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A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING has been scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Gymnasium, Granville Village School, 409 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034

Additional information available at town website: www.townofgranville.net

Commonwealth of Massachusetts; To Either of the Constables of Granville,

Greetings,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Granville qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Granville Village School, 409 Main Road, Granville, on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7pm to vote on the articles which follow:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the town-owner property at 232 Sodom Street, also known as on Assessors' Map 18 Block 19 Parcel 0, from Tax Title Custodian to the Selectboard for the purpose of preparing the property to auction, or to take any other action relative thereto. RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN AND THE SELECTBOARD

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Building Operation Maintenance Account for the purpose of authorizing the Selectboard to demolish the buildings and structures at the property at 232 Sodom Street, Assessor's Map 18 Block 19, Parcel 0, and to further authorize the Selectboard to convey the above-described property if, in the Selectboard's determination, the conveyance of the property would be in the best interest of the Town, with such sale or auction to occur on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectboard deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTBOARD AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY 2023 Law Department Account to cover unanticipated expenditures, or to take any other action relative thereto. TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies therein in each of the usual places in Town for posting such notice, fourteen days at least before the time and place of said meeting, given under our hand and seal this 13th day of February, 2023.

David K. Ripley

Nicole M. Berndt _ Scott J. Bergeron

David K. Ripley Selectboard, Chair

Nicole M. Berndt Selectboard

Scott J. Bergeron Selectboard

I have served this warrant by posting true copies in each of the usual places for posting.

Constable (1). Ps Bauver____ Date: February 13, 2023

Posted: Town Hall, Post Office, and Country Store

PLANNING BOARD



A PUBLIC HEARING, INFORMATIONAL SESSION, AND SPECIAL MEETING has been scheduled by the GRANVILLE PLANNING BOARD for *MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 at 7:00PM* at the Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Gymnasium, Granville Village School, 409 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034

Additional information available at town website: <u>www.townofgranville.net</u>

The Planning Board will receive input on the Site Plan and Special Permit Applications of Blue Wave Solar, the proponent of three proposed Agricultural Solar Energy Generation Projects, or Agrivoltaic (Agricultural + Solar) Farms in the Town of Granville. The proposed Agrivoltaic Farms are located at:

> 123 Barnard Road 170 South Lane

274 South Lane

BlueWave and the Planning Board welcome all parties having interest in the applications to attend the Informational Meeting for the proposed Farms. Representatives from BlueWave and the engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson, will present the project and answer questions. The Granville Village School, also known as the Christian Community School, is located at 409 Main Road, Granville, MA.



NURSE HOUR AT GRANVILLE TOWN HALL

Tricia Sedelow, BSN RN, is the Regional Public Health Nurse from the Southwick Board of Health serving the towns of Granville, Southwick and Tolland. Tricia will hold monthly "Nurse Hour" for blood pressure checks, health education and to answer questions or concerns. No appointments are needed.

The Nurse Hour sessions will be located in the Granville Town Hall, 707 Main Road.

The March & April schedule is as follows:

<u>First Thursday</u> of each month from 10:00am to 11:00am: March 2, 2023 and April 6, 2023

<u>Third Thursday</u> of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm: March 16, 2023 and April 20, 2023

Also, the nurse will hold an office hour at the Granville Library, 2 Granby Road, monthly on the <u>Second</u> <u>Thursday</u> of each month from 3:30pm to 4:30pm:

March 9, 2023 and April 13, 2023

(All dates are weather dependent).

SCHOLARSHIPS:



The Granville-Tolland Lions club Bertha Parker & Eddie Gogol Memorial Student Award applications are due May 1, 2023. Any graduating high school senior from Granville or Tolland with plans to further their education in a structured program is eligible for this award. Please submit applications to the Granville Tolland Lions Club, PO Box 84, Granville, MA, 01034. Applications are available from the area school guidance departments or emailing Art Adams <u>artsadams8@gmail.com</u>





Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student, up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded
- Will be enrolled in undergraduate classes for the Spring 2024 semester
- Must be a resident of Granville or Tolland, Massachusetts 01034
- Have a High School Diploma, GED, were home-schooled with appropriate requirements and/or are not currently in school but plan to become a full-time college student
- Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2023

