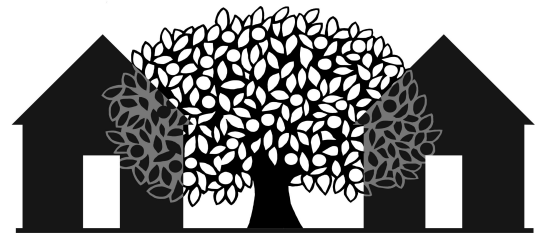


Dear Neighbors,

Our Valley Neighbors group—founded by and serving Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland seniors—offers support services free to member residents and is open to older residents in the 3 towns. This spring we are also sponsoring 3 presentations on aging, historical and health topics open to all.

You are invited! All events will be in the Whately Town Hall and are accessible. They are also available via Zoom. Please go to <https://ValleyNeighbors.org> for the Zoom link.

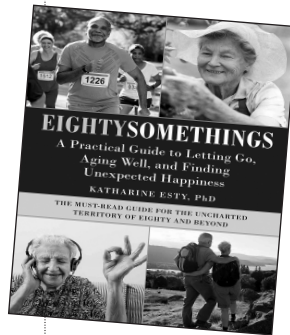


Valley Neighbors

Helping Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland seniors with a little neighborly support.

Gifts of Aging

Katharine Esty, best-selling author and octogenarian
Tuesday, April 5, 11 a.m.–noon
The author will join us via Zoom.

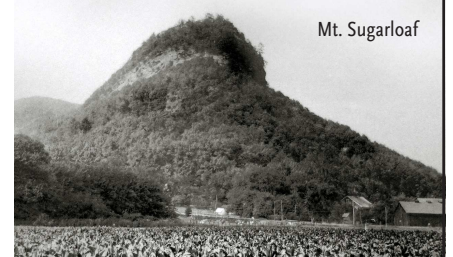


Katharine Esty, PhD, 87, is a best-selling author, practicing psychotherapist, a widow, a mother, a grandmother, and an activist for aging well. She's on a mission to dispel myths about old age and to end ageism, which limits and undermines the most experienced among us. She lives in a retirement community west of Boston. Her recent book, *Eightysomethings—A Practical Guide to Letting Go, Aging Well, and Finding Unexpected Happiness*, was published by Skyhorse.

Geological History of the Valley

John Brady, geoscientist
Monday, April 18, 3–5 p.m.
The speaker will be in person.

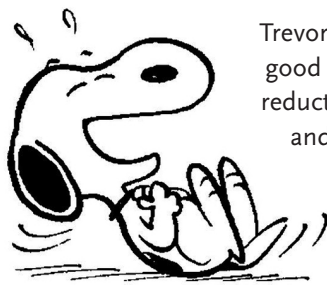
John Brady is the Mary E. Moses Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geosciences at Smith College. His research interests range from the evolution of metamorphic rocks in Montana and Greece to atomic diffusion measurements in the experimental petrology lab. He is currently writing and coding an interactive, online textbook about igneous and metamorphic petrology. Among his publications is *Fifty Hikes in Massachusetts*, co-authored with Brian White. (Co-sponsored by the Whately Historical Society)



Mt. Sugarloaf

Laughter Wellness

Trevor Smith, therapeutic recreation educator
Tuesday, May 3, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
The speaker will be in person.



Trevor Smith, B.A. M.A. M.Ed., CLL, knows that laughter is good medicine and wants to share its value as a stress-reduction therapy via the Laughter Club, derived from yoga and supported by modern science. Trevor has completed training to become a Certified Laughter Leader and has organized and facilitated Therapeutic Laughter programs for a variety of different community organizations.

Valley Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and funded in part by Cooley Dickinson Health Care and Massachusetts Community Health & Healthy Aging Funds, as well as by memberships and donations. If you would like more information on our services, visit: <https://valleyneighbors.org> or contact us directly: Valley Neighbors, P.O. Box 281, Whately, MA 01093 · 413 453-9057 · email: info@valleyneighbors.org

2022 - 25th Annual Lenten Discussion Series - 2022

Anchors in the Storm: Getting through Difficult Times



March 2nd - Ash Wednesday

All are invited to join the Whately Congregational Church for a worship service at 7PM. Rev. Linda Rhinehart Neas message: "Ask and You Shall Receive, But What Will You Find?"

