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Thank you

Submitted by Bernadette Toomey

I wish to express my sincere thanks & appreciation to the team of volunteer fire fighters that responded to the chimney fire at my home on January 22.

Your quick response & dedicated service to our community are second to none. Thank you all!



Joe Pietroniro
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 A coffee hour follows the service each week

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Monday nights- AA meetings
 Thursdays 7:00 Choir rehearsals
 Third Sunday 8:30 to 9:30- Fellowship Breakfast

March Events

Sunday, March 17th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Breakfast
 Please come and join us!

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

HELP FEED THE ORPHANS!

Each month for several years now, I have sent \$150 to the Agape School in eastern Uganda to help feed the hundreds of orphans living there. I am looking for ten people to donate \$5.00 each per month to assist in this outreach. People of Granville were wonderful and last year I received the \$50, enough for each month. Would you please consider lending a hand?

Thank you, Bobbi O'Connell

48 Dickinson Drive 01034

Granville, MA

or Granville Federated Church

16 Granby Rd, Granville, MA 01034

HAVING A PARTY OR NEED SPACE FOR A RECEPTION OR MEETING?

The Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall is available for rent, 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





TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

Telephone: 413.357.8585 Ext. 3

Email: townclerk@townofgranville.org

Website: www.townofgranville.net (Board and Committees, Town Clerk)

Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm and by appointment

Annual Town Elections

Monday, April 8, 2019 – 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7 pm – Granville Village School

Dog Licenses

Still some dog(s) have not been licensed for 2019. This is a friendly reminder to do so before May 1; otherwise, there will be a late fee of \$20/dog. For the safety of all dogs in town we maintain a list of all licensed dogs as well as dogs on record that veterinarians have advised us have their rabies vaccination, but may not be licensed. The census package included 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.

Census

Thank you to those of you who have returned your census forms either with noted corrections or confirmation that there are no changes at your residential address. If you still haven't returned your census, please do so as soon as possible. Failure to respond to the mailing shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

Marriage Intentions

If you wish to marry, you may contact my office or any other Town Clerk in the Commonwealth. The first document that a couple must complete is the Marriage Intentions Form and both must be present at the same time to do so. Following this, a license is issued and you can be married any place in the Commonwealth. Your marriage license is filed at the Town Clerk's Office where the Marriage Intentions Form is completed. Here is some additional information on marrying in MA: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-subj/about/marriage.html>

Vital Records

Birth records are filed based on residence. If you are a resident of Granville at the time of the birth of your child, then the child's birth certificate will be filed in Granville. Death records are filed in the community in which you pass away. Certified copies of vital records (Birth, Marriage, Death) are \$10.00.

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-Tolland
**Dollars for
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2018 NEWSLETTER

On behalf of all the volunteers and scholarship recipients of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars®, our heartfelt thanks to all patrons and sponsors for their generosity in supporting the Chapter's ongoing work. We are pleased to share our activities over the past year.

Scholarships were awarded to 25 undergraduate students from our two towns, totaling \$25,000 in 2018-2019. Scholarships are based upon merit, incentive and history of community service.

Our on-line application, located on our website, Granville-Tolland.dollarsforscholars.org, provides access for students to apply for scholarships conveniently and from any location. Applications will be open until May 1, 2019.

The 2018 Mail-a-thon generated \$12,499.20, and with other fundraising efforts from our towns raising \$748 (Harvest Fair proceeds, etc.), a total of \$14,010.49 was added to this year's available scholarship funds.

Scholarships were provided, honoring the following creators of our permanent endowment: Dorothy Miller, Jane & Stuart Watson, Everett O. and Miriam T. Rockwell, Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon, 1st Lt. Travis Fuller, Elizabeth Meiklejohn Memorial Endowment, the Robert & Gloria Gery Endowment and The Ladies Aid Society of Tolland Honoring Bertha Fowler Hale. Benefiting from positive market performance and sound investment strategies, the endowment investment returns help to support annual scholarship funds.

The Granville Parent Association made a generous donation to support our students. These funds will go toward a named scholarship in honor of the Granville Village School for the 2019-2020 school year.

