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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

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Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM, Granville Village School

2021 Annual Town Report:

Hard copies of the 2021 Annual Town Report will be available at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022. The Report will also be available online on the town website.

Dog Licenses

All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed annually under M.G.L. Ch. 140. A 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. Fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$10. Fee for an unaltered dog is \$15. It is the owner's responsibility to register their pets by April 18th. Late fee, effective May 1st, is submit to \$20/dog. The town website has a downloadable application, you can use the one in the Country Caller, or you can find one at the town hall.

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 died. Certified copies of vital records (Birth, Marriage, Death) are \$10.00.



THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE COUNCIL ON AGING

The **Council on Aging** promotes a spirit of healthy, positive, aging through education and activities for all seniors, their families, and the community at large. The Council on Aging will be putting together a survey. The more input received will assist the town how best to utilize funding for the council on aging. Please consider joining. Email Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested.

KNOX BOXES

The Council on Aging has purchased Knox Boxes for Granville Seniors. These Knox Boxes securely hold house keys to allow emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance gain access to your house in the event of an emergency. The Fire Department will install the boxes. The boxes are provided FREE of charge to seniors who request them on a first come first serve basis. If the program is successful and there is interest in the program, the Council on Aging will purchase additional boxes. Email Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested. Anyone else from the public can order box at www.knoxbox.com.


REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

The Council on Aging and the Granville Fire Department are offering reflective house numbers/address markers to be posted at the curb or mailbox. These numbers increase visibility for police, fire and ambulance first responders to quickly locate properties in an emergency situation. These numbers are FREE to seniors 55+ and can be purchased by all other Granville homeowners for \$20.00. These have already helped first responders save lives and are highly recommended! If interested fill out form at www.granvillefire.net

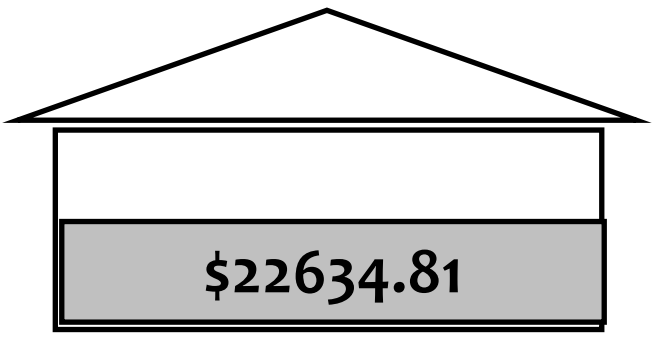
CODE RED

The Council on Aging and Emergency Management reminds those who have not yet signed up for our Code Red notification system. If interested fill out form at www.granvillefire.net





The Pavilion on the Green Project's Goal is \$66000.00



\$22634.81

Thanks to your generous donations we have received
\$22634.81 or about 1/3 of our goal

To donate send your check indicating "Pavilion" to the
Town of Granville, 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

Granville-Tolland
**Dollars for
SCHOLARS®**
A Program of Scholarship America®

Attention Students: Online scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now open!

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 to get the link to our next (virtual) meeting: May 16th at 7pm.



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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.

**TOWN OF GRANVILLE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 AT
7:00PM
TRAVIS FULLER MEMORIAL
GYMNASIUM
GRANVILLE VILLAGE
SCHOOL
409 MAIN ROAD**

BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED

See Town website
at: www.townofgranville.net for
Warrant Articles



Joe Pietroniro

Granville, MA

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Buying your old vinyl records-
LPs and 45s.

Looking for Rock, Blues, Jazz,
Folk, Soul, Funk, Heavy Metal
and more.

Top \$\$ paid.

Will travel to you.

Call or text Mark
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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department would like you to meet Gabe Alfano!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

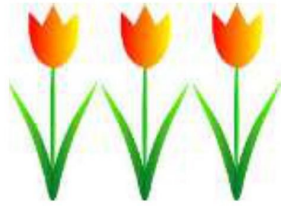
The fire department as we all know is like one giant family, and now I get the opportunity of introducing yet another of my closest friends and someone that I would consider a brother. Gabe was officially sworn into the Granville Fire Department in March of 2019 but had been attending events since 2017. Now I know what you may be thinking “why didn’t he join sooner.” Well, the truth is Gabe is one of few members that did not grow up in Granville. He originally called Westfield his home but has since relocated to Granville allowing him to become an official member.

Gabe contributes his desire to join the department to his best friends and just the fact that it was something he found he enjoyed during the couple of years he was there prior to officially joining. While Gabe has only been on the department a few years he has strived to learn any and all things that have to do with the fire service. He has been checked off to drive several pieces of apparatus but mainly sticks to the rescue (we all refer to it as Gabe’s truck because of his love for it).

