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TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK

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Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to <u>jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov</u> with any questions.

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF

Christmas trees may be dropped off a the Highway Department on Kendall Road or at 180 Lakeview Avenue(old senior center) parking lot during the month of January.

72- HOUR EMERGENCY BACK PACK

We have available for purchase a 72-hour Emergency back pack for \$50. Included in the backpack are items that would be useful in case of an emergency. Included with the red backpack is a first aid kit, a tarp, rope, safety googles, duct tape, gloves, whistle, emergency radio, charger and flashlight and other informative pamphlets about preparing for emergencies and other useful items. Stop by the Board of Health and take a look at the Backpack!



TYNGSBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 46

Again this year we will be **picking up Christmas Trees on Saturday, January 6th**, and bringing them to one of the drop-off locations in town. If you would like us to pick up your tree, please email <u>tyngstroop46@gmail.com</u> by January 5th and specify your address.

Please have your tree on the curb by 9:00am on January 5th. Be sure to remove all ornaments, nails, tinsel, and stands. A voluntary donation of \$10 per tree is suggested and appreciated. We appreciate your support!"



I wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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WINTER 2017-18 TYNGSBORO HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

<u>Winter SPORTS SCHEDULES</u> Schedules on <u>www.mwlma.org</u> Learn how to sign-up for text alerts. Find information on our web page <u>http://www.tyngsboroughps.org/pages/Tyngsborough/</u> <u>Departments/Athletics</u>

Sports Offered for Middle & High School <u>HIGH School</u>*Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, *Wrestling, Swimming & Diving-Coop w/Groton/Dunstable, Ice Hockey-Coop w/ Dracut High School, Gymnastics-Coop w/Chelmsford High School, Alpine Downhill Skiing,* Includes 8th grade athletes <u>Middle School</u> Girls Basketball 6th& 7th Boys Basketball 6th. 7th & 8th Grade Wrestling 8th

THE BIG RED WRESTLING TournamentIn honor of Detective/Sergeant Gregory Kasabian will take place on:Saturday,December 16th starting at 9:00am in the High School (Kelleher)Gymnasium Cost:\$5.00 for Adults\$3.00 for Students/Sr.Citizens.Children 10 years and under are free w/adult

<u>Winter Sports Award Night</u> for all athletes who play a High School sport only will take place on: **Tuesday, March 13**th at 7:00pm in the Ciampa Performing Arts Center-HS Auditorium

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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

... is proud to announce *Katherine Alvarez, Katherine Andre, Lia Nocella and Arth Patel as the November Students of the Month. Katherine, daughter of Robin and Milton Alvarez, is a*

member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Foreign Language Award, the Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies Award, the Academic Excellence Award, and the THS CHS Gymnastics Academic Scholar Award. Katie is a member of student council and Senior Sidekicks, and she is also a member of the cheerleading, gymnastic, and tennis teams. She is not only the captain of the cheerleading team, but was also named the MVP of the team last year. Katie volunteers her time at various National Honor Society events, at Tyngsborough Youth Cheer clinics, and for the Habitat For Humanity program. She enjoys working at AMC Tyngsborough, creating art, and doing makeup. Her favorite classes are math, ceramics, and biology, and Katie looks forward to going to college, getting a good job, and moving to New York. "Thinking back on my days at THS, I have gained not only knowledge from my classes, but life skills as well. This school has prepared me for college and my future. Some fond memories I will definitely take with me are Homecoming and prom."

Katherine, daughter of Rodney and Margaret Andre, is a member of the National Honor Society and the International Thespian Society. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Science Award, the Academic Excellence Award, the Outstanding Achievement in Foreign Language Award, and the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. Katie is a member of both the Ski Club and the Outdoor Club. She has also been participating in dance and theater for many years. Katie volunteers her time at various NHS events, at veteran's dinners at the American Legion. She enjoys dancing and acting, and her favorite subject is science. Katie looks forward to going to college, getting a science degree, and taking any other opportunities life gives her. "At THS I have learned how to make the most of whatever I'm learning and how to work hard. Leaving THS, I will miss the environment that comes with really small schools, and I will miss the friends I've made here."

Lia, daughter of Sharon and David Nocella, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, High Honor Roll, the St. Michael's College Book Award, and the Tyngsborough High School Student-Athlete Ambassador Award. She is also a member of both the student council and Senior Sidekicks. Lia is a varsity cheerleader and varsity softball player. She was named the senior captain of her softball team, as well as earning the Mid-Wach League MVP Award, the team MVP Award, and the Lowell Sun First Team All-Star Award. She has been a starting pitcher since her freshman year. Lia volunteers her time for Habitat For Humanity, Toys for Tots, the Wish Project, and at various youth softball clinics. She enjoys cheerleading, playing softball, traveling, and being with friends. Her favorite subjects are math, biology, and anatomy & physiology. Lia looks forward to playing softball in college, getting a good education, and being happy. "THS has given me friends that will last a lifetime. I have learned how to push myself to be the best I can be. Many of the teachers in this building have helped shape me into who I am today."

Arth, son of Raghunandan and Rohini Patel, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Math Award and the Academic Excellence Award. Arth is both a varsity soccer and varsity tennis player, and he played basketball during his sophomore year. He volunteers his time by coaching 4th-8th grade basketball, working at the Tyngsborough Library, helping at NHS events, and working at Lowell General and the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Arth enjoys playing basketball, traveling, playing tennis, hanging out with friends, and watching movies. His favorite subjects are math, chemistry, biology, and history. Arth looks forward to attending a great college, becoming a physical therapist, and having a successful career. "From first grade to senior year I would want to thank my friends, family, and teachers for supporting me day in and day out. I have gained a drive to work hard and excel at THS and that I will never forget. I will always remember good times with my friends and teammates, Homecoming, and the trip to Italy.'

Congratulations to these four students.

