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## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

*by Donna M. Fillion*



### Presidential Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016,  
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Town Hall

November 7<sup>th</sup> -

Absentee Ballot request deadline 12 PM

November 8<sup>th</sup> –

Absentee Ballot return deadline 8 PM

### Notary Public

The Town Clerk, as well as the Town Administrator/Matt Streeter are Notaries Public. If you need our services, please call either of us and make an appointment (413.357.8585). The service is free of charge to Granville residents.

## Old Meeting House Volunteers – Harvest Fair

The Granville Historical Society would like to thank all the volunteers who dedicated their time and cooking skills during the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fair.

Many wonderful volunteers helped sell apple pie with cheese and a large variety of donated soups. This all would not have happened if not for the wonderful towns' people of Granville. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped serve and keep the area clean for our visitors: Joan Clendenin; Laurie Blakesley Ritchie; Dot LeClair; Joe LeClair; Anne Jensen; Chris Teter and Karen Laptew. Also the cooks among us who provided delicious soups this year: Dot LeClair; Coralie Stevenson; Joan Clendenin; Laurie Blakesley Ritchie; Chris Teter; Anne Jensen; AnnMarie Maceyka; Verna Sadowski; Jane Canfield; Byard Miller and Bill Stevenson our great cheese cutter!

I am looking forward to next year's Harvest Fair at The Old Meeting House. Best wishes to all of Granville for a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Ann LeClair

Granville Historical Society Member



## Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday November 19th  
from 7am - 11am**

**At the Granville firehouse,  
709 Main Rd**

**All proceeds to benefit the  
new Explorer Post for ages 14-18.**



## THANK YOU

Thank you for the out pouring of love shown to our family during this most difficult time. The care of the EMT's (sorry I had to call you in the middle of the night), your visits, phone calls, cards, stopping by with food have been so greatly and lovingly received by us all. We know Ralph in in a better place, (no more pain) but he sure is missed.

Peace and Love, Patty Dickinson, Susan, Linda Peter and Beth

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### A REMINDER TO ALL TOWNSPEOPLE PLUS UPDATED INFORMATION

*We appreciate everyone who has already sent in household information for*

## **the NEW GRANVILLE PHONE BOOK 2017**

The last town phone book was published in 2012. An ad hoc committee is working on a new book. We are asking for your cooperation to make this a successful happening. Collection of data will be over the next several months, then collation and printing during the winter ~ hopefully into your hands early Spring!

We are simply asking you to fill out the form below and return it to us. \*\*If your wish is to be excluded from the booklet, let us know by stating so on the form.\*\* You will find members of the committee at the Town Hall during the November election, so you can fill out or hand in the form that day. We will be at the Transfer Station and some Saturday morning bread delivery days.

You may drop the form off at the Town Hall or at the Library during open business hours. You may mail the form to Town Hall, PO Box 247, Granville, MA. \*\*put : "PHONE BOOK" , on the bottom left corner of the envelope.

AT THIS SAME TIME the town is looking to update the TOWN EMAIL LIST so that important town notifications and emergency preparedness info. may be distributed quickly to you. THE EMAIL LIST WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE PHONE BOOK. Please fill out the form below with your information and get it to us using one of the options listed above.

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Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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The phone books will be sold for a nominal fee, in the range of \$5. To cover printing expenses we are putting a section of businesses in the back of the book. Business card format will be used and a fee of \$20 for the space. **SUBMIT YOUR BUSINESS CARD INFORMATION NOW; BUT PLEASE WAIT FOR US TO CONTACT YOU AT A LATER DATE FOR THE FEE.**

## Winter Roads Policy 2016-17

Town of Granville, MA

In effect from November 1 - to April 30

Doug Roberts Superintendent of Public Works

- ♦ On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- ♦ During winter road operations, main roads are first priority therefore, Main Road, Granby Road and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- ♦ Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- ♦ Granville is the source of drinking water therefore we limit the use of salt.
- ♦ Drive below the posted speed.
- ♦ High quality snow tires are essential.
- ♦ Allocate more time for travel.
- ♦ Town Roads with low use patterns may be closed for winter maintenance.
- ♦ During winter weather limit travel, to essential trips only.
- ♦ Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, morning frost and shaded areas become slippery rapidly, an isolated weather event often causes slippery conditions in one area or curve. Notorious for this are the Gorge, Hairpin Turn, the north end of Old Westfield Road, Water Street at the Transfer station corners.
- ♦ Communicate with inexperienced drivers a clear understanding of all the dangers involved in winter driving.



