

# Friends put together library scholarship program

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library is hosting a special scholarship program for high school students that are making their way towards higher education.

The awards are given to students who have demon-

strated academic achievement and community service through volunteer work at the library, and eligible students are required to be high school seniors graduating this spring and wither reside in Granby or attend the Granby Schools.

The minimum GPA required for consideration is a 2.5, and the student's community service record must also be included, with a minimum of 45 logged library volunteer hours completed during per each junior and senior year.

Students must submit their scholarship application and essay, which can be found on the library's website, [www.granbylibrary.com](http://www.granbylibrary.com), and must be submitted by the deadline of May 1, 2025.

# Library offering adult dominoes club

HOLYOKE – Love the strategic game of dominoes? Come play it at the Holyoke Public Library from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday starting Monday, March 10. The weekly games will be held in

the first-floor board room. For more information, call Abbey at 413-420-8101 or email [abuedinger@holyokeylibrary.org](mailto:abuedinger@holyokeylibrary.org). The event is geared toward adults.

## GARDENER from page 1

sunlight daily. The garden will also need proper drainage in order to let out excess moisture and also maintain moisture.

Ensure also your plants are stable and be mindful of wind. You also need to ensure your soil is nutrient-rich for your plants to grow.

"Every garden needs water, so be sure to set up your garden near a reliable water source so you don't have to do extra work by lugging a hose or watering can."

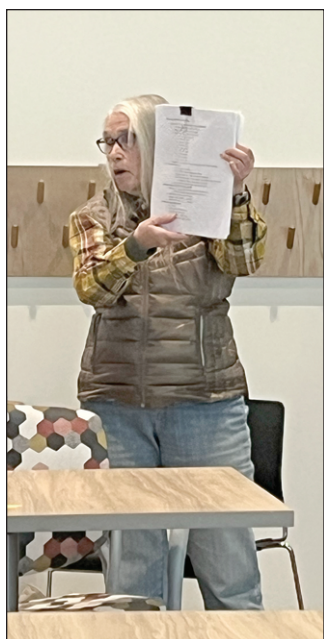
Once you choose your site, you can begin to plan your layout and how you want your beds to look. This includes the size, path widths, between beds, orientation to face the most sun, making sure its protected, and keeping in mind your materials, cost, and time to maintain.

"Be mindful of the weather as what is reported on the weather channel may not be the reality," said Carmichael. "Visit gardens that have the layout and beds you want to do. Research gardens, too to be sure you have the time and energy in your life to the garden."

Carmichael also reviewed



Beth Carmichael showing a tool to the group, emphasizing the importance of a quality tool kit.



Margery Gerard showing an example of a garden log for people to see how logging your garden can help you improve it.

the disadvantages of using soil covers like landscaping fabric which isn't biodegradable, and warns that newspaper ink can be toxic, and cardboard attracts voles.

She recommends the best course to consistently weed and tend the garden manually.

Planning beds for your gardens should involve ideas

for if you want them ground-level or raised, which will affect how much soil you'll need to fill the space or the kind of vegetables you want.

You also should consider the size you want, what you will realistically eat, the materials you'll need and their costs, as well as making sure

you know about the plants you want for your garden and research their needs.

"As you're planning your vegetables, be mindful of how much or what you are planting and choose realistic ones your family and friends will eat," Carmichael said. "When you are doing a garden, it's a good idea to journal out what you are doing and planting. Don't neglect safety equipment."

Gardening also involves tools, which include a garden or soil knife for digging, harvest knife, clippers/pruners, cultivating tools, and a log book or journal. You can also keep yourself safe with proper gloves, masks when using chemicals, a hat, sunblock, and bug spray.

Other tools and equipment you'll need include wheelbarrows or carts, containers for "stuff", watering equipment, trellises and cages, and tools for raking and sweeping.

Margery Gerard shared with the group information on strategies to help you increase your yields and quality of your gardens.

"Whether your garden is this big, this big, or this big, how you set up and plan your site will determine how much

you will yield," said Gerard.

Areas that are important to consider for your garden is the soil itself and its pH levels, minerals, composition, and how you can improve it.

"There's more to soil than just what you put the seeds in. This is the environment where the food for the plants are," said Gerard.

Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are the most important minerals in your soil, and it needs 50% pore space for air and water to permeate, 45% mineral matter, and 5% organic matter.

"Organic material is like compost," said Gerard. "It's the combination that helps make a healthy soil. It's important to add the compost in order to give the soil more nutrition."

You can also use different mulches like straw, oats, or buckwheat to help nutrients flow through that won't disrupt the soil.

How you plant, and what you plant together matters as you look at maintaining your soil's health, and the greatest yield.

Your plant selection revolves around the season you're planting in, the temperature of your home,

disease and insect considerations, and the hardscape around where your garden is.

"Plant one thing after another, after another, so that you never have a dry bed," said Gerard. "Look for plants that are disease-resistant. It doesn't mean it won't get the disease, but that it won't get it as badly."

How you plant and what plants you put together can make a big impact on your garden and how it thrives. Succession planting, for example helps to yield stronger plants as the soil is enriched season after season.

Companion planting allows for a greater variety of plants that work together to support the other plants to help slow down or reduce damage from insect eggs, and create potentially healthier plants.

Seed packets will show you when to plant, sun needs, planting depth, seed spacing, days to germinate, days to harvest and how to harvest, growing notes, and diseases and pests attracted to them.

If you want to learn more about planting, don't miss the second session of this series in two weeks on Wednesday March 26 at 1:30 p.m.

# Public Notices

## Town of Granby Board of Appeals

The Granby Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at 259-A East State Street, (Public Safety Complex, Meeting Room), Granby MA 01033**, to consider the following petition:

1. Appellant, 185 West State St, LLC, is appealing a determination from the Granby Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer that the outdoor display of goods and wares is not permitted in the GB (General Business Zone) and within the Mixed-Use Overlay, pursuant to the Town's Zoning By-laws. regarding 185 West State Street and known as Assessors' Map 3-D-1.1 in the town of Granby, MA.

In addition to the above hearings, the Board of Appeals may conduct other agenda items following said hearings as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter

39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Kathleen Bronner, Chairman  
Granby Board of Appeals  
03/14, 03/21/2025

## TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Anthony's Dance Club, Inc d/b/a Centerfold Anthony's, to bring existing adult entertainment club with live nudity, as well as restaurant and bar service, into zoning compliance pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article IX (Special Permit); 255- 42 (Adult Entertainment Uses); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with

in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81902402093?pwd=tcbF0nKVarqb7Z3kqm3ItRAFu5U8U.1>

Or join by phone: +1 (305) 224 1968 **Webinar ID:** 819 0240 2093 **Passcode:** 075713

The project location is within the Business B Zoning District and is an existing adult entertainment club, Anthony's Dance Club.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at [www.southhadley.org](http://www.southhadley.org) on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Special Permit' under section 'New Ludlow Road (500) - Adult Entertainment' or can be viewed

at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk  
South Hadley Planning Board  
03/07, 03/14/2025

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Subject:** Public Hearing on the Acceptance and Acquisition of Ethan Circle as a Public Way

The South Hadley Selectboard, in accordance with MGL Chapter 82, Section 21 & 22, will hold a hybrid public hearing on **April 1, 2025, at 7:05 PM at the South Hadley Senior Cen-**

**ter, 45 Dayton Street, South Hadley MA** on the proposed road layout of Ethan Circle, to be taken by eminent domain, as shown on a plan entitled "Ethan Circle Definitive Subdivision South Hadley, Massachusetts" prepared by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc. and dated March 14, 2014 and recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 235, page 1. The plan is on file with the Town Clerk. The public is welcome to attend and give comment.

The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specif-

ic item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

**Remote Meeting Connection noted below:**

**Dial-in Number:** +1 646 558 8656

**Meeting ID:** 892 6769 7952 **Passcode:** 805326

**Please use this URL to log-in:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89267697952?pwd=uJiUTU14Ovc pamKYU8cjcbhBaXOXH2.1>

Meeting attendees should mute phones (\*6 for landlines) unless asking questions or commenting. All attendees should wait to speak until other participants are finished.

**If you have questions, please contact the Selectboard office at (413) 538-5030 x 6181.**  
03/14/2025

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