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The Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust would like to thank all who attended, donated to and volunteered at our annual Holiday Market Place on November 5th. Generous donors included Brick House Pizza, Republic Services, Mike's Pie, Lakeside Pizza, Lix Ice Cream, Olympic Pizza, Bittersweet Bake Shoppe, Comets, Blossoms Florist, Lake East Chinese Restaurant, Salon 2000, Bahama Breeze, Mr. Mac's, and Ky's Nails and Spa. Your support of this event is much appreciated!

Another community favorite, Trivia Night, will take place on Friday, February 2nd at the Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Trivia contest begins at 7:30 p.m. Teams of four compete to correctly answer the sometimes obscure, often hilarious, and frequently curious trivia questions. Cash bar and free snacks are available, and pizza can be preordered. Donation is \$25 per player. Student teams are encouraged and welcome at \$10 per player. Unique and amusing team names are encouraged! Test your wit against the "The Gurus", "The 46ers" and "Titanic Smarts". To reserve your space today, call Sue Bowden at 978-649-3207, email mitchell6260@msn.com, or visit www.TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org and download a registration form beginning in early January.

All profits from the 2017-2018 fundraising events will benefit scholarships for the Class of 2018.

A reminder to the 2017 scholarship recipients, please be sure to submit proof of school enrollment to the TST at P.O. B ox 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879 so you can receive your first or second payment. Please contact Ellen O 'Neill, Treasurer, at 978-649-9195 with any questions regarding payment.

The TST meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7 p.m. For 54 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us at our monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall.

Please contact info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org with any auestions.

JOIN TYNGSBOROUGH CITIZENS

If you are new to Tyngsborough, welcome! If you are not new but want to know more or want to know how you can get involved, you are invited to join over 450 fellow residents in our on-line community forum. Tyngsborough Citizens is a Yahoo Group and membership in our group is open to all residents of Tyngsborough. We share information about town and school happenings and ideas for how to make our town even better. We are not an anonymous group; residents share their name and address when posting. We strive to keep the conversations civil and constructive. Please visit tyngsboroughcitizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to join.

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION TYNGSBOROUGH WWW.EFTyng.org



Are you gathering ideas for holiday gifts to friends and family? How about a pair of tickets to local dinner theater? EFT and FOTT are busy planning our 10th dinner theater offering. This year's musical will be a romantic comedy, titled "She Loves Me" and it will run at the Old Town Hall on Friday, January 26th , Saturday, January 27th, and Sunday, January 28th. Tickets will go on sale starting Monday, November 27. Visit our Facebook page or website for box office dates and locations or contact eftyng@gmail.com. We can hold tickets for you to come and purchase during box office hours. Please note that because we will sell out quickly, you must bring your cash or check(s) during box office hours or we will have to release your reservation to others.

Thanks to all teachers, administrators, families and community members who came out for our 10th Annual Tyngsborough Trot. We hope you had as much fun as we did cheering you on! Congratulations to the top runners in each age division and to the top three overall females (Heather Mahoney, Katherine Cavallaro, and Helen Stamas) and males (Pat Fullerton, Mark Mayall, Paulo Amaral).

Have you started your holiday shopping? If you shop on Amazon, please support EFT by starting at smile.amazon.com and designating the Education Foundation for Tyngsborough as your cause. Then bookmark smile.amazon.com and use this bookmark every time you shop on Amazon. It may only be pennies each time you shop, but these pennies could add up to an entire education grant if hundreds of us take this simple step every time.

EFT needs more members! We now have more board members who no longer have kids in the school system than members who do. It's time for the next generation to take the helm. We award competitive grants to teachers who have great ideas for enhancing the educational experience for students across the Tyngsborough Public School District. You can serve on a volunteer team supporting one or more of our major fundraisers (Tyngsborough Trot, Dinner Theater, Helicopter Football Drop) or you can become a board member and help coordinate fundraisers and/or review applications and award teacher grants. Being a board member is a great way to develop executive experience that you can apply to your personal career path. Please contact our President, Theresa Manning, at eftyng@gmail.com. Together we are bridging the gap. Like us on Facebook: @EFTyng



FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The January meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, from 7-8 p.m. in the library at 25 Bryant Lane. Please join us, and new members are always welcome. We will meet on Monday, February 5, from 6:30-8 p.m.

The Friends have purchased a NEW pass for the Library so patrons can purchase UMass Lowell ice hockey and basketball game tickets. Each pass bearer can purchase up to 10 tickets at a time for half the door price. The passes are date/game specific. Bring your family and friends together to enjoy the fun! Visit the library or the website for the passes.

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TYNGSBOROUGH RECREATION Call 978-649-2300 Ext. 150

The Recreation Committee meets at the Recreation Center 120 Westford Road the first Monday of the month at 7pm. More info may be found on our website at TyngsboroughRec.com Friend us on Facebook.Seeking new members. Three open seats. Join us!

9TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES FESTIVAL OF TREES -THANK YOU!! Thank you to all who supported our 9th Annual Festival of Trees. From visitors to sponsors you made it a wonderful event for our community. Special thanks to our Festival Designers and all our volunteers who generously donated their time and talents. Please visit our **FB page, Tyngsborough Recreation and Parks**, for great photos and a full list of all our sponsors. *All displays were generously donated by local businesses, groups and citizens. Please patronize these businesses and support these groups.*

• FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Old Town Hall, Kendall Road.

