

Legal Notices

TOWN OF GRANBY INVITATION FOR BID #126-01

FOR TIMBER REMOVAL
Sealed bids for timber removal at Dufresne Park will be received in the Selectboard Office, 10-B W State St., Granby, MA 01033 until Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at which time they will be opened and publicly read by the Chief Procurement Officer.

Bid documents are available on the Town's website at <https://www.granby-ma.gov/selectboard/pages/bid-documents>

The Town of Granby reserves the right to cancel this IFB or re-

ject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the Town determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the Town. Any addenda or cancellations of this bid shall be published only on the official Town website bid page. 03/06/2026

Public Hearing on School Department FY27 Budget Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:00pm

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 38N, the South Hadley School Committee will hold a hybrid Public Hearing regarding

the School Department FY27 Budget:

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:00pm

Join in person at the South Hadley Council on Aging, 45 Dayton St.

Join via zoom Meeting ID 878 6345 1563 Passcode 437225

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public viewing beginning on March 06, 2026, at the Office of the Superintendent. Public comment is invited at the hearing or in writing to the School Department, 116 Main St, South Hadley, MA 01075. Notice also on www.masspublicnotices.org 03/06/2026

Quaboag Valley Relay for Life seeking more teams

BELCHERTOWN – The Quaboag Valley Relay for Life is looking for more teams, more team members, Cancer survivors, and donations for our Relay on May 30 on the Belchertown Common from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

You can form a team in memory or honor of a loved one or friend to raise donations for the American Cancer Society and raise awareness of this dreaded disease, Cancer. Cancer has touched EVERYONE, and we need your help to rid the world of Cancer as we know it. If you are a survivor, we would like you

to get registered and come for a walk with us on May 30. If you aren't able to walk, just come and hang out with us. All survivors who get registered will receive a free Survivor shirt and be treated to a free luncheon for you and a caregiver.

During our Relay this year, there will be a Big Craft Fair going on at the same time. This event also benefits the American Cancer Society. There will be many Gift Baskets you can purchase tickets to win. We have ordered great weather for this event too.

For each person who joins

a team and donates or gets donations of at least \$100 will get a free HOPE shirt to wear with pride, knowing you have helped the American Cancer Society raise money for their many services to our Survivors. We like all team members to get a little donation, but you don't have to get the \$100 necessary to get the free HOPE shirt. To donate, form a team, join a team, or register as a survivor, please go to the following link: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/elecanoregray>. If you have any questions, please email ctellie@juno.com.

Wine Down event to benefit P.E.O., March 13

SOUTH HADLEY – P.E.O. (Providing Educational Opportunities for Women) Chapter AG welcomes community members 21 and over to Wine Down on March 13 as we celebrate Women's History Month. Enjoy appetizers favored by the Notorious Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Learn about our upcoming fundraiser, A Visit with Ruth, on September 27, 2026, at the First Church, 1 Church Street, South Hadley. One of RBG's famous quotes is "Never Underestimate a Girl with a Book." Joe Rodio, Director of the South Hadley Library System, will update

us on the town budget and the libraries.

It promises to be an exciting evening! Friday, March 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Gaylord Memorial Library, 47 College Street, South Hadley. Admission to Wine Down is \$12.00. There is free off-street parking.

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of 60, and those with disabilities to investigate crimes these individuals may have been victimized by.

Identity Theft

Identity theft is when someone steals or obtains your personal information through scams or data breaches and then uses your information to open accounts, file tax returns, collect unemployment, or other services that are detrimental to you and your health.

"Once they get your information, there really is no limit to what damage they can do," said Rachel Webber.

Scammers can steal your information through your personal ID, social security card, or other means of identification.

Identity theft and "data breaches" can come in the form of your wallet or purse being stolen, pretending to offer you a job, dumpster diving for tossed mail, stealing your mail, or tricking you into revealing your information through scams.

Scams and Types of Scams

"Scammers are very tech savvy, and they know how to get around things to steal your information," said Webber. "If anyone calls you and asks you for this information, stop and do research and verify who it is that is seeking this information."

Some of the information scammers will call and ask for includes account log-in and passwords, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, an medicare or health insurance numbers. Real banks and health insurance companies will not call you for your information and will have that on file.

"There is a wide spectrum of people who are getting ripped off and reporting it," said Anita Wilson. "A lot of it comes through phone calls, emails, and text messages."

