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## **WINTER ROADS**

The winter of 2023-24 is upon us and all Granville residents should take note the following winter weather road maintenance concerns:

**On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles are subject to removal at the owner's expense.**

**Parking at the Town Hall, Library, Village School, Center Fire Station, and West Fire Station is restricted to those doing Town business during business hours.**

**Plowing, blowing, or otherwise depositing snow on Town roads is prohibited.**

**Trucks conducting snow and ice control travel at slow speeds and may maneuver unpredictably.**

**For the safety of all please use caution and courtesy in the presence of maintenance vehicles and pass only when safe.**

**Despite continual ice and snow control during winter precipitation, all roads are periodically subject to hazardous conditions. Please avoid all non-essential travel.**

**Beware of shaded areas prone to early freeze-up or black ice that can become hazardous even on blue sky days. Notorious for this are the "gorge", "hairpin turn", the north end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street between the Transfer Station and Trumble Lane.**

**Winter sand is available at the Highway Garage to residents of Granville. Sand is not available during winter weather operations when large trucks and heavy equipment are maneuvering in the limited yard space. During this time entering the Highway Department Facility is prohibited.**

Highway crews appreciate your cooperation and patience when winter weather strikes. For more information, contact the Superintendent of Public Works at 357-8585 extension 6.

**TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....**

by *Christina Teter*

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Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, and by appointment

**2024 Important Dates**

**Presidential Primary – March 5, 2024, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall**

**Annual Town Election – April 8, 2024, 12 pm – 8 pm, Town Hall**

**Annual Town Meeting – May 13, 2024, 7 pm, Village School**

**State Primary – September 3, 2024, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall.**

**State & Federal Election – November 5, 2024, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall**

***Early Voting hours will be posted for the next State and Federal elections in the coming TOWN CLERK'S CORNER.***

**Annual Census & Annual Dog Licenses**

The Town Clerk's Office has sent out the 2024 Annual Census forms and Annual Dog License applications. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and did not receive a form, **PLEASE update your mailing information with me.** Also you can call or stop in for a form to complete.

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.

**Marriage Intentions**

If you wish to marry, you can contact my office or any other Town Clerk in the Commonwealth. The first document that the 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. For more information contact my office.

## Granville Seniors' Update

The pilot Buddy program participants have been reaching out to one another with telephone calls, visits and cards since the first of December through to the end of February. All of us will be meeting in early March to discuss what worked, what did not work, what was enjoyable and helpful in order to determine if the program should continue and if so in what format. The meeting will be held Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., at the Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall. Anyone who would like to join us and listen to the results is welcome.

The plans for the Healthy Bones and Balance classes are slowly moving forward. We hope to have a demonstration class in March (no specific date has been set). Fifteen people have already expressed an interest and will be notified regarding the class.

If you would like to learn more, participate in the class or attend the demonstration, please call Bobbi O'Connell (413-297-0445) or Terry Hodur (413-357-8537).

### **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](mailto:vinyl4mark@gmail.com)



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**Granville, MA**

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# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

MARCH 31, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME



BLUEBERRY HILL/NORTH LANE

6:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST

SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

(GOODWILL DONATION ONLY)

