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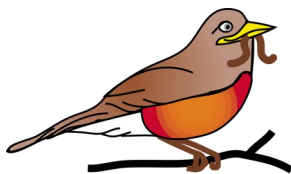
Upcoming Bridge Construction & Road Closures



There will be 3 bridge repair projects that will occur this summer & fall in town: Alder Brook Bridge over Borden Brook Rd., Ripley Brook Bridge over Beech Hill Rd. and Hollister Brook Bridge over Old Westfield Rd.

The projects began with Alder Brook Bridge on Borden Brook Rd., which will be closed for several weeks. The construction on Ripley Brook Bridge will follow and may be concurrent with Alder Brook Bridge. The construction on Hollister Brook Bridge will not begin until late summer or early fall.

All of these projects will result in road closures and detours. Please monitor the Town website, emergency services' social media pages or contact Town Hall for the most up to date information. Questions should be directed to Doug Roberts at the Town of Granville Highway Department (413 357 6007) (413 455 4446) .



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Granville's Independence Day Parade

Tuesday July 4, 2023

Starting at 10:00 AM at the Town Barn, going past the Green (some may stop there) continuing on 189, to Silver, Cross, Sodom, 57 and back to the Green, where the prizes will be awarded along with a short presentation.

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Again this year

From 10-11:30 there will be an entertainer for children on the Green and those who chose to end their participation in the parade and spectators

We want to keep the folks on the Green entertained while waiting for the remainder of the parade.



Block Dance with the Bad News Jazz & Blues Band will take place Wednesday July 5, On the Green at 6:30 PM, Bring Friends, Family, Food, Drink & Dancing Feet

The Granville Recreation Committee is hosting the block dance, a Grant from the MA & Granville Cultural Council is sponsoring it

Report of JUNE 9th Senior Services Meeting

The June 9th Senior Services meeting was very well attended. Selectperson Nicole Berndt presented a Power Point of possible services. This was followed with a creative and lively discussion of possible services. Members of the Granville Fire Department and Highland Valley Elder Services were a welcome presence.

Nate Sindland of the Granville Firefighters told attendees about Safety and Security items that will help them locate and assist residents in Emergency situations. These items include reflective numbers for house identification, lock boxes for house keys for quick access, packets for quick identification of medical status displayed on your refrigerator and help with smoke detectors and battery changes. If you are interested and in need of this assistance, contact the Fire Department at 413-357-8572, ext 2. Valerie D'Aquisto and Jenn Murray of Highland Valley Elder Services spoke about the many services Highland Valley can provide including discussing options for home care and health services, chores, counseling, etc. They will be returning for a more detailed discussion soon. Additional information about Highland Valley services can be obtained at www.highlandvalley.org or by calling 413-586-2000.

POSSIBLE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF GRANVILLE:

Here is a list of possible services identified by meeting attendees. Please note the list is not in order of priority.

- Transportation: Identify transportation concerns and possible solutions, formulate plans for use of the Town van.
- Research a "Buddy program"/ "Neighbor to neighbor" system
- Social Events: Movies, holiday celebrations, trips, and games
- More involvement in Town Events.
- Closer involvement with Granville youth, possibly through music and nature, in coordination with programs at the Library.
- Classes: Yoga, Art, Crafting, Computer
- Work closely with the Granville librarian in planning events
- Identify ways to expand Food accessibility: Meals on Wheels, expand use of Southwick Food Pantry, possibly build on "Lunch Bunch" monthly lunches at the Church with speakers, provide information about CSA shares.
- Increase awareness and utilization of the Public Health Nurse who visits Town
- Aesthetician Services, including podiatry.

The following were identified by attendees as priorities: Food Services, the "buddy program", transportation and accessibility concerns, social events and classes to include connecting to youth.

Please look for future information and meetings in the Country Caller.

We are grateful for everyone's participation.

Thank you,

Nicole Berndt, Terry Hodur and Bobbi O'Connell



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

HIGHLAND VALLEY ELDER SERVICES

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME TO LEARN ABOUT THE MANY AVAILABLE SERVICES & RESOURCES

JUST TO NAME A FEW:

- Home health care & physical therapy
- Homemaker/Personal services - house cleaning, laundry, meal preparation
- Care advisors

JULY 19TH, ARRIVE AT NOON

ENJOY A SANDWICH WITH FRIENDS AND A LITTLE DESSERT!!

PRESENTATION TO BEGIN AT 12.30

ALL ARE WELCOME & THE TREATS ON US

**RECORDS and COLLECTABLES
WANTED**

Buying old vinyl records, LPs and 45s. Interested in most types of music. Cash paid, I will come to you. Also buying old advertising, signs, postcards, stoneware, comic books, Granville related items, etc.

Contact Mark @ 413-626-6396

or 357-6346.

