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

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Monday nights- AA meetings
Thursdays 7:00 Choir rehearsals
Third Sunday 8:30 to 9:30- Fellowship Breakfast

February Events

Sunday, February 17, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Breakfast
Please come and join us!

Big Y gift cards are available. See Jean McMahon
to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes
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Have a Happy February!



Joe Pietroniro
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Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Bake

Ingredients

3 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
1-1/2 teaspoons dried basil, divided
12 slices Italian, sourdough or rye bread
(1/2 inch thick)
6 slices part-skim mozzarella cheese
6 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 cup tomato paste
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1-3/4 cups 2% milk
2 large eggs
1 cup shredded Italian cheese blend or part-
skim mozzarella cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl, mix cream cheese and 1 teaspoon basil until blended; spread onto six bread slices. Top with mozzarella cheese and remaining bread. Spread outsides of sandwiches with butter. Arrange in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish.

In a small saucepan, combine tomato paste, garlic, salt, pepper and remaining basil; cook and stir over medium heat 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 4-5 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat.

Whisk eggs in a large bowl; gradually whisk in a third of the milk mixture. Stir in remaining milk mixture; pour over sandwiches. Sprinkle with Italian cheese blend.

Bake, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

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

Census

The Town Clerk's Office has sent out the 2019 Annual Census forms. Please respond within 10 days of receiving your form. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and did not receive a form, call or stop in for a form to complete.

Dog Licenses

The census package also included a dog license application for dog owners on record. 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 are available at the Town Clerk's office for the annual town election to be held April 8, 2019.

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 25, 2019.

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 and one member of the Planning Board 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.

Annual Town Election/Registered to Vote

If you are not registered to vote and want to vote in the Annual Town Election April 8, 2019 the last day to register is March 20, 2019.

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. Please note Notary Services are provided as a courtesy.

A Notary does NOT give legal advice.

The following are REQUIRED in order to be provided with Notary Services:

- The document CANNOT already have been signed
- All signers MUST be PRESENT at time of notarizing
- The Notary is stating they have WITNESSED the document being signed
- The person(s) signing MUST provide a proper photo ID

The document MUST contain the appropriate Notarial Statement (Clause) - NO EXCEPTIONS ... Types of Notary: Jurat (statements are true) OR Acknowledgement (ones free act). The certificate MUST contain the oath given by notary to identify the type of notary act.

We do not notarize copies of original documents - NO EXCEPTIONS

We reserve the right to deny notarial services based on circumstances, if the above-mentioned policies are not followed or if documents are incomplete or if documents are in a format that is unacceptable to this office or if the documents do not have the notarial clause/statement.

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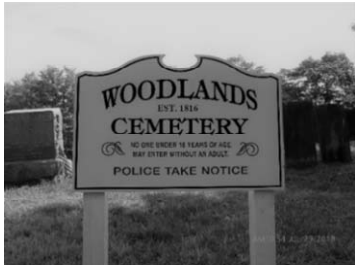
**Salad, Spaghetti & Home-Made Meatballs & Sauce,
Soft Drinks, Dessert**

SAT, FEBRUARY 23rd

5:00-7:00 PM

**Community Christian / Granville School – 409 Main
Road, Granville, MA**

**Donation: Adults \$9 • Seniors \$7 • Kids 6-14 \$7
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Welcome to the story of Woodlands Cemetery, Granville's little country cemetery on the shores of Degano Pond. We'd like to share with you some of the ongoing work to preserve and safeguard the cemetery as well as some items of historical interest.

Woodlands is in a quiet corner of Granville on Blandford Road. It is 203 years old with plenty of character and lots of history. Check out some of the familiar names: Cooley, Barnard, Gibbons, Rose, Stow, Seymour, Roberts, Shaughnessy, and Bancroft.

Maintaining such a cemetery takes some tender loving care. Many of the oldest stones are marble, thin and fragile. Newer ones are granite and long-term durable.

This past autumn Liberty Hill did some substantial tree work to prevent risky trees and branches from damaging headstones. The toppled Seymour stone from 1877 was righted by Smith Monuments and we are attempting to repair the fence around the Cooley family plot. This winter we will apply for Community Preservation funds to repair and secure broken and hazardous stones.

Historically, we'd like to introduce you to Woodlands first resident, Alsop Paine Stow. It was his grandfather Elihu Stow who donated the land for Woodlands probably due to the death of his grandson Alsop in 1816. Elihu reserved a small section for their family. It is located on a knoll in the front row near the southwest corner.



The inscription reads:
*The ground in this yard
 Was first opened to receive
 the body of
 Alsop P. Stow
 son of Alva &
 Lucy Stow who
 died Feb 2, 1816
 aged 3 yrs 10 mos
 Here lies our little son
 within
 Free from sorrow & from sin
 Lent to us for years & hours
 And then cut down
 like_____*

In later years, Woodlands became the home to many soldiers from the Revolutionary War forward to WWII and on. According to the Stiles family genealogy, John Stiles enlisted as a minuteman in 1774, serving under Capt. Lebbeus Ball. His equipment consisted of a musket, bullet pouch, powder horn, knapsack, hatchet and blanket. To be ready, he attended all drills and exercises which were taught by British deserters. He eventually became a sergeant. They were called into action on April 19th, 1775 (now known as Patriot's Day) in response to the fight in Lexington and Concord and were stationed in Boston at Gore House. Later in the war he served at Ticonderoga and Bennington. During a short respite back in Granville in 1776, he married Ruth Roberts of Middletown, CT at Pyncheon's Hotel in West Granville. They had 5 children. He died in 1835 at the age of 84. Ruth, known in Granville as "Granny Stiles", received a pension for John's war service and died 15 years later at the age of 94/95.



