



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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*Our 13th Year and going strong. Thanks to you!*

## Memorial Day Activities by Adelia Bardwell

The Memorial Day celebration begins with a service at the Whately Congregational Church at 10am. The parade, forming in front of the church, steps off at 11am. The ceremony at the town common completes the program. Everyone is welcome to march in the parade. This is **our** parade!

Frontier's band will be playing. The American Legion/VFW will be marching. The Elementary School children have an important part. Alan Thackaray will bring the message. Sport teams are invited to participate.

The Historical Society opens its exhibit and offers food and entertainment for all at the Center School. Be there to share the day.

Does anyone know how many years we have had the parade? The Grange has been arranging it for many years-how many?

## Whately Center Historic District: Update On Planning Project by Donna Wiley

Supported entirely by funds from the Community Preservation Act, the Conway School of Landscape Planning and Design is working with Whately residents this spring to develop a plan for

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Town Center that will address parking, walkways, lighting, grading and landscape maintenance plans in the Whately Center National Historic District.

The Conway School team began its work in late March with an open-ended discussion with the project committee, which includes representatives of the Whately Department of Public Works, the Dickinson Library, the Congregational Church, Town Planning Board, Select Board, and Historical Commission. Graduate students Warren Lee and Susan Schen have been hard at work reviewing historical and current information about Whately Center, surveying property throughout the district, and talking with interested residents and employees of the Town. An open meeting on May 3, which was filmed by FCAT ([www.fcat.tv](http://www.fcat.tv)) and may be viewed by all, attracted more than 30 Whately residents, about 2/3 of whom live or work in the Historic District.

Whately residents will have an opportunity to respond to the draft Conway School plans by attending a second open meeting, to be held in Town Hall on **Thursday, June 2, 7:00 – 8:15pm**. Please put the June 2 meeting on your calendar and join the conversation about future plans for Whately Center.

For further information, contact Donna Wiley (Member, Historical Commission), at [dwiley54@gmail.com](mailto:dwiley54@gmail.com) or (413) 397-3287.

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### Time-sensitive CPA Project Applications by Judy Markland, for the Community Preservation Committee

Typically applications for CPA funding are made by the second Tuesday in December for approval at the annual Town Meeting in the spring. However, some projects have special deadlines that don't fit this application cycle.

For these projects, the Community Preservation Committee will be accepting applications for approval at a special town meeting in the fall until **Tuesday, June 14 at 5pm**. Only time-sensitive projects will be reviewed at this special application cycle.

CPA-funded projects must be for open space, historical preservation, community housing or recreation. More detailed eligibility criteria can be found at the CPC page at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org). As with all CPA applications, the appropriate town boards and committees should review the application and comment to the CPC before it reviews the application. For an Agricultural Preservation Restriction or other projects involving the purchase of real property rights, the dollar amount of the proposed purchase must be known at the time the application is submitted and some local financial support in addition to CPA funding must be demonstrated.

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### An Anniversary Assessment

#### By Quint Dawson, VFW

Local VFW Post 3295 observed its 81st Anniversary on May 22nd. Several generations of members and their guests celebrated with a banquet at the Bluebonnet in Northampton where the roast beef and pie were followed by persuasive reasons to be active Post participants. Such participation characterizes Post 3295 these days and probably explains its resurgence.

The Post's recent history is a half decade of rebuilding. Almost single handed, Commander Roland Kinsman (former Whately Resident!) nurtured a steady recovery, patiently persuading skeptics one at a time to join him, until at last critical mass was achieved and the organization became viable without life support.

Today Post 3295 is able to play its unique and vital role in the community life of Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately, meeting needs of area veterans, promoting patriotism and fostering respect for those who served. Currently Post 3295:

- sponsors youth baseball,
- offers HS scholarships.
- attends school assemblies,
- flags veteran graves,
- collects & disposes of unserviceable US flags,
- aids individual veterans needing help,
- funds veteran activities,
- raises funds,
- arranges "pay your own way" trips for members,
- marches in area parades,
- participates in patriotic ceremonies,
- fires rifle salutes at veteran funerals, and more.

Perhaps the Post's proudest achievement is its Honor Guard and rifle squad. Since its founding in 2010, the Guard has presented at dozens of veteran funerals, in every kind of weather, firing three volleys and standing at "present arms" while taps is blown and the coffin flag is folded. And since 2010 the Guard has marched in 20 parades and fired an estimated 1100 rounds during 60 rifle salutes – just observing Memorial Day in Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately! (And after every firing, the rifles must be cleaned!) The Honor Guard is the pride of the Post and a symbol of its determination to serve.