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

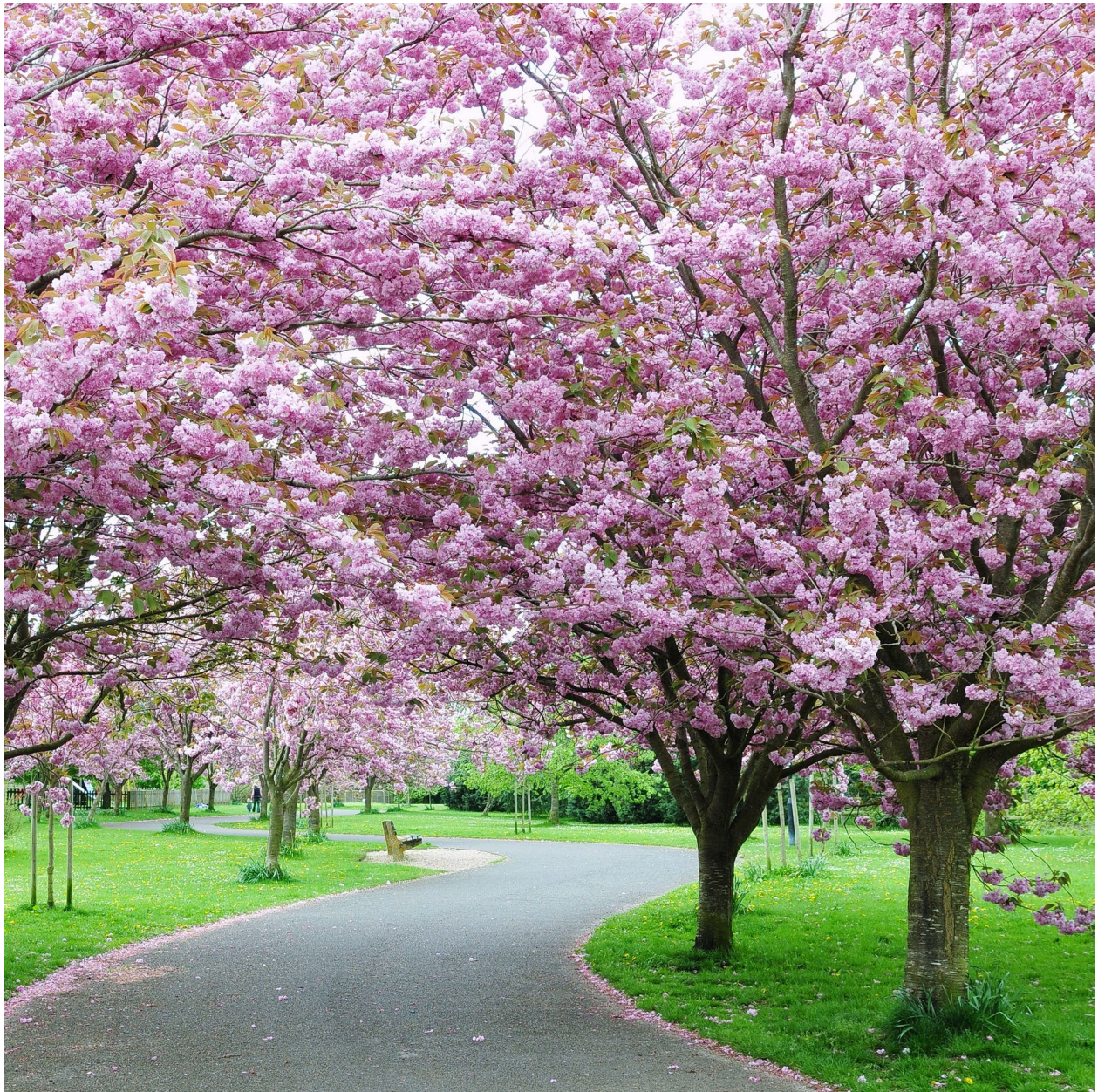


## Blood Pressure Clinic Health Resources Available

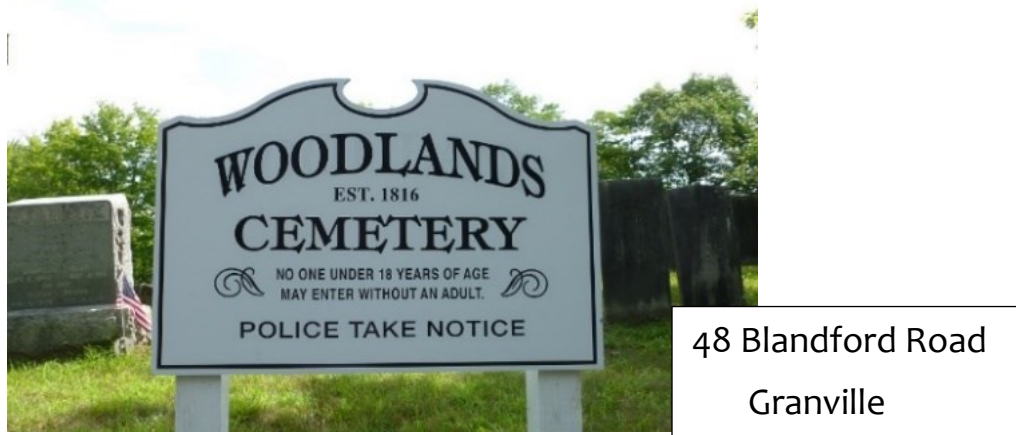
The Public Health Nurse will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic:

Tuesday, March 5 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Town Hall







This is an appeal to the residents of this town to become involved. Woodlands Cemetery is in need of such involvement by folks who care about the history of the families there and the history of the town.

When the Woodlands Association was first formed 110 years ago, the plan to have a neat organization with officers and administrators overseeing all things was realized and it remained that way for many decades. But volunteers are scarce these days as most people are very busy living today's life with less interest in the past. Most folks, I think, leave town in the morning and return tired in the evening. This year we are putting forth a full-fledged effort to bring some new folks on board. We are trying to reestablish that interest and involve some people who would operate as a small group in all aspects of Woodlands.

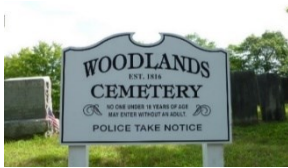
We are looking to become a small group of 5 or 6 volunteers to work together for the well-being of this cemetery. We need people who are conscientious and responsible. The families and friends of those already buried in Woodlands, as well as the ongoing history of Granville, need that commitment. The goal is that the small group of us would participate in these tasks. Each person would eventually be able to do any task.

It's important to say that the time commitment is minimal, but the service to the town and involved families is tremendous. This volunteer effort requires, on the average, 1 hour (or less) a month.

