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# Dump Master Bob Laptew Is Retiring

Bob has been a regular face at the Transfer Station for ten years. Always pleasant, always helpful, always taking the extra time to make your Transfer Station experience pleasant. Unfortunately all good things come to an end and so Bob has decided to leave us for warmer winters and cooler summers. We wish him well as he enters his second (third?) retirement starting December 31. We will miss you Bob, but wish you the best!

# Single Stream Recycling In Granville....NOW!!!

Recycling has come full circle. Remember how one used to have to separate corrugated cardboard from paste board, green glass from cans (and even glass by color) and no tubs, necked bottles only! Remember? Twenty five years ago Granville dropped off our first recyclables at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (SMRF) all separated out. Beginning December 1, Granville will drop off its recyclables at the SMRF all mixed together!

How can this possibly work? We will have the same compactor and box at the Transfer Station where you will place your trash. (Nothing changes with the trash portion of the stream.) We will have another compactor and box at the Transfer Station where you will place the bottles and cans and papers all together. YOU CAN'T MIX YOUR TRASH WITH YOUR RECYCLABLES, but SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING means YOU CAN MIX YOUR BOTTLE/CAN MIX AND YOUR PAPER MIX.

The beauty of single stream recycling is that one does not have to decide if ice cream cartons goes with paper or bottles/cans, or if something made of cardboard with a metal ring goes in paper or bottles/cans and etc. If you know something is recyclable, you don't have to decide which stream to recycle it into.

Don't expect a whole new look at the Transfer Station. The bottle and can box and the paper mix box and the cardboard box will stay on site as we can use them for overflow. You already see two compactors when you dispose of your trash, but one will be trash only and one will be recyclables only. Bob will be there to tell us what to do so it will all flow smoothly. Just remember, it is Single Stream RECYCLING not single stream disposal. (Included in the Caller is a reminder sheet from the SMRF of what is recyclable.)

### **BULKY RIGID PLASTICS RECYCLED... NOW!!!**

Granville is excited to offer you an opportunity to rid your trash of BULKY RIGID PLASTICS such as clothes baskets, plastic kid's pools, and lawn furniture and so on. This is something NEW starting at the SMRF this month! Until the SMRF initiated this program, these items were disposed of in landfills. Now we will collect them at the transfer station. We will take them to the SMRF who will ship them to the Midwest where they will be ground up and made into new plastic items. Enclosed is a fact sheet from Waste Management and the SMRF which explains the program. We believe they will be able to be recycled in the single stream compactor, but we will be testing things out to maximize our compactor space in relation to our trucking frequency. Stay tuned for details!

# Whether You Use The Transfer Station or Have Curbside Pick-up you must abide by the Granville recycling bylaw and state wide trash bans.

Twenty five years ago Granville residents passed a bylaw that required all residents to recycle and trash bans were instituted which do not allow for the disposal of hazardous wastes, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, etc. in the trash. Curb side pick-up vendors are required to provide recycling services and to monitor the trash they collect for adherence with the trash bans.

# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION NEWS

Apply now for 2015 project funding!! The Community Preservation Comm.

has significant funding available for qualified projects in 3 categories:

- Historic Preservation
- Open Space & Recreation
- Community Housing

# CPA Applications are due by Jan. 31, 2015

If your group or organization has any interest in applying for funds;

Please complete a preliminary application by the deadline, the committee can help you with the application process.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will be meeting on the following dates to answer inquiries and to review applications:

Jan. 15, 2015

Feb. 19, 2015

March 19, 2015

April 16,

2015

The application deadline is January 31, 2015. 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 \$ 6,059.00 based on the \$ 19,256.00 the Town collected in property tax surcharges for 2014. This money and the growing balances from past years is available for CPA project funding.

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 rnpierce@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)



**Marilyn Tkaczuk** 

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# GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ

16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034

Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon

Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

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**KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS** 

**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.

We continue to thank all who support the Granville Church Capital Campaign. Pledge payment continues for one year. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check. We have been able to make many, many needed repairs and updates thanks to your contributions. Thank you!!!