The Post's future looks bright. While many veteran groups are waning, 3295 is resurgent, busy and proud. Recruiting efforts are paying off. Younger veterans are taking interest. New ideas and energy are being contributed. Essential community support is solid. We can expect Post


3295 to be a vital and reliable part of our community for some time to come.

### News from the Whately Church by Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

Assuming that it is finally spring, we at the Whately church look forward to a couple of months filled with activity. As always, we will be hosting 10 am worship on Memorial Day Sunday May 29th, and we will get you out in plenty of time to join the parade. We like to recognize, veterans and community and service organizations at this service. On June 12th, we celebrate the end of Sunday School for the year through a children's service and ice cream social to follow. Come and join us!

On June 19th, we will honor our graduates and wish them well in the next journeys of their lives. In July (and August) we join the Conway church in worship at the West Whately Chapel.

We also hope that you will join us for our Strawberry Supper on June 16th. For reservations please call LaSalle's at 413-665-2653. In the meantime, we worship every Sunday at 10 am. All are welcome no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.



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### Transfer Station News by Fran Fortino

We currently have a limited supply of **blue recycling bins** and small **food waste pails free** for new Whately residents and others who want to recycle and compost to save money. Please see the transfer station attendants to get one.

Among the unique recycling options at the Whately transfer station is our plastic bag recycling bin. We take almost all types of plastic bags. However, please remember they must be clean, dry and have no paper inside or sticky labels (tear them off even if bag rips). Still it can be a messy operation since our attendants sort these bags very conscientiously to eliminate contamination. Please

be considerate of them and follow the guidelines. Thank you for making this one of our success stories.

Transfer Station staff also handle redeemable deposit soda and beer containers so they can be a source of cash for local nonprofit organizations. Residents can make this job easier by:

- completely emptying and rinsing all redeemable bottles & cans - sticky containers attract ants, flies, and smell bad;
- not dumping badly dented redeemable cans or bottles with labels removed - redemption machines can't read the UPC code - place these directly into the recycling roll-off instead;
- separating aluminum, plastic and glass redeemables into the designated bin - please don't leave them in bags for the attendants to sort. Thanks for your help!

The Solid Waste Committee is looking for non-profit organizations interested in raising funds by redeeming deposit bottles and cans collected at the Whately Transfer Station. Please call Fran Fortino at 665-4561 or Quint Dawson at 665-4959.

#### **Please no radioactive medical waste!**

Our town trash container was recently impounded after it was found emitting radiation! The radiation came apparently from several small items rolled up. The source likely was medical residue from an animal or human getting radioactive iodine treatment or pills, and was costly to remediate.

If you or your pet are undergoing radioactive treatment, please **do not** put any medical waste items (tissue, diapers, bedding, kitty litter, etc.) in the trash until it is safe to do so. If you have any questions about safe timing, ask your M.D. or veterinarian. Again, thanks for your cooperation.

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## **Friends of the Library**

**by Carol Talbot**

Welcome spring!

We've seen many of you at recent events and thank you for coming out and taking part. We hope to see more of you at upcoming events which include the Summer Concert series, monthly movies, book club and much more!

We mailed our appeal out a bit early and hope if you've received it you will think of the Library and the events you've enjoyed in the past.

Our funding for the many programs and music series is dwindling and we hope we can count on you, the community and program attendees, to send whatever you can to support these events. Even a \$10 donation goes a long way toward booking artists, providing refreshments, renewing the movie license, or buying comfy chairs for the community room!

To date we are struggling to pay for current and upcoming events and sincerely hope to continue with summer music, the local handmade craft fair, lighting the Community Tree and providing the free monthly movie.

We are not able to do so without your continued generous support.

I know you've heard from us through the annual appeal letter, but please consider that money given to this local community group not only stays in the community but is used for the good of all.

When we plan events we keep your requests and wishes in mind. Gathering and planning this takes time, effort, volunteers and money, all of which we are in need of at the present time.

So we again ask for your help, time, experience, or support. If you have a little to give please contact the Friends (we meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm) or email us at [folwhately@comcast.net](mailto:folwhately@comcast.net). Thanks to all of you!

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## **Whately Library News & Events**

**by Wendy Peppercorn**

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> –6:30 pm-Permaculture Talk

Ashley Schenk, an experienced homesteader and landscape designer will share strategies for using permaculture design to develop more effective and resilient ways to face climate change.

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am-Whately Knitting Circle

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am - Summer Reading Kick Off- Get Ready, Set, Read!

Starring Jungle Jim in the Reading Olympics. An awesome balloon magic show includes comedy, magic. Every child will receive prize and a reading log where they can record their books and earn prizes all summer long!

