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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....
by Donna M. Fillion



Census

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2017 Annual Census forms by mail mid-January. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and do not receive a form, call or stop in for a form to complete.

Dog Licenses

The census package will also include a dog license application for those dog owners who sometimes forget to license their dog. The board is also required under state statute to prepare a listing of dogs owned by each resident. All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed annually under M.G.L. Ch. 140. An updated proof of rabies vaccination is required prior to licensing as well as proof of spaying and neutering. Incomplete applications will be returned to the sender.

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices will be available at the town clerk's office beginning January 4, 2017, for the annual town election to be held April 10, 2017.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide. The last day to file nomination papers with the board of registrars is February 22, 2017.

The following slates of office will be on the April ballot: one selectman for three years, one moderator for one year, one assessor for three years, one library trustee for three years, one constable for three years, one member of the planning board for three years, one tax collector for three years and one treasurer for three years.

If any resident has questions pertaining to the census form, the dog license form or nomination paper you may call the town clerk's office for assistance at 357.8585 ext 3. Forms may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the town clerk's office.

Notary Public

The Town Clerk, as well as the Town Administrator/Matt Streeter are Notaries Public. If you need our services, please call either of us and make an appointment (413.357.8585). The service is free of charge to Granville residents.

School Committee Meeting

December 20, 2016

NESDEC will present the FINAL REPORT on the best use of Facilities to the

Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee

Time: 6:00p.m.

Location: Southwick Regional School Auditorium

93 Feeding Hills Road

Southwick, MA 01077

**** alt. date for inclement weather will be January 3, 2017 time and location will remain the same**

Thank you scarecrows

for taking up residence once again on the lawn of the Meeting House. A very welcome sight indeed.

The entries were awesome ranging in ages from 4 years old to adults. Thank you all for your great participation.

The judges had the difficult task of trying to decide on top honors as all entries were top honors worthy. Thank you judges for your decisions.

The Scarecrow Convention was sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council.

Best regards,

Gloria Knoener

Member, Granville Cultural Council

OUR NEW GRANVILLE PHONE BOOK 2017..... WE NEED A FEW MORE OF YOUR NUMBERS

Thanks to the many town folks who took the time to fill out the form. We had great success on election day and at other venues. We do not want to leave anyone out of the publication and need your help asking friends & family if they have included themselves in the book.

Forms & drop boxes are still available @ the library & town hall; or mail to TOWN HALL, PO Box 247, Granville, MA 01034. ****put "phone book" on the bottom left corner of the envelope.****

We are beginning to compile the listings. Soon we will be calling on households who have not yet participated, and on businesses to add their cards to the business directory in the phone book. Again, thank you, and please help spread the word!

Name_____

Street address_____

Tel. #'s Home_____Cell_____

Email_____ (will not be published)

At this same time we are updating TOWN EMAIL LIST so that important town notifications and emergency preparedness info. may be distributed quickly to you.

Granville-Tolland

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Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® needs your help and creativity! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com or call Kris LeFebvre at 357-9044.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW GTDFS APPLICANTS

If you are interested in applying for the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars scholarship for Spring 2017 and would like more information about the online application process, we are offering an informal session during Christmas vacation week in the evening at the Town Hall.

We will have a firm date by mid-December. We will have this date and time available on our website granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org on the Student/Parent tab. You may also call Sarajane Adams at 357-6327 or email at granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com for additional information. Parents are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCING NEW SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA® SCHOLARSHIP

Our parent affiliate, [Scholarship America®](http://ScholarshipAmerica.org) offers national scholarships throughout the year aside from your local chapter scholarships. They have just added the Wells Fargo Renewable Scholarship for People with Disabilities below. If you are interested, go to the link below. For other national scholarships, please go to scholarshipamerica.org or visit granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org.

“Wells Fargo is committed to empowering people with disabilities to obtain the education or training necessary to succeed in their chosen career path. To show that commitment, Wells Fargo is providing renewable scholarships of up to \$2,500 for full-time students and up to \$1,250 for half-time students.”

Applications are being accepted at scholarsapply.org/pwdscholarship through January 17, 2017 or until 700 applications are submitted, whichever comes first. Applicants must:

- Have an identified disability (defined as someone who has, or considers themselves to have, a long-term or recurring issue that impacts one or more major life activity)
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- Be a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll (or who is already enrolled) in full- or half-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the U.S. for the entire 2017-2018 academic year”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

COA News

The Granville COA Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 14th at the Russell Inn at noontime.

Menu will be salad, bread, chicken parmigiana, lasagna, meatballs and dessert

Cost for seniors will be \$7.00

R.S.V.P **must** be made by Friday, December 9th by 10:00 a.m.

