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# **Granville COA News**

The Granville Council on Aging would like to thank Art Smith and Joe Pietroiro and all the helpers who parked cars for the Harvest Fair and generously donated a portion of the proceeds to the COA. We truly appreciate all your efforts to help our Granville Seniors. Thank you!

Thank you to Linda Mihlek for her years of help and working with us.



The Granville COA is going to have an after Christmas Party on December 29<sup>th</sup> at New England Pizza, in Granby, CT. at 12 noon

Reservations have to be in by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You can contact Patty Dickinson 357-8761 or Dorothy Bettinger 357-8761 or 1-413-207-2747

Coming from Southwick, New England Pizza is on the left after State Line Oil, 518 College Highway (Rt. 10 and 202)

> We will meet at the Town Hall and leave at 11:20 a.m.

Hope you will join us for a good time.

# **Sweet Potato Casserole**

5 lbs. sweet potatoes (or yams)

4 large eggs

3 tbsp. maple syrup

2 tbsp. vanilla extract

1 tbsp. lemon juice

2 tsp salt

#### Streusel topping:

1 cup packed brown sugar

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup chopped pecans

¼ cup chilled butter, cut into pieces

2 tsp cinnamon

Mix together streusel topping in a small bowl until mixture is grainy and comes together. Cover and chill until ready to use.

Wrap each potato in foil and bake @ 400 for about 1 hour, or until potatoes are easily pierced by fork and very soft. (or you can peel, and cut into cubes and boil in water until soft and drain) Let cool enough to handle; remove skins and mash potatoes well in a large bowl

In a separate bowl beat eggs, maple syrup, vanilla, lemon juice and salt. Pour mixture over the sweet potatoes, mix until smooth and incorporated. Transfer mixture into a buttered 9 x 13 baking dish.

Sprinkle pecan topping evenly over casserole. Bake a@ 350 until casserole is set and topping bubbles. About 1 hour (source: Chew out loud, inspired by Bon Appetit)

#### **GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER**

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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

#### Telephone: 413.357.8585 Ext. 3

Email: townclerk@townofgranville.org

**Website:** <u>www.townofgranville.org</u> (Board and Committees, Town Clerk)

Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm and by appointment

#### Census

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2018 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 2, 2018, for the annual town election to be held April 9, 2018.

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 26, 2018.

The following slates of office will be on the April 9, 2018 ballot:

one member of the Selectboard for three years;

one Moderator for one year;

one Assessor for three years;

one Town Clerk for three years;

one Library Trustee for three years;

one member of the Regional School Committee for three years;

one Constable for three years;

two members of the Planning Board for three years; and

five members of the Recreation Committee 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. 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. The service is free of charge to Granville residents.

#### **GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER**

### **Granville Public Library**

2 Granby Rd. • 357-8531 • <u>granvillelib.info</u> Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 • Wednesday 3-8 Thursday 5-8 • Saturday 10-12

#### New Books for Adults and YA:

Becoming Hitler: The Making of a Nazi by Thomas Weber.
Design Your Own Crochet Projects by Sara Delaney.
Artemis by Anthony Weir.
Christmas Room, The by Catherine Anderson.
Manhunt by James Patterson.
People vs Alex Cross by James Patterson.
Strays by Britt Collins.

#### For Kids:

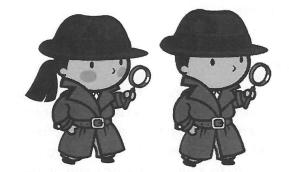
Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary by Martha Brockenbrough.
Biometrics: Your Body and the Science of Security by Maria Birmingham.
Crazy About Cats by Owen Davey.
How to Be an Elephant by Katherine Roy.
I Love Cats by Sue Stanton.
Winter Dance by Marion Bauer



#### New DVDS:

Atomic Blonde Brigsby Bear Cars 3 The Glass Castle Hitman's Bodyguard, The Ingrid Goes West Leap! Mercy Street Season 2 Secret Scripture, The Wind River Your Name

# This Holiday Season Try Your Detective Skills!



Using the clues left in a clue box located in the Children's Room at the Granville Public Library, try to figure out what Holiday song; Page, the bookworm is thinking about. Win a Holiday stocking filled with books and more. From all correct entries a winner will be picked. All patrons are encouraged to participate.

