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THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE COUNCIL ON AGING NEEDS YOU!

The efficient running of the municipality requires more than just town employees and elected officials. Volunteers are needed to keep the wheels of government turning. We are in need of members to serve on the **Council on Aging**. This board 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.

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

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.

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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



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School House Excerpts from the old Town Reports

Annual Report of the Town of Granville

For the year ending March 1, 1894

This is an excerpt from Superintendent's Report

10 School houses, 16 different Teachers, pupils between age 5-15, 15 pupils over 15 and 5 pupils under 5 years of age, total enrollment during the year 219.

Enrollment per school

Grammar School, Granville	20
Primary School, Granville	32
Northeast District	18
East Granville School	32
North Lane, East Granville	26
South Lane, East Granville	18
South Lane, West Granville	16
Ore Hill	29
Beech Hill	21
Union School-Two Terms	7

The school-houses are all in fair condition, although a few small repairs are needed on some. I North Lane the school-house is not large enough to accommodate the pupils when all attend. This has interfered somewhat with the work of the school. Should the need of more room continue, the school-house will have to be enlarged, or a part of the scholars transported to some other school. The school-rooms all need cleaning and this ought to be attended to before another term, as some of them are in a very filthy condition. If we wish to train our boys and girls in habits of tidiness and respectability, we must surround them with tidy and respectable conditions.

Respectfully submitted, U.G. Wheeler

While reading these old Town Reports I was struck (but should not have been) with the condition of our schools. Mostly they were a product of the times. My Grandfather LeClair went to the Ore Hill school, My Dad and his siblings went to the South Lane school in West Granville (Crest Lane) he remembers the only lighting were the windows, an anti room where the stove heated the class room and heated water for washing your hands and an area to hang your coats. He can't remember if there was water to drink.

Linda Blakesley

Excerpts from the Superintendent's Report of the year 1896

Paint is still needed on certain buildings. South Lane ought to have seats. Chimneys and underpinning should be looked after in several places. West Granville building are not properly supplied with out houses, and in some other places these are out of repair. "the out houses should be properly constructed, the building for boys and girls widely separated; if out of doors, separated by tight board fence or wall. The doors should be locked nights the buildings inspected daily by teachers and janitor. And be kept neat and decent." Beech Hill, South Land and Granville center need more black board space, and the boards in several rooms keeps crumbling away and sometime must be done for these boards soon. Stone state boards are best and cheapest in the end.

Whenever a new stove is put into a building hereafter, arrangement should be made for ventilation the room so as to insure the children a supply of warm, fresh air.

Respectfully submitted, Fairfield Whitney

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School House Excerpts *continued*

Excerpts from the Superintendent's Report of the year 1914

School Sanitation and Equipment

In order to approach conditions which may be considered ideal with reference to school sanitation and equipment, the matters listed below must receive careful attention.

1. Ventilation and heating. There is no adequate system of ventilation and heating in any of our buildings. Pupils sitting near the stove are frequently overheated while those in the back of the room are cold. The bad effects of the foul air are often apparent to one entering a room out-school of-doors on a cold day in winter. Undoubtedly the most satisfactory way to correct the above mentioned evils is to install a school room furnace or connection heater. Such a furnace requires no basement, provides an inlet for sufficient fresh air, and outlet for foul air and heats all parts of the room to an even temperature. It should have a large openable door in the casing so that children may dry their clothes and get warm quickly on cold and storm mornings. Every heater purchased should be accompanied by a written guarantee.
2. Lighting. The most approved method of lighting at eh present time is to have the light come only from the left side and rear of the pupils. The area of glass in windows should be from one fifth to one quarter of the floor area. Shades should be provided at tip and bottoms of windows so that the light may be properly controlled on bright days.
3. Water. A plentiful supply of pure water should always be available for drinking and washing. Each school should have its own supply and not have to depend upon the generosity of neighbors. The state law prohibiting the use of the common towel and common drinking cup in public places has made some action by school officials necessary. Paper towels are recommenced as the cheapest and most practicable. Although nothing can equal a sanitary drinking fountain yet a large jar with faucets attached and individual drinking cups may be satisfactory under right conditions. The drinking cups should be frequently washed and hung in an enclosed space. The initials of each pupils should be clearly painted upon the cup which he uses. Good enamel drinking cups may be purchased for school at five cents apiece.
4. Sweeping compound to keep down the dust.
5. Adjustable seats and desks.
6. Fire extinguisher at every school. This would be a protection not only for the school, but for the entire neighborhood. A good one can be bought for \$6.50.
7. Text books provided with clean paper covers at the beginning of every year.
8. School buildings and privies effectually screened against flies and mosquitoes. Good wire screens can be purchase at from thirty-five cents to forty-five cents apiece.
9. School houses and outhouses should be absolutely free from all defacing and obscene marks.
10. Galvanized iron garbage cans for the school yards. Good ones can be purchased for one dollar apiece.
11. More state blackboards are greatly needed for several school in town.
12. A few more good pictures in our school rooms and a few more swings and see-saws on the playgrounds would also help to make our school more attractive.

