

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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### **TOWN CLERK NEWS**

The amendment to the Town of Dunstable Bylaws adopted under Article 13 (Zoning) of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of November 12, 2013 was approved by the Attorney General on November 30, 2016; and hereby published by posting in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, and Section 32 as amended.

Article 13 – (New Section) Section 26, Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

• NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT CLAIMS OF INVALIDITY BY REASON OF ANY DEFECT IN THE PROCEDURE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ZONING AMENDMENTS MAY ONLY BE MADE WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THE FIRST POSTING.

A copy of these amendments and bylaws may be examined or obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours at the Dunstable Town Hall. The effective date of the adoption or amendment of any Zoning ordinance or bylaw shall be the date on which such adoption or amendment was voted upon by a town meeting.

- The Annual Street Listing (aka the town census) will be mailed late December/early January. In case you are new to Massachusetts, this is a legal document required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and you must return it to remain on the active voter list. Failure to return the annual street listing will designate to you inactive voter status and may result in your name being removed from the voter list.
- It's time to license your dogs! 2017 licensing began December 12. You can also wait for the annual street listing and return with your street listing. I can only return the license to you by mail IF you include a self-addressed postage paid envelope. Massachusetts law requires all dogs over 6 months be licensed. Failure to license is a \$50 fine and failure to vaccinate is \$100 fine pursuant to Massachusetts law. The most popular dog names in 2016 were Bella and Buddy. The most popular were Labrador Retriever (black first followed by yellow and chocolate, nearly tied) followed by Golden Retriever and German Shepherd and Boxers. Dunstable continues to be a huge friend to rescue dogs, adoptions continue to soar. Whatever your furever friend is, please remember to license AND tag, to keep them safe and help us return if they get out and about.

Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222  $\underline{CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov}$  The Clerk's Office is open Monday evening from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (except in May and July); Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Hours may vary due to holidays, workshops and elections. There are times the office is closed during these posted hours and extended hours for voter registration and absentee voting, please feel free to call ahead. Marriage licenses are by appointment only.



# IN MEMORY OF

Lucy L. LaMesa Cook Elizabeth M. Hamilton Copp Richard P. Melito Claire Y. Poisson

# DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST WINTERFEST 2017 Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11am to 3pm



Join us for horse drawn hay rides, sledding, skiing and snowshoeing. *Depending on the weather* there may be other activities as well. Enjoy hot chocolate, soup and other refreshments by the bonfire. This is held at the DRLT Wildlife Preserve, use the Main St. entrance. For more information you may call Bob at 978-649-7206 or David at 978-649-6394. *Please DO NOT bring your dogs to Winterfest.* 

# NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH

in conjunction with the **Dunstable** Board of Health announces that an adult clinic will be held free of charge *for the general public* on **Wednesday**, **January 25**<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am –12:00 noon at the *Town Library*, *588 Main Street*.

Drop in for one-on-one consultation with a nurse and blood pressure screening. No appointment is necessary. For further information, please contact Nashoba Associated Boards of Health at 978-772-3335 or 1-800-427-9762 ext 340 or visit us at www.nashoba.org.

# **DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE**

Another year has passed and it looks like a new era for the military is about to begin with a new administration, however one thing remains the same. Our military members will continue to be in harms way in order to help insure our freedoms. As they come home they will need your help to readjust to a stable environment and not think about some of the horrors they have been through. If you see a vet that may need help please let me know.

As always for the Vets here in town, if you, your spouse or any other Vet or widow of a Vet you know is in need of assistance of any kind, please leave me a message at 978-649-3919 or send me an email at <a href="mailto:Dunstable.vso@verizon.net">Dunstable.vso@verizon.net</a> or <a href="mailto:veterans@dunstable-am.gov">veterans@dunstable-am.gov</a> to make an appointment. I am here to help you.

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### SEPAC

(Special Education Parent Advisory Council)

### GD SEPAC OFFICERS 2016-17:

Chair: Melissa Padera – mpadera@yahoo.com Secretary: Marla Haddad – mhaddad2@verizon.net Treasurer: Katie Leonard – kcleonard@gmail.com



**SCHOOL PARENT LIAISONS:** 

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Katie Leonard – kcleonard@gmail.com

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SEPAC at gdsepac2@gmail.com.

\*\*\* January 11, 2017, 6 – 8 PM GDRSD High School Library Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change (MFOFC) Sophia Johansson The mission of MFOFC is to provide sustained advocacy and leadership training in pursuit of high quality, individualized community support and service options, including family support, for people with disabilities and their families. Learn about ways to help your loved one live an enviable life!

# STATE OF RESIDENCE OR STATE OF MIND

By Edward H. Adamsky

Folks often ask me about changing residence to Florida or New Hampshire to avoid Massachusetts taxes (income or estate). I tell them that their place of residence is first determined in their own mind. If you believe you are a resident of Florida, then you are. But, if someone (like the Department of Revenue) wants you to prove it, how will you do so?

