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Census:

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2018 Annual Census forms by mail mid-January. 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 to license their dog(s). 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.

Nomination Papers:

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices will be available at the Town Clerk's office beginning January 2, 2018, for the annual town election to be held April 9, 2018.

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 26, 2018.

The following slates of office will be on the April 9, 2018 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 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 residents.

Granville Public Library

2 Granby Rd. • 357-8531 • granvillelib.info
 Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 • Wednesday 3-8
 Thursday 5-8 • Saturday 10-12

New Books for Adults and YA:

Faith and Fury: The Temple Mount and the Noble Sanctuary: The Story of Jerusalem's Most Sacred Space by Ilene Cooper.
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2 Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly.
Demon Crown: A SIGMA Force Novel by James Rollins.
Wanted by Robert Crais.
Woman in the Window by AJ Finn.
Writing Desk, The by Rachel Hauck.

For Kids:

Crazy about Cats by Owen Davey.
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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department wants to wish you a safe and Happy New Year!

By Lt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator

CHIMNEY & WOODSTOVE FIRE SAFETY

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES

Peter J. Ostroskey • State Fire Marshal

In 2016, there were 565 fire incidents involving chimneys, fireplaces, and woodstoves. These fires were responsible one civilian death, three civilian injuries, and five firefighter injuries. They resulted in \$2.3 million in property losses. These incidents made up 38% of all fires linked to heating systems.

Purchasing

- Be sure the stove you are purchasing to burn wood or coal is approved by Underwriter's Laboratory or another recognized testing laboratory.

Installation

- A building permit must be obtained prior to the installation of fireplaces, wood or coal burning stoves. They must be inspected by the local building inspector prior to their initial use as required by the Massachusetts State Building Code.
- Allow at least 36 inches of space around the appliance to prevent combustibles from coming into contact with a heat source.
- Solid fuel heating appliances cannot share a common flue with chimney flues utilized by other solid fuel, fossil fuel, or gas fired appliances.

Inspections

- Have the chimney and flue inspected by a qualified mason prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into the structure.

Proper Use

- Most chimney fires occur due to a build-up of creosote, a tarry by-product of burning wood. Have your chimney flue cleaned before each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned, hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start the fire.
- Never leave children unattended near the stove.
- Check that the damper is open before lighting the fire. Failure to do so can result in an accumulation of smoke and carbon monoxide within the home. Do not close the damper before the fire has died out and the embers are cold.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying sparks and embers from falling out onto the floor.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to provide protection for your family.

Proper Ash Disposal

- Ashes cleaned out from the stove or fireplace should be shoveled into a metal bucket with a metal lid, placed outside, on the ground, away from the building, to prevent fires. Do not place ashes into a paper bag or cardboard box. Ashes and embers can stay hot for days and ignite combustibles.

Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are required now in all homes with chimneys or woodstoves. Install one on every habitable level and no more than 10 feet from every bedroom door. Replace every 5-7 years.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, at the bottom of every stairwell and outside each sleeping area. Replace every ten years.
- Test alarms regularly and change alkaline batteries when we change the clocks.
- Consider installing alarms with sealed, 10-year batteries.

Together, we can improve the life safety and well-being of our Granville residents!

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.altervista.org/> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Lt. Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org

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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Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.
A coffee hour follows the service each week

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. Choir rehearsal

Third Sunday 8:30 a.m. Fellowship breakfast

Big Y gift cards are available. See Jean McMahon
to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes
to the church.

JANUARY EVENTS

January 21st from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Church
Fellowship Breakfast.

**WISHING ALL A BLESSED
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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Granville-Tolland Lions Club 2019 Calendar

Greetings from the Granville-Tolland Lions Club.

Every year the Lions Club puts out a calendar where people can have birthdays and anniversaries printed on it, plus local business advertisement. This calendar has been a tradition for over 50 years in Granville and Tolland but we have found that not everyone knows about it, now is your chance to get your birthdays and anniversaries included.

You submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to remember and it will be printed on the calendar. **THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE EVERYONES NAMES AND DATES NOT JUST YOUR SUBMISSIONS.**

COST: \$5 PER CALENDAR AND ONLY 25 CENTS PER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

Submitting names is easy:

Birthdays – Name and Date

John Smith - 5/21

Anniversaries – Name and Date

John and Jane Smith - 10/22

(A separate piece of paper can be used if more submissions are needed)

Make check payable to: Granville – Tolland Lions Club ☐ or

Pay on Delivery ☐

Your Name and Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Number of Calendars @ \$5 = _____

Number of Birthdays and / or Anniversaries @ 25 cents = _____

Return form to Dan Stosick, 91 Old Westfield Rd or Email: Birthdays and Anniversaries to: d.stosick@comcast.net by June 30, 2018 - Delivery will be in December. The Lions Club supports organizations in the Granville and Tolland communities. The lions are always a helpful resource for those with **hearing, eye and sight emergencies and our club has helped several local citizens.**

Contact Dan Stosick for interest in an advertisement on the calendar.

