



VALLEY NEIGHBORS AUTUMN EVENTS 2024

Where: Whately Town Hall Auditorium, 194 Chestnut Plain Road. All events are free, open to the public and accessible by stairs or lift. Bring a friend!

Thursday, September 12, 3-4 p.m. – Creating Inviting Gardens for Birds

Want to attract more birds to your yard and gardens? Dan Ziomek is a local community member, with decades of experience in the retail gardening industry (e.g., Sugarloaf Gardens, Hadley Garden Center), and degrees in Nursery Management and Plant and Soil Science. An avid gardener, landscaper, and birding enthusiast, Dan will share with us how to make our yards and gardens attractive to and safe for birds. He will bring many plant specimens and show us how plants can be strategically placed to attract the widest variety of bird species. Please join us and bring your questions!



Sunday, October 6, 2- 3 pm - Toys, Games and their Makers: 1880-1950 - with the Whately Historical Society.

Join us to hear Ann Lomeli take us back in time with a presentation that is a companion to the current Whately Historical Society Exhibit: Childhood in Whately 1771-1950. The exhibit has many toys and games on display and every one of them has a story. Ann will tell us some of the most intriguing stories, and more. The Museum exhibit will be open for visitors after the talk.



Thursday, November 14, 3-4 pm -- FootCare by Nurses



Learn how to prevent foot wounds or even a fall as well as ways to release tension and reduce pain so that you can move better. Moving more freely enables better balance. Andrea Conrad, RN of FootCare by Nurses, who is passionate about caring for her community of older adults, will talk about foot care for better health. From shoe lacing techniques that reduce toe tip calluses, to skin care and working on release techniques, there is a lot more to caring for your feet than most people know.

News from the

WHATELY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lois or Lucy Crafts, 1915
(WHS 2020.076.001)

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In Town Hall
194 Chestnut Plain Road
Whately, MA 01093
September 2024

WHS FALL FESTIVAL • Join us for fun, music, food and drink on Sunday, September 29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Whately Town Hall.

• **Hidden History Hunt**—a self-guided tour reveals stories from Whately's past.*

• **Cider Making Demonstration** by Paul Wetzel, Director, Smith College MacLeish Field Station

• Display of **Clothing and Memorabilia** from Lois Bean's 1955 stay in Japan

• **WHS Museum Exhibits**

• Music by Whately's **Chestnut Serenaders***

• New food vendors! **Maso Mexicana** from Florence—masa bowls and cool drinks and **P'frogi** from Northampton—Irida's homemade pierogi, golumpki, and fresh fruit pie

• **Free ice cream**—thanks to Maple Valley Creamery of Hadley and **chrysanthemums** for sale—thanks to Mill River Farm of Deerfield

*Sponsored by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council through the Whately Cultural Council.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS • Our collection of farm equipment was enriched this year by Tim Nourse's generous gift of a **Nourse plow** (WHS 2024.167.001). The original cast-iron plow, a vast improvement from the wood plows in common use at the time, was based on principles of Thomas Jefferson and designed by Joel Nourse and his son Joel Nourse Jr. of Worcester in the 1840s.



A private donation made possible the acquisition of two splendid examples of early 19th-century Whately stoneware. *The Man in the Hat*, a two-gallon jug made by S.D. Kellogg (1825–1906), shows a man in profile, painted in the cobalt blue typical of the period. He wears a feathered cap and a buttoned jacket that may be a Revolutionary War uniform. The second acquisition, a three-gallon jug made by Thomas Crafts (1781–1861), depicts a bird that turns its head to look over its shoulder. Few Whately pots were incised, as is this one.

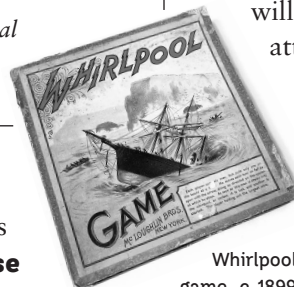


UPCOMING EVENTS all in Whately Town Hall Auditorium, 194 Chestnut Plain Road

• **Thursday Sept. 12, 3:00 p.m.** in Whately Town Hall • **"Creating Inviting Gardens for Birds."** Naturalist and birder Dan Ziomek, manager of Sugarloaf Gardens, will offer practical advice about using plantings to attract birds. Co-sponsored with Valley Neighbors.