Respectfully submitted Josiah S. McCann

NEWS RELEASE

Local author, poet and musician Philip Pothier has published his collected works in a new book, "Songs and Poems from the Heart". These are truly "Poems and songs from the heart". The poems reflect insight into many years of country life in Granville. They bring to memory the nostalgic country ways and activities of a by-gone era, many of which still survive today.

Most of these he learned from old farmers in town and are part of over forty years of country living. The song lyrics represent over fifty years of loving and serving the Lord. They present both joy and sorrow, but end with victory in Jesus! All come from the heart of the author to you!

About the Author:

Philip Pothier was born in 1942, and makes his home in Granville, Massachusetts. He traces his love of music and poetry to his childhood. Almost every member of his family, all ten of them, played an instrument and sang. His grandfather gave piano lessons and his maternal grandfather amassed a large collection of records starting about 1910. Every weekend, in lieu of television, the Pothiers would gather around the piano and sing a wide variety of old songs. In addition, when he was little, his mother would read poems and books to the children every night. While in high school he wrote poems for extra credit. In 1997, when his mother was 89, he gathered a collection of those poems she had read and issued a memorial collection to family members. When he had finished he began to write his own. In 1966 he gave his heart to Jesus and began to write Gospel songs as well. He has sung and played in many places across the country, from Catalina Island to the Carterfold in Hilton's Virginia and sings often in local churches. He is the leader of a local band called "The Berkshire Mountain Boys". He continues to sing, play his autoharp and write poems and articles for Southwoods Magazine. Both the book and CD containing eight of his own songs are available at Cooley and Company, 66 Granby Road in Granville or from the author at 210 Sodom Street also in Granville (357-6618) or on line from the publisher, covenantbooks.com.

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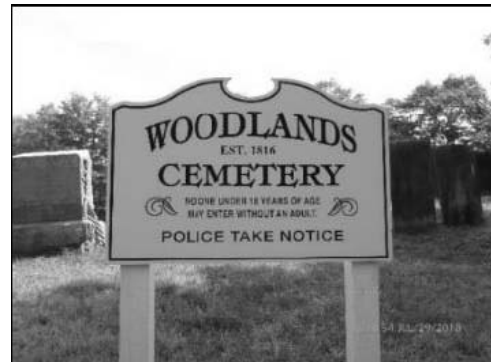
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Contact us for information:

Carolyn Donatini

Dorrie Holmes

WoodlandsCem@comcast.net

Woodlands Cemetery Update and History

MCC has completed this year's restoration of monuments in Main Road Cemetery and Northeast Cemetery as well as a repair in West Granville Cemetery. It's good to have made some progress and begun the serious preservation of our history that these sites deserve. We will try very hard to continue the efforts for next year and thereafter as needed.



On top of a wooded hill on the high side of Blandford Road is the Granville Centre Water Company. Last month, the company celebrated its 110th year of operation.

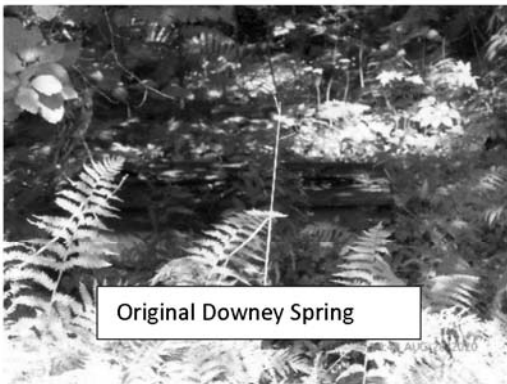
John C. Stevenson, grandson of Hattie Cooley Stevenson, provides us with this history:

GRANVILLE CENTRE WATER COMPANY

The Granville Centre Water Company was the concept of Hattie Cooley Stevenson, owner of the Cooley House at 662 Main Road. She negotiated with Kate Downey for 34 acres and the "Downey Spring" across from 154 Blandford Road in exchange for free water as long as Kate Downey owned that residence. The Company was organized under Chapter 486 of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on July 15, 1910. Its first President was John M. Stevenson. The Massachusetts Department of Health declared that the water of the Downey Spring was of excellent quality for drinking. The six inch cast iron pipeline was laid in the summer of 1910 and service began in October. The Company allowed anyone living along the route of the line (Blandford and Main Roads) to take water at their residence for a small fee. Several rate increases have been approved by Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, or its predecessor, since. The Company currently serves 27 residences plus the Granville Town Hall, Granville Firehouse and the Old Meeting House.