March 9th

First session at the Hatfield Congregational Church at 7PM. Offered by Rev. Sherril Willis Bridge Pastor of the Conway Congregational Church, UCC
Session Title: Help, My Anchor Is Too Small!

March 16th

Second session hosted by the Conway Congregational Church at 7PM at the Conway Elementary School. Offered by Rev. David Jones pastor of the Ashfield Congregational Church, UCC
Session Title: Climbing (Up and Down) the Sycamore Tree Today

March 23rd

Third session at the Sunderland Congregational Church at 7PM. Offered by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Crosson-Harrington pastor of the Whately Congregational Church, UCC
Session Title: One Soul --- In Need of Repair

March 30th

Fourth session at the Montague Congregational Church at 7PM. Offered by Rev. Randy Calvo pastor of the Hatfield & Sunderland Congregational Churches, UCC
Session Title: "Repent and believe in the good news"

April 6th

Fifth session at the Ashfield Congregational Church at 7PM. Offered by Rev. James Koyama pastor of the Montague Congregational Church, UCC
Session Title: Paul in Prison

Due to the continuing pandemic, all sessions will be offered live-streamed and in person if possible. Please send an email to your pastor or church office for **EACH** week's unique Zoom login link.



NEWS from
the **WHATELY**
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March 2022

in Town Hall

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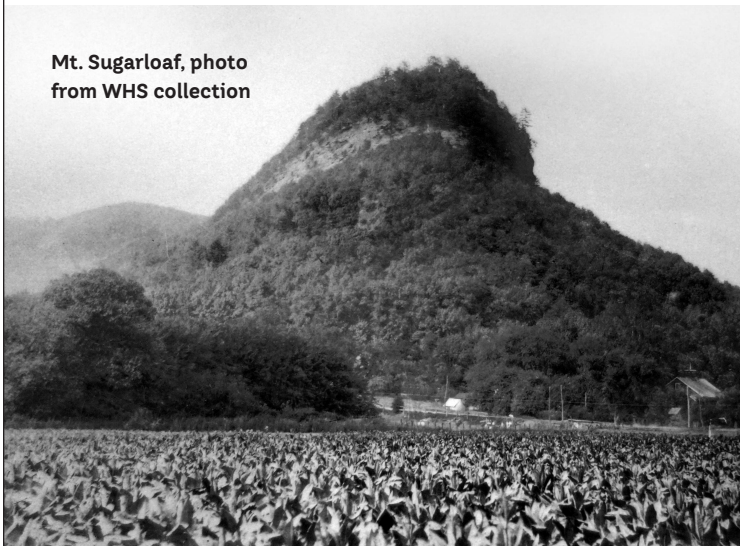
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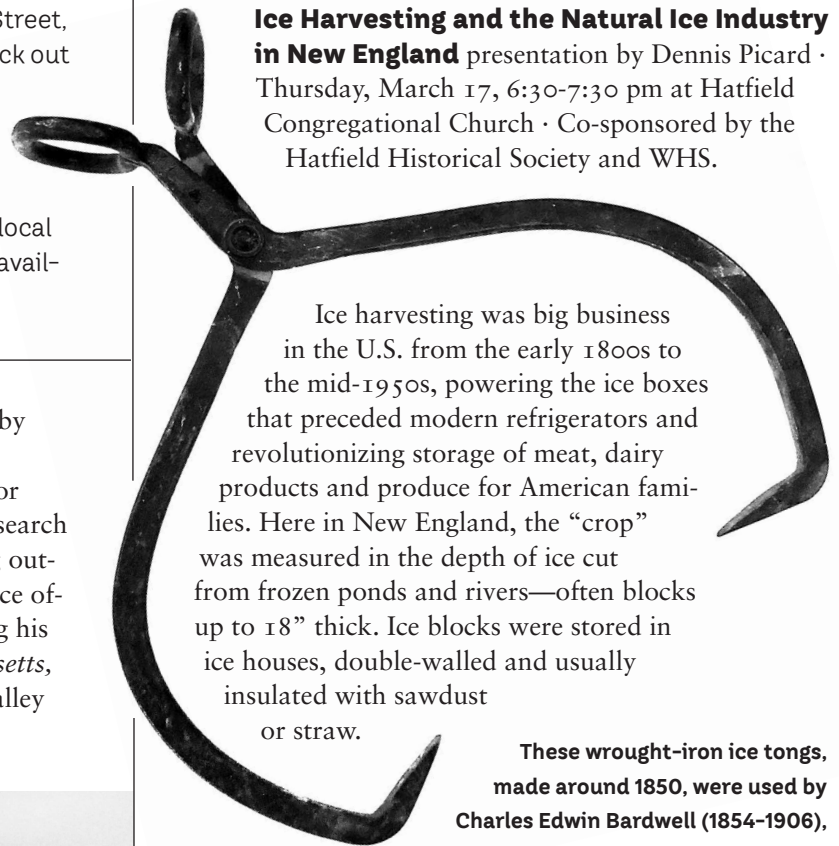
the new publication, *A Whately Gazetteer*, a guide to forgotten and lesser-known place names in Whately. Written by Dereka Smith, this is a useful resource for local researchers and family historians, available at whatelyhistorical.org.

