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Thank you

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your many prayers for my prostate cancer! I went through two months of radiation treatment, but that doesn't always work. The Lord drew me close to Him during all this and I just received word from my urologist that all my tests were PERFECT!

This is not normal and I am sure it is the Lord who has helped me. The nurse who called agreed. She said "Absolutely!" Praise the Lord for his love and power!

Phil Pothier

The Granville Planning Board will host a PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING on the subject of MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Granville Village School starting at 7 pm. We hope to allow on-line participation as well as in-person attendance. Details to be announced.

Background: The owner of the property at 478 Main Rd. (Tax map #025, lot #009) (across from the Granville Library) has approached the Planning Board with a proposal to add several more apartments to the current 4 apartments in existence. This is NOT allowed under the current Granville Zoning Bylaw. To allow this use would call for a change to the Granville Zoning Bylaw that would be subject to a public hearing and 2/3 vote at Town Meeting.

Before undertaking the task of writing a bylaw amendment and beginning the process of amending the Bylaw the Board wants to get some impression of how town residents feel about a proposal to allow multi-family housing in Granville.

The February 23 information meeting agenda will include an explanation of what approval of an amendment would mean for the Town followed by a presentation about the specifics of the proposed apartments by the owner and/or his representatives. That would be followed by a question & answer period and other public comment.

If you would like to make an on-line comment, please go the townofgranville.net home page and click on "contact us" and put 'planning board' in the subject line. For additional information, contact Matt Streeter, Town Administrator, at Granville Town Hall

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Transitional Pastor: Dr. Rev. John Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings at the church.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

We are continuing our online services which have proved to be very well received. It has been quite a learning experience for all of us. Please join us either on You Tube (type in Granville Federated Church) or on our Facebook page. The services are posted at 7:00 A.M. on Sunday morning.

Our regular in-church services are also continuing. All safety measures are observed so please feel free to join us.

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.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

The Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens for functions, complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs and kitchen facilities. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

CONTACT US

We try to help anyone in town who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, running errands, food, emergency fuel, etc. but we need to know. Please call.

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583.
You can also call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

TOWN OF GRANVILLE Department of Public Works

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(413)357-8585 ext. 6 (phone) • (413) 455-4446 (cell)
(414)Dpwsuper@townofgranville.org
Doug Roberts, Superintendent

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2020-2021 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 TOWN OF GRANVILLE

www.townofgranville.net

COVID UPDATES/VACCINE INFORMATION

The Town of Granville Board of Health has been updating the town website at www.townofgranville.net for COVID restrictions and case numbers. At press time for this issue, the Board of Health is working with the state and regional officials to get information on providing COVID vaccines to our seniors and the general public. The Board of Health will distribute vaccination information once we receive it on the town website, Comcast public access cable channel, social media and Code Red where applicable

COUNCIL ON AGING

The efficient running of the municipality requires more than just town employees and elected officials. Volunteers are needed to keep the wheels of government turning. We are in need of members to serve on the **Council on Aging**. This board promotes a spirit of healthy, positive, aging through education and activities for all seniors, their families, and the community at large. The Council on Aging will be putting together a survey. The more input received will assist the town how best to utilize funding for the council on aging. Please consider joining. Email Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested.

KNOX BOXES

The Council on Aging still has Knox Boxes available for Granville Seniors. These Knox Boxes securely hold house keys to allow emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance gain access to your house in the event of an emergency. The Fire Department will install the boxes. The boxes are provided **FREE** of charge to seniors who request them on a first come first serve basis. If there are no other seniors interested, then the remaining purchased Knox Boxes will be offered to Non-Seniors on a first come- first serve basis for a subsidized cost of \$50.00 per unit. Email Wes Bauver of the Granville Fire Department at wbauver@townofgranville.org or Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested in a Knox Box for your home.