Your belief may be good enough for you, but not for the DOR. They will want to see written things, such as your driver's license, your voter registration records, and sometimes how many nights you spend in any location. One state that is big on this is New York, and especially New York City (which has its own taxes in addition to state taxes). They are famous for counting how many nights you spent in the state or city. Once case held that a man was a resident as he had spent more than half of the nights of the year in New York. He had counted to stay under half, but had stayed late at work (after midnight) a few nights, and that was enough for the taxing authorities to call him a resident and put their hand out for his tax money.

Another case was lost by the taxpayer where he spent less than half of his time in New York, but had travelled abroad and left from and returned to New York. Other factors in his case included the facts that his doctor and dentist were in the city, and he did not obtain a Florida driver's license or register to vote in Florida until after the year in question.

So, what do you have to do to ensure you will win that fight with the DOR? First you should spend more than half of your time in your State of residence (Florida or wherever). You might want to make sure you spend much less than half in Massachusetts (or wherever you are trying to avoid being called a resident), just to be sure. Register to vote in your true State of residence and register your car there too. Make sure important mail is addressed to your residence (especially government mail like Social Security). Also use your residence address on all of your official government filings like tax returns.

Keep in mind that Massachusetts Estate Tax can be levied on all assets of a decedent that are in the State of Massachusetts when he dies. Even if the decedent has clearly established residence in another State, if he owned assets in Massachusetts when he died, the DOR will expect a share of the estate taxes (even if none are due in the person's state of residence.)

If you are unsure of where you are a resident, or where you might want to be a resident, please consult with your Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney.

# **DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31**

Meetings are held each month at Dunstable Town Hall at 8 p.m. See date below. Call for more information 978-649-3934.

Come join Grange!

All are welcome!!! Refreshments will be served.

- January 13<sup>th</sup> Happy New Year!
   Bring non-perishable items for the food pantry.
   Pizza Party.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Let's get moving. Healthy refreshments by The Men Host: Charlie



# DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Anne Fenochetti Email: afennochetti@dunstable-ma.gov Hours at Town Hall: *Tuesday* from 9-2 and *Wednesday* from 8:30-11:30. You can reach Anne at 978-649-4514 ext. 223 at the Town Hall or by appointment.

• <u>WELL ADULT CLINIC</u> A well adult clinic will be held on **Wednesday, January 25th at the Library from 11 to noon.** There will also be a clinic on **Wednesday, February 22nd.** 

The nurse is also available for *home visits on request*, please call Anne during office hours or leave a message at the office if you would like the nurse to visit you at home.

We will not meet at the Town Hall the first Wednesday of the month in January or February 2017. We will continue to meet all other Wednesdays at the library.

- A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Denise Tully and her Girl Scout Troop for providing fleece blankets for the Seniors who are receiving Meals on Wheels!
- AND ANOTHER SPECIAL THANK YOU to Chief Rich and the Dunstable Fire Department for providing night lights to the seniors at our annual Christmas Party.

Chief Rich is available to check your smoke detectors. Please contact Anne or Sue Tully to get on the schedule, this is a great preventive measure.

- <u>DO YOU NEED A HANDICAP PARKING SIGN FOR YOUR</u> VEHICLE? If so, applications are available from Anne, give her a call to see what is involved with obtaining one.
- BROWN BAG PROGRAM Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. and the Greater Boston Food Bank have joined forces to offer an Elder Brown Bag Program for income eligible residents 60 years and older in the Merrimack Valley. Eligible elders will receive a free bag of groceries once a month. Pick-up is at the Tyngsboro Senior Center 169 Westford Rd. Applications are now being accepted and are available through Anne.
- FUEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE Please call Anne for more details.
- ARE YOU IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT? There are items available for you to use free of charge. They include: canes, crutches, commodes, walkers, wheelchairs (older, heavy ones), bed bars and shower chairs. If you need something different, please call to see if we have it. These are loaned to you and should be returned when no longer needed.
- <u>Meals On Wheels</u> If you are interested in having some meals delivered, please contact Anne to find out more information.
- If you have concerns or questions about **Medicare** please **call Elder Services at 1-800-892-0890**.
- Prescription Advantage now has a continuous "open enroll-ment". Applications are available through Anne.
- <u>VAN SERVICE</u> Alternative Transportation is for medical appointments and grocery shopping. *There is a charge of \$5 for local trips.* Towns considered local include: Nashua, Tyngsborough, Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Ayer, Groton and Pepperell. *For trips to out of the area towns the charge will be \$10.* Once you know when your appointment is please call Anne at (978)649-4514 ext. 223. If Anne is not available please leave a message on 978-649-4514 ext. 223 to make arrangements for a ride.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!





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# The deadline for the next *Neighbor to Neighbor* is January10<sup>th</sup> for the February issue.

