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## **Saving Us! – Working Toward Climate Resilience**

### **A Free 3-Part Series**

Does it strike you that the weather is getting gradually weirder? Do you worry about the unwelcome weather and climate changes you see and read about, both locally and nationally? Do you wonder, 'What can I do to make a difference?' If so, this free 3-part series on climate change will offer you factual information from two climate experts, identify practical ways to tackle the challenges ahead, and invite conversation that brings an American 'can do' spirit to dealing with a hotter world.

This series is hosted by the Emily Williston Memorial Library, a member of the Pioneer Valley Library Collaborative, in partnership with Voices for Climate, a Granville-based community group.

Please register in advance. You may register for any one or all 3 sessions at: <https://tinyurl.com/cpw-saving-us> . Questions? - contact John at: [jmiser183@gmail.com](mailto:jmiser183@gmail.com) or call 413-348-2848.

#### **Part I: Climate Change 101: What You Need to Know**

Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM via Zoom

Presenter: Carsten Braun, PhD, Professor of Geography, Planning & Sustainability Department, Westfield State University, Westfield, MA

Climate change does not have to be complicated or intimidating. In this presentation we will review the science of climate change, discuss its impacts and explore the practical solutions that are available right here, right now. Suitable for adults and older teens.

#### **Part II: What Will Drive Our Climate Future?**

Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM via Zoom

Presenter: Gary Yohe, PhD, Huffington Foundation Professor of Economics & Environmental Studies at Wesleyan University; Senior Member, U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC]

This session will explore the limitations of what we know and don't know about climate change and how we can still make proactive decisions to "abate" or "adapt". Ample time will be available for discussion and Q & A.

#### **Part III: Taking Action: Exploring Ways to Tackle the Climate Crisis**

Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM via Zoom

Facilitated by: Voices for Climate [V4C], a committee of Voices Rising Together [VRT], a Granville-based community group

Drawing on our American 'can do' spirit, this final session will explore a range of constructive steps each of us can take, both as individuals and in groups, to turn a looming crisis into a triumph.

Part 3 attendees are encouraged to view, in advance of the session, this 7 minute video by David Attenborough: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6SO0xkr\\_ul](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6SO0xkr_ul) . If this link fails, type into your search bar: 'David Attenborough's COP26 speech'.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Local Libraries Unite for Climate

HAMPDEN and HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES – Area residents hoping to learn ways to save money, live sustainably, and plan for a hotter future need look no further than nine Western Massachusetts libraries.

Saturday, Sept. 24 through Friday, September 30, the Pioneer Valley Library Collaborative (PVLC) will present Climate Preparedness Week, a national event spearheaded annually by the Boston-based nonprofit, [Communities Responding to Extreme Weather](#).

"Climate change is a topic that's on a lot of people's minds, and libraries are the purveyors of information in our communities. Climate Preparedness Week allows us to join together to offer factual information through engaging programs," Lynn Blair, Southwick Public Library director and PVLC's lead librarian, said.

"The nice thing about the PVLC is that we can find local presenters with local information that can answer local people's questions," Blair said.

Free and open to residents of any town, Climate Preparedness Week offers a broad slate of events for patrons of all ages. Programs include a chance to practice mindfulness in beautiful Stanley Park with a Kripalu-trained instructor; a kids' cooking class using locally grown produce, and an opportunity to engage in "Climate Change 101" with Westfield State University professor, Dr. Carsten Braun.

Other Climate Preparedness Week events include an adult nature-writing workshop, a renewable energy experiment where kids roast marshmallows in a solar oven, take-and-make crafts, and advice from an Audubon conservation scientist guiding local landowners in managing forests for climate resilience.

"Climate Preparedness Week is this opportunity for us, at every age, to be able to understand our world today. We're so disconnected from nature that we don't really understand it - and it's changing so quickly it's actually hard to grasp it. Libraries are a place to begin to understand what to do both for ourselves and our planet," Lise LeTellier, Granville Public Library director, said.

"No matter what age we're at, the library provides us with good information," she said.

The Pioneer Valley Library Collaborative is a partnership of Western Massachusetts libraries united to share, at no cost, its combined ideas, materials, and resources in order to more broadly educate, inspire, and assist surrounding communities. Participating libraries include Agawam Public Library, Easthampton's Emily Williston Memorial Library, Northampton's Forbes Library, Granville Public Library, Southwick Public Library, Tolland Public Library, West Springfield Public Library, Westhampton Public Library, the Westfield Athenaeum, and the Granville grassroots citizens group, Voices for Climate.