On a day-to-day basis Gabe works full time for MassMutual as a Cyber Security Analyst focusing on email security. He has been at MassMutual for roughly 5 years and feels that “no 2 days are ever the same” and that everyday has been a learning experience. As far as hobbies Gabe enjoys going for nice rides on his motorcycle, playing with his pets, anything that is a hands-on activity and spending time with his friends. He also has come to love the apple orchards in town as well as going for hikes in the state forest and grabbing a bite to eat from the Country Store from time to time. Additionally, Gabe would like to add that he enjoys the peace and quiet that Granville has to offer.

Gabe, much like everyone else, does have aspirations for himself during his career on Granville Fire. He wants to continue to learn anything he can and is also looking to increase his duties on the department. One of his new duties is ensure the rescue (his truck) is ready to respond to calls at any given moment. He also wants to provide the skills and knowledge he has learned to the new members of the department.

I have no doubt that if you meet Gabe, you will find that he is one of the kindest and most genuine individuals on this planet. He is always putting others before himself and is always there when you need him no matter what the situation may be. He is dependable and outgoing, and the Granville Fire Department couldn’t be luckier to have a member like him. If you ever get the opportunity to meet Gabe, please, say hi and get to know him, you won’t be sorry you did.



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

New Books and DVDs arriving all month.

**Check out new listing on our website. Do you get Wowbrary Weekly newsletter?
Time to come together as a community, for some wonderful programs.**



Book Club- Limit of 10 people. Facilitated by Gloria Knoener. They will read *Widows* by Jess Montgomery and meet on Wednesday May 18 at 7:00 pm. In June they will read *Fall on your knees* by Ann-Marie MacDonald and meet on June 8.



Story Hour-10:30 AM

Saturday May 7 – Mothers!

Saturday May 21 – Join the

Hampden Hampshire

Conservation District Seed Hunt

Program for children.



HAMPDEN HAMPSHIRE
Conservation District



Granville Public Library
Wednesday
May 11, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
Registration required
Call: 413-357-8531
email: granvill@cwmar.org

**Soil Health, What you
can do to help!**



HAMPDEN HAMPSHIRE
Conservation District



READY TO LEARN PRACTICAL
SKILLS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR
LIFE? TAKE A KORU
MINDFULNESS 4-WEEK CLASS

**Mondays in June at the
Granville Public Library**

6:30-8:00 PM

Preregistration required and 4-week
commitment is strongly recommended.

Email: granvill@cwmar.org or call 357-8531

Granville Library Club- Thursday, May 12, 6:00 PM

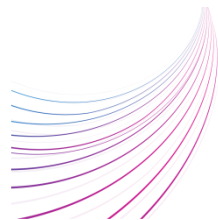
In 1896, the women of Granville started the Library Club to raise money to build this library. The Library Club still supports this Library. Contact Library Club President, Susan Jones Raymond at 357-3037 to learn more about how you too can support the Library.

Library is closed Memorial Day weekend. Both Saturday May 28 and Monday May 30.

***PLEASE JOIN US IN MAY FOR
A DINNER TO GO
GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH***

MAY 27TH SERVING 5 TO 6:00 PM

***PORK LOIN OR A VEGGIE STUFFED POTATO,
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, GERMAN POTATO
SALAD, FRENCH BREAD & LEMON BAR DESSERT***



\$12.00 PER PLATE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDER AHEAD OF TIME TO:

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 Memorial Day Services
on Sunday, May 29th, 2022
12 Noon at the
Granville Federated Church
followed by a brief ceremony on
the Town Green



***LET THERE BE PEACE
ON EARTH...***

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE
& ITS PEOPLE**

**PLEASE JOIN US
JUNE 26TH AT NOON
PRAYERS, PSALMS & MEDITATIONS**



GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

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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.

EVENTS**SPRING CLEANUP**

Sunday May 15th Pizza after service, then to work!
Rain date May 22nd.

EASTER

Thank you to all who attended and participated in our Easter worship and fellowship events. We were thrilled to see you.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny is leading us in a study of the book of James. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

DRIVE UP DINNERS

Our May Drive up dinner will be May 27th, 5 - 6 pm
The menu will be Pork loin or Veggie stuffed potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, German Potato Salad, French bread and Lemon bar for dessert. Please call Bobbi at 413 297-0445 or Fran at 413 357-6492.

TOWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Granville's traditional Memorial Services will take place on Sunday, May 29th at noon. It will start in the church and move to the Green for the final portion of the service.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

We will be hosting a special prayer service for the people of the Ukraine on Sunday, June 26th at noon. Please join us as we pray together for the people of that country.

In Assisted Living

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

note new apartment number

MISSIONS NEWS**FOOD COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who donated to our Lent food collection baskets. We collected 71.4 pounds of food which will be sent to local food pantries for those in need in our area.

