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GRANVILLE'S COUNTRY CALLER



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

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Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm and by appointment

Census

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2019 Annual Census forms by mail mid-January. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and do not receive a form, call or stop in for a form to complete.

Dog Licenses

The census package will also include a dog license application for those dog owners who sometimes forget to license their dog. The board is also required under state statute to prepare a listing of dogs owned by each resident. All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed annually under M.G.L. Ch. 140. An updated proof of rabies vaccination is required prior to licensing as well as proof of spaying and neutering. Incomplete applications will be returned to the sender.

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices will be available at the town clerk's office beginning January 2, 2019 for the annual town election to be held April 8, 2019.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide. The last day to file nomination papers with the board of registrars is February 22, 2019.

The following slates of office will be on the April ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Constable for three years and one member of the Planning Board for three years.

If any resident has questions pertaining to the census form, the dog license form or nomination paper you may call the town clerk's office for assistance. Forms may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the town clerk's office.

Notary Public

The Town Clerk, as well as the Town Administrator/Matt Streeter are Notaries Public. If you need our services, please call either of us and make an appointment. The service is free of charge to Granville residents.



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Granville-Tolland Dollars for SCHOLARS

A Program of Scholarship America®

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the community support received at the 2018 Harvest Fair. Thanks go to the many businesses who sponsored us, to the kids—young and old—who fought on the joust, and to our incredible volunteers who staffed the joust throughout the weekend. We couldn't have done it without you!!

All the money raised will go directly to the 2019-2020 scholarships awarded to our Granville and Tolland college students.

Please take a moment to thank our incredible sponsors with your business!





Granville Library News

2 Granby Rd. 357-8531 granvillelib.info

Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 Wednesday 3-8 Thursday 5-8 Saturday 10-12

New Books for Adults and YA:

Allies,: Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and the Unlike Alliance that Won World War Ii by Winston Groom. Deep Learning Revolution by Terrence Sejnowski. Everyday Dorie: The Way I Cook by Dorie Greenspan. Massachusetts Treasurers by Imperial. 9 Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty. Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green. Dark Sacred Night by Michael Connelly. Daughters of the Lake by Wendy Webb. Dream Daughter by Diane Chamberlain. Forever and a Day by Anthony Horowitz. Gone So Long by Andre Dubus III. Heads You Win by Jeffery Archer. Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci Night of Miracles by Elizabeth Berg. Past Tense by Lee Child. Three Dark Browns by Kendare Blake. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. You Don't Own Me by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke.

For Kids:

Captain Log Snowbound by Erin Dionne Captain Raptor and the Perilous Plant by Kevin O'Malley & Patrick O'Brien. Heidi by Johanna Spyri. Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan. We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins. New Audio CDs:

Elevation by Stephen King. Good Neighbor : The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. Little Women by Louisa Mae Alcott Reckoning by John Grisham. Tales of the Otori Books 2 and 3 by Lian Hern. Texas Ranger by James Patterson

New Dvds:

Children Act. Destination Wedding Incredibles 2 Juliet, Naked. Longmire Season 6 Papillon. Spy Who Dumped Me



LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT?

DO YOURSELF A "PAVER"

GIVE THE GIFT THAT HONORS A LOVED ONE

Reserve your spot on the "Green" with a personalized paver The Town Green Committee will be adding pavers to our walkway again in the spring, if you are interested in purchasing a paver for \$75.00, to memorialize a loved one, honor your family name or to celebrate a special date.

Fill out the form below & send it to Marilyn Tkaczuk PO Box 341 Granville MA 01034

Name: Phone #:
Address:
Each paver must have a separate application with engraving information below:
Maximum 15 spaces per line includes letters, numbers, punctuations, & spaces with a 3 line maximum

Paver size is 6.75" by 4.25" if you have questions call Marilyn @ 413-357-6303



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Open for Sales and Open House December 2nd & 9th 10am-5pm

Maple Syrup and Maple Products Gift Baskets, Jams, Jellies, Fruit Butters, Grass fed Beef

New & Used Cross Country Ski Equipment-Skis, Boots and Poles Ski repairs available Gift Certificates and Season Passes

Maple Corner Farm Cross Country Ski Center 794 Beech Hill Road, Granville, Ma. 413-357-8829

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ

16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034 Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.

