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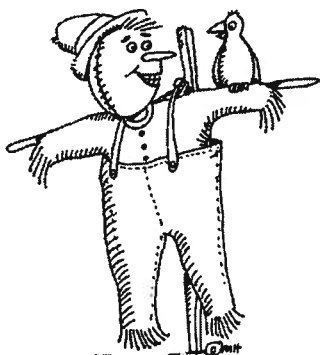
West Granville Congregational Church

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Scarecrow Convention 2013

The Scarecrow Convention is returning to Meeting House lawn for the Granville Harvest Fair. The scarecrows will take up residence Saturday thru Monday on Columbus Day Weekend, October 12, 13 & 14, 2013.



All entries need to be:

Free-standing
Weather hearty

All scarecrows will need to be in place by 9AM Saturday and must be picked up at 5PM on Monday.

Prizes will be awarded in 3 age groups:

Age 10 and under

Ages 11 – 18

Adult (19+)

2013 Scarecrow Convention Entry Form

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This year's sponsor is the
Granville Historical Society.

Entries Close: October 5th
One Entry per person

Please mail your entry to: Susan Beckman
56 Beech Hill Rd Blandford MA 01008

Or email your information to:
sgfcommodore@aol.com

**Western MA Master Gardeners to
hold a soil testing & Q&A morning.**

Saturday , October 26

9 am -12 noon.

Town Hall

This is the perfect time of year to prepare your soil for spring crops. Learn how much lime your soil needs so that all the nutrients can be taken up by the plants & the turf grass.

Learn about composting : recycling your plant materials, brown leaves, & vegetable scraps. Transforming them into humus & mulch, which are valuable soil improvers.

Improve your garden soil structure this year!

We will guide you to UMass Extension Service fact sheets to give you valuable information on insects, diseases, good maintenance practices, perennials, annuals & vegetables. We have lots of free handouts.

We will be able to do a soil test for pH. This will guide you in the need for lime in your lawns, flower beds & vegetable gardens. Each garden space, lawn & gardens, should be tested separately. A small donation will be accepted for cost of the test materials. Please follow the suggestions for soil testing below:

How do I take a soil sample for testing?

1. Dig a hole 6-8 inches deep (3-4 inches deep for lawns) and set the soil aside
2. Using a clean trowel, take a thin vertical slice from the side of the hole and place in a clean container
3. Take at least 5 samples from the test area and mix them well in a clean container
4. Allow the soil time to become dry.
5. Place 1/2 cup of this mixed soil in a small plastic bag, close tightly and label the outside of the bag

****Avoid taking soil which has recently been limed or fertilized.****

Granville CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 15

The Granville Cultural Council has set an **October 15th** postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Granville including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Granville Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Granville Cultural Council will distribute about **\$4200.00** in grants. Previously funded projects include: **Watercolor Summer Workshop, Summer Reading Program, Christmas with Nova Cantori and NCCHP Living History.**

For specific guidelines and complete information on the Granville Cultural Council, contact Fran at fgleason@comcast.net or 413 357 8578. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx. Application forms are also available at Granville town hall..

Granville-Tolland Dollars for SCHOLARS®

A Program of Scholarship America®

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars chapter will be participating in the 2013 Granville Harvest Fair on October 12, 13, & 14. Once again the very popular joust will be offered for kids of all ages - so grab a partner and have some fun. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 per person. In addition, Dollars for Scholars will be holding a raffle for a cord of seasoned hard wood - cut, split, and delivered within a 25-mile radius of Granville. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 at the Fair or from any board member prior to the event. All of the proceeds from the joust and the raffle will be used to award scholarships to Granville and Tolland undergraduate college students. In 2013, 28 scholarships were awarded to 28 deserving college students with the average being \$1,000.

