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## **WINTER ROADS**

The winter of 2023-24 is upon us and all Granville residents should take note the following winter weather road maintenance concerns:

**On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles are subject to removal at the owner's expense.**

**Parking at the Town Hall, Library, Village School, Center Fire Station, and West Fire Station is restricted to those doing Town business during business hours.**

**Plowing, blowing, or otherwise depositing snow on Town roads is prohibited.**

**Trucks conducting snow and ice control travel at slow speeds and may maneuver unpredictably.**

**For the safety of all please use caution and courtesy in the presence of maintenance vehicles and pass only when safe.**

**Despite continual ice and snow control during winter precipitation, all roads are periodically subject to hazardous conditions. Please avoid all non-essential travel.**

**Beware of shaded areas prone to early freeze-up or black ice that can become hazardous even on blue sky days. Notorious for this are the "gorge", "hairpin turn", the north end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street between the Transfer Station and Trumble Lane.**

**Winter sand is available at the Highway Garage to residents of Granville. Sand is not available during winter weather operations when large trucks and heavy equipment are maneuvering in the limited yard space. During this time entering the Highway Department Facility is prohibited.**

Highway crews appreciate your cooperation and patience when winter weather strikes. For more information, contact the Superintendent of Public Works at 357-8585 extension 6.

**TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....****by Christina Teter****Telephone:** 413.357.8585 Ext. 3/413.357.3805**Email:** [townclerk@townofgranville.org](mailto:townclerk@townofgranville.org)**Website:** [www.townofgranville.net](http://www.townofgranville.net)**Office Hours:** Monday evening 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, and by appointment.**Nomination Papers for Town Election:**

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices will be available at the Town Clerk's office for the annual town election to be held Monday, April 8, 2024. If you wish to run for a position within our municipality in April, please call the office and we can either meet via appointment or I can mail you a nomination paper for completion. New candidates for town offices must obtain at least 30 signatures of Granville registered voters. The last day to file nomination papers with the Board of Registrars will be February 23, 2024 at 5:00PM.

The following slate of offices will be on the April 8, 2024, 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 Constable for three years;
- one School Committee member for three years;
- two members of the Planning Board for three years; and
- one member of the Planning Board to fill unexpired remainder of term, two years
- five members of the Recreation Committee for three years.

**2024 Important Dates**

**Early voting for the Presidential Primary will take place at the Town Hall during the following days and hours:**

**Saturday, February 24, 9 am – 11 am, 3 pm – 5 pm****Monday, February 26, 10 am – 12:30 pm****Tuesday, February 27, 10 am – 12:30 pm****Thursday, February 29, 10 am – 12:30 pm****Friday, March 1, 3 pm – 5 pm****Presidential Primary – March 5, 2024, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall****Annual Town Election – April 8, 2024, 12 pm – 8 pm, Town Hall****Annual Town Meeting – May 13, 2024, 7 pm, Village School**

Please send in your Street Listings to be accurately recorded for the Presidential Primary and Don't Forget your Dog Licenses! Thank You!

## Granville Seniors' Update

I am enjoying the snowfall of January 16th which is just ending. I hope everyone is warm and cozy at home. I am also thinking about the coming of springtime, when we hope the Healthy Bones and Balance class will be starting here in town. Thank you Granville Seniors for your response. Clearly we will be able to fill a class without any problem. If you have not responded, please let us know as soon as possible. I (Terry) may have lost one phone call due to technical issues, so if you have not heard from Bobbi or me since you expressed an interest, please give me a call back.

The Buddy Pilot program has been happening since the beginning of December. We have 5 pairs of Buddies. The program will be ending in February and will then be evaluated and critiqued. So far all reports are positive. We are hoping to implement a permanent Buddy Program in the future

### **Don't forget about the on-going services you may find valuable:**

1. A free loan of medical equipment without any end date: Western Mass H.E.L.P (**Hospital Equipment Loan Program**). available Saturday mornings from 9 to 12, at 72 Broad Street, Westfield, a service of the Massachusetts Second Masonic Lodge. Check out their website.
2. Highland Valley Elder Services offers a variety of services. The first step is to call 413-586-2000.
3. Southwick, Granville, Tolland Community Food Pantry – College Highway, Southwick.