A coffee hour follows the service each week

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Monday nights- AA meetings Thursdays 7:00 Choir rehearsals Third Sunday 8:30 to 9:30- Fellowship Breakfast

DECEMBER EVENTS

Our next Fellowship Breakfast is Sunday, December 16th. These breakfasts can give you a chance every month to get together with friends and neighbors over hot coffee and a great breakfast!

Saturday, December 8th- Breakfast with Santa, an event sponsored by the Granville Lion's Club. Lots of fun for the family!

Sunday, December 16th at 2 PM- Novi Cantori. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful holiday music.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 23rd- 10 AM Monday , December 24th, 7:00 PM-Christmas Eve Service

Big Y gift cards are available. See Jean McMahon to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to the church.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SEASON'S CELEBRATIONS

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Help us celebrate the Great Big Story of Christmas!

Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 P.M.

Community Christian School 409 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034

Please join us after the program for refreshments in the cafeteria.

How Will the Story End?

I have a success story in progress involving children. How it continues is up to you. Five years ago, the Granville Federated Church commenced a successful capital campaign, thanks to its members and friends. As part of the campaign, we elected to devote a small amount of the funds received to a local and a global outreach project. We donated \$5,000 to the Travis Fuller Scholarship Fund for the local project. We donated the same amount to dig a well at the Agape School, a Christian school/orphanage in a very poor rural village in Uganda.

The girls at the school walked 3.7 miles each way to carry water in 5 gallon jerry-cans. In Uganda, carrying water is considered "women's work." To put this in perspective, 3.7 miles is the distance between the general store and Prospect Mountain Campground. The girls were vulnerable targets for assault. Also, the girls missed classes and their bodies suffered carrying so much weight.

We were enormously fortunate. The driller tapped into the aquifer on the first exploratory bore-hole. \$5,000 was enough to drill four exploratory holes, but now there was enough money left to provide a wellrepair fund, which has been necessary to keep it running. The well is so productive that the minister gives access to the entire village. The well has been a life-changing event for these people. Also, there has not been a single case of typhoid in the village since the well was drilled.

The Agape School has around 500 students, 100 of which are orphans who live in two dormitories. The education is pretty basic - reading, writing and math. The school struggles to provide for the orphans. Our church members donate enough to feed the children beans and rice for two weeks each month. When asked what happens for the rest of the month, their minister, Pastor Steven, says they eat cornmeal porridge and pray. This was unacceptable.

To improve the nutrition of the children and help the school become self-sufficient, members of our church started a goat herd at the school. In 15 months, the herd has tripled in size and is providing milk for the children and soon, goats for sale. Also, members of our church recently funded a hen-house to provide quality protein in the form of eggs for the children. We also funded planting a fruit tree orchard, but it is not yet productive.

Progress is being made, but we are not there yet. The children have been sleeping 2-3 to a mattress on dirt floors in the dormitories. Bedbugs, chiggers and mosquitoes are a huge problem and malaria is rampant. When it rains, the dirt floors become mud because there is no glass in the windows. Our church members donated funds to pour concrete floors so no child would have to sleep in the mud.

We want to provide bedding for the orphans and ask for your help. A bunk bed costs \$90, each mattress is \$28, and a mosquito net is \$13. The entire cost for all 100 children is \$7,950. We really need your help with this. Your contribution is tax deductible and I promise you that every penny of every dollar donated will be used exclusively for the children.

If you are able to help, please mail a check payable to Granville Federated Church, indicate on the check that it is for The Agape School, and send it to Granville Federated Church, P.O. Box 246, Granville, MA 01034.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS COLLECTION

The Town of Granville has contracted with New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) of Westfield for the collection and disposal of various Household Hazardous Products and chemicals from Granville residents.



Residents can bring automotive wastes (oil, coolants, fluids, grease), oil based paints (including solvents, thinners aerosol cans), or household cleaning products and Lawn/Garden/Pool supplies (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, chemicals) to the:

NEDT Collection Center

190 East Main Street Westfield, MA

{8660 769-1621

on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 4pm; or Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

The Town will pay up the first \$30.00 of disposal costs and the residents will be responsible for any balance.