January 19th 7pm Movie TBD - check our website and FB page • <u>MEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL</u> League (Ages 18-55+): \$10/ night at court or \$80 for the season. Calling all frequent and casual basketball players. Several games are played on the short court of the high school each week and teams vary depending on attendance. Currently scheduled for Tuesday nights starting October 3, 2017 through the end of winter, 2018 at THS from 8-10pm. Contact Joe with questions: joeholden62@yahoo.com

• <u>SAT PREP CLASSES</u> Our group SAT classes fully prepare students for all sections of the SAT test, instilling a comprehensive understanding of all SAT test content. Our experienced and highlytrained tutors have a proven track record of raising their students' scores through intensive instruction, homework assigned and reviewed each session, and practice tests given at regular intervals. Students will learn how they can make the most of their time, and answer the questions with a deeper understanding of how the test is constructed. *For students testing in the spring*:

12 Sessions, 90 minutes each \$630.00 per student. Meets at the Tyngsborough Recreation Center Mondays **beginning January 22nd** 7-8:30pm (*excludes Feb. & April school vacation weeks*). Register on line at <u>www.tyngsboroughrec.com</u> Perioder on line at <u>Tyngsboroughrec.com</u>

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• **<u>BEEKEEPING BASICS COURSE</u>** Tyngsborough Recreation Center, 120 Westford Rd., Tyngsborough. 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. For upcoming dates visit <u>www.</u> tyngsboroughrec.com

• **POUND** It's a high-intensity, full-body, 45-minute workout that combines interval training, squats, lunges, plyometrics, and pilates with drumming — lots of drumming — with sticks that are heavier than average drumsticks. Come join the _class! For class times see <u>www.tyngsboroughrec.com</u> Yoga mat required.

IN TYNGSBOROUGH EMERGENCY # FROM CELL PHONE IS 978-649-7111 (NOT 9-1-1)

 The deadline is December 10th for the January issue. Have events coming up in? Send an email to me anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com or by mail to Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827. News is placed on a first come, first served basis. Need details about advertising your business? You may reach me at <u>978-419-1914</u> or send me an email. Tyngsborough printed issues circulation is 5011 and Dunstable printed issues circulation is 1299.
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MEDICAID PLANNING WITH CAREGIVER CONTRACTS

By Edward H. Adamsky

One option when someone needs care, is for a family member to provide that assistance. Most folks do it for free without any thought for the legal, emotional and financial consequences of that decision. Some elders promise an extra inheritance or perhaps a house in exchange for the care. These are reasonable options that can work, but the rules of Medicaid may stop you from doing what you thought was right. You need to plan ahead with an understanding of the Medicaid rules.

One of the best options is to use a caregiver contract (sometimes called a personal care agreement). A written contract has many benefits. It details the compensation the family member will get for doing the work. It will alleviate tension between family members by making the terms of the arrangement clear and specific. It can be a be a vital part of Medicaid planning, by engaging in a spend-down of assets so the elder will eventually qualify for Medicaid long-term care coverage.

You should meet with an Elder Law Attorney and perhaps your Accountant to discuss the terms and issues of the care contract. If Medicaid Planning is the goal, the contract has to be written very carefully. You should detail the caregiver's duties which might include driving to doctors and grocery shopping as well as personal services like medicine management, bathing and dressing. The contract can be modified over time if necessary, but you want to cover of all the essentials so no one is short-changed.

The terms of payment must be considered. Will it be a lump-sum up front or a periodic payment? The payment must be reasonable and in line with the services to be provided. A lump sum payment must be calculated carefully if future Medicaid eligibility is at issue. You also need to think about taxes and insurance. The elder may well be considered an "employer" under state law and will need to withhold taxes and Medicare and carry worker's compensation insurance. You do not want your family member to run afoul of state labor laws. The caregiver may have to report income (whether as an employee or an independent contractor) and properly pay taxes on the income. In some cases, a room and board agreement may only cover shared housing expenses of a family member and may not be taxable income. You will want to consult your tax professional on those issues.

If you have a loved-one who needs care, and that care will be provided at home by a family member, then your family should consider using a written agreement to detail the terms of the arrangement. See your Elder Law Attorney today!

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CHAIR MASSAGE THERAPIST Wednesday, December 13th, 11:00 Massage therapist Tanya Morin, can help relieve pain, manage stress and provide emotional release with her massage therapy. Fee \$15.00 for 15 mins.

'Good Morning Tyngsborough' In an effort to meet the needs of Senior citizens in the community, a program called "Good Morning Tyngsborough" has been established by the Tyngsborough Police Department. Senior citizens or persons with disabilities are welcome to participate in the program. An application can be obtained at the police department or the senior center. The program consists of a requirement to contact the Tyngsborough Police Department every morning prior to 11:00am. The members will "check-in" with the dispatcher to let us know that everything is okay. If the dispatch center doesn't receive an answer, an officer is sent to the residence. The officer will attempt to make contact with the member. If contact isn't made, the officer will obtain a key from a predetermined location and will enter the residence to check on the welfare of the member.

VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR! Thursday, December 14th, 9:30AM - 10:30AM (run by Pat Wojtas- Town Veteran's Agent) This is an informal group that meets on the second Thursdaythe month to reminisce about time served and discuss benefits that are available to veterans.Come on down and have a cup of coffee and a donut amongst friends.

COA Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is December 19th

COMPUTER HELP FOR SENIORS Thursday, December 21st, 10:00AM Once a month, the third Thursday of the month. Bring your device and anything else that you might need to make the most of your time. Instructor Joe Delgardo. If you have signed up and can't make it, please give us a courtesy call.

Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills? Help is available! **Call TCOA 978-649-9211 to set up an appointment with Rose McGarry** who will be here Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 1:00 doing applications. Don't suffer from the cold. Put your pride aside and stay warm.

SHINE Wednesday, December 20th, 8:30-12:00 Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone. Our Counselor Lillian Colby will be holding office hours at the Center Call 978-649-9211 to schedule an appointment. Please bring insurance cards and a list of prescriptions you take with you.

STITCHERS Every Monday 1:00PM-2:30PM Learn to knit and crochet as you socialize with others at the TCOA. We have many causes we knit for. With the cold weather coming we could use help knitting blankets, mittens, hats, scarves and slippers to distribute for the winter holidays season. We have plenty of supplies available to choose from. P.S..We have a short supply of holiday red and green yarn, so if you would like to donate some yarn in these colors it would be appreciated. Please join us we would love your company. CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday, December, 13th at 11:00 "Senior Center Christmas Party". Join us for good food and holiday fun. Tickets are \$5.00pp. Seating is limited. Last sign up day Dec. 8th. Food Sponsored through the Friends COA Seats cannot be reserved over the phone. **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Wednesday, December 20th, at 10:00AM The Staff of the Tyngsborough Council on Aging will be providing coffee and holiday pastry for all seniors. If you know of anyone who would like to get out and listen to some holiday music and mingle, pick them up, bring them along, and come and sing some holiday songs.

