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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER...

by Donna M. Fillion

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Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Tuesday/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 25, 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.

Marriage Intentions

If you wish to marry, you may contact my office or any other Town Clerk in the Commonwealth. The first document that a couple must complete is the Marriage Intentions Form and both must be present at the same time to do so. Following this, a license is issued and you can be married any place in the Commonwealth. Your marriage license is filed at the Town Clerk's Office where the Marriage Intentions Form is completed. Here is some additional information on marrying in MA: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/lib/laws-by-subj/about/marriage.html>

MORE FROM THE TOWN CLERK



Justice of the Peace

If anyone is planning a wedding during 2019, you can contact me to act as your Justice/Wedding Celebrant for your civil ceremony.

Vital Records

Birth records are filed based on residence. If you are a resident of Granville at the time of the birth of your child, then the child's birth certificate will be filed in Granville. Death records are filed in the community in which you pass away. Certified copies of vital records (Birth, Marriage, Death) are \$10.00.

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. Please note Notary Services are provided as a courtesy.

A Notary does NOT give legal advice.

The following are REQUIRED in order to be provided with Notary Services:

- The document CANNOT already have been signed
- All signers MUST be PRESENT at time of notarizing
- The Notary is stating they have WITNESSED the document being signed
- The person(s) signing MUST provide a proper photo ID

The document MUST contain the appropriate Notarial Statement (Clause) - NO EXCEPTIONS ... Types of Notary: Jurat (statements are true) OR Acknowledgement (ones free act). The certificate MUST contain the oath given by notary to identify the type of notary act.

We do not notarize copies of original documents - NO EXCEPTIONS

We reserve the right to deny notarial services based on circumstances, if the above-mentioned policies are not followed or if documents are incomplete or if documents are in a format that is unacceptable to this office or if the documents do not have the notarial clause/statement.

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

January Events

Sunday, January 20th-Fellowship breakfast
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE COUNCIL ON AGING NEEDS YOU!

The efficient running of the municipality requires more than just town employees and elected officials. Volunteers are needed to keep the wheels of government turning. We are in dire need of members to serve on the **Council on Aging**. This board promotes a spirit of healthy, positive, aging through education and activities for all seniors, their families, and the community at large.

Please consider joining.

Contact Matt Streeter (413) 357-8585 Ext. 0

Other boards with vacancies include:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Finance Committee

Open Space & Recreation Committee

The Granville Volunteer Fire Department could always use more volunteers as well.

Again, please contact Matt Streeter at the Selectboard office at (413) 357-8585 Ext. 0 if you are interested in volunteering or serving the community or if you have any thoughts or questions on positions.



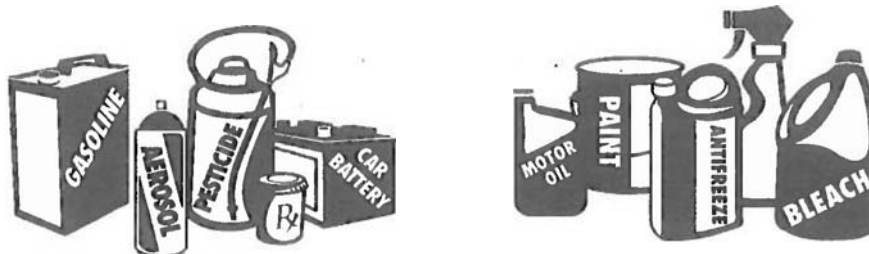
COMING SOON...

The Swap Shop at the Granville Transfer Station

MassDEP has grant funded an initiative to establish a Swap Shop at the Granville Transfer Station. The goal is to divert unwanted but still usable goods and furniture from the waste stream. This “recycling” opportunity, successful in other area communities, allows transfer station patrons to drop off items that still have some useful life in them, and pick something free of charge that might be of use to them. Although it is called a swap shop, residents do not need to drop an item off to take an item from the shop; though rules of operation are still to be determined and then posted in the Country Caller and on the town website. More information will be forthcoming including start date and hours of operation; but likely will be open one Saturday per month starting in late Winter/early Spring 2019. Stay tuned!

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

Granville Library

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:

Best of Us: A Memoir by Joyce Maynard

Brief Questions to the Big Questions by Stephen Hawking.