CODE RED

The Council on Aging and Emergency Management reminds those who have not yet signed up for our Code Red notification system. If interested fill out form at www.granvillefire.net

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

The Council on Aging and the Granville Fire Department are offering reflective house numbers/address markers to be posted at the curb or mailbox. These numbers increase visibility for police, fire and ambulance first responders to quickly locate properties in an emergency situation. These numbers are FREE to seniors 55+ and can be purchased by all other Granville homeowners for \$20.00. These have already helped first responders save lives and are highly recommended! If interested fill out form at www.granvillefire.net

Granville Public Library

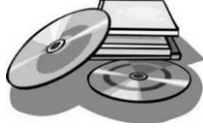
2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 · granvillepubliclibrary.org

We are once again open for browsing. Hours are:

**Monday 10am-12 and 5-9pm, Tuesday closed, Wednesday 3pm-8pm,
Thursday 10am-12 and 3pm-6pm, Saturday 10am-12.**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Martin Luther King Day of Service Food Drive. It warmed my heart to see our patrons provide for our community. Let's us provide some entertainment for you. Get lost in a good book!

Here is the Checklist for your Entertainment! Escape to another world, for better, or crazy or for real!

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|  | DVDs | _____ <i>Alone</i> | _____ <i>Tenet</i> |
| | | _____ <i>Love and Monsters</i> | _____ <i>Infidel</i> |
| | | _____ <i>Jungleland</i> | _____ <i>Possessor</i> |
| | | _____ <i>Lupin III: The First</i> | _____ <i>The Climb</i> |
| | | _____ <i>The Kid Detective</i> | _____ <i>The Opening Act</i> |
| | | _____ <i>Hearts and Bones</i> | _____ <i>The Wolf of Snow Hollow</i> |

History Biographies & Memoirs



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| _____ | <i>Grounded: A Senator's Lessons on Winning Back Rural America</i> by Jon Tester |
| _____ | <i>Me and Sister Bobbie: True Tales of the Family Band</i> by Willie Nelson, Bobbie Nelson, and David Ritz |
| _____ | <i>Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-Up, and Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House</i> by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz |
| _____ | <i>The Captain: A Memoir</i> by David Wright and Anthony DiComo |
| _____ | <i>Something Worth Doing: A Novel of an Early Suffragist</i> by Jane Kirkpatrick |

Business Sports

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| _____ | <i>How I Built This: The Unexpected Paths to Success from the World's Most Inspiring Entrepreneurs</i> by Guy Raz |
| _____ | <i>A Man & His Car: Iconic Cars and Stories from the Men Who Love Them</i> by Matt Hranek |
| _____ | <i>Gods at Play: An Eyewitness Account of Great Moments in American Sports</i> by Tom Callahan |

Fiction

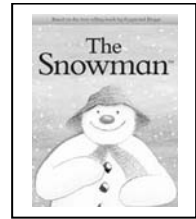
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| _____ | <i>The Cold Millions: A Novel</i> by Jess Walter |
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Outdoors, Nature, Gardens, Sports

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| _____ | <i>Naturalist: A Graphic Adaptation</i> by Edward O. Wilson and Jim Ottaviani |
| _____ | <i>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer |
| _____ | <i>Nature's Silent Message</i> by Scott Stillman |

Comics & Graphic Novels

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| _____ | <i>Bear</i> by Ben Queen |
| _____ | <i>Hilda and the Troll</i> |



Question I need to know the answer to!

For one week, in the WOWbrary newsletter I included the titles of the latest electronic books. There were lots of them! I then removed it from that weekly newsletter.

DO YOU WANT THE WEEKLY WOWBRARY NEWSLETTER TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC BOOKS OR JUST THE REGULAR BOOKS?

Email your thoughts to

lletellier@cwmares.org

Suggestions?

