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WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT YOUR BUSINESS CARDS FOR THE NEW TOWN PHONE BOOK

AND.....WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE OF YOUR NUMBERS

Thanks to the many town folks who took the time to fill out the form. We do not want to leave anyone out of the publication.

Please use the form below to submit your info.

For anyone who would like to advertise in the YELLOW PAGES of the new phone book, we are ready to accept your business cards. To cover the costs of publication, we are charging \$20/ business card. If you have more than one business, we are charging \$10 for each additional card. The Granville Library Club has graciously agreed to be our temporary banking partner for the project. Please make your check payable to Granville Library Club, with a proper notation. Include your business card. Any questions can be directed to Sarah Meikeljohn @ 357-6342. Mail directly to her @ 183 Silver St., Granville, MA 01034

Forms & drop boxes are still available @ the library & town hall; or mail to TOWN HALL, PO Box 247, Granville, MA 01034. **put "phone book" on the bottom left corner of the envelope.**

Name _____

Street address _____

Tel. #'s Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____ (will not be published)

At this same time we are updating TOWN EMAIL LIST so that important town notifications and emergency preparedness info. may be distributed quickly to you.



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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

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Census

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2017 Annual Census forms by mail mid-January. Please respond within 10 days of receiving your form. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and do not receive a form, call or stop in for a form to complete.

Dog Licenses

The census package will also include a dog license application for dog owners on record to license their dog. For first time licensing of your dog(s), you may go to the Town web site and print a form to complete. You may also call, request a form via mail, email or stop by the Town Hall. 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 will be available at the Town Clerk's office beginning January 4, 2017, for the annual town election to be held April 10, 2017. 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 22, 2017.

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, two members of the planning board for three years, one tax collector for three years and one treasurer 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.

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

Lecture Series

We hope you will join us as we explore a variety of topics. All lectures are free and open to the public and hosted by the Granville Federated Church (16 Granby Road). Light refreshments will follow each presentation.

Saturday January 21, 2017

Native Plants and Habitats

Presented by Bridghe McCracken, founder of Helia Land Design. Bridghe has over 15 years of experience in land stewardship, as well as designing landscapes, gardens, and beautiful food systems. She has a BA in Biology from Colorado College, is a certified Organic Landscape Professional from the Northeast Organic Farmers Association, a certified Horticulturist from MCLA, and is a Massachusetts Master Gardener.

More lectures are in the works; details will be announced as dates are finalized. If you have ideas for presentations that you would like to see, or would like to volunteer to give a lecture, please call or email Bill Fluhr at 607-339-9443 or waf8@cornell.edu.

JOIN THE CRUSADE TO SAVE GVS!

Granville Residents, we are in grave danger of losing our beloved school as the district is researching and discussing the benefits and deficits of closing the GVS doors! Even if you have no children that are school age, this decision will still affect you! If there is no school in town, your property value will decrease. Our school means so much to past, present and future families! It has always been the heart of our community!

Granville parents, children, retired teachers and concerned citizens have already taken a stand to fight and keep GVS open. PLEASE join the cause; let's be UNITED in our fight! The more people we have voicing their wishes/concerns, the stronger we are! Make yourself present at upcoming meetings. Show our UNITED community!

Town Informational Meeting
on January 3rd at 7 pm at the Granville Village School
Questions and answers with the Granville Selectmen
Sponsored by GPA

Upcoming IMPORTANT School Committee Meetings at Southwick Regional School Auditorium:

- **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @6:00**
- **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 @6:00**
- **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @6:00 (THIS IS VOTING NIGHT)**

I would also like to encourage you to write letters to the superintendent of schools; Jennifer Willard 86 Powdermill Road, Southwick Massachusetts 01077, or email: superintendent@stgrsd.org

You can find all other school committee members addresses and email on the district's website: www.stgrsd.org... Click on "school committee" on the left menu.

**SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Jennifer C. Willard
SuperintendentStephen J. Presnal
School Business ManagerNoell Somers
Director of
Student ServicesJenny Sullivan
Director of
Curriculum & Instruction**Upcoming Schedule of Presentations****Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District**

These meetings and presentations are open to the public and you are invited and encouraged to attend.

12/20/2016 – School Committee Meeting

Best Use of Facilities Study

NESDEC will present the **FINAL REPORT** to the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Southwick Regional School Auditorium
93 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077**1/10/2017 – School Committee Meeting**

Best Use of Facilities Study

Superintendent Willard and District Administration will present school reconfigurations based on study options to the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Southwick Regional School Auditorium
93 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077**1/24/2017 – School Committee Meeting**

Transportation Study

Richard Labrie will present the Transportation Study findings to the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Southwick Regional School Auditorium
93 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077**2/7/2017 – School Committee Meeting**

Best Use of Facilities Study

School Committee Vote - Tentative

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Southwick Regional School Auditorium
93 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, MA 01077*Jennifer C. Willard, Superintendent*

Granville Library

2 Granby Rd.

357-8531

granvillelib.info

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 5-8

Saturday 10-12

Please call ahead if there is inclement weather. The library WILL BE CLOSED (at least in the morning) if school is cancelled. For safety reasons we will not be open until the driveway is plowed and the sidewalks are shoveled after a storm. No late charges are incurred for closures due to weather. Thank you for your understanding.