Hattie Cooley Stevenson
1852-1918

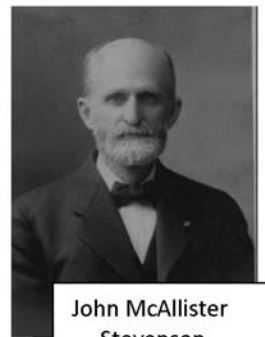


Original Downey Spring

At some point in the 1920's or 1930's the company offered to run the water down the hill to Granville Village for the shared cost of the project. The major cost factor was building a pressure reduction system before the water reached the village. The cost of the system proved to be too great for the residents of the village to approve the project.

Management of the company originally consisted of John M. Stevenson, followed by Holland N. Stevenson (assisted by Edward A. Jensen), then Katherine B.

Stevenson and finally, John C. Stevenson. At present, the Board of Directors consists of John C. Stevenson, William B. Stevenson, Elizabeth S English, Christina Teter and William H. Stevenson.



John McAllister
Stevenson
1846-1916

Until 1950, the Company was supplied water by the Downey Spring, when a severe drought forced the Company to drill a 210 foot artesian well off Blandford Road. (It is believed that the well is tapped into an underground stream.) Water was stored in a 50,000 gallon underground masonry cistern located close to the Downey Spring.

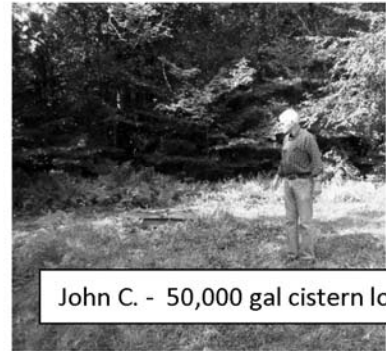
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Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd

In 2006, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities made the Company replace the storage cistern with a 15,000 gallon fiberglass storage tank connected only to the artesian well, thus becoming an entirely sealed system. (The cistern still remains available for emergency use.)

The Company is regulated for water quality by Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. The Company is tested for Coliform (monthly), Nitrates (annually), Secondary Contaminants (annually), Inorganics including Sodium (annually). The following tests are taken on various three year schedules: Iron, Lead and Copper, Manganese, Nitrite, Synthetic Organic Chemicals and Radium. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities physically inspects the Company's facilities every three years.

The Company is one of the very few untreated systems in Massachusetts and may be the smallest investor-owned water systems in the State.



John C. - 50,000 gal cistern location

Currently, that artesian well at 89 Blandford Rd. pumps water up the mountain to the fiberglass tank buried at the top. A pump lasts about 10 years. Water from the tank is then provided via cast iron pipes to the 30 customers by gravity. In 2006 when the huge (50,000 gallon, 32 feet in diameter, 10 feet deep) masonry, rock and sand cistern was replaced by the fiberglass tank, the tank was delivered from Maryland on a flatbed truck. Without enough room to turn around at the top, the truck had to back down the narrow, winding, rather steep access road from the top of the hill back to Blandford Road. It did get done but with considerable difficulty. To supply the 30 customers, the well pumps about 7000 gallons per day in dry times like this summer and about 5500 gallons per day in normal times. John and his daughter built the well house that covers the artesian well access. If there is a power failure, the pump will stop but gravity from the tank will continue to serve the 30 customers for about 2-3 days.



John C. and the artesian well



John McAllister Stevenson
(1818-1872)
Cambridge, NY



Hattie C. (1852-1918) and John M.
Stevenson (1846-1916)
Pittsfield, MA

In addition to the Water Company, the Stevenson family has long been instrumental in the success and maintenance of our Woodlands Cemetery. Both John M. and Hattie were among the "originators" of Woodlands Cemetery in Granville in 1912. They served as organizers and officers. They are buried in Pittsfield, MA. Interestingly, John McAllister Stevenson's father, also named John McAllister Stevenson (1818-1872), was the "First President of Woodlands Cemetery", as engraved on his monument. That Woodlands Cemetery is in Cambridge, NY. The family carried the name to Granville.

