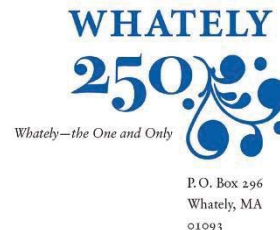


Dear Whately Neighbor:

It's hard to believe we are one year away from Whately's 250th Anniversary, and plans are moving forward for a great celebration! And while the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 is forcing the rethinking of some plans, we are organizing activities which will be held with the health and safety of participants being the primary consideration.



Some of the events we are working on, pending health considerations, are:

Fireworks

Firemen's Muster

BBQ

Car, Big Truck & Steam Engine Events

Parade

Concerts

For this to be a memorable anniversary year, we will need to invite and encourage help from the residents of Whately. This could include financial, organizational, and/or logistical support. As some of the governmental financial support we had been hoping for will likely and understandably no longer be available because of the pandemic, and because other possible funding sources will likewise be stretched, your participation on any level would be a great help.

Fully understanding that times may be difficult for some members of the community, we are hoping that those that are able to contribute some money will do so. If you own a local business, or are otherwise in a position to contribute more substantially by underwriting one of our many events or by providing in-kind support, please contact us at Whately250@gmail.com and we'll send you a Partnership Package. The package has more information about the celebration and may help you find a good fit to help.

If you can help financially, please return the slip below with a check to **Whately 250, P.O. Box 296, Whately, MA 01093**. You can also use a credit card by going to the donation page at www.whately250.com. Whately 250 is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you for your generous help in making Whately's 250th Anniversary celebration a great one!

Follow the fun on our website or on Facebook @Whately250th.

Yes! I would like to contribute to Whately 250 to help our town have a wonderful celebration next year.

Please send your check to: Whately 250, PO Box 296, Whately, MA 01093

\$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I'd like to help out with _____

Whately Genealogy Information Update

Whately's most recent town genealogy information was published in Ena Cane's, *Whately 1771-1971*, published in 1972. Dereka Smith of the Whately Historical Society is undertaking to update this information for the town's 250th celebration. You can help by providing your family's information.

If your family is listed in the 1972 publication, please add any subsequent information below. If your family arrived in Whately after 1970, please add your information on the other side of the form.

1. Updated information for families previously listed in the town genealogy.

Deaths. Include name, date of death (mm/dd/yy), and family relationship if the name was not included in the earlier genealogy.

Births. Include name, date (mm/dd/yy), and family relationship.

Weddings. Include names, date (mm/dd/yy), and birthplace of spouse if not from Whately.

2. Information for families new to Whately since 1970.

Include information since arrival in Whately only.

Names, relationships, birth dates and birth locations of family members.

Weddings. Include names, date (mm/dd/yy), and birthplace of spouse if not from Whately.

Deaths. Include name, date of death (mm/dd/yy)



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Cordwood Available

By Keith Bardwell, Whately Highway and Building Superintendent

The Town of Whately has cordwood for sale to any Whately resident. The price is \$250 per truck load delivered which averages 1.75 cord. The length averages 14" to 16". Contact Keith Bardwell at 665-2983. The proceeds from cordwood sale go towards funding new trees and their maintenance.

Order Whately 250th Pottery through December 2020

by Nancy Talanian

On December 31, 2020, the Whately 250th Pottery Committee will place its final order with potter Tom White of Northfield for Whately 250th pottery. Pottery pieces ordered by the end of this year are expected to be ready by spring 2021, in time for Whately's 250th anniversary. Forty percent of income from pottery sales benefit the Whately 250th celebration.

You may place your order:

- Online at www.tinyurl.com/whatelypots or
- By phone to Keith Bardwell at 413-665-2891.

If the library reopens for in-person browsing, you will be able to view sample pots and pick up an order form at the library.

News from the Whately Church

By Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

It has been a challenging summer but, despite not being able to retreat to the West Whately Chapel, we are pleased to report that we have been worshipping throughout the summer. We

have joined with the Hatfield church on zoom which has worked out well. We will be continuing our zoom services with Hatfield during September and will be meeting in early September to discuss the future. It may be a hybrid model (to borrow some terminology from the schools) where those who feel comfortable may return to the church building with well thought out protocol to keep us all safe while others are welcome to continue using zoom. If you are interested in getting the zoom link, please e-mail Judy Markland at jmarkland@lmstrategies.com.

Sadly, we did not feel that we could safely hold the Labor Day BBQ this year. Please join us next year

News from the Whately Historical Society

By Adelia Bardwell and Judy Markland

It seems like ages since the museum has been open, but things are still happening.

