River Road. All three applications can be reviewed at the Town Clerk's office.

This is your chance to give us input on these proposals to invest your CPA tax revenues and the state's match. Please come.

### Whately Historical Society

by Dee Bardwell

The Whately Historical Society is pleased to offer an evening of entertainment with Marianne Simon Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 at the Center School. We will hear about her amazing career.

We are setting up our next exhibit featuring the Post Office. The grand opening is May 26 when we celebrate Memorial Day.

Our society has members who are dedicated to preserving Whately's past. We need more volunteers to keep up with the wonderful artifacts

that we are receiving. We invite you to join us in our endeavor to record our growing collection. Everyone has a skill that could help with projects. If you are willing to help we can work around your

availability, days or nights. Please consider getting involved in something important to Whately. Every organization seeks new members to keep its mission alive. Whately Historical Society is eager to grow.

We need you! Call 413-665-3837 for information.

### Fond Farewell from Joella Gallo

It is with much sadness that I say good-bye to everyone after two and a half years. My

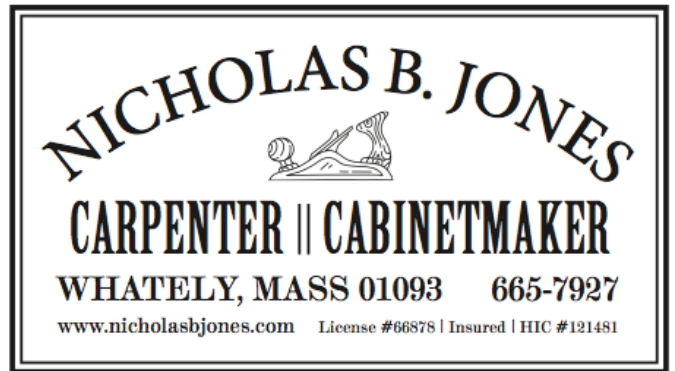
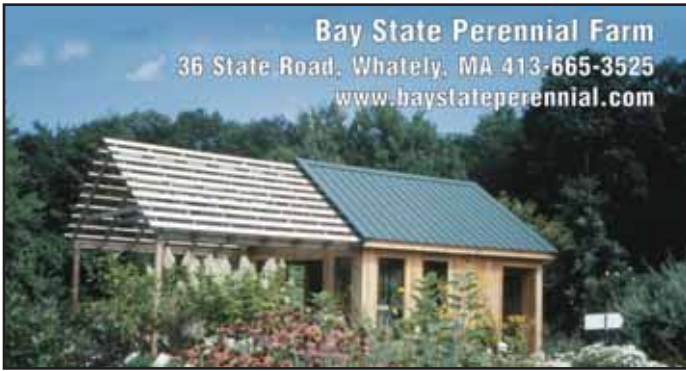
**\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE\*\*\***

The Whately Municipal Building Committee will hold a public forum to discuss the Town Hall Restoration and Expansion Project. At this public forum, we will provide a project update and discuss the upcoming votes at Town Meeting that will hopefully authorize the town to fund the creation of final construction ready and design plans for the Town Hall Project.

**Where: Whately Town Hall**  
**Date: Weds., March 27, 2013 7:00pm**

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND**

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last day of work was supposed to be February 9th, but all post offices in New England were closed that Saturday due to the blizzard, and for that reason I was unable to say my good-byes in person. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know each of you as well as serving you in my capacity as the Postmaster relief person. I will not soon forget my days in Whately and will carry with me many fond memories along with some new friends. I am sure many of you will still see me around the area - after all, how could you miss my bright green Jeep!! If you do happen to spot me, just give me a beep and a wave!!

**Whately Cultural Council - 18 Awards for 2013**

by Neal Abraham, Chair, cultural council

The Whately Cultural Council met on Tuesday, December 5, 2012 in an open meeting in the Town Hall to consider grant applications for awards to be spent in 2013. The Council received 28 applications seeking awards totaling \$11,115. The Council had \$4371 to allocate, made up of the annual allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council of \$3870 and \$501 in unspent funds from 2012 awards and a little bit of interest earned.

