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Special Meeting of the Granville Green Committee/Re: Pavilion Project

We have been looking into a timber frame pavilion for our Town Green.

Bob Gleason presented his findings to the group. He went over all the figures for design, excavation, foundation, granite piers, timber frame construction, roof decking and crane. At this point he had no information for electrical (wiring and lights), exterior preservative, or repairs to the current pad due to foundation construction demolition. The high estimate was \$72,000.00 and the low estimate is \$51,000.00.

Joe B spoke up and said his costs would run \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00 for the electrical work. That includes running conduit and wire under the walkway, and snaking wire up through the granite piers and wood timbers for outlets and overhead lighting.

Bob recommends hiring Jack Soban, the timber frame architect and Neil Godden, the head of the Hartwood School, to do a site visit which would cost about \$500. He would meet all of us there and assess the location and proposed placement of the pavilion. He can then make up a drawing that we can use for fundraising purposes, using the proper specs. We all felt this was a priced action to take, given Jack comes so highly recommended.

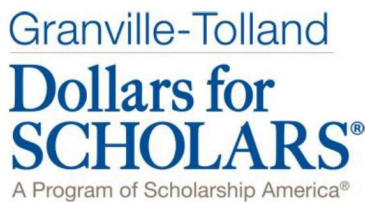
The proposal was a unanimous consensus of all members and citizens present that we continue with the pavilion project and start by having a site visit by Jack. Bob will call him to set up a time for him to visit our Green.

This is part of the meeting minutes given by Karen A carpenter

As you can see, we need more funding. Therefor we are asking for donations from our "Friends of Granville Pavilion Project." As of now we have just over \$22000.00. Our expected finish date will be sometime in 2023. Please consider donating to this wonderful addition of our Town Green. We have three individuals who donated \$5000.00 each, several \$1000.00 and \$500.00 along with many others. At our dedication ceremony we will honor all those who donated. You can send your checks to Town of Granville, Pavilion Project at Town Hall PO Box 247 Granville MA 01034.

Our Town Green is a beautiful area of Granville and is maintained by many diligent Green Committee members. The proposed pavilion will only enhance its beauty.

Thank you, The Green Committee



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granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com

February 21, 2022

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 48 years, more than 800 awards with over \$500,000 have been awarded, and in 2021, 10 recipients received \$20,000 in total from many supportive Granville and Tolland neighbors. This support has truly made a difference in the lives of our students.

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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. **We have a new platform for online donations, which allows payment via credit cards or Google pay in addition to a direct bank transfer.** If you have an interest in establishing an endowment in honor or as a memorial, now or in the future, please contact us at granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com.

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!

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Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student in Spring 2023.
- Must be a resident of Granville or Tolland
- Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2022

Visit www.Granville-Tolland.dollarsforscholars.org and click "Students and Parents" to begin your application.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS!

There are four meetings a year and a few fundraisers that need your help, your new ideas, and your energy. **IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO MAY WANT TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WITH US!** All eligible students with a complete application receive an award. Email GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com with questions or to find out about our next meeting.



The Granville/Tolland Lions Club 2022 student award applications are due May 1, 2022. Applications can be obtained from the local school guidance departments or from Art Adams at artsadams8@gmail.com.

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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department would like to recommend Spring Safety Tips!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

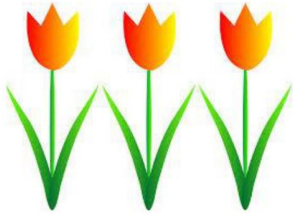
As we know spring is right around the corner. While we may not be completely out of the woods on winter, the warm weather is coming and that brings about a whole new set of risks. Spring cleaning is something most people do so this year you should think about incorporating the following into your list of tasks this spring:

- Test your Smoke and CO detectors
- Change the batteries in your smoke detectors
- Clean out your dryer vents
- Check power cords for cracks and replace if needed
- Keep grills a safe distance from your house
- Make an escape plan in the event of an emergency
- Practice ladder safety (i.e., when cleaning gutters)
- Wear hearing protection when using outdoor equipment

These are just a few suggestions on how you can make your home safer this spring. We would also like to touch on some general safety tips to focus on this spring.

- Avoid going out on the ice as the weather gets warmer
- Avoid having fires on windy days
- Use caution when driving as it can still get cold out especially at night
- Do not overwork yourself in the hot weather
- Remember to stay hydrated when exercising and working

We look forward to having the nice weather back and to all the activities it brings. We hope you all remain safe as we put winter behind us, and we hope to continue to support this lovely town that we all call home.