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.

#### WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service

Church School – runs concurrently with the Worship service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Third Wednesday-noon-Ladies Aid

Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 Breakfast (Open to all!)

Thursday-7:00 p.m.-Choir Practice

# Cable Committee Meeting with Comcast on Cable License Renewal

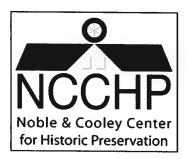
If you can believe it has been 10 years since we last renewed our cable license. Our current license expires in April, 2015. Your local Cable Committee is meeting with Comcast to work out details for the renewal. If you have any suggestions or concerns you can call Town Hall at 8585 ext. 0 and leave a message or contact a member of the Cable Committee: Bob Laptew, Linda Blakesley, Coralie Stevenson, Bill Stevenson or Bob Beckwith.

### **GFC Coat Collection**

A new outreach program, Operation Warm Coats, runs through January 11, 2015 at Granville Federated Church. Gently used, clean winter coats, any size, for any age or sex may be brought to the church narthex where there will be a box for the collection.

Folks may come to fellowship hall on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17 from 9 a.m. to noon to pick up a coat and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.

Any leftover coats will be delivered to South Congregational Church in downtown Hartford for distribution through their outreach program and to Providence Hospital, Holyoke for homeless people served there.



# NCCHP January 2015 Update

Many thanks to everyone who donated to local nonprofits as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Valley Gives Day! The event was an incredible success and raised over \$2,676,595 in just 24 hours for 463 participating nonprofits in Western Mass. NCCHP placed an amazing 41st out of 186 nonprofits competing in the "most unique donors" category and our 60 generous donors gifted the museum over \$3350 in donations that will enable us to move forward with new living history programs as well as funding infrastructure projects in 2015. In addition, NCCHP won a \$1000 Golden Ticket prize grant near the end of the evening...what a wonderful bonus! Thank you all for your continued support and belief in the museum and our mission, "Keeping the Drumbeat of History"!

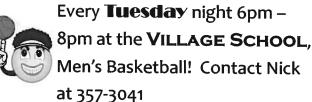
Mark your calendars! The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Harvest at the shop pond will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 12 - 3. Dennis Picard, director of Storrowton Village Museum, will organize the harvest and invite visitors to join him on the ice to use the ice saw and other tools to experience life before the days of refrigeration. A video on ice harvesting in New England will also be shown continuously in the NCCHP Museum. The rescue horses from the Blue Star Equiculture Farm ( www.equiculture.org) will be back for Ice Harvest again this year. 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 <a href="https://www.ncchp.org">www.ncchp.org</a> website or call 413-357-6321 on February 6, 2015.

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!

# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WINTER???

the **Town HALL** come play cards! Contact Linda at 357-8781



Every **Wednesday** from 3:15pm to 6pm, Scrapbooking at the **VILLAGE SCHOOL!** 



Contact Jane at 357-8573



Town Hall from 2pm-4pm!
Contact Laurie 357-6677

All activities are free and open to the public except for the Art Class which charges \$10.00 per class. Call ahead if the weather is iffy!!

### **GRANVILLE LIBRARY NEWS**

Granville Library Hours:

Monday 10-12, 3-8 pm • Wednesday 3-8 pm Thursday 5-8 pm • Saturday 10-12

www.granvillelib.info • 357-8531

Happy New Year to all!

GRANVILLE Native David Hiers has recently gifted signed copies of his two books titled First Contact, Book One and First Contact RETURN. We hope you will stop in and check them out!

#### (Other) New Adult Books:

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: The Untold Story by Barbara Leaming. Untold History of the U.S. Vol 1 by Oliver Stone. Your Water Footprint The Shocking Truth to How Much Water by Stephen Leahy.

All for You by Jessica Scott.

Boston Girl by Anita Diamant.

Caged in Winter by Brighton Walsh.

Enter Pale Death by Barbara Cleverly.

Escape by David Baldacci

For the Dead by Timothy Hallinan.

Ho-Ho-Homicide by Kaitlyn Dunnett.