FIREWOOD

CUT, SPLIT AND DELIVERED

ALWAYS MORE THAN 128 CU FT

PER CORD GUARANTEED

ALSO

LOG TRUCK LOADS

AND

1/2 LOG TRUCK LOADS

CALL CHARLIE

(413) 357-8738

The Mom Connection is excited to announce that they are starting a new year! The next meeting of the 2013-2014 year will be held on October 8, 9:15 - 11:30 am., at Larson Hall, Westfield Evangelical Free Church, 568 Southwick Road, Westfield, MA 01085. **The Mom Connection** is open to all mothers with children from newborn to elementary-school age. **The Mom Connection**, formerly MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers), meets the second Tuesday morning of the month, September through May. Free childcare is provided, including homeschoolers, by our CORI-checked KidConnection staff.

Being a mom can be a very hectic job, and we are here to let you know that you are not alone! Every table is staffed with a "Mentor Mom"- a mom who has been there. She is there to offer support and wisdom that comes from experience. Every month we offer a variety of snacks and beverages, a relevant topic with time for reflection and discussion and a craft for all of our Moms to participate in- with their children just down the hallway. This year we will be looking at the character we need to display as mothers like love, joy, gentleness and don't forget the ever eluding PATIENCE!! Could you use more of that? Where do we find that control when we don't have it? Where do these qualities really come from? We will explore these together this year.

Come and join us as we discuss our joys and our struggles with other moms that know what we are going through and truly understand and can relate to our feelings.

Mothers of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to attend. **The Mom Connection's** goal is to provide support and encouragement to the mothers in our community. There is no cost to visit. If you do decide to stay, it is \$15/ year and a suggested \$3/month donation.

For more information, visit <http://themomconnection.org> or email us at themomconnection.org@comcast.net.

Our schedule for the year is: October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13

Granville Library Club Raffle
32nd Annual Harvest Fair
OCTOBER 12-14, 2013
Handmade Rug by Sally Killip



Tickets: \$1.00 for 1 or \$5.00 for 6
at the Library
write your name & phone #
on the back of the ticket

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TOWN OF GRANVILLE POLICE DEPT.

From January to August 2013 the Granville Police Department documented the following incidents/violations. These totals do not include any calls for service that did not generate an official police report:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 911 Call | 7 |
| 209A Violation..... | 1 |
| Accident (Motor Vehicle) | 10 |
| Animal Complaint | 4 |
| Assist Citizen | 4 |
| Assist other P.D..... | 1 |
| B&E Daytime for Felony | 3 |
| Child Abuse | 1 |
| Defacement of Property | 1 |
| Disturbance | 3 |
| Domestic Violence | 3 |
| Drug Law Violation | 1 |
| False Info LTC Application..... | 1 |
| Fire Response Assist GFD | 5 |
| Harassment/Threats | 1 |
| House Alarm..... | 1 |
| Identity Theft | 2 |
| Incident Report: Damage | 1 |
| Incident Report: Miscellaneous | 1 |
| Larceny from a Motor Vehicle | 2 |
| Larceny over \$250 | 4 |
| Larceny under \$250..... | 1 |
| Lost Firearm | 1 |
| Medical Response..... | 9 |
| Misc. Report (No Crime)..... | 2 |
| Missing Child | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Complaint | 1 |
| Noise Complaint..... | 1 |
| Possession of Class D..... | 1 |
| Section 12..... | 2 |
| Suspicious Activity | 8 |
| Suicide (Attempted)..... | 1 |
| Trespassing | 1 |
| Un-attended Death..... | 2 |
| Vandalism | 1 |
| Well Being Check | 2 |
| TOTAL REPORTS/VIOLATIONS..... | 91 |

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|---|----|
| Defective Equipment | 2 |
| Expired Inspection Sticker..... | 2 |
| Expired License | 1 |
| Failure to stay within marked lanes | 1 |
| Operating without a license | 1 |
| Operating on suspended license | 1 |
| Open container in a motor vehicle | 1 |
| Speeding Violation..... | 51 |
| Stop Sign Violation | 5 |
| Unregistered Motor Vehicle | 1 |
| Uninsured Motor Vehicle | 1 |