If you have events coming up please send the information to me via email at

anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com or by mail to Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827. News placed on first come, first served basis as space allows.

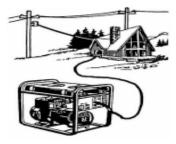
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# SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FOCUS **GROUPS**

The Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee invites community members to participate in a community focus group to discuss what they desire in a new Superintendent of Schools. Two community focus groups are scheduled for January 12, 2017: 10:00 a.m. at the Dunstable Library, 588 Main St. or 7:00 p.m. at the Black Box Theater in the Groton Dunstable High School, 703 Chicopee Row, Groton. Community members not able to attend the focus groups may opt to complete an online survey. Completion of the survey should take about 20 minutes.

A link to the survey will be on the school department website January 9-13, 2017. The School Committee wishes to encourage community participation as it prepares to make this most important decision for our district.

# **DUNSTABLE GARDEN GROUP**

The group will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm at the Library to make plans for the spring. New members are encouraged to join. Email sjt0213@verizon.net for more info.

# **BOOK CLUB**

The next Book Club meeting will be held Friday, January 20 at 11:30 at the Library. This is the Annual pot luck lunch. Email sit0213@verizon.net for more info.

# WEST CHELMSFORD UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

242 Main Street North Chelmsford, MA 01863 Phone: 1-978-251-4834 Website www.wcumc.us

Worship: 9:30AM and 11:00AM Professional child care provided Sunday school for all ages: 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Happy New Year!! We hope that you can visit us soon in this new year! We will be holding an Epiphany ice cream festival on Saturday, January 9. Please check website for time. There will be hot chocolate, crafts, and games. Our fantastic SOUP SUPPER (comfort casseroles also welcome!) will be on Saturday, January 30 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This is a relaxing family friendly event. All you need to do is bring yourself, your family, and friends. We have plenty of food for all. We have homemade varieties of soup and comfort casseroles that you can only find here. All food is labeled with ingredients, to help those with dietary restrictions.

All are welcome to our Sunday School classes and worship! We have an active music program with handbell choirs and singing for children, youth, and adults. Our worship services feature the music of one of our musical groups each week.

We hope to see you soon! We are on 242 Main Street in North Chelmsford, right on the Westford/Chelmsford line. From Route 3, take the Route 40 exit to Chelmsford, take a sharp right onto Main Street Chelmsford right after the variety store and follow Main Street until you see the church on the left.



The West Family along with Maureen Amaral, Coldwell Banker Realtor and local Toys for Tots coordinator would like to extend a sincere appreciation to the Dunstable and surrounding community members who so graciously dropped off a gift or two or three (or in one case hundreds, yes we said hundreds) of gifts during our Toys for Tots drive here in Dunstable.

Through your generosity we were able to provide a lot of happy smiles to local children in our area who had that special gift waiting for them over this past holiday season. Again thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again for the 2017 Toys for Tots drive. Happy New Year to you and yours!

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

80 Champney St., Groton, MA 01450 (978) 540-0768 http://www.sov-lc.org Pastor Rev. Susan Gaeta

January marks the beginning of a new year and a great time to visit Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, 80 Champney in Groton. You can help with needed clothing for the City Reach mission for which the youth are collecting clothes, coats, new socks and new underwear for men are especially needed.

These will be taken into the homeless in Boston and distributed by the youth of the congregation. It is the goal to give every visitor a new pair of socks. *Clothes will be collected through Sunday, January 22nd*. Please call Janet Vesper 978-597-8605 if you have clothing that you would like to donate.

# **GROTON DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOLS**

Swallow Union School: 978-649-7281 978-649-9412 FAX 978-649-5078 Message Line: 978-649-5078 Website: www.gdrsd.org (follow links to S/U)

Calendar for GDRSD is on website under Parents & Students

Supt. Office: 978-448-5505

Peter Twomey Youth Center 978-448-8459 Florence Roche School 978-448-6665 Prescott School 978-448-0380 Middle School 978-448-6155 GD Regional High School 978-448-6362 Boutwell Early Childhood Center 978-448-2297

# THE DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST 2017 CALENDAR IS STILL AVAILABLE

This year's calendar features the beautiful original artwork of pastel artist, Christine A. Chisholm. Chris is a Tyngsborough resident and a member of the DRLT.

The calendars are available for \$12.00 a piece at the Dunstable Library, the General Store, SeasonS at Calmore, Rose of Sharon at Blossom Hill and from the DRLT Directors.

All proceeds from the calendar sales go to the DRLT to protect the open space and preserve the rural character of Dunstable. Call Elaine at 978-649-9236 or Judy at 978-649-9010 for your calendar or for more information.