Email

lletellier@cwmares.org



Children's Books

- _____ *Itty Bitty Yeti (Finger Puppet Board Book)* by Brick Puffinton and Cottage Door Press
- _____ *A Unicorn Named Sparkle* by Amy Young
- _____ *Hanukkah Bear* by Eric A. Kimmel
- _____ *How to Catch a Unicorn* by Adam Wallace
- _____ *The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol* by Arthur A. Levine
- _____ *Unicorns and Rainbows: A Very Busy Board Book to Look, Match Search & Laugh!* by Cottage Door Press and Rusty Finch
- _____ *Unicorns Are the Worst!* by Alex Willan
- _____ *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles
- _____ *Aggie Morton, Mystery Queen: Peril at Owl Park* by Marthe Jocelyn
- _____ *Alone in the Woods* by Rebecca Behrens
- _____ *The World Needs More Purple People* by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart
- _____ *Over and Under the Rainforest* by Kate Messner
- _____ *Not Quite Narwhal* by Jessie Sima
- _____ *Bobby Orr and the Hand-Me-Down Skates* by Kara Kootstra and Bobby Orr

Books 4 Keeps are now Young People's books, Audiobooks & Magazines! Come and enjoy. (for real)



Valentine's Children's Take and Make Project are ready for pick-up at the Library! (age 4 years and up)

you decide. Scissors and Glue will be needed to complete project. Have fun creating a LITTLE LOVE. Kits available while supplies last.



SPREAD A LITTLE LOVE! Valentine's Day Decoration- Pick up right away at the library before Feb 14th. Material is included to make a card or a decoration,



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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department has some reminders:

By Capt. Tim Rickis

Below are a few tips and reminders to help keep you and your family safe.

Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.
- Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees, bushes and flowers.

You can visit the Granville fire Department webpage to purchase green reflective numbered signs for your property.

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 and like us on Facebook to receive updates on what we're up to! For Public Relations contact Capt. Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org



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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

Telephone: 413-357-8585 Ext. 3/413-357-3805

Email: townclerk@townofgranville.org

Website: www.townofgranville.net

TOWN HALL IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Census:

The 2021 Annual Census forms have been mailed. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and did not receive a form, please call my office.

Dog Licenses:

The census package included a 2021 Dog License Application for dog owners to license their dog(s) who are on file. 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. You can also find the form on the town website to complete.

Nomination Paper:

A Nomination Paper for candidates running for town offices will be available at the Town Clerk's office beginning January 4, 2021, for the Annual Town Election to be held April 12, 2021. If you wish to run for a position within our municipality in April, please call my office and we can either meet via appointment or I can mail you a nomination paper for completion.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide.

The last day to file a Nomination Paper with the Town Clerk/Board of Registrars will be March 1, 2021 by 5:00 pm.

The following slates of office will be on the April 12, 2021 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 my office for assistance. Forms may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the drop box at the Town Hall addressed to my attention.

Notary Public:

I, 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.

In Assisted Living

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

Woodlands Cemetery Update and History

The town of Granville is full of history, some of which we drive by without much thought every day. There are several houses that are pre-Revolutionary and a number of others that were built in the latter 1700's and early 1800's. They are still standing and still cared for..... a testament to the commitment of the residents who reside in them and who value their history.



The John and Ruth Rose house is at 944 Main Road and has been there for 278 years. The Smith-Phelps house is at 87 Barnard Road and has been there 263 years.

As of 2018, the Rose House was registered in the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, Department of the Interior. It states:

"The ca. 1743 John and Ruth Rose House and the 1757 Smith-Phelps House are the only remaining buildings that were part of the original Bedford Plantation."

....."of the two, the Rose House ranks as the oldest surviving building in present day Granville."

John Rose was one of the original settlers in Granville. He held a number of official positions in the new settlement and was instrumental in the development of Bedford Plantation which became the town of Granville. He married Ruth Holcomb from Simsbury in 1745 and had 7 children. Ruth died at the age of 36. When John remarried he sold the property to Ebenezer Smith and this is only the beginning of a long and interesting history including a tavern license for a period of years. Still today, this house retains countless original elements including a second floor smoke oven and attic sheathing inscriptions dated July 22, 1787.