Hattie Cooley Stevenson is a direct descendant of Timothy Mather Cooley as is John C.

From the members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association, WoodlandsCem@comcast.net.

Credits: John C. Stevenson, findagrave.com, ancestry.com, Woodlands Cemetery Association Minutes.



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Capt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator

How to stay safe this heating season...

Be aware of Carbon Monoxide (CO) dangers!

CO is of particular concern during cold weather when doors and windows are closed, and heating appliances such as wood stoves and furnaces are in full operation. Here are some simple tips to keep you and your family safe:

- ♦ You cannot see or smell Carbon Monoxide. Working CO detectors are the only way to detect it in your home. You should have working CO alarms outside every sleeping area, and on every level of your home.
- ♦ CO alarms should be tested monthly. If it is a plug in type detector make sure it has a battery backup.
- ♦ If your CO alarm sounds, get outside to fresh air immediately and call 911. GFD will meter your home to ensure the air is safe.
- ♦ Operate portable generators outside, check your furnace and fireplace for proper exhaust ventilation. Loose or broken pipes should be fixed immediately.

Heating Fire Facts -

Heating caused nearly 10,000 fires in Massachusetts over the last five years. Heating is the second leading cause of home fires in the state.

- ♦ Have furnaces and chimneys checked by a professional every year before the start of the heating season. Fuel assistance programs can help homeowners with maintenance and repair costs.
- ♦ Wood, Pellet and Coal Stoves - These solid fuel stoves require a permit from the local building inspector to ensure they are installed safely

and properly. Dispose of ashes in a metal container, with a lid, away from the house, garage, and porch.

- ♦ Space Heaters Need Space - Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from space heaters.
- ♦ Unvented Kerosene Heaters Illegal in Massachusetts - Dangerous unvented kerosene heaters are illegal in Massachusetts, but they are still available in other states. They pose both fire and carbon monoxide risks.

Together, we can improve the life safety and well-being of our Granville residents!

The all-volunteer members of The Granville Fire Department are proud to serve our residents 24/7. Please visit our web page at <http://www.granvillefire.net> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org



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GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Transitional Pastor: Dr. Rev. John Wilson

Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings at the church.

Online Services are continuing and can be found on YouTube and Facebook starting at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who bought Ham and Bean dinners last month. Our Curbside Pick Up Church Supper was hugely successful and the response was so great that we're doing it again. This time the menu will be Roasted Pork Loin, yams, roll, homemade applesauce and chocolate tarts for dessert. Please see the flyer in the Caller for more information.

Agape School in Uganda

We continue to ask for prayer for Pastor Steve and the children and families at the Agape School in Uganda. CoVid 19 has hurt the operation of the school and the government in Uganda seems to be less supportive of faith based schools. Please pray for them.

Operation Christmas Child is Back!

Last year we were able to send 13 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child to be sent to children around the world. We're hoping to increase the number of boxes we send this year. To participate, simply fill a standard size shoebox with items appropriate for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old. Suggested items might be a stuffed animal, doll, hygiene stuff such as combs, toothbrushes, etc., school supplies and just fun stuff. Please include a check for \$9 to cover shipping costs. You can drop the boxes off at the church on Sunday mornings or at Fran's house at 23 Water St. Collection dates are Nov. 16th to Nov. 20. (or earlier) More information can be found at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC. Or call Fran at 357-6492. Thank you.

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Karen Rahn to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

The Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens for functions, complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs and kitchen facilities. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-9090.

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 357-6610, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Boy Scout Troop 114 is having their Annual Scouting for Food.

Drop off will be at the Town Hall ,
November 21 from 9 AM till noon.

If you need someone to come and
pick up your donation you can
call Tyler at 357-3132
before November 21.

