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TOWN OF GRANVILLE

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Dpwsuper@townofgranville.org
Doug Roberts, Superintendent

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2021-2022

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.
- 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, preferably studded, are essential for winter driving.
- 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 and Hairpin Turn on Route 57, the North end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street by the Transfer Station.

**THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON
CHRISTMAS DAY - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021
AND
NEW YEAR'S DAY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**

**THE TRANSFER STATION WILL HAVE REGULAR
TUESDAY HOURS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY.**

**IF THERE IS A WEATHER EVENT DURING THE WINTER ON A
TUESDAY OR SATURDAY, THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE
CLOSED WITHOUT NOTICE.**

RECYCLE on the **HOLIDAYS**

YES



Calendars



Paper gift cards



Cardboard & paper boxes



Tissue & gift wrap



Gift & shopping bags



Catalogs

NO



Photographs



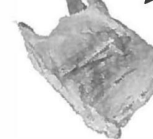
Holiday lights



Polystyrene foam



Ribbon



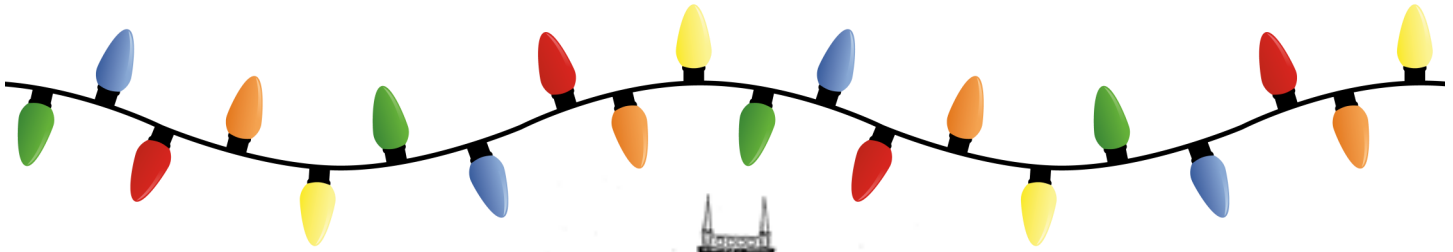
Plastic bags



Plastic cups

Please recycle gift wrap, gift bags, tissue wrap, and greeting cards (no metallics, glitter or foil).

Lists are not all-inclusive. Please check for www.springfieldmrf.org more detailed information.



West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

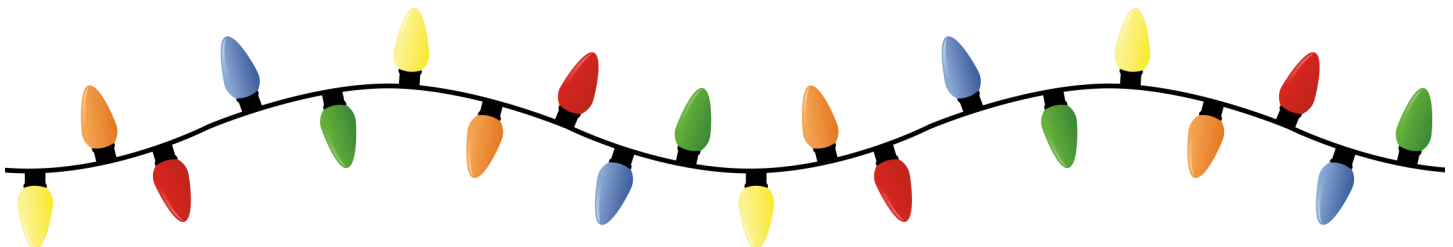
Christmas Service

December 12, 2021

7PM

Check out our Facebook Page!

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



I wish to thank the Granville Ambulance team that were so kind and helpful to me during my recent accident and trip to the hospital, my foot is healing fine.