"The minimal changes to the house and its inordinately well-preserved interior are rare and worthy of recognition on the National Register of Historic Places. "

"the Rose house is significant for its association with the settlement of Granville, which was originally part of the Bedford Plantation"."the Rose House was built as part of the mid-18th-century movement north and west from the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts and Connecticut by farmers, millers, blacksmiths, and craftsmen. The Rose House is one of the last two houses remaining from the original Bedford Plantation. The house is further significant for having been successively owned by three men who took part in the Revolutionary War: John Rose, Ebenezer Smith, and Nathaniel Bates." (NRHP)



Ruth is buried in Main Road cemetery. It is assumed that John is also but no monument can be found.

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Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd

At 87 Barnard Road, there is the beautiful gambrel-roofed house, officially named the Smith-Phelps House. It was built in 1757 by Reverend Jedediah Smith. By all accounts Reverend Smith was a very controversial preacher who was eventually dismissed by the church and left Granville. The second owner, Oliver Phelps, was a man with a large capacity for accomplishment. He came to Granville at the age of 22 in 1771. He was a merchant, had a store, had a tavern license, was Town Clerk for 9 years, served in the Revolution as Supt. of Purchases for the Massachusetts Army, and was a Selectman. He became a land speculator buying large tracts of land in upstate NY. In 1802 he moved to Canandaigua, NY, became a judge and a U.S. Congressman. He is buried in Canandaigua, NY.



The Smith-Phelps House became the home of 3 generations of the Barnard family starting with Charles and Sarah Church Barnard in 1855.

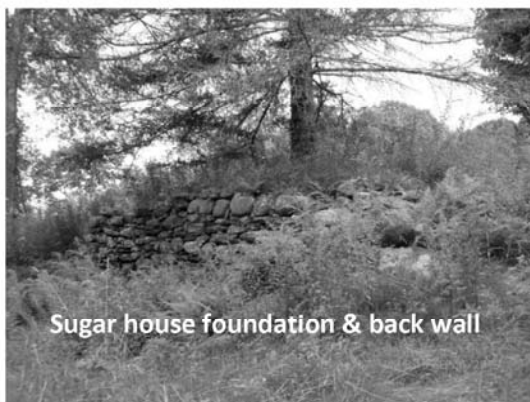
The Barnards operated a large, substantial farm and cider mill, characteristic of the time, which encompassed property that spanned both sides of what is now Barnard Road.

Son Edwin Grover Barnard and wife Eveline Green Barnard assumed ownership for the next generation, followed by their daughter Winifred who married William Wiggin. The Wiggins

operated a sugar house which stood on that property. Afterwards the shack stood until about the 1990's. The stone foundation and stone back wall is still visible from the road on the east side of Barnard Road. Both William and Winifred contributed a great deal to Woodlands Cemetery as officers and volunteer maintenance workers for many years. Charles and Sarah, son Edwin and wife Eveline and 6 children are buried in Woodlands Cemetery.



Oliver Phelps



Sugar house foundation & back wall

Edwin and Eveline's youngest daughter, Winifred Barnard Wiggin was the last surviving member of the Barnard family. She died December 3, 1968 and rests in the Wiggin family cemetery in Brookfield, NH.

From the members of the Woodlands Cemetery Assoc, WoodlandsCem@comcast.net.



Winifred Barnard and William Wiggin



Eveline Green Barnard

Quotes re: Rose House: from the National Register of Historic Places (National Park Service) via the Granville Historic Image Library at granvillehistory.omeka.net.

Credits: *History of Granville* by Albion Wilson, ancestry.com, MACRIS (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System), findagrave.com, 200th Celebration Granville 1954 Tour Booklet, Verna Sadowski, Woodlands Cemetery Association Minutes 1912-2018, the Granville Historic Image Library at granvillehistory.omeka.net.