Geological History of the Pioneer Valley talk by John Brady · Monday, April 18, 3–5 p.m. at the Whately Town Hall · John Brady PhD, is Professor Emeritus of Geosciences at Smith College. His research interests are wide-ranging, and he prizes teaching outdoors where learners can see firsthand the evidence offered by rocks, outcrops, and landscapes. Among his publications is the book *Fifty Hikes in Massachusetts*, co-authored by Brian White. Co-sponsored by Valley Neighbors and WHS.

Mt. Sugarloaf, photo from WHS collection



Ice Harvesting and the Natural Ice Industry in New England presentation by Dennis Picard · Thursday, March 17, 6:30-7:30 pm at Hatfield Congregational Church · Co-sponsored by the Hatfield Historical Society and WHS.



Ice harvesting was big business in the U.S. from the early 1800s to the mid-1950s, powering the ice boxes that preceded modern refrigerators and revolutionizing storage of meat, dairy products and produce for American families. Here in New England, the “crop” was measured in the depth of ice cut from frozen ponds and rivers—often blocks up to 18” thick. Ice blocks were stored in ice houses, double-walled and usually insulated with sawdust or straw.

These wrought-iron ice tongs, made around 1850, were used by Charles Edwin Bardwell (1854-1906), by his son Fred Walter Bardwell (1880-1937), and perhaps by his grandson Charles M. Bardwell (1912-91), who gave them to the Whately Historical Society in 1989. They will be on display along with an ice knife at the S. White Dickinson library until May 2022.

Request WHS Services at info@whatelyhistorical.org

- ✦ Genealogy assistance
- ✦ House histories
- ✦ Family connections to Whately
- ✦ Deed research

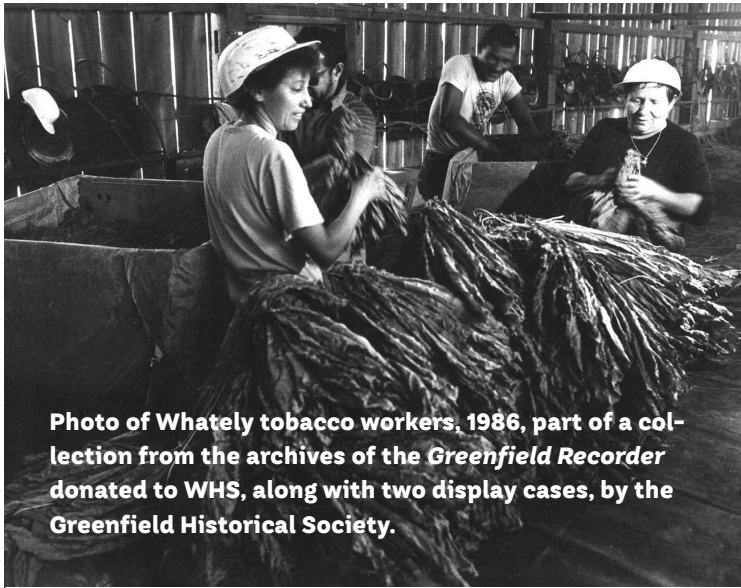
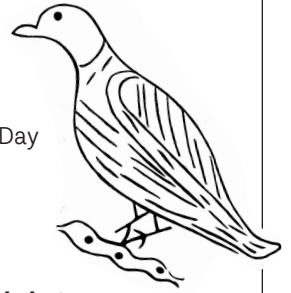


Photo of Whately tobacco workers, 1986, part of a collection from the archives of the *Greenfield Recorder* donated to WHS, along with two display cases, by the Greenfield Historical Society.