Each week for four weeks a clue (or more) will be left in the box. If you think you know the title of the song fill out the raffle ticket and place it in the container located in the Main Room. Enter each week if you wish!

The first clue will be left on November 25 and each Saturday after that a new clue will be placed in the box. The last day to submit your guess is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stop in each week to gather the clues! Good Luck!!



GRANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

707 Main Road • Granville, MA 01034 413-357-8585 Ext. 7

# **Mail Theft**

The town of Granville is currently experiencing a large amount of mailbox thefts. In the computer age, we understand we have to be careful answering emails and phone calls due to the rise in scams. However, we easily forget about our mailboxes. The Granville Police Department would like to remind residents that your personal identity is largely housed in your mailbox. The Federal Trade Commission estimates 400,000 Americans have had their mail, and their identities, stolen.

While the police try to protect your property, we can't do the job alone. The town of Granville has hundreds of mail deliveries daily so you, the community, need to take part in the overall security of your mail. The following are some security measures that are suggested by the U.S. Postal Service:

Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.

Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.

Don't send cash in the mail.

Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.

Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.

Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).

Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.

If you see a mail thief at work, or if you suspect your mail was stolen, call the police immediately.

# **Upcoming Town Hall Meetings**

The Granville Police Department is announcing two upcoming Town Hall meetings scheduled for 2017 & 2018. The first meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The second meeting will be March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Granville Police Department will present crime trends, statistics and new strategies being employed. Attendees will meet with the Chief so they can share their concerns about the Police Department and policing in general. We will also share Police Department volunteer opportunities with community crime watch programs and community event information. The goal is to create an opportunity for the citizens of Granville to voice their concerns openly and free of criticism. The meeting will progress to allow attendees to propose what they believe should be the priorities for their neighborhoods. It is an excellent time to get to know the law enforcement officers working in your neighborhoods and help direct the activity of the Police Department in the coming year.





GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

709 MAIN ROAD GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 01034 413•357•8585 EXT. 9

# The Granville Fire Department wants to keep you safe this heating season!

By Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator

**Christmas Tree and Light Safety** – It's that time of year again! Many of us will be decorating inside and outside of our homes. Here are some reminders to keep you safe!

- Keep trees away from heat sources.
- Water a cut tree daily and use a "non-tip" style tree stand.
- Never leave a lit tree unattended if you leave the house, turn off the lights.
- Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holiday, before the needles dry out.
- Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening
- or leaving the house.
- Purchase lights and electric decorations which are listed by an approved testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, sockets, etc.
- Never overload outlets. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord.
- Consider buying new energy efficient LED lights that don't get as hot.
- Always use appropriate weatherproof lights outdoors.

**Candle Safety** - In 2015, candles caused 105 fires, three civilian deaths, nine civilian injuries, five firefighter injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$3.9 million in damages. Of the 84 candle fires in homes, 35% occurred in the bedroom. It is all too easy to fall asleep and leave a candle burning unattended in the bedroom. Remember to blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

- Burn candles within a one-foot circle, free of anything that can burn.
- Before you go out, blow it out; never leave candles burning unattended.
- Always extinguish candles after use.
- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Candles used to heat oils
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.

Together, we can improve the life safety and wellbeing of our Granville residents!

The all-volunteer members of The Granville Fire Department are proud to serve our residents 24/7. Please visit our web page at <u>http://</u> <u>www.granvillefire.altervista.org/</u> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org





# Calling all Handi-Crafters!

Do you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, or do any other craft?

Bring your current project along for a social crafting circle!