Thank you very much! Rita Martin



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department would like you to meet Wes Bauver!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

In the month of December, we have chosen to honor and introduce Wes Bauver, the current deputy chief of the Granville Fire Department. Wes first joined the department back in 1986 (35 years ago) where he started as a firefighter. Over time Wes progressed through the ranks of the department moving from firefighter to lieutenant then to captain and finally to his current position of deputy chief. He also spent some time as a Police Officer for the Granville Police department in conjunction to being a firefighter. His commitment to the emergency services of the town does not stop there though as he is also the deputy director of emergency management system.

Wes has certainly watched the department go through several changes throughout the years. These changes aren't just in terms of the equipment, or the way fires are fought but also in the personnel. That will happen when you work at the same place for 35 years. His main thoughts on the departments current condition are that it is comprised of a good crew of young and highly motivated individuals and hopes that the momentum we have created continues and that we can continue to grow not only on the fire side but on the medical side as well.

When Wes isn't putting his time into the various duties, he has to the town he spends his

time doing things like hiking, skiing, canoeing and essentially anything outdoors. Wes is currently retired but when he did work, he was a mechanical engineer in power generation. He does still do some consulting on the side but tends to spend his time going on adventures. Granville is a part of life for Wes, he loves the small-town atmosphere and the close-knit community where everyone helps each other. He also loves the availability of being able to hike and cross-country ski right here in town. Wes also enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife Laura and their three Labrador retrievers.

I think I speak for everyone else on the department when I say it would not be where it is today without Wes. If you don't already know Wes, we hope you get the same opportunity all of us have to get to know him. He is an amazing individual with years of knowledge in just about any area you could think of. Please if you have the chance to meet Wes get to know him. You will not regret it and you will probably leave the conversation having learned something new.

We would also like to quickly touch on a little emergency preparedness topic as we approach the next few months of winter. Power outages are more likely as winter weather approaches. One of the things to consider is emergency lighting. Small plug-in units that will go on automatically if power goes out are available in most hardware stores and on-line. If the power goes out at night, these will provide sufficient light so that you can find flashlights or other items. It is also a good idea to check the batteries in your flashlights and have spare batteries available. With all of that being said we hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas and we look forward to continuing to support the town in the new year.

Granville Public Library

2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 · granvillepubliclibrary.org

Library Hours are: **Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon**
Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM
Closed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday



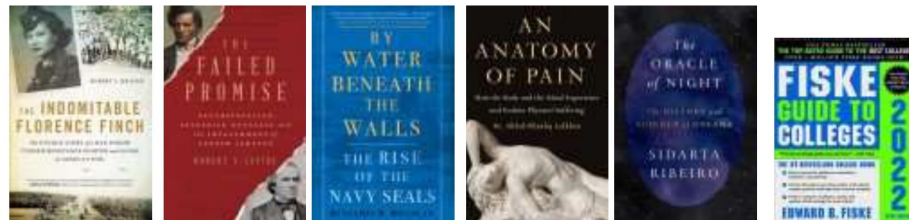
Newest Books, Movies, and Magazines at the Granville Public Library

Books have finally started to arrive on time again. So lots more are in the library, but not listed here!

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Non-Fiction



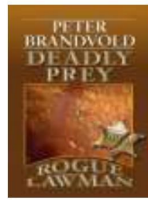
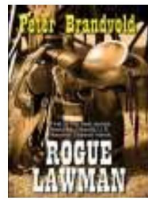
Audio Books Some new and some just new to us!



Fiction: All types, Mystery, Thrillers to Christian



Large Print Books: We acquire these older books from other libraries.



But this one is new!

Then, of course some great new Children's books, including new board books



Story Hour
Dec 4 and Dec 18
10:30 AM

Programs to watch for, here at YOUR library.

******Innovations that Changed the World, Wednesday, Dec 8, 6:30-7:30 PM.**

Register on Granville Public Library Facebook or by calling.

Southwick & Granville Public Libraries invite you to join **Alan Earls**, local historian, presenter, and co-author of *Boston Made: From Robotics to Revolution, Innovations that Changed the World*, as he shares the story of Louis Prang, an immigrant to Boston who fled a revolution-torn Germany, the undisputed father of the Christmas card as we know it.



