



# GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER

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## FLU CLINICS IN GRAVILLE

WHEN: OCTOBER 18 AND NOVEMBER 1

TIME: 3:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: GRANVILLE TOWN HALL

PLEASE BRING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CARD OR  
YOU MAY PAY IN CASH TO CVS

The Granville Library Club is now accepting donations of **gently** used books through September 30, 2023.

The books will be sold during the 40<sup>th</sup> Granville Harvest Fair, October 7-9<sup>th</sup>.

We request that you package books in a box and drop them off when the Library is open.

We appreciate your donations as the proceeds are used for **Library Programming and Updates** to our Library, like our recent renovations.

We are also accepting plastic grocery bags to use during the book sale.

Thank you for your donations.  
Granville Library Club

**Joe Pietroniro****Granville, MA****EST. 1990****REPAIR WORK • ADDITIONS****REMODELS • GAS PIPING****AND MORE****Commercial and Residential**

# CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVES FOR ALL

## A PUBLIC FORUM & DISCUSSION

**September 27, 2023**

Wilson Hall | Westfield State University

**5:45 p.m. Exhibitors and Reception**

**6:30 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A**

A live and virtual discussion about Massachusetts and Federal rebates and incentives available for homeowners and renters, businesses, municipalities, and non-profits organizations.



**REGISTER HERE!  
MORE INFORMATION!  
LIVESTREAM!**

## SPEAKERS PANEL



**Special Opening Remarks  
by Anthony Gulluni**  
Hampden County District Attorney



**Paul Mark**  
MA State Senator



**Jonathan Schrag**  
MA Deputy Climate Chief



**Beth Spong**  
CEO, Dean's Beans  
Organic Coffee



**Larry Chretien**  
CEO, Green Energy Consumer  
Alliance

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**Westfield**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



## Southwick Senior Center Events Monthly

413-569-5498

Open to Southwick, Granville and Tolland Seniors

Interested in joining the Gardening Club? Please call.

Spaghetti dinner on Wednesday September 20 at the American Legion Post 338. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Southwick Senior Center.

Foot Care Clinic offered by foot nurse Debra Deane. Cost of service \$40.00 paid directly to nurse. Appointments will be held every month. Currently scheduling appointments. Call senior center to make appointment.

Veteran's Representative – office hours second Thursday of the month from 9-11am. Stop by if you have questions/concerns.

Senator Paul Mark or office representative – office hours 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month from 1p-4p. All members of the public are welcome.

SHINE program provides free health insurance information and counseling to all MASS residents with Medicare and their caregivers. People who have Medicare or who are about to become eligible for Medicare can meet with a counselor to learn about benefits and options available. A counselor will review programs that help people with limited income to pay health care costs. You must call to schedule an appointment.

### Weekly Activities:

Monday 9am – Quilting and Sewing Social Group

Monday 10am – Chi-Gong with Kathleen \$2.00

Monday 11am – Writers workshop

Tuesday 9am – Aerobics with Donna \$2.00

Tuesday 10am – Tai-Chi with Lenny \$2.00

Tuesday 12pm – Cards

Tuesday 1:00pm - Cribbage, Whist Card Game

Wednesday 10am – Line Dancing with Clara \$2.00

Wednesday 12pm - Cards

Wednesday 1pm – Scrabble

Wednesday 1-3pm – BINGO with Cara

Thursday 9am – Zumba with Becca \$2.00

Thursday 1030am – Yoga with Renee \$2.00

Thursday 1pm – Crafts with Denise (2x per month)

Friday 8:30am – Walk with Cara – call to register

Friday 10:30am – Chair Yoga with Heidi \$2.0

### **RECORDS and COLLECTABLES WANTED**

Buying old vinyl records, LPs and 45s. Interested in most types of music. Cash paid, I will come to you. Also buying old advertising, signs, postcards, stoneware, comic books, Granville related items, etc.

Contact Mark @ 413-626-6396  
or 357-6346.