BOOK CLUB Thursday December 21st 12:00 If you are interested, come join us on this day. Book of the Month is the best way to discover and read the best new each month.

NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, December 27th at 11:00AM Come join us for a special gathering. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. We will have a toast with sparkling soda! Entertainment Kathy Rodger.

FREE Holiday Greeting Cards are available at the Center. WE ARE IN NEED OF: Coffee, Cups and Napkins, Holiday Paper Plates, Christmas Cards, Yarn, Holiday Colors Red, and Green, Clear 3' Cellophane Wrap

CENTER CLOSED: Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day. Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day

JANURAY PROGRAMS

"These dates and times are subject to change". **PIZZA PARTY / BIRTHDAY FOR ALL!** Wednesday, January 10th, 11:30. Come celebrate National Pizza Week and everyone's birthday by making your own pizzas! We'll supply the dough, sauce and cheese, for the pizza, just bring in your favorite toppings. Will have a birthday cake to celebrate everyone's birthday. Join us for a great time. *Wed. January 3rd is the last day to sign up.* **ANNUAL FAIR recap.** Monday, January TBD 1:00-2:00 The purpose, success and outcome of the Annual Fair will be discussed. We're open to new ideas to make this already successful event even better. Come and join the conversation.





FRIENDS OF TYNGSBOROUGH THEATER

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Dear Tyngsborough CommUnity! Mark your calendars for these important and upcoming HOLIDAY Updates:

Barnes & Noble Book Fair/Jingle Jackpot - December 6th

from 6-9pm. Visit Barnes & Noble on the 6th to enjoy our Theatre Students singing songs of the season! Order delicious food and beverage, including our signature Tyngsborough beverage while you enjoy the music. A portion of all food, book and gift sales goes to Friends of Tyngsborough Theatre. <u>Also, everything purchased</u> <u>from December 6th-11th, in- store and online, will go towards</u> our fundraiser! Our reference # for sales: 12169975

<u>Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes for the holidays. \$40.00</u> for a full cheesecake. Barnes and Noble members can use your discount! Deadline for **Christmas orders is December 23rd** with payment and pick up Christmas Eve. Pick up is at the Nashua location; store open until 5:00pm on both dates.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS:

THS Dinner Theatre – **She's So Lovely Show dates at Tyngsboro Old Town Hall are 1/26, 1/27 & 1/28/18.** TMS Main Stage – **Urinetown** in February 2018

THS Main Stage - **Young Frankenstein** in June 2018 For show dates, forms, ticket info and additional info email Friends of Tyngsboro Theater at: <u>fott.info@gmail.com</u> and follow us on Facebook @FriendsofTyngsboroTheater

TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

You can find Tyngsborough Public school news at www.tyngsboroughps.org

District Offices, 50 Norris Road, Middle School, 50 Norris Rd. High School, 36 Norris Rd. Elementary School, 205 Westford Rd. (978) 649-7488 (978) 649-3115 (978) 649-7571 (978) 649-1990

THS GRAD NIGHT

We are in the midst of planning for the next Grad Night! We can't wait to celebrate the <u>Senior Class of 2018!</u> There is always room for new board members on our committee so please consider checking us out as we need new members like YOU to keep the tradition of "Grad Night" alive for years to come! Come check out our meetings and get involved to keep this great "free" program going for our future graduates.

<u>Senior Parents</u> - Please visit our website <u>www.thsgradnight</u>. org & register your child for Grad Night. Also, The Grad Night Committee is asking if you can dig into your archives and find some pictures of your students from back in the day. Some ideas could include...class trips, birthday parties, sports teams/events, class photos etc. We are hoping to get 1-5 pictures from each parent from the elementary and middle school years. Ideally, the photos would have 2 or more students from the class of 2018, but singles are accepted as well. Please drop them off at the high school or if you would prefer, we can arrange for pick up. Any questions, please contact us (978) 397-6495. Thank you in advance for your help with this. We want every graduating senior to be represented on their last big night of the year!

For additional information, please contact Tara Gabriel at 978-397-6495 or Caren Bovil at 978-852-3964. You may also visit our website <u>www.thsgradnight.org</u> for more details about our organization. **Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7pm** in the teachers' lounge across from the cafeteria of Tyngsboro High School. We appreciate and value your support of our Tyngsboro students!

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25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough 978-649-7361 www.tynglib.org

Library Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 25 Monday Jan. 1 Monday Christmas Day CLOSED New Year's Day CLOSED

 Holiday Dance Performance, <u>Saturday, Dec. 9</u>, 11-11:30am By Centerstage Dance Academy.
 TEENS – Plan ahead: Mixed Media Art Class, Sat., <u>Jan.</u> 13, 10:30am-12:30pm. Grades 6-12. Use your imagination, text, inks, paper and paint to create an America collage. *Registration required.*

• Adopt-a-Family project (Tyngsborough Public Schools) Drop off non-perishable food items **through Dec. 18**. Food collection for the Council on Aging will resume at the end of this project.

Adult Coloring Club, 1st Wed. each month, 6:30-8pm.

• Tech/Library Catalog Advice by Appointment PCs, android tablets & phones, Excel, MS Word, e-books, etc. Tues., 11:30am-1:30pm, Wed., 7-8 pm Registration required.

• Tiny Tots Storytime: Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 20, 11-11:30am. Infants-3 yrs. Drop in.

• Books and Babies, Thursday, Dec. 7, 10-11am Infants-3 yrs. Drop in.

• Lego Club: Saturday, Dec. 16, 10am-12pm Grades K-6. Drop in.

