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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+)

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By submitting my entry, I will not hold the Granville Meeting House, Historical Society or the Town of Granville

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

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



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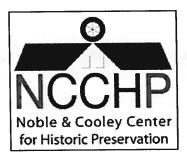
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Here's what's happening at the NCCHP museum at the drum factory in September! Mark your calendars and visit soon.

On Wednesday, 9/11 at 6:30, the free monthly Living History series features camera collector Bill Fournier presenting a program about camera history. From bellows cameras to Brownies to 35mm SLR's, Bill will illustrate some of the high points in the history of photography using cameras, equipment, images and ephemera from his collection. As an added bonus, you are invited to bring your old/antique camera and Bill will help identify it and estimate its value. This event will kick off the museums' new rotating exhibit about the history of photography that includes cameras of all sizes, shapes and ages as well as other photographic equipment and unique photographs. If you have old cameras, photography equipment or photographs you are willing to lend to NCCHP for the exhibit, please contact us.

Free Monthly Movie Night on Wednesday, September 25th from 7:00 – 9:00 will feature short films on historic topics. Come take a step back in time and learn about how things were made "back in the day".

The museum still has outdoor vendor spaces available during the **Granville Harvest Fair**, **October 12-14**th. The 10x10 spaces (bring your own tent) are available for \$85 for the three day weekend. For more information contact Carol weekdays at 413-357-8814.

The NCCHP museum at the Drum Shop is located at 42 Water Street in Granville and is open for tours on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 12:00 – 3:00. Tours for groups of

ten or more are available weekdays by appointment (call 413-357-8814). Museum admission is free for NCCHP members; \$5 for adults and \$3 for children for nonmembers. New tour feature – a "Build Your Own Drum" option for \$15 that includes a tour of the museum, a cord and ear drum kit and instructions on how to "string" your own drum. Fun and challenging for all ages.

The Gift Shop is open weekdays year round from 9:00 – 4:00 as well as whenever the museum is open for tours and features hand crafted items made by local artists, potters, woodcrafters, quilters, authors and more!

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Seniors' News Letter

Love received and love given is the best form of therapy/ Our next birthday party will be here soon and we will be celebrating September and October birthday's on Monday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. Please keep this date open and come join us. While here we will be set up to do blood pressure checks for anyone interested.

On Monday's at the Town Hall from 1:30 to 4:00 we play cards and other games. Please keep the day open and come join us as we have lots of fun, refreshments are provided.

If you have anything you would like to do for activities or any news you would like to put in the Senior News Letter please give me a call Dottie Bettinger 357-6698.

Helpful Hints for fall prevention:

Exercise regularly to build your strength and improve balance and coordination

Ask your doctor or other health care provider about the best physical exercise for you

Do not rush to answer the telephone or door bell

Take your time; being rushed or distracted increases your chance of falling

Get out of chairs slowly, sit a moment before getting out of bed, stand and get your balance before you walk

Clear the way

Keep all tripping hazards out of your pathway (papers, books, electrical cords, shoes, etc.)
Always keep objects off the stairways

In winter keep the walkways clear, if needed ask for help with snow and ice removal

Look out for yourself

Have you had your eyes checked? See an eye specialist at least once a year, poor vision can increase your chances for tripping and falling

There will be more on fall prevention in the next issue of the newsletter.

Helpful Hints

In case of a bad storm and there is chance of losing power, fill your bath tub with water

Fill empty plastic bottles (with screw tops) with water and place in freezer these ice bottles will be handy for use in refrigerator and freezer to keep food cold, like an old Ice box!

Easy no bake fudge

- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 1 medium jar peanut butter
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

Put the chips and peanut butter in a microwave safe bowl for 1 minute to melt the chips and peanut butter pour milk into mixture and stir quickly

Put into a 8 x 8 in pan smoothing out and let set, cut into small squares

Options: adding chopped nuts, using any flavored chips

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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.

On September 8th we will celebrate the start of a new church year with a **Gathering Sunday** potluck luncheon after the Worship Service. Church School registration takes place this day with the first day of Church School the following Sunday.

Breakfasts continue to be a place of meeting and delicious eating. The September breakfast will be on Sunday, Sept. 15th from 8:30 to 9:30a.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!

There will be a **Ladies Aid luncheon** and meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18th at noon. All women of the town are welcome. Please bring a dish to share and tales of summer fun. We look forward to seeing you. We will be planning the apple pie baking and coverage for the Harvest Fair.

Progress report: New roofs top both the church buildings and the parsonage. The old furnace is out, leaving space for the new one to be installed. Beautiful new lights adorn the front of the church.

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.