**6:30pm at the Granville Library** (downstairs) every Wednesday through the end of December.

Contact Lee Fluhr (leefluhr@gmail.com or 531-7672) with any questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet. Supplies are available for anyone who needs them.



# Granville Village School Yearbooks Available



Extra yearbooks dating

to 1979, are available at the Granville Town Hall. Books are located in the Town Administrator's office. Please see Matt Streeter if interested.

Donations will go to the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars.

Years Available:

1979,1980, 1982 – 1983, 1992, 1994 – 1999, 2000 – 2007, 2009 – 2012



# HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

#### DO YOU OWN A HOME IN ONE OF THESE TOWNS?

#### SOUTHWICK \* GRANVILLE

If you do **you may be eligible for up to \$40,000** in grants for making necessary repairs to your home. Home improvements may include chimney and foundation repair, lead paint and asbestos removal, roof repair and replacement, window installation, plumbing, heating, electrical, weatherization and handicapped accessibility. Grant funds can also be utilized for septic system repair or replacement. These towns have collaborated in successfully obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to assist income eligible residents. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), located in Springfield, has been hired to help administer the Housing Rehabilitation program. The PVPC provides assistance with the application process and helps coordinate the construction process.

**CALL NOW** if you need to make improvements to eliminate building code violations, eliminate unsafe or unhealthy conditions, improve weatherization or undertake other necessary work to improve the quality of your living conditions. All information received is confidential and will be maintained in the Springfield office of the PVPC. If interested, please contact Shirley Stephens, Housing Coordinator at (413) 781-6045 or sstephens@pvpc.org.

# LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT?

### **DO YOURSELF A "PAVER"**

### GIVE THE GIFT THAT HONORS A LOVED ONE

Reserve your spot on the "Green" with a personalized paver

The Town Green Committee will be adding pavers to our walkway again in the spring, if you are interested in purchasing a paver for \$75.00, to memorialize a loved one, honor your family name or to celebrate a special date.

Fill out the form below & send it to Marilyn Tkaczuk PO Box 341 Granville MA 01034

Name:	Phone #:
Address:	
Each paver must have a separate application v	vith engraving information below:
Maximum 15 spaces per line includes letters, numbers, pur	nctuations, & spaces with a 3 line maximum
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Paver size is 6.75" by 4.25" if you have questions call Marilyn @ 413-357-6303



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# TOWN OF GRANVILLE Department of Public Works

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2017-2018 In effect from November 1 - to April 30

- On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Parking at the Town Hall, Library, or school is restricted to those doing Town business during business hours.
- During winter road operations, main roads are a priority. Therefore, Route 57, Route 189, and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- Town Roads with low use may be closed for the winter.
- Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- "All season" tires are not a substitute for snow tires.
- High quality snow tires are essential.
- Limit travel during storm events.
- Drive below the posted speed.
- Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, and frost. Shaded areas become hazardous rapidly. An isolated weather event will create hazardous conditions. Notorious for this are the Gorge, Hairpin Turn, the North end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street by the Transfer Station.

# Town of Granville Transfer Station

Open Tuesdays 1 PM – 5 PM

& Saturdays 9 AM – 5 PM

The Town of Granville Transfer Station uses the punch card system for residents to dispose of household trash. Trash bags are sold in various sizes by the gallon. The four punch card sizes are sold in accordance with the most popular plastic trash bag sizes: 13 gallons, 30 gallons, 42 gallons and 50 gallons.

All cards cost \$75.00, and are based on \$.09 per gallon of trash placed in the compactor. The price has not increased, and is the same price per gallon for all bag sizes.

We ask that you buy the card that corresponds with the trash bag size you use. Please put all trash in a tied bag. It is *extremely* important that all trash be in a secured bag.

Loose trash causes problems with maintaining the compactors, safely transporting the trash, and sanitation of the transfer station. By using the bag size that corresponds with the card you purchase, it allows us to be fair to everyone and correctly charge for the volume each person brings.