We are also collecting for the
Our Community Food pantry;
serving Southwick Tolland Granville

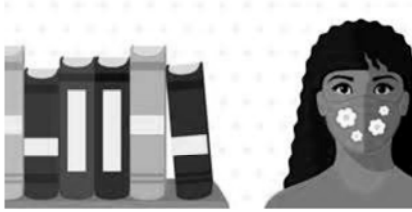
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- Broken: Don Winslow
- Troubles in Paradise: Elin Hilderbrand
- Royal: Danielle Steel,
- Conjure Women: Afia Atakora
- Long Range: C. J.Box
- Betty: Tiffany McDaniel
- Comeback: Ella Berman
- Just Like You: Nick Hornby
- Awakening, The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 1: Nora Roberts
- Net Force: Dark Web: Preisler & Clancy & Pieczenik

Young People's Fiction

Fowl Twins: Erin Colfer
Just South of Home: Karen Strong
Magicians Trilogy Boxed Set: Lev Grossman:
The Magicians; The Magician King; The Magician's Land
Silver Arrow, Lev Grossman

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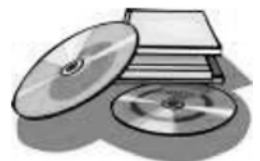
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 - Computer use is available



Children's Picture Books:

Frankenstein Doesn't Wear Earmuffs! John Loren
Serious Goose: Jimmy Kimmel
Fern and Otto: A Story about Two Best Friends: Stephanie Graegin
Whoa, Dog. Whoa! How to Relax: Inspired by P.D. Eastman's Go, Dog. Go!
There's a Skeleton Inside You! Idan Ben-Barak
Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx: Joe Todd-Stanton
Kai and the Monkey King: Brownstone's Mythical: Joe Todd-Stanton
Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built: Angela Burke Kunkel
One-Stop Story Shop: Tracey Corderoy

New DVDs- Movie Industry is slow due to Covid!
Happy Halloween Scooby Doo!-G
Save Yourself- R
The Outpost- R
TV Series- NOS4A2 Season 1&2



Granville Public Library continued

New Adult Non-Fiction Books

- Kindness and Wonder: Why Mister Rogers Matters Now More Than Ever: Gavin Edwards
- Storey's Curious Compendium of Practical and Obscure Skills: 214 Things You Can Actually Learn...
- Everything Beautiful in Its Time: Seasons of Love and Loss: Jenna Bush Hager
- Perfect Predator: A Scientist's Race to Save Her Husband from a Deadly Superbug: A Memoir: Steffanie Strathee
- Wandering in Strange Lands: A Daughter of the Great Migration Reclaims Her Roots: Morgan Jerkins
- Chance: Escape from the Holocaust: Uri Shulevitz
- Body: A Guide for Occupants: Bill Bryson,
- Underland: A Deep Time Journey: Robert MacFarlane

Young people's Non-Fiction Books:**Art**

- Fantastic Origami Flying Creatures:

Biographies

- Stephen Hawking: Celebrated Physicist
- Greta Thunberg: Climate Crisis Activist

Social Studies

- Constitution Decoded: A Guide to the Document That Shapes Our Nation

Understanding Diversity

- Channel Kindness: Stories of Kindness and Community
- Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation
- Talk: Conversations about Race, Love & Truth
- One Earth: People of Color Protecting Our Planet
- Generation Brave: The Gen Z Kids Who Are Changing the World



**Young People's Science Comic Series –
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 Volcanoes: Fire and Life
 Plagues: The Microscopic Battlefield
 Dogs: From Predator to Protector
 Sharks: Nature's Perfect Hunter
 Robots and Drones: Past, Present, and Future
 Skyscrapers: The Heights of Engineering

The Brain: The Ultimate Thinking Machine
 Crows: Genius Birds
 Cars: Engines That Move You
 Polar Bears: Survival on the Ice
 Rockets: Defying Gravity
 Rocks and Minerals: Geology from Caverns to the Cosmos
Other New Science books
 What Is Covid-19?
 Crispr: A Powerful Way to Change DNA

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The Town of Granville has contracted with New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) of Westfield for the collection and disposal of various Household Hazardous Products and chemicals from Granville residents.



Residents can bring automotive wastes (oil, coolants, fluids, grease), oil based paints (including solvents, thinners aerosol cans), or household cleaning products and Lawn/Garden/Pool supplies (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, chemicals) to:

