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Tue. October 5th 2pm-8pm

Town Hall

Bring insurance card or if you don't have insurance, contact Town Hall at 357-8585 to get information on how to apply for a free voucher.

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THE GREEN COMMITTEE PAVILION PROJECT

The pavilion project was put on hold for over a year due to COVID. We are now trying to resurrect it. We thought between \$6 and 10,000.00 would accomplish this, we now know that was a pipe dream. As of now we have several proposals. 1. for a kit for us to assemble or 2. The company would be assembling on site. We will need \$40,000.00 plus to see this through. We will have a meeting on Tuesday October 12 at 6:00pm on the Green, anyone interested please call me at 413-627-4843, or just show up. We need to put heads together and discuss if we should hire a contractor, do it ourselves, purchase a kit or any other options. The dimensions are twenty-four by thirty feet with an open concept. The picture below is what we have in mind. Our goal is to have this ready for our Independence Day Festivities in 2022. As of now we have just over \$22000.00, thanks to a generous \$11000.00 donation from Jay & Ann LeClair, and their company Janco! Anyone wishing to donate please sent a check to the Granville Town Hall, PO Box 247, 01034 indicating it is for the Pavilion.



Thank you for your support

The Green Committee



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department would like you to meet Matt Ripley!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

This month we have decided to go a different route from our usual articles. In an effort to familiarize the town with the current department members, we are going to be taking the time to recognize one member a month until we have introduced all of our current members to the community. This month we would like to start simple and introduce you to the current Chief of the Fire Department. So, without further ado, we are pleased to introduce Matt Ripley!

Matt has been a vital part of the department since he joined May 4th, 2010. That's 11 years of serving the beautiful town of Granville. Matt says the desire to help his community and to make a difference was the main factor to joining the department and there is no doubt he has done all that and more. In 2014 Matt was promoted to Lieutenant and then again to interim Chief on September 1st, 2016, and finally to Chief on October 16th, 2016. During his time on the department Matt has achieved certifications in Fire I & II as well as Hazmat Operations Level Responder.

The list of accomplishments in regard to the department that Matt could talk about is astounding, but if you asked him what he's most proud of accomplishing during his time as chief, it would be as follows. "The building of the membership and moral on the department to a higher level to ensure the department continues providing a higher level of service to the town".

When Matt is not working at the department you can find him at his full-time job at Elm Electric where he is an account manager. He started at Elm Electric as an electrician during his senior year at Westfield Vocational Technical High School and has continued to work there for the past 13 years. When Matt is not spending his time at work or the fire department you can often find him spending his time fishing or with his friends and family.

We hope that if you see Matt out around the town that you will stop to say hi and get to know him some more. Matt is a staple of this town and his time on the department has done nothing but solidify that. We are grateful to have him as our Chief and look forward to many more years with him.

We would also like to remind you that September is Emergency Preparedness month and if you have not already, we urge you to visit townofgranville.net/emergency-management for important updates. We also urge you to sign up for our code red service, which will notify you of emergency situations and critical community alerts.

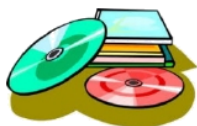
Granville Public Library

2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 · granvillepubliclibrary.org

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**Monday 10 AM-Noon and 5-8 PM, Tuesday closed, Wednesday 3-8 PM,
Thursday 10 AM-Noon and 3-6 PM, Friday Closed, Saturday 10 AM-Noon.**

DVDs



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| _____ <i>When Hope Calls: Season 1</i> | _____ <i>The Switch</i> |
| _____ <i>A Quiet Place Part II</i> | _____ <i>The Time Traveler's Wife</i> |
| _____ <i>Just Go With It</i> | _____ <i>Mortal Kombat</i> |
| _____ <i>Something Borrowed</i> | _____ <i>The Quick and the Dead</i> |
| _____ <i>Shameless: Complete Eleventh Season</i> | _____ <i>Queen Bees</i> |
| _____ <i>Watchmen (Widescreen Single-Disc Edition)</i> | |
| _____ <i>The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run</i> | |

History Biographies & Memoirs



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| _____ <i>Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail</i> by Ben Montgomery |
| _____ <i>Jim Bridger: Trailblazer of the American West</i> by Jerry Enzler |
| _____ <i>The World Is Not Enough: A Biography of Ian Fleming</i> by Oliver Buckton |
| _____ <i>Southwick Revisited (Images of America)</i> by Lee David Hamberg |
| _____ <i>Juneteenth: A Children's Story</i> by Opal Lee |
| _____ <i>The Bomber Mafia: A Dream... Second World War</i> by Malcolm Gladwell |
| _____ <i>Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019</i> by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain |