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

Please call if you or someone you know is in need of help in shopping, transportation, emergency fuel, etc.. Call 357-8583 to leave a message for Pastor Johnny. 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 evenings- Bible Study-6: 30 pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
Thursday evenings-Choir-6:30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES LAUNCHES FREE DIGITAL ARCHIVES CONTAINING TREASURE TROVE OF IMPORTANT NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL RECORDS

The Congregational Library & Archives, a specialty library in Boston, announces the launch of its [digital archive](#) which contains over 100,000 images across more than 4,000 extraordinary historical records that illuminate New England history. Records from over 100 New England churches in 90 communities, with most records dating between 1634 and 1850, are freely available for those interested in learning more about the history of their state, community, or family.

The digital archive includes records from the First Church of Christ in Granville, now the Granville Federated Church. The **"Granville, Massachusetts. First Church of Christ records, 1757-1848"** collection contains the earliest records of the church and includes administrative records, membership records, records relating to baptisms, marriages, and deaths, copies of church covenants and confessions of faith, manuscript sermons, and several letters authored by Reverend Lemuel Haynes, the first black Congregational minister.

CLA's digital archive launch coincides with its first digital exhibit. Titled *'We do Give up ourselves to one another: Exploring digitized Congregational disciplinary records at the Congregational Library & Archives'*, the exhibit includes documents and stories found within the digital archive both to present compelling historical narratives about church disciplinary cases and to teach visitors about the unique genre of Congregational disciplinary records. Just as we do today, Congregationalists in the colonial era and the early years of our nation struggled with the questions "what is our responsibility to one another?" and "how do we make amends to a community we've harmed?" This exhibit provides a window into how Congregationalists grappled with these questions and illustrates the important roles of forgiveness and repentance in bridging community divisions.

Congregational church records in CLA's collection offer a rich and remarkable view of life in colonial and early-American New England. Well before the writing of the Constitution, each member in the early Puritan churches had an equal vote, with the power to govern themselves and to choose their own ministers. The records of these congregations document births, deaths, and marriages, but also open a window onto the lives of ordinary people deliberating on matters both sacred and secular. For much of the colonial period, church business was town business, and so beyond the usual information on births, deaths, and marriages, church records show ordinary people making decisions about property, taxation, and their representation in the larger affairs of the colony or state.

The digital archive currently includes over 170 collections that contain manuscript sermons, vital church records, church disciplinary records, minister diaries, the documented religious experiences of everyday Congregationalists across time, and more. CLA will add collections to its digital archive in the months and years ahead.

Many of the documents in the digital archive are being made available to the public for the first time as part of CLA's *New England's Hidden Histories* initiative. In an effort to further increase accessibility for genealogists, historical researchers, students, and all others, thousands of pages of transcription have been produced. Since 2005, the Congregational Library, in partnership with the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale and many local churches across New England, has been collecting records from church attics and basements and making them widely accessible through preservation and digitization. Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Council on Library and Information Resources have allowed CLA to work with more than a dozen other libraries, historical societies, and cultural institutions to freely provide this wealth of digitized records.

About the Congregational Library & Archives

The Congregational Library & Archives is a specialty library located in Boston. It fosters deeper understanding of the spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and civic dimensions of the Congregational story and its ongoing relevance by collecting and sharing materials and by actively engaging with faith communities, scholars, and the general public.

To carry out this mission, CLA preserves and makes available materials pertaining to Congregationalism, the history of which has been interwoven with the development of the United States since the seventeenth century. CLA holds a rich collection of historical materials, which have significance not only for church history but also for social and political history and genealogy. In the last two decades, CLA acquired, digitized, and transcribed early New England records in collaboration with an array of churches, historical societies, universities, and cultural institutions as part of its *New England's Hidden Histories* initiative.

For more information about the Congregational Library & Archives, please visit www.congregationallibrary.org or contact Interim Executive Director Martha Walz at mwalz@14beacon.org.

The library's digital archive is available at <https://congregationallibrary.quartexcollections.com>

TOWN OF GRANVILLE 2022 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION



Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

All applications **must** include the following:

- Proof of a current Rabies Vaccination
- Proof of Spay/Neuter
- If applying by mail include a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope, so I may mail back the license(s). Two stamps are required if licensing more than one dog.
- Make your check/money order (no cash) payable to the "Town of Granville" before April 18.
- Any license obtained after May 2 will be assessed a late fee of \$20, in addition to the license fee.
- Your license is effective for one calendar year.
- Spayed/Neutered \$10.00
- Unaltered Dog \$15.00

By State Law, all owner/keeper of dog(s) must license their dogs (MGL C 140, §137). All dogs in the State of MA must be licensed at 6 months. www.townofgranville.net

NAME OF DOG	BREED	COLOR	MALE or FEMALE	RABIES EXP	SPAYED/ NEUTERED	FEE	TAG

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Christina Teter, Town Clerk

Date