Sincerely,

Bobbi and Terry

For assistance with any of the above, call Bobbi O'Connell (413 297-0445) or Terry Hodur (413 357-8537)

### **RECORDS and COLLECTABLES WANTED**

Buying old vinyl records, LPs and 45s. Interested in most types of music. Cash paid, I will come to you. Also buying old advertising, signs, postcards, stoneware, comic books, Granville related items, etc.

Contact Mark @ 413-626-6396

or 357-6346.

Email- [vinyl4mark@gmail.com](mailto:vinyl4mark@gmail.com)



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**For Information 413-357-8829**

**Snow Phone 413-357-6697**

**[www.maplecornerfarm.com](http://www.maplecornerfarm.com)**

## Southwick Senior Center Events in February

413-569-5498

### Open to Southwick, Granville and Tolland Seniors

AARP Tax Aide Program Volunteers will be completing taxes at the Senior Center on Tuesdays beginning February 13. Call the office beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> to schedule a date for tax completion. You will need to go to the Senior Center to pick up a packet of information and learn the requirements.

Technology Support for Seniors from 11:45am to 1:45pm on these dates: 2/1/24, 3/7/24, 4/4/24, 5/9/24, 6/6/24.

Fuel Assistance: Please call the senior center to make an appointment to fill out the application. Make sure to bring the following items: all income (social security, retirement, and 1099 bank statements), electric bill, oil or gas bill, water bill, real estate tax bill, homeowners coverage, photo ID, and 4 weeks of consecutive employment pay stubs if applicable.

Foot Care Clinic offered by foot nurse Debra Deane. Cost of service \$40.00 paid directly to nurse. Appointments will be held every month. Call senior center to make appointment.

Veteran's Representative – office hours second Thursday of the month from 9-11am. Stop by if you have questions/concerns.

Senator Paul Mark or office representative – office hours 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month from 1p-4p. All members of the public are welcome.

SHINE program provides free health insurance information and counseling to all MASS residents with Medicare and their caregivers. People who have Medicare or who are about to become eligible for Medicare can meet with a counselor to learn about benefits and options available. A counselor will review programs that help people with limited income to pay health care costs. You must call to schedule an appointment.

### **Weekly Activities:**

Monday 9am – Quilting and Sewing Social Group	Wednesday 1-3pm – BINGO
Monday 10am – Chi-Gong with Kathleen \$2.00	Thursday 9am – Zumba with Becca \$2.00
Tuesday 9am – Aerobics with Donna \$2.00	Thursday 1030am – Yoga with Renee \$2.00
Tuesday 10am – Tai-Chi with Lenny \$2.00	Thursday 12:15pm – Cards and Board Games
Tuesday 12pm – Cards	Thursday 1pm – Crafts with Denise (2x per month)
Tuesday 1:00pm - Cribbage, Whist, and Pitch	Friday at 9:00am – Aerobics with Donna \$2.00
Wednesday 10am – Line Dancing with Clara \$2.00	Friday 10:00am – Chair Yoga with Heidi \$2.00
Wednesday 1pm – Scrabble	

### **Trips/tours:**

Mosslife Shop & Lunch – Thursday, February 29, 2024 for a wreath workshop that you will design and take home. Cost is \$31.00. Lunch will be at the Cracker Barrel Pub at your own expense.

Foxwoods – Friday, March 16, 2024. Cost is \$6.00.

Springfield Museum – Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Cost is \$4.00. Admission is free. Lunch at your own expense.