The national motocross championships were held at the Southwick track in 2018. Volunteers representing Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars donated their time to park cars on the regional school grounds and raised over \$1,300 toward annual scholarships!

We participated in Granville's 2018 Harvest Fair by providing an inflatable joust booth for kids and families. We wish to thank our volunteers and our local sponsors, who are listed below.

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The Executive Board of Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who helped to make this year's Harvest Fair event very successful. Without student and adult volunteers, committee members, and especially our generous sponsors and patrons, the Joust booth and our annual raffle would not have been possible. The money raised from these events will go directly toward scholarship funds for the 2019-2020 academic year.

"Like" us on Facebook, and we'll keep you updated on the "happenings" through the year. We welcome volunteers, whether for a single event or many through the year!

We are greatly appreciative for the continuous trust and support from many individual patrons, sponsors and those who established named endowments. Collectively, this financial support provides valuable financial assistance to our Granville-Tolland undergraduate scholarship recipients.



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GRANVILLE-TOLLAND.DOLLARSFORSCHOLARS.ORG
GRANVILLETOLLANDDFS@GMAIL.COM

February 18, 2019

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

Thank you for supporting our students!

Our communities have been supporting the college students of Granville and Tolland since 1974. Over these 45 years, more than 800 awards with over \$500,000 have been awarded, and in 2018, 25 recipients receiving \$25,000 in total from many supportive Granville and Tolland neighbors. This support has truly made a difference in the lives of our students.

Your continued loyalty and generosity keep Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars in the forefront of supporting our local scholars!

Please help Granville and Tolland students fulfill their dreams with much needed scholarship support. Your gift of any size will enable us to fund more scholarships each year. You may make a gift by returning the bottom portion of this letter with your check or go online to make a donation at www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org. If you have an interest in establishing an endowment in honor or as a memorial, now or in the future, please contact Kris LeFebvre at PO Box 302, Granville, MA 01034, krisblefebvre@gmail.com or 413-357-9044.

Your tax deductible gift made by April 1 (payable to Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars) will impact our available funds for next year's recipients. Thank you for your generous support that laid this foundation and continues to support our communities' undergraduate students!

Sincerely,
Executive Board of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars

-----Please Detach and Return with your gift mailed to PO Address above -----

Enclosed is my 2019 Gift: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other _____

Donor Printed Name(s): _____

Mailing Address for Tax Receipt: _____

Tel. #: _____ Email: _____

Would you prefer to receive your tax receipt by Email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Double or even triple your gift - ask your company Human Resource or Matching Gift Program department about charitable matching contributions. If your employer does have a program that will match your donations, please submit a completed matching gift form from your employer, and send it along with your donations to Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars.

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit, tax-exempt volunteer chapter of Scholarship America®. All contributions are tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation and our Federal Tax Identification Number is 46-5057848.

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars®

Celebrating 45 Years of Success

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars has awarded 800 scholarships valuing over \$500,000 to benefit our children & students and their future academic endeavors. This could not be achieved without the selfless volunteers and board members.

We are in need of board members and volunteers for this new year of helping our children. There are four meetings a year with a few fundraisers a year that need your help, your new ideas, and your new energy.

Please contact us today to become a part of this rewarding organization.

Thank you,

Kris LeFebvre,

President

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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department appreciates your continued support!

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

Clothes Dryer Safety

In 2017, there were 100 dryer fires that caused civilian injuries, eight fire service injuries, and \$2.7 million dollars in property damage. Almost half of the fires, 47%, occurred in 1- and 2-family homes.

Clean the Lint Filter After Every Load

Remember to clean the dryer filter screen after each load of laundry, to clean the outside vents twice a year and to occasionally vacuum the motor area of the dryer. If materials such as cooking oil, solvents and other combustible or flammable liquids were not removed completely during the laundry cycle, heat from the dryer may cause them to ignite. This is the reason that mop heads should not be put into the dryer. An adult should be at home whenever the dryer is in use and the home should have working smoke alarms.

