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FREE SMOKE ALARMS



American
Red Cross



**American Red Cross
and
Granville Fire Department
are teaming up to install smoke
alarms**

June 3, 2023

- no age or income restrictions
- installing 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms
- alarms over 10 years old should be replaced

Call for an appointment!

413-357-3816

Register by May 15, 2023

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING is scheduled for
Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00PM at the
Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Gymnasium,
Granville Village School, 409 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034

BABYSITING WILL BE PROVIDED
CHECK TOWN WEBSITE FOR POSTED ARTICLES AFTER MAY 1, 2023.
www.townofgranville.net



At the Selectboard Regular Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, an agenda item has been requested to have public input on the truck traffic on Granby Road, Silver Street, Cross Road and Sodom Street. Meeting will start at 7PM. Look for agenda on the town website on May 18th, 2023.



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 in the Granville Town Hall, 707 Main Rd.

The May and June schedule is as follows:

First Thursday of each month from 11:00am to noon:

June 1, 2023

Third Thursday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm:

May 18, 2023, June 15, 2023

Also, the nurse will hold an office hour at the Granville Library, 2 Granby Road, monthly on the Second Thursday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm:

May 11, 2023, June 8, 2023

***CELEBRATE MAY
WITH A DRIVE-UP DINNER***

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

***PORK TENDERLOIN, ROASTED POTATOES, APPLESAUCE,
CORN CASSEROLE & 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***

SERVING FROM 5:00 – 6:00 PM



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department would like you to meet Robbie Boulanger!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

I know it has been a bit since we have sent an article like this around town, but we still have several members to introduce from our wonderful department. So, without further ado we would like to introduce everyone to Robbie Boulanger. Robbie has only officially been a member of Granville Fire since July of 2019, when he became old enough to officially join. Don't be fooled though his time with GFD stretches even further back than his official swear in date.

It is no secret that Robbie's father Marty was once a well established member of the department and even held the position of Lieutenant during his years of service. Robbie contributes his inspiration for joining the department to his father. Many of us that know Robbie know the truth behind this statement. At a young age, Marty introduced Robbie to the department and even brought him around to drill nights and our public events when given the opportunity. Robbie was introduced to Granville Fire at a young age and always had a passion and desire to follow in his father's footsteps. He may be young, but his knowledge far supersedes what many may expect because of his tenure with GFD. I'll admit I even learn thing from him on a nightly basis due to the things he has spent the majority of his life seeing.

Outside of the department Robbie's achievements are astounding. Robbie serves as a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard at Barnes Air National Guard Base as an F-15 Crew Chief. On top of his work, he has recently returned to his academic studies at Westfield State University. He is majoring in Criminal Justice and hopes that upon completing his degree he can obtain a job working in law enforcement. Some of Robbie's hobbies also include taking flying lessons, riding motorcycles, playing video games and spending time with his friends.

Robbie has a true desire to help the community and even strives to make the world a better place. His commitment to the fire department and his line of work all emphasize this aspect of who Robbie is as an individual. We are more than proud to call him one of our members and I think I speak for everyone at GFD when I say he has the potential to make a difference in the community. Some visions Robbie has for GFD is attending and offering more community-based events to spread fire safety knowledge with the residents of Granville. He also views this as an opportunity for everyone to get to know the members of the department and for the residents of Granville to see why we love helping this town so much.

Robbie truly loves Granville and even sees this town that he has spent his whole life in as his home forever. He, much like the other members we have introduced, loves the small town atmosphere and the people that make this town what it is. Robbie works hard to bring out the best qualities of the fire department and I know he will never waiver from giving his best to us and the town. He is a true brother to all of us and we hope that you have an opportunity to get to know him.



TOWN OF SOUTHWICK
HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR
MAY 17TH 9:30AM-3:30PM
SOUTHWICK TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

The Southwick Police Department will offer a Medication Take Back Day and provide drug/alcohol awareness.

The Southwick Fire Department will be available for blood pressures and will provide fire safety information.

Fallon Health Navicare will provide information on programs available to community members.

Highland Valley Elder Services will provide information on services available to those 60+ years.

Hilltown Safety at Home will provide information on home safety.

We will have tables with hearing care, wellness coach, massage therapy, essential oils, soaps and more.

Many more vendors are coming.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor please call the town nurses Tricia at (413)361-8070 or Chris at (413) 361-8069.

Free COVID Vaccine Clinic



**Town of Southwick
Town Hall Auditorium
Health & Wellness Fair**

Wednesday, May 17th

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

**\$25 Stop & Shop Gift Card
to everyone eligible to receive a
vaccination**



**No Registration Required.
Walk-ins Welcome.
No Insurance or ID Required**
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

***PLEASE, COME JOIN US FOR A
MEETING TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE ELDER SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED IN
THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE***

YOUR INPUT, IDEAS AND NEEDS ARE IMPORTANT!!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, 1:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

***RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND***



**PLEASE FILL OUT OUR COUNCIL ON AGING SURVEY EVEN
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. THANK YOU!**



COUNCIL ON AGING SURVEY

The Town of Granville is working to rebuild its Council on Aging & is seeking your input to better serve the seniors of our community! If you are a Granville resident, 55 or older, please complete this survey & submit it in the drop box at Town Hall or mail it in to: Council on Aging, P.O. Box 247, Granville, MA 01034. The survey can also be completed online at this address <https://forms.office.com/r/kWu6r4EKCV> (QR code below for Mobile users) or via the Town website.