The Cultural Council made 18 awards to the following applicants or benefitting organizations (some of which received more than one award): Steve Calderon for the Whately Talent Festival, S. White Dickinson Memorial Library, Friends of the S. White Dickinson Memorial Library, Whately Historical Society, Whately Elementary School, Blanche Derby, Alfredo Chapeliquen, Rona Leventhal, Rachel Roberts, Moonlight and Morning Star performing at the South County Senior Center, Pioneer Valley Symphony and Chorus and Watermelon

Wednesdays. Please look for their programs over the course of 2013.

Members and officers of the Council for 2012 were the following:

- Neal Abraham, Chair;
- Katie O'Hara Edwards, Treasurer;
- Alexander Fortune;
- Marilee Kloc, Secretary;
- Larry Kuttner;
- Leesa Lesenski, Assistant Secretary; and
- Anthoula (Ann) Reiss.

All members of the Council are continuing for 2013. The officers were re-elected for 2013 with an additional officer for 2013 elected as well: Larry Kutner, Vice-Chair and Chair-elect.

For questions or information, contact the Whately Cultural Council at P.O. Box 234 or visit the Massachusetts Cultural Council website for the Whately Cultural Council at <https://www.mass-culture.org/>. The postmark deadline for applications for grants to be spent in 2014 is likely to be October 15, 2013; details will be posted on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website where you can also find application forms.



## Friends of the Whately Library

The Friends are sponsoring a great series of talks this spring featuring **local authors**. On Tuesday March 5th at 6:30 **George Howe Colt** will read from his new book *Brothers: On His Brothers and Brothers in History* in which he reflects on how his four brothers helped shape his own life and also examines the complex relationships between iconic brothers in history. On Monday March 18th at 6:30 **Matt Rigney** will speak about his book *In Pursuit of Giants: One Man's Global Search for the last of the Great Fish*. Published in 2012, *In Pursuit of Giants* is a call to arms for the protection of the great fish of the sea – marlin, bluefin tuna, and swordfish. It's an adventure story that combines great sport narrative with the passionate advocacy of the best environmental writing. On Tuesday April 2nd at 6:00 **Saloma Miller Furlong** tells how she made the difficult break from the Amish in her memoir, *Why I Left the Amish*. Furlong also told her story in the PBS American Experience program, "The Amish," which premiered in 2012. Last but definitely not least on Tuesday April 23rd at 6:30 **Joanna Lillian Brown** will address what it means to be a good caregiver in end of life care from her book, *Caring for Dying Loved Ones: A Helpful Guide for Families and Friends* published in 2010. Many of us haven't thought about what we would do if someone near to us became ill and suddenly needed our help as a caregiver. Join us for a thoughtful discussion to be better prepared before a crisis hits. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Whately Local Cultural Council.

### Library events

by Tiffany Hilton

**Ukrainian Egg Workshop**, Sat., Mar 16, 12-2pm. Local art teacher Marion Abrams will teach basic skills for beautiful, traditional Ukrainian Pysanky. A great family activity for adults and children seven years and older with adult supervision. Please call 665-2170 to register.

**Monday Movies** – 3:00 & 6:00 pm  
Free popcorn. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. March 11, *Robot & Frank*, PG-13; April 8, *Searching for Sugar Man*, PG-13; May 13, *Life of Pi*, PG

**Favorite Poem Night** – Tuesday, April 16,

## *Hillside House Bed and Breakfast*

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413-665-5515

Web address: [www.hillsidehousebb.com](http://www.hillsidehousebb.com)

7pm April is National Poetry Month! Bring your own favorite poem to the library for a festive open reading, all ages and poems welcome. Special guests will begin the evening by reading their favorites aloud to you.

**Poem in your Pocket** – Stop by the library during the month of April and choose a poem for your pocket from our display. The idea is simple: select a poem you love and carry it with you to share with co-workers, family and friends.

**Sidewalk Chalk "Kids Crafternoon"** – Tuesday, April 16, 3-5pm, drop-in during school vacation week to help us celebrate Poetry Month by decorating the library sidewalks with colorful poems and pictures. We'll provide some inspiration to get you started.



