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# Granville Public Library

## 2020 Summer Reading Program

### IMAGINE YOUR STORY

Due to the Coronavirus this year's program will be run differently. At this time the library is providing curbside pick-up and therefore all activities will be done through this type of service.

The Summer Reading Program is open to children ages 3-11. There will be one major raffle at the end of the summer with tickets given out for every 15 minutes a child reads and for completing other activities. A \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card and various other items will be raffled off. (This has been modified and will look different from past years.) The library staff will fill out the tickets for you and place them in the one raffle container.

Weeks July 6 and July 13: Pick up your Take Home Activity Packet #1 during regular library hours. Look for the Summer Reading Program table outside.

During the month of July write letters to Page, the bookworm, and she'll write back. (Little ones can draw pictures.) Leave letters in the DVD Return box. Be sure to enclose letters in an envelope. Earn two tickets for each letter.

Week of August 3: Pick up your Take Home Activity Packet # 2 during regular library hours. Look for the Summer Reading Program table outside.

During August, check out Library Lawn and read the riddle of the week. Earn a ticket for each correct answer. Answer sheet in packet.

All reading records and riddle answers must be handed in by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Place in DVD Return Box enclosed in an envelope. Raffle drawings will take place during the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>.

\* Art supplies in the Take Home Activity Packets were purchased through a grant from the Granville Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

### Granville Public Library Hours:

Monday 3-8

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 5-8

Saturday 10-12

The 2020 Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Granville Public Library, the Granville Library Club, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Collaborative Summer Reading Program and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**Fill out and return form on next page**

Please fill out the form below and return to the Granville Public Library in the DVD Return Box at your earliest convenience so preparations can be made. Call Miss Linda Dickinson at 357-8771 if you have any questions.

## Imagine Your Story

Granville Public Library

2020 Summer Reading Program

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly.

Thank you!

Please enclose in an envelope.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

### HAYES RD. SOLAR - UPDATE

The Granville Planning Board will hold a public information meeting on

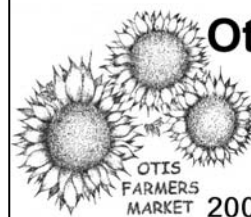
Monday, July 13, 2020

At Town Hall starting at 7 PM.

At that meeting, Grasshopper Solar, the new owners of the project will present the latest information regarding the Large Scale Solar Array Project that was approved by special permit last year.

Grasshopper Solar will present information about their company and their ongoing role in the project. The Eversource engineering plan for connection to the grid will also be presented. Details on taxation, revenues, road work, emergency procedures and other pertinent details will also be discussed.

If you have questions that you would like to see answered at the meeting, please contact Richard Pierce, Planning Board chair at 413-357-6403 or send a note to the Planning Board at Town Hall.



## Otis Farmers Market

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

L & M Auto Parking Lot

Papa's Healthy Food & Fuel

2000 East Otis Road, E. Otis, MA

Join our market every Saturday for the best of local farm-fresh goods, such as fresh eggs, baked goods & desserts, maple syrup & maple products, local honey, pasture-raised pork, grass-fed beef, bison, elk, canned goods, jams, jellies & fruit butters, goat milk soaps, dog treats, turned wood, one of a kind jewelry & tie dye, flower bouquets, plants & produce (as it grows), original crafts, live music every week, and so much more!

## CSM Share Pick-Up Dates:

**July 4th, July 11th, July 18th, July 25th,  
August 1st, August 8th, August 15th August 22nd,  
August 29th and September 5th**

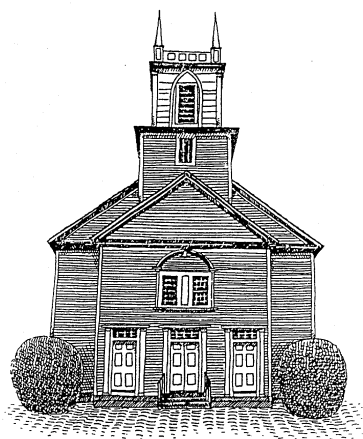
**Please show up promptly at 10 am to pick-up your order if you have subscribed to the ice cream portion! Others please arrive by 1 pm at the latest!**

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at market, please contact us by email at [OtisFM1@gmail.com](mailto:OtisFM1@gmail.com),

find us & like us on Facebook,

or contact the Market Manager at 413-357-9919

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## West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we are cancelling our services for June and July.