• **Sunday Oct. 6, 2:00 p.m.** **"Toys, Games and their Makers, 1880–1950."** The current WHS exhibit includes many toys and games, every one with a story. Ann Lomeli will tell some of these stories, followed by a stroll through "Childhood in Whately" in the Museum.

• **Sunday November 17, 7:00 p.m.** **"Beavers in the Valley."** Naturalists Allison Bell and Laurie Sanders (Co-director, Historic Northampton) explore the dramatic history—and future—of these fascinating animals, with photos and video of their busy lives.

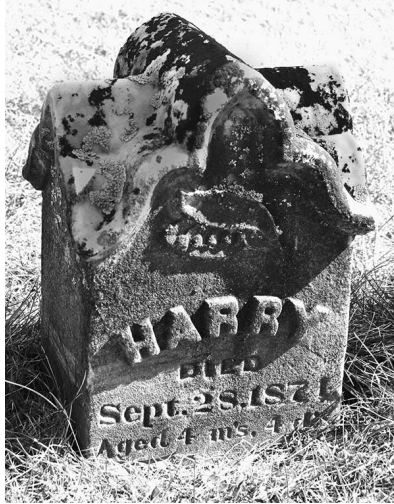


Whirlpool game, c. 1899
(WHS 2024.062.001)

2024 EXHIBITIONS

Childhood in Whately 1771-1950 • How did Whately children work, play and learn in times past? Enjoy our array of photographs, games, toys, books, and costumes through the mid-20th century, and learn about the challenges of childbirth and infant mortality in the 18th and 19th centuries.

A tiny headstone in Center Cemetery marks the grave of Harry, who lived for 4 months and 4 days in 1871. His family name remains a mystery, but he was clearly loved by those who marked his grave with the carving of a peapod above his name.



Family Exhibits with photos and memorabilia of the Fred (Twarog) Farrick family of East Whately and the Roote-Waite-Markland family of Town Center and North Street.

The WHS museum is open to the public May 26 to mid-December on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.; first and third Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; and during festivals and special programs.

Support the Historical Society

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; operates a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

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

How You Can Help

• Offer to donate items that illustrate Whately's past and augment our current holdings. Write to us for an appointment with our archivist and curator at info@whatelyhistorical.org.

RECENT VISITORS

We're always happy when we hear from folks with family ties in Whately, as we often learn as much from them as they learn from us! This summer has been no exception. Deborah Goodsite of New Jersey, has traced her roots to Englishman Philip Smith (1633–1685) of Hadley (which became Hatfield, then Whately) through Adna Smith (1760–1845), whose daughter Lydia was Deborah's 5th great-grandmother. Deborah helped untangle the complex history of the many Smith families in Whately and was pleased to see so many Smiths' names on the plaques commemorating Whately resi-



dents who fought in the Revolutionary War and joined the Honorable Shays's Rebellion. And Pam Williams of Colorado, whose 6th great-grandfather Adonijah Taylor (1728–1814) built the first mill in Whately, was delighted to find the records and photos of Whately Glen that we've collected.

A more recent Whately resident, Julia Ann Parzick Kokernak, returned to town after 60 years away in central Mass.! She grew up on her grandparents' farm, Laurel Acres, on Haydenville Road, and brought many mementoes and photos of her family's time here. Ann was valedictorian of her eighth-grade class at the East Whately School in 1954.

• Help to maintain and document our collection and to plan, market and organize our programs and events. Call Adelia Bardwell at 413-665-3837, email us, or drop by on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–12 noon.

• Become a WHS member with an annual donation of \$10 or more. Larger contributions are essential to our ongoing operations, supporting the preservation, documentation and expansion of our museum collection. WHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Send your check, made out to: Whately Historical Society, 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.

Officers: Neal Abraham, President; Adelia Bardwell, Immediate Past President; Larry Ashman, Vice President; Sara Cooper, Treasurer; Gretchen Bechta, Secretary; Dereka Smith, Archivist; Jane Grybko, Curator; Maida Goodwin, Webmaster



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21 Year and going strong. Thanks to you!