Email- vinyl4mark@gmail.com

~Lunch Bunch~

Come join the Lunch Bunch at Granville Federated Church at noon on Wednesday, July 5th

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Provided: Coffee, Tea,
Dessert,
Fellowship

(Bring your own sandwich)



Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 ·

www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org

Email for general inquiries: Granville@cwmar.org

Email for Program Registration: GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon
Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM

Granville Public Library ***Summer Reading Programs***

Join Linda, Bridget and their special guests for programs throughout the Summer. Registration in the SRP is encouraged and can be done at any time. Registration Packets given out at the kick-off with ages, and more details.

July 1 (Saturday) 10:00 – 12:00 KICK-OFF

July 6 (Thurs) 10:30 – 11:30 Getting to Know You

July 10 (Mon) 6:30 – 7:30 Make Some Noise!

July 12 (Wed- Teens) 3:30 – 4:30 Intro To Journaling

July 13 (Thur) 10:30 – 11:30 Express Yourself Through Painting

July 17 (Mon 6:30 – 7:30 Express Yourself Through Sculpture:

July 20 (Thurs) 10:30 – 11:45 Express Yourself Through Painting

July 22 (Sat) 10:30 – 11:30 Find Your Voice with Puppets

July 24 (Mon) 6:30 – 7:30 Raise Your Voice

July 27 (Thurs) 10:30 – 11:30 Raise Your Voice

July 29 (Sat) 10:30 – 11:30 Share Your Voice

July 31 (Mon 6:30 – 7:30 Gran-Val Scoop



Pokemon Club

Starting this summer as part of the SRP at the Granville Public Library

Wednesday- 3:30-4:30



July 5

July 19

August 2



Our new Librarian- Shianne- will lead the youth with understanding trading, game play, and socializing, through this popular card trading game and app.

*This is part of the Summer Reading Program.
SRP registration encouraged*

TOM SIELING

A children's/family/community music program called
"Find Your Voice at a Tromp through the Swamp!"

GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SAT. JULY 15 10:30 AM

Fun, Upbeat, and Participatory kids' songs.

Tom, accompanied on guitar, banjo, and drum machine, will encourage reading, using the library, lifetime participation in music, as well as share cool nature and science facts and pictures!

Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Granville Cultural Council



Instruments have a voice



Join several local and talented musicians as they share their instrument's story! From history to personal, the story will come before the music. Then listen to them jam together-joining rhythms and voices. After, folks are welcome to ask questions and maybe even try an instrument! All ages welcome!

Saturday July 8, 6-7:30 PM
Granville Public Library
granvilleprograms@cwmar.org



Birth to 2 years old
Playgroup w/ Tina

Monday July 10
10:00 AM

Sponsored by Pathways for Parents



Rain sticks
with Renee!

Ages 2-5

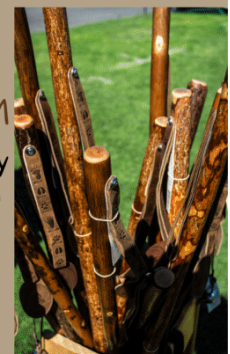


July 17th

10:30-11:30 AM

Granville Public Library
granvilleprograms@cwmar.org

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Granville Cultural Council & Granville Public Library
Award winning, acclaimed storyteller

Diane Edgecomb

2 great shows in one day! July 26

Join in! 10:30-11:30 AM

Sing, Dance & Join right in
Diane's Musical Stories in this
fun-loving family event.



A Thousand Doorways 7:00-8:30 PM

The true account of Diane's decade long
quest to gather the vanishing folkloric tales
of the Kurds of Turkey.

.."deeply moving, richly humorous..."



Don't miss
these



**Mass
Cultural
Council**

Power of culture

Diane has been featured on NPR and is the winner of the ORACLE award for
Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World awards.

Senior P.A.T.R.O.L. :

Avoiding Identity Theft, Scams, & Fraud

July 24th 6:30 - 7:30

Presentation will be
held at the
Granville Public Library

-According to the Federal Trade
Commission, consumers
reporting losing nearly \$8.8
billion to scams in 2022. Avoid
becoming a statistic!

Milagros Johnson has over 20 years working for
the (Springfield) Mayor's Office of Consumer
Information, a Local Consumer Program working in
cooperation with the Massachusetts Attorney
General's Office serving Hampden County and
parts of Worcester County.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
PLEASE call 413-357-8531 or
EMAIL US AT:
GranvilleProgams@cwmar.org



August 5 (Saturday) 10:30 - 11:30

Bob Carr-Artist, author & poet.

Granville Public Library

Come enjoy a reading of his newest book "Rainbows"
and then be guided by Bob, through your own
creations with words and pictures.

Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Family Fun!