NEDT Collection Center

190 East Main Street Westfield, MA

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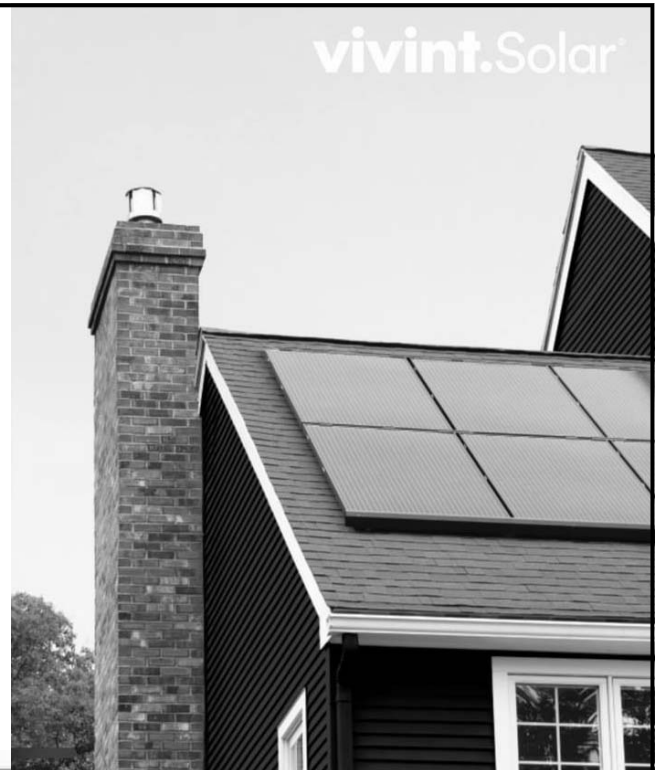
on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 4pm; or Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

The Town will pay up the first \$30.00 of disposal costs and the residents will be responsible for any balance.

More information is available on the Transfer Station page of the Town of Granville website:

www.townofgranville.net or www.nedt.org

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Anthony Oleksak,

Danny, age 71, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2020 at his home after a challenging, three-year journey with cancer. He was cared for by some of the most kind and brilliant professionals in their field. He was strong-willed and positive, never complaining and never giving up hope—an inspiration to his loved ones. Danny was known for his strong dedicative work ethic, positive attitude, humble persona and fun-loving nature. He was quirky and one of a kind. You would rarely see him without his John Deere cap or a big smile. He always had a story to tell. Danny loved his simple life, and it was hard not to love him.

Danny was born in Westfield, MA on December 8, 1948 to the late Andrew T. Jr. and Salamea (Sally) (Bannish) Oleksak. Danny grew up in Westfield, alongside his family-run business, Oleksak Lumber, founded in 1922. The family often spent their summers at their farm in Chesterfield, MA. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School and Saint Mary's High School, both in Westfield. He went on to study at Holyoke Community College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, earning a Master of Forestry in 1974 while concurrently serving in the Air National Guard. He was a licensed forester, timber harvester and land surveyor and co-owned the family's fourth generation lumber business with his brother, Andy. He was actively involved in local conservation commissions, the Massachusetts Forest Alliance, the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau. He took pride in managing and cultivating the family-owned timberlands in order to carry on his predecessors' legacy to future generations. He loved being in the woods, surrounded by the trees and wildlife—where he found peace and calm. He was often known for being accompanied in his truck by one or more of the family dogs on his everyday adventures.

Danny married his wife Charlcy in 1974 when they settled in Granville to raise their family. They became heavily rooted in a caring, selfless and fun-loving community of neighbors and friends. Danny volunteered his time as a little league coach, worked hard to park cars in the center of town during the annual Harvest Fair—donating all of the money earned to the town. On the fourth of July his responsibility was that of the 'corn man' at the annual BBQ and dance on the town green. He will be missed dearly by his community. He was a man of many skills. He had any tool or piece of equipment on hand that was needed and was constantly going above and beyond to lend a hand to any of his friends, family and neighbors in need. He served on the town finance and conservation committees and committed many volunteer hours to the Granville Federated Church. He and his wife enjoyed many travels around the world—Danny made friends wherever he would go. He was fortunate to take a trip to Eastern Europe with his daughter, visiting the small villages from which his family immigrated.

Danny leaves his wife of 45 years, Charlcy (Stallsmith) Oleksak. He also leaves his son Nathan Daniel Oleksak and daughter-in-law Ann C. Nordahl. He leaves his daughter Katie Bannish Oleksak and cherished granddaughter Lily Daniel Oleksak. He took pride in being a grandfather—he and his granddaughter could not stop smiling whenever they were around one another. He was sweet, sensitive and loving to all of his family. He also leaves his brother, Andrew T. Oleksak, III and wife Modwyn; his sister Donna Michel and wife Pat Sicard; his sister Jo-Ann Orluk and husband Stephen; and sister and brother-in law Nan and Gary Pease. Danny also leaves behind beloved nieces and nephews; Jennifer, Sarah, Charlotte, Nick, Andrew & Jessa; Rebecca, Mark and Kristen and many great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles who adored him—everybody loved their 'Uncle Danny'. While he is no longer here with his family in the present, he will forever be in their hearts.



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