Dereka Smith is working on an update of the town's genealogical information, last compiled for the Bicentennial. It will be a huge help to her work if you fill out the form enclosed with this Scoop and return it to us.

Many projects are going on from home. Adelia receives calls from people who have items to donate and picks them up and brings them to the museum. Call 665-3837 if you have something to add to our collection. Judy is maintaining the website and sending frequent emails featuring digital items from the collection, and Dereka is updating the house history for the town.


We're sorry to announce that the Fall Festival will be cancelled this year due to the pandemic. However, if you would like to purchase any of our town histories or sweatshirts, tote bags, note

There won't be a Labor Day BBQ this year and it's the Church's biggest fundraiser. If you usually support the BBQ, please consider donating to our No BBQ Fund with a check written to the Whately Congregational Church & mailed to PO Box 245, Whately, 01093. Many thanks.



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cards and other historical materials, please email info@whatelyhistorical.org and let us know. We hope to have the prices listed on our website soon. With both of our festival fundraisers cancelled this year, we would love to have your help supporting our work by sending a donation to PO Box 7 or going on line to the Support page at whatelyhistorical.org. If you include your email, you will be added to the list to receive Judy's Perspective on the Past town history emails.

We will be holding a business meeting at 1pm on Saturday October 3 (Location tbd) for a chance to catch up and make plans for the future. Bring lunch and lawn chairs and ideas for speakers, whether virtual or not. If you can't attend, send speaker ideas and other thoughts to info@whatelyhistorical.org. Covid-friendly fundraising ideas would be especially welcome.

If you've missed our history talks, links to several past ones are available on our website at the Oral History link on the Whately Resources page. While you're there, explore the website a bit and find other history resources about this great town.

Whately Library news

By Cynthia R. Steiner, Library Director

We are still closed to the public. Not sure when we will be able to reopen. It is up to the Board of Health & Select Board. Emma & I are doing well. We miss seeing our patrons. Interlibrary Loan returned on July 1st. We are still offering Curbside Pickup. Please call or email the library with your requests. Don't forget about our online resources: Kanopy, Overdrive & if you sign up for

a Boston Public Library ecard you can also have access to Hoopla. There are no upcoming events at this time.

Miss coming into the library and browsing for the latest arrivals? Then checkout the New Titles in the library tab on our website. It lists all the items that have been added in the last 14 days.

We are looking for patrons who would be interested in joining the Friends of Whately Public Library. Please contact the library for more information.

Did you know that the Library is on Facebook? Check us out at facebook.com/whatelylibrary. Be sure and like us!

Even though we are closed right now please remember that you are always welcome at Whately Public Library!

Q: I returned my library items why are they still showing as checked out on my account?

A: We are following the recommended guidelines set forth by the American Library Association & Massachusetts Library System that recommend that all library materials be quarantined for 3 days (72 hours) before being checked in.

Transfer Station News

by Fran Fortino

The annual **hazardous waste collection** is **Saturday, September 26**, at Greenfield Community College Main Campus. This is a once a year opportunity for Franklin Co. residents to safely dispose of hazardous items like leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other toxic household chemicals.

To participate, residents and businesses must pre-register by **September 18th**. Online registration forms may be completed at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms are available at participating transfer stations, while supplies last. A complete list of acceptable items



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is also available at that link. For safety, masks will be required

Note: if you registered online for the hazardous waste collection between August 11th-17th, the registration information was lost in a computer glitch and you need to register again.

No Bulky Waste Collection this fall

To limit the possible spread of covid 19, we are **canceling the fall bulky waste collection** that was scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at the transfer station. Whately residents can still get rid of bulky items, including, old rugs, furniture, mowers, metals, TV's, computers, sinks and toilets, BBQ tanks, tires and more at the Greenfield transfer station for a fee. Check their website for details: greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Transfer-Station.

Keep recycling and composting safely!

When you use our town transfer station please keep our staff and yourselves safe by wearing masks, keeping 6 feet apart and limit your time there. For a complete list of what can be recycled and composted at the Whately transfer Station, ask the attendant or check online at: <https://www.whately.org/transfer-station>. Thanks for doing your part!

Board of Health

by Fran Fortino

Two Free Drive-thru Flu Clinics this fall

There will be a fall Flu Drive-thru clinic for **seniors** at the Senior Center in South Deerfield on **September 30** from 10 am to 12 pm. Preregistration paperwork for the Drive-Thru will be given out during the month of September at

the Senior Center.