SPRING FESTIVAL



Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
at the Town Hall after the Memorial Day parade and ceremony

- ✦ **Amazing birds of prey** with raptor rehabilitator Tom Ricardi
- ✦ **How to preserve family papers and photos** · Archivist Maida Goodwin will advise on the best items to save for posterity, how to help keep them in good shape, and whether they might be of interest to a library, archives, or historical society.
- ✦ **Becoming Whately: A History in Objects** exhibit
- ✦ **Free ice cream** ✦ **Food from Tom's Hot Dogs**
- ✦ **Music by Whately's Packing Shed Band**

(Raptors, museum exhibit and band are sponsored by the Mass. Cultural Council through the Whately Cultural Council.)

WHS Monthly Meeting, Thursday, March 3 for members in Town Hall Community Room, 7 p.m. Come to discuss plans for activities and events for the coming year. Guests are welcome!

WHS Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 10 for the election of officers and reports on membership, program plans and finances · 2 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium · Followed by an introduction to and a sneak preview of the next Museum exhibit, *Becoming Whately: A History in Objects*, curated by Judy Markland · Guests are welcome!

Whately History Quiz:

When was the first woman elected to a Whately town office?
 a) 1843 b) 1929 c) 1967 d) 2009

Send your response to info@whatelyhistorical.org. The first correct answer received wins a free meal at the Spring Festival. (Current and former Town employees and officers of the Whately Historical Society are not eligible to win.)

Support the Historical Society

Offer Materials · Don't throw away those old farm implements and tools, photographs, diaries, letters, wedding invitations, or outfits. The Historical Society is always looking for items that illustrate the past and complement our current holdings. Call for an appointment to bring materials to Town Hall. Our archivist and curator will review all offers to decide which to add to the collection.

Volunteer · We always need help maintaining and documenting the collection, social media, and planning and supporting events. Call Adelia at 665-3837 or email info@whatelyhistorical.org.

Become a Member · Join others who care about the history of our town! Receive notices about all programs, invitations to special activities, and "Perspective on the Past" emails. Membership categories: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Supporter \$40, Patron \$75. Dues support the preservation and expansion of the museum collection and are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Make your check out to the *Whately Historical Society*. Send it with your name, address, phone number and email address to Whately Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, Whately, MA 01093. You may also pay with a credit card or via PayPal at www.whatelyhistorical.org

The Whately Historical Society was founded in 1966 to preserve the town's history and to educate townspeople and others about Whately's past. The Society sponsors programs, research and activities about the history and culture of Whately and the region; maintains a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

The Whately Historical Society is incorporated as a charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has been designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS.

Explore www.whatelyhistorical.org to learn more about our collections, access resources about Whately history, learn about future events, and purchase Town histories, historic postcards and note cards, T-shirts, or sweatshirts.

Officers

Neal Abraham, President
 Adelia Bardwell, Immediate Past President
 Betty Orloski, Vice President
 Bill Saunders, Treasurer
 Gretchen Bechta, Secretary
 Dereka Smith, Archivist
 Jane Grybko, Curator
 Judy Markland, Webmaster

Whately Transfer Station Calendar

- 2022 -

Please note: only trash in Town of Whately bags or with Whately stickers will be accepted. Buy them at the transfer station. They are the most affordable trash disposal option in town!

* **Spring Bulky Waste Collection day – TBD.** We hope to resume bulky waste collection in May, if we can do so safely. Along with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, we'll weigh Covid risk levels later this spring. Please check the Transfer Station page on the Whately Town website for future updates.

Brush Chipping – May 7 & June 4 only, 8 a.m.-Noon. Bring brush up to 6" in diameter, free of nails & dirt. NO leaves, grass, or construction debris. Landscaping chips available.

Batteries—rechargeable and non-rechargeable. **Also, cell phones & batteries; laptop, camera and power tool batteries.** See attendant for details.

Books, CD's, etc. Drop off any books, (hard and softcover) free—into the Books drop off box.