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**Planning Board to hold meeting to discuss proposed zoning changes**

by Judy Markland, Planning Board

Here's your chance to learn about the changes that the Planning Board is proposing for the town's approval at Town Meeting this spring. The Board will be holding a public meeting on **March 26 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall** to get comments on the proposals.

The most significant revision is the proposed requirement that farm stands and other agricultural facilities with more than 300 square feet of space devoted to retail sales and distribution undergo site plan review before they can be built. The site plan review process gives the Planning Board some design oversight but no ability to deny the project. The Board feels that this requirement is important to get neighbors' input and to ensure that there is safe access, appropriate lighting, etc.

Another change would lower the maximum height allowed for all equipment in a large-scale ground-mounted solar facility to 25 feet from the 35 now permitted. In addition, the Planning Board is proposing that the zoning map be revised to alter the zoning districts of several lots, including expanding the Commercial/Industrial district on Long Plain Road.

The specifics of the proposed changes can be found at the Town Clerk's office or on line at [whately.org/planning-board](http://whately.org/planning-board).

**FRCOG emergency preparedness**

by Lindsey Britt

Local Emergency planners are reminding residents that every winter cold, ice, and storms come to western Massachusetts and preparing for these inevitable events can make the impact much less severe for you, your family, and your pets. Lindsey Britt, Regional



[www.signaturesounds.com](http://www.signaturesounds.com)

Preparedness Planner at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, suggests keeping several days of food (that does not require cooking) in your home and storing five gallons of water per person in case your pipes freeze or burst. Having a battery powered radio is also very helpful during power outages, because many town officials and emergency responders will communicate important information, such as the location of warming centers, through local radio stations. [www.westernmassready.org](http://www.westernmassready.org)

**First Congregational Church of Whately**

By Judy Hunter

Lent is upon us as we prepare for the most important holiday of Christian life, Easter. The Easter week services will begin with the children's progression with palms on Palm Sunday March 24th at 10 AM. A simple supper ( soup & bread) and communion will be held on Maundy Thursday March 28th beginning at 6 PM. Easter Sunrise service will be held behind the library at 6:30 AM on March 31st followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall. Easter Worship Service will be at 10 AM. Please join us for the Holiest of weeks of the church calendar.

The members of the church pride themselves as being a "community" church. Whately is very important to all of our members. Our doors are open to all that would like to attend. If you are planning a meeting, reunion or other function, consider our facilities. We are here to be a large part of community needs. If you think that you might like to use our facilities, please call Adelia Bardwell at 665-3837 for more information.

**The 2013 Whately Talent Show**

Steve Calderone

Save the date – March 23, 2013 – for the 16th annual Whately Family Talent Festival.

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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. Last year's door prize list included 10 sponsors!

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 event is on Saturday, at 7pm, in the Whately Elementary School Gym For 15 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 22nd, same place, 6-8pm. We are unable to allow any acts to perform on Saturday if they do not attend on Friday. Thank you for understanding. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your continued support.

## Whately Land Preservation

by Mary Dingman Abel

Whately Land Preservation has three forthcoming events we want you to know about. There is something for everyone, young and older.

On Sunday, April 7, 2-4 p.m., we will be hosting our Annual Meeting, this year to be held at the Smith College MacLeish Field Station on Poplar Hill Road. There will be a tour by Reid Bertone-Johnson, Manager of this wonderful facility. Speakers will be Rich Hubbard from Franklin Land Trust, and Bill

MacLeish who will talk about valley history related to his book, *The Day Before America*. Election of Board Members, refreshments, and an optional short hike of the surrounding area will round out the program.

The second annual Mass Audubon-sponsored road clean-up, Clean Up Whately for Earth Day, will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 9-11 (rain date Sunday, April 21st). Last year's event was a huge success, with truckloads of trash removed from our roadways. We provide all supplies and refreshments. Meet at Town Hall, get some exercise, have some fun, and help provide a valuable service to our planet.

Come early summer, we will be sending out information about the third biannual Photo Contest, to be exhibited at the Library in the fall. As always, there will be categories for adults and for youth. Start taking pictures (color or black and white) now, of any place in Whately, and have a chance to win a prize and show off your artistic skills. This event has always been much anticipated and much appreciated.