Into the Raging Blaze by Andreas Norman.

Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly.

Perfect Sins by Jo Bannister.

Sometimes the Wolf by Urban Waite

String of Beads by Thomas Perry

Swimming in the Shadows by Diane Janes.

You Know Who Killed Me by Loren Estleman.

#### For Kids and YA:

13 Art Movements Children Should Know 13 by Brad Finger.

Courage Under Fire: True Stories of Bravery from the U.S Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines by Stephen Otfinoski.

 ${\it Divorce: The \, Ultimate \, Teen \, Guide \, by \, Kathlyn \, Gay.}$ 

Nuts to You by Lynn-Rae Perkins.

Water Rolls, Water Rises/El Agua Ruede, El Agua Sube by Pat Mora.

#### **News DVDs:**

Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever. Jarhead 2

#### **New Audios:**

Landline by Rowell. Revolution by Wiles

# Winter Roads Policy Town of Granville, MA

On-street parking is prohibited until further notice. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

During winter road operations, major roads will be a priority, followed by secondary roads, therefore, Main Road, Granby Road and the Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.

Plowing, shoveling, blowing or otherwise depositing snow on Town roads is illegal.

Plowing snow across a Town Road is not allowed

Because Granville is the source of drinking water for several communities it limits the use of salt as a deicer.

When roads are snow covered or icy, residents should limit travel and proceed slowly with extreme caution.

High quality snow tires are essential for safe travel between October 1 and April 30.

Allocate more time for commuting to compensate for slower travel speeds during winter conditions.

Town Roads, or sections thereof, with low use patterns may be closed for winter maintenance. This allows for road clearing resources to be used more efficiently. Alternate routes will be maintained. Holden Hill Road and Wildcat Road will not be maintained and is closed to traffic.

During all winter weather events residents should limit travel to essential trips only.

# **Granville Parents Association Newsletter**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our gift card fundraiser! It was a huge success! Congratulations to our three Top Sellers:

Lexi Hewes

Jacob Drenen

Addison MacIntyre

We are in the works of setting up a Paint and Sip fundraiser with A Piece of My Art Studio. It will be held in March and tickets will be \$35. There will also be a 50/50 raffle as well as a Chinese Raffle. A flyer will go home after the New Year.

The GPA would like to thank Brenda Hoschouer for setting up the Santa Shop. She works very hard setting this up each year for the kids. It's great to see the kids faces when they get to pick out that special gift for their loved ones. We hope that you all enjoy your gifts.

Do you have a Super Bowl party at your house? Or maybe just the family gathered around? The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting a Super Bowl Grinder Sale Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1pm at the Town Hall. Order forms will go home in backpacks and via email after Christmas Break.

Don't forget to get your Box Tops in! Top Three Student Contributors each month will get a prize. Each month the total Box Tops count for every class is tallied and published in the West Entrance Bulletin Board. The class in the lead wins a pizza party in February. March kicks off a new class tally, and the class in the lead in June will win an ice cream party. The current class in the lead is Mrs. Hogan's PreK. A very close 2<sup>nd</sup> is 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and third is the 4<sup>th</sup> grade! Spread the word to family and friends to set aside for you. We have collected 1,996 box tops in November!

Our next meeting is **January 13<sup>th</sup>** in the school cafeteria at 5:30. Childcare will be provided. Please come join us and share your ideas.

Please "Like" our Facebook page to find out about what's going in your school.

On behalf of the GPA we would like to wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday! See you in 2015!