Clean, dry clothing & clean worn, torn or tattered rags, etc. – Drop in Salvation Army box *in bags please*, e.g., socks, shoes, gloves; belts, ties, bras & purses; linens -curtains, pillows, comforters, sheets, towels and stuffed animals...

Compost— Drop food waste, etc. in the container next to the book box and **save money** on trash costs!

Fluorescent lights/bulbs —Free drop off and see attendant for details. 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 bin. See attendant for details.

Rx prescription and over-the-counter medicines – Securely dispose old Rx pills, tablets, vitamins, and veterinary medications **-no liquids please or chemotherapy drugs-** in the drop box in the lobby of Whately Police Dept. from **8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily**.

Sharps Collection – Dispose of needles for personal health, get free collection boxes at (and return to): Whately Health Center, 181 State Rd., **Tuesdays, 9-2 only. Disposal also at Whately Police Dept. daily.**

Swap Shed – Tuesdays p.m. & Saturdays. **Wear a mask inside for now. PLEASE** consider our staff and other residents, don't bring junk or TV's! All items should be in **working condition & re-usable**. Bring clean, useful household items, sporting goods, and small toys, etc. NO exercise or computer equipment. Take items you can use free.

Thermometers —ONLY mercury-filled thermometers. See attendant.

* **Hazardous Waste Collection day, Sept. 24** - at Greenfield Community College. Bring toxic materials like motor oil, pesticides and solvents, etc. Pre-registration required, call 772-2438.

* **Fall Bulky Waste Collection Day – TBD. See above spring bulky waste collection info.**

For old furniture, stoves, freezers & refrigerators—*doors must be removed first*, mowers, BBQ tanks, computers, monitors and TV's, furniture, metal items, air conditioners, bicycles, bulky plastic items, beds, radios, tires & more. Fees charged for most items to cover costs. See attendant for prices.

After the holidays, bring real Christmas trees for chipping. More recycling information over →→

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

In 2021, Whately residents saved \$1,000's by composting & recycling over 40% of our waste at the transfer station. Thank you all for doing your part! **-Whately Solid Waste Management Committee**



WHAT CAN GO IN THE WHATELY RECYCLING BOXES?

YES -Please empty and rinse all container items	NO – but several items below have other recycling options*		
<p>Aluminum: Please clean first!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cans, aluminum foil ➤ pie pans, aluminum trays 	Siding scrap metal foil-wrapped beverage pouches (ex. Capri Sun, squeezable baby food) pots & pans, utensils, tools, etc.		
<p>Metal cans: Please clean first!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK) ➤ pet food, soup cans (metal lids OK) 	hangers scrap metal Pots & pans paint cans	car parts, pipes, fuel tanks, etc. No aerosol spray cans	appliances toys
<p>Glass: Labels do not need to be removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage bottles and jars 	Ceramics, baking dishes, dishware drinking glasses, vases canning jars broken glass	cookware (Pyrex) coffee mugs medicine bottles plate glass	light bulbs* (see fluorescent lights below) glass art mirrors windows eye glasses
<p>Plastics: Smaller than 2.5 gallons ONLY. Please Flatten, if you can.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, ➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk ➤ detergent, soap and hand sanitizer bottles ➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, conditioner, etc. ➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam) ➤ clear plastic egg cartons and clear plastic ups 	All styrofoam (polystyrene) Take-out food containers and utensils, straws, plates plastic wrap/sheeting cookie trays liners from food packaging cellophane food bags (e.g., pasta, candy bars, cookies) frozen food bags/pouches meat trays	medicine & pill bottles “packing” peanuts or foam or blister pack packaging clothes baskets* toys*(see swap shed) flower pots* black plastic or tarps 5-gallon pails; buckets VCR, CD cases	No 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 wine corks
<p>Cartons: Recycle with containers, not paper. NO straws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout and cap OK) ➤ soymilk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws) 	foil-wrapped pouches (ex. Capri Sun) frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging	plastic straws	
<p>Paper: Clean paper and cardboard only-Flatten all boxes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail ➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper ➤ corrugated cardboard, empty pizza boxes (no food) ➤ boxboard (for example, cereal boxes) ➤ gift wrap, gift bags, cards, gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter) 	soda, beer cartons frozen juice or ice cream cartons take-out containers paper towels, napkins** egg cartons** pizza with food/food boxes** (** put these 3 items in food compost bins)	butter, margarine boxes tissues Tyvek or padded bubble envelopes stickers & sticker sheeting paper cups, plates** (if not plastic coated, then in food compost bins)	glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) blueprints dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) copy paper wrappers
<p>Other* (ask attendant first)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plastic bags (Clean, dry, empty and no stickers) ➤ Household batteries (separate different types) ➤ All fluorescent lights (separate different types) ➤ All books, telephone books, etc. (see other side for details) 	<p>* Several of the above items in the ‘No’ column can be disposed of on bulky waste collection days (see recycling calendar) or in the food waste composting container at the bottom of the transfer station ramp, or in bulky plastic container.</p> <p>-ask attendant for details.</p>		