TOTAL CHAPTER 90 VIOLATIONS 68

OTHER NEWS:

On Saturday October 26 from 10AM to 2PM the Granville Police Department in conjunction with the DEA, will be holding a **prescription drug** take back day. Any town resident may drop off at the Town Hall any expired, of date, or unused **prescription medication** so that they may be disposed of properly. A uniformed Granville Police officer will be stationed at the Town Hall in the main audience hall area to accept your discarded medications. This is a national program that the Drug Enforcement Agency has sponsored in various other communities across the country. And it is used to keep prescription medications from ending up in the trash or the wrong hands.

The officer will be required to document your name and address and what is being disposed to destroy the un-wanted **prescription medications**.

The National Drug Take Back day is only on that day for the hours specified above, so please not bring prescription meds to the Police Department before or after the event has taken place as we will not be able to accept them.

Posters will be setup to remind Granville residents of the event day and time.

As always, should any citizen have a question or concern about the Granville Police Department please feel free to discuss the same with me

Respectfully Submitted,
Jose A. Rivera,
Chief of Police

David and Marcy Geschwind are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Michael to Ms. Jessica Wilder

The bride to be is the daughter of Robert and Renee Dudley of Southwick, MA. She is a 2008 graduate of Southwick Tolland Regional High School in Southwick, MA. She is employed by The Notch Travel Centre in Southwick, MA.

The groom to be is a 2008 graduate of Westfield High School in Westfield, MA. He graduated in 2012 from Lincoln Technical Institute of Technology in East Windsor, CT. He is employed by Acceleron Inc. in East Granby, CT.

Both families are delighted and a June 28, 2014 wedding is planned.

Granville Federated Church

American Baptist & United Church of Christ
16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034
Phone 413-357-8583

Join us at Granville Federated Church!

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. Church School runs concurrently with the Worship Service; starting after the second hymn. Beth and Samantha Burzynski are the capable teachers. Your children are invited to join in as they embark on this year's faith journey.

Sat., Oct. 5th—Plans pending for church fellowship dinner at a restaurant. To be announced.

The **Harvest Fair**, Oct. 12, 13, 14, will see the Ladies Aid with the knife sale and a big food sale including homemade apple pies. Fellowship Hall will be filled with vendors and the Polish kitchen will be serving awesome food.

There will be a **Ladies Aid luncheon** and

meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16th at noon. All women of the town are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you.

Breakfasts continue to be a place of meeting and delicious eating. The October breakfast will be on Sunday, Oct. 20th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We serve pancakes or French toast, bacon or sausage, home fries and scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, Danish, and more—all for a free will donation!

We continue to thank all who are supporting the Granville Church **Capital Campaign**. Pledge payment will continue for three years. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check.

Another option for supporting the drive is to buy Fair Trade **food products** that are for sale at the coffee hour each Sunday. All tasty, we've tried them all. Ruth Dickinson Berquist is in charge of this.

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

Watch for a notice re the usual Halloween Party and "Weiner Roast" which may be held on Sat., Oct. 26th.

The **Sermon Discussion** lead by the Rev. Patrick McMahon will begin on Sun., Oct. 27th at about 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome at any or all of our events.

MONTHLY/WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday—10am-Worship Service
Church School
11am-Coffee Hour

First Saturday—6 p.m.-Potluck Supper
with activity

Monday—8pm-AA Meeting

Third Wednesday—noon-Ladies Aid

Third Sunday-Breakfast

Thursday—7pm-Choir Practice

The Old Tavern Stand

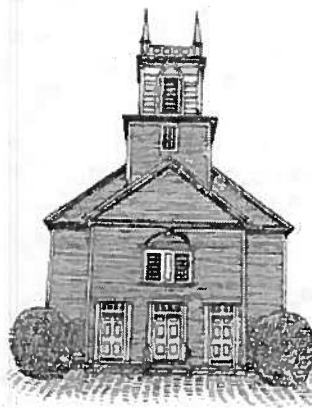
It appears from deeds that Thaddeus Squire who came to Granville from Berlin, CT built the tavern in the Center of West Granville. He purchased the land from Aaron Coe's heirs.