**Ronnie Stratton-President** 

Danielle Sullivan-Vice President

Rene Ellinger- Secretary

Jen Durfey-Treasurer

# IN NURSING HOMES

# **Betty Carpenter**

Renaissance Manor of Westfield 37 Feeding Hills Road Westfield, MA 01085

### Melvin Jensen, Sr.

Governor's House 66 Broad Street Westfield, MA 01085

#### **Bea Lewis**

Landmark at Monastery Heights 110 Monastery Avenue, W. Springfield, Ma 01089

## Cyril Maceyka

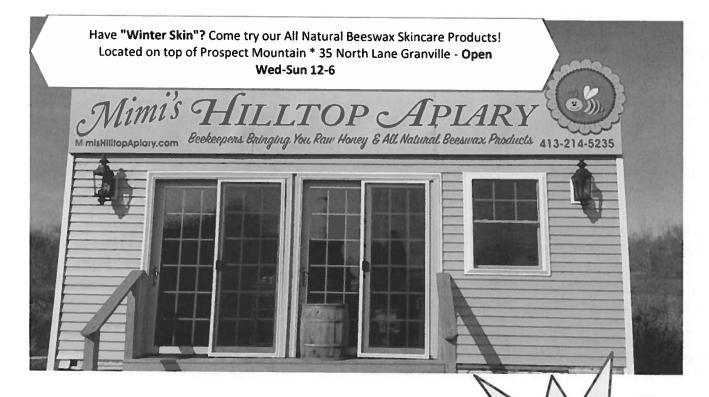
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#### **Ed Roberts**

Meadow Brook Nursing Home Salmon Brook Road Granby, CT 06035

### **Elsie Slack**

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#### **Bee-Royal Treatment Cream**

(A finer cream with Avocado Oil, and Royal Jelly -absorbs well, naturally unscented)

#### **Calendula Power Beeswax Cream**

(Our newest formula with calendula infused grapeseed oil and sunflower oil. Pure essential oils of Lavender, Tea Tree, and Rosemary.)

### **Mimi's Concentrated Peppermint Foot Cream**

(with Shea Butter and Neem Oil -a natural anti-fungal)

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### **GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

709 MAIN ROAD GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 01034 413•357•8585 EXT. 9

### **OPEN BRUSH BURNING - NEW PROCEDURES**

All open burning of brush in Massachusetts is regulated by The Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulation, 310 CMR 7.07. City and town fire departments are mandated to enforce these regulations on a local level. Pertinent parts of 310 CMR 7.07 are provided with all open burning permits. Please observe these rules and regulations

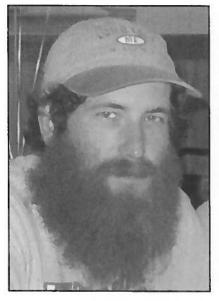
The 2015 season for open burning of brush is from January 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Permits are available Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm by calling the fire department clerk at 413-357-8585 ext. 9.** 

Permits remain free of charge and can be issued in advance of the effective date. If you wish to burn on a weekend you must obtain a permit during the week. When you call to request your permit we will fax or E -Mail it to you. If you do not have access to a fax machine or computer with E-Mail you may arrange to pick up your permit at the town hall during normal business hours.

While burning brush please remember that for a brush fire that becomes unmanageable, or for any other fire emergency, calling 911 early is the best option. The GFD is equipped to quickly bring a fire under control before it spreads and grows in size.



### **OBITUARY**



Matthew Joseph McBride of Southwick, MA passed away unexpectedly Sunday December 28, 2014. He was born in Hartford, CT October 8, 1984. Matt relished everything the outdoors offered with a special love of hunting and fishing. He enjoyed working for McCormick Allum of Springfield, MA. Along with his inseparable furry "sidekick" Roscoe, he leaves his mother Kathy Welch McBride and his father Joseph McBride & his wife Lorna; sisters Kerry Lee Ryan, Tammy Tracy & her husband Ernie, Rachel Southworth, Michelle Harding & her fiancé Ron, sister Susan McBride, stepsisters Mary Hamilton and Wendy Veilleux & her husband Marc. He also leaves his loving nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces, an extended family including aunts, uncles, and cousins, his girlfriend Veronica Velez, and many dear friends including his yearly Allagash hunting partner and lifelong friend Bob Picard. His

nephew Michael "Mickey" Gordon Ryan predeceased him last year. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday January 5, 2015 at 7PM at Firtion Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield, MA with visiting hours from 5-7PM. Contributions in lieu of flowers, in Matt's name, may be made to ECAD, P.O. Box 251, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522 or online at www.ecad1.org . www.firtionadams.com



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