For more information and a full schedule of Climate Preparedness Week events, please visit <https://forbeslibrary.org/pvlc/>. Have a question: contact Lynn Blair, Director, Southwick Public Library, [lblair@cwmar.org](mailto:lblair@cwmar.org) (413) 569-1221.

"Climate change is happening," LeTellier said. "Every year is so different, and we don't know what to expect any more. Learning to be prepared for the unexpected is more important now than ever."



**TOWN OF GRANVILLE**  
**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**September 21, 2022**

On September 21, 2022 at 12:00PM at Granville Town Hall, 707 Main Road, Granville, MA, there will be a public auction of seven Town owned properties. Most were taken through the Tax Title process while the West Granville School will be auctioned by virtue of an Annual Town Meeting Vote (Article 22, May 15, 2015).

Properties include buildable parcels which have passed perc tests on North Lane (two parcels), Crest Lane, Barnard Road, South Lane and the West Granville School on Beech Hill Road. One non-buildable property on Beech Hill Road is also on the auction block.

Information and pre-auction requirements can be found on the town website at [www.townofgranville.net](http://www.townofgranville.net).



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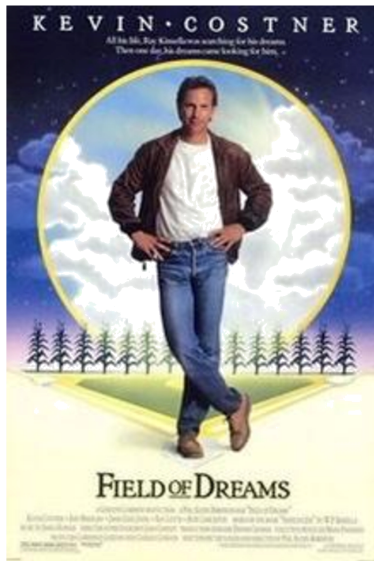


GRANVILLE COUNCIL ON AGING  
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**Tuesday, September 20**  
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## GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **The Granville Fire Department would like you to meet Amanda Fountain!**

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

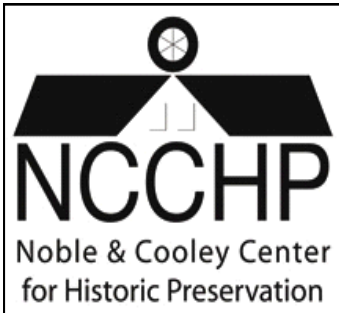
Once again, we are here to introduce another wonderful member of the Granville Fire Department. This month we are taking a moment to recognize one of our most dedicated EMTs, Amanda Fountain. She joined Granville Fire in 2019 as an EMT and while Amanda has only been a member of the department for 3 years, she has become one of our leading EMTs and an absolutely vital component to our day-to-day operations. Amanda joined the department shortly after moving to Granville because she wanted to help the community, she lived in. She would also like to note that Chief Ripley played a fundamental role in her recruitment because at the time the department was in dire need of more EMTs.

A fact about the department that the town may not know is that we actually staff the ambulance every night from 6p.m to 6a.m. In order to do to adequately staff the ambulance EMTs, sign up for the nights they would like to work each week. Since we implemented this change on the department Amanda has been one of the most active EMTs on nightly call shifts. She averages roughly 10 call shifts a month and sometimes more. We truthfully cannot thank Amanda enough for her dedication and commitment to the department.

Outside of Granville Fire Amanda works full time as a Case Specialist for the Juvenile Court in Springfield and is also Teaching Assistant at EMT Academy in Chicopee. When she is not working or dedicating her time to the department Amanda enjoys playing various card and board games with family and friends, one of her favorite games being Skip-Bo. Amanda also enjoys going to the gym, reading, and going on adventures to all types of places. A couple fun facts that you may not know about Amanda is that she collects snow globes, she loves cats, and she is extremely passionate and protective of the ones she loves.

Everyone that lives in Granville has different reasons to love it. For Amanda one of those reasons is because she lives close to many of her friends. Additionally, Amanda much like everyone else enjoys the small-town community that Granville has to offer. Last of all and this may just be her favorite part, she loves keeping up with what everyone is doing through the various town Facebook forums. As far as the department is concerned, Amanda wants to continue showing new EMTs what its like working in EMS and also wants to help bolster our EMS operations by aiding people in obtaining their certification.