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

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.

All are welcome at any or all of our events.

MONTHLY/WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday—10am-Worship Service
Church School—9/15
11am-Coffee Hour

Monday—8pm-AA Meeting
Third Wednesday—noon-Ladies Aid
Thursday—7pm-Choir Practice

WESTFIELD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: Bill Rose, 786-0195 or Lynn Bannon 454-5264 <u>lynnbannon@verizon.net</u>

FREE WRWA FLYFISHING CLINIC SEPT. 21

WESTFIELD, Mass. (August 28, 2013) –
The Westfield River Watershed Association
(WRWA) and the Western Mass. Fly
Fishermen will offer a free Introduction to Fly
Fishing clinic Saturday, September 21 from
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The clinic will take
place on Route 20 in Huntington, Mass., in
the turnout on the Westfield River, across
from the health clinic.

People can drop in throughout the day and watch a fly tying demonstration, as well as practice casting. If they own a fly rod and want to learn more about using it, WRWA encourages them to bring it to the clinic. In addition, a biologist will be on hand to net insects from the river and help participants learn to identify them under microscopes.

There will be a portable toilet on site. The clinic will be held rain or shine, barring extremely stormy weather.

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.

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:

90 Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping, the invisible Industry that Puts Clothes on Your Back, Gas in Your Car. and

Food on Your Plate by Rose George.

Chaos Imprative by Ori Brafman.

Hungry: What 80 Hungry Guys Taught Me About Life, Love and the Power of Good Food by Darlene Barnes.

Street Cat Named Bob and How He Saved My Life by James Bowen.

To the End of June: The Intimate Life of the American Foster Care by Cris Beam.

Why Teach?: In Defense of a Real Education by Mark Edmundson

All the Land to Hold Us by Rick Bass.

BabaYaga by Barlow.

Bone Season by Samantha Shannon.

Dark Prairie by John Nesbitt.

Daughter of Mars by Thomas Keneally.

Decent Interval by Simon Brett.

Fin and Lady by Schine.

Good as Gone by Douglas Corleone.

Good Lord Bird by James McBride.

Heirs & Graces by Rhys Bowen.

Highway by C.J. Box.

Infatuations, The by Javier Marias

Mistress by James Patterson.

Rose Harbor in Bloom by Debbie Macomber.

Runaway Man by David Handler.

Sleeping Dictionary Original by Sujata Massey.

Tell Me by Lisa Jackson.

Kids:

Chickens on the Family Farm by Stiefel Click Clack Boo by Diane Cronin.
Earthbound by Aprilynne Pike.
Henri's Scissors by Jeanette Winter.
Time Out for Sophie by Rosemary Wells.

New Audios:

Delicate Truth
Fly Away
Habits of the House
Oh, Snap!
Rage Against the Dying
Wedding Night

DVDs:

42: The Jackie Robinson Story Adventures of Mickey Matson and the Copperhead Treasure, The

Always

Bletchley Circle

Disney Robin Hood 40th anniversary

Eiger Sanction

G.I. Joe Retaliation

Host, The

Red

Teen Beach Movie

Get Into Art Animals: Enjoy Great Art then Create Your Own by Susie Brooks



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 <u>good</u> 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.

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 Outside, the Craft Vendors and tasty food. 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.

NOTICE:

Administrative Assistant Town Hall Hours

Generally the Town Administrative Assistant has office hours daily Monday through Friday from 9am until 4pm and on Monday evenings. This fall she will be taking a course for work and will have class each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am until noon in Springfield. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, she will not be in the office until 1pm or so but will keep regular hours, 9am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Monday nights.

Police Chief Hours

PATROL (Monday through Friday)

8AM-10AM & 2PM-4PM

OFFICE HOURS (Monday through Friday)

10AM-2PM & Monday evenings When the

Selectboard meets 6PM to 9PM

In the event that I am unavailable due to extenuating circumstances i.e. calls for service, court, or personal reasons, please dial 413-357-8585 x.7 and leave a message regarding what assistance you are looking for. A Granville police officer may contact you as is reasonable and proper. In case of emergency call 911.

— IN NURSING HOMES —

Philip Dickinson

Renaissance Manor of Westfield 37 Feeding Hills Road Westfield, MA 01085

Bea Lewis

Landmark at Monastery Heights 110 Monastery Avenue, W. Springfield, Ma 01089

Betty Carpenter

Renaissance Manor of Westfield 37 Feeding Hills Road Westfield, MA 01085



2013 Health Benefits University Presented by

Franklin County Home Care Corporation's Regional SHINE Program in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Aging and Disability Resource

FCHCC Area Agency on Aging

Consortia September 11th, 2013 September 25th, 2013 9am-1pm

Clarion Hotel
One Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060

Registration will be from 8:30 am-9:00 am

Continental breakfast provided

Program will run from 9:00 am-1 pm (with a short break)

The Health Benefits University is a comprehensive, up-to-date, informational workshop on the basics of Medicare and Medicaid. This is a must-attend event for all providers serving elders and people with disabilities.