Religion & Spirituality Health, Mind & Body

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| _____ <i>Unyielding Hope (When Hope Calls)</i> by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan |
| _____ <i>The Climate Diet... Ways to Trim Your Carbon Footprint</i> by Paul Greenberg |
| _____ <i>Can I Recycle This? A Guide to Better Recycling...</i> by Jennie Romer |
| _____ <i>The Little Book of Cottagecore: Traditional Skills ... Life</i> by Emily Kent |
| _____ <i>The Journeys of Trees: A Story about Forests, ... Future</i> by Zach St. George |
| _____ <i>Bee People and the Bugs They Love</i> by Frank Mortimer |

Literature & Fiction Romance Mysteries & Thrillers

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| _____ <i>A Lady in Attendance</i> by Rachel Fordham |
| _____ <i>Come Back to Me (Waters of Time)</i> by Jody Hedlund |
| _____ <i>The Stepsisters: A Novel</i> by Susan Mallery |
| _____ <i>Blackberry Beach: A Hope Harbor Novel</i> by Irene Hannon |
| _____ <i>Sustaining Faith (When Hope Calls)</i> by Janette Oke & L. Oke Logan |
| _____ <i>The Kindred Spirits Supper Club</i> by Amy E. Reichert |
| _____ <i>The Shell Collector: A Novel</i> by Nancy Naigle |
| _____ <i>Dial A for Aunties</i> by Jesse Q. Sutanto |
| _____ <i>Fresh Water for Flowers</i> by Valérie Perrin |
| _____ <i>The Invisible Husband of Frick Island</i> by Colleen Oakley |
| _____ <i>The Music of Bees</i> by Eileen Garvin |
| _____ <i>The Last Thing He Told Me</i> by Laura Dave |
| _____ <i>Murder on Mustique</i> by Anne Glenconner |
| _____ <i>Judah's Wife: A Novel of the Maccabees (The Silent Years)</i> by Angela Hunt |
| _____ <i>The Shepherd's Wife (Jerusalem Road)</i> by Angela Hunt |



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| _____ <i>Truly Tyler (Emmie & Friends)</i> by Terri Libenson |
| _____ <i>We Are Inevitable</i> by Gayle Forman |
| _____ <i>Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood (Alex Awards)</i> by Marjane Satrapi |

A big shout out to Linda Dickinson, AnnMarie Maceyka and Bridget Nobbs for organizing and running our Summer Reading Program. It was an amazingly busy summer! Thanks for bringing your children.

Thank you!

Also thank you to the Granville Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural, a state agency for the grant money that supported many of the summer reading programs, as well as an upcoming program.



Borrow "things": Chromebooks, hotspot, microscopes, telescope, phone camera lens, binoculars, and soon, a projector and screen.

**Children's
and Young
People's
Books**



- _____ *Big Game (FunJungle)* by Stuart Gibbs
- _____ *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs
- _____ *The Karate Mouse (Geronimo Stilton)* by Geronimo Stilton
- _____ *Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire* by Ty Allan Jackson
- _____ *The Supadupa Kid 1 & 2* by Ty Allan Jackson
- _____ *When I Close My Eyes* by Ty Allan Jackson
- _____ *A Spy on the Home Front: A Molly Mystery (American Girl)* by Alison Hart
- _____ *Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- _____ *The Bad Guys in the Sever-Ending Story* by Aaron Blabey
- _____ *The Princess in Black Entire Series* by Shannon Hale
- _____ *Dog Squad* by Chris Grabenstein
- _____ *Spiders: Worldwide Webs (Science Comics)* by Tait Howard
- _____ *The Cookie Fiasco* by Mo Willems and Dan Santat
- _____ *Forever This Summer (Love Like Sky)* by Leslie C. Youngblood
- _____ *Fox at Night* by Corey R. Tabor
- _____ *Splat the Cat and the Obstacle Course* by Rob Scotton
- _____ *Nerdycorn* by Andrew Root
- _____ *Hardy Boys, Book 1-5* by Franklin W. Dixon
- _____ *Henry David Thoreau in the Woods (Little Naturalists)* by Kate Coombs
- _____ *John James Audubon Painted Birds (Little Naturalists)* by Kate Coombs
- _____ *The Adventures of John Muir (Little Naturalists)* by Kate Coombs
- _____ *Greta and the Giants* by Zoë Tucker



**“Laugh & Learn”
(for All Ages)**

October 2, 10:30 -11:30 am

Dave Maloof – a teacher, comedian, writer and musician – will discuss how and why we laugh, the health benefits of laughter, and how comedy is written and performed. He'll also

perform his own comedy songs, including “My Wife Is In Love with the Dog” and his parody of “Hush Little Baby.”

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Granville Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.



Story Time with A Princess

**Join the Enchanted Rose Princess,
presented by Something Royal
Party Company**

October 16th from 10:30-11:30!