Financial Information is not required for our local scholarship. Whether you are a first time applicant or a recipient of a previous scholarship and will still be an undergraduate, you are eligible to apply for 2023. Apply through our website: https://granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives

NICHOLAS A. BOLDYGA REPRESENTATIVE STATE HOUSE WEST WING Nicholas.Boldyga@MAhouse.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 16, 2023 COMMITTEES: Intergovernmental affairs - Ranking Member Advanced it, internet, & cybersecurity Bonding, capital expenditures, & state assets Environment & Natural Resources Financial services

CONTACT: Joel Dusoe joel.dusoe@mahouse.gov

Representative Boldyga Appointed to Key Committees

Boston, MA - The Massachusetts House of Representatives recently announced its committee assignments for the 193rd session of the General Court. State Representative Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick) was appointed as the Ranking Member of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, and he will also serve on the Advanced IT, Internet, & Cybersecurity; Bonds, Capital Expenditures, & State Assets; Environment & Natural Resources; and Financial Service committees.

Representative Boldyga, who was sworn-in on January 4th to his 7th term, expressed his enthusiasm for working with his colleagues and tackling the important issues that are facing the Commonwealth. "I am honored to have been appointed to these committees, and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues as we begin the legislative process. I believe that we have a responsibility to work together and to make decisions that will benefit the people of Massachusetts."

Representative Boldyga also reiterated his commitment to fighting for greater government transparency, lower taxes, and policies that support small businesses and farmers. "My constituents have made it clear that they want a government that is transparent and accountable, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that their voices are heard. I will also continue to advocate for policies that support our small businesses and farmers, who are the backbone of our economy."

Representative Boldyga serves the Third Hampden District, which includes the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

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Old News From the Historical Room:

<u>Historic Granville Documents Added to Internet Archive</u>: You can now view the following at the Historical Room's page at the Internet Archive:

Granville Annual Fair Programs, 1929-1940 Granville Sun Newspaper, 1880-1881 North Star Newspaper, 1896-1897

You can see these and more at <u>https://archive.org/details/granvillepubliclibrary</u>

Recent Additions To The Granville History Site:

Ben Jones Map: A hand-drawn map dating to c. 1910 showing the locations of many historic homes in Granville.

Three "mystery photos" of unidentified Granville farms.

Ore Hill School Minutes, 1806-1814.

Report of the Granville School Committee, 1864-1865.

Town of Granville Annual Reports, 1870.

Brownie Field Trip to the Post Office, May 1986

You can see these and more at https://GranvilleHistory.omeka.net

<u>Other Old News</u>: Donations and/or loans of photos for digitization and addition to the Granville History site are very welcome and can be dropped off at the Granville Library during regular hours and then picked up when scanning is completed. We are in particular need of Granville photos from the 1960's into the 1990's.

The Granville History web site is co-sponsored by the Mabel Root Henry Historical Museum (Granville Library Club), the Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation (NCCHP) and donations from generous individuals. You can visit the web site at this address: <u>https://GranvilleHistory.omeka.net</u>

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



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: <u>Granville@cwmars.org</u> Email for program registration: <u>GranvillePrograms@cwmars.org</u>

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM Closed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

Due to basement renovations, some events are being held off site. Questions, call before or come early to be redirected if necessary. Like us and follow us on Facebook for current information. https://www.facebook.com/GranvillePublicLibrary/

March 8

7:00-8:00 PM off site

Book club with Gloria

"Only Woman in the Room"

STORY HOUR with Linda Saturday- 10:30 AM March 4 Think Green March 18- Spring Thing

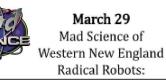


Wednesday after school programming: Grades 4-8 3:30-4:45

Green Craft: Grades 4-5 only

March 8 Lego Motion Challenge:

March 15 & 22 Installation Art-Wood construction and painted. To be installed outside on library's front lawn.



by Marie Benedict



Birth to 2 years old **Playgroup w/ Tina** Monday March 13 10:00

Sponsored by Pathways for Parents



Library Club Meeting: March 9

6:00 PM

Adult Programs: Monday March 6, 10:30-11:30 Highland Valley Elder Services



Learn what services are available to area residents ages 60 and up! Please register by calling library or emailing: <u>GranvillePrograms@cwmars.org</u>

Monday March 13, 7:00-8:00 To the Border and Back:

Come listen to your Library's director's story of going to the Texas/Mexico Border to put a human face on the immigration story through words and pictures.