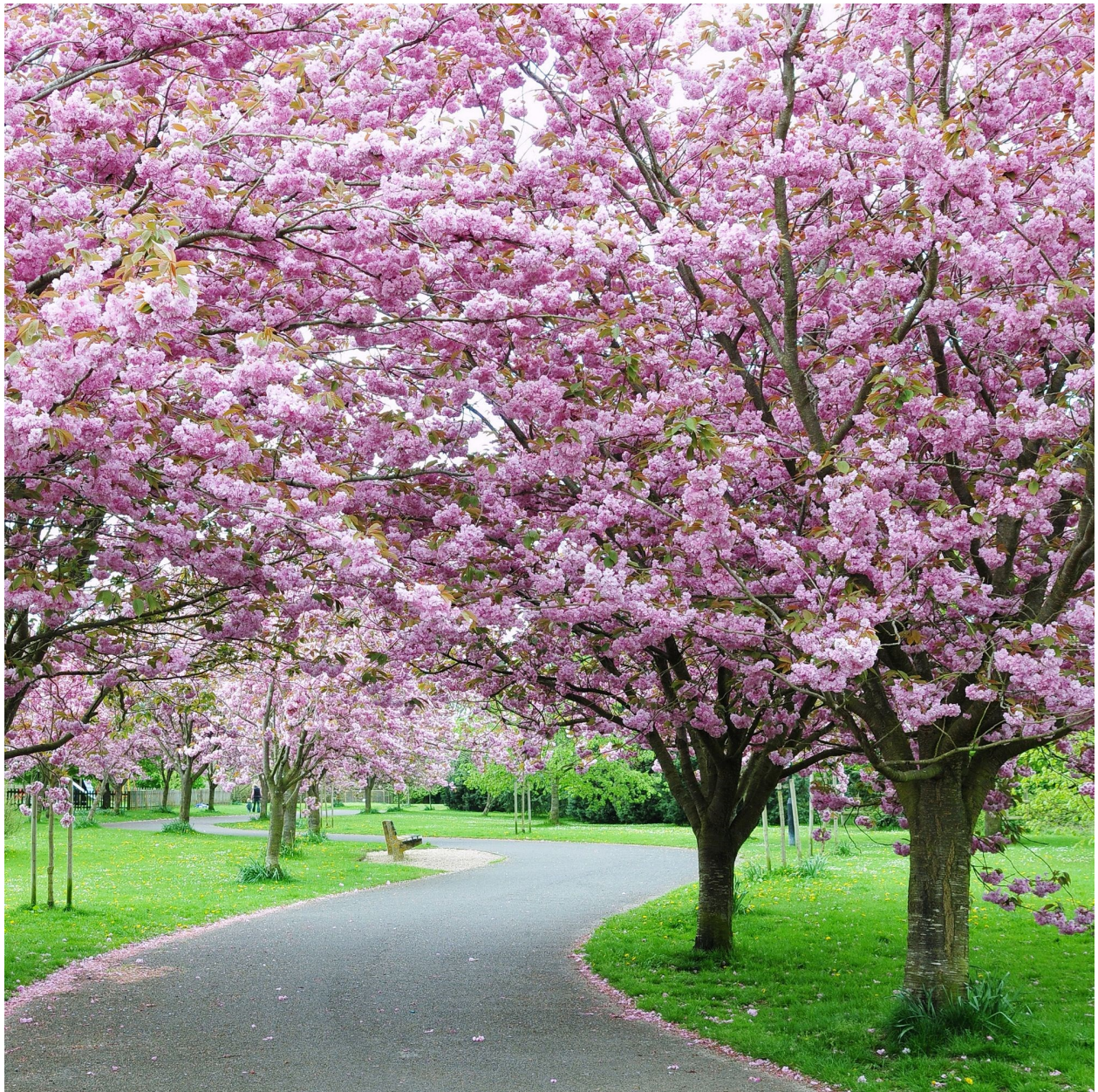


## Blood Pressure Clinic Health Resources Available

The Public Health Nurse will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic:

Tuesday, March 5 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Town Hall



## DEMENTIA AND THE 5 SENSES PRESENTATION

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

WESTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT AND  
THE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

When you think about dementia, what comes to mind...for most people it is memory loss. Founder of Our Dementia Life, Laura Lavoie, will be here to talk with you about how all five senses are affected by the disease, and how memory is just one small part. You will find a better understanding of and a better way to communicate with your loved ones after this session. Building on the relationship and what remains, rather than focusing on what is missing.