Our Worship Services for 2020 will continue starting in August with our  
Old Home Sunday Service. The remaining services will be held  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:

August 9, 2020 - Old Home Sunday

September 13, 2020

October 11, 2020

November 8, 2020

December 13, 2020 - Christmas Service

All services are at 7PM

Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall.

### Upcoming Events:

- 18th Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday August 8th at 5PM. This year we are having a concert following the picnic! Performing this year is the "Sarah The Fiddler Trio". This concert is sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council – Thank You!
- Scarecrow Contest – Columbus Day Weekend October 12-14<sup>th</sup>

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please contact Deborah Boulanger 357-6360 for more information.

Check our Facebook Page for updates on services and upcoming events!

<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>

## Green Committee Pavilion

On Wednesday  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, the  
Green Committee  
met to discuss



building a pavilion on the pad at the Green. When the walkway was installed the pad was added so someday it could be the base for a pavilion. We are excited to start this project and asked to meet with the Select Board on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Joe Pietroniero and Amos Carpenter presented what we had in mind. The Select Board were all in favor of the pavilion, they had several questions and some suggestions. The size would be 30X24, with a peaked roof all four sides will be open so as not to obstruct the view through the Green. There will be electricity and lighting for safety. The posts will start with stone pillars, then post and beam. As we formulate the plans, we will again meet with the Select Board and Bob Sullivan. This is a work in progress we will keep all informed through meetings and the Country

Caller. We have always wanted a pavilion on the Green, but it took Joe to set things in motion!

A separate account has been set up to accept donations for this project. Rosy Campbell, Marjanne Nobbs and Mary Beth Sussmann have recently donated. We now have \$2265.00 set aside for this project. Thank you all who have donated. This is a great start for this project, we anticipate the cost to be about \$6000.00.

Anyone wishing to donate money send a check to the Town Hall indicating it is for the pavilion. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have put the building on hold for the time being and hope to have it up and useable for the summer of 2021.

Amos Carpenter 413-209-2384, and Joe Pietroniero 413-530-6634 will oversee the Volunteer work force. Please call either one of them to donate your time toward this project. We know this will be a wonderful addition to our already beautiful Green and hope to have this built and ready for use before the July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 Celebration. (The picture below is a rough idea of what we have in mind. Thank you for your support with monetary and time donations

**The Green Committee**

# GORDON SANDMAN

## Wild Blueberries

**Gordon@sandmanswildblueberries.com**

104 McCARTHY ROAD  
GRANVILLE, MA 01034

Tel: 1-413-388-3885 • 413-209-4930

Cell: 1-413-297-8411

*We hope to be open 3rd week of July.*

*We offer quarts, 10 pound and 20 pound boxes.*

*We encourage orders through our Facebook page or by calling any of the above numbers.*



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## GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ  
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034  
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. John Wilson  
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FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO  
KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

To contact the church, please leave a message at 357-8583 to leave a message for Pastor Wilson. You can also call a deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 357-6610, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194

Many thanks to Pastor Johnny, Eileen, Bill and Lee, Jean, Zeke, Dale, and Alan for making sure that our church services continued online during the past several months. We miss everyone, however, and are hoping that services will be taking part in the church again very soon. In the meantime, our services can still be seen on You Tube at GFC 2020 and on our Facebook page at Granville Federated Church, Granville, Mass.

Thank you to the many donors who have continued their financial support of the church during this time. If you wish to donate to the church, checks can be sent to:  
Granville Federated Church  
PO Box 246  
Granville, MA 01034

We have been made aware that the Agape School that we help to support in Uganda is experiencing health issues with some of their livestock. Please pray for them with us.

Big Y gift cards are available. Please contact Karen McLaughlin to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

The Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens, complete with two restrooms, tables, chairs and kitchen facilities.