We appreciate your time & are looking forward to bringing you new programming & services!



1. Have you used Council on Aging services in the past?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, what services?
3. Have you attended Council on Aging events in the past?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. If yes, which/what type of events?
5. Are you interested in utilizing Council on Aging services in the future?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
6. What types of services would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)
☐ Transportation ☐ Shopping services ☐ Meal pickup/delivery
☐ Health insurance counseling ☐ Financial education ☐ Health screenings/vaccine clinics
☐ Other (please explain):
7. Would you be interested in participating in Council on Aging events in the future?
☐ Yes ☐ No

8. If yes, what types of events? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Game/card playing ☐ Movie nights ☐ Weekly/monthly meal gatherings
☐ Holiday celebrations ☐ Fitness/exercise classes ☐ Art classes
☐ Other (please explain):

9. What could the Council on Aging do to encourage you to participate in events or services offered?

10. What is your preferred method of communication information and notifications from Council on Aging? (phone call, text message, email, country caller, CodeRed, etc.)

11. Please provide us with your contact information so that you may receive information & notifications from the Council on Aging

Name:

Address:

Phone: Home-

Cell-

Email:

12. Anything else you'd like us to know?



Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 ·

www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org

Email for general inquiries: Granville@cwmar.org

Email for program registration: GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

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



Basement renovations are coming along well.
Check in with us if unsure of where we are
Like us and follow us on Facebook for current information.
<https://www.facebook.com/GranvillePublicLibrary/>

Library is CLOSED
Memorial Day Weekend

Storytime for toddlers and early elementary
kids and their family.
10:30-11:30 AM

May 6- Celebrate moms!

May 20 What is in the garden??



Birth to 2 years old
Playgroup w/ Tina

Monday May 8
10:00 AM

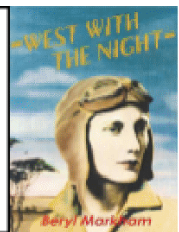
Sponsored by Pathways for Parents

Library Club
Meeting:
Thursday May 11
6:00 PM



May 10
7:00-8:00 PM

Book club with Gloria
"West with the Night"
by Beryl Markham



Nurse's Hour: 5:00-6:00 **NEW TIME**
Thursday May 11

Come visit your public health nurse at the
library. Get your blood pressure taken, ask her
questions, just visit.
She is here for you.



SOURDOUGH BRANDON

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

May 3

Woody Workers make a
Flower Press

May 10

Mad Science
Science of Toys

May 17

Karen Carpenter

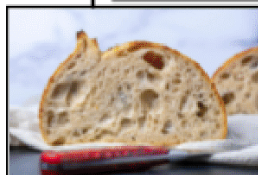
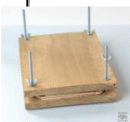
Teaches how to press flowers.
If you have flowers in your garden for
the kids, bring them to library at 3:00

May 24-

Cooperative Machine Part 1

May 31

Cooperative Machine Part 2



Sourdough starter workshop.
Monday May 15 6:30-7:30.
Learn the how to make, use and care
for sourdough starter and leave with
your own starter and endless recipes.



FIND YOUR VOICE and help your library

The Granville Public Library will once again be offering a Summer Reading program for all ages, to encourage reading for pleasure, during the summer months, and for younger children to retain their reading skills. This year's themes is "Find our Voice". We have some great program planned.

To add to the fun and to create a sense of challenge to keep everyone reading, we'd like to continue to offer raffle prizes. This year, we are extending an *invitation* to *community* members to contribute to the prizes. *Donations* may be monetary, or better yet, a new item appropriate for Children 3-12, teens or even a few adult prizes.

If you wish to donate, please contact Linda Dickinson (357-8771) or
Lise LeTellier - Library Director at 413-357-8531.



Valley Pre-School
Kindling Joy for Lifelong Learning



ENROLLING NOW!

Play-based programs for children ages 3-5

Mission

Our mission is to partner with families and provide a setting that honors who children are and how they learn as they begin their formal educational journey. Curiosity and creativity are celebrated and provide the stimuli for a responsive play-based program that kindles joy for lifelong learning.

Philosophy

We are inspired by the power of curiosity that exists in a young child. We understand the importance of creating fertile environments in which that curiosity is ignited and fueled. There is an intrinsic intelligence in each child. As teachers, we embrace that intelligence and facilitate the development of skills through exploration, as that is what propels a child's curiosity and forms the foundation for sustained and profound learning. We value a partnership with families, understanding that the parent is the child's first teacher and recognizing the unique insight they can provide which allows us to individualize and enhance the learning experience for each child.