These scams affect people of all ages, but unfortunately, the senior population falls victim to these scams and loses a lot of money.

There are many different types of scams, including government and law enforcement impostors, bank or credit company impersonators, a business imposter from Amazon, PayPal, or your cable company, for example, someone pretending to be a family member or grandchild, romance

scams, like with dating websites, offering fake investment opportunities, lotteries, prizes, sweepstakes giveaways or prizes, or a computer virus or breach in computer security.

You should never look at or listen to a scammer over the phone, email, or text message telling you something about your account, without first consulting your own apps and bank account apps.

Artificial Intelligence

With AI on the rise, scammers have been able to use it to clone your voice over the phone or to use your own voice to confirm or deny services.

Something else AI can do is create deepfake scams, like creating fake videos or photos to falsely claim someone didn't do something. Phishing or email attacks can be tampered with AI to make them more personalized to the recipient.

AI can also create fake websites that look identical to the real thing, and fake reviews for products or investment techniques.

Scams

Targeting Homeowners

Many scams will come in the form of paving and home improvement, including people who come to your home claiming they are in the area and can do work on their property, but then keep coming back for more money. Another scam can include them saying they have extra materials to help.

You should always proceed with caution, get estimates on the costs for no hidden surprises, never pay for the work all at once, check their license and insurance, get everything in writing, research before switching electric suppliers, like solar, and report suspicious behavior to the police.

Home Title Theft is when someone pretends to be you and transfers your deed to someone else. They can then use these forged documents to transfer the deed and may even take out loans tied to the property, or try to sell your home. Always sign up for free monitoring with the Registry of Deeds.

Easy Payments

Many scammers will try to steal money through bank transfers, bitcoin or cryptocurrencies, gift cards, prepaid cards, wired money, or by pretending to be a courier

and come through to pick up money they have asked you to store in certain forms.

Reduce Your Risk of Fraud and Identity Theft

"Always, always slow down and take time to verify information before you act," said Webber.

Never click on links or attachments from text messages or emails from contacts that you do not know, as malware and viruses can be linked to these and then steal your information.

Cellphones and other electronic devices have updates, and it is recommended that you update your devices regularly to keep them secure.

Make sure your passwords are all different and hard to guess with different symbols, or by using Multi-Factor Identification to get into multiple accounts, like requiring your password as well as a six-digit code texted to your cellphone to enter.

Be aware of ads and deals offered on social media. "If it's too good to be true, it probably is," said Webber.

Keep all your passwords and log-in information safe and hidden, and only carry cards when you need them. Do not give financial or personal information to anyone who calls to ask for it, and shred your monthly statements and medical documents that you no longer need.

Be mindful of what you post, and that you check your privacy settings to make sure only people you know see your content.

How to Report

Identity Theft or Scams

The first thing to do is to call your bank to put a stop to any fraudulent withdrawals of your assets. You can also report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission, www.identitytheft.gov, and the FBI, www.ic3.gov. You can also report these scams to your local police department so they know what types of fraud and scams can affect their community members. Your local Consumer Protection Program is also another good place to report these frauds and scams to.

Reports are always anonymous, whether for elders or those with disabilities.

You can contact the Northwestern District Attorney's Office through their two offices: Greenfield (413-774-3186) and Northampton (413-586-9225).



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1. Blockchain-based entity
4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
7. Painted with glue
12. Legendary crooner
15. Structure made with strips of wood
16. Tropical fruits
18. Commercial
19. Comedienne
20. The Ocean State
21. Ancient Scot
24. Basics
27. Stated propositions
30. Scottish island group
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Large tree
34. Engine additive
35. Conspiracy
37. Drunkard

39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
41. Ancient Syrian city
42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
44. Carry (slang)
47. Sweet potato
48. European river
49. The Golden State
50. Windy City ballplayer
52. New Testament
53. Possess spiritually
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Popular historical novel
63. In a law-abiding way
64. A place to sleep
65. Criticize

4. Occupant
5. Member of Great Plains people
6. Social media firm
7. Digital audiotape
8. Midway between east and southeast
9. Chronic, progressive disease
10. Chinese lute
11. Not wet
12. Moves wings up and down
13. Communication devices
14. Swiss river
17. Female sibling
22. Receive
23. Relating to a type
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Steep bank
26. Taxi driver
28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre __-fi
45. Cannot
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Ailments
60. Famed singer Charles
62. Camper