First, we have to say that this is not a call for the physical maintenance of this cemetery. A maintenance person does the mowing and trimming as well as some Spring and Fall cleanup.

The following is a brief explanation what would be involved:

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February: File postcard 990-N with the IRS documenting continued status of non-profit. Follow the practice from prior years.

March: Send a letter to the town requesting maintenance funding. The letter is simply a copy of the prior year's letter with the date changed. Cemetery funding is in the town budget.

April: Send invoices to the members (about 25) for their annual dues. Receive and deposit the checks.

May: Place flags on the graves of veterans (about 40). Hang the welcome sign and information box.

Summer: Send a check to our maintenance person when he mows or does other cleanup. In general, he mows once per month at the end of each month. He will call to notify that it is done.

Summer: If anyone is interested in buying a plot, give them a tour and allow them to choose a site. Receive the payment. Issue the deed.

Summer: If a burial is needed, work with the family or funeral home to facilitate it. Woodlands is now a cremation-only cemetery.

Summer: Accompany the monument people into the cemetery when a new stone is installed...to be sure that they have the correct location and that they don't accidentally hit the old fragile stones already there.

November: Remove the veterans' flags from the cemetery right after Veterans' Day.

Winter: Nothing. The cemetery is closed from November till May.

Occasionally: Drive by and visit the cemetery occasionally to be sure all is ok.