Call Patty 357-8761

Linda 357-8781

Mary 357-8850

CPC News

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will meet at the Town Hall at 7 pm on the following dates:

Dec. 15, 2016 • Jan. 19, 2017

Feb. 16 • Mar. 16

Anyone interested in applying for CPA grants for the coming year should arrange to meet with the CPC prior to the application deadline of Jan. 31, 2016. The application is available online at: townofgranville.net in the Community Preservation section. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Rich Pierce, CPC chair at :rpierce@comcast.net.

This year the Town collected approx. \$18,900.00 from the real estate surcharge and received matching funds of \$ 3,904.00.

This money will be added to the existing CPA funds and be available for distribution to project applicants upon review of completed applications by the CPC and an affirmative vote at the Annual Town Meeting. The CPC is now accepting applications for projects in the 3 areas allowed by the Community Preservation Act (CPA); Historic Preservation, Community Housing and Open Space.

Recipe of the month

Cranberry Christmas Cake

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- ¾ cup butter (room temperature)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 12 oz. fresh cranberries (washed and halved)
- 1 apple, peeled and diced
- (gluten free substitution)
- 1 ¼ cup brown rice flour
- ½ cup potato starch
- ¼ cup tapioca starch
- 1 tsp. xanthan gum

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with a mixer, beat eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color about 5 to 7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as the leavening agent in this recipe so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl. Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries and apple and stir to mix throughout.

Spread in a buttered 9x13 pan. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Let cool completely before cutting into small pieces. (Optional: mix 1 tablespoon milk with ½ cup confectioner's sugar and drizzle over cooled cake)

**Pack 118 Invites
You To Our
Annual Quarter
Auction
December 5th**

Doors open at 6pm Auction
Starts Promptly at 7pm
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Southwick

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Website: woolybeardaycare.weebly.com

Lecture Series

We hope you will join us as we explore a variety of topics. All lectures are free and open to the public and hosted by the Granville Federated Church (16 Granby Road). Light refreshments will follow each presentation.

Weds. December 7, 2016 at 7:00pm

Birds of Prey of Granville

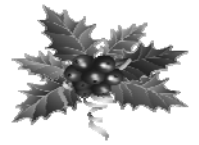
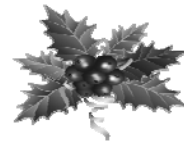
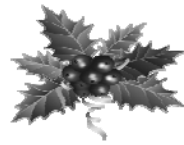
Presented by John Weeks. Drawing from his experiences leading hawk watches on Blueberry Hill, John's presentation will showcase the various birds and other wildlife that live or pass through Granville. During the Fall migration, John has observed 15 different kinds of raptors.

Saturday January 21, 2017

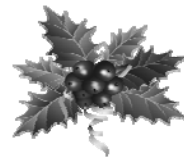
Native Plants and Habitats

Presented by Bridghe McCracken, founder of Helia Land Design. Bridghe has over 15 years of experience in land stewardship, as well as designing landscapes, gardens, and beautiful food systems. She has a BA in Biology from Colorado College, is a certified Organic Landscape Professional from the Northeast Organic Farmers Association, a certified Horticulturist from MCLA, and is a Massachusetts Master Gardener.

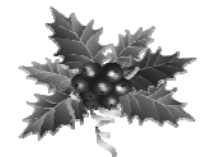
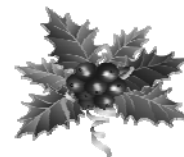
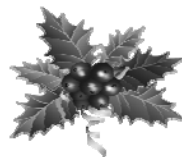
More lectures are in the works; details will be announced as dates are finalized. If you have ideas for presentations that you would like to see, or would like to volunteer to give a lecture, please call or email Bill Fluhr at 607-339-9443 or waf8@cornell.edu.



**You are invited to the
Town's Annual
Christmas Gathering
Friday, December 16th, 2015
6:00pm until 9:00pm
at the Town Hall**



**It is potluck
so bring some food to share.
If you would like to participate in the
gift game, bring a same sex gift of
minimal value.
We'll play the game at 7:30pm.**



PLANNING A PARTY, A REUNION, A BABY SHOWER??

HOW ABOUT TRYING GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A RENTAL RESERVATION, CALL
PASTOR MCMAHON @413 579-4674 OR BOBBI O'CONNELL @ 413 357-0914**

Winter Roads Policy 2016-17

Town of Granville, MA

In effect from November 1 - to April 30

Doug Roberts Superintendent of Public Works

- ♦ On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- ♦ During winter road operations, main roads are first priority therefore, Main Road, Granby Road and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- ♦ Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Granville is the source of drinking water therefore we limit the use of salt.
- ♦ Drive below the posted speed.
- ♦ High quality snow tires are essential.
- ♦ Allocate more time for travel.
- ♦ Town Roads with low use patterns may be closed for winter maintenance.
- ♦ During winter weather limit travel, to essential trips only.
- ♦ Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, morning frost and shaded areas become slippery rapidly, an isolated weather event often causes slippery conditions in one area or curve. Notorious for this are the Gorge, Hairpin Turn, the north end of Old Westfield Road, Water Street at the Transfer station corners.
- ♦ Communicate with inexperienced drivers a clear understanding of all the dangers involved in winter driving.