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## **Veterans Luncheon**

**Granville Town Hall**

**Monday, November 14, 2016**

**12:00 noon**

**A tribute luncheon for all  
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**Sponsored by the Council on  
Aging**



## **Westfield Technical Academy**

**Smith Avenue**

**Westfield, MA**

## **Annual Arts and Craft Fair**

**Hand crafted items**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



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The Executive Board of Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® would like to extend thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Harvest Fair. Without our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers and our patrons, the Joust and our annual raffle would not have been possible. The money raised from these events will go directly toward scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. Special thanks go out to this year's sponsors whose generosity helped defray the cost of running the joust and the raffle:

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**Congratulations to Joyce Bannish of  
Southwick, MA for winning the Samsung  
Tablet and to Karen McLaughlin of  
Granville, MA for the colorful mums.**

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**We would also like to extend our  
appreciation to the student volunteer and  
GTDFS board members who volunteered  
their time:**

**Devon Roberts**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT!!**

**THE 2017 ONLINE APPLICATION  
AVAILABLE JANUARY 1ST**

Financial Information is not required for our local scholarship. If you are a first time applicant, a recipient of a previous scholarship and are still an undergraduate, you are eligible to apply for 2017.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Must be a full-time undergraduate student, up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded

Apply for second-semester scholarship

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

**Application Requirements:**

300 word Goals & Aspirations Essay to be revised for each scholarship year

Activities updated each scholarship year

Work Experience updated each scholarship year

Community Service - Have you volunteered for Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars?

Academic Grade Point Average from fall semester

For more information and to begin the application, go to our website [granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org](http://granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org), Student and Parent tab.

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To current recipients of the 2016-2017 Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® scholarship, please be aware that a letter requesting your school address and other information from you will be sent out around Thanksgiving to your home address. This is vital to insure that your school receives the award in a timely manner.

## GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ  
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034

Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon

Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

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KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
A coffee hour follows the service each week.

The Harvest Fair was wonderful, as always. Thank  
you to all of our organizers, workers and  
customers who bought food and shopped here.  
Job well done!

Have you noticed the landscaping around the  
church lately? Beautifull!!! Thank you, Karen!

We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase.  
Please see Jean McMahon.

### WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour

Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday-7:00 p.m. Senior choir

Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
Breakfast. All welcome!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5th—Ham and Bean Supper.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED**

November 12th—Music Program in Fellowship  
Hall... '3 GUITARISTS' An evening spent with 3  
superb local guitarists sharing their music.  
Refreshments will be available.

### A LOOK AHEAD

December 3rd—Lion's Club Breakfast with Santa

December 10th—Novi Cantori

The next program is our lecture series is in the  
process of finalization. Watch for information on  
posters around town and in local papers.

## GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

### HAM & BAKED BEAN SUPPER

**CANCELLED**

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**NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

**7 P.M.**

**GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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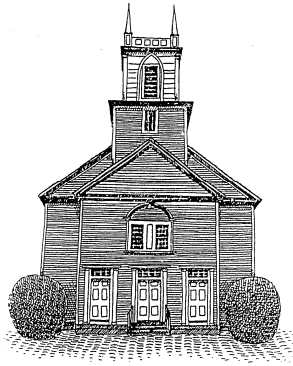
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West Granville

Our Worship Services for 2016  
will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:

November 13, 2016

December 11, 2016

All services are at 7PM.

Our Worship leader is  
Rev. Dr. Lorrie Dunham  
(former Pastor of The Southwick  
Congregational Church).  
The organist is Roberta Kowal.

All are invited for refreshments  
and fellowship in the Academy Hall  
following each service.