Creative Folk Art and Beyond: Inspiring Tips, Projects, and Ideas for Creating Cheerful Folk Art Inspired by the Scandinavian Concept of Hygge (!) by Flora Wycott.

Pastry School: 101 Step-By-Step Recipes by Le Cordon Bleu.

Pie Squared: Irrestibly Easy Sweet & Savory Slab Pies by Cathy Barrow.

All She Left Behind by Jane Kirkpatrick.

An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green.

Autumn by Ali Smith.

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict.

Dark Sacred Night by Michael Connelly.

Fire and Blood: 300 Years before a game of Thrones by George Martin.

Firefly: Big Damn Hero by James Lovegrove.

Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye : a Lisbeth Salander Novel

Continuing Stieg Larsson's Millennium Series by David Lagercrantz.

Kingdom of the Blind by Louise Penny.

Look Alive Twenty-Five: A Stephanie Plum Novel by Janet Evanovich.

Sea of Greed by Clive Cussler.

Someone to Trust by Mary Balogh.

The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve.

Target: Alex Cross by James Patterson.

Untouchable by Jayne Ann Krentz.

For Kids:

The Camping Trip by Catherine Hapka.

Dear Santasaurus by Stacy McAnulty.

Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild by Dad Pilkey.

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald: The Original Screenplay by Minalima.

New Dvds:

Ant-Man and the Wasp

Colette

The Equalizer 2

Galveston

Mission Impossible: Fallout

Peppermint

Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero

A Simple Favor

Venom

White Boy Rick



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Dear Granville Parents Association and Community,

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars Executive Board would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$1,500 from the Granville Parents Association, in support of the college students of Granville and Tolland. While the closure of the Granville Village School has impacted our town so greatly, the money raised over the years by the GPA will continue to serve our students as they pursue their college education.

The mission of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is to promote scholarship, community involvement, and leadership among the undergraduate college students of Granville and Tolland through financial support for their education. We are proud to have awarded over \$25,000 per year to our students, with scholarships funded fully by the donations and fundraisers conducted.

Thank you again for the donation of financial support from the GPA.

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GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department wants to wish you a safe and Happy New Year!

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

Chimney & Woodstove Fire Safety

In 2016, there were 565 fire incidents involving chimneys, fireplaces, and woodstoves. These fires were responsible one civilian death, three civilian injuries, and five firefighter injuries. They resulted in \$2.3 million in property losses. These incidents made up 38% of all fires linked to heating systems.

Purchasing

- Be sure the stove you are purchasing to burn wood or coal is approved by Underwriter's Laboratory or another recognized testing laboratory.

Installation

- A building permit must be obtained prior to the installation of fireplaces, wood or coal burning stoves. They must be inspected by the local building inspector prior to their initial use as required by the Massachusetts State Building Code.
- Allow at least 36 inches of space around the appliance to prevent combustibles from coming into contact with a heat source.
- Solid fuel heating appliances cannot share a common flue with chimney flues utilized by other solid fuel, fossil fuel, or gas fired appliances.

Inspections

- Have the chimney and flue inspected by a qualified mason prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into the structure.

Proper Use

- Most chimney fires occur due to a build-up of creosote, a tarry by-product of burning wood. Have your chimney flue cleaned before each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned, hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start the fire.
- Never leave children unattended near the stove.
- Check that the damper is open before lighting the fire. Failure to do so can result in an accumulation of smoke and carbon monoxide within the home. Do not close the damper before the fire has died out and the embers are cold.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying sparks and embers from falling out onto the floor.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to provide protection for your family.

Proper Ash Disposal

- Ashes cleaned out from the stove or fireplace should be shoveled into a metal bucket with a metal lid, placed outside, on the ground, away from the building, to prevent fires. Do not place ashes into a paper bag or cardboard box. Ashes and embers can stay hot for days and ignite combustibles.

Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are required now in all homes with chimneys or woodstoves. Install one on every habitable level and no more than 10 feet from every bedroom door. Replace every 5-7 years.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, at the bottom of every stairwell and outside each sleeping area. Replace every ten years.
- Test alarms regularly and change alkaline batteries when we change the clocks.
- Consider installing alarms with sealed, 10-year batteries.

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