### **BEEKEEPING COURSE**

Tyngsborough Recreation Center, 120 Westford Road,

5 Sundays, 5 - 7pm, Starting February 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$110 - includes text.



**BEEKEEPING BASICS** This course is designed for individuals interested in starting this fascinating hobby, as well as for seasoned beekeepers looking for more information. We will learn the latest techniques of beekeeping and how to keep honeybees which are essential to our environment. Honeybees are the most fascinating and important insect on our planet. When weather cooperates, a healthy hive of honeybees, in Middlesex County can produce 100 lbs of excess honey. Instructor: Rick Reault, owner of New England Beekeeping Supplies and President of the Middlesex County Beekeeper's Association. **tyngsboroughrec.com** or call 978-649-2300 Ext. 150 for details and to sign up.

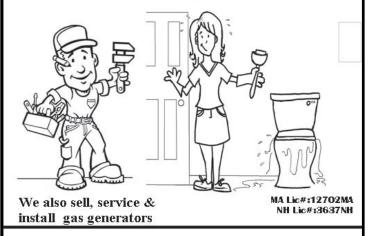
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If your organization or non profit group has a special event coming up in *February* please send the info in by **January 10**<sup>th</sup>. Articles are placed on a first come, first served basis. Call or email me if you have further questions about submitting news. News can be sent in a word file or in the body of an email.

If you have a local business, or your organization would like to have a display ad not just a paragraph, email me and I will forward the rate sheet to you.

Total circulation each month for Dunstable and Tyngsborough is 6,129 issues.

Issues are now available online at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

The next deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup> for the February issue.

Let Neighbor to Neighbor help spread the word!

I look forward to hearing from you, Anne

# THE POWER OF FLOWERS PROJECT

Presents a Victorian Tea Celebration

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 11am-1pm, Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street, Tewksbury, MA. Cost is \$25 Please join us for a ladies tea and performance by Rita Parisi who will present Mrs. Gordon, a middle class lady of Victorian times. She will recount her courtship during the 1890's. Reservations required by February 6, 2017. Register today at: www.powerofflowersproject. org. For questions, please call 978-226-8545. All proceeds to benefit The Power of Flowers Project, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. PO Box 294, 365 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

# COMING UP AT INDIAN HILL MUSIC

FREE LESSON DAY AT INDIAN HILL: Sign up to take a free 30-minute private lesson (or group class) at Indian Hill Music School: Saturday, January 28 at Indian Hill Music School, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. Lessons open to ages 4 through adult. For new students only; advance registration required; registration opened January 3rd. Call (978) 486-9524 (press 0) or sign up online at www.indianhillmusic.org.

STUDENT RECITALS AT INDIAN HILL: Hear Indian Hill Music School students perform music in a variety of styles and combos in January and February at 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. FREE admission. Call (978) 486-9524 (press 0) or visit www.indianhillmusic.org for recital days and times.

**ART EXHIBIT:** The Gallery at Indian Hill presents "Rapt in Winter (II)," an exhibit of monotype, watercolor, and collage by Barbara van Buskirk. On view January 5 – February 27 at 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. (Hours: M.-F., 10am–8 pm; Sat., 10 am–4pm.) FREE and open to the public. Learn more: (978) 486-9524 or www.indian-hillmusic.org.

# FREE LITERACY PROGRAM IN PEPPERELL

FREE Playgroup/Storytime/Craft Time with Miss Jana every Monday at 9:30 am-11am. Come to the Peter Fitzpatrick Administration Building, 45 Main Street, Pepperell for a free literacy program for young children and their families or caregivers. Everyone is welcome to this fun free activity! I invite young children to join me for playtime and music and movement followed by a story and a related craft! This is sponsored by a grant from the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care which follows the school year calendar. Contact Jana Harrison at: jharrison@awrsd.org or 978-874-7312.

# ST MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Weekday Mass: Monday, Thursday & Friday at 9AM. No Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday

- Reconciliation every Saturday from 3 to 3:40PM or by appointment.
- View our bulletin on line at www.stmarymagdalenparish.com. Join us on Facebook! Search "Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Tyngsboro" and like our page to see daily meditations and events.
- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATIONS are held on the first Fridays of the month at the Church and will consist of Holy Hour with closing Benediction from 9:30AM 12pm.
- The St. Vincent De Paul Society operates a monthly food pantry out of the rectory in addition to providing holiday meals to those in need. We can be reached at 978-844-2365.
- Prayer\_Line <u>Do you know of someone needing prayers?</u> Call Helen (978) 649-7927 or Carol (978) 649-6717. (Submit only first name of one to be prayed for)
- MEN OF ST. JOSEPH The Men of St. Joseph in the Greater Lowell area meet on the Second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship. All meetings will begin at 7:00am and end no later than 9:00am. Newcomers, father/son (Confirmation age) teams, and friends from other parishes are always welcome! To find out more, please come and check us out! Held at St. Rita's Church, Mammoth Rd. Lowell
- CRAFT & CRIBBAGE NIGHT Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 6–8:00pm at the Parish Center



46 Coburn Road Tyngsboro

### WINTER NATURE WALK (SNOWSHOE) Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 9:00AM 46 Coburn Rd Tyngsboro, MA

Come join our annual Winter Nature Walk! This is an absolutely beautiful Winter Snowshoe and guided walk at the Sherburne Nature Center. We will read the wildlife prints in the snow and determine which species have been visiting the area. The walk led by lifelong Naturalist & Conservation advocate Mark Fraser (host of NatureWalks, seen on PBS) will be fun and educational for all. We will examine wildlife signs and tracks in the snow (if there is no snow we will still enjoy a beautiful winter walk). Birds and mammals of winter are often seen during the Nature Walk. All ages are welcome at no charge and all will have a fantastic, easy paced outdoor experience.

