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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION NEWS

Apply now for 2014 project funding!! The Community Preservation Comm. has significant funding available for qualified projects in 3 categories:

Historic Preservation

Open Space & Recreation

Community Housing

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has begun meeting to accept and consider applications for project funding in 2014. The CPC will meet on the following dates at 7 pm at the Granville Town Hall.

Jan. 16, 2014

Feb. 20, 2014

March 20, 2014

April 17, 2014

The application deadline is January 31, 2014. Applications will be accepted from now until the deadline.

Those interested in applying for grant money should plan to meet with the committee at one of our regularly scheduled meetings to discuss details of your proposal. Our meetings are open to all to assist with clarifying qualifying criteria for CPA grants.

Legislative changes to the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2012 now allow for rehabilitation and restoration of open space, recreational land, historic resources and community housing even if the property was not originally acquired or created using CPA funds. This is a more lenient standard than in the past, which required that the rehab be done only on land purchased with CPA grant money. This allows the CPC to consider funding of a wider range of projects. The same legislative action also will increase matching funds from the State for local CPA projects.

This year our state match is \$ 9,576 - approximately double our 2012 allocation. This is in addition to approx. \$ 18,000 we receive in property tax surcharges.

For additional information, please read the application that can be found at townofgranville.net or call or e-mail Richard Pierce, CPC chair at 357-6403 or rpierce@comcast.net. All town residents are welcome to attend CPC meetings. If you are interested in serving on the CPC please contact Rich Pierce or Kathy Martin, Town Administrator at Town Hall (357-8585)



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Join us at Granville Federated Church!

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. **Church School** runs concurrently with the Worship Service; starting after the second hymn. A **coffee hour** follows the service each week. The children are collecting to sponsor a flock of chicks, geese and a trio of rabbits for World Ark, the Heifer Project this year.

Join us to celebrate the New Year with a **potluck supper** in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 4th. Please bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share. After supper we play cards, or bring your favorite board game to play with old friends or new. Funny New Year's Eve hats encouraged!

The Rev. Patrick McMahon will lead a **discussion** of the book *Zealot* on Sunday, Jan. 12th. *Zealot* is a book about the historical Jesus and is on the best seller list. A Bible study takes place on Sun., Jan. 26th. This is a good time to strengthen and enrich your faith and fellowship with other folks.

The **Ladies Aid** will meet again in March.

Breakfasts continue to be a place of fellowship and delicious eating. The January breakfast will be on Sunday, Jan. 19th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We serve pancakes or French toast, bacon or sausage, home fries and scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, Danish, and more—all for a free will donation! No church membership required, but all are welcome to stay for the service if they want.

Check out the new windows in the church sanctuary! They are beautiful! (Especially from the inside!) We continue to thank all who support the Granville Church **Capital Campaign**. Pledge payment continues for three years. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check.

Another option for supporting the drive is to buy Fair Trade **food products** that are for sale at the coffee hour each Sunday. Very tasty, we've tried

them all! Ruth Dickinson Berquist is in charge of this.

We have **Big Y gift cards** available for purchase. Please see Jean McMahon.

All are welcome at any or all of our events.

MONTHLY/WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday 10am-Worship Service

Church School

11am-Coffee Hour

First Saturday—6 p.m.-Potluck Supper
with activity

Monday—8pm-AA Meeting

Third Wednesday—noon-Ladies Aid (In March)

Third Sunday—8:30—9:30 a.m. -Breakfast

Thursday—7 p.m.-Choir Practice

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Wednesday 3-8 pm

Thursday 5-8 pm

Saturday 10-12

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website: granvillelib.info

WINTER IS HERE!!! PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT FOR THE LIBRARY IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER. (and we are happy to renew items for you over the phone.)

New books for adults:

Among Wolves: Gordon Haber's Insights Into Alaska's Most Misunderstood Animal by Gordon Haber.

Smithsonian Civil War by Meacham.

The Compatibility Gene: How Our Bodies Fight Disease, Attract Others, and Define Our Selves by Daniel Davis.