More information is available on the Transfer Station page of the Town of Granville website:

www.townofgranville.net

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018 AND

NEW YEAR'S DAY - TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL HAVE REGULAR SATURDAY HOURS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY.

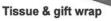
IF THERE IS A WEATHER EVENT DURING THE WINTER ON A TUESDAY OR SATURDAY, THE TRANSFER STATION MAY BE CLOSED WITHOUT NOTICE.



Calendars



Paper gift cards



Cardboard & paper boxes



Catalogs

Photographs Holiday lights Polystyrene foam Ribbon

Plastic bags

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Please recycle gift wrap, gift bags, tissue wrap, and greeting cards (no metallics, glitter or foil). Lists are not all-inclusive. Please check for www.springfieldmrf.org more detailed information.



TOWN OF GRANVILLE Department of Public Works

707 Main Road • P.O. Box 247 • Granville, MA 01034 (413) 357-8585 ext. 6 (phone) (413) 455-4446 (cell) Dpwsuper@townofgranville.org Doug Roberts, Superintendent

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2018-2019

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. Therefore, Route 57, Route 189, and Old Westfield Road will be cleared first.
- 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 are essential.
- 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.

Winter Storm Policy

Mailbox Damage During Winter Storms and Snow Removal Operations

Responsibility for Fixing/Replacing Roadside Mailboxes

This policy applies to all Granville residents.

Mailboxes damaged by snow discharged from a snow plow will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mailboxes damaged by contact with the *plow* will be repaired by the Highway Department.

The Highway Department will make repairs to mailboxes hit by the plow as soon as possible. Many mailboxes are closer to the pavement edge than recommended. Mailboxes that are in poor condition cannot with-stand heavy snow coming off a plow.

Mailboxes hit by an operator will repaired and the resident will receive an apology for the inconvenience.

Any resident may call my cell phone at (413) 455-4446 to discuss mailboxes or any other Highway Department activities. The Highway Department can also be reached by email; <u>dpwsuper@townofgranville.org</u>.

Thank you,

The Granville Highway Department



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department wants to keep you safe this holiday season!

By Lt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator



Christmas Tree and Light

Safety – It's that time of year again! Many of us will be decorating inside and outside of our homes. Here are some reminders to keep you safe!

- Keep trees away from heat sources.
- Water a cut tree daily and use a "non-tip" style tree stand.
- Never leave a lit tree unattended if you leave the house, turn off the lights.
- Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holiday, before the needles dry out.
- Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening or leaving the house.
- Purchase lights and electric decorations which are listed by an approved testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, sockets, etc.
- Never overload outlets. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord, or follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Consider buying new energy efficient LED lights that don't get as hot.
- Always use appropriate weatherproof lights outdoors.

Candle Safety - In past years, candles caused over 100 fires, three civilian deaths, nine civilian injuries, five firefighter injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$3.9 million in damages. Of the 84 candle fires in homes, 35% occurred in the bedroom. It is all too easy to fall asleep and leave a candle burning unattended in the bedroom. Remember to blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

- Burn candles within a one-foot circle, free of anything that can burn.
- Before you go out, blow it out; never leave candles burning unattended.
- Always extinguish candles after use.
- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.

Ice Safety Tips:

- Never go onto the ice alone. A friend may be able to rescue you or go for help if you fall through the ice.
- Always keep your pets on a leash. If a pet falls through the ice do not attempt to rescue your pet, go for help.
- New ice is usually stronger than old ice. As the ice ages, the bond between the crystals decays, making it weaker, even if melting has not occurred.
- Beware of ice covered with snow. Snow can insulate ice and keep it strong, but can also insulate it to keep it from freezing. Snow can also hide cracks, weak, or open ice.
- Slush is a danger sign, indicating that ice is no longer freezing from the bottom and can be weak or deteriorating.
- Ice formed over flowing water (rivers or lakes containing a large number of springs) is generally 15% weaker.

Together, we can improve the life safety and wellbeing of our Granville residents!