Keep your eyes open for posters around town prior to these events and do come join us! Come join WLP as a member! We are always looking for more of you who want to support our cause---protecting Whately's forests, fields, and historic places. Find us at [whatelylandpreservation.org](http://whatelylandpreservation.org) for more info.

P.S. Artwork by students from the Whately Elementary School grades 4 - 6 is on display at the Whately Library through the third week

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**Dr. Rebecca Jones**

**Thank You  
 to everyone who helps produce the Scoop and**

of March. Some of these drawings are featured in our Capturing Whately 2013 Desk Calendar that is available for sale at the Whately Library, LaSalle's, and Clip and Curl.

**CH 15 needs help to broadcast local meetings**

By Joyce Palmer Fortune, Whately Cable Com.

Can you imagine what your Tuesday nights would be like without the selectmen live on your channel 15? OK, technically it's just the 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month, but still - we know folks in Whately are interested because we get phone calls when we aren't LIVE on ch 15 for Selectmen's meetings. And when we are not on, it is almost always because we do not have a volunteer or an intern available on that particular night to set up, run the camera and record the meeting for video on demand.

This is a shame, because setting up and using the equipment is fairly easy, and we even offer a small stipend (\$25/meeting) for those who complete training at FCAT and regularly help record and broadcast public meetings.

Also, folks have told us they would like to see more public meetings on ch 15. That's very understandable - it helps make our local

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**From the Town Clerk**  
 by Lynn Sibley

Town Reports

In year's past, the town report was delivered to every household in town. As people become more technology oriented and more concerned with the amount of paper that is produced, the Selectmen thought that it would make sense environmentally to primarily have the Town Report online. The last few years of town reports appear on the website at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) on the Town Clerk's page. We will still have a minimum amount of printed reports that will be available at the Center School Office after April 19th. Anyone wishing a paper version can stop by the Center School Offices and pick one up or give us a call at 665-4400 and we will see that you get one. We will also have copies at the May 9, 2013 Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting warrant and Finance Committee reports will also be on the website and in paper form.

Dog Licenses

Just a reminder that all dogs need to be licensed by June 1st or a \$25 late fee will apply. You will need to provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license. Dog licenses are \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for an unaltered dog. Dogs can be licensed by mail by sending the correct payment along

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**193 Chestnut Plain Road, Whately Center, 413-665-3044**

with a valid rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Town Clerk, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. You may also license in person at the Town Clerk's Office in the Center School Offices at 218 Chestnut Plain Road during regular business hours. Please call 665-0054 for hours. Another alternative is online licensing. If your dog has a valid rabies certificate filed in the clerk's office for this year you can go to [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) and hover over online payments and click on dog licenses. There is a 25¢ fee if you use your bank account and a larger fee for credit cards. The fee for credit cards is based on the amount of the purchase.

### Elections & Town Meeting

There will be additional elections this year for the recently vacated seat of Senator Kerry. A primary will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 and the Special Election will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Both elections will be held in the Town Hall between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Whately Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 and the hours will be 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's office for the various positions. Completed nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk by April 23, 2013.

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### Wildlife Sightings

by guest columnist Shawn Allen



At 7:00 AM on February the 25 I Had the privilege of watching a black Ermine ply the stone wall outside our kitchen window on

Laurel Mountain Road. We have enjoyed seeing black Bear, Fox, Coyote, even Moose, as well as the usual bird and squirrel here in the past, but never the Slinky like Ermine. He/she disappeared as fast as he appeared leaving our dog Oliver in quite a frenzied state of wanting to chase this beautiful creature. The Ermine's visit was so brief that I did not have time for a even one photograph. I will happily remain vigilant with camera ready hoping to see more of Whately's magnificent wild life in the future.

Share your wildlife sightings - [mpsimon70@comcast.net](mailto:mpsimon70@comcast.net)

**The Whately Scoop** -The deadline for submission to the May, 2013 issue of the Scoop is May 15, 2013. 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.



Whately Town Hall



**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.

***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))***

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Winter ebbs, days grow longer,  
 Down below us, life grows stronger  
 Soon tree frogs will be singing out  
 And larva crawling all about

Make sap rise up to untold heights  
 Birds will soon call for a mate  
 And hope they don't have long to wait

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

Warming days and still-cool nights