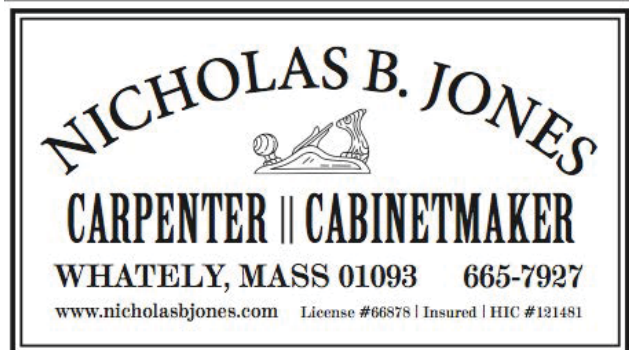
A second drive-thru Flu Clinic for **all** residents of Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway and Whately will be held on **October 4** at the Deerfield Highway Garage on Merrigan Way in South Deerfield from 10 am to 1 pm. Look for the preregistration paperwork on our towns' websites. We need volunteers who will be safely trained. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jennifer at the Deerfield Selectboard Office at 665-1400 x104.

COVID 19 update

Fresh air, masks and social distancing are the three things that have been most effective at keeping COVID infection numbers down. With the cooler weather sending us all indoors, it will be really important to wear masks and keep our 6 foot distance from one another. Get your flu shots early. The medical community is stressing this, because flu can really take up resources in emergency departments and hospitals that we may need if there is a surge in COVID.

As this epidemic drags on, we also need to make sure we are taking care of ourselves and our loved ones emotionally. The cold weather can make people feel isolated all on its own, and the steps we will all need to take to protect everyone from the virus will just exacerbate this. Be sure to reach out to those you care about: do phone calls, plan zoom calls, send cards and notes! Arrange for outdoor activities when you can. Remember: Wash your hands/keep 6 feet apart/wear a mask/wipe down-disinfect and stay home when sick.

If you have flu like symptoms, contact our health agent Mark Bushee 413-268-8404



foothills@burgy.org This call is confidential. If you are diagnosed with COVID 19 a nurse will contact you and check in on you regularly. The nurse will work with you to identify contacts, a critical part of limiting the spread of the virus, especially while testing remains elusive.

You can always reach us: boardofhealth@whately.org, find updates at: <https://www.whately.org/home/urgent-alerts/covid19>. Sincerely, your Whately board of health:

Fran Fortino; Mark Bushee, health agent; Mike Archbald, Rebecca Jones

Town Clerk News

By Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk

Elections –The Selectboard has voted to move November 3rd election to the Whately Town Hall at 194 Chestnut Plain Road to allow for better social distancing. This is a very busy year for elections. We just finished Early Vote by Mail, Early Voting in Person and Election Day voting for the September 1st primary. For the November 3 State Election, you will be offered the same opportunities to vote. The last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the November 3rd election is October 24th. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open that day from 2 – 4 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m. If you are already registered there is no need to register again.

Early Voting by Mail - The Secretary of the Commonwealth’s Office will be sending out another round of Vote Early by mail applications for the November 3rd election in mid-September. If you had already sent in an application and indicated that you wanted a ballot for the November election or all elections this year, you will not receive another application. Early vote ballots will start to be sent out to all voters who have applied as soon as I receive them which should be the end of September or the beginning of October. All applications for the November 3rd election must be in the Town Clerk’s office by 5



p.m. on October 28th. Once your ballot has been mailed by my office you can visit www.trackmyballotma.com to check its status. **Make sure you use Whately and 01093 to track your ballot.**

Early Voting in Person – Early voting in person will be held at the **Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane** from October 17 – October 30. Hours will be:

Saturday, October 17	2 – 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 24	2 – 4 p.m.
Sunday, October 18	2 – 4 p.m.
Sunday, October 25	2 – 4 p.m.
Monday, October 19	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday, October 26	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, October 22	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, October 29	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Friday, October 23	9 a.m. – Noon
Friday, October 30	9 a.m. – Noon

Voting In Person on Election Day – Polls will be open at the Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020. Voting will take place in the auditorium upstairs. If you should need the lift (elevator) to reach the auditorium enter through the side entrance behind the Post Office. Once upstairs, proceed to the other end of the auditorium to check in. Masks will be required unless you have a medical reason. If you have a medical reason not to wear a mask, please let the greeter know and special arrangements will be made for you to vote.

News from the Treasurer/Collector’s Office

By Lynn Sibley

FY2021 second quarter tax bills will be sent out the end of September. I have switched back to sending a tax bill for every quarter. Although we



had been combining the first 2 tax bills in one billing, I received too many complaints from people that it was too difficult to hang on to the second stub for the November 1st billing. Bills this year will be due in my office on November 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact me at 665-4400 x2.