The all-volunteer members of The Granville Fire Department are proud to serve our residents 24/7. Please visit our web page at <u>http://www.granvillefire.net</u> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org

OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) S. Barnes,

Bob, age 87, died peacefully on Tuesday, November 7, 2018 at Houlton Regional Hospital, with his family at his side. He was born on December 6, 1930 in Westfield, Massachusetts, the son of Sheldon and Edith (Stannard) Barnes.

After completing trade school, at the age of 22, Bob entered the U.S. Army as a Corporal in the Combat Engineers in Germany and Austria during the Korean War, earning an Army of Occupation Medal in Germany and a National Defense Medal. Upon returning home in 1954, he married Thelma M. Johnson, who predeceased him in November of 2016. Bob's married life began in Granville, Massachusetts, where he built a horse farm while also working in construction and as a grader operator working with the State Engineers of Mass. He was proud to be part of the construction of the Massachusetts Turn Pike, and for many years, worked as a foreman for the Town of Granville Highway Department. Bob also built his own sawmill and produced lumber using its 1928 engine for power. He was also very proud to have raised his three daughters in a small, loving community. In 1985, Thelma and Bob retired to the town of Smyrna Mills, Maine. Even though he retired at 55 years of age, his work ethic kept him employed for many more years beyond. He worked for the Town of Smyrna Mills in different capacities, including mowing cemeteries, plowing roads, and attending to the transfer station. He gained many friends in the local area because of his sense of humor and friendly demeanor.

Bob is survived by three daughters: Bambi (Gary) Williams of Oakfield, ME, Roberta (Tim) Cheviot of Hancock, NH, and Jenny (Jeremy) Tarr of Smyrna Mills, ME; Five grandchildren: Robert J. Barnes of Smyrna Mills, ME, Ashley, Chloe, and Hayley Cheviot of Hancock, NH, and Morgan Tarr of Smyrna Mills, ME. He also leaves behind several family members and friends.

Donald Duncan Munro III

Donald Duncan Munro III, 90, died Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Chippewa Falls, WI. Donald was born in Kansas City, MO on July 16, 1928, the son of the late Donald Duncan (II) and Bertha Catherine (nee Brown) Munro. He attended schools in Kansas City and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1951 with a degree in agriculture. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US Army in 1951 and deployed to Germany. In 1953, Donald married Elizabeth Catherine Murray, who he met while on active duty in Germany. After moving to Connecticut in 1957, he served for more than 30 years in the local banking industry. He also served in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Major. After retiring in 1989, Donald and Elizabeth moved to Granville, Massachusetts where he served as Chairman of the Town Finance Committee for many years and played Santa Claus for the local grade school children. In 2000, Donald and Elizabeth moved to the American Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts. Donald was an active volunteer for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Southwick Food Pantry. He enjoyed 59 years of marriage with Elizabeth until she passed away in 2012. Donald is survived by his three children, Donald Munro IV and his wife Young Nan, Catherine Upton and her husband Peter, Andrew Munro and his wife Julia; grandchildren, Torin, Elizabeth and her husband Clinton; and great grandchildren, Duncan and Lenore.



To All Town Employees & Town Volunteers, Elected & Appointed, Past & Present:

You are invited to the Town's Annual Christmas Gathering

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

6:00pm until 9:00pm at the Granville Town Hall



It is potluck so bring some food to share.

If you would like to participate in the gift game, bring a same sex gift of minimal value. We'll play the game at 7:30pm.



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All past and present Town volunteers & employees are invited, so pass the word!



BARTER BOX

For Sale:

King size bedroom set - perfect condition solid wood not veneer Headboard, large dresser (72") Large armoire(bureau) 42x54x20" all included \$35.00 Living room sofa, like new, light blue and white \$20.00

Large mirror 28x40" \$5.00

3 solid maple stools for counter or bar \$10.00 each

Call or visit 80 Barnard Road 413-357-8872



Granville-Tolland **Lions Club**

The 2019 Granville-Tolland Lions Club Community Anniversary, Birthday Calendar is now available for delivery. To subscribe for delivery of the annual calendar please email d.stosick@comcast.net. Your \$5.00 annual subscription is critical to the continued support of the Lions Club, which has served the Granville and Tolland communities for over 53 years.





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