Dryer Fires Prevention Tips At-A-Glance:

- Clean the filter screen after each load to prevent lint buildup, which can cause fires.
- Stay home when the dryer is in use.
- Clean the vents to outside twice a year to clean out any accumulated dust and lint.
- Vacuum the motor area. The dust and lint in the vent area can ignite if it gets hot. You may need to remove a panel in order to get to the motor area.
- Commercial dryers should be cleaned out regularly because of their frequent use and shared venting system.
- Don't dry mop heads in the dryer! The dryer's heat can ignite the chemical residue on mop heads.
- Keep the surrounding area clean. The dryer's heat may ignite anything left too close to the dryer.

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 **NEW** web page at <http://www.granvillefire.net> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Lt. Tim Rickis at

COME VISIT THE FARM: OPEN HOUSE MARCH 30th

Rockwood Ag-Grid has constructed a renewable energy project that uses dairy manure from Rockwood Farms and grease trap waste and dairy waste from local providers. The waste to energy project would provide electricity to Town of Granville and other towns in Western Massachusetts.

We would like to extend an invitation to the residents of Granville for an open house on Saturday, March 30th 2019 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at Rockwood Farms located at 355 Granby Road, Granville, MA. We would like to showcase our project and share information. We are very thankful for the support we have received from the officials and residents of Town of Granville. Come stop by and visit!

MAPLE CORNER FARM

Beech Hill Road

357-8829

It's Maple Sugaring Time

Come watch the maple sap boil

Visitors welcome to our Sugar House

Pancakes, French Toast, Ham

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Maple Syrup available

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APRIL 13, 2019

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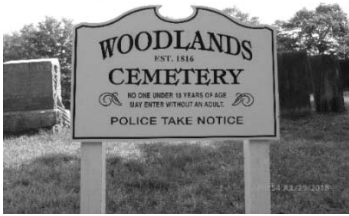


**Pax Sax Quartet
will present a Concert**

**Sunday May 12, 2019
@2:00pm**

**It will be presented in
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**The musicians cover a
wide range of genres
including classical,
ragtime, traditional,
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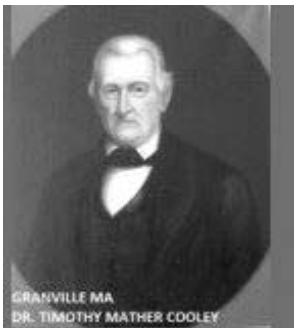


Welcome to the continuing story of Woodlands Cemetery, Granville's country cemetery on the shores of Degano Pond.

Winter is a quiet time as far as New England cemeteries go. But Spring will arrive again in due course with chirping birds, green leaves, and probably the usual threat of a Spring snowstorm.

In the update category, we have applied for Community Preservation Act funds with the town committee and expect to hear later of their decision. Approval will mean that we can repair some broken stones and secure others that are dangerously loose.

Historically.... buried in Woodlands is Timothy Mather Cooley, (1772 - 1859) an important figure in the town for more than 60 years. He was a pastor, an educator, a member of most of the church councils in the area, and a trustee and later vice-president of Williams College. He inspired many young Granville men to pursue college. He was the son of Capt. William Cooley who led a company in the Revolutionary War. He died December 14, 1859 and his headstone is central in the Cooley plot that has the fence that we are undertaking to repair. It is because of his excellent record keeping on births, marriages, and deaths that we have a great amount of genealogical information available. He married Content Chapman and raised a family at 662 Main Road in a house that still stands.



Timothy M. Cooley

Woodlands also has many military patriots. Both James H. Gowdy and his brother Chauncy M. Gowdy served in the Civil War. In Nashville, TN, Cpl. James died from a gunshot to the side. In Cold Harbor, VA, Pvt. Chauncy received a severe thigh wound and mustered out of the military in July, 1864. They were the sons of Noble C. and Lydia W. Graves Gowdy. Chauncy was listed as a cigar maker at his enlistment. Cigar making was a viable and profitable endeavor in the early 19th century in Westfield and Granville.



The inscriptions read:

*James H. Gowdy
Died of Wounds at
Nashville, Ten.
June 7, 1864
Aged 23
Member of 2 D Regt.
Ohio Vol.*

*Chauncy M. Gowdy
Died Dec 21, 1872
Age 36
Member of 10th Regt.
Mass. Vol.*

For those interested, Albion Wilson's book, *History of Granville, Massachusetts*, is a treasure trove of local history. It is out of print but the library has a copy and an edition can sometimes be found for sale on www.abebooks.com.