Thursday March 23, 6:00-7:00 Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia -

Please register by calling library or emailing: <u>GranvillePrograms@cwmars.org</u> ALZHEIMER'S IS NOT NORMAL AGING. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Join us to learn more.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



ALZHEIMER'S IS NOT NORMAL AGING.

It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

Join us to learn about:

- » The impact of Alzheimer's.
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia.
- » Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors.
- » Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms.
- » Alzheimer's Association resources.

Thursday, March 23 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Granville Public Library 2 Granby Road Granville, MA 01034

Registration is required. To register, please call 413-357-8531 or email granvilleprograms@cwmars.org

Visit **alz.org/CRF** to explore additional education programs online and in your area.

NALZHEIMER'S

Massachusetts / New Hampshire Chapter 16784740

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

DRIVE-UP DINNER

MARCH 17, 2023

GRANVILLE FEDERATED

CHURCH



CORNED BEEF, STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS, POTATOES, CARROTS IRISH SODA BREAD & DESSERT \$12.00 PER PLATE, SERVING 5:00 TO 6:00 PLEASE CALL Fran at 357-6492 or Bobbi at 297-0445 DRIVE UP & PAY AT THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO FELLOWSHIP HALL YOUR ORDER WILL BE BROUGHT OUT TO YOU

GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER

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

FOOD COLLECTION

We will be conducting a Food Collection during the Lent season. Nonperishables can be left in the collection basket at the church. These will be donated to the Southwick/Tolland/Granville Food Pantry.

PANCAKE BRUNCH

Join us for our annual pancake brunch at Ripley's Maple Corner on Sunday, March 5th at 11:45 a.m. Always a delicious, fun time! Please contact Carolyn at 413-569-0384 to get on a list to aid the planners/cooks. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you there.

DRIVE UP DINNERS

WE'RE BACK! Our next Drive-up dinner will be FRIDAY, March 17 from 5 to 6. It will be a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner with corned beef and all the fixings. To reserve your meal, call Bobbi at 413 357-0194 or Fran at 413 357-6492. See the flyer in the Caller for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. PLEASE NOTE: We have changed the time to 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Study dates for March are 3/1 and 3/15.

LUNCH BUNCH

Please consider joining us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Bring a sandwich. Coffee, dessert, and great fellowship are provided.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Maunday Thursday Service - Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service - Sunday, April 9th at 6:00 a.m. Blueberry Hill on North Lane Breakfast following at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church Easter Service - Sunday, April 9th at 10:00a.m.

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 Flarida 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

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

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New Members Needed

Silver Street Cemetery Association

The Silver Street Cemetery was founded in 1829, It provides a final resting place and a peaceful space for remembrance of friends and family who are no longer with us.

For nearly 200 years the cemetery association has strived to meet the needs of the Granville community. The original bylaws envisioned an eight -member committee consisting of 4 trustees, a president, clerk, treasurer, and auditor. Many civic minded Granville residents have volunteered, most notably Vaughn Banks and Herb Hiers with 43 and 22 years respectively. Bill Blakesley is the present president and has been for the past 20 years, Suzanne Hansen is the clerk, Teddi Daley the treasurer/ auditor with Corey Nobbs the caretaker. As you can see, we would like to abide by the original bylaws and have four more members. There are many old time Granville residents who are laid to rest in this cemetery. Very little time is involved with the running of the Cemetery Association, we meet once a year to vote on our officers along with any upkeep or changes the members feel are needed. The president gets between 5 -10 calls each year for burials in existing plots or to purchase new ones.

Our goal is to meet the needs of the Granville community. We are seeking new members residing in or near Granville who care about preserving the Silver Street Cemetery.

Please join us for our annual meeting on May 10, 2023 @ 4pm at the Blakesley home 397 Main Road to hear more about how you can help. You can call Bill at 413-627-4844 for more information. Thank you,

Silver Street Association

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 Bacon, Sausage, eggs Breakfast Sandwiches Saturday and Sunday 8:00-2:00 thru April 8



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS!