• Music Together Class, Thursday, Dec. 14, 11-11:45am. Early childhood musical program, infants-5 yrs. Registration required.

• Storytimes for 3-5 year olds. Thursday, Dec. 7&14 at 1pm Drop in. *No storytime Dec. 21 or 28.

• Writer's Group, Mondays, 6:30pm Feedback, publishing tips, all genres. Karen Johnson 978-649-7132

• **Board of Library Trustees** Monthly **3**rd **Thurs.** Check Library website for schedule changes.

• **Rep. Colleen Garry** (or a representative) **Office Hour** – Sept-May, 3rd 9-10am.

Ártists & collectors, contact the Library to discuss scheduling an exhibit in the gallery or display case.

Register for TPL programs by calling the Library or using the contact form on the website.

HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIOS Continues on December 10 & 11 • Noon-5 PM Western Avenue Studios & Lofts

122 and 160 Western Avenue • Lowell, MA 01851 Holiday shopping, here we go! Looking for that perfect, one-of kind gift? Problem solved! At Western Avenue Studios and Lofts, you will have fun in the festive and historic mill buildings while discovering affordable AND unique treasures, visiting with over 100 artists in their canal side studios, grabbing a tasty lunch or snack at the holiday café, and, perhaps, sipping on a craft beer in the taproom at Navigation Brewery.

Holiday Open Studios at Western Avenue (December 10, and 11 from noon-5PM) is far more than shopping...it is an adventure that features art and artisanal pieces in every imaginable medium; glass, painting, pottery, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, woodworking, metal working, found object art, and more. In addition, at the Winter Lights show, The Loading Dock Gallery is chock full of new items created especially for gift giving. Bring your list and bring a friend!

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❀ ♥ TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB

We had a couple of beautiful days participating at the Friends of the Tyngsborough Library book fair and the Senior Center Fair. It was great to see so many people come out to support these events. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported the fairs. Our November meeting was scheduled for Nov. 28 to assemble the holiday greens to be placed around town. Please look for these seasonal arrangements as you drive around.

In Dec. we will have a holiday gathering/Yankee Swap at a member's house.

There is no meeting in January. Stay warm and safe! Our next regular scheduled meeting will be in <u>Feb</u>, 2018 with a presentation on Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses by Sandra Bongagni. The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month September-November and February-April.

As always new member are always welcome. If you love gardening, want to learn about gardening, get a head start on spring planting ideas, or just want to join a great group of people please stop in at one of our meetings.

For more information visit our website at <u>tyngsborogardenclub.tripod.com or find us on Facebook at</u> <u>Tyngsborough Garden Club or call Debbie at 978-649-6362.</u>

TYNGSBOROUGH SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)



Location: Tyngborough High School Library Amy Jane Maciel, Tyngsborough SEPAC Chair

<u>December 13, 2017 7pm-8pm</u> General PAC Meeting January 11, 2018 7pm-9pm Basic Rights in Special Education Speaker: Carol Silva, Federation of Children with Special Needs (FSCN); www.fscn.org This informative workshop will provide an overview of rights and responsibilities of Parents/Guardians in the Special Education process. It is designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with the school; to decide his/her child's eligibility criteria for special education; to plan; make decisions and to monitor the education progress of his/her child.Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop at least once if he/ she has a child with special needs.

*ALL workshops are open to the public and BOTH parents and professionals are always welcome.

SEPAC Contact Information: Amy Jane Maciel, Tyngsborough SEPAC Chair: ajmaciel@comcast.net

SEPAC Webpage: http://sepac.tyngsboroughps.org SEPAC Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/

groups/465834040182584/

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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO COUNCIL ON AGING

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The Friends is a 501(c)3 non profit charity and all donations are fully Tax Deductible. ALL GIFTS AND DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO: The Friends of the Tyngsborough Council on Aging, PO Box 415 Tyngsborough, MA 01879. **Visit our web site:** http://www.friendsofthetyngsborocouncilonaging.com.

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TYNGSBOROUGH DUNSTABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Events listed will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse which is located on Route 113, near the Tyngsborough Dunstable Town Line.



THE ANNUAL TDHS HOLIDAY POTLUCK SUPPER

will be held at the Little Rd Schoolhouse on Sunday, December 10th from 6 to 8pm. For more information call Lynda at 978-587-8423.

The Tyngsborough Dunstable Historical society is a non-profit membership organization, open to everyone who is interested in learning more about local history. Join today by calling Lynda at 978-587-8423 or see membership form on our website.

www.tdhistoricalsociety.org



Rotary Motto: Service Above Self **Theme:** Rotary Serving Humanity The Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable has been serving the

Tyngsboro and Dunstable area for 43 years. We meet at the Dream Diner, Tyngsboro, on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Thursday of the Month at 7:15am.

For further information about Rotary, please email us at tdrotary@yahoo.net or visit our website at: www.tdrotary.org. Thank you for your support.

ST MARY MAGDALEN PARISH 95 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro, MA 978-649-7315

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4PM. Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM Greetings from our Pastor, Fr. Richard Clancy COME JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Reconciliation every Saturday from 3 to 3:40PM or by appointment. • Join us on Facebook! Search "Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

Tyngsboro" and like our page to see daily meditations and events. **Christmas Mass Schedule**

CHRISTMAS EVE_Sunday December 24th - 4PM & 6PM CHRISTMAS DAY Monday December 25th – 7:30AM & 9:30AM

• FIRST FRIDAY ADORATIONS are held on the first Fridays of the month after the 9AM Mass 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 - Do you know of someone needing prayers? Call Helen (978) 649-7927 or Carol (978) 649-6717. (Submit only first name of one to be prayed for)

• MEN OF ST. JOSEPH Ste. Marguerite, St. Mary Magdalen, & St. Rita Parishes are pleased to announce we have a "Men of St. Joseph" chapter. The "Men of St. Joseph" is an established and successful ministry, whose principle mission is to call men to become the strong and faith-filled husbands, fathers, and leaders, whom God has created us to be. We 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. The meetings are being

held at Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Church, 1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut thru 6/9/2018. To find out more, please come and check us out! Rosary starts promptly at 7:15 in the Church.