Reminder of Connect CTY Notification System

Lynn Sibley, Emergency Management Director

When the town first purchased the Connect CTY system I never realized how much it would be used and what a vital service it provided to the residents. We have been using the system for emergency messages as well as public service announcements such as COVID 19 updates, tax payment reminders or special town meetings. Please remember that this is a “robo” call and there is a small delay from the time you answer the phone until the message starts.

As people are transitioning from landline numbers to cellphones, I encourage everyone to include their cell phone numbers in our Blackboard Connect CTY program. It is very simple to do. You can go to [Whately.org](https://www.whately.org), scroll down and click on “E-Alerts”. It will ask you to set up an account. You may also call 665-4400 x3 directly and we will input any numbers that you would like into the system. You can opt for phone, email or text messages. Text messaging is limited by characters so we usually refer you to the website for further information.

I would also like to thank everyone for their positive comments regarding this phone notification system. If you haven't been receiving emergency messages or reminders regarding Town Meetings or tax due dates, please call or go online to [Whately.org](https://www.whately.org) to get signed up.

Town Administrator Updates

by Brian Domina, Town admin.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone involved in the Whately Town government for their hard work, perseverance and willingness to make the necessary changes to continue providing services to residents during the COVID19 pandemic. I also want to thank residents for their patience and understanding over the past five months as the town government learned to operate safely under an entirely new set of circumstances. The Board of Health members has dedicated hundreds of hours of time combatting this public health crisis and will continue to do so until the pandemic subsides. I am deeply grateful for their dedication

and commitment to this town and its residents.

On June 1, 2020, after weeks of careful planning, the Town Offices re-opened to the public for in-person service on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am to 12 (noon), as well as by appointment at other times. These hours remain in effect until further notice. We still encourage residents, to the extent possible, to conduct business with the Town by email, telephone, mail or the drop box in the parking lot. Operating with limited in-person hours keeps the number of possible exposures lower for town staff, while still allowing residents the opportunity to receive in-person services when needed.

By continuing to work safely through the COVID19 pandemic, town staff was able to continue moving important projects ahead and to apply for COVID19 related funding opportunities. By now most residents who have driven along Chestnut Plain Road know that the crosswalk and sidewalk reconstruction project has started. For those who don't know the details, the project includes the replacement of the severely deteriorated sidewalks along the northern section of Chestnut Plain Road. The project also includes the installation of crosswalks, the expansion and reconfiguration of the parking lot in front of the Whately Inn and the creation of marked on-street parking spaces in front of the library. All of the project costs will be paid for with funds provided to the Town by the state. A much less visible infrastructure project has also begun – the replacement of two bridges on Williamsburg Road in West Whately. Once these bridges are replaced the Town will finally be able to re-open Williamsburg Road which has been closed to traffic since 2010. The bridge replacement project is also fully funded through state funds.

To date, Whately has received \$139,000 in CARES Act funding to pay for costs directly associated with its COVID19 response, for example, the hiring of a public health nurse for contact tracing, purchasing personal protective equipment for town staff, purchasing laptops for elementary school students and enhancing the town's remote working and meeting capabilities. The Town also received a \$49,000 competitive CARES Act grant to purchase respirators and other equipment for the Fire Department and two electronic message boards to better communicate important messages to residents.

Stay safe and please feel free to reach out to me at townadmin@whately.org with questions or concerns.



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that lies ahead
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And empowers us
to shed
our hopelessness

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*Cost for printing and mailing this edition of the Scoop was provided by
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Thank you very much!

We encourage all readers to thank these awesome businesses by patronizing them!

If you misplace your copy of The Scoop, do not despair! You can always find it on the resources page at www.whatelyhistorical.org.

The closing date for submissions to the December 2020 issue of the Scoop is Wednesday November 25.

Please email your our literary contributions to jpfortune@comcast.net before that deadline. Also use this email if you want to be on the reminder list and get an email from me about 3-4 weeks before the deadline, or if you would like email delivery of the scoop.

Business card sized ads are \$100 for 1 year (4 issues) and a mention in a box on the front page is \$50/year. Please make checks out to:

The Whately Scoop and mail to 152 Westbrook Rd RFD So. Deerfield, 01373

Like the Scoop? Want to see it continue?

Here's what you can do:

- 1) Volunteer to write articles
- 2) Volunteer to help prep the scoop for mailing
- 3) Volunteer to help on mailing day
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