The WHATELY SCOOP

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with the Milk Bottle...

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Our 19th Year and going strong. Thanks to you!

Whately Roadside Clean-up

Keep Whately beautiful! Join us for a morning of trash pick-up on Saturday, May 21. Meet at the old Town Hall at 9 am. Bring bags to re-use if you have them (feed/seed/pellet bags work well), gloves if you wish, and your own water bottle. Dress for getting dirty. We'll have extra trash bags and a truck for the final haul. Questions? Call or text Becky Jones (413-387-7746) or Montserrat Archbald (413-559-9998).

Valley Neighbors Now Offers Limited Support Services to Seniors in Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland

By Debra Carney

Even though Covid 19 delayed our work, *Valley Neighbors* can now provide transportation, phone check-ins, and tech help on a limited basis—all following Covid safety practices—to our senior members in Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland.

And, for the present, memberships in *Valley Neighbors* are free, thanks to the generous support of our funders, Cooley Dickinson Health Care and Massachusetts Community Health & Healthy Aging Funds, as well as donations.

Valley Neighbors, founded in 2019, serves residents 60 years and older who wish to live independent, engaged lives in their homes and communities—with a little neighborly help. As a result of *Valley Neighbors'* efforts, AARP has designated our towns as Age-Friendly Communities.

Additionally, this spring *Valley Neighbors* will sponsor three presentations on aging,

historical and health subjects. These events are free, open to the public, in-person and/or via Zoom link. Please see our flyer in this edition of **The Scoop** for details!

On February 15, *Valley Neighbors* joined more than 280 nonprofit, community-based, member-driven organizations, commonly known as Villages, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the National Village Movement. We are excited to be part of this important endeavor.

If you would like more information on our services, visit: <https://valleyneighbors.org/>, or contact us directly: Valley Neighbors, PO Box 281, Whately, MA 01093 - 413 453-9057, and via email: info@valleyneighbors.org

Call For Whately Artists, Crafters, and Makers!

We are looking for people who are interested in helping plan, participate and/or sponsor an Art Exhibit as part of the Whately 250th Celebration in 2021.

Contact Lisa Korpiewski
lisakorp@comcast.net.

Whately Library news

By Cynthia R. Steiner, Library Director

Please be patient with us as construction has begun on making the library accessible for all patrons. Please check our website and Facebook Page for most up to date information regarding related closings.

Starting April 1 we are returning to our regular hours of operation: Monday 10-5, Tuesday & Wednesday 1-8 & Saturday 10-3.

Have you tried **Wowbrary** yet? Have you



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News from the Whately Church

By Cynthia Harrington

Since the surge in Covid cases in January, we have been worshipping exclusively on zoom. We are pleased to announce that we have resumed in-person worship at 10 am on February 27 while still offering an option to view the service on zoom.

During the Lenten season, we join with area churches for Wednesday evening Lenten discussions. This year our Lenten series is entitled "Anchors in the Storm: Getting Through Difficult Times". All presentations begin at 7 pm and are open to all. A schedule is included.

Our Easter observance begins on Thursday



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April 14th with a simple supper (soup and bread) and a Maundy Thursday worship beginning at 6:30 pm. On Easter, April 17th, we will meet behind the library in Whately for a sunrise service at 6:00 am. A decision about whether or not there will be an Easter breakfast will be made at a later date. Our Easter worship—always a highpoint of the Christian year-- will be at 10 am. We hope that you will join us.

We are all busily preparing for our spectacular Church Tag Sale on May 7th. For information or to make donations, please contact Nancy Wilson at 665-8523. And we are also busy planning for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of our church at a special worship service on June 5th. Stay tuned for more details.