Programs

Day 1 - September 11th, 2013

- Medicare A, B & C Overview
- Medicare Part A, B & C Denials/Claims and Appeals
- Medicare Supplement Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans
- Medicaid-Eligibility and Benefits
- Fraud and Abuse; Medicare and Medicaid
- Preventive Services
- Affordable Care Act updates

<u>Day 2 – September 25th, 2013</u>

- Coverage of Prescription Drugs
- Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Appeals
- Prescription Advantage
- Military and Veterans Programs
- MCPHS Pharmacy Outreach Program Overview
- Affordable Care Act updates

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- Keep your contacts updated across all channels including phone, email and social media. Consider creating a group list serve of your top contacts. Also, as part of your <u>Family Communications Plan</u>, keep a family contact sheet of key contacts in case your phone is dead, damaged, or lost.
- Keep extra batteries for your cell phone in your <u>Emergency Kit</u> or purchase a solar-powered, crank charger, car charger or other backup charging device. Have a car phone charger for times you lose power. If running your car to charge your phone, make sure your car is in a well-ventilated location.
- Keep your cell phone dry. Water can damage your phone, so keep it safe from the elements by storing it in a waterproof bag or case.
- Program 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people during an emergency. Inform your ICE contacts that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or special needs you may have.
- Use your cell phone's text messaging capability.
 Learn to send updates via text and internet from your mobile phone in case voice communications are down and unavailable. Text messages and the internet often have the ability to work in the event of phone service disruption. Data-based services like texts and emails are less likely to experience network congestion.
- Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in 'airplane mode' and closing unnecessary apps.
- Have a car phone charger for times you lose power.
 When running your car (do not drain your car battery) make sure your car is in a well-ventilated location.
- Those with traditional landline phones should keep at least one cordless receiver which will work during a power loss.
- If evacuating, 'call-forward' your home phone to your cell phone.
- Those without a cell phone should carry a prepaid phone card to use during a disaster.

- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with a battery backup and tone-alert feature.
- Have a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio to monitor the Media. Remember to listen to your car radio when your home has no power.
- Only use 9-1-1 for real emergencies. Call Mass 2-1-1 with any storm-related questions. Keep non-emergency calls to a minimum.
- Your Smart phone can receive a variety of Alerts and Warnings. Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) text messages are automatically sent by the National Weather Service and MEMA to those within an impacted area.
- Download the free *ping4alert!* app to your Smartphone to receive important weather alerts and emergency messages from MEMA. Easy instructions are available at www.mass.gov/mema/mobileapp.
- To ensure friends and family that you are safe during or following an event, use Social Media (*Twitter, Facebook*, etc.) or services such as the *American Red Cross's Safe & Well program* (www.redcross.org/safeandwell).
- For Hurricane-related information from MEMA, go to the agency website at www.mass.gov/mema. Also, follow MEMA updates on Twitter. www.tacebook.com/massachusettsEMA.
- Immediately following a hurricane or any disaster, limit the use of mobile devices that can add to network congestion (streaming videos, downloading music or videos, playing video games, etc.)
- After the hurricane has passed, use camera phones to take, store and send photos or video dips of damaged property to your insurance company and keep for your records.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is the state agency responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MEMA provides leadership to: develop plans for effective response to all hazards, disasters or threats; train emergency personnel to protect the public; provide information to the citizenry; and assist individuals. families, businesses and communities to mitigate against, prepare for, and respond to and recover from emergencies, both natural and man made. For additional information about MEMA and Preparedness, go to www.mass.gov/ mema. Also, continue to follow MEMA updates on Twitter Facebook www.twitter.com/MassEMA; www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA. Download the free ping4alert! app to your Smartphone to receive important weather alerts and emergency messages from MEMA. Easy instructions are available at www.mass.gov/ mema/mobileapp.

Time to Relax

Granville Town Hall
Thursday, September 19, 2013
1:30 - 3:30

Massages \$10.00 for 10 minutes by a licensed professional

The Council on Aging will serve coffee, tea and muffins

Hope to see everyone there!

The Huntington COA is presenting

"SHIFTING GEARS PROGRAM",

sponsored by MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles.