Both the Church and Academy  
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Please call Deborah Boulanger  
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### Recipe of the month

## Mac and cheezy

2 cups creamy cottage cheese

2 cups cheddar cheese

8 oz. sour cream

1 egg

pinch of salt

8 oz. Marconi, boil until tender, strain

Grease a 2 quart baking dish, combine all ingredients in a bowl pour into baking dish sprinkle some cheddar cheese on top and top with paprika; bake at 350 for 45 minutes

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## TOWN OF GRANVILLE

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(413) 357-8585 (phone)  
(413) 357-6002 (fax)  
Department of Public Works

October 11, 2016

The Town of Granville requests applications for employment for the 40-hour position of Department of Public Works employee. The successful candidate should have be a High School Graduate, a CDL driver license, Osha 10 certification, Hoisters License (hydraulic and side boom), and must be willing to attain First Responder certification within one year and maintain certification.

The position requires customer service and communication skills, equipment operator and maintenance experience, general labor for building and ground maintenance, general construction and snow plowing experience is preferred. The position reports to the Superintendent of Public Works and will require a positive work attitude, physical labor, and long durations of service during winter storms.

The responsibilities of the Department of Public Works are comprehensive for operating a Municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Public Works employees are expected to be productive under difficult situations and a wide range of work responsibilities. Training will be provided, however, employees are required to be productive at all assigned tasks.

Random drug testing is required, as is a commitment to continuing education. Successful candidates will be required to perform a multitude of tasks and be expected to be productive as a team member of the Department of Public Works.

Please send a cover letter with resume and references to Town of Granville P.O. Box 247 Granville, MA 01034 Attn: Personnel. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. First review of applications will be on October 28, 2016. Applications may be kept on file for six months for possible future DPW positions.

Sincerely,

Doug H. Roberts  
*Department of Public Works Superintendent*  
[dpwsuper@townofgranville.org](mailto:dpwsuper@townofgranville.org)

## Granville Library

2 Granby Rd.

357-8531

[granvillelib.info](http://granvillelib.info)

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 • Wednesday 3-8  
Thursday 5-8 • Saturday 10-12

### New books for adults and YA:

*Indelible Ink: The Trials of John Peter Zenger and the Birth of America's Free Press* by Richard Kluger.

*Magic of Gingerbread: 16 Beautiful Projects to Make and Eat* by Catherine Biddall.

*Making It Right: Building Peace, Settling Conflict* by Marilee Peters.

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*Ashes* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

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*Christmas Caramel Murder* by Joanna Fluke.

*Escape Clause* by John Sanford.

*Hungry Heart* by Jennifer Weiner.

*Life She Wants* by Robyn Carr.

*Paris for 1 & Other Stories* by JoJo Moyes.

*Pushing Up Daisies* by M.C. Beaton.

*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

*Two by Two* by Nicholas Evans.

*Trespasser* by Tana French.

*Winter Storms* by Elin Hilderbrand.

### For Kids:

*Ada Lovelace: Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer* by Diane Stanley.

*I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy.

*Best Man* by Richard Peck.

*Elephant & Piggie Like Reading* by Mo Willems.

*Initiation, The (Lock and Key Series #1)* by Ridley Pearson.

*Juana and Lucas* by Juana Medina.

*Sometimes We Think You Are a Monkey* by Johanna Skibsrud.

*Yellow Time* by Lauren Stringer.

### New Audio CDs:

*Wolf Hollow* by Wolk.

### New DVDS:

*Banshee Season 4.*

*Blood Father.*

*Cafe Society.*

*Captain Fantastic.*

*Hunt for the Wilderpeople.*

*Infiltrator, The.*

*Ithaca.*

*Jane Wants a Boyfriend.*

*Legend of Tarzan.*

*Meddler, The.*

*Shameless: The Complete Sixth Season.*

*X-Men: Apocalypse.*



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the new Explorer Post for  
ages 14-18.**

## OBITUARIES

### Ralph Howard Dickinson

Ralph, age 85, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday September 23, 2016. Born on September 29, 1930 in Westfield, MA, he was a son of Bernice and Lempie (Kallio) Dickinson. Ralph was a graduate of Westfield Trade School and went on to serve his country honorably in the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War.

Throughout his career, Ralph was employed with the John S. Lane & Son Trap Rock Quarry for 42 years as a heavy equipment operator. He was a longtime member of the Granville Federated Church, the Southwick Randsford Kellogg VFW and the Local #98 Retirees Club. He also belonged to The Grange in Granville where he enjoyed playing in the pitch league. In earlier years, Ralph was proud to be an alternate on the Board of Appeals in Granville and enjoyed the time he spent coaching his daughters on the Granville recreational softball team. He was always known to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and was quite the mechanic. Ralph was often found fixing many cars, lawn mowers and snow blowers out of the kindness of his heart. Always being so thoughtful and helpful, Ralph even made sure his children knew the many secrets to being self-sufficient so that they could not only help themselves, but others as well.