We worship each Sunday at 10 am and invite you to drop in to be welcomed by our friendly and inviting community of faith.

Learn about this year's CPA project funding proposals - Wednesday, March 9 at 5pm on zoom

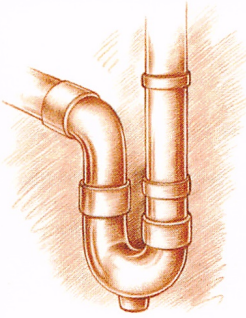
by Judy Markland, Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is considering two proposals for funding at a special town meeting in March, and we'd love to hear your feedback and comments at our March 9 Zoom meeting at 5pm. (Access info is on the meeting agenda,

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which you'll find by clicking on the meeting on the calendar at whately.org.)

The first proposal is a recreation project to fund accessibility improvements to parking, walkways and rest rooms at Herlihy Field. The request is for \$60,323, which will be matched by \$45,323 in a state PARC grant.

The second is a combined historic preservation and recreation proposal for \$13,530 from the Cemetery Commission. It will fund new fencing at the East Cemetery, removal of damaged fencing at the West Cemetery, and the addition of stone benches at all three cemeteries.

The CPC is projecting about \$180,000 in revenue this fiscal year and a similar amount in FY2023, with half the funds coming from the state match each year. We're proud to report that since 2010 when the first projects were funded, the town's CPA revenues have financed \$1.6 million in projects which generated another \$3.7 million in donations and grants for a **total of \$5.2 million invested in Whately.**

Transfer Station News

by Fran Fortino

Like last year, our Whately transfer station remains open during the covid pandemic and town residents have many options to compost or recycle much of their trash there this year. We hope to again schedule bulky waste

collection later this spring when it is safe to do so. For all the events and options, see the **transfer station calendar** insert in this Scoop.

Planning Board: New Floodplain Bylaw Under Development - public informations sessions in March

by Brant Cheikes for the Planning Board

Storms are increasing in frequency and intensity, bringing increased risk of damaging and costly flood conditions. Recognizing this, the state has mandated that all cities and towns upgrade their local flood zoning bylaws to conform to new standards that protect property and help prevent pollution. Residents in any town that fails to do so will lose access to the federal flood insurance program.

With this in mind, the Whately Planning Board has been working since early 2021 on a new Floodplain Overlay District Bylaw. The Board will present the new bylaw for a vote at the next Annual Town Meeting. The new bylaw will affect over 200 parcels lying within the floodplain overlay district, and more than 170 property owners. Installation of new structures and other man-made land changes within the overlay district will be subject to new rules and oversight.

To help Whately residents better understand whether and how the new bylaw will impact




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them, the Board will hold a series of public information sessions via Zoom starting in March. Dates will be announced soon on the town's website whately.org and on its Facebook page. All meetings will be recorded and posted for later review. A copy of the draft bylaw can be downloaded from the Planning Board website [<https://www.whately.org/planning-board>] or obtained at town offices.

We look forward to hearing from you about this important effort to protect your property from future flood damage.

Town Clerk News

by Amy Schrader

As many of you already know, Lynn Sibley has served as Whately's Town Clerk for the past 22 years. Over the years, Lynn has provided outstanding customer service, knowledge, and dedication to the Town. Lynn's career in Whately began as the town's Municipal Secretary then moved into the Town Clerk/Town Administrator position. After many years, Lynn decided to settle into the role of Treasurer/Collector and Town Clerk. Lynn has successfully planned, executed, and finalized multiple town census forms, dog licenses, nomination papers, budgets, town records, and most importantly, the Town's local, state, and presidential elections. As Lynn transitions into retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication, commitment, and unconditional love for the Town of Whately.

Upon Lynn's resignation on July 1, 2021, the Selectboard appointed myself, Amy Schrader, as the Town Clerk until the next Annual Town Election scheduled for June 14, 2022. Over the last three years, I worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and was grateful for the opportunity to transition into the Town Clerk

position. I look forward to continuing in my new role as Town Clerk and hope to provide the same level of customer service and dedication as the previous Town Clerk, Lynn Sibley.