The princess will be sharing some of her favorite stories, as well as leading the children in singing, dancing, and crafts. Don't forget to bring your

cameras, there will be time for pictures at the end of the story hour.

**Free Tutoring-Grades 1-4 at the
Granville Public Library**

Tutoring will be available at the Granville Public Library. Annmarie Macezyka, former Granville Village school

teacher, will be offering after school on Thursdays, from 3:00-4:30. Contact the Library to register. No formal start date; register when the need arises.



Thank you to Voices Rising Together for all your help with planning and preparing for this week of events. The collaboration of libraries was terrific to be part of. We hope people had a chance to participate in at least one of the events. Look for information on our future plans to educate around climate preparedness.

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

AS OF AUGUST 22nd WE HAVE RETURNED TO OUR COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

*MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED

*HAND SANITIZING

*SOCIAL DISTANCING

We appreciate your patience in all of this. Hopefully this round will not last long.

DRIVE IN/PICK UP SUPPERS

We plan to host our famous Ham and Bean supper on November 12th. It will be a Drive up supper that will work the same as our suppers last year. More specifics are in the flyer in this issue of the Caller.

AGAPE SCHOOL

Picture this: it is rainy season, cold and muddy and if your child is lucky they may have a pair of flip-flops or are just going barefoot. Recently at the Agape School, one child ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and some of the cause had to do with what I just described to you. My mission is to collect pairs of lightly used or new shoes, sneakers or boots for the orphans. Currently there are 103 orphans living there. The children range in age from 4 to 14, boys and girls alike. If you have shoes that your children are no longer using, please consider making a donation to this cause or visit your area Salvation Army or Goodwill store. Also, I would appreciate you spreading the word.

Peace and thank you,

Bobbi O'Connell 413 297-0445

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a special project that we've been able to participate in for several years. Shoeboxes are filled with toys, school and hygienic supplies and articles of clothing that are sent to children around the world. Collection this year will be the week of November 22nd to November 25th. More information to follow in the November Caller.

BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Karen Rahn 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, call 357-8583 and leave a message for Pastor Johnny. You can also call a Deacon directly:

Dale Flarida 357-8775,

Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002,

Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492,

Alan Gregg 357-6156,

Laura Fielding 357-6368,

or call our head Trustee:

Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

In Assisted Living

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Room 329, Westfield, MA 01085

***DRIVE-UP DINNER IS COMING!!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH***

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

***HAM, BAKED BEANS, BROWN BREAD
SALAD & DESSERT***



\$12.00 PER PLATE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDER BY NOVEMBER 10TH:

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 – 6:30 PM



West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Due to Covid Concerns we have cancelled our Service for October 10th. We hope to resume in November.

Our Worship Services for 2021 will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month:
November 14, 2021

December 12, 2021 - Christmas Service

All services are at 7PM.

Upcoming Events:

- **CANCELLED:** Due to the cancellation of the Harvest Fair we will not be having our Scarecrow Contest - Columbus Day Weekend.
- **NEW!** 2021 Trick Or Treat with the Scarecrows Sunday Halloween, Oct 31st 3-5PM

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!
<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>

2021 Halloween Trick or Treating



Where: The West Granville Congregational Church Lawn
Date: Halloween - October 31, 2021
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

The West Granville Church will be having a socially distant display of all things Halloween – Our scarecrows will serve as the hosts and have Tricks & Treats. Kids will be able to “Trick or Treat” on a one-way walk thru the scarecrows and display from 3-5 on Sunday. Tricks and Treats for all.

Please contact us if you would like to participate by bringing your scarecrow. Each scarecrow will have its own socially distant space allotted!

Set up will be on Halloween at 1PM

Contact: Deborah Boulanger: 413-357-6360 or
Sue Beckman 413-848-1440

Marianne N. Alden

Marianne, age 88, passed away on August 3, 2021. Born in Stuttgart, Germany on April 2, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Adolf and Maria (Umgelter) Neef. Marianne made her way to the United States at just 18 years old, when she traveled alone to settle in Springfield, MA, where she worked at a family bakery. It was in Springfield that she would soon meet her husband, Robert Alden, to whom she married in 1956.

Marianne and Robert settled in Granville, MA where they established their home and built their family together. Marianne was a staple in the Granville community, and will be lovingly remembered by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. For 29 years, Marianne and Robert owned and operated Granville's Humphrey's Garage. In that time, if you ever brought your car to Humphrey's, it's likely that you were greeted by Marianne's joyful face and big personality.

Marianne also worked at Pat's Greenhouse in Granville for many years, patiently transplanting seeds, creating beautiful flower baskets, and chatting with anyone who stopped by. If you were lucky enough, you may have had the chance to be personally delivered one of Marianne's famous homemade fruit stollens or a delicious soup, as she loved cooking as a way to show her appreciation to her friends and neighbors.