In today's world, driving a car may seem to be a necessary part of life, however, owning a vehicle and holding a driver's license are privileges that come with a great deal of responsibility.

Join Michele Ellicks, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), on September 16th at 1:00 at the Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road in Huntington, MA.

Ms. Ellicks will discuss issues facing senior drivers, the Commonwealth's rules of the road, recent changes that have taken place at the RMV, as well as the warning signs of unsafe driving. She will also share the requirement to apply for a handicap placard or plate as well as a Massachusetts identification card; the most recent research concerning mature drivers and alternate forms of transportation. Learn what is available in your community.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

For additional information call Anne Marie Knox, COA Chairman at 413-667-3167.



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West Granville Congregational Church

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

The schedule is as follows:

September 8, 2013

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.

32nd Annual Granville Harvest Fair

Applications for Vendors and Craftsmen to participate in the Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 12, 13 & 14 are most welcome. Your request from one of the following venues should include a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Old Meeting House

Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193, Granville, MA 01034-0193 or call 413-357-8801.

The Drum Shop

Carol Jones, NCCHP Water Street, Granville, MA, 01034 or call 413-357-8814.

The Town Green

Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034 or call 413-627-4843.

The Federated Church

Karen McLaughlin. P.O. Box 313, Granville, MA 01034 or call 413-357-9090.

The Granville Library

Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222, Granville, MA 01034 or call 413-357-8806.

The Village School

Rene Ellinger, 33 Blandford Rd, Granville, MA 01034 or call 413-627-8859

OBITUARY

Matthew "Matt" J. Hansen

Matt, age 55, passed away Sunday, August 18, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center. He was born in Westfield to the late Frederick C. and Lucille C. (Belleau) Hansen.

A 1976 graduate of Southwick High School. He was a self-employed carpenter and handyman for many years.

Matt is survived by his siblings, Michael F. Hansen and David J. Hansen both of West Warwick, R.I., Lisa M. Hansen of Albany, NY, Jeanne M. McGuire of Cummington, MA and Mary A. Enos of Yarmouthport, MA; two nephews, Alan M. Hansen and John F. Enos and four aunts.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ingrid Quagliaroli 8/16/1933 -3/2/1992

21 years have passed, your presence and love still felt by each of us as you continue to watch over and guide us through our daily lives. We love you and miss you every day. We always hold you close to our hearts and never forget how much you meant to us

Fred L Quagliaroli 8/4/1916 – 1/13/1983

"A man who tells stories so much that in the end he becomes the story and in that way he is immortal"

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Come see what's happening in September and October!

9/7: Apple Bake-Off

9/14: Wood Carving by Dave Conklin

9/21 & 9/28: Plain old market

10/5:Pumpkin Bake-Off

10/12: Fall Festival

Interested in Vending? Contact Market Manager Jess Ripley @ 413-357-9919 or OtisFM1@ymall.com; Find us (and like us) on Facebook Serving the local communities with local farm-fresh goods

WATCH OUT FOR GIANT HOGWEED!

Giant hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum) was introduced to Granville as an ornamental plant at least 80 years ago. This dangerous invasive weed contains a sap which makes skin vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation, causing deep and persistent burns. State and local officials, as well as landowners, have been working to eradicate it for many years, but it continues to crop up around town.

Giant hogweed superficially resembles an enormous Queen Anne's Lace. The stem, which is blotched with purple and covered with short hairs, is 2-4 inches in diameter and reaches 15 ft in height. The huge, 5-10 ft wide leaves are sharply divided and deeply lobed, and the umbel averages 2.5 ft in diameter. The native cow parsnip (Heracleum maximum) is similar in appearance, but shorter (a maximum of 8-10 ft in height), its leaves are much smaller and less sharply divided, and the hairs on its stem tend to lay flat rather than sticking out. If you think you may have giant hogweed on your property, you can check with DPW Superintendent Doug Roberts (455-4446) to confirm ID, or e-mail a picture to the Westfield River Watershed Invasive Species Partnership, at wwwisp@gmail.com.

At this time of year, the best option for control is to remove the flowerhead before it has a chance to go to seed. You should do this ASAP. Wear protective clothing (long sleeves and pants, safety glasses, and gloves). Use a pole pruner, or have one person hold the seed head while the other cuts. Double bag the seed head and put it in a sunny spot to compost and die before disposing of it in the garbage. For next year, there are multiple options for control, including cutting the root of the plant, applying herbicide, or simply continuing to remove the seed heads for several years to prevent spread, until the plant completes its life cycle. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has great information on control available at http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/ghcontrol.pdf. If you plan to apply herbicide, and are in the vicinity of a wetland or other sensitive area, contact the conservation commission before doing control.





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