The True German: The Diary of a World War II Military Judge by Werner Mueller-Hill.

Codependent No More by Melodie Beattie.

3 Can Keep a Secret by Archer Mayor.

All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg.

Command Authority by Tom Clancy.

Death of Santini: The Story of a Father and His Son by Pat Conroy.

Heirs of the Body: a Daisy Dalrymple Mystery by Carola Dunn.

Innocence by Dean Koontz.

Invisible Code: A Peculiar Crimes Unit Mystery by Christopher Fowler

It Happened in Wisconsin by Ken Moraff.

King and Maxwell by David Baldacci.

Lost Luggage by Jodi Piccoult.

No Place for a Dame by Connie Brockway.

For kids:

Flight of the Honey Bee by Raymond Huber.

Tiger Cubs & the Chimp by Antle.

Champion by Marie Lu.

If its Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws! by Kim Norman.

Legends, Rebels & Icons: Music that Changed the World with 2 CDs by Robbie Robertson.

Curtsies & Conspiracies by Gail Carriger.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck by Jeff Kinney.

Everything Goes: Good night Trucks by Brian Biggs.

Etiquette and Espionage by Gail Carriger.

Farmer Will Allen & The Growing Tale by Jacqueline Briggs Martin.

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman.

God Got a Dog by Rylant.

Otis Christmas by Lo Long.

Roomies by Sara Zarr.

Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson.

Tea Party Rules by Ame Dyckman.

New Dvds:

Despicable Me 2

Fast and Furious 6

Homeland Season 2

It's a Wonderful Life

Mickey's Christmas Carol

Thomas and Friends: Santa's Little Engine

Man of Steel

Percy Jackson & the Sea of Monsters

Red 2

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

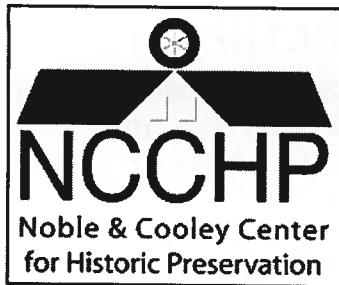


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January 2014 Update

Many thanks to everyone who donated to local nonprofits as part of Valley Gives Day! The event was an incredible success and raised over \$2,012,000 in just 24 hours for participating nonprofits in Western Mass. NCCHP placed an amazing 23rd out of 161 nonprofits competing in the "most unique donors" category and ranked 31st out of 161 (another great showing) with \$4,666 collected in the "total donations" category. In addition, 10 new members joined NCCHP during the Day of Giving event. Thank you all for your continued support and belief in the museum and our mission, "Keeping the Drumbeat of History"!

Mark your calendars! The 6th annual Ice Harvest at the shop pond will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 12 – 3. Dennis Picard, director of Storowton Village Museum, will organize the harvest and invite visitors to join him on the ice to use the ice saw and experience life before the days of refrigeration. A video on ice harvesting in New England will also be shown continuously in the NCCHP Museum. The museum will be open for tours that focus on Yankee Ingenuity from the 1850's to current day. We hope to bring people together to rekindle the community spirit of the farm communities and industrial villages that were common in most of New England. The Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation invites everyone with an interest in "living history" to join us at the museum. There is no charge for the event or for refreshments but donations will be gratefully accepted. For last minute information on ice conditions and the status of the harvest check the www.ncchp.org website or call 413-357-6321 on January 31, 2014.

The NCCHP museum at the Drum Shop is located at 42 Water Street in Granville and is open during winter months for tours by groups of ten or more by appointment (call 413-357-6321). Museum admission is free for NCCHP members; \$5 for adults and \$3 for children for non-members. The Gift Shop is open weekdays year round from 9:00 – 4:00 as well as whenever the museum is open for tours and features hand crafted items made by local artists, potters, woodcrafters, quilters, authors and more!



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FRAMINGHAM, MA – “As we enter the time of year when we can expect extremely low temperatures and wind chills, we all must take precautions to minimize the dangers presented by such severe weather,” stated Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director Kurt Schwartz. “To that end, MEMA presents these cold weather safety tips.”