The first mention of a tavern in West Granville was in 1755. The first tavern keeper's license issued anyone in West Granville was to Timothy Robinson in 1756. From then on licenses were issued to: Dan Robinson, Samuel Coe, Enoch Coe, Lebbeus Ball, Samuel Wilcox, Abner Rose, Thomas Llyod and Jacob Baldwin. All above mentioned had places on East Hill, or in that vicinity in West Granville.

From 1803, the only license issued was to Thaddeus Squire who held it until his death in 1820, then to Levi Curtiss who was husband to Mary Squire. Levi ran the tavern for four years; when William Henry Squire took over the license. From then on the tavern changed hands many times. One part of the tavern was a store where groceries were sold.

In 1860, the tavern was sold to Samuel S. Marks. It was sometimes called Highland House, Exchange Hotel or just The Tavern. The venerable old building was burned around 1900. It had looked like many other old buildings, a big square house, with a large porch on front. To the rear was a long ell extending to the North. The dance hall was in this section.

George Rice, a sportsman from Springfield bought the property in 1910 and built what he called a sportsman's lodge. In 1922, he sold the building and 75 acres to Joseph and Cora Welch, who winterized the house and called it home for over 50 years.



West Granville Congregational Church

Main Road, Route 57,
West Granville

**Our Worship Schedule for 2013 has
changed to the 2nd Sunday of each
month.**

The schedule is as follows:

October 13, 2013

November 10, 2013

December 8, 2013

All services are at 7PM.

Prior to the August "Old Home Sunday" service on August 11th we will be conducting our 11th Annual Community Potluck Picnic at 5PM. All are welcome to attend!

Our Worship leader is Rev. Dr. Lorrie Dunham – former Pastor of The Southwick Congregational Church. The organist is Roberta Kowal also from The Southwick Congregational Church.

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

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental. Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

GRANVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Monday 10-12, 3-8 pm, Wednesday 3-8 pm

Thursday 5-8 pm, Saturday 10-12

Phone: 357-8531

website: granvillelib.info

Adult books:

Beauty of Broken: My Story and Likely Yours Too
by Elisa Morgan.

Complete Idiot's Guide to HTML by Kraynak.

College Handbook 2013

Fiske Great Colleges 2014 by Fiske.

*Gift of Adversity: The Unexpected Benefits of Life's
Difficulties, Setbacks and Imperfections* by
Norman Rosenthal.

*Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life
and Immortal Photographs of Edward
Curtis* by Tim Egan.

What Color is Your Parachute? 2014 by Bolles.

Big Crowd, The by Kevin Baker.

Christmas at Harmony Hill: A Shaker Story by Ann
Gabhart.

Cuckoo Calling by

Dick Francis' Refusal by Felix Francis.

Dr. Sleep by Stephen King.

For Better, For Worse by Elizabeth Jeffrey.

Gone with the Woof by Laurien Berenson.

Help for the Haunted by John Searles.

Just What Kind of a Mother Are You? by Paula
Daly.

Necessary Lies by Diane Chamber.

Never Go Back by Lee Child.

W is for Wasted by Sue Grafton.

Who Asked You? by Terry McMillan.

Whole Enchilada by Diane Mott Davidson.

For Kids:

Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech.

Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan.

Day the Crayons Quit, The by Drew Daywalt.

End Games by T. Michael Martin.

Fall of 5 by Pittacus Lore.

Five Little Monkeys Trick or Treat by Eileen
Christelow.

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

Edge of Normal by Carla Norton.

Hello, My Name is Ruby by Philip Stead.

Journey by Aaron Becker.

Lockwood & Co., The Screaming Staircase by
Jonathan Stroud.