Email- [vinyl4mark@gmail.com](mailto:vinyl4mark@gmail.com)



### **Town-Wide Tag Sale for Granville and Tolland**

September 23, 2023

Raindate: Sunday the 24th

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is organizing the 3rd annual town(s)-wide tag sale! Again this year there are two ways to participate, each for \$10: we can include your address on the map, OR provide you with a spot at the Village School where you can bring your sale items.

While the Village School location will only be available on Saturday the 23rd (or the rain date if needed), we can indicate on the map if an address will be selling items all weekend

**If you would like to have your address on the map, or a spot at the village school, call Jen at (413) 454-4385.** All proceeds will go towards scholarships for the 2023 applicants. Business sponsors for the map are welcome as well! Maps will be available on the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars facebook page as well as printed copies the day of the sale at the Village School (409 Main Rd, Granville)

**Granville Post Office's  
New telephone is:  
(413) 666-9000**

The other number 357-6447 is no longer in service.  
We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused.



## Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 ·

[www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org](http://www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org)

Email for general inquiries: [Granville@cwmar.org](mailto:Granville@cwmar.org)

Email for Program Registration: [GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org)

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

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




### NEXTGEN CAREERS FOR GRANVILLE

**AN INFORMATION PRESENTATION**

**GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONDAY SEPT 11, 6:30 PM**

An amazing new initiative led by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Coalition (MRC) that helps teens and young adults with disabilities explore the world of work and fast-track their job journey.

NextGeners learn to advocate for themselves, gain confidence, and get the support they need to thrive.

**To be eligible, you must be 18-30 years old and have a documented disability or diagnosis – no IEP or 504 plan needed!**

NextGen-ers, pursue careers on their terms, understanding that it is their choice, their career, and their life. The possibilities are endless.

This program is totally free.  
This is not the same as Pre-ETS or Pre-Employment Services nor is it Vocational Rehab (VR)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/nextgen-careers-information>

**Registration required**

**[GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org) OR 413-357-8531**

If your disability prevents you from accessing this program due to it's location, please notify us and we will adjust as needed.




### GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS W/ CAREGIVERS

Children ages Birth-2 - Once a month:  
Monday Sept 11 and October 16, 10:00 AM

Ages 2-5 will start weekly on October 16  
But we need your input regarding time.

Email: [GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org](mailto:GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org) and tell us if you would prefer  
10:00 AM, 11:00AM or 3:00PM.

Watch for next month's caller and facebook for times

*Activities, Stories, playtime*



Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools & is funded by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



## It's story TIME

with Linda

well done!

**Saturday Sept 9-10:30 AM**

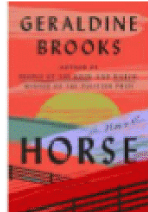
- **Celebrate Grandparents**

**Thurs Sept 21-3:30 PM & Sat Sept 23-10:30 AM**

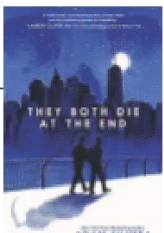
- **Hello Fall**

If the weather allows it will be outside under the tent, if not, downstairs!




**Sept 12**  
7:00-8:00 PM  
**Book club with Gloria**  
"Horse" by Geraldine Brooks



**NEW All Booked Up**  
**Young Adult Book Club with Shi**  
"They Both Die at the End" by Adam Silvera  
**Saturday Sept 16, 12:30-**



**Nurse's Hour: 5:00-6:00**  
**Thursday September 14**  
Stop in and visit the nurse. Blood pressure or questions; She is here for you.

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**A PUBLIC FORUM / DISCUSSION**  
 September 27, 2023 at Wilson Hall at WSU.  
 Live and Virtual. See full page ad and register today.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & RESOURCES

At the Community Senior meeting on July 19, 2023, fifteen people enjoyed lunch and gathered information from Highland Valley Elder Services on topics including but not limited to Care Advisors, money management, the SHINE program for insurance questions, coordination of Home Care and respite services. Costs are based on a state income sliding scale basis. The first step to learn how to access these services and/or obtain an appointment with a Care Advisor is to call the Highland Valley program at 413-586-2000.