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Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.
A coffee hour follows the service each week.
We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase.
Please see Jean McMahon.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour
Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday-7:00 p.m. Senior choir
Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
Breakfast. All welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm- Birds of
Prey of Granville, presented
by John Weeks

Saturday, December 10th at 4:00 pm-Novi
Cantori

Sunday, December 18th at 8:30 am- Fellowship
Breakfast

Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 pm- Christmas
Eve Service

A LOOK AHEAD

Saturday, January 21st, 2017-Horticulturist and
Master Gardener Bridghe McCracken will give a
presentation on native plants and habitats.



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Betty Carpenter, Westfield Garden's, 37 Feeding Hills Road, Westfield, MA 01085

Cyril Maceyka, Westfield Garden's, 37 Feeding Hills Road, Westfield, MA 01085

Ed Roberts, Meadow Brook Nursing Home, Salmon Brook Road, Granby, CT 06035

Granville-Tolland

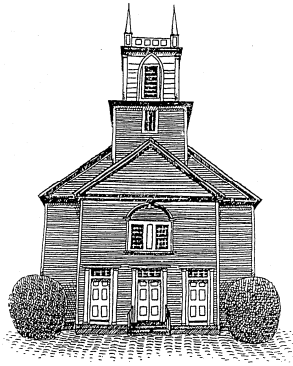
Lion's Club
Presents

Breakfast with Santa

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH**
7:30AM – 10:30AM

At the

**Fellowship Hall in the
Granville Federated
Church****All you can eat!*****Pancakes Sausage Bacon Coffee Juice******All Ages Welcome*****Adults \$6.00****Kids 6-12 \$3.00****Children 5 and under eat for free!****Picture with Santa \$3.00****8:30-10:30am*****Tickets at the Door****Proceeds to benefit**Eye Research • Youth Sports • Emergency Community Services*



WEST GRANVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1580 Main Road,
Route 57
West Granville

Our Worship Services for 2016
will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month:

December 11, 2016
Service is at 7PM.

Our Worship leader is
Rev. Dr. Lorrie Dunham
(former Pastor of The Southwick
Congregational Church).
The organist is Roberta Kowal.

All are invited for refreshments
and fellowship in the Academy Hall
following each service.

Both the Church and Academy
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Please call Deborah Boulanger
at 357-6360 for more information.

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granvillelib.info

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 • Wednesday 3-8
Thursday 5-8 • Saturday 10-12

Please call ahead if there is inclement weather. The library WILL BE CLOSED if school is cancelled. For safety reasons we will not be open until the driveway is plowed and the sidewalks are shoveled after a storm. No late charges are incurred for closures due to weather. Thank you for your understanding.

New books for adults and YA:

Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen.

City of Dreams: The 400 Year Epic History of Immigrant New York by Tyler Anbinder.

Game Worn: Baseball Treasures from the Game's Greatest Heroes and Moments by Stephen Wong.

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Sheerly.

Indestructible: One Man's Rescue Mission That Changed the Course of WWII by John Bruning.

Pokemon Go!: The Ultimate Unauthorized Guide by Cara Copperman.

Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South by Beth Macy.

Whole: How I learned to Fill the Gragments of My Life with Forgiveness, Hope, Strength and Creativity by Melissa Moore.

Boy is Back by Meg Cabot.

Bronx Requiem by John Clarkson.

Chaos by Patricia Cornwell.

Chemist, The by Stephenie Meyer.

Closed Casket: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery by Sophie Hannah.

Distance Between Us, The by Reyna Grande.

Faithful by Alice Hoffman.

Hermit, The by Thomas Rydahl.

IQ by Joe Ide.

Moth Catcher by Cleeves.

Night School by Lee Child.

Night Watch by Iris Johansen.

Sun Born by Kathleen Gear.

Terranauts, The by T.C. Boyle.

Triple Crown by Felix Francis.

Whistler by John Grisham.

Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly.

For Kids:

Finding First Animals and More by Libby Walden.

Tinyville Town: I'm a Veterinarian by Brian Biggs.

Fox and the Jumping Contest by Corey Tabor.

Grizzly Bear Who Lost His Grrrr by Rob Biddulph.

Fire Engine No. 9 by Mike Austin.

Ghost by Jason Reynolds.

Hammer of Thor, The, Magnus Chase & The Gods of Asgard # 2 by Rick Riordan.

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John Anderson.