Punch cards are available for purchase at the Transfer Station during hours of operation. Please make checks payable to the Town of Granville.

For most, this is how business has always been done at the Transfer Station and we thank you for your cooperation. Please help us continue our operation of the Transfer Station as a clean and organized enterprise by following the rules outlined above. More information on the facility operations and recycling program can be found on the Granville Town Website Transfer Station page.

#### **GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER**

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The 2018 Granville-Tolland Lions Club Community Birthday Calendar is now available for delivery. To subscribe for delivery of the annual calendar please contact Dan Stosick at 413-285-6494 or email <u>d.stosick@comcast.net</u>. Your subscription helps serve your community.

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### Granville-Tolland Lions Club 2019 Calendar

Greetings from the Granville-Tolland Lions Club.

Every year the Lions Club puts out a calendar where people can have birthdays and anniversaries printed on it, plus local business advertisement. This calendar has been a tradition for over 50 years in Granville and Tolland but we have found that not everyone knows about it, now is your chance to get your birthdays and anniversaries included.

You submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to remember and it will be printed on the calendar. THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE EVERYONES NAMES AND DATES NOT JUST YOUR SUBMISSIONS.

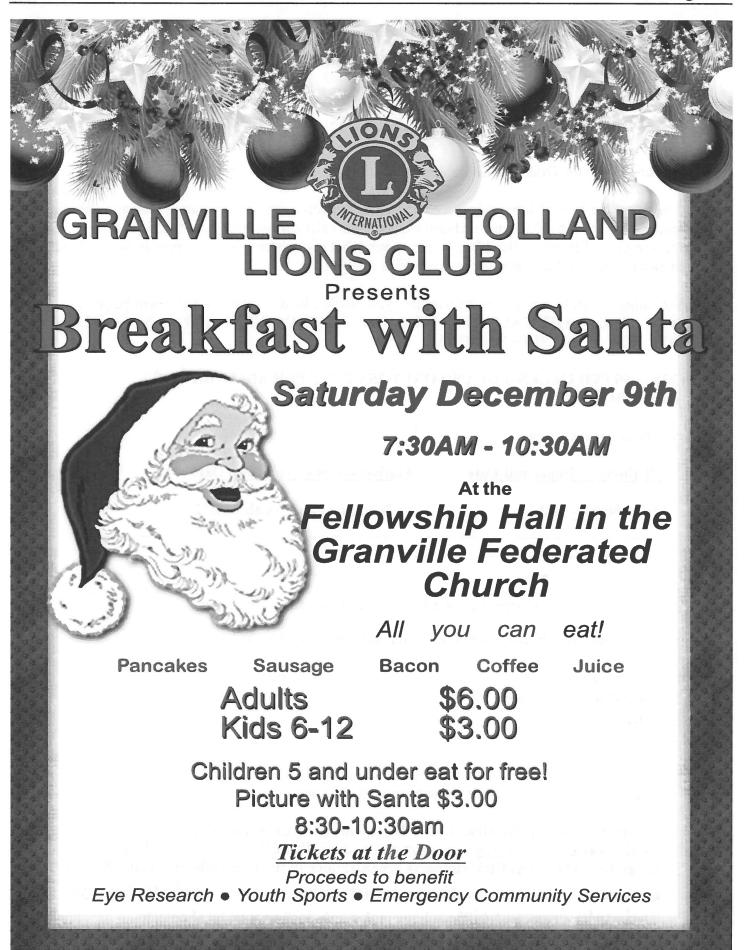
#### COST: \$5 PER CALENDAR AND ONLY 25 CENTS PER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

Submitting names is easy:

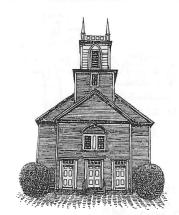
<u>Birthdays – Name and Date</u>	<u>Anniversaries – Name and Date</u>	
John Smith - 5/21	John and Jane Smith - 10/22	
(A separate piece of paper can be	e used if more submissions are needed)	
Make check payable to: Granvill	le – Tolland Lions Club $\Box$ or	
Pay on Delivery		
Telephone #		
Num	nber of Calendars @ \$5 =	

Anniversaries to: <u>d.stosick@comcast.net</u> by June 30, 2018 - Delivery will be in December. The Lions Club supports organizations in the Granville and Tolland communities. The lions are always a helpful resource for those with hearing, eye and sight emergencies and our club has helped several local citizens.