Granville COA News

The Council on Aging is looking for new members to join our group. We meet at the Town Hall on the second Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m. We need new ideas for programs.

Cynthia Ashley is the new consortium outreach person. She is replacing Phil Burns who has left to become a lawyer. She lives in Granville and will be calling on you in the future. She can be reached at 357-3160. We welcome her and her new ideas.

We get together every Monday 1:00p.m – 4:00 p.m. to play cards. Looking for new players. We provide coffee and goodies and a fun time.

YOGA IN GRANVILLE!

Tuesday nights from January 2nd through February 13th at the Granville Federated Church.

Led by Sally Barber from the Westfield Yoga Center.

\$10 for drop-ins.

Contact Lee (531-7672) with any questions.

OBITUARY

Mona H. LeFebvre

Mona, age 86, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2017 at her home in Granville, MA surrounded by her family. Mona was born February 1, 1931 in Northfield, VT to the late Arthur and Doris (White) Hill.

Mona lived her early years on the family farm in Vermont. These were most happy times with her brother and sister of raising animals, growing food, gathering berries, sliding down snow covered hills, picnics, hikes and splashing in the brook. Her children begged to hear the oft told stories of life on the farm. Mona always loved animals, and frequently nursed injured wild animals back to health. She loved springtime and gardening. She tended her bird feeders with care and bragged with delight of her many bluebirds! She and her husband raised five children and turned the yard at their Southwick home into a welcoming place for the neighborhood kids. Very little grass grew because of summer ball games and kids' carnivals. Mona and Dean were hardworking and playful. Although money was scarce, they took the family on vacations to Lake Champlain, trips to Catskill Game Farm and Santa's Land, provided many a wonderful Christmas and a swimming pool for summer fun. The years filled with her children and then grandchildren's school, sports and theatre activities, camping trips, work and a little travel. As a widow, she found love a second time, marrying Vincent and having several happy years with him and his family as her circle of loved ones grew. Mona was healthy and strong well into her eighties. Her final illness took her family by surprise, and they drew close, providing round the clock care, love and laughter, reminiscences and stories. Mona left a powerful legacy of the value of hard work, love of God, country, nature, and family.

Other than her parents, Mona is predeceased by her first husband Dean LeFebvre and her grandson Nathan LeFebvre. She leaves her husband Vincent Perry of Granville, MA, daughters Darcy Grimaldi and her husband Robert of Granville, MA, Dawn LeFebvre of Folsom California, Debra Fuller of Granville, MA, and sons Mark LeFebvre and his wife Sandra of Tennessee and Matt LeFebvre and his wife Kristine of Granville, MA, her brother Ralph Hill and his wife Nicki of VT, her sister Patricia French of VT, 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and a close family friend George Philip, whom she thought of as a brother. With her marriage to Vincent Perry, she also leaves 3 stepchildren, Karen Germain and husband Greg, Eileen Pekar and husband Bob, and Vincent Perry Jr. and wife Donna, 6 step grandchildren, and 6 step great-grandchildren.

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
Department of Public Works

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2017-2018
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. Therefore, Route 57, Route 189, and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- 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 are essential.
- 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, Hairpin Turn, the North end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street by the Transfer Station.

2018
Happy New Year!

Recipe of the month**Brussels Sprouts with Balsamic and Cranberries**

3 pounds Brussels Sprouts

1/2 cup olive oil

1 cup sugar

3/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1 cup dried cranberries

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Trim/clean the brussels sprouts, then cut them in half. Arrange on two baking sheets and toss with olive oil. Roast until brown, 25 to 30 minutes.

Combine the balsamic vinegar and sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low and reduce until very thick.

Place sprouts in a serving dish, drizzle the balsamic reduction over the roasted sprouts, then sprinkle on the dried cranberries.

Serves 10 to 12



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TOWN OF GRANVILLE Department of Public Works

Transfer Station

2018 Schedule

Tuesdays 1pm -5pm

Saturdays 9am-5pm

- During a winter snow event, the Transfer Station may be closed until plowed out.
- Punch cards are sold by check only at the Transfer Station only during open hours, NO CASH!
15 punches on a \$75 punch card 50 gallon bags
20 punches on a \$75 punch card 42 gallon bags
28 punches on a \$75 punch card 30 gallon bags
60 punches on a \$75 punch card 13 gallon bags
- There is no charge for recycling for local residents and town businesses
- The town requires the separation of trash and recyclables.
- The following items are accepted at the Transfer Station:
Appliances, Books, Bulky Rigid Plastics, CDs/DVDs, Clothing/Textiles, Electronics, Loose Metal, Tires
- Banned Items include:
Composts, Construction Materials, Hazardous Products, Recyclables, Yard Waste
- Granville residents can bring acceptable Household Hazardous Products to NEDT, 190 East Main St. in Westfield. The town will pay the first \$30.00 of products at the drop-off collection center. See town website for list of acceptable items and fees.
- For more information visit the Transfer Station page on the Town Website:
www.townofgranville.net/transferstation