Informational Session Regarding
Electronic Voting Tabulators
September 25, 2024 7:00Pm
Town Hall 194 Chestnut Plain Road

Come join us for a session to learn more
about electronic vote counting machines.

Whately Cultural Council

By Rich Korpiewski

We looking for members of the Whately community 15 years and older with time and interest for choosing what local events happen in our community.

Our Council consists of a member group of enthusiastic and dedicated residents motivated to serving our community and providing support for performances and cultural events happening within our town. The Council meets periodically throughout the year hosting a small work load and time commitment for its members.

The Council is an opportunity to become an active participant in selecting grant applicants and managing grant funding as well as outreach to potential artisans within the arts and cultural community.

We are looking for interested residents to participate in this process and become an important member of our council and an active voice in saying what cultural programs we want to see in Whately.

Interested individuals can contact Jenny Miriam, heyref4@gmail.com.

From the Board of Health

By Michael Archbald

First a reminder: Public Health Clinics are open in the Town Hall, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, no appointments necessary.

Vaccines, Flu, and Fall 2024

Your public health nurse and our local public health officials are gearing up for the cold flu season. This year we expect a rise in flu cases with a possible resurgence of COVID-19 variants. Cold/flu season can present significant challenges to people, particularly for high-risk populations, the elderly, young children, and those with underlying health conditions.

Here is what individuals and communities can do to prepare for a healthy autumn.

1) **Vaccination** remains one of the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone aged six months and older

receive an annual flu shot and Covid-19 vaccines including boosters. Vaccinations should take place by the end of October for maximum protection over the holiday period when cold/flu/Covid transmission typically increases. We in public health are working to ramp up vaccination campaigns, emphasizing communication strategies that encourage vaccinations among hesitant groups.

2) **Cold and Flu prevention** strategies are important too,

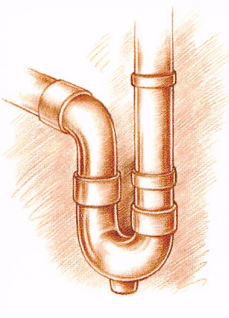


Interested in Whately's Rich History?

The Whately Historical Commission is seeking candidates for membership.

The Commission, a volunteer opportunity in Town government, is responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning. Its members share a commitment to the preservation of buildings, structures, objects, and landscapes that define the historic character of Whately. Experience in landscape planning, archaeology, art and/or architecture is helpful, but not required, as are research and writing skills. The Commission meets once a month.

Interested candidates should contact the Town Clerk (via email at townclerk@whately.org) and the Historical Commission (via email at historicalcommission@whately.org).



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such as regular hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and masking when needed.

3) **Stay home if you are ill** to help reduce the spread and for your own quick recovery.

4) **Build Community Resilience** by attending locally sponsored Educational Workshops and Pop-up Clinics.

5) **Help maintaining Support Systems/networks** for those facing barriers in accessing healthcare, like transportation and languages. Our Senior Center and Valley Neighbors are good organizations to start with whether you are needing support or have support to offer.

Whately Library News

By Cynthia Steiner

Happy Fall from the Whately Public Library
We will be closed for the following holidays:
Oct. 14 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Did you know...

That with the **libby app** you can Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more from your local library for free! Libby is the newer library reading app by OverDrive, loved by millions of readers worldwide! All you need is your library card! With libby you can borrow from any of the library consortiums in Massachusetts. See the link at the library's website <https://www.whately.org/library>

We now have books from the 2024



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That thanks to an anonymous generous donation and M&T Bank admission to the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center is free for the remainder of 2024. Stop by and checkout our pass today.

Monday Music & Movement with Janet Ryan

For families and children ages 0-5, Sept. 16 - Nov. 18. Join us for a music and movement filled morning! This program is made possible by the Whately Cultural Council, The Whately Public Library, and The Union 38 Family Network/CFCE which is funded by a grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care.