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 3 and 5 pm- Movie-to be announced.

Wednesday June 22- 4:00 pm-Color Craze and Cookies for Tweens and Teens- Coloring is in! Lots of different patterns to color and decorate, including cookie coloring. Join the Summer Reading Club and get your log and a prize, bring it back all summer for more prizes.

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> -11 am-Adult Summer Reading Kick Off with author visit by Jacqueline Sheehan who will discuss her new book, "Center of the World". Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm- Teaching Creatures – Animal Defenses – A "live animal" program featuring a hedgehog, word turtle, rabbits, and a hog-moved snake.

Saturday, July 16 at 11 am-Toto the Kitten visit with author Jonathan

Saturday, August 5th at 11 am-Adult Best Book Brunch.

Come share your favorite book of the summer. Bring your reading log for the Grand Prize Drawing.

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am–End of Summer Carnival, Crafts and Ice Cream Social

including Make your own Sundae! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm-Veteran Benefits. Talk with Brian Brooks

### Summer Concert Series

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> -6:00 pm- Wild Thyme-traditional Irish and Scottish music

Wednesday, July 5- A Natural Band- 7:00 pm- Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup>! 50+ players are professional musicians and music educators

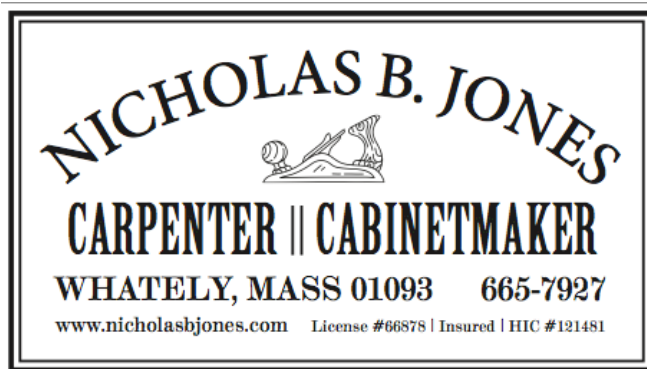
Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> -6:00 pm-MilkBottle- rocking Whately since 2011

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> -6:00 pm -Sugarloaf String Band-5 member acoustic string band

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> -6:00-T.J. and the Peepers-Oldies but goodies!

For more information, please contact the library at 413-665-2170 and our web page at

[www.whately.org/library](http://www.whately.org/library)



### Another Successful Event by Steve Calderone

The 19th Annual Spring Whately Family Talent Festival (ASWFTF) was held on March 19th at the Whately Elementary School (WES). The talented musicians in the community provided a performance that was enjoyed by all.

Highlights of this year's event included third grade comics, string players, gymnasts, readings from a local author, and a WWII Navy Veteran playing an Irish Harmonica finale.

Thanks to the many sponsors of this year's ASWFTF event. Twenty lucky audience members won \$300 worth of door prizes, provided by: The Whately Inn, LaSalle's Florist, the Bow Wow Bath House, the Yankee Candle Flagship, Wolfie's Family Restaurant, Holiday Pizza, the L&L Fence Company, Subway and Dunkin Donuts (both from Circle K on RT 5&10), Tom's Long Dog and Grille, the Tea Guys, and Staples of Northampton (who printed our

programs). Please thank these businesses for supporting the folks of Whately.

In addition, the audience donated almost \$40 of canned goods for the Western Mass Food Bank of Hatfield. Please also thank the WES folks who continue to support this great traditional community tradition.

Our mission statement says it all: public performing experiences always enhance the confidence and communication skills necessary for lifelong success. Each year, our young performers gain a valuable experience while simultaneously having a great time. That's why so many return year after year after year.

We look forward to seeing more talented folks and enthusiastic audience members, at the next springtime event, at the 20th ASWFTF in 2017. See you then!

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### Town Administrator Updates: By Mark Pruhenski

Now that our budget season has concluded and our spring town meeting is behind us, I'd like to start by thanking all of the many board and committee volunteers, as well as our department heads and staff for their assistance in drafting and reviewing our FY17 operating budget and capital plan.

I'd also like to thank everyone who attended our annual town meeting, and for your continued support of our town operations. We were fortunate this year, to be able to provide a level service budget as well as fund many capital items that have been deferred for several years.

In addition to a very busy budget season, we have been settling in nicely to our new consolidated town office building.

Since phase two of our town office renovations were approved a few weeks ago, you will start to see work beginning in the south-west section of the building, which will complete the town office

space aspect of the building. New modular offices will be installed, a new emergency exit, and some renovations to the hallway leading to this new section will complete this phase.