Preregistration
encouraged for
material planning



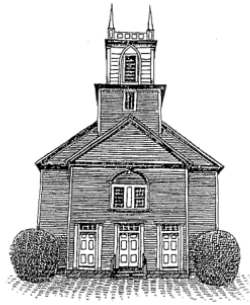
Nurse's Hour: 5:30-6:30 Thursday July 13
Stop in and visit the nurse. Blood pressure or
questions; She is here for you.



July 12
7:00-8:00 PM
Book club with Gloria
"Mink River" by Brian Doyle

BRIAN DOYLE





West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Services will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month:

June 11

July 9

August 13 - Old Home Sunday

September 10

October - No service this month due to Harvest Fair

November 12 and

December 10

All services are at 7PM.

Refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall after each service.

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Upcoming Events:

- This year we celebrate our 20th Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday August 19th at 4PM. This year "Sarah the Fiddler and Band" will return for a concert following the picnic!

Check out Sarah's FaceBook Page:

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



Thank you to the Granville Cultural Council for helping to fund the Concert!

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

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

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

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. Johnny Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
Coffee Hour following the service.

EVENTS

DRIVE UP DINNERS

Dinners are paused for the summer. We will resume in the fall. Thank you to all who ordered dinners this past year!

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. We meet at 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Study dates for the month of July are Wednesday, July 5th and Wednesday, July 15st. We are at the end of our study in the book of James. Stay tuned for information about the next book we will be exploring.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall. Note that these are on the FIRST Wednesdays of each month. We will meet at 12:00 on Wednesday, July 5th. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert and great fellowship are provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!

MISSIONS NEWS

AGAPE SCHOOL

Our church has been donating to the Agape School in Uganda for many years. Call Bobbi at 357-0194 if you would be interested in joining our efforts to continue to support the school and the children there.

INFORMATION

BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Eileen Jerome to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent for functions. It is complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs, kitchen facilities and parking. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

CONTACT US

We try to help anyone in town who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, running errands, food, emergency fuel, etc. but we need to know. Please call.

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583.

You can also call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm

Tuesday evenings-Church Board and Committee meetings

Wednesday morning- Bible Study-10:45 am (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).

Wednesday afternoon Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon (1st Wednesday)

Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm

In Assisted Living

Alice Demarais

The Arbors

40 Court Street Apt 108
Westfield, MA 01085

Marge Feeney

Heritage Hall North

55 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001



Dorothy Mae LeClair

Dorothy Mae Dalrymple was born January 17, 1930, in Westfield MA. She grew up in Woronoco, a small “mill town” in the town of Russell with her mother Florence Ellis and father David Dalrymple along with her sister Marjorie and brother David. She loved growing up there and had fond memories of her youth. After she graduated from Westfield High School, she met Joseph W. LeClair at a party in Granville. Soon they married and moved into Joe and Edna LeClair’s house on North Lane #2. They built a house down the road for their growing family Linda, Jay (JWL jr) David and Robert. Family was important to them, they camped, skied, they played and worked together, scooping blueberries in family blueberry lots. Dorothy taught Sunday school, was a Girl Scout leader, she was on the Council on Aging, and volunteered for many years at a cancer center.

Because Dot and Joe were such an integral part of each other’s lives it is hard to separate one from the other when it comes to their journey through life. When retired, they went south to visit the Everglades. Dot and Joe parked their Motor Home and worked there for two seasons. They were always interested in wherever they were and soaked up all the knowledge the area had to offer. From there they went down to Fiesta Key to work at a campground, their children, spouses, grandchildren all went down to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Dot and Joe traveled around the country staying at National Parks, even traveling up to Alaska. They lived on their sailboat in Hernando Beach Florida for two years. Dot and Joe traveled to job sites around the country running parts that were needed for Jay and Ann’s fast-growing business, sometimes even working on a ship or two. Their kids never knew what to expect, one day Linda came home to see them sitting on her couch wearing pig noses! It was always fun to have them around. Their love of adventure made it easy for them to change plans at the drop of a hat and go where they were needed. They often visited Bob and Josie and their two grandchildren in Texas. Bob always had a project or two to complete during their visit. Wherever David and Mary moved, Mom and Dad went to help with the upgrades to the newest home. Eventually Dot and Joe bought a house in Spring Hill Florida and settled down for a while. In 2011 Jay and Ann purchased the old Heino house on the corner of 57 and North Lane #2. Mom and Dad moved into a camper on the property and became the contractor and bookkeeper, making the dilapidated house the beautiful home it is today. They lived there until Joe passed away September 10, 2021, when Dot moved in with Linda and Bill Blakesley. Before the snow arrived, she headed south to stay with Jay and Ann in Cocoa Florida. She enjoyed lots of friends and family until it was time to head back to Granville and see the northern folks. On June 3, 2023, she passed away in her Granville home peacefully with the love of her family close at hand.

We feel lucky to have had her in our lives for so long. She loved her four children, ten grand, twenty-one great, and four great, great grandchildren, we all love and will miss her and Dad every day!