Sherburne Nature Center trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns. Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver, and observe meadow wildflowers and butterflies. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. Sherburne Nature Center and Trails activities are open to all who are interested. Activities go rain or shine. In extreme weather conditions, activities are cancelled. No reservations or fees required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

# **DUNSTABLE SENIORS**

We are a peer group for those over 60. Seniors meet in the community room of the library every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month. 10:30 - 11:30 Bone Builders, dominos 10:30 - noon, noon, lunch. Second Wednesday at 12:30 BINGO for cash. Last Wednesday of the month, POKENO. SCRABBLE group Wednesdays at 12:30. *The Mission of the Dunstable Council on Aging* is to serve as a supportive family resource as emerging needs of Dunstable residents become more complex; and to advocate for and provide, in a cost-effective manner, a safe, congenial environment where seniors may participate in social, educational, and cultural programs reflective of their needs. *If there is no school because of snow, there will be NO senior* 

Annual New Year's Pot Luck January 11 at noon in community room. One of our most popular lunches. Everyone brings their choice of dish, hot cold, salad, snack or dessert. We have lots of great cooks in our group.

The Traveling Chef Program provided by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley will cater the January 18 meal at the library at noon. Seating at 11:30a.m. They will be serving freshly carved top loin beef, mashed potatoes, roasted winter squash, rolls and dessert. Cost will be \$3.00 per person. RSVP by January 11. We will be trying this service once a month thru March. We hope more seniors take advantage of this lunch.

Well Adult Clinic in the community room of the Dunstable Library. The next clinic will be January 25 from 11:00a.m. - noon Bone Builders Program is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the community room of the library from10:30 – 11:30a.m. Through a grant from Tufts Health and CTI senior Corp. Volunteer leaders run the program. Bone Builders is a fun low- impact strength training and balance exercise program. Each class runs for 60 min. FREE to all seniors, space is available. Talk with Marilyn Sheridan.

Indian Hill Music. Bach Lunch Thursday January 19 presenting A Musical Tribute to Fred Astaire featuring dancing vocalists
Ted Powers and Pamela Powers with Billy Novick on clarinet
Jamie Dunphy, guitar and Justin Meyer, bass. There are TWO
PERFORMANCES: 11:00 am and 1:30 pm at Indian Hill Music, 36
King Street, Littleton MA. Light refreshments are served but you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

Meet, Greet & Eat at the town hall will resume March 1 with a delicious fish chowder served at noon. Coffee will be ready at 10:00a.m. Come and play dominoes, scrabble or other games. Meet friends make new ones. Cost for lunch is \$3.00 per person. Rivercourt Residence in West Groton invites Dunstable seniors for lunches on Tuesdays. Next lunch will not be until March 21 at 12:30. RSVP with either Sue or Anne. Rivercourt does this as a community out-reach program. It would be nice if more people took advantage of it.

**Book Delivery** to shut-ins is available through the Dunstable Library. Just let Sue know if you or someone you know needs books or audio material.

<u>Line Dancing Class</u> Classes are underway and are held on **Mondays at 9:45a.m.** for one hour in the lower hall of the Dunstable town hall. Space still available. For more information contact Holly Pottle at 978-649-3192

FREE Quilting Class under the direction of Robin Murch will be offered on the first and third Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:45 at the Dunstable Library. Just drop in and she will let you know what you will need to get started.

Files of Life pouches are still available to all seniors. These pouches will contain pertinent information about you that can be left in a visible location, home/car to be used in cases of emergency. Contact Sgt. Darrell Gilmore or Fire Chief Rich for more information. Elder Hotline Provides seniors and their families with information related to elder issues. Call 1-888-243-5337 Monday-Friday 10 - 4. DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING. Brian O'Donnell: chairman; Marilyn Sheridan, secretary; Mary Moeller, treasurer; Danice Palumbo, Donald Pottle, Mary Dow and Ruth Tully.

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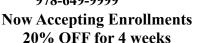
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To our friends and neighbors .....