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• About Us The Mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in Merrimack Valley. Find out more on our website <u>www.thew-ishproject.org</u> or call us at 866-947-4360.

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HAVE YOU NOT READ? By Nathan Combs

On four separate occasions Jesus answered the questions and accusations of His opponents with an intriguing counter-question: "Have you not read?" (Matthew 12.3, 5; 19.4; 22.31; Mark 12.10). The question implies Jesus' disappointment and surprise at the immature Biblical understanding displayed by the reputed experts of the law. Not only did Jesus assume his fellow Jews would have a thorough knowledge of what Scripture said, He also expected they could connect dots together to make thoughtful inferences. Let's briefly explore an occasion in which Jesus asks this question and be challenged to understand our Bibles more deeply.

In Matthew 22.23-33, Jesus faced a verbal attack from the Sadducees, an upper-class Jewish religious sect which did not believe in the resurrection. They asked Jesus to untangle a ridiculous thought-experiment, in which a woman marries seven brothers in succession after each one dies without offspring. "Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?" they impudently inquired. In Jesus' masterly response, He directed their minds back to Exodus 3.6 (the Sadducees only accepted the first five books of Moses as God's inspired Scripture) to prove that there will be a resurrection. "And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Matthew 22.31-32). Jesus quoted from a passage in which God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and commissioned the reluctant shepherd as the Exodus leader. Since God identified Himself as the God of three patriarchs from Genesis, He implied that although their bodies died, they're still alive with Him and awaiting their resurrection.

It is easy to scoff at the Scriptural blindness of the Sadducees, but put yourself in their place. Without the benefit of Jesus' explanation, would you have understood that resurrection is a valid inference from Exodus 3? Yet He expected them to have already grasped this point without His commentary! How many of us feel that we've mined all there is know about a particular Scripture after a cursory glance? How many of us immediately read over the Old Testament quotations in the New Testament, not bothering to go back and understand the whole context of the brief snippet the writer is bringing into his inspired message? How many of us breeze through our Bible readings but fail to meditate for any length of time on the significance and meaning of what we've just read? How many of us forget that the Bible wasn't written to us, but to different kinds of audiences over the span of thousands of years? I am personally guilty of every problem I've just identified. Let's resolve to be better Bible students. No doubt the Sadducees had read Exodus 3 many times before their conversation with Jesus, vet He incredulously asked, "Have you not read...?"



CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Home to both St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist Parish Families Staff Offices: 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tue, Thu. 9:00AM – 5:00PM; Wed. 9:30AM – 5:00PM; Fri... 9:00AM – 3:00PM

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St Mary: Saturdays at 11:00 am-12 noon; Monday evenings (December 4th, 11th and 18th) 6:30 - 8:00 pm **St. John: Saturdays** at 3:00 - 3:45 pm; Wednesday evenings (December 6th, 13th and 20th) 6:30 - 8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary: 25 North Road, Chelmsford

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th... 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, Midnight (preceded by St. Mary Choir at 11:30 pm) Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th... 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (no 6:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

St. John the Evangelist: 115 Middlesex St, North Chelmsford Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th.... 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th... 8:30 am and 10:30 am (no 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

ST. MARY BUSINESS(978) 256-2374; www. saint-mary.org **ST. MARY CHURCH**: 25 North Road, Chelmsford Daily Mass Schedule: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM; Saturday 9:00 AM Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 6:00PM Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00 – 12:00 NOON, or by appointment

ST. JOHN BUSINÉSS (978) 251-8571; www.saintjohnchelmsford. org **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**: 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford Daily Mass Schedule: Monday – Saturday... 9:00 AM Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday... 4:00 PM; Sunday... 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM Reconciliation: Saturdays... 3:00 – 3:45 PM, or by appointment **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**: In addition to regular Mass schedule (listed above)... St. Mary will be offering Wednesday evening Mass at 6:00 PM

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AT UMASS LOWELL WINTER INTERSESSION 2018

The Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA) is an organization of people curious about the world around them and who share an interest in lifelong learning. The 2018 Winter Intersession, given between the fall and spring semesters, offers a sample of LIRA's almost year – round program to retirees and those semi-retired. Many of the classes are presented by UMass Lowell professors or provided by LIRA members and friends themselves.

Some of the topics for the Intersession classes 2018 are: Discussions with authors of their books, real estate topics, lecture on autism, philosophy, being transgender and astronomy. We will also be visiting the Boston Public Library to learn of the art and architecture of this beautiful building.

The general public is invited to all intersession programs at no cost, except for the field trip. All programs are held during January and February on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, dates and locations for the classes please see our website. <u>www.uml.edu/Community/LIRA/</u>

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IF YOU CATCH A BUZZ, CATCH A RIDE Designate a Sober Driver <u>Before</u> Every Holiday Party

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but it is unfortunately also a time when there is a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

I'd like to ask everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol. Nationally, nearly 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2005. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Remembering to designate a sober driver before the party begins is just one of several, simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving during the holiday season. Other reminders include:

- Never get behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;
- If impaired, call a taxi use mass transit if available or call a sober friend or family member to come and get you;
- Or, just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;
- If you are hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to always plan ahead to designate a sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages during the event, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver; and
- Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

Since 1981, every President of the United States has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs. The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are also often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols. Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way you want to spend your holiday season.

So remember, this holiday season, if you catch a buzz, catch a ride. For additional information about teenage driving, impaired driving or Stop-N-Go Driving Academy, call 978-649-4966 or visit us on the web at <u>www.sngda.com</u>

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DUNSTABLE TYNGSBOUGH LIONS CLUB



<u>"We Serve"</u> The Lions Club is a non-profit organization of men and women dedicated to helping the community through donations raised by volunteers.