- Continue to be aware of extreme weather conditions by monitoring Media reports.
- Make sure you always have a well-stocked Winter Home Emergency Supply Kit that includes flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, bottled water, non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- Minimize outside activities, particularly the elderly and very young. Also, consider your pets.
- Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, rather than a single layer of heavy clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat, mittens and sturdy waterproof boots, protecting your extremities. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Excessive exposure can lead to frostbite, which is damaging to body tissue that is frozen. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, seek medical help immediately.
- Hypothermia can occur in extreme cases. The warning signs are uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If the person's temperature drops below 95 degrees, seek immediate medical care.
- Ensure you have sufficient heating fuel, as well as emergency heating equipment in case you lose electricity.
- When utilizing alternate heating sources, such as your fireplace, wood stove or space heater, take the necessary safety precautions. Keep a fire extinguisher handy; ensuring everyone knows how to use it properly. Test smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors.
- If you lose your heat, seal off unused rooms by stuffing towels in the cracks under the doors. At night, cover windows with extra blankets or sheets.
- Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat.
- Be a good neighbor. Check with elderly or relatives and friends who may need additional assistance to ensure their safety.
- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspapers, covering the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture. Allow a trickle of warm water to run from a faucet that is farthest from your water meter or one that has frozen in the past. This will keep the water moving so that it cannot freeze. Learn how to shut off your water if a pipe bursts.
- If pipes freeze, remove insulation, completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes or wrap them with towels soaked in hot water, starting where they are most exposed to the cold. A hand-held hair dryer, used with caution, also works well.
- Make sure your car is properly winterized. Keep the gas tank at least half-full. Carry a Winter Emergency Car Kit in the trunk including blankets, extra clothing, flashlight with spare batteries, a can and waterproof matches (to melt snow for drinking water), non-perishable foods, windshields scraper, shovel, sand, tow-rope and jumper cables.

OBITUARIES

Andy Bray

Andy, age 67, a twelve year Granville resident, formerly of Westfield and West Springfield, passed away at Noble Hospital on November 28. He was born in Springfield on December 15, 1945, the son of the late Paul A. and Marjorie (Green) Bray.

He attended local schools and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Illinois. He served his country as a Naval Aviator during the Vietnam War. He was a corporate pilot and currently flying Lear Jets for GAMA Aviation of Bridgeport, CT and previously Lyon Aviation of Pittsfield. Andy was a Dowser and served as trustee and treasurer for the American Society of Dowsers and Water for Humanity, a group that drills for water in impoverished communities around the world. He was also treasurer of the West Granville Congregational Church. He was a member of the Board of Appeals in Granville and served on several committees at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, and was a member of its choir. Andy was a minister in the Universal Life Church and a Justice of the Peace and one of his greatest joys was performing Marriage Ceremonies.

He is survived by his best friend who he met in third grade, his beloved wife of forty two years; Diane (Douthwright) Bray; two daughters, Sarah Bray of Granville and Emily Bray and her fiancé Ryan Donohue of Alexandria, VA. He also leaves Kandace Powell and Cheryl Vigue, who he considered sisters, both of Maine. He will also be sadly missed by the love of his life, his granddaughter, Mya Bray-Motley.

Terry A. Macnair

Terry, age 70, a forty year Granville resident, passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Noble Hospital. He was born in Orlando, Florida on May 16, 1943, a son of the late Ward and Edythe (Zetty) Macnair.

He attended local schools and served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine USS Tecumseh. He was previously employed at Combustion Engineering as a Nuclear Engineer. While in the Navy, Terry was a member of the Blue Jacket Choir and played trumpet in the band. He enjoyed cooking and electronics and bicycled in the "Century Ride" a one hundred mile race. He was a people person who believed in keeping in touch with friends, family and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Tullis) Macnair of Granville; a son, Darren Macnair; daughter, Amy Macnair and their mother, Myrna of Colorado, and stepson Jason Foxwell of Maryland. He was predeceased by his brother, Tony.

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