At the first Community Senior meeting in June 2023, three areas were identified by the people in attendance as the more important issues (see July Country Caller). The areas were establishment of a “buddy system”, “food accessibility” and “transportation.” “Buddy programs”

In response, Bobbi O’Connell and Terry Hodur began an exploration of “buddy programs” provided in the area. Thanks to Lise LeTellier, our Granville Librarian, we had a list of “buddy programs” which we learned are officially called Neighbor-to-Neighbor Programs. We met with the Directors of two of these programs and the outreach coordinator in Tolland to hear what we could learn.

Diane Porcella, Director of the Northampton Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program, told us of a nationwide system of Neighbor-to-Neighbor programs coordinated by the Village Network Association (vtnetworking.org). There are 300 programs throughout the country. This network provides a computer platform and is a resource for programs. Northampton has 501C3 status which enables the program to solicit tax free donations. Area employers and private donors sponsor their program and supply funds. With only two part time paid employees, this program relies on volunteers for phone calls, visiting, and driving. Before asking for a service, a Northampton citizen needs to become a member, meaning basic information is completed. There is no cost for membership.

Bobbi and Terry then met with Jodi Ross, the Administrator of the Easthampton Neighbor-to-Neighbor and the Director of Volunteers, Sharon Tilbi. They also have corporate sponsors, and private donors.. Membership is free, but basic information needs to be obtained through an application. When a member requests a service, Jodi lists this request on the website, and a volunteer willing to do this service will contact her. She will then make a phone call linking the member and the volunteer.

Tolland’s Outreach Worker Mary Ann Demming brings the Seniors together with phone calls and invitations to their weekly coffee hour and monthly luncheons. She is available to answer questions, make wellness calls, and works with the goal of building relationships among the Seniors. Mary Ann works closely with the Council of Aging President Ruth Buchanan.

“Food Accessibility” issue found us meeting with Director of the Southwick Community Food Pantry, Sally Munson. She encouraged Bobbi and Terry to further explore building a link to get food from the Food Pantry to Granville residents. The pantry has a lot to offer in the way of food supplies. A basic bag is 30 to 40 lbs. of food per person. At times when supplies allow, people can choose the food they want. There is a simple one-time membership application to be completed to access weekly services. We talked about several options, and look forward to exploring these to see what can be organized to help us here in Granville.

“Transportation” was a big issue with all the people and communities we met with. Discussions were held regarding collaboration between bordering towns including Southwick, Granville and Tolland.

We greatly appreciated these visits and are grateful to the folks who cheerfully opened their doors to us and our community. Any thoughts and/or suggestions on the above information are welcome. On to the next step, to see what solutions we can develop for Granville!!

*Thanks, Bobbi & Terry*



## West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

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

September 10

October - No service this month due to Harvest Fair

November 12 and

December 10

All services are at 7PM.

Refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall after each service.

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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/>

### Did you know:

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

Massachusetts General Laws

Chapter 266 Section 105: Stone walls or fences; unauthorized removal

Section 105. Whoever willfully and without right pulls down or removes any portion of a stone wall or fence which is erected or maintained for the purpose of enclosing land shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars. Natural resource officers and deputy natural resource officers of the office of the secretary of the executive office of environmental affairs, may arrest without a warrant any person found violating this section.



**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.

**EVENTS****DRIVE UP DINNERS**

Our next Drive up dinner will be our traditional Ham and Bean Dinner, to be held in November. More information available in the October Caller and flyers around town.

**HARVEST FAIR**

Harvest Fair planning and preparations are keeping us busy! In addition to our excellent vendors outside and in Fellowship Hall, and our Hot Dogs and Hamburgers outside, we will be selling a variety of food from our kitchen downstairs.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of Acts. We meet at 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Our next study will be September 20th.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

Join us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall on the FIRST Wednesdays of each month. We will meet at 12:00 on Wednesday, September 6th. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert and great fellowship are provided. We've really had a wonderful time together at these lunches. Please feel free to join us!