Well, we could go on and on but we'll have to save some items for future Caller editions. We'd love to hear from you.

From the officers and members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association, WoodlandsCem@comcast.net.

Granville Library

2 Granby Rd. • 357-8531 • granvillelib.info

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 5-8

Saturday 10-12

New Books for Adults and YA:



The Point of It All: A Lifetime of Great Loves and Endeavors by Charles Krauthammer.

This is Going to Hurt: Secrets of a Junior Doctor by Adam Kay.

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth by Sarah Smarsh.

Batter Off Dead : A Southern Cake Baker Mystery by Maymee Bell.

Hard Ride by Elmer Kelton.

How to Walk Away by Katherine Center.

Of Blood and Bone: Chronicle of the One, Book 2 by Nora Roberts.

Siege of Stone: Sister of Darkness: The Nicci Chronicles Vol III by Terry Goodkind.

Three Body Problem, The by Cixin, Liu

For Kids:

Am I Yours? by Alex Latimer.

Destruction in the Desert: Unofficial Minecrafters Time Travel Adventure by Winter Morgan.

The Meltdown: Dairy of a Wimpy Kid Book 13 by Jeff Kinney.

New Dvds:

Bad Times at the El Royale
Poldark Season 4

The Bookshop

The Old Man and the Gun

What They Had

Johnny English Strikes Again

First Man

The Wife



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- Perform general maintenance of WPOA property, including roads, grounds, buildings, equipment.
Snow Removal. Provide coverage for emergencies and on-call basis.

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- Ability to operate and perform basic maintenance on equipment.
- Must be a licensed driver for three years or be 21 years of age, with a clean driving record.
- DOT medical card and hoisting license or ability to obtain within 4 months.
- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.
- Must be able to work in severe weather conditions.
- Overtime required, as needed, on-call. Must work weekends.
- Experienced in snow plowing of roadways.
- Permanent residency within a 20-minute response perimeter of Wildwood.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Send resume to:

Audrey Miller, Operations Manager
Wildwood Property Owners Association, Inc.
254 Beetle Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Or email to: wildwoodpoa@aol.com,

All interested applicants must respond on or before February 16, 2019

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION NEWS

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7pm in Town Hall. The committee will meet to review finances and to vote on grant applications for the coming fiscal year. Accepted grants will be on the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting for a decision by voters.

Although applications are generally due by Jan. 31st, this year the committee will accept them until Feb. 15th. Applications can be found on the Town Website. Questions should be directed to Matt Streeter, Town Administrator or to members of the Committee.



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Volunteers Needed for Annual Mailathon!

Can you spare a couple of hours on President's Day? We welcome volunteers at the Granville Town Hall on Monday, February 18, 2019, beginning at 11:00 AM to help us with our annual Mail-a-thon! We will need help folding letters, stuffing and stamping envelopes. We welcome volunteers of all ages, and students can earn volunteer hours for NHS. Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to email us at granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks!



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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department wants to wish you a safe and Happy New Year!

By Lt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator

2018 in Review

During the year of 2018, the Granville Fire Department responded to a total 196 calls for Service, combined medical and fire. This is right in line with prior year.

We welcomed new member Nate Sinland (FF), and formally launched our Rehabilitation team with new members Lisa Rickis, Maggie Pratt, Daniele DeMay, Nicole Berndt, and Gabe Alfano joining the department. Two members also attended Firefighter 1 Training, and three attended Firefighter 2 Training. In addition, 1 member completed EMT training, while six others trained and will be completing testing in 2019.

We put our new “Squad 1” truck into service, and collected over 350 toys for our Toys for Tots initiative in a great partnership with the Granville PD.

2018 also saw the return of the loaded baked potato and chili booth at The Harvest Fair!

Our dedicated volunteer members each also logged approximately 150 hours of training during the year.

Our current member roster is as follows:

Chief of Department Matt Ripley

Deputy Chief of Fire Wes Bauver

Deputy Chief of EMS Reba Velky

Lieutenant/Fleet Engineer Steve Cook

Lieutenant/Public Relations Tim Rickis

FF Scott Loomis

FF Josh Markowski

FF Joe Pothier

FF Andrew Isner

FF Tim Phair

FF Jacob Macomber

FF Cole Provost

FF Dan Bryant

FF Jacob Myers

FF Josh McGorty

FF Landon DeMay

FF Nate Sinland

EMT Ashley Cook

EMT Josh Illicky

EMT Richard Williams

EMT/FF Peter Sorrajja

EMT/FF Taylor Warren

Sue Markowski (EMT Training)

REHAB Lisa Rickis

REHAB Maggie Pratt

REHAB Daniele DeMay

REHAB Sue Luntta

REHAB Lara Bauver

REHAB Nicole Berndt

We all look forward to serving you in this new year!

Winter Reminder – Please remember that if your driveway or walkways are not accessible due to deep snow or ice, emergency vehicles and personnel may not be able to reach you. Please also make sure your house numbers are still visible after snow!

Together, we can improve the life safety and well-being 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 <http://www.granvillefire.net> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Lt. Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org