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Doug Roberts, Superintendent

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2022-2023

In effect from November 1 - to April 30

- On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Parking at the Town Hall, Library, or School is restricted to those doing Town business during business hours.
- During winter road operations, main roads are a priority.
- Town Roads with low use may be closed for the winter.
- Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- "All season" tires are not a substitute for snow tires.
- High quality snow tires, preferably studded, are essential for winter driving.
- Limit travel during storm events.
- Drive below the posted speed.
- Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, and frost. Shaded areas become hazardous rapidly. An isolated weather event will create hazardous conditions. Notorious for this are the Gorge and Hairpin Turn on Route 57, the North end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street by the Transfer Station.



Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd • 357-8531

Website: www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org

Email for general inquiries: Granville@cwmar.org

Email for ALL program registration: GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org

Email for YOUTH program information: GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org

Our Hours: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

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



Story Hour-Ages 2-8

Sticky Sticker Story

Saturday January 21

10:30-11:30

Story telling w/activities!

Book Club with Gloria

Wednesday January 11, 7:00 PM

"Kate Vaiden" by Reynolds Price

Club is limited to 10 Patrons:

Contact Gloria Knoener, at 357-8706, if you are interested in joining.



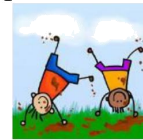
Nurse's Hour

Thursday, Jan 12: 3:30-4:30

The Regional Public Health Nurse, Tricia Sedelow for the towns of Southwick, Granville and Tolland will hold a monthly "Nurse Hour" the 2nd Thursday of each month. Register or drop in.



Monday January 9 10:00 AM Playgroup for Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers



This event is funded by Pathways for Parents and Parent Child thru the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Master LEGO Builder Dan is coming to the Granville Public Library

Master Model Builder.
Storyteller.
Entertainer.

Saturday January 14, 2023

Snow date: Jan 28

10:30-11:30 AM

Dan Steinger was one of only eight official LEGO Master Builders in the entire world, having worked for them for 24 years. He wants to share his passion for the brick and what it's like to have a dream job.

Registration helpful for planning:
GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org or call 357-8531



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS for YOUTH Wednesdays Continues!

Note age changes.

Bus Transportation provided to Granville and Tolland Youth
Registration required.

Jan 4- No program: Back to school!

Jan 11-Mad Science Sonic Sounds- Grade 4-7

January 18- Snowscape Craft- Grade 4 & 5 only

January 25- Lego Build Challenge

Note: During the renovations: Some programs will be held at the Granville Federated Church. Bus drop off will still be at the Library.
Contact Joanne at GranvilleYouth@cwmar.org with questions.



We are undergoing basement program room renovations!

Mid -January to March or April

Thanks to Granville Library Club, CPA funds and the town, the program room is getting rid of old the asbestos floor and replacing it with new flooring. The old plaster walls are getting refinished and a supporting column begin replaced. We are open during the renovations, but some programs will be held upstairs or the Granville Federated Church. Thank you especially to Bob Gleason, the Library Trustee Chair, for the hours spent meetings with contractors, Library Club, and selectboard, for the past 2 years to make this all come together.

Old News From the Historical Room:

Memorial Pages: The Granville History website will now be providing memorial pages on request from family members, for current and former Granville residents effective with this announcement. Family members of the deceased can request a memorial page by emailing GranvilleHistory@cwmmars.org including the information they would like to have included on the page. This can include but is not limited to an obituary, dedication wording, photo(s) and remembrances (family memories) and so on. There is no limitation on the date of death; it can be recent or long ago. If you do not have access to email you can mail requests to the Historical Room c/o The Granville Library, 2 Granby Road, Granville, MA. 01034.

Please include your relationship to the deceased, a statement providing permission to publish the information you provided, and confirmation that you are a person authorized to make the request.

You can view an example of a memorial page at this URL: <https://granvillehistory.omeka.net/items/show/1260> (QR code below)



SHRAB Grant: The Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (MA SHRAB) recently granted \$500 to the Granville Library Club for the purpose of rehousing historical documents located in the Mabel Root Henry Historical Museum (Historical Room) at the Granville Library. The Library Club provided additional funding. This enabled the Historical Room to purchase a large quantity of archival quality (acid free) file folders and hanging folders for our sizable collection of historic documents, which will protect the documents from further discoloration and deterioration. SHRAB's Roving Archivist, Sarah-Jane Poindexter, had previously visited the Historical Room and made recommendations for improved preservation practices. We thank Sarah-Jane and the State Historical Records Advisory Board for their ongoing support and encouragement!