Granville Public Library

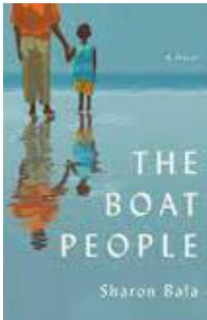
2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 · www.granvillepubliclibrary.org

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM

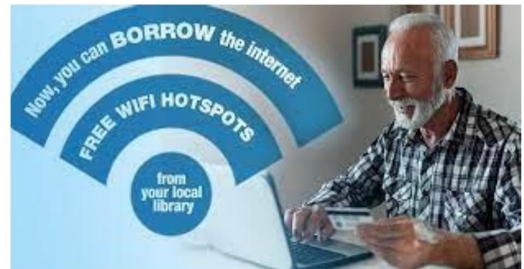
Closed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

Books, DVDs, Internet, Crafts and more



Book Club- Limit of 10 people. Facilitated by Gloria Knoener. The club will be reading The Boat People by Sharon Bala. To sign up Call Gloria at 413-357-8706 or the library 413-367-8531. Pick up your book at the Library in March, read it, then meet on Wednesday April 13 from 7-8pm to discuss it with friends

FREE Internet to borrow- Need it for work, job hunting, reading e-books, school work, doctors? Come to the library to learn how we can help!



Korean Lotus Lanterns!

March 31- 6:30 PM

Super Cool Craft Project for 10 special patrons! Make these special Lotus flower lanterns and learn what makes them so special. Be ready to share in the 1,300-year history celebrated from April 2—May 1, 2022 throughout the world. We will be led by Younhee Shin, as we will learn a little about the Korean culture. Then build the lantern's together in our library program room. Limit of 10. You can however, join us online via zoom in the safety of your own home. To register: call, email, or stop by the library to get more information.

Register early- If we have a lot of early interest, I will have a waiting list order more kits.



Hop on into the Library for the **Children's Activity Bag Raffle**. Find **Happy, the Bunny** to see what word she is thinking about. Tell the Librarian to earn a raffle ticket. Happy will be hopping around the children's room with a new word each week for March and April



Story Hour-10:30 AM

Saturday March 12 – Mud!

March 26 – Spring has Sprung

Tis mud season and hope for spring-

Join Linda for stories and fun!

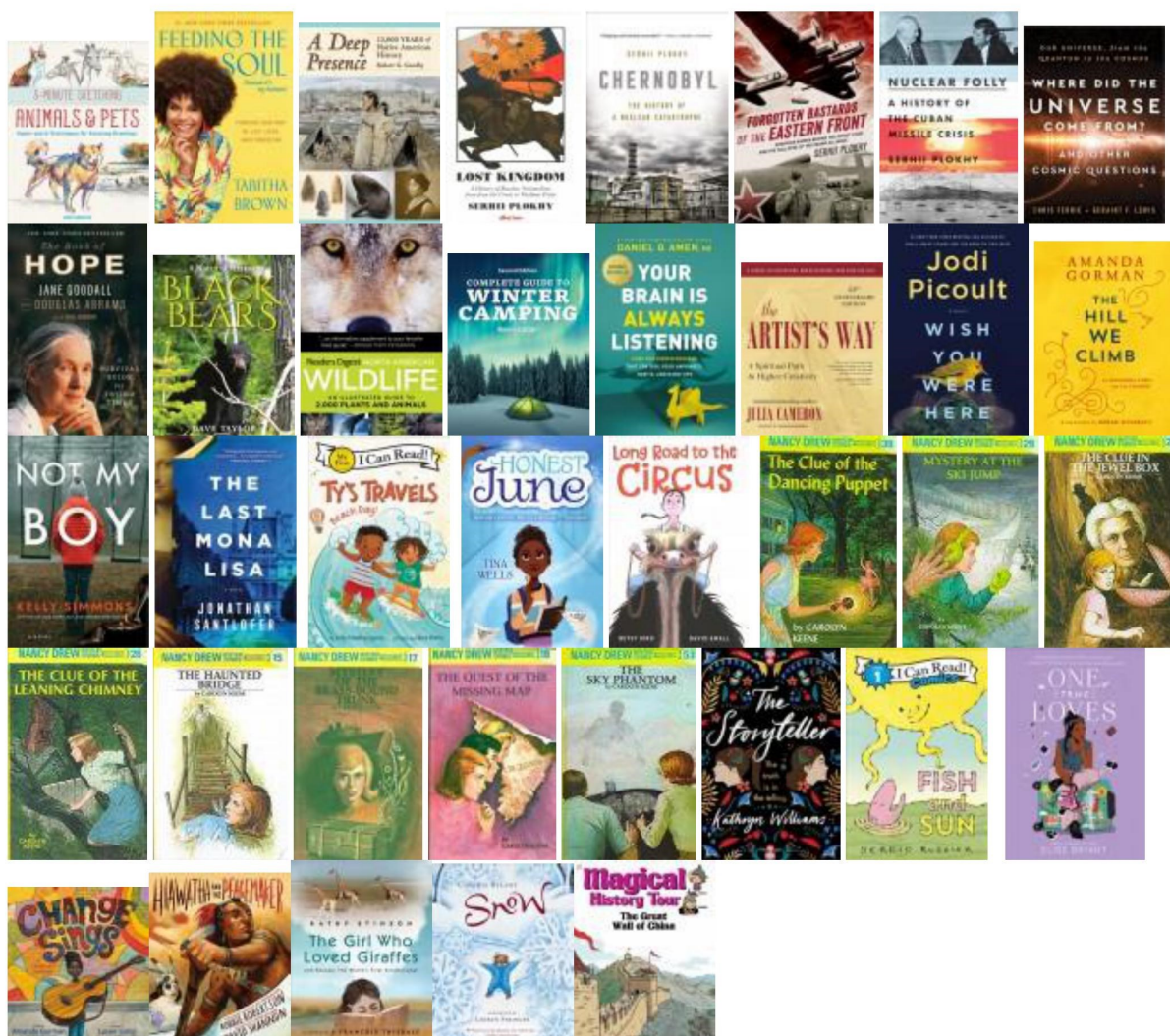
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and to other
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SPRING INTO MARCH & DRIVE-UP FOR DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