For more information contact Bobbi O'Connell at 413 357-0914 or Karen McLaughlin at 413 357-9090

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!



## GRANVILLE DAYS @ BLISS FARM

July 25, 2020 1:00-5:00 PM

Bliss Farm will be hosting a gathering of local business owners and their products to promote what they offer. As a wedding venue we are often asked about local businesses. If you want to showcase your products and are interested in participating in setting up a booth in the event

barn, please email [l.blakesley@yahoo.com](mailto:l.blakesley@yahoo.com) for an application.

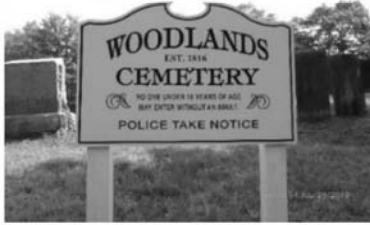
If you have questions call Shawn @ 413-250-2558 after 5PM

We have limited space inside the barn and will offer lawn space as needed

**Fifty Dollars sent with your completed application will be refunded when you set up your space. This is a first come first serve event. Granville business will have priority until May 1, 2020.**

As a Granville business we hope this will bring add interest to all local business. We will be advertising in local papers, inviting wedding planners, towns people, brides and grooms, along with anyone interested in local businesses.

## Woodlands Cemetery Update and History



Our cemetery efforts continue. Although the Community Preservation Act application for Woodlands was declined for this year due to more compelling needs, the applications for West Granville (1 stone), Main Road and Northeast cemeteries were partially approved and we plan to go forward with them as soon as possible. We will continue all efforts for next year.

### THIS MONTH IN GRANVILLE HISTORY

## JULY

**July 8, 1711** – Samuel Bancroft, Granville's first settler, is born in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

**July 13, 1713** - The boundary between the Province of Massachusetts Bay and the Colony of Connecticut is settled.

**July 7, 1756** - At Kensington, England, at a meeting of the King and his Council, "Colonial law incorporating Granville as a District was approved and ratified". This completely finalizes the incorporation that was passed here in America on January 25, 1754 when the name was changed from Bedford to Granville.

**July 4, 1776** – The Declaration of Independence is adopted. ----->

**July 6, 1780** – With the pressing needs of the War for Independence, the Town votes to give a bounty of 6£ or 20 bushels of wheat to every man enlisting.

**July 26, 1781** – For the first time in the records of Granville, "dollars" is used as a denomination for payment as the town votes to give 10 silver dollars to 3-month soldiers. British currency was seriously devalued.



**July 16, 1803** – Otis Dickinson marries Malinda Bancroft. ----->

**July 4, 1812** – A petition is sent to Congress from Granville stating opposition to the War of 1812. The Congress had declared war against Great Britain the prior month. The war ends in Feb 1815.

**July 1, 1816** – 3 bushels of corn sells for \$3.00.

**July 1, 1864** – Cyrus Ives purchases a pair of pants for \$2.00.

**July 2, 1869** – It is declared that highway workers in Granville are to be paid 15 cents per hour.

**July, 1886** – The town votes to build a schoolhouse in the Northeast (Old Westfield Road) district of Granville. It was the last district-serving school built in Granville.

**July 11, 1887** – Miles Rose sang at the funeral of Cynthia Noble at the Baptist Church.

**July 18, 1888** – Mr. Peck mowed 3 acres, for Miles Rose, with a "machine" (the first mention of a machine).

**July 15, 1909** – The West Granville Post Office closes after 91 years of Service at the West Granville (Benton) store. ----->

**July 10, 1913** – Thomas Jensen rescues a woman and 2 children in a runaway horse-drawn carriage in Westfield. He dies from serious injuries several days later. He is recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund.

**July 6, 1914** – The Woodlands Cemetery Association minutes report that the Town of Granville has voted to transfer its interest in the cemetery on Blandford Road (Woodlands) to the Association.