Amanda is and always be a key component to Granville Fire. We cannot thank her enough for her dedication and hard work throughout the past few years. Her contributions to the EMS side of the department will always be appreciated and we look forward to a long a fruitful career with Granville Fire. We also hope that all the wonderful residents of Granville can one day meet Amanda and take a moment to get to know her.



## NCCHP Museum News for September 2022

The NCCHP Museum at the Drum Factory in Granville is open for tours on the 2nd and 4th

Sundays of the month from noon – 3:00PM. Join us for an informative guided visit to the local factory that started as a toy manufacturer that went on to produce drums for the Civil War, two US Presidents and many well-known modern drummers as well. If you have a group of eight or more and our Sunday schedule doesn't fit your needs, please

email us. We will do our best to accommodate you (minimum charge \$40). Add a trip to the Drum Shop on your list of things to see and do when friends and relatives visit!

The Living History program scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th is titled "Now and Then". It is a retrospective featuring the current process used to create professional drums and just how that came to be from the very humble beginnings of a toy drum company founded back in 1854.

The program starts at 6:30 with a short clip followed by discussion (and musings) by three direct descendants of James P. Cooley as we hit the highlights of the growing company along the timeline of history. This is living history at its best as gleaned from family diaries, albums and Noble & Cooley company records. Come join the fun! Light refreshments will be served after the program.

Museum tours are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Living History programs are free to museum members and free will donations from others of \$5 - \$10 are appreciated to help defray museum expenses. The Living History programs are sponsored in part by a grant from the Granville Cultural Council.

Please plan to visit 42 Water St soon. It's worth the trip! [www.ncchp.org](http://www.ncchp.org) [ncchp.org@gmail.com](mailto:ncchp.org@gmail.com)



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NEW Email for program registration: [GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org)

NEW Email for NEW YOUTH program information:

[GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org)

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM

Closed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday



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Attention, OverDrive app users! OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app in early 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app.

Libby is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library on your smart phone, tablet or computer. All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card. Never used E-Books before? Download the Libby and give it a try!



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**STORY HOUR** with Linda  
Saturday- 10:30 AM  
Sept 10- Great Grands  
Sept 24- Silly Solar Sun Fun

Birth to 2 years old  
Playgroup  
Outside under Library tent-  
Sept 13 and 27- 10:00 AM

### Adult Program:

#### Thursday Sept 22- Russ Cohen- Foraging

Naturalist and wild foods enthusiast, Russ Cohen, is the area's leading wild edibles expert, and has led weekend and seasonal walks throughout Massachusetts and New England for the past 45 years. He is coming to Granville to teach and feed you! 6:30-8:30 Please register by calling library or emailing [GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org)



**CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**Sept 24-Sept 30, 2022**

#### **Mindful Outdoor Experience, w/ Kripalu trained instructor, Colleen Mollica**

**Monday Sept 26-** Two sessions: 10:30-11:30 AM and 1:30-3:00 PM  
Japanese Gardens Stanley Park, Western Ave Westfield, MA

Deepen your relationship with nature and yourself, manage stress, and begin to reestablish a reciprocal relationship with the earth. This mindful outdoor experience (MOE) uses present-moment awareness, deep breathing, and conscious movement to help participants awaken their senses and receive the healing properties of nature. Suitable for teens and adults. Sponsored by Granville, Westfield, and Easthampton Public Library.

As a member of the **Pioneer Valley Library Collaborative**, our library is joining with many area libraries to offer an exciting plate of programs for Climate Preparedness week. This year's theme is **THE PLANET'S HEALTH & YOURS: FACING THE INVISIBLE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE-** Workshops from Zoom presentations "Saving Us! - Working Toward Climate Resilience" to writing workshops to books on hope to read and discuss. See the PVLC website for more details

<https://forbeslibrary.org/pvlc/>

Or Scan the QR code!