Laura is also an Independent Contractor who works directly with Teepa Snow as a mentor, teaching others how to become trainers, consultants, coaches, Engagement Leaders and Champions for Dementia.

DATE: February 10, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.

(Inclement weather date of February 17, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.)

WHERE: SOUTHWICK VILLAGE,  
Community Room, 802 College Highway, Southwick

Open to All



**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 mornings  
Coffee Hour following the service.

**EVENTS****BIBLE STUDY**

February Bible Studies will be Wednesday,  
Feb. 7th and Feb. 21st at 10:45 am.  
We'll be studying Acts 5:12 to 26.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch meets Wednesday, February 7th  
at noon. Bring a sandwich. We'll provide hot  
coffee and dessert.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual meeting for all members and  
anyone interested in what is happening at the  
church is Sunday, February 11th. We'll start  
after church at 11 am with a pot luck lunch,  
break for denominational meetings, then follow  
with the annual meeting. Voting is for members  
only, and if a member cannot attend, please  
request a proxy form or designate someone to  
vote on your behalf.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm  
Tuesday evenings-Church Board meetings  
Wednesday morning- Bible Study-10:45 am  
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays).  
Wednesday afternoon Lunch Bunch 12:00  
noon (1st Wednesday)  
Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm

**MISSIONS NEWS**

So often, God's answer to our prayers and  
needs are already in the works before we're  
even aware of them. As what happened last  
month: We received a donation of \$500 to be  
sent to the Agape School for use in  
maintenance of the well. At about the same  
time, we received a panic call that authorities  
had closed the well because it had been  
contaminated due to some pipes rusting. This  
meant trips to the river for water, which isn't  
safe and is time consuming. The money was  
received, and the well was quickly fixed (\$450).

We are still collecting hats and mittens. We are  
also collecting men's and women's socks  
which are taken to the Samaritan Inn in  
Westfield.

**INFORMATION****BIG Y GIFT CARDS**

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

**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.

**CONTACT US**

To contact the church to leave a message for  
Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583.  
You can also call a Deacon (Dale Flarida 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.

**In Assisted Living**  
Alice Demarais  
The Arbors  
40 Court Street Apt 108  
Westfield, MA 01085





## Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd • 357-8531 •

[www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org](http://www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org)

Email for general inquiries: [Granville@cwmar.org](mailto:Granville@cwmar.org)

Email for Program Registration: [GranvillePrograms.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms.org)

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10AM - Noon

Monday 5-8PM, Wednesday 3-8PM., Thursday 3-6PM

### Valentine's Day Kid's Bingo Night!

FEB 12TH, 2024 5:30PM

Limited Seating  
Registration is Required!

Contact us:  
(413) 357-8531  
[granvilleprograms@cwmar.org](mailto:granvilleprograms@cwmar.org)  
Or stop in to sign up!

There will be prizes!

### Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

## GAME NIGHT

THURSDAY FEB. 22

AT THE GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

A MONTHLY DAY FOR CARD & BOARD GAMES  
SOME SUPPLIED OR BRING YOUR OWN!

More Information: 413-357-8531  
[granvilleprograms@cwmar.org](mailto:granvilleprograms@cwmar.org)

### Granville Public Library and Pathways for Parents

## GROW, PLAY & LEARN PLAYGROUP

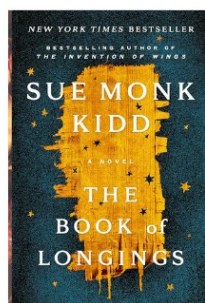
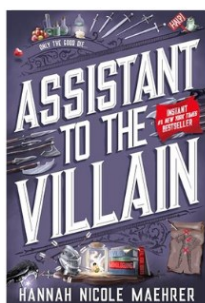
For children ages Birth-2 with caregiver.