Officers 2017-2018

President: Mark Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Reich, Membership Chairman: Ed Majewski, 1st vice President: Mike Roth, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer: J.J. Ward.

Anyone who would like to join the Lions is asked to call Ed Majewski at 978-649-6204 or Mark Alexander at 978-649-9124. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Please call a member listed here for details and meeting place.

Event:

The lions donated a boy's and a girl's gift to Toys For Tots YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

• <u>USED EYEGLASSES</u> are collected for refurbishment and distribution to less advantaged people around the world. *We thank all who have donated glasses.*

• <u>CAN TABS</u> (*in sealed bags*) are also collected for kidney dialysis time through the Shriners Hospital.

Lion's collection boxes for eyeglasses and tabs (in sealed bags) are located at the Tyngsborough Post Office, American Legion Post 247 at 90 Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsborough Council on Aging Senior Center, 169 Westford Rd., Tyngsborough and Dunstable Town Hall, Post Office and Library.

When you contact a business, or organization, please tell them you've seen their ad or news in *Neighbor to Neighbor.* They would like to know. Thank you, Anne

DUNSTABLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

518 Main St, Dunstable, MA 01827

Dunstablechurch.org 978-649-6251 Pastor Bobby Ross pastorbobby@dunstablechurch.org DECC is a welcoming church at the heart of the Dunstable community. "We gather to glorify God, to grow in Christ and to live the gospel in the world."

Pastor Bobby Ross and his family have brought new life to our church. We invite you to visit and meet them anytime at our 10:00 am service. **SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Worship Service is held at 10:00 am each Sunday. Child care is available during the service for infants through kindergarten age. Our worship services feature a wide variety of music, scripture readings, corporate prayer and spoken messages and with Communion (the Lord's Supper) served on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to an informal time of fellowship with coffee, tea and refreshments that takes place after worship. A group of six attendees were recently welcomed into membership.

ADULT STUDY CLASS is held 8:30-9:30 am is the Rm 2 classroom. **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held at 10:00 am. Children in Ages 4-12 attend the regular service with parents for the first 15 minutes of worship before leaving to attend Sunday School class for the remainder of the hour. Older children and teenagers remain with their parents for the entire worship service.

DECC YOUTH GROUP DECC has a great youth program and welcomes any area youth currently in 6th to 12th grade to join for any events! Regular meetings are held on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM but special events may be held at other times. All are welcome for a single event or to become a regular member. Please contact Jon Hughes at 978-393-7708 if interested and to confirm location and time of meeting.

POPs (Parents of Preschoolers) meets in the Fellowship Hall twice a month on Fridays, 9:00-11:00 am. Child care is available. Next meetings are 12/8, 1/12 & 1/26. Contact <u>Shellyannross@gmail.</u> <u>com</u> with questions.

CELEBRATE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT DECC! JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Join us on a free 20-minute presentation of a walk to Bethlehem. Trace the steps of Mary and Joseph on candlelit 'streets' as we visit shepherds with live animals, give directions to wise men following a star, and listen to an angelic chorus. Enjoy refreshments in the church after your trip.

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 6:00–8:00 pm

DUNSTABLE TOWN COMMON 518 Main St, Dunstable MA 01827

Would you like to participate? We have singing and non-singing roles. Memorizing is optional. Contact (Kathrynmackel@aol.com) to join the fun.

Advent and Christmas worship services:

Sunday morning services during the Advent season - 10:00am Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Morning Worship - 10:00am Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service 6:30pm Dec. 25th Christmas Day Service (Contemplative) 10:00am Dec. 31st Service of Lessons and Carols - 10:00am

Come visit your community's church. For more information about any of these events, contact the Church office 978-649-6251 or email info@dunstablechurch.org.

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LOADING DOCK GALLERY 122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA 01851 Winter Lights: Gifts for the Holidays Through December 31, 2017

A galaxy of delight shines at the Loading Dock Gallery this December. Winter Lights: Gifts for the Holidays offers gifts that range from scented soap to sophisticated furniture. Each item is hand-made by a local artist.

Bring your list. Bring a friend. The child-at-heart will love a sock doll. Someone special deserves jewelry. Wool and silk accessories ward off winter with style. Attending a party? Give the host a serving tray of wood or glass. Light up a home with art. Hand-painted pillows brighten the sofa. Pottery mugs warm the table.

Winter Lights: Gifts for the Holidays runs through December 31 at Loading Dock Gallery, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA. . The Loading Dock's Back Door Gallery features the art of Heidi Jackson.

Extra holiday hours: Loading Dock Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 PM, and Sunday, noon to 4 PM. In addition, In December, the Gallery opens Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 PM, and Sunday, noon to 4 PM, and is open Thursdays until 8 PM.

Thursday, December 14, Loading Dock Gallery joins local artists for Handmade Holiday Night on the A-Mill Loading Dock of Western Avenue Studios, 5 to 9 PM. Light refreshments will be available, to benefit the Miracle Providers.

Loading Dock Gallery is a program of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c. For more information, call 978-596-1576, or visit theloadingdockgallery.com.

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For questions or more information, please call our office 978-649-2262 Pastor Denis Frediani 1-603-579-0904 www.tyngsborocongregational.org E-mail ecctsec@outlook.com

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Our Mission: Glorify God by encouraging all people to know Jesus together in Faith, Love and Service Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Nurserv available. Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments. Children attend Worship service with parents and are dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for Sunday school. We invite you to join us for:

 SUNDAY EVENING – Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. "HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE"

• TUESDAY MORNING - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "PROVERBS" - "LEARNING TO LIVE WISELY"

The Thrift Shop: Located next to the church is open to the public on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We offer an assortment of clothing, shoes, handbags, baby items, books, small appliances, dishes, glassware, jewelry, etc. Pleasedo not drop off large furniture items such as TV's, computers or printers since we do not have the means to store or dispose of these items. NOTE: Thrift Shop will be closed: December 23 (Christmas weekend), and December 30 (New Year's weekend) SUNDAY - December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to thank all those who attended our Soup, Salad & Southern Gospel Concert at the Old Town Hall on October 28th! It was a great success! Special thanks to our vocal artists "A New Beginning" (Barry & Debbie Shirk) and their good friend, Big Al (Alan Frink). The music was amazing! Also thank you to Lenzi's Restaurant for catering the delicious soups and salads. Check out the Tyngsboro local cable station to see highlights of the concert.