The Autumn Sky Wed. Sept. 18 6:30PM

What's up in the sky this month? Meg Thacher (Smith College Astronomy Dept.) will explain why we have constellations and what they tell us about the Earth and our place in space. She'll also tell star stories from several cultures. If the weather is clear, we will look through the library's telescopes! Bring binoculars if you have them.

Meg Thacher is the author of *Sky Gazing: a guide to the Moon, Sun, planets, stars, eclipses, constellations and Cool, Cosmic Tattoo: Stars and Planets*. Meg teaches astronomy at Smith College and gives astronomy talks all around the valley.

Silent Reading Group is kind of like a book club, only the participants aren't reading the



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same book, and there's more reading than talking. Whately's Silent Reading Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 7pm, starting downstairs at the library. The first and last half hours are for socializing, and the middle hour is for silent reading. Bring your own book, or check one out while you're there. If you can't make it at 5, feel free to arrive any time. No need to make a commitment--just show up! The next Silent Reading Group will take place on Sept. 25.

News from the Whately Church

By Cynthia Crosson Harrington

When you read this another chicken barbecue will be history. Our 30th annual BBQ was held on Labor Day. Thank you all who support this great fund raiser.

After our summer services in the West Whately Chapel we return to the church in the center. Members and friends will be invited to join together Sept. 15 for Rally Day with a pot luck luncheon to follow the worship service at 10 AM.

Oct. 6 the annual Crop Walk will find walkers raising money for hunger.

Nov. 24th we will celebrate our blessings with a Thanksgiving service where non-perishable food will be collected to bring to the VA in Leeds.

We are happy to have a new sign installed

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As always, our doors are open to any who wish to join us at 10 AM on Sunday mornings.

News from Valley Neighbors:

By Debra Carney

Valley Neighbors (VN) will offer three new events and possibilities for residents of Whately, Sunderland and Deerfield! Please view our **Autumn Events Flyer** in this edition (and posted in other Whately locations) for details.

VN provides transportation to local appointments, phone check-ins, friendly visits, household help, and tech assistance to our members 60 years and older in Whately, Sunderland and Deerfield. **Membership is free**, thanks to the generous support from our funders and from our local donors.

VN continues to grow; we now have over 139 members and 51 trained volunteers, and we welcome new members and volunteers. Our volunteers receive training and insurance coverage. They make a significant and much-appreciated difference in the lives of our members: for example, between January and July of this year, VN volunteers met 172 requests for transportation, driving more than 4,500 miles.

If you would like more information on VN or to donate, please visit: valleyneighbors.org/

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To become a member or volunteer, contact us directly: Valley Neighbors, PO Box 281, Whately, MA 01093 - 413 453-9057, email: info@valleyneighbors.org

Transfer Station news

By Fran Fortino

Hazardous Waste Collection day is Sept. 21 at Greenfield Community College Main Campus. This is a once-a-year free opportunity for residents to safely dispose of hazardous items like leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, and other toxic household chemicals. To participate, residents and businesses must pre-register by Sept. 13th.

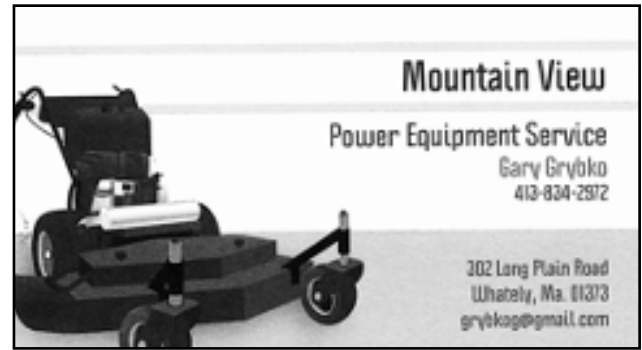
For online registration go to: franklincountywastedistrict.org/p/24/. Paper forms are available at participating transfer stations, while supplies last.

Fall Bulky Waste Collection day is set for October 19, 9-noon at the Whately transfer station. Residents can get rid of bulky items, including old rugs, furniture, mowers, metals, TV's, computers, sinks and toilets, BBQ tanks, tires and more. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call 665-4561. For more info: franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Town Administrator Updates

By Peter Kane, Town administrator

The Town of Whately received an MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness)



Action Grant award in the amount of \$82,542 for our project entitled: The Future Looks Like Whately: Planting Resilience through Nature-Based Solutions.