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!

860-653-3641 • valleypreschoolkids@gmail.com • valleypreschoolinfo.org



GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH & VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTS

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

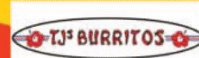
WHEN: JUNE 3RD 9:30AM - 12PM

WHERE: 219 NORTH GRANBY RD

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO
BENEFIT THE GRANBY FOOD BANK



Touch-a-truck event will take place in the Commuter Parking lot across the street from First Church at 219 North Granby Road. Valley Pre-School will be hosting supervised play on the playground. Three Granby emergency vehicles will be in attendance as well as private utility trucks from local businesses. Children will have the opportunity to sit in the vehicles and talk to our first responders and vehicle operators.

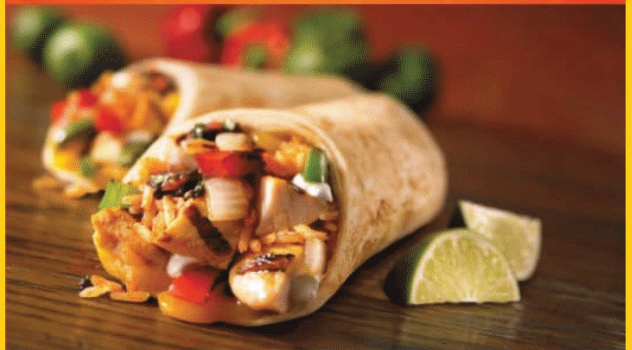


Fundraiser

Friday, May 12th



For
Valley Pre-School
Kindling Joy for Lifelong Learning



10% of ALL proceeds (dine-in, delivery or take out) on 5/12 will be donated to Valley Pre-School

7am - 9pm

3 Turkey Hills Rd., East Granby, Ct 06026

www.valleypreschoolinfo.org

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

~Lunch Bunch~

Come join the Lunch Bunch at Granville Federated Church on Wednesday, April 5th and Wednesday, May 3rd at noon.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Provided: Coffee, Tea,
Dessert,
Fellowship

(Bring your own sandwich)

INFORMATION

on community resources and services for those 60 and over, their caregivers and other interested individuals.

INTAKE

of referrals for Home Care, Adult Protective Services, Home Delivered Meals, Money Management, Nursing Facility and Adult Day Health screenings. Anyone can make a referral by phone or online at our website.

OPTIONS COUNSELING

provides consultation visits by trained Options Counselors to elders and/or caregivers regarding programs and resources available to help them meet their identified goal(s).



Highland Valley
ELDER SERVICES

Services & Resources



Call Monday through Friday, 9 to 5
for Information or to make a
Referral

(413) 586-2000

www.highlandvalley.org

NEW DATE—TBA

Open house and dedication at the
Granville Public Library

Come see the newly renovated
Community space and celebrate
the 125 year anniversary of the

Granville Library Club!

Hosted by

The Granville Library Club

Light refreshments will be served

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**DRIVE UP DINNERS**

Our next Drive-up dinner will be Friday, May 26th. On the menu this month will be Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Applesauce, Corn Casserole and Dessert.
Cost is \$12.00 per plate.
We will be serving from 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Please call in your order ahead of time to:
Fran at 357-6492 or Bobbi at 207-0445

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. We meet at 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Study dates for the month of May are Wednesday, May 3rd and Wednesday May 17th. Study dates in June will be June 7th and June 21st.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall. Note that these are on the FIRST Wednesdays of each month. We will meet at 12:00 on Wednesday, May 3rd. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert and great fellowship are provided. Our June Lunch Bunch will be on June 7th. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 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 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

Marge Feeney
Heritage Hall North
55 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001



FIND YOUR VOICE
SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023
CHILDREN 3-12, TEENS & ADULTS



The Summer Reading Program (SRP) will be kicking off on **Saturday July 1** and come to a close on **August 12**. Lots of fun activities, **for all ages**, are being planned throughout the six weeks. **Registration begins NOW** and continues until June 17, 2023.

Parents are encouraged to sign up their children, even if they are unable to attend all events and activities. We love to see everyone, but we know you travel and do fun family things too! You and your child can read at home, on vacation or in the car. Just take the log sheet with him/her/they when visiting other places to keep track. Then check in periodically to fill out tickets, during the program or before the Grande Finale. The best part is to keep reading! Adults can register on their own!



FIND YOUR VOICE
GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023
SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM
COMPLETE AND RETURN TO LIBRARY BY JUNE 17.

PLEASE PRINT:

Participants First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Participants age (children and teens only) _____ Grade attending in Fall _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Mailing Address: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: (children and teens only) _____

Contact numbers for questions and emergencies during program:

_____ or _____

Please notify the person running the event of any allergies you or your child may have on the day of the event.

Please remember that children 12 and under, must be accompanied by an adult for all events/activities unless otherwise discussed.

This registration, with parent/guardian signature, acts as permission for teens to participate at events without an adult present.

Any questions? Please contact Linda Dickinson or Bridget Nobbs: SRP Co-Coordinators