Contact Dan Stosick for interest in an advertisement on the calendar.



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# West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57, West Granville

Our Worship Services for 2017 will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:

December 10, 2017

All services are at 7PM and followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall.

We are pleased to announce we have a new worship leader this year. Rev. David Hurst - formerly of the Grace Union Church in Wilbraham MA. (more info to follow!)

Our organist is Roberta Kowal of the Southwick Congregational Church.

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

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!

https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/



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### **CPC** News

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

Dec. 21, 2017 Jan. 18, 2018 Feb. 15, 2018

Additional meetings will be held as necessary and will be posted.

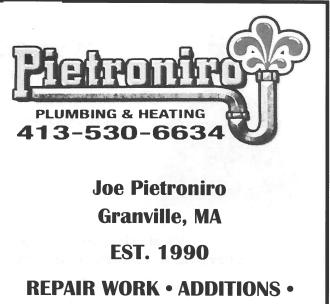
Anyone interested in applying for CPA grants for the coming year should arrange to meet with the CPC prior to the application deadline of Jan. 31, 2018. The application is available online at: townofgranville.net in the Community Preservation section. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Rich Pierce, CPC chair at :

rnpierce@comcast.net.

This year the Town collected approx. \$18,900.00 from the 1 1/2% real estate surcharge and has received matching funds of \$ 3,559.00.

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. Any organization or person considering an application should review the criteria for acceptable project funding before completing an application.





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#### **GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER**

### Granville-Tolland Dollars for SCHOLARS® A Program of Scholarship America®

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2017 HARVEST FAIR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The Executive Board of Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Harvest Fair. Without our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers and our patrons, the Joust and our annual raffle would not have been possible. The money raised from these events will go directly toward scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Special thanks go out to this year's sponsors whose generosity helped defray the cost of running the joust and the raffle:

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Additional thanks to Steve Cook, who generously donated his winnings from the 50/50 raffle back to our students!

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the student volunteers and GTDFS board members who volunteered their time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

#### THE 2018 ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

If you are a first-time applicant, a recipient of a previous scholarship and are still an undergraduate, you are eligible to apply for 2018. Our scholarship is awarded in the second semester and up to five scholarships may be awarded.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Full-time undergraduate student

Resident of Granville or Tolland, Massachusetts

High School Diploma (or high school senior), GED, were home-schooled with appropriate requirements and/or are not currently in school, but plan to become a full-time college student

# Application Requirements in our online application:

300 word Goals & Aspirations Essay to be revised for each scholarship year Activities updated each scholarship year

Work Experience updated each scholarship year

Community Service - Have you volunteered for Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars?

Academic Grade Point Average from fall semester

For more information and to begin the application, go to our website, granvilletolland.dollarsforscholars.org, Student and Parent tab.

To current recipients of the 2017-2018 Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® scholarship, please be aware that a letter requesting your school address and other information was sent to your home address. This is vital to insure that your school receives the award in a timely manner.

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### **GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH**

American Baptist and United Church of Christ 16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034 Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. A coffee hour follows the service each week

#### 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. Choir rehearsal Third Sunday 8:30 a.m. Fellowship breakfast

Big Y gift cards are available. See Jean McMahon to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to the church.

#### **DECEMBER EVENTS**

December 2nd- 6:00 p.m. Advent Fellowship Supper followed by Carol singing

December 9th- 4:00 p.m.

Lecture series program. John Meiklejohn will be speaking about the effort to bring back the Chestnut tree and his part in the effort.