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\$12.00 PER PLATE

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SERVING FROM 5:00 – 6:00 PM

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
Coffee Hour following the service.

WE'D LIKE TO THANK KAREN AND BOB RAHN FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF THEIR GENEROUS WORK AND DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH AND TOWN. WE'LL REALLY MISS YOU! BEST OF WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR NEW HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA AND KEEP THAT EXTRA BEDROOM READY.

EVENTS**BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Johnny is leading us in a study of the book of James. We meet in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

DRIVE UP DINNERS

The menu for our March Drive up dinner will be Ham, Pasta Alfredo or Pasta Veggie Alfredo, Bread, Salad, and a Vanilla Cream Puff for dessert. All this for only \$12.00.

Please note that we are switching back to our Friday evening schedule. The date is Friday, March 25th and pick up time is 5:00 to 6:00 pm. To order call Bobbi at 413 297-0045 or Fran at 357-6492.

A LOOK AHEAD

Easter will be upon us before we know it. Just so you know our (potential) plans at the church for the April Easter season...

- Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday Service- 10:00am
- Thursday, April 14th - Maunday Thursday Service - 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 17th - (Sunrise Service?)
- Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service
- Easter Sunday Morning Service - 10:00 am

As we all know, these past few years have been difficult for making any long range plans. Hopefully we're moving back to the ability to have some of the beautiful and meaningful celebrations that meant so much to us before. Please think of joining us.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday evenings-AA
Tuesday evenings-Church Board and Committee meetings
Wednesday evenings-Bible Study-7:00 p.m.
Thursday evenings-Choir-7:00 p.m.

In Assisted Living

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Apt 108, Westfield, MA 01085

note new apartment number

MISSIONS NEWS**AFGHAN REFUGEES**

We are still collecting clothing for Afghan refugees that are being settled in our area. You can drop items off at the church on Sunday mornings or on the porch at 23 Water St. Call Bobbi if you have any questions.

AGAPE SCHOOL

We are so proud of the students of the Agape School! For the third year in a row the school has tested with the top scores in their district in Uganda. Great job! If you would like to contribute to the costs of helping to feed them and maintaining a stable environment for these children please consider donating. Thank you!

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, please contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

CONTACT US

We try to help anyone who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, emergency fuel, etc. Please call if you or someone you know is in need. To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, 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

**David Carl Jensen****2/23/1947 – 9/12/2021**

Dave, age 74, of Granville MA passed away suddenly on September 12, 2021. He attended Westfield Vocational High School, member of the Granville Federated Church where he served on the board of Deacons, Sunday School teacher and custodian of the church for many years. He worked as a machinist for 45 years until he opened The Coral Reef in Southwick MA with his wife Linda and son Clint where he pursued his passion for salt water and tropical fish and helping people to set up and maintain their own aquatic sanctuaries. Dave served on the Granville police department with his son Clint from 1988-1990. His grandson Adam now follows in that family tradition having recently graduated from the police academy and now an officer in ME.

Dave is predeceased by his parents Carl and Marion Jensen, nephews Lenard and Carl Kaskeski, nieces Jackie Keen and Julie Jensen Derrig. Dave leaves his teen sweetheart and wife of 55 years Linda (Iserman) Jensen, his sister and brother-in-law Alice and Peter Kaskeski of Cobleskill NY, his brother Paul Jensen of Granville MA, son and daughter-in-law Clinton and Tina Jensen, grandsons sons Adam and Kyle of Granville MA, daughter Vickie Jensen and granddaughters Olivia and Brianna Robertson of Berlin CT.