New Adult & YA Books:

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Noah Trevor.

Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations by Thomas L. Friedman.

Our Revolution by Bernie Sanders.

Don't Turn Out the Lights by Bernard Minier.

Irish Country Love Story by Patrick Taylor.

Island of Glass by Nora Roberts.

Murder Most Malicious by Alyssa Maxwell.

When All the Girls Have Gone by Jayne Krentz.

Word of Mouse by James Patterson.

New Books for Kids:

Terrible But True: Awful Events in American History by Dinah Williams.

Why Are Animals Different Colors? by Alejandro Algeria.

Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis.

Owl Sees Owl by Laura Godwin.

Small Thing, A....But Big by Tony Johnston.

New Audio CDs:

Barkskins by Annee Proulx.

Dark Matter by Blake Crouch.

Moonglow by Michael Chabon.

Thank You for Being Late by Thomas L. Friedman.

New DVDs:

The BFG

Bridget Jones's Baby

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Winter Roads Policy 2016-17

Town of Granville, MA

In effect from November 1 - to April 30

Doug Roberts Superintendent of Public Works

- ♦ On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- ♦ During winter road operations, main roads are first priority therefore, Main Road, Granby Road and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- ♦ Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Granville is the source of drinking water therefore we limit the use of salt.
- ♦ Drive below the posted speed.
- ♦ High quality snow tires are essential.
- ♦ Allocate more time for travel.
- ♦ Town Roads with low use patterns may be closed for winter maintenance.
- ♦ During winter weather limit travel, to essential trips only.
- ♦ Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, morning frost and shaded areas become slippery rapidly, an isolated weather event often causes slippery conditions in one area or curve. Notorious for this are the Gorge, Hairpin Turn, the north end of Old Westfield Road, Water Street at the Transfer station corners.
- ♦ Communicate with inexperienced drivers a clear understanding of all the dangers involved in winter driving.



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FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO
KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.
A coffee hour follows the service each week.
We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase.
Please see Jean McMahon.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour
Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday-7:00 p.m. Senior choir
Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
Breakfast. All welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 21st-7:00 p.m.-Horticulturist
and Master Gardener Bridghe McCracken will
give a presentation on native plants and
habitats.
Light refreshments follow the program

A LOOK AHEAD

The 3 Guitars are back!
Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
(snow date February 18)
Light refreshments follow the program
Good will donation appreciated

PLANNING A PARTY, A REUNION, A BABY SHOWER??

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THE 2017 ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE JANUARY 1ST

Financial Information is not required for our local scholarship. If you are a first time applicant, a recipient of a previous scholarship and are still an undergraduate, you are eligible to apply for 2017.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student, up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded
- Apply for second-semester scholarship
- Must be a resident of Granville or Tolland, Massachusetts 01034
- Have a High School Diploma, GED, were home-schooled with appropriate requirements and/or are not currently in school but plan to become a full-time college student

Application Requirements:

- 300 word Goals & Aspirations Essay to be revised for each scholarship year
- Activities updated each scholarship year
- Work Experience updated each scholarship year
- Community Service - Have you volunteered for Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars?
- Academic Grade Point Average from fall semester

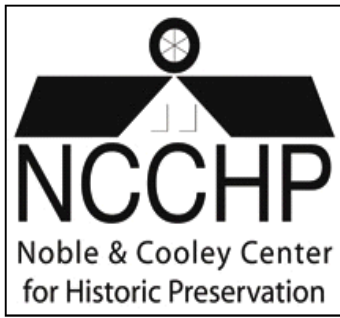
For more information and to begin the application, go to our website granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org, Student and Parent tab.

Questions? Feel free to call Sarajane Adams at 357-6327

Looking Ahead...

Look for the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® Year in Review and our Annual Appeal Letter in your mailbox next month. Please help us help our college undergraduates defray the cost of a higher education and/or trade school.

The mission of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is to promote scholarship, community involvement and leadership among the undergraduate college students of Granville and Tolland through financial support for their education.



Many thanks to NCCHP members, friends and visitors who supported the museum in 2016. From the annual ice harvest in February, the monthly living history series events in May – October, to the 35th annual Granville Harvest Fair weekend we enjoyed seeing many familiar faces and meeting many new visitors as well. We appreciate all the local support for “Keeping The Drumbeat of History Alive”.

Mark your calendars! The 9th annual Ice Harvest at the shop pond will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 12:00 – 3:00. Dennis Picard, director of Storowton Village Museum, will organize the harvest and invite visitors to join him on the ice (conditions permitting) 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. Be sure to come visit these amazing work horses and learn about their history! 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. The NCCHP museum is located at 42 Water St. Granville, MA in the historic buildings of the Noble & Cooley Toy Drum Factory.

There is no charge for the event but donations will be gratefully accepted. This living history presentation is supported in part by a grant from the Granville Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Hope to see you and your families there!

The NCCHP museum at the Drum Shop is located at 42 Water Street in Granville and during the winter months is open for tours by appointment only. Tours for groups of ten or more are available during the week by appointment (call 413-357-6321). Admission is free for NCCHP members; \$5 for adults and \$3 for children for non-members. The Gift Shop is open year-round M-F from 8-4 and when the museum is open.

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