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## Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd

**July 1, 1927** – Construction of Cobble Mountain Reservoir begins.

**July 12, 1930** – The first edition of the Granville Center News, a precursor to the Country Caller, is published.



**July, 1931** – The Drum Shop replaces steam with electricity to run its machinery.

**July, 1932** – The tarring of Granby Road, from the Library to North Granby begins, financed by the state, county and town with work being done by Granville citizens.

**July 19, 1935** – A Raspberry Shortcake Supper was held in West Granville. Adults 35¢, children 15¢ and 20¢.

**July, 1937** – The First Church of Christ in Granville and Granville Baptist Church join together to form the Granville Federated Church.



**July, 1950** – Dressed appropriately for the occasion, the Granville Library Club celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the Library.



**July 4, 1964** – Clara Kolb Drummer, age 83, walks away from a Fourth of July picnic on Jeff Miller Road in Tolland and is never found.

**Mid-July, Every Year** – Blueberry season begins.

**July 4, 2020** – Happy Independence Day and Month!



From the members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association, [WoodlandsCem@comcast.net](mailto:WoodlandsCem@comcast.net)

Credits: Jim Reid for the idea, History of Granville by Albion Wilson, ancestry.com, and the Granville Historic Image Library at GranvilleHistory.omeka.net.



## GRANVILLE TRANSFER STATION PUNCH CARD ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with check to:***Town of Granville**P.O. Box 247**Granville, MA 01034**Attn: Transfer Station***CARD TYPES***NOTE: Purchase the punch card that corresponds to the bag size you use.**Price per gallon is the same for all bag sizes.*

- ☐ 13 Gallon Card ..... \$75.00
- ☐ 30 Gallon Card ..... \$75.00
- ☐ 42 Gallon Card ..... \$75.00
- ☐ 55 Gallon Card.....\$75.00
- ☐ Recycling Card – Blue Bin  
(Required 7/01/2020) .....\$75.00
- ☐ Cardboard Level Full 8ft Bed (*Ten Loads*) .....\$150.00

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_*Make checks payable to the Town of Granville**All trash in a tied bag.*

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*...For Office Use Only...***Payment Received By:** \_\_\_\_\_**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_**Check Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR GRANVILLE RESIDENTS ONLY**  
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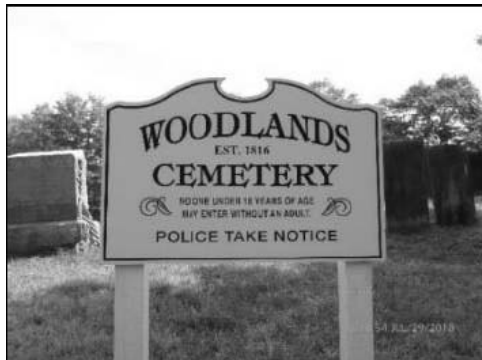
## OBITUARY

### Arline C. (Plouff) Schultz

Arline, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Russell, MA to Clara (Eger) Plouff and John B. Plouff. She was married to the late Edward J. Schultz, Sr. for 66 years. Arline attended Woronoco grade schools, and was a graduate of Westfield High School in 1944. She was a longtime resident of Granville, and enjoyed spending winters in North Port, FL and summers in Granville. As a young mother, Arline was a volunteer in the Ground Observer Corps and manned observation post that was located at the Granville Elementary School, and was also an active member of the Home Dept. of the Hampden County Improvement League and was installed as a new member of the League's Order of the Pearls in 1965. She was also employed by Noble and Cooley for numerous years before enjoying retired life with her husband. Arline loved gardening and was always tending her many flowers which graced her home in Granville. Arline is survived by her two children, Edward J. Schultz, Jr. and his wife, Chris of Granville and Karen Schultz of Spokane Valley, WA and two cherished grandchildren, Christopher and Carrie. Burial will be private.

### In Nursing Home

Skip and Alice Demarais, The Arbors, 40 Court Street Room 329, Westfield, MA 01085



Woodlands Cemetery has sites available:

48 Blandford Road

Contact us for information:

Carolyn Donatini

Dorrie Holmes

WoodlandsCem@comcast.net



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