My Dreams: Baby Basics board book by Xavier Deneux.

My First Dance Ballet - board book by Sterling Pub.

Nanette's Baguette by Mo Willems.

Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes by Duncan Tonatluh.

Two Naomis by Olugbemisola R-Perkovich.

New Audio CDs:

Anatomy of a Solider by Harry Parker.

Security by Gina Wohlsdorf.

New DVDs:

Anthropoid

Bad Moms

Mr Church

Finding Dory

Game of Thrones Season 6

Hands of Stone

Hell or High Water

Indignation

Kubo and the two Strings

Outlander Season 2

Poldark Season 1

Star Trek Beyond

War Dogs

OBITUARIES

Everett A. Bettinger

Everett, age 75, passed away at home on October 29, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Dorothy (Schlosser) Bettinger of Granville; daughters Laura Lavallee and her partner Ted of Palmer and Lisa Squires and her husband David of GA; grandchildren Courtney Chafer and Nathaniel Jordan; his cat and best friend Rusty as well as many other extended family members.

Leslie Nelson Clink

Leslie, age 65, formerly of West Granville MA. died of lung cancer on October 9, 2016 at Dr. Phillips Hospital, Orlando, Florida. He was the son of the late Leroy A Clink Jr. and Minnie E Brueno Clink. He leaves behind his sons Michael and Jarrod Clink and a daughter Alicia Clink as well 5 grandchildren. He also leaves siblings Leroy R Clink of Westfield, Linda Clink O'Brien of Orlando Florida and LuAnne M. Clink Leary of Ormond Beach Florida and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Born October 25, 1951 in Westfield, MA. He graduated from Westfield Trade School in 1969.

Mitchell C. Willis III

On November 5, 2016, Mitch, age 50, passed away peacefully in his sleep, at his home in West Palm Beach, FL

He was born in Hartford, CT on November 15, 1965 and grew up in New England.

Mitch graduated from Seneca High School in Maryland, and received his Associates Degree from Mackintosh College in New Hampshire. Mitch was an exceptional athlete all of his life and played baseball and football when he was young. Mitch started skiing at 1 year of age guided by his Dad who was a ski instructor in Aspen. At the age of 5 he began to participate in motocross. By the age of 12 he was the best of the youth riders in New England. He competed in 3 national championships in PA and TX. Mitch and his brothers, Paul and Colorado, continued to ski and ride together throughout their lives.

He spent most of his career in the restaurant business and seafood industry. He worked in both the culinary aspect and management of restaurants and also worked as a commercial fisherman in Louisiana and Florida. He transitioned into seafood sales using his experience and knowledge in both the restaurants and fishing industry. Known for his ability to source and supply the finest seafood, Mitch excelled both nationally and internationally and was very successful throughout his career.

Mitch moved to Florida in the early 90's, married Kathy in 1996, and started their family in 1998. He was a devoted husband and father who loved to spend time with his kids. He spent countless hours on the motocross track with, his son Trent and surfing with, his daughter, Taylor. Mitch greatest joy was spending time cooking and enjoying a great meal with his entire family.

Mitch is survived by his wife, Kathryn; children, Trent and Taylor; his father, Mitchell C Willis, II and his wife Pamela Walker Willis; his mother, Anne Dubois and husband Edward Dubois; brothers, Colorado Willis, Justin Dubois, John Martin Willis; and sister Jessica Walker Willis. In addition, loving grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins

The Transfer Station will close early for holidays on

**Christmas Eve
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24th, 2016 9am- 2pm
and
New Year's Eve
SATURDAY DECEMBER 31st, 2016 9am-2pm**

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS RECYCLING REMINDER

Happy Holidays! Thank you for your recycling efforts over the past year. Following are some guidelines for recycling during the holiday and winter months:

YES

Please **DO** include the following items in your paper recycling mix:

- corrugated cardboard boxes
- paperboard gift boxes
- greeting cards (except those with foil, metallic inks, or glitter)
- gift wrap, gift bags, tissue wrap (except those with foil, metallic inks, or glitter)
- paper shopping bags (any type of handle is okay)
- catalogs and calendars

NO

Please **DO NOT** include the following items in your recycling mix:

- ribbons, bows, and tinsel
- packing peanuts and Styrofoam™ (re-usable, contact your local pack and ship store)
- holiday lights
- blister packaging (formed plastic package used to hold toys and electronics)
- plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked #2 or #4 recyclable at some retailers)
- photographs

If you have any questions about recycling, please visit our website at www.springfieldmrf.org,

**More Information on recycling on Transfer Station
page of Town website: www.townofgranville.net**

Regular Transfer Station Hours

Tuesdays 1pm - 5pm

Saturdays 9am - 5pm

***Hours may change if winter storm event
occurs on a Tuesday or Saturday**