Lord of Opium by Nancy Farmer.

Spirit Animals Book 1: Wild Born by Brandon Mull.

Too Much Glue by Jason LeFebvre.

New Dvds:

Epic

The Great Gatsby

Midsomer Murders

Scary Movie 5

SOUTHWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

488 COLLEGE HIGHWAY, SOUTHWICK, MA

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012 AT 6:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
ANDREA AT 569-9857.

Annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

The menu is chicken and gravy, biscuits, mashed
potatoes, butternut squash, peas with pearl
onions, cranberry sauce and apple crisp.

The cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$5.00 for
children 12 and under.

For reservations please call
the church office 569-6362.

The Southwick Congregational Church invites
you to visit **Henrietta's Thrift Shop** which is
open on Wednesdays from 9-1:00 PM, Fridays 9-
1:00 PM and Saturdays 9-1:00 PM.

The shop has gently used household items for
sale at very reasonable prices. They have also
added a Craft Corner which has handmade
scarves, hats and quilts.

**TOWN OF GRANVILLE, MA
32ND ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
OCTOBER 12, 13 and 14
10:00 to 5:00**

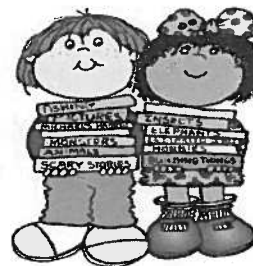
Visitors come to New England in the fall to partake of the glorious colors of the foliage and scents of the orchards. Mid October in Granville is the perfect place to experience this natural phenomenon. The Annual Harvest Fair on Columbus Day weekend captures the fullness of fall beauty and includes food, art, crafts, and interesting exhibits.

Coming from the east, the Granville Gorge on Rt. 57 opens on the Granville School, freshly painted in white where the parking lot keeps your car and allows you to spend some time in the School with Craft Vendors and tasty food. Outside, the Shuttle Bus awaits our visitors for the short ride to the Library for its Giant Book Sale. Purchasing a ticket for The Library Club Raffle is a must. Vendors galore fill the Library lawn. Across the road on the Town Green, there is an abundance of Crafters, along with Food and Games. The Federated Church is open with more crafters, food and a quiet sanctuary for rest. A short walk down to Water Street is the historic Noble and Cooley Drum Shop. The 1854 factory is still making drums for musicians today. At the Drum Shop are historical exhibits of drums and quilts and vendors with goods to see and buy.

The Shuttle Bus will treat visitors to a ride up the hill to The 1802 Meeting House. The Annual Scarecrow Convention and a display of Antique Tractors are on the lawn. Inside the beautifully restored building is a display of hand crafted Hooked Rugs and vendors are selling their Handmade/Homemade crafts. Tables are available to relax and enjoy a slice of hot Apple pie with Cheese. Up the Street and across from the Town Hall is the Harvest Hill Farm with a demonstration of Old time Cider Making. Parking is available at Town Hall, the School and behind the Meeting House.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Granville Harvest Fair. Questions are welcome at 413-357-8585.

**GRANVILLE LIBRARY CLUB
ANNUAL BOOK SALE**



**HARVEST FAIR
OCTOBER 12 – 14, 2013**

The Granville Library Club is looking for new/used books, cd's and dvd's for our annual book sale during Harvest Fair.

Please drop off items that are in good condition at the library during business hours
~ Monday 10-12 and 3-8; Wednesday 3-8,
Thursday 5-8 and Saturday 10-12.

***We are in need of children's books for our sale.
Our shelves are looking sparse.***

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC, READER'S DIGEST,
ENCYCLOPEDIA'S, MAGAZINES, TEXT BOOKS
OR VHS TAPES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Marilyn Tkaczuk

Direct: 413-357-6303

Cellular: 413-301-3350

Email: marilynrealstate@gmail.com

SENIOR'S NEWS

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

We are going to celebrate our September and October birthdays on October 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Birthday Senior's will be getting their invitations in the mail soon.