Happy New Year!!!! Hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this update we will have surpassed our 1/2 way goal for the year and will have collected 25,000 box tops for this current school year. We finished up the month of November collecting 1,000 more box tops in November 2016 than what we did last November and for that we say THANK YOU to all of you because the box tops that you are dropping off at the community box top boxes are certainly adding up. Through the first three months of this school year we have collected in excess of 2,300 box tops from the community!!! Remember there are yellow BOX TOP collection boxes located at the Dunstable Post Office, the Dunstable Library, the 2nd floor of the Dunstable Town Hall, inside the main door at Swallow Union Elementary school and there is a collection basket at West Auto Repair in Dunstable as well.

We hope we can encourage you to add one more New Year's resolution to your list and that is to clip box tops in 2017 to help benefit Swallow Union elementary school. Every box top clipped is worth 10 cents for the school and we hope to raise at least \$5,000 this year just through our box top collection efforts.

To see the current list of participating products that have box tops on them please check out BTFE.com and select earn box tops in the upper left hand corner of the page and then select participating products.

Thank you again and remember .... KEEP ON CLIPPING!

We ask to please clip carefully and submit often. Please see
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Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley supports family shelters and food pantries in both Greater Lowell and Nashua, NH. In addition, Altrusans continue their monthly visits to honor the veterans at the Veterans Community Care Center (VCCC) in Lowell. Altrusans are grateful to these men and women, who sacrificed so much to keep us safe.

Altrusa offers the opportunity to use your time and talent to work within a group on service projects, which impact the lives of those less fortunate. For more information, please contact altrusamv@gmail.com. The Altrusa Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Brookdale, 4 Technology Drive, North Chelmsford, MA. Guests are always welcome.

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Adult Reading Group NEW DATE AND TIME ... There will be an Adult Reading Group on Friday, January 20th at 11:45am. They will be reading "The Children's Blizzard" by David Larkin. New members are always welcome.

Knitting and Crochet Class under the direction of Donna Acquaviva. The class will be held on Monday nights at Swallow Union School from 6:30 - 8:00.

Quilter's Group They meet from 6:00 -8:00 p.m., the first and third Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in learning to guilt or would like to join other quilters, this could be the perfect opportunity

Preschool Story Hour Please come in with your 3, 4 or 5 year old for story hour. Story hour is held on Thursdays and Fridays. We meet from 10:30 – 11:30. The program includes stories, songs and a craft or activity. Come in and join the fun!

Afternoon Story Hour This will be for older children who have 1/2

days in kindergarten. We will meet on Thursdays at 1pm. We will still do a craft, so please wear clothes that can get messy. Attention Baby Sitters We have compiled a list of local babysitters. If you would like to be on the list, please contact the library. If you are looking for a babysitter, come into the library for the list. Children's Craft Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on Tuesday, January 17th at 4:00pm. We will be making a variety of winter themed projects such as snowmen and penguins. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@mvlc.org Gardening Club also know as DIG They will be meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm. New members are welcome! Cookbook Book Club The library has a cookbook book club! We will have a cookbook displayed each month and you can select and make a recipe from the monthly selection. Then we will get together

On Going Book Sale Is in the Community Room at the library. Come in and check out the selections that are here. Hard Covers are \$1.00, Paperbacks are 5 for \$1.00, DVD's are \$2.00 and CD's are \$1.00. If you would like to donate to the ongoing book sale, please bring current books (not older than 2 years) or any children's books in good condition. Please bring your donations inside, instead of leaving them at the door. We cannot accept magazines, older books, or textbooks.

on the last Friday of the month at 12:00pm. Signup sheet will be at

the desk. This month, we will meet on January 26th. Please join in

on the fun.

Homework Club The library is offering homework help every Tuesday night from 6:00 - 7:00 for the school year. This is a free service for children from Kindergarten to High School. Honor Students from local high schools are available to help the children. These students help children understand their math homework and more. If your child is attending, please call by 5:30 so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.

Mrs. D is looking for item's for the Summer Reading Program Do you have doubles of games or toys from Christmas? Please drop these items with Mrs. D at the library (No Large items please).

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- Wednesday. 10:00 a.m. Worship/Music Team Practice
- Thursday and Saturday Thrift Shop Open from 10:00 3:00
- Friday Evenings. Youth Groups as scheduled. (Joy at 978-649-6142) High School (Joan at 978-649-2590). Middle School
- THE 150th Anniversary Committee of the church is meeting regularly now to plan events for the historic celebration in 2018.
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WINTER BOTANY Saturday, Jan 14: 10 am to noon Location: Meet at the Brown Barn After leaf fall, identification of trees and shrubs is made by characteristics of their buds, bark, and fruits. Join botanist Bruce Lund in discovering BBA's woody plants in their winter garb. A hand lens or magnifying glass will help you see these plants more clearly and digital cameras are a help too (but they are not necessary on this walk). Fee: \$10/Free to Members. Register online at www.beaverbrook.org

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For more information, visit the Rotary website at <a href="www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a> If you are interested in membership, please call Bob Guernsey at (508)380-4351, or come to one of our meetings. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Tyngsboro Sports Center, 18 Progress Ave., Tyngsboro at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help us with ideas for projects, please contact us at <a href="mailto:tdrotary@verizon.net">tdrotary@verizon.net</a>.