Ralph was an avid Red Sox and Patriots Fan and often enjoyed a good word search or puzzle. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 61 years, Patty (Clark) Dickinson; his four children, Susan L. Scantlen and her husband Michael, Linda M. Dickinson, Peter H. Dickinson and his wife Laura and Beth A. DeGrande and her husband Joe; his seven adored grandchildren, Karri White, Nicholas Dickinson, Vincent and Justin Ward and Joseph, Michael and Chris DeGrande; four great-grandchildren, Kaleb DeGrande, Gabriel and Mallory White and Jackson Ward; his sisters, Lucy Aspinall and Jennie Maceyka and by many nieces, nephews and dear friends over the years.

Ralph always said he was “fair to middlin” – Ralph we wish you fair to middlin’.

### Donna Parker

Donna, age 68, joined her parents Bert and Bertha Parker in eternal peace on Tuesday October 11, 2016. Donna was born in Milo, Maine on November 30, 1947. A resident of Southwick, MA, she grew up and spent most of her adult life in the quaint town of Granville. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1965. She was an avid reader and enjoyed a good cross word puzzle. She spent many an afternoon playing cards and challenging her friend Randy to a game of cribbage. She loved taking quiet Sunday drives, listening to country music, and spending time with her grandchildren Jake and Cole, who she adored. Donna is survived by her daughter Lynette Parker Avery, her beloved grandsons Jake and Cole Avery and former son in law Marc Avery. Donna is also survived by Donna Caron and her two boys Alex and Dan Caron of New Hampshire. She will be missed by her longtime friend Marie Falcetti as well as many friends and neighbors.

## OBITUARIES

### **John G. Carl**

(1952 – 2016)

John Gilchrist Carl, 64, Tolland, MA, passed away on Monday October 17 surrounded by loved ones. John was born September 15, 1952 in Middletown, CT to John H. and E. Norene (Adams) Carl. John grew up in Madison, CT on the shore where he developed a passion for fishing, boats and a deep love of nature. John was an artist, transforming beaten-up wooden boats into beautiful and functional vessels. John, known for the mischievous twinkle in his eye, caught the attention of the lovely Jo-Ann. They were wed on July 21, 1984 in Suffield, CT. Together they built a home tucked away in the woods in their Western Mass hilltown where they raised two children to appreciate hard work and share their love for the outdoors. John is survived by his wife Jo-Ann (Holcomb) Carl of Tolland, MA, his daughter Hillary Carl of Worthington, MA, his son Casey Carl and his wife Sydney (Adams) Carl of Granville, MA, his parents John H. and E. Norene (Adams) Carl, formerly of Madison, CT, sisters Deborah N. Smith and her husband Crawford of Richmond, VA, Penny J. Bzdak and her husband James of Keene, NH, Robin L. Dean and her husband Royce of Durham, NC, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Douglas M. Carl of Madison, CT.

### **Joshua James Palazzi**

Josh, age 26, died unexpectedly, on October 22, 2016. He was born in Springfield on March 9, 1990. He grew up in Granville attended local schools and was a 2008 graduate of Southwick-Tolland High School. After High School he pursued his dream of becoming a pilot, which was his passion. Growing up, Joshua excelled at everything he pursued including motorcycle racing, schooling and Taekwondo. Due to his love of flying he became a pilot at a very young age. The last flight he took he shared the sky's with the Blue Angels in sight. When not flying, his love for nature was endless. He loved spending his summers on Otis Reservoir. He leaves his father Brian Palazzi and his wife Monique of East Otis, his mother Heather Palazzi of Granville, his brother and best friend Anthony Palazzi of Granville, his step-brothers Richard Huntington and his wife Stephanie of Hamden, CT and Blake Huntington of Waterbury, CT. He also leaves his paternal grandparents James and Frances Palazzi of Fort Meyers, FL and his maternal grandparents Cynthia and William Fullerton of Westfield, and many aunts uncles and cousins. Joshua also leaves a dear friend Shaun Conroy and his companion Maxine his dog who never left his side.