We are excited to partner with pollinator-focused design studio Landscape Interactions on a town-wide initiative to improve the resilience of landscapes and waterways to the impacts of climate change using nature-based solutions. Three Town-owned parcels will be selected as demonstration sites for biodiversity-centered landscape designs that will maximize the benefits of native plant communities to address some of Whately's top climate hazards while supporting native pollinator species at risk of local extinction.

For questions or more information on this project, please contact [Sylvie Jensen, Community Development Administrator](#).

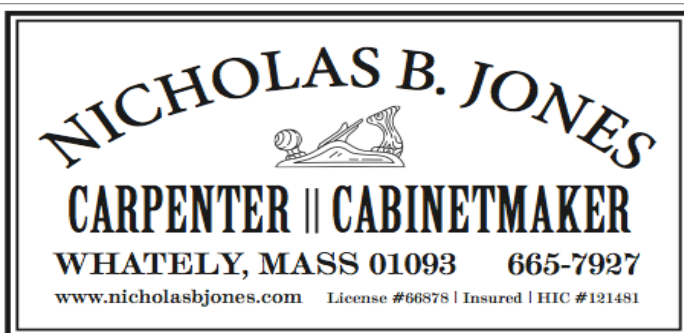
Watermelon Wednesdays

By Paul Newlin

There are still six available for the last three scheduled Watermelon Wednesdays concerts for this, our 25th!, year. (There might be a December show, so stay tuned to www.watermelonwednesdays.com for further information and tickets to all shows.)

Wed., Sep. 11, 7:30pm, West Whately Chapel: Mister Sun; Boston-based Bluegrass/Americana quartet (fiddle, bass, mandolin, guitar wizards).

Weds., Oct. 2, 7:30pm, West Whately Chapel: five-time Grammy nominated jazz



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vocalist of the year, Karrin Allyson.

Sun., Nov. 3, 3pm, Whately Town Hall: R&B, Soul, Pop, a cappella quintet, Ball in the House (they've opened for The Temptations, BeachBoys, Smokey Robinson, Lionel Richie, among others!).

News from the Town Clerk

By Amy Lavallee, Town clerk

This is a very busy year for elections. We just finished Early Vote by Mail and Early Voting in Person for the Sept. 3rd Primary. For the Nov. 5th 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 5th election is Oct. 26th. The Town Clerk's Office will be open that day from 9:00am-11:00am and 3:00pm- 5:00p.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 Nov. 5th election in mid-Sept. for those that have not chosen to Vote by Mail for the election yet. If you had already sent in an application and indicated that you wanted a ballot for the Nov. 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 Sept. or the beginning of Oct. All applications for the Nov. 5th election must be in the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Nov.

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Early Voting in Person will be held at the **Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane** from Oct. 19th through Nov. 1st. Hours will be:

- 10/19, 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- 10/21 - 12p.m. – 5 p.m.
- 10/22 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10/23 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10/24 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10/26 - 9a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- 10/28 - 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- 10/29 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10/30 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10/31 - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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 Nov. 5th, 2024. 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.

Marking Memorial Day

Walter Harubin, 103 years old and a WWII vet was given the National Grange Patriot's Award and an award from the Mass. Department of Veterans Affairs for his service in the US Navy, 1941 to 1945.



The parade and ceremony was coordinated by the Whately Grange. Submitted by Ruth Fairman.

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Swimming holes will be too chill
And birds will try to eat their fill
To ready for their southern flight
As day turns early into night

Schools will open up their doors
And kids will run along their floors

To meet their friends and see what's new
And show off all the ways they grew
While teachers work with all their might
To see that children get it right

Seasons change, and so do we
And that's the way it has to be
So welcome both the old and new
And keep your eye on what is true

The Whately Scoop

*Cost for printing and mailing the Scoop was provided by
the businesses who placed ads within. Please patronize our local businesses!*

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 2024 issue of the Scoop is **Sunday Dec. 1.**

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.

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- 1) Volunteer to write articles
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- 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

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