Please see the Town Clerk's Office latest news below:

Nomination Papers are available for the June 14th Town Election. Positions up for election this year are:

3-Year terms: Selectboard, Town Clerk, Assessor, Board of Health, WES School Committee, Library Trustee Positions (two positions), Cemetery Commissioner, Water Commissioner, Constable (two positions)

2-Year terms: WES School Committee, Frontier Regional School District Committee

1 year terms: Moderator, Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith

If you are interested in running for office in the June 14th election, please contact Amy Schrader, Town Clerk at 665-4400 ext.3. Nomination papers will be available until April 22, 2022. Nomination Papers must be returned with 20 valid signatures to the Registrars of Voters (Town Clerk's Office) by April 26, 2022.

Dog Licenses - Just a reminder that all dogs need to be licensed by June 1st or a \$50 late fee will apply. You will need to provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license. Dog licenses are \$10 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$15 for an unaltered dog. Dogs can be licensed by mail, in-person, or via drop-box located in the Town Offices parking lot. Dogs that have current rabies certification on file can be licensed online by going to www.whately.org and click on Pay My Bills and then Click on Town Clerk. You can use your bank account to pay with a .50¢ fee or a credit card with a fee of \$2.50. Please call 665-4400 ext.3 for questions.

Treasurer/Collector News

Lynn Sibley

Tax bills - Motor vehicle excise tax bills were mailed on February 9 and are due on March 16th. Please make sure to send payment so that it arrives by March 16th. Postmarks do not count and the postal service has had delayed deliveries recently. You may also drop your payment in the After-hours box in front of our offices at 4 Sandy Lane or pay online at www.whately.org. If you would like a receipt, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope and one will be sent to you. Fourth quarter Real Estate bills will be mailed the end of March and are due on May 2nd. I will not be mailing out zero balance bills. If you don't receive a bill and believe you have a balance, please contact the Treasurer/Collector office at 665-4400 x2.

Please be advised that I will be out of the office May 11 - 20, 2022.

Emergency Management Director

Lynn Sibley

Connect CTY - Over the past several years, the Town has been using Connect CTY (robo calls) to get word out to the public about important events happening in town especially during emergencies. This service has been well liked by residents to keep informed of important information. As people get rid of their land lines and only use cell phones, I don't believe that these messages are reaching as many residents as we would like to see. The system is capable of sending phone and text messages to more than one phone number as well as email addresses for each resident. If you would like to add a phone number or email address, please contact me at 413-665-4400 x2 and I will be happy to add you. You may also go to the website and click on the Blackboard Connect icon on the home page and set up an account to add phone numbers and email addresses.

Mud Season and Unpaved Roads

by Megan Rhodes, FRCOG

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is working to better understand the conditions of our communities' dirt/gravel roads, as well as the work and cost that goes into their maintenance and repair each year.

Franklin County community members can add points on an interactive online map to show the location of known bad spots on unpaved roads in their communities. You can add "pins" to roads on the map that have recurring maintenance needs or are in need of repair, and can also add pictures and further details. This information will help western MA lawmakers make the case for larger state investment in unpaved road maintenance. Community members can access the interactive map online at <https://tinyurl.com/3ydvt2d6>.

A Paeon of Praise

By Marianne Simon, Poet Laureate of Whately

Let us sing the praises
of Whately's unsung heroes & heroines

who keep the streets clear
so we can walk and drive

who trim the trees
so they don't fall on us

who fill the potholes
so we don't fall in them

who keep mail moving
despite financial shortages

who show us our history
so we don't forget

who collect our taxes
so we are well served

who remind us of what's happening
so we stay aware

who arrange celebrations
so we stay connected

who loan us books
so we stay educated

who create the Scoop
so we can appreciate each other

who take care of fires
so we don't burn up

who take care of our water
so we stay hydrated

who watch our driving speed
so we don't run over anyone

who cheerfully direct our trash
so we don't drown in it

who quietly run our town
so it doesn't slide into oblivion

Thank You



The WHATELY SCOOP

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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

Warming days and still-cool nights
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!

The Whately Scoop

*Cost for printing and mailing this edition of the Scoop was provided by
the small businesses who ran ads in this issue -*

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 May 2022 issue of the Scoop is Wednesday May 18, 2022. (for mailing may 23/24

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
- 4) Ask your favorite local businesses to place an ad
- 5) Make a donation to help us cover costs

If you are interested in any of those please call or email Joyce at 665-6739;

jpfortune@comcast.net.