With the departure of several long-serving board members in the past couple years, we are asking you to consider volunteering your time so we can ensure future college students from Granville and Tolland can continue to receive scholarships from us. All eligible students with a complete application receive an award, and the average scholarship this year was \$3000! From stuffing envelopes at our February Mail-a-thon to planning fundraisers to becoming a board member, we would appreciate your time and energy!

Email Lee at **GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com** for more information, or if you would like to join us.



Donald Edward Dupuis January 17, 1936 - February 8, 2023

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Donald "Don" Edward Dupuis, 87, of Granville, MA, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2023. Don is reunited with the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Suzanne Dupuis, who passed away in 2018. He has spent the last 5 years missing her dearly and talking about the day they would meet again in heaven.

Born in Chicopee, MA, on January 17, 1936, to parents Yvonne Provost and Edward Dupuis. Don and Sue wed on December 31, 1965. They purchased their first home in Feeding Hills, MA, where they raised their two children: Brian Dupuis and Michelle Dupuis, and 3 dogs. Don's favorite dog, Candy, a rescued Old English Sheepdog, would accompany him each day for an ice cream treat on the way to pick up Michelle from school.

A true jack-of-all-trades, master of many, there was nothing that Don did not or could not do. He had various jobs throughout his life, including Artist, Property Manager, Hairdresser (which the women of his family especially appreciated), Entrepreneur, and Handyman, to name a few. Don was known to always have an exciting story to tell, and he often enthusiastically recounted his time running a hot dog cart in Southwick, MA.

Don, an artist by nature, found joy in leaving things more beautiful than he found them. He was an incredibly talented painter and was especially proud of his mural artwork at the Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee, MA. Handmaking and gifting Christmas wreaths were one of his favorite pastimes and something he did each year. Combining his love of art with his other passion, garage sales, he would buy mundane items such as milk crates or wooden sleighs and transform them into beautiful nature landscape paintings. Using his shell and sea glass collection, he enjoyed making mirrors and lamps to showcase their beauty. Don looked forward to the Granville Harvest Fair each year, an opportunity to share his art with the community. His artistic talent also included a knack for fixing the seemingly unfixable. If he saw something broken, he would immediately get to fixing it - whether you asked him to or not.

Don sincerely appreciated nature and particularly loved being close to the water. He was happy whether it was by the ocean collecting shells, his time spent living in Florida, visiting Newport, RI, or boat rides on Lake Congamond with his son Brian. In 2002, Don moved to his forever home in Granville. He took great pleasure in maintaining the property. He spent hours each day "playing outside," as his family called it, which included adorning windchimes to the porch, treating the swimming pool, trimming bushes, raking the driveway, making the duck pond habitable, and whatever other projects he could find to keep him busy and outdoors in the sun. Don was also an avid animal lover, surrounded by animals his entire life. In particular, he enjoyed helping his daughter, Michelle, with her horses. He loved his cat Chloe, who he adopted in 2018. She brought him immense happiness, companionship, and comfort in his final years.

His favorite and most fulfilling job came later in life - being a Grandpa. He loved spending time with his grandkids, including camping in RI, taking them to the local playgrounds, and going for joy rides in his golf cart. Every day for over 12 years, Don drove his grandchildren to and from school. However, a yellow school bus wasn't really his style; instead, he opted for a Black Chrysler PT Cruiser emblazed with purple flame decals. He was fondly known throughout the school district for "rolling in style." Many days, he ended up with a few extra passengers to drop off, which he gladly did without hesitation. Other 'Grandpa' duties included all-you-caneat buffets, watching every Cowboy/Western movie the genre offers, and helping his grandchildren ace every school art assignment. Grandpa's final and most treasured vehicle was his bright yellow convertible PT Cruiser. He loved going for rides with the top down and would triumphantly report to his family all the compliments he received on his flashy ride.

Don is survived by his son Brian Dupuis and wife Renee Dupuis of West Suffield, CT; his daughter Michelle Dupuis of Granville, MA; his grandson Zach Dupuis and wife Steffi Dupuis of Enfield, CT; and his granddaughter Bria Dupuis of Newport, RI.

Like his art, Don left this world more beautiful than he found it through the love and lessons he inspired in others. Don will be laid to eternal rest in a private burial at sea, the same location as his beloved wife. In place of donations or flowers, the family requests those who wish to honor Don to carry on his spirit by performing a random act of kindness.