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# Tiny Fingers, Tiny Toes: Everything New Parents Need to Know Saturday, January 14, 9:00am-4:00pm, FREE

Expectant parents will learn about infant care basics, at-home safety, pediatrician visits, and more.

# Expecting Parents: ABCs of Babies for New Parents Tuesday, January 24, 7:00pm-9:00pm, FREE

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Pastor Bobby Ross has established office hours if you would like to make an appointment to visit with him. Call the office at 978-649-6251 or email <a href="mailto:administrator@dunstablechurch.org">administrator@dunstablechurch.org</a>, or <a href="mailto:pastor-bobby@dunstablechurch.org">pastor-bobby@dunstablechurch.org</a> to schedule a time that is convenient for you. He will be most available on Monday, 1-4pm, Tuesday 9-12 Noon, and Wednesday 1-4pm, but special arrangements could be made if needed.

**DECC YOUTH GROUP:** Many of the group participated in the Live Nativity on the Town Common on a very chilly night, December 10th. Coming in January is a bowling night (1/15); serving breakfast for the homeless at Living Waters (1/21); "regular" meeting at the church (1/29); sledding afternoon with bonfire and hot chocolate at Larter Field (2/5). Indoor golf if no snow. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome. Usually meet 4-6pm on Sundays. Come check it out! Questions? Call Jon Hughes (978-649-8554). MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) at Dunstable Church. Next meetings are Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, Mar 10th & 24th, Apr 14th & 28th, May 12th & 26th. It's a well-established, popular program that will be a blessing to our community. Moms and preschoolers had a wonderful social and sharing time together. Additional child caretakers are needed. MOPS will be meeting 9-11 am on Fridays, twice a month. If you're interested or know someone, please contact Shelly Ross at shellyannross@gmail.com.

Living Nativity! The Community came out on a very cold night to take a Walk to Remember! Approximately 150 friends and family took the Walk to Bethlehem. They traced the steps of Mary and Joseph down the candlelit path and met singing shepherds and wise men. The children enjoyed patting the sheep and llamas, the donkey and the long-haired cow! Angels sang at the manger. The Second Annual event was a great success with many participants. We thank the Youth Group and the Boy Scouts for their help to make this enjoyable event possible. Do plan on coming back next year! For more information about any of these events, contact the church office 978-649-6251 or email info@dunstablechurch. org.

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### MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH

By Nathan Combs

On December 25th, millions of people around the world celebrated the birth of Jesus. Although it is certainly good that so many are drawn to think about Jesus on that day every year, it is unfortunate that unscriptural misconceptions about His birth and gospel are spread.

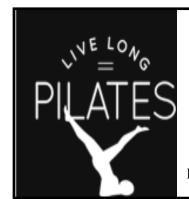
Some of these misconceptions are quite minor. For example, according to Gregorian calendar which we all use, Jesus was born in the year 0. The calculations of the monk (Dionysius Exiguus) who laid the foundations for the calendar were inaccurate, however; thus, Jesus was actually born somewhere between 7-4 B.C. Also, there is no evidence that Jesus was born on December 25th, which was a date set in the 4th century with no Scriptural foundation whatsoever.

Although inaccurate and arbitrary calendar dates are not extremely significant, some misunderstandings of Jesus' birth are more serious. For instance, Mary's role in Jesus' birth has given rise to several false teachings about her. For example, some teach that she remained a life-long virgin, despite the fact that Scripture speaks of Jesus' brothers and sisters (Matthew 13.55-56) and that Joseph only kept Mary a virgin "until she had given birth to a son" (Matthew 1.25). Although Mary was certainly a godly and submissive young woman who enjoyed an honorable part in God's plan, Scripture does not place her on a pedestal. In fact, during Jesus' own lifetime, some mistakenly elevated her position and were corrected. In Luke 11.27-28, an unnamed woman in the crowd "raised her voice" and blessed Jesus' mother when she heard Jesus' teachings. In response to this, Jesus replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11.28).

Perhaps the most serious misconception about Jesus' birth lies in the misplaced emphasis on the birth event itself. There is no doubt that Jesus' birth was a glorious occasion, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, and the cause of angelic rejoicing. Jesus' birth, however, was not the crowning event of His life. Interestingly, only two of the four gospels record His birth, but all four contain accounts of His death and subsequent resurrection from the dead. Significantly, Jesus did not command his followers to celebrate His birth, but He did command a remembrance of His death (Luke 22.19). When we observe the patterns of early Christians in the New Testament, we find no example of a birth celebration. We do, however, find evidence that the disciples regularly commemorated the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (Acts 2.42, 20.7). By routinely presenting Jesus as a helpless baby in a manger, many forget that baby Jesus grew up to conquer sin and death (Hebrews 2.14), receive all power and authority from His Father (Matthew 28.18), and reign at God's right hand (Hebrews 8.1). Yes, Jesus' birth was a gift to this world. But do not forget what Jesus was born into this world to do!