**IMPORTANT: We have a Policies and Procedures Manual which explains in detail exactly how to go about all of these things. Everything is documented and up to date.**

**We are more than willing to answer any question or address any concern you might have. Thank you for considering it.**

Carolyn Donatini and Verna Sadowski, [WoodlandsCem@comcast.net](mailto:WoodlandsCem@comcast.net)





## Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd • 357-8531 •

[www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org](http://www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org)

Email for general inquiries: [Granville@cwmares.org](mailto:Granville@cwmares.org)

Email for Program Registration: [GranvillePrograms.org](http://GranvillePrograms.org)

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10AM - Noon

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

### Bible Study

JOIN PHIL POTHIER AT THE  
GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A  
NEW FAMILY FRIENDLY BIBLE STUDY



BEGINNING  
MONDAY MARCH  
11TH AT 7PM

THIS WILL  
CONTINUE EVERY  
MONDAY  
FOLLOWING AT  
7PM UNLESS  
OTHERWISE  
POSTED

[granvilleprogams@cwmares.org](mailto:granvilleprogams@cwmares.org)

Let's  
Laugh &  
Play with  
Friends

GRANVILLE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY PRESENTS

## GAME NIGHT

THURSDAY  
MAR. 21

AT THE GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

A MONTHLY DAY FOR CARD & BOARD GAMES  
SOME SUPPLIED OR BRING YOUR OWN!  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE ALLOWED!

More Information: 413-357-8531  
[granvilleprogams@cwmares.org](mailto:granvilleprogams@cwmares.org)

Granville Public Library  
and Pathways for Parents

GROW, PLAY &

LEARN

PLAYGROUP

For children ages Birth-2 with caregiver.

**Monday March 11**

**10:00 AM-11:00**

Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools & is funded  
by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through  
the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



Join **Boomer**

and

**stick to reading!**

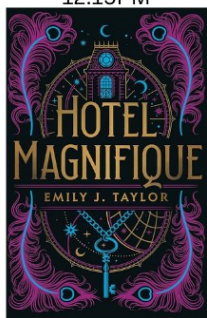


We will be welcoming The Springfield  
Thunderbirds' mascot Boomer here at  
the Granville Public Library!



This event is open to all  
and will be held on  
**March 13th at 3:30 PM!**

All Booked Up!  
Sat Mar 16  
12:15PM



Book Club with Gloria  
Wed Mar 13,  
7:00PM



### Storytimes

(Books & Shamrocks)

Mar 9

10:30-11:30AM

(Hop into Spring)

Mar 23

10:30-11:30AM

3/16/2024  
2PM - 4PM

### St. Patrick's Day Concert!

Phil Pothier will be here to perform a  
live concert with Irish folk music

**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****EASTER**

Maundy Thursday Service will be Thursday,  
March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service on Blueberry Hill at  
6:00 a.m.

(Watch our Facebook page for updates if  
weather is stormy, or icy or the hill is not  
accessible.)

Breakfast following the service at 7:00 a.m. in  
the Church Fellowship Hall.

Easter morning service 10:00 a.m.

Please join us to celebrate this joyous  
season.

**BIBLE STUDY**

March Bible Studies will be Wednesday, March  
5th and the 12th starting at 10:45.

We are studying Acts 5 and 6

**LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday March 19  
at noon. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert  
will be provided.

**A LOOK AHEAD...****CHURCH DINNER**

We will be serving a sit down dinner on Friday,  
April 26th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will be Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes,  
Vegetables, Salad and roll, Apple Crisp and  
coffee and bottled water. All for \$15.00

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm

Tuesday evenings-Church Board 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

**MISSIONS NEWS**

We are still collecting food items until Easter  
for the Southwick Tolland Granville Food  
Pantry. There is a basket in front of the pulpit  
for them.

**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**

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.