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST:

As people age, their senses of smell, hearing, touch and sight change. The ability to perform even the easiest task can become hard to do. Precautions should be taken in the home to make sure the environment is safe, based on the age of the person living there. Elderly people experience more accidents in the home because it is not set up correctly.

General Things:

Emergency numbers should be close to a telephone and the names and numbers should be large enough for dimming eyes to read.

Windows should be easy to open, but have a secure locking system.

Doors should have lever handles and secure locks.

Water heaters should be set no higher than 120 degrees.

Medications should be stored where the person can find them and the dosing instructions should be included.

Smoke alarms should be placed on each floor and the battery should be replaced twice a year, when the time changes.

KITCHEN:

Kitchen cabinets should be low enough for a person to reach everything needed. Things should be moved to lower shelves or cabinets to

avoid excessive reaching you should not climb on chairs, use a step ladder when needed.

Light switches should be by the door openings and night lights should be used in the kitchen. Appliances should be in good working order, faulty ovens or stove tops should be repaired or replaced.

Microwaves should be placed on a counter where the key board can be read easily

More safety tips to come next month.

Recipe of the month:

Pumpkin Bread

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| 2 ¾ cup sugar | 3 ½ cups flour |
| 2/3 cup cooking oil | 1 T baking powder |
| 4 eggs | 2 T baking soda |
| 1 can pumpkin | 1 ½ t salt |
| 2/3 cup water | 1 cup nuts |

Cream sugar and pumpkin add eggs and beat well, sift the flour and spices and add to egg mixture, mix in the nuts pour into a well greased bread pan or a bundt pan. Bake in a 350 oven for an hour, test in the middle with a tooth pick if it comes out clean it is done. Let cool then take a knife around the edge and then turn out on a cooling rack.

MONDAY CARD GAMES

Set back is played every Monday at the Town Hall, from 1:00 p.m. to 4: p.m.

All ages are welcome

Disposal of Unwanted Medications

On October 26, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Granville Police will be accepting out dated medications and disposing of them in a safe manner. Please remember not to flush any medications down the toilet or dispose of them in the trash. Disposing of medications in either way is a hazard to the environment.

Planning for Shelter-in-place

Assemble an Emergency Kit to keep in your home. These items and supplies may be necessary during a shelter-in-place when you are not able to leave your home.

If you undergo routine medical treatments or receive home health services, work with your service provider in advance to understand options during emergency where you could not leave your home and service providers could not come to your home.

Install hurricane shutters or prepare pre-drilled plywood sheets to protect windows. (Masking tape does not work)

Learn how to shut off any systems that involve air handling in case you are asked to turn them off, including fans, sir conditioners, kitchen and bath exhaust fans, forced hot air heating systems and other sources of outside air.

NEW OUTREACH WORKER

The Council on Aging is proud to announce the recent hire of Valerie Roberts-Toler as the first outreach worker for Granville. Beginning in October she will visit seniors at their homes to get acquainted. Many people already know her as a great Minister and neighbor. Valerie will assist in locating beneficial services and programs for our seniors. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome. Valerie is looking forward to meeting and working with seniors to insure they are informed and utilizing all the resources available.

Volunteer Drivers for Seniors Wanted

The Council on Aging would like to set up a temporary transportation system until a permanent one is in place. This will be for seniors who need rides to doctor appointments, prescriptions, and food shopping. Anyone who would be interested in being a volunteer driver, please call Linda Mihlek at 357-8781.



BERGEN ENERGY FIT

At home personal trainer lives in Granville is looking to take on new clients from the Granville area.

If you are tired of overpriced gyms I will come to you. You can exercise in the comfort of your home!

NASM certified

Currently a student of IINs nutrition program!