****Mark your Calendars** for two great presentations later this winter, about something we all love, THE FOREST and the products we get from them.



- January 19, 2022, 6:30 PM-** John Meiklejohn will share his knowledge and experience of being part of The American Chestnut Foundation and their mission to return the iconic American chestnut to its native range.
- February 10, 2022-** Joshua Rapp, Conservation Scientist leading climate-smart forestry for Mass Audubon. He will speak on how landowners can manage forests to be both more resilient to climate change and to remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the forest to reduce the cause of climate change. His research includes the impacts of Climate change on Maple Syrup Production and how we can manage for them.



Library Club **Boston Bruins Team Autographed Hockey Stick**

Raffle- \$5.00/ticket-

Drawing Saturday December 18.

Buy them from a Library Club Member or at the library.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. Johnny Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

EVENTS**BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Johnny is leading us in a study in the book of James. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Bring your bible.

DRIVE IN/PICK UP SUPPERS

Our December Drive-up dinner will be SUNDAY, December 5th from 11:30 am to 12:30pm. (It was too dark by 5:30 on Friday nights) On the menu: Chicken and Biscuits or Macaroni and Cheese, Stir fry veggies, Cranberry relish, and a chocolate brownie with mint drizzle for dessert. If you wish to order, please call Bobbi at 413 297-0445 or Fran at 357-6492.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at the church on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. It's a wonderful and beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate the 'Reason for the Season'.

INFORMATION**FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS**

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent for functions. It is complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs, kitchen facilities and parking. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Karen Rahn to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

CONTACT US

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583. Or email GranvilleFederatedChurch@gmail.com

MISSIONS NEWS**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you to all who donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They mean so much to the kids who receive them.

AGAPE SCHOOL

Bobbi is looking for a little help in providing food for the children at the Agape School in Uganda. This is a huge help for Pastor Steve as they have over 100 orphans to feed every day. Please consider donating \$5.00 a month. It would be greatly appreciated.

AFGAN REFUGEES

We are collecting clothing for Afghan refugees that are being settled in our area. You can drop items off at the church on Sunday mornings or on the porch at 23 Water St. during the week. Call Bobbi if you have any questions.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

We try to help anyone in town who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, running errands, food, emergency fuel, etc. Please call 357-8583 if you or someone you know could use some assistance. You can also directly call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 896-0002, Laura Fielding 357-6368, Alan Gregg 357-6156, or Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!****In Assisted Living**

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Room 329, Westfield, MA 01085

***DRIVE-UP DINNER IN
DECEMBER!!***

No need to cook this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

***CHICKEN N' BISQUIT OR MACARONI & CHEESE, STIR
FRY VEGGIES, CRANBERRY RELISH & CHOCOLATE
BROWNIE WITH MINT DRIZZLE***



\$12.00 PER PLATE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDER AHEAD OF TIME TO:

Fran at 357-6492 or Bobbi at 297-0445

***DRIVE UP & PAY AT THE DRIVEWAY
ENTRANCE TO FELLOWSHIP HALL & YOUR ORDER
WILL BE BROUGHT OUT TO YOU***

SERVING FROM 11:30 – 12:30 PM

Help Wanted

A&M Auto Repair, LLC

7 Tolland Rd, Sandisfield, MA 01255

413-258-3381

Small auto repair and towing company looking for front office staff to provide customer service, creating and maintaining invoices, and manning the phones, among other duties and responsibilities. Must have excellent computer skills, knowledge of Quick Books and Microsoft Office. We are willing to train.

For more information call:
Ralph Morrison

Maple Corner Farm

Open for Sales & Open House

December 5 & 12

10:00 am-5 pm or by appointment



Open for sales of :

Maple Syrup, maple products,

Jam, Fruit Butters, Specialty Foods

New & Used Cross Country Ski Equipment,

Gift Certificates, Ski Season Passes

Beech Hill Road 413-357-8829