Dave enjoyed a full life caring for fish, working on cars, riding motorcycles especially charity rides, spending time with his family and passing on his handyman knowledge and skills while also helping in his community. His kind and easy presence will be missed by all lives he touched.

Vaughn Welton Banks

Vaughn Welton Banks of Granville, passed away on January 16, 2022.

He was born on April 13, 1925 age 96 to Wallace “Chick” Banks and Clara (Jensen) Banks.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Lovesta (Nobbs) Banks. His three children a daughter, Dale (Banks) Florida, (Michael) Sons, Thomas Banks, Wade Banks (Irene) Six Grandchildren Tracy Florida, partner Ryan Christopher Florida, Zachary Banks (Aimee), Megan Banks, Jessica Banks-Breunig (Cindy), Ana Banks. Seven Great Grandchildren. Brother Wallace Banks and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by brother Duane, sisters Irene (Banks) Cain Sauer, and Dorothy (Banks) Bartnicki.

Vaughn grew up on his father’s farm in Granville, logging with the horses and working his father’s portable sawmill, often riding horseback through the gorge and down his favorite Rd. Coes Hill to Sam West Rd. in Southwick staying in a cabin till work was done. Even rode to the stables in Westfield to leave his horse and go to the picture show, watch and get ideas on stunt riding and then of course trying it out with his brother and their horses.

He spent a time in Germany during WW11 and upon returning met the new girl in town Lovesta Nobbs. As he puts it “I traded my saddle horse for a wife, it was the best thing I ever did.”

He worked for Kaman Aircraft and Kaman Ovation Guitars. He built their home and quite a bit of the furniture, also a barn and log cabin. He was a colored blind artist, drawing in pencil, pen & ink, and charcoal even drew pictures on our bedroom walls. Took up carving with hand tools and chainsaw making countless treasures. Avid reader and loved to sing and whistle. We had trips cross country & Canada. Also, he and mom toured parts of Europe. A quiet, gentle man. A long life well lived, thank you dad for taking us along. There will be a celebration of life in the spring at the family’s convenience.

Joan Marie Anderson

Joan Marie (O'Brien) Anderson, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 16th, 2021 at home in Westfield MA. She was 87 years old.

Joan was born April 6th, 1934 in Bridgeport, CT, the daughter of the late William (Bill) and Dorothy (Dot) O'Brien.

Joan attended Warren Harding High School where she was involved in the Red Cross, Girl's Letter Club, Drama Club, Future Business Leaders of America, also Senior Social Representative as well as a Cheerleader and a Majorette.

After graduating High School she worked at General Electric in Bridgeport, CT and then Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Ct. It was there that she met her future husband Arthur Anderson. On February 27th, 1960 they married the loves of both their lives.

Joan is survived by her three sons: Mark (Carole) Anderson of Granby, CT, Rev. Todd (Cheri) Anderson of Browns Mills, NJ, Evan (Sheri) Anderson of Winsted, CT, her brother William O'Brien (Margaret or "Peg") Virginia, and sister's-in-law Judy Schwab, PA and Linda Dahlberg (Henry), AZ, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Joan was predeceased by brothers-in-law Eric Nils Anderson, William Schwab, and daughter in law Terri Anderson.

Joan loved all of her grandchildren: Daniel Anderson, John Anderson, Eric (Marianne) Anderson, Kelly Anderson, David Anderson, Danae Morrison, and Leanna Skaret. She would have loved to have met her first great grand-daughter, Sophia Tristao Anderson (Eric and Mari) born February 19th, 2022.

Joan had a deep love for the Lord and always had a smile on her face! She kept a prayer journal (Seven Volumes!) and was an outspoken witness for the Lord even inviting strangers to come eat and stay in her home.

Joan was a long time member of Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church in East Hartland, CT. Her life verse(s) was from Psalm 30:11-12 (NLT): "You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing, you have taken away my clothes of mourning and have clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. Oh Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!"

Burial will be in the spring.

Raymond W. Flagg

Ray, age 55, passed away on January 25, 2022 at Baystate Noble Hospital. He was born in Westfield to Sandra M. (Charvat) and the late Wallace B. Flagg. He was a graduate of Porter and Chester in Connecticut in Computer Programming. He was employed as an auto mechanic for Fife's Garage in Westfield for over 12 years. Ray was an avid camper, fisherman, hunter and anything outdoors. He enjoyed riding snowmobiles and working on his camper and his home. Ray is survived by his loving sons, Raymond Flagg of Enfield, CT and Alexander Flagg of Westfield, his mother Sandra M. (Charvat) Desforges and her husband David of Westfield, his partner Denise of Granville and his cherished cat, Goldie.