December 17th- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Special Christmas Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, December 24th- 10:00 a.m. Morning worship service

Sunday, December 24th-7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

PLEASE JOIN US!

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

### **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.

#### Saturday December 9, 2017 at 4:00pm

Restoring the American Chestnut Tree to the Eastern Forest of the U.S.

Presented by John Meiklejohn. For centuries the American Chestnut was a majestic and useful giant of the eastern U.S. forest. It's bountiful annual harvest of nuts served man and wildlife alike, and the rot-resistant nature of its wood made it a valuable resource in many industries. However, in the early 20th century, an invasive Chestnut Blight from Asia decimated the American Chestnut population. For the past 35 years, The American Chestnut Foundation [TACF] has persevered with increasingly sophisticated research and progress towards restoring the American Chestnut. John will speak about the Foundation's ongoing restoration efforts up and down the East Coast, including the research orchards right here in Granville.

#### 2018 Lectures

More lectures are in the works for after the new year; 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.

# **OBITUARY**

#### **Roland A. Lepage**

Roland, age 87, passed away November 18, 2017 at Governor's Center in Westfield, MA. Mr. Lepage was born on June 7, 1930 in Chicopee, MA to Henry and Blanche (Langlois) Lepage. He had worked as a machinist for many years. Roland was a kind and gentle man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life always enjoying time with his family and of course enjoying his wife's amazing meatloaf. Predeceased by his parents, his son Dean Lepage, his brother Richard Lepage, and his son-in-law Gary Bujnicki, he leaves his wife Dorothy Lepage of Granville, MA, his son David Lepage (Ann Marie) of Fulton, NY, his daughters Diane Bujnicki of Chicopee, MA and Dale Lapointe (Philip) of Granville, MA, his brother Roger Lepage of Chicopee, MA, his sister Leona LeDuc of Holyoke, MA, 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.



# Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. Participates in Subaru's "Share the Love" Promotion this Holiday Season

Highland Valley ELDER SERVICES Subaru's "Share the Love" event helps provide nutritious meals and a daily check to Hampshire and Hampden County seniors

**Florence, MA- Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc.** is proud to announce an event this holiday season to help put an end to senior hunger. This local effort is part of the Meals On Wheels America's participation in the national Subaru of America, Inc.'s 10<sup>th</sup> "Share the Love" event, designed as a way for Subaru dealers to give back to their local communities.

This year Subaru's "Share the Love" event runs from November 16, 2017 to January 2, 2018. For every new Subaru sold or leased during "Share the Love", Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of charity, including Meals On Wheels America. Meals on Wheels America distributes the funds to local Meals on Wheels providers within the same state as the dealership where the customer bought the car, keeping the money local. Over the past eight years, proceeds from the Subaru "Share the Love" event have provided much needed funds for Highland Valley Elder Services' Meals On Wheels program which delivers around 500 meals to elders in 24 Hampshire and Hampden county towns every day.

Highland Valley serves older adults and their families through collaboration, education, advocacy and a range of programs designed to support them where they live.

#### About Meals On Wheels Association of America

The Meals On Wheels Association of America is committed to ensuring the long-term success of America's senior nutrition programs. Through collaborative action, we leverage the strength of independent community programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories into a unified leadership effort that will end senior hunger in America. The vision of Meals On Wheels is a country where no senior goes hungry. To obtain more information about us or to locate a local Meals On Wheels program, visit our website at www.mowaa.org.

# The Transfer Station requires recycling!!

# Review the recycling guidelines for what can and cannot be recycled! Enjoy your holidays!

#### 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:



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



Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** include the following items in your recycling mix:

-ribbons, bows, and tinsel

-packing peanuts and Styrofoam<sup>™</sup> (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

<u>Regular Transfer Station Hours</u> Tuesdays 1pm - 5pm Saturdays 9am - 5pm \*Hours may change if winter storm event occurs on a Tuesday or Saturday