**In Assisted Living**  
Alice Demarais  
The Arbors  
40 Court Street Apt 108  
Westfield, MA 01085



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# Community BIBLE STUDY

Invite your family and  
Friends

Join us at the Granville  
Library

Every Monday at 7:00 PM

Beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>

For more information call

Phil at 357-6618



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357-8829

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Sandwiches

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Snow Phone 413-357-6697

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***PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SIT DOWN  
DINNER IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL***

*GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH*

*APRIL 26, 2024, 5:30 P.M.*



PORK LOIN, ROASTED POTATOES,  
VEGGIE, SALAD & ROLL  
APPLE CRISP A LA MODE,  
COFFEE & WATER

**\$15.00**

*PLEASE CALL FRAN AT 413 357-6492 OR BOBBI AT  
413 297-0445 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT*



**THE 2024 APPLICATION IS OPEN!**

Financial Information is not required for our local scholarship. Any resident of Granville or Tolland who will be an undergraduate student next spring is eligible to apply for 2024. The average award in recent years was \$3000! Don't miss out! The application is due May 1st.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship,  
go to: <https://granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org/>



Want to support our Scholarships? Here are a few ways you can:

- Help us plan future events like our 50th anniversary celebration in June, as well as fundraisers throughout the year. **Our next planning meeting is Sunday March 24, 2pm at Granville Town Hall.** Potluck style snacks!
- And of course we welcome financial donations! Donate online (scan the QR code) or mail a check to:

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars  
PO Box 214  
Granville, MA 01034



[If you wish your donation to go toward one of our endowment funds, please write the name of the endowment in the memo of your check or email us at [GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com](mailto:GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com) to let us know which fund to put it in]



The Granville-Tolland Lions club Bertha Parker & Eddie Gogol Memorial Student Award applications are due May 1, 2024. 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:  
[artsadams8@gmail.com](mailto:artsadams8@gmail.com)





**Free Community Concert**

**Music of  
Ireland  
featuring Phil  
Pothier  
“The Berkshire  
Balladeer”**

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS**

**Granville Library, Saturday, March 16  
2:00-4:00 P. M.**

**Light refreshments will be served**

## Joan Eileen (Hansen) Miller

Joan, age 86, passed away at home unexpectedly on Wednesday February 14, 2024. Joan was born in Westfield MA on May 05, 1937 to the late Guy Joseph and Barbara (Hull) Hansen. Joan graduated from Westfield High School, and lived her whole life in the Granville Community, cultivating deep roots and lifelong friends. She worked as a cafeteria assistant in the Granville Village School for over 20 years, and at Noble and Cooley Drum Shop. She had deep faith and was a contributing member to the Granville Federated Church. She was a Ladies Aid, helped with the Harvest Fair, and read scripture in the Bible Study every week. Her faith and her love for her family was her bedrock. She was wonderful, kind, and forgiving. When her parents fell ill, she was there to care for them in their final years. She nurtured her family, raising her three daughters, and tending to her grandchildren and great-grandchild. She never held a grudge, and she was gracious and warmhearted to all people and animals. She would check in with her family daily, asking first about her grandpups, and she had many cats and dogs throughout her life. Always giving treats, a gentle guiding hand, and a heart full of love. In her pastime, she enjoyed sewing on her sewing machine, cooking and especially baking up some sweet confections, and playing her piano.

She leaves behind her beloved daughters Lori Conley and her husband John of Granville, Cheryl Roy of Westfield, and Heidi Falcetti and her husband Paul of Granville, her adored grandchildren who will miss their Gram, Cory Labonte of Westfield, Angela Henrichon and her husband Ryan of Agawam, Jeremy Roy and his partner Kelsey of Westfield and her great-grandson Joey Roy. She also leaves two nieces Eileen Shumer of Missouri and Diane Morris of Anchorage Alaska. Along with her long time Granville friends, she leaves her girlfriend of 80 years Ruthie Dickey of Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at the Granville Federated Church March 2, at 11a.m. with a gathering of friends and family downstairs following service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road, Granville MA 01034 or the Granville Fire Department, PO Box 247, Granville MA 01034.



### Request from Residents

**The Senior Donation Box outside the Granville Town Hall could use some donations of non-perishable foods and books. Some favorite items have been cans of tuna, soups, or vegetables, packages of instant potatoes and gravy mixes, jars of peanut butter, and evaporated milk. For books, any kind are welcome, but the detective stories are popular.**