The final plantings and seeding at our Mill River wells and pump house will wrap up the Mill River construction project. As I write, the contractors are completing this project and we can finally put this project behind us, knowing that our wells have been properly protected and will provide the town with safe drinking water for many years to come.

Our new town website is in the process of being built right now and we're excited to be working towards improved information and notifications to our residents. Our new website will be incredibly user friendly, simple and easy to navigate, and provide much more information on a 24-7 basis. You can look forward to the website going live sometime around July 1st, at the same web address we are currently using: [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org).

Lastly, if you have not already heard, I will be stepping down from my post as your Town Administrator at the beginning of June to begin working as the Town Administrator in Richmond MA, nearby my home in the Berkshires. I would like to thank everyone in the Town of Whately for welcoming me to your community, and for trusting me to lead your town through some significant projects.

In just under two years we've been able to complete the Mill River Project, consolidate our town offices under one roof, close in on selling our cell tower site to generate significant revenue for the town, purchase a new pumper for the fire department, and complete some significant technology improvements, just to name a few things.

I've learned a great deal in my time here. I'd like to thank all of the board and committee members,

### **Meeting Schedule for Town Boards**

Assessors- Most Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00PM, Town Hall

Board of Health-2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 5:00PM, Center School

Conservation Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, 7:00PM, Town Hall

Franklin Tech School Com.-2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 7:00PM, Tech School

FRS School Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 7PM FRS

Historical Commission -3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Library Trustees - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 7PM, Library

Planning Board - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7PM, Town Hall

Recreation Commission -2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7PM,WES/Herlihy

the staff, the many volunteers, and residents that helped me along the way.

In the meantime, please feel free to call or stop in my office at the new Sandy Lane Town Office Facility at any time. My door is always open.

### **Wildlife Sighting**

#### **by Marianne Simon**


Every April for last ten years or so, the white-throated and white-crowned sparrows have come north to our yard and feeders, with their lovely "My name's Sam Peabody-Peabody-Peabody" song; one sings it on an upward direction, the other on a downward direction.

At the end of April they say good-bye and leave for their summer quarters in Vermont and the Adirondacks.

This year, no sooner than they had vacated our premises, when a wood thrush, or a pair of them, took their place. This has never happened before. What an exquisite concert I heard all day!

I learned recently that what is so bewitching about the song is that the thrush creates harmony, all by himself! Such a blessing!

Now, wisely, I believe he, or they, has/have moved further into the woods to avoid predators. I wish them well, and offer them profound thanks.

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Selectmen - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tue, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Water Commissioners - 1<sup>st</sup> Tue, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Whately School Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7PM, WES

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1<sup>st</sup> Thu, 6:30PM, Town Hall

Historical Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7PM, 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.



**Town Offices Hours of Operation**

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 Library - M, 10a-5p, T, W, 1p – 8p, Sat 10a – 3p Selectmen  
 - M, W, Th 8a-4p, T 9:30a-6p  
 Town Clerk- M 12-7pm, Th 9a-4p, F 9a-12p Treasurer/  
 Collector M 8a-7p, T-Th 8a-4p, F 9a-12p Transfer Station  
 - Tues 12–5PM, Sat. 7am–5pm

**Town Office Contact Information**

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**Town Directory**

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Board of Health Health Agent	268-8404
Animal Control	665-8027
Emergency Mgmt.	665-4400
Fire Department (routine)	665-8200
Burning Permits	625-8200
Highway Department	665-2983
Police (Dispatch,non-emergency)	625-8200
Police (Station)	665-0430
Schools:	
Whately Elementary	665-7826
Frontier Regional School	665-2118
Franklin County Technical	863-9561
Selectboard	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	665-2170
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Town Accountant	665-4400
Water Department	665-4400

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- Join the Friends of Town Hall, and help to make a difference! For information, call Paul Fleuriel at 665-4891.





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Weather warms from day to day  
And now it really looks like May  
With green adorning many trees,  
The nights, though cold, avoid a freeze.

April wasn't very wet  
Which leaves the flowers quite upset  
And farmers surely will complain  
If we don't get sufficient rain

But working outside in the sun  
Makes gardening a lot of fun  
And soon we'll gobble summer fruits  
And even don our bathing suits

So even though the wind does blow,  
Summer's coming, that we know,  
With thunderstorms and lots of heat  
And yummy things for us to eat.

**The Whately Scoop**

If you misplace your copy of The Scoop, do not despair! You can always find it on the resources page at [www.whatelyhistorical.org](http://www.whatelyhistorical.org).

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