From the officers and members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association, WoodlandsCem@comcast.net

Granville Library

2 Granby Rd. • 357-8531 • granvillelib.info

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 5-8

Saturday 10-12



Storytime at the Library!

Join us March 9th at 10:30 am for a spring storytime. We have a NHS student who has been joining us to put on these wonderful storytimes throughout the year.

Food drive at the library

For the month of March, we will be accepting non-perishable items in place of fines. Each item will take care of up to \$3 in fines.

New Books for Adults and YA:

Say You're Sorry by Karen Rose

Lake Silence by Anne Bishop

Chef by James Patterson

Boy by Tami Hoag

Connections in Death by J.D. Robb

The Last Thing You Surrender

By Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Victory Garden by Rhys Bowen

Age of Light by Whitney Sharer

3 Little Words by Jenny Holiday

The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding

By Jennifer Robson

New Audio CD's

Winter in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

Watching You by Lisa Jewell

The House Next Door by James Patterson

New Kids Books:

Geronimo Stilton: The Test of Time (The Sixth Journey Through Time)

Captain Marvel: Starforce on the Rise

Dinosaur Explorers: Trapped in the Triassic

Eric Carle's Book of Many Things

Pete the Cat's World Tour

Pete the Cat Checks Out the Library

Plantology: 30 Activities and Observations for Exploring the World of Plants

Billy and Gracie: Unplugged Adventures- The Pirate Ship by Christina Trudden

Garfield Homecoming by Jim Davis

End of the World and Beyond by Avi

New DVD's

Black '47

Bohemian Rhapsody

The Bookshop

Dr. Suess' The Grinch (Benedict Cumberbatch)

First Man

The Front Runner

The Girl in the Spider's Web

Johnny English Strikes Again

The Old Man and the Gun

A Private War

What They Had

The Wife



OBITUARY Charles Lafayette Shaw

Charlie, age 72, passed away on February 22, 2019 at his home. Born in Hartford, CT on October 7, 1946, he was the son of the late Lafayette W. Shaw and Grace J. (Holcomb) (Shaw) Trombley. He was raised in Simsbury, CT but lived most of his adult life in Granville, MA. Charlie loved hunting and the outdoors and that passion for the outdoors spilled over into his chosen profession. As owner of Shaw Logging and a licensed Timber Harvester, Charlie practiced mindful and sustainable forest management techniques. He took great pride in being able to maintain a harmonious coexistence between man and the environment. He is well known in this industry for the impeccable quality of his work as well as instilling the same philosophy in others he taught along the way. He taught those working with him that you "do a job as if your name is on the truck". He believed in leaving the site in better condition than he found it, having his sites recognized by the trade as a model for the industry. He was also generous with his time, teaching others, enabling them to go on to successful businesses of their own. Charlie was also known for his many selfless acts of kindness and assistance throughout his life, a noble quality that was returned to him so many times by friends and family members during his illness. A heartfelt thank you goes out to those who made his last days more comfortable, as these acts of love are too numerous to recognize individually. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Donna (Blakesley) Shaw; daughter Tammy L. Larsen and son Lafayette T. Shaw. Charles leaves his son Jason Charles Shaw of Torrington, CT; grandchildren Joshua Larsen of West Suffield, CT and Joseph Nitch of Southwick; great grandchildren Jakob, Jeremiah and Joseph Larsen of West Suffield, CT; brother James H. Shaw and his wife Sue of Sand Springs, OK; sisters Irene H. Shaw and her husband Richard Wilber and Eileen J. Boehm and her husband Keith all of Venice, FL; friend and devoted companion Karen Robinson of Granville as well as his surrogate son Joseph Pothier of Granville. Services will held at a later date and Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a tree be planted in his memory or contributions made in his memory to Newenglandforestry.org. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com



Prospect Mountain Campground

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Then download the application today at: www.prospectmtncampground.com/contactingus.html
and email or mail it back at your earliest convenience!

Experience is great, but not necessary.

Interviews to be conducted in early April, so please send in your application by the end of March!