



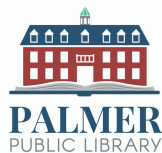
PALMER VILLAGES,
Palmer Voices

**A Palmer oral history and
personal story project,
to help preserve the amazing
past of its villages and residents.**

**Through the collaboration of the
following local organizations:**

**Palmer Public Library
Palmer Cultural Council
Mass Cultural Council
M-PACT TV**

**Palmer Historical & Cultural Center
Palmer Historical Commission
Elbow Plantation Historical Society**



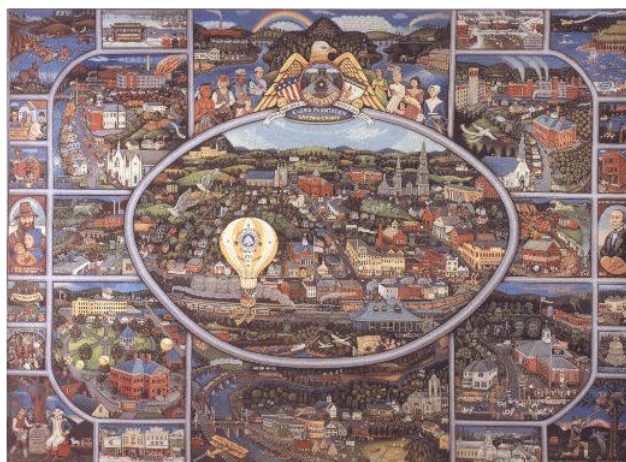
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PRESERVING PALMER HISTORY

*Stories of ordinary people
are extraordinary!*

**We believe that the history, stories,
and artifacts from each village, and
from every generation, are what
make our community special.
Every generation & village matters!**



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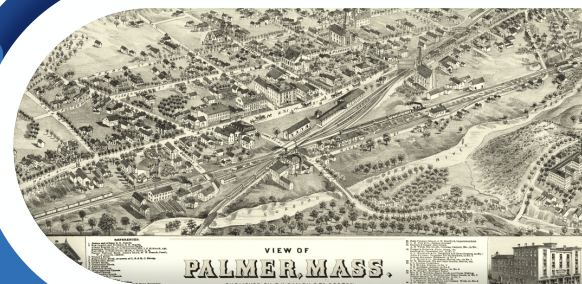
**Material and stories gathered
from this campaign will be
preserved, treasured, and shared
for years to come.**

QUESTIONS?

(413) 283-3330, ext. 109

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THE GOAL:

To collect digital artifacts & diverse personal accounts of life and experiences in the villages of Palmer, from each generation. We are looking for at least 5 participants born in each decade from 1910-2010.

HERE'S HOW TO BE A PART OF TOMORROW'S HISTORY... TODAY!



1. Gather up to 10 personal items that are specific to your life in Palmer and that you'd like to talk about during an interview. These can be just about anything, so be creative! There are some examples under the ***Get Ready to Reminisce*** section of this brochure to help you get started. Any photos of items, places, or people that help you tell your story are welcome. ***We will not keep your objects***, but will instead scan or photograph them during the pre-interview.

Don't have 10 items? Find someone who can contribute as well! This can be anyone from an old school chum, to someone from a different generation (like a grandparent or a teacher). We will be scheduling individuals as well as small groups who have shared the same experiences.



2. Call 413-283-3330, ext. 109, and ask for Helene or Amy. We'll schedule a pre-interview meeting to review all of the details.



3. Next we'll schedule a time to record in the M-PACT (Municipal Public Access Cable Television) handicapped-accessible studio, located at 1659 North Main Street, Palmer, MA.

If you would like to record on your own at home, see instructions to the right.



WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECORD YOUR OWN INTERVIEW?



1. Visit our website at:

www.palmerlibrary.org/palmervoices

Download the informational packet, which includes instructions, interview questions, and recommendations.



2. Scan or take close-up photos of your 10 items and name the files using your first and last name and the item number. (For example, JoanSmith7.jpg)



3. Email your digital files and recorded interview to:

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or drop off a usb drive (we'll return it) containing the files to our front desk.

GET READY TO REMINISCE!

The suggestions listed below are just some of the everyday topics, spanning the generations, that we're hoping to hear about.

This list is just a starting point to get you thinking about special and unique Palmer experiences to share.

CLOTHING/ACCESSORY- work uniform, scout uniform, Palmer t-shirt, era-specific fashions, leg warmers, Velcro wallet, grandmother's pin, handmade items

COVID- quarantine activities (sidewalk chalk, virtual gatherings, etc.), family memories & struggles

CULTURE- Operation Friendship activities in Palmer, heirlooms or other items from your family traditions

FOOD- restaurant menu, typical Sunday meal, recipe, community picnic, ice cream treat

HOUSE- your own home or one you visited frequently, other buildings like the train station or a local business, Then and Now photos (if you have an old photo of a building, add a new photo taken from the same perspective for comparison)

INDUSTRY- Palmer trains, mills, airport, Main Street, Casella Springs Soda Company, your first job

LIBRARY- puppet show, craft, Box City, Silhouette Search, Summer Reading, 1977 "Bookworm"

MUSIC- Polka, school dance, band, music of the era

RECREATION- roller skating, drive-in movie, bowling, Hemlock Hill skiing, a favorite outdoor Palmer location

SCHOOL- Locations and experiences have varied quite a bit during the past 100 years. Share memories of your school days, such as a favorite teacher or class. How did your school day differ from today?

TOWN EVENT- parades, festivals, Santa Train

WEATHER- blizzard, flood, tornado, hurricane