In her spare time, Marianne was very active in the Springfield Turnverein Club, where she cherished the opportunity to sing and share meals alongside her beloved club members. Marianne could often be found with her green thumb, tending to her garden and numerous indoor plants. She enjoyed going to the casino, relaxing by playing a board game, working on a puzzle, and enjoying an evening cocktail. Marianne was always happy to host her friends and family, cooking delicious meals, with homemade spaetzle and rouladen being some of her staples. She loved talking on the phone and sharing stories with whoever could lend an ear; and her infectious laugh is something you would never forget, as she was always ready to crack a joke or two. Marianne was the true matriarch of her family, and she was the big-hearted, boisterous glue that held everyone together. To cherish her memory, Marianne leaves her husband of 64 years, Robert Alden; her daughters Susan Petersen and her husband Karl, Karen Peebles and her husband Rick and Barbara Marcotte and her husband Michael; her grandchildren Melissa, Joseph, Kyle, Ke-Andre, Jameson and Nicole; her great grandchildren Sarah, Lukas, Savannah, Ethan, Zoe and Dakota; along with her brother Dieter Neef and his wife Hanne, as well as her niece Tanja and her nephew Bernhard.

Edwin A. Beckwith

Edwin rejoined his loving wife Toni of 71 years, passing away peacefully in his sleep on September 12, 2021, at 93 years old. Ed lived a full life and will be missed by many. He had many accomplishments in his lifetime but was a humble optimist. Pages could be written about his accomplishments. He was born June 1, 1928 the son of Stanley Beckwith and Maude (Holcomb) Beckwith. He worked on the Beckwith farm milking cows; tending to the apple orchard at the age of 16. He was also a partner with his father in S.E. Beckwith Livestock and Son in Granville, MA. Throughout the years they were involved in shipping livestock from New England and Canada to several midwestern and southern states. As the farming industry in New England began to diminish, Ed had to switch economic gears. In the late 70's he founded Beckwith Dressed Meats by selling

whole pigs and pork sides to various Hispanic markets in the Hartford and Springfield areas with his son Robert. He Incorporated in 1980 forming Hilltown Pork Inc. His other two sons, Edwin S. and Richard, joined the business. From it's merger beginnings, Hilltown Pork Inc. grew to a multi-million dollar business serving a multi-state region. Hilltown Pork Inc. is literally a family business. At different times all of his children, some of his daughter-in-laws and 1 granddaughter-in-law, grandchildren, and some of his great-grandchildren have worked for the business he started. In addition to his business Ed had many extracurricular activities in his lifetime. He was on the Granville Recreation Committee, coached Little League Baseball, Board of Corporators Westfield Bank, Board of Health, Chief of Police, and serving on The Board of Selectman in Granville for over 20 years. He always found time to play in the Granville setback team competing in with other setback leagues in the surrounding hilltowns. He received much enjoyment in supporting the 4-H Beef sale at The Eastern States Exposition by purchasing the Grand or Reserve Champion for over 10 years.

As he joined his loving wife Toni, he leaves behind 1 sister Dorothy (Beckwith) Acus of Southampton, MA and was predeceased by his sister Carolyn (Beckwith) Oliveries of Puerto Rico. Three sons Edwin S. (Cheryl) Granville, MA, Richard (Paula) Stephentown, NY, Robert of Granville, MA and a very special daughter Mary Ellen Beckwith of Granville, MA, who was a tireless caregiver for our mom and dad and who faithfully fulfilled mom's last wish of taking care of dad after she passed. They don't come any better than our sister Mary. There is also 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who will miss him immensely.

Joseph W. LeClair Jr.

Joe, age 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 10, 2021 at his home in West Granville surrounded by his family. Joe was born in a house in West Granville and grew up on North Lane with his parents, Joseph W. LeClair Sr and Edna M. (Newman) LeClair. He is predeceased by his siblings, Edward LeClair, Richard LeClair, Don LeClair and Joan (LeClair) Clendenin.

Joe started school in West Granville on South Lane (now Crest Lane), it was a one room schoolhouse. He was a WW II Veteran serving in the Navy as a radioman. While living in Granville raising his family, he started his own construction/home building company. He also worked in blueberries, was the town building inspector for many years, member of the Recreational Committee and the Lions Club.

Joe was a great friend and mentor to a lot of people. He would hire and train many people during his years as a construction company/owner. He never met a person he could not help.

Joe is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. (Dalrymple) LeClair, daughter Linda Blakesley and husband Bill of Granville; Jay LeClair and wife Ann of Cocoa, FL; David LeClair and wife Mary of Chilhowie, VA; Rob LeClair and wife Josie of Katy, TX. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

A private memorial will be held for the family at a later date.