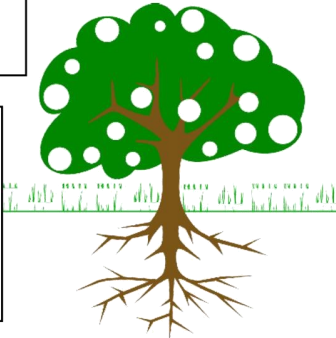




Exciting Times are coming!  
After School Programs Beginning this Fall for ages 10 & up

STEM takes ROOT at  
Granville Public Library

Including:  
Mad Science of Western  
New England and  
Community member led  
hands-on Programs

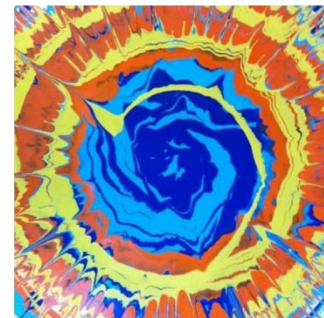


Arts & Crafts, Anime, Book  
Explorations, and other fun  
programs with the new Youth  
Program Librarian, Joanne LeClair

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm  
Beginning September 21st with  
**Canvas Spin Art**



**Registration is  
required for all events,  
even late registrations!**



Granville Public Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$10,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). This grant is allowing Granville Public Library to initiate a Monthly STEM after-school project starting in October, continuing with school vacations, and right into Summer of 2023. The project will offer exciting and accessible STEM activities, with a changing theme each season. These programs geared towards grades 5-9. But flexibility is the key to success!

In addition, you, the town members, voted to provide the funding for a part-time Youth Program librarian to support all the new programs. We thank the town and the MBLC for the finances to provide Granville Youth Programming! The new Youth Program Librarian, Joanne LeClair, will be supporting both the STEM programs, as well as initiating various other classes and workshops, such as Arts & Crafts. Stop in or email her with your ideas for young people in this age group they might enjoy! She is here for your kids.

Other special events for families, PreK-Grade 2, & grades 2-5 will also be offered throughout the year.

The STEM takes ROOT at Granville Public Library  
Grant funded program begins on **Saturday October 1, at 11:00 AM,**  
with a family oriented fun Mad Science Show  
**FUN-TASTIC FORCES (Fundamental Forces)**

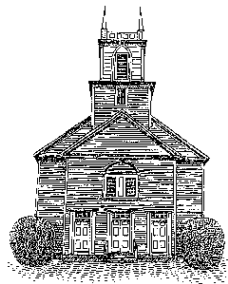


Sir Isaac Newton has never been so much fun since an apple hit him on the head! Newton's laws of motion are demonstrated using spinning platforms and much more! Thrill as we defy logic with the Mad Science "Bed of Nails". Watch as water pressure and the concept of nucleation create a 10-foot Mad Science soda fountain!

**Watch for details in your mailbox, on Facebook and around town.**

**Please direct any questions to [GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org)**

**For Event Registration contact [GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org)**



## West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

We will resume monthly services in 2022!

Services will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:

September 11

October 9

November 13 and

December 11

All services are at 7PM.

Refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall after each service.

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### *Upcoming Events:*

- Scarecrow Contest – Columbus Day Weekend October 8-10th

Thank you to the Granville Cultural Council for helping to fund the Concert!

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>

## 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 mornings  
Coffee Hour following the service.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS WHO PROVIDED SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER. WE REALLY ENJOYED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SERVICES AND OUR CHOIR MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SIT IN THE CONGREGATION AND TAKE A LITTLE BREAK. THANK YOU TO ZEKE, ALAN, MEMBERS OF THE ROBERTS FAMILY, PASTOR AND BOBBI, JUDY AND PETER, AND EILEEN'S CHORUS. THANK YOU!!!

## EVENTS

### BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. We did not meet during the summer but will resume in September. Start up date will be announced.

## MISSIONS NEWS

### AGAPE SCHOOL

We are continuing to help the orphans and students at the Agape School in Uganda. If you would like to donate to help, please call Bobbi at 357-0194

## INFORMATION

### BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Eileen Jerome 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 to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583. You can also call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm

Tuesday evenings-Church Board and Committee meetings

Wednesday evenings- Bible Study-6: 30 pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays). We will resume in September, starting date TBA

Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm

### ~Lunch Bunch~

Come join the Lunch Bunch at GFC on Wednesday, September 14 at noon.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town Wide Tag Sale on July 30! This was our second year planning the sale, and we made some changes from last year. We would like your feedback! Please email us at [Granville-TollandDFS@gmail.com](mailto:Granville-TollandDFS@gmail.com) and let us know what you liked and/or if you have suggestions to further improve the event.



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