**Monday February 12**  
**10:00 AM-11:00**

Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools & is funded by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

All Booked Up!  
Sat Feb 10  
12:15PM

Book Club with Gloria  
Wed Feb 7,  
7:00PM



## JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

Hosted by the Mass Wildlife Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Youth in grades K-12 are being encouraged to learn about the wetlands & waterfowl conservation. They get to show what they learned by submitting an entry into the contest. The Library will be doing our best to provide any help we can for those interested. We also have the official guidelines for entry available as well! The entries are due by Feb 15th, 2024. We can't wait to see all of your beautiful waterfowl pictures that you create!



## Storytimes

(In the Heart of Reading)

Feb 3rd

10:30-11:30AM

(Celebrating President's Day)

Feb 17th

10:30-11:30AM

The Library is closed  
Monday  
Feb 19th,  
2024 in  
observation  
of President's  
Day

# MAPLE CORNER FARM

Beech Hill Road

357-8829

## *It's Maple Sugaring Time*

Come watch the maple sap boil  
Visitors welcome to our Sugar House

Pancakes, French Toast, Ham  
Bacon, Sausage, eggs  
Breakfast Sandwiches

Saturday and Sunday 8:00-1:00

February 17 thru April 7







### THE 2024 APPLICATION IS OPEN!

Financial Information is not required for our local scholarship. Whether you are a first time applicant or a recipient of a previous scholarship and will still be an undergraduate, you are eligible to apply for 2024. The average award in recent years was \$3000! Don't miss out!

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student, up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded
- Will be enrolled in undergraduate classes for the Spring 2025 semester
- Must be a resident of Granville or Tolland, Massachusetts 01034
- Have a High School Diploma, GED, was home-schooled with appropriate requirements and/or are not currently in school but plan to become a full-time college student
- Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2024

For more information or to apply for the scholarship,  
go to: <https://granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org/>



Want to support our Scholarships? Here are a few ways you can:

- Help us plan future events like our 50th anniversary celebration in June, as well as fundraisers throughout the year. **Our next planning meeting is Saturday February 10, 2pm at Granville Town Hall.** Potluck style snacks!
- Volunteer during fundraisers and other events. We need hands to fold letters and stuff envelopes for our annual Mail-a-thon: **Monday February 19, 11am-1pm at Granville Town Hall.** Scholarship applicants who volunteer with us can receive a larger award!
- And of course we welcome financial donations! Donate online (scan the QR code) or mail a check to:

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars  
PO Box 214  
Granville, MA 01034



[If you wish your donation to go toward one of our endowment funds, please write the name of the endowment in the memo of your check or email us at [GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com](mailto:GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com) to let us know which fund to put it in]



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in partnership with Color, is offering free telehealth visits to get COVID-19 treatment pills, for those ages 12 and up.

Oral antiviral treatment is for people who have had COVID-19 symptoms for 5 days or less. Antiviral treatment may reduce the risk of severe disease and prevent hospitalization.

If prescribed, get treatment pills delivered for free or pick them up at your local pharmacy. Learn more at [mass.gov/COVIDtelehealth](https://mass.gov/COVIDtelehealth)

Need an interpreter or additional assistance? Reach out to [treatments@color.com](mailto:treatments@color.com)

To start the free visit, use your smartphone or a computer to go to:

[color.com/covid-19-treatment-ma](https://color.com/covid-19-treatment-ma)

Or **scan the QR code** with your smartphone camera



You can also call the hotline at **833-450-3461**

### How it works



#### STEP 1

Go to [color.com/covid-19-treatment-ma](https://color.com/covid-19-treatment-ma) or call **833-450-3461** and tell us about your symptoms



#### STEP 2

Join the video or phone call



#### STEP 3

If you're prescribed antiviral treatment, pick it up at your local pharmacy or get home delivery

Telehealth appointment hours: 8am - 10pm Eastern Time, 7 days a week

Learn more at [mass.gov/COVIDtelehealth](https://mass.gov/COVIDtelehealth)