References available

Call today for a first free session

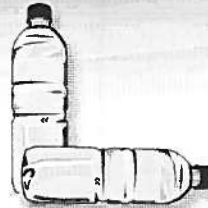
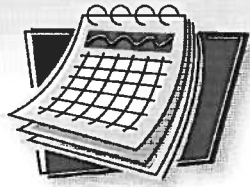
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For more information please check out my Facebook page at [Facebook.com/bergenenergyfit](https://www.facebook.com/bergenenergyfit)



Emergency Kit Checklist



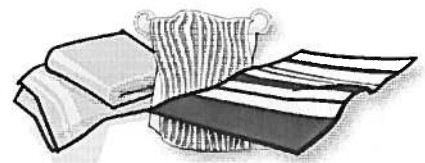
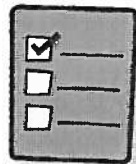
3 days of nonperishable / non-cook food
water (1 gal. per day per person), medication



flashlight, battery operated radio, extra batteries



first aid kit, cash, cell phone and charger



ID cards, information: (Dr., meds, allergies), family / friends
contacts, toothbrush / toothpaste, blanket and washcloth



clothes and baby or pet supplies if you need them

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: The likelihood that you will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on the planning and preparation done today. This list may help you get through the first 3 days, after a disaster.

It is a starting point, as individual needs vary depending upon circumstances.

For additional information, visit: www.Ready.gov & www.mass.gov/mema/ready



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Council on Aging Outreach Worker

Greetings! I am Valerie M. Roberts-Toler and I have recently been hired by the Council on Aging as the Outreach Worker. This is a new position and the purpose of my work will be to work with the council in connecting senior citizens with resources that will support them as they continue to enjoy life out here in the hill town of Granville. Working with emergency preparedness personnel we will also work to have systems in place that will help keep everyone safe in the face of extreme weather, which we seem to be experiencing more of in recent years.

I am getting started by putting together a folder of available resources. Once that is accomplished I plan to come to visit senior citizens in their homes. I will, of course, call first to make sure this is convenient. I look forward to meeting everyone.

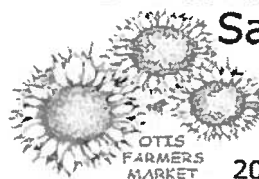
Having grown up in Granville, my dad is Ed Roberts Sr., it has been a joy to return to what my mother often spoke of as "God's Country!" I treasure being close to my favorite senior citizen of all—my dad! Living in the home where I grew up on South Lane has been a blessing to my husband and our three kids, the last of which has just begun college in Boston. With a newly empty nest, and a part time appointment serving the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, I am in a new chapter with time for this new adventure.

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WESTFIELD RIVER CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sponsored by the Westfield River Watershed Association

Saturday, October 5

WESTFIELD, Mass. (September 22, 2013) – On Saturday, October 5, piles of trash and large debris will be removed from various rivers and streams in the Westfield River watershed by volunteers of all ages. This annual cleanup is sponsored by the Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA).

The Westfield River cleanup is part of the annual Connecticut River Source to Sea (www.ctriver.org) effort that involves communities from the Canadian Border to Long Island Sound helping care for their local rivers.

Volunteers for the 2013 Westfield River cleanup should gather no later than 9:00 a.m. at one of two meeting points for a brief orientation and their site assignments. In Westfield, they will

meet in the parking lot on Meadow Street near the new bridge. In Agawam, volunteers should gather at the Pynchon Point parking lot near the South End bridge circle on River Road in Agawam. Clean-up assignments are generally completed by 1:00 pm or earlier.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult. The Westfield River Watershed Association will provide gloves and trash bags and will arrange pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site. For questions, contact Mark Damon for Westfield area sites at 413-572-9991, mjdamon@verizon.net or contact Sheryl Becker for Agawam area sites at 413-374-1921, sher1earth69@gmail.com.

The Westfield River Watershed Association was established in 1953 to protect and improve the natural resources of the watershed, as well as to expand recreational and other land use opportunities for people's enjoyment and for sound ecology. To learn more, visit www.westfieldriver.org.



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