**In Assisted Living**

Alice Demarais  
The Arbors  
40 Court Street Apt 108  
Westfield, MA 01085

Marge Feeney  
Heritage Hall North  
55 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001

**MISSIONS NEWS****AGAPE SCHOOL**

You may be aware that parts of Africa are experiencing a severe drought. Some food has been brought in to help feed the 100 orphans and 600 students at the Agape School. Fortunately, the well that we had dug is still functioning, so water is not an issue at this time. If you would like to help us continue to support the school, please give Bobbi a call.

**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**

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 meetings  
Wednesday morning- Bible Study-10:45 am  
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays).  
Wednesday afternoon Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon (1st Wednesday)  
Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm



## **Robert (Bob) D. Alden**

Bob, age 94, passed away on August 4, 2023. Born in Springfield, MA on August 4, 1929, he was the son of Russell and Ethel (Twining) Alden.

As a young boy, Bob helped his father raise chickens at their home in Springfield, where he also met his best friend of 82 years, Donald Barth. Bob, his parents and three sisters spent many cherished days at their family camp in Plainfield, MA. He would spend afternoons playing in the neighboring brook, fishing for trout and picking blueberries for his father to sell.

Bob attended Springfield Technical High School, and later went on to attend Norwich University in Northfield, VT from 1946-1950. Although Bob was dedicated to learning to become a mechanical engineer, he still found plenty of time to play pranks on his fellow classmates and professors. Following University, Bob served two years of active duty in the Army from 1951-1953.

Bob met his soulmate, Marianne Neef, in Springfield, who he married in 1956. The two of them settled in Granville, where they established their home and built their family together. Bob and Marianne enjoyed hosting their friends for dinner parties and traveling the country in their RV.

Bob was known for his smart wit and was a true engineer who could fix anything you put in front of him. He always had a fascination for anything with an engine, particularly airplanes and automobiles. He worked as a Test Engineer at Kaman Aircraft and had a hobby of flying remote control planes. One of his proudest achievements was helping to build "Miss Claire," a Van's RV-8 Aircraft, which is still flying today. Bob owned Humphrey's Garage in Granville for 29 years. When it was time to retire, he sold his business to Doug Jordan, the son he never had, who still runs the Garage carrying on Bob's local legacy.

If Bob wasn't outside enjoying an evening cocktail with Marianne or relaxing in his recliner with his cat Brody, he most likely could be found tinkering in his workshop, repairing electronics or turning bowls and trivets on his grandfather's wood lathe. Over his 94 years of life, Bob developed many lifelong friendships from his childhood, college days, travels, life in Granville and time spent at the Springfield Turnverein Club, where he helped maintain the property and assisted with events.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Marianne of 64 years, along with his three sisters Doris, Priscilla and Jean. To cherish his memory, Bob leaves his daughters Susan Petersen and her husband Karl, Karen Peebles and her husband Rick and Barbara Marcotte and her husband Michael; his grandchildren Melissa, Joseph, Kyle, Jameson and Nicole; and his great grandchildren Sarah, Lukas, Savannah, Ethan and Zoe.

## **James "Too Tall" Pendleton**

Jim, age 67, (1956-2023) of Southwick, passed away on August 12th, 2023 surrounded by his family. James was raised in Granville MA by the late Donn Cameron Pendleton and Betty Barnes Pendleton. James worked as a machinist for many years at Hamilton Standard and for the wonderful family at Advance Manufacturing Co. He loved to play sports, mostly basketball growing up and all through adulthood where he went on to coach his children. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, UMass basketball games, traveling for his girl's games, riding his Harley Davidson, the motocross nationals, and was an avid member of the Lake George Sportsman Club.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his younger sister Jane Pendleton. He leaves behind his wife Sondra "Cindy" Pendleton of 43 years, his daughter Lindsey Currie and spouse Mel Currie of Northampton MA and daughter Laurin Price and spouse Zachary Price of Charlotte NC. He also leaves behind six beautiful grandchildren who he loved and adored very much.