Other Old News: Donations and/or loans of photos for digitization and addition to the Granville History site are very welcome and can be dropped off at the Granville Library during regular hours and then picked up when scanning is completed. We are in particular need of Granville photos from the 1960's into the 1990's.

The Granville History web site is co-sponsored by the Mabel Root Henry Historical Museum (Granville Library Club), the Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation (NCCHP) and donations from generous individuals. You can visit the web site at this address: <https://GranvilleHistory.omeka.net>

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~Lunch Bunch~

Come join the Lunch
Bunch at
Granville Federated
Church
on Wednesday, January
4th at noon.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Provided: Coffee, Tea,
Dessert,
Fellowship



WILDWOOD

Part-time Administrative Assistant

Wildwood Property Owners Association of Tolland, MA is seeking a part-time administrative assistant. Position is for 5-10 hours per week, 1 day per week November – April, and 2 days per week May – October (Sundays and Mondays, 9am – 2pm). Preferred candidate will have strong customer service skills and experience with Microsoft Office. Pay rate is \$16 per hour. Please send resume to: Charity Barger, Operations Manager, 254 Beetle Road, Tolland, MA 01034 or email wildwoodpoa@aol.com.



Joe Pietroniro

Granville, MA

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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

Many, many thanks to the Granville Cultural Council for sponsoring the Novi Cantori concert at the church on December 18th. What a wonderful afternoon! We're looking forward to next year!

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. PLEASE NOTE: We have changed the time to 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Study dates for January are January 4th and January 18th.

LUNCH BUNCH

Please consider joining us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 12:00 on Wednesday, January 4th. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert and great fellowship are provided

MISSIONS NEWS AGAPE SCHOOL

Our church has been donating to the Agape School in Uganda for many years. An article about this school and our involvement appeared in the December 8th edition of the Pennysaver (use QR code below to read the article). We appreciate their kind attention to a wonderful mission. Call Bobbi at 357-0194 if you would be interested in joining our efforts to continue to support the school and the children there.



Link to the article about GFC and the Agape School

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

TIME CHANGE:

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

In Assisted Living

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



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS!

With the departure of several long-serving board members in the past couple years, we are asking you to consider volunteering your time so we can ensure future college students from Granville and Tolland can continue to receive scholarships from us. All eligible students with a complete application receive an award, and the average scholarship this year was \$3000! From stuffing envelopes at our February Mail-a-thon to planning fundraisers to becoming a board member, we would appreciate your time and energy!

Email Lee at GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com for more information, or if you would like to join us.



WE ARE HIRING

Part-Time Staff Librarian needed at Granville Public Library



Need to be able to work independently after training.

Current Hours needed are:

Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 6-8 PM,
Tuesday 10AM-noon, with occasional
Saturdays 10-noon.

Can discuss options for flexibility.
Certain physical conditions required.



Send letter of interest w/basic resume to
Library Director, Lise LeTellier,
by mail: 2 Granby Rd or
email: Granville@cwmar.org
or stop in during open hours.



Henry "Hank" Bartnicki

Hank, age 98, of Granville, MA passed away at home with family on December 15, 2022 . Henry was born at home in Woronoco on May 16, 1924. He was one of 7 children born to Benjamin and Mary (Szczesna) Bartnicki.

Henry graduated from Westfield High School and later the University of CT excelling in football, basketball and baseball. Sports were a life-long passion for Henry. He played golf in his later years and played in local card tournaments. Henry was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the NE Patriots.

Henry was a WWII veteran serving in the Army Air Corp in the Pacific theater and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was employed at Hamilton Standard in CT until his retirement in the 1970's. He then opened Bartnicki Equipment in Westfield and later worked for Molta Construction.

Henry is predeceased by his first wife Dorothy Banks, his second wife Jean (Blanchard/ Graziano) and son Steven Henry Bartnicki (1971). He is survived by his sister Genevieve Miller, daughters Laury, Susan, Dawna and Jennifer, as well as many grand and great-grandchildren.

Henry had a long and accomplished life, and he will be sorely missed by family and friends. A private, bold, brave, religious and intelligent man with the biggest of hearts, Henry has donated his body to Tuft University for advancement of medical science.