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### Auxiliary Unit Officers for 2016-2017

President: Diane Dileo; Sr. Vice: Kathleen Oljey; Jr, Vice: Annette Coles; Treasurer: Frances Radgowski; Secretary: Josephine Beauregard; and SGT-At-Arms: Mary Dupras. Executive Committee: Mary Hanley, Maureen Harris and Sandra Desrosiers

The next Unit General Meeting will be Thursday evening January 5th, 2017, 7PM in the Post Function Room.

For information on the Auxiliary Unit meetings, or functions contact Unit President Diane Dileo at 978-204-9329 or Unit Secretary Josephine Beauregard 978-459-7015.

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# PET HEALTH DUNSTABLE ANIMAL CLINIC EAR INFECTIONS

by Tara M. Sacramone, DVM



Ear infections are one of the most common problems we see at the Dunstable Animal Clinic. They occur in both dogs and cats and are caused by many different things. Most animals with an ear infection will scratch at their ears, shake their head, and usually have a discharge of various colors and odors.

Ear infections can be caused by bacteria, yeast, or ear mites. Some animals get combination infections. Only ear mites are contagious, bacteria and yeast are normal inhabitants of the skin which can occasionally overgrow because of an underlying problem such as allergies, water getting in the ear, too much hair or wax in the ear canal, FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), or natural anatomy – such as the heavy hanging ears of Cocker Spaniels and Basset Hounds. If your pet is getting repeated ear infections chances are s/he has one of these underlying problems. The most common primary problem is allergies. Dogs and cats very rarely get itchy eyes and runny noses from allergies; they more commonly get itchy skin, skin infections and ear infections. They can be allergic to anything, just like us, from inhalant allergies such as dust mites and pollen to food allergies.

If you think your pet has an ear infection, go to your veterinarian. Commonly you will be given some drops or ointment to put into the ear, and sometimes you will also need to clean the ears at home as well. If there is no discharge, there is no reason to clean the ears, and cleaning them may actually cause an ear infection.

There is a proper way to clean your pet's ears. First you will need an ear cleaning solution. You can obtain these from your veterinarian, from the pet store, or you can combine a mixture of one third white vinegar and two thirds water at home. NEVER USE WATER ALONE. Water can actually cause an ear infection. Some pets develop allergies to ear cleaning solution, so if you notice your pet's ears getting worse after you clean them, stop cleaning and go to your veterinarian. Always clean ears with cotton balls. DO NOT USE COTTON SWABS. Dogs and cats have two parts to their ear canal, a long downward vertical canal, and a very long horizontal canal. If you use cotton swabs the tendency is to pack the discharge into the horizontal canal and make it harder for the infection to go away. Finally, choose a location and an outfit you don't mind getting ear cleaning solution and ear discharge on because your pet will shake his/her ears during and after the cleaning process. Shaking is ok because it helps loosen things up and encourages drainage from the ear.

There are two ways to get the cleaning solution into the ear; you and your pet will decide which works best for you. One option is to pour the solution directly into the ear until the canal is full, then place a cotton ball at the entrance to the canal and massage the side of your pet's face under the ear opening. When the cotton ball is dirty replace it with a clean one and repeat the process until the cotton ball comes out clean, or your pet tells you in their own way that they have had enough ear cleaning for one day. The second way to clean the ears is to get a cotton ball soaking wet with the cleaning solution, place it at the ear canal entrance and rub the side of the face to get the solution down into the ear canal. Replace the wet cotton ball with a dry one and repeat the process until done. Most pets prefer the wet cotton ball method, especially cats.

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# HEALTH AND HEALING IN THE NEW YEAR

By Greenbridge Counseling and Wellness, LLC
January is natural time of resetting ourselves. The busy-ness
of the holidays with its shopping, decorating, socializing, and eating
is now over and we go back to our regular routines. At this time of
year, we usually stop to take time consider what we need to change
or adjust. We may go so far as setting up resolutions and new
goals for ourselves - Some of which stick and others that don't.

However, the process of a reset or pause to re-group is a natural one that can effect profound change in our lives. The typical New Year's Resolutions always seem to be better eating and exercise. But we also must remember that the mind body connection is intricately interwoven and that our mental and emotional wellbeing plays into not only how satisfied we are with our lives but how healthy we are feeling.

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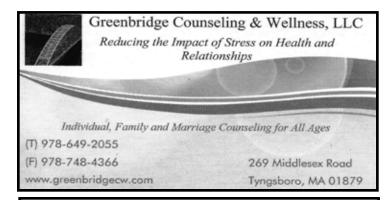
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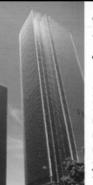
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