A very special "Happy Birthday" to Barbara Magoon who is turning 101 on December 13th. If you would like to send a card: P.O. Box 153, Tyngsboro, MA 01879.

Another person to celebrate is Sarah Dixon Stecchi who was 14 when she joined our church on December 12th, 1948. We are delighted that she has been a member of the church for 70 years and has also been a member of our choir since then!!! Congratulations Sarah!

• THE 150th Anniversary Committee of the church is meeting regularly now to plan events for the historic celebration in 2018.If anyone has photos or information of the church through the years please notify Joy at 978-649-6142 or Jill at 978- 649-3301.

COMING UP AT INDIAN HILL

FAMILY HOLIDAY SING-ALONG: Indian Hill Music School's Early Childhood Department presents its annual Holiday Sing-Along for young families: Saturday, December 16, 10:00am - noon at 36 King Street (Rte. 495/Exit 30), Littleton, MA. All ages are invited to sing, dance, and play instruments. Special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus! FREE admission. (Bring a food donation for Loaves & Fishes.) Learn more at (978) 486-9524 or www.indianhillmusic.org.

MUSIC LESSONS & CLASSES: Ongoing registration for private lessons, classes, and ensembles for all ages and levels at Indian Hill Music School, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. Instruments include, piano, strings, flute, guitar, ukulele, recorder, harp, voice, and drums; Youth Orchestras, Music for Aardvarks, and more, in classical, jazz, folk, rock, and pop styles. Learn more: (978) 486-9524 or www.indianhillmusic.org.







WEST CHELMSFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

242 Main Street North Chelmsford, MA 01863 Phone : 1-978-251-4834 Website www.wcumc.us Worship: 9:30 AM Professional child care provided Sunday school for pre-K – High School: 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am – Choral Cantata - "Ceremony of Candles" by Joseph Martin will be presented by the Senior Choir. – Child care available

Christmas Eve Services – 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00p.m. The 6:00pm service features our youth and children's vocal and bell choirs with candlelight. Child care is available. The 8:00 and 10:00pm services feature our adult vocal and bell choirs and a brass ensemble with candlelight. Please visit our web site at <u>www.wcumc.us</u> for more information on our services and missions.

<u>Winter Epiphany Festival and Potluck Dinner at West Chelms-</u> ford United Methodist Church

Mark your calendars for January 6th when we will celebrate the winter season and the start of Epiphany. Starting at 4:00pm we will have some outside activities including snowmen building, sledding (snow permitting) and time by the fire! Then we will move indoors for some Epiphany activities and a potluck dinner. The Christian Education Committee will be providing hot dogs to roast over the fire so we ask attendees to bring a side dish to share. At the end of the evening, about 6:00pm we will share in worship around the bonfire.

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.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Massachusetts Detachment, Squadron 247 Robert D. Pelletier Post 247, 90 Pawtucket Blvd, Tyngsboro

• SAL Detachment 247 now meets on the first <u>Wednesday</u> of each month at 7 p.m. at Post 247.

• **SAL Officers:** Commander: Brian Laplante; Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Harris; Sgt at Arms: Mark Myers; Adjutant: Roger Daigle, Treasurer: Gerald Richall.

We are always welcoming new members. Drop in or call 978-649-7540. *Anyone interested* in becoming a member of the Sons of the American Legion is welcome to attend our monthly meeting. *Applications are available at the Post at any time.*

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Project Genesis Home Buyer Training classes - Topics include an overview of the home buying process, the mortgage application process, legal aspects, home inspections, household budgeting and down payment assistance programs. The fee is \$125.00 includes all materials and 4 sessions. Learn about the home buying process. A series (4 classes) January 2, 3 & 9, 10 (Tues & Wed Night) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The next session will be held on January 23, 24 & 30, 31. Classes are held at Middlesex Community College, 67 Middle St., Classroom 405, Downtown Lowell. Register online at <u>www.mvhp.org</u> or call 978-459-8490. Online classes are also available.

When you contact a business, please tell them you've seen their ad in Neighbor to Neighbor. They would like to know. Thank you, Anne



MEDFORD, Mass. – The Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) is today warning residents of ongoing telephone scams in which perpetrators are posing as MSO employees.

The warning is being issued in response to recent incidents in which local residents reported calls from individuals falsely claiming to work for the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. In multiple calls, scammers alleged those receiving them had missed jury duty and were subject to arrest unless they immediately paid a fine using gift cards.

"Under no circumstances will our deputies ever threaten arrest over the phone or demand individuals pay a fine or debt using prepaid debit or gift cards," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian.

Anyone who may have received similar calls is encouraged to report them to their local police department and the MSO Digital Forensics Unit at <u>978-932-3292</u>. Individuals with questions regarding jury duty can contact the Office of Jury Commissioner at <u>1-800-843-5879</u>.

DRACUT COMMUNITY BAND

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Published by Anne M. Paquin Since 1983 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827 (978) 419-1914 E-mail: anne@neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com Well another year is coming to an end.

The months just fly by. I know for those of you who send in the news, articles and ads it seems it is always deadline time. Believe me sometimes I don't know what month *I am really* in.

I just want you to know that I truly appreaciate your continued support of *Neighbor to Neighbor*. I am truly thankful for the continuing loyalty of the local businesses. Many have been in the newsletter for several years.

Things have certainly changed since 1983 when I used to type and do paste ups to get the issue together. But the purpose of the *Neighbor to Neighbor* continues to be to give you some news, nteresting and informative articles and a place to find local stores and a varied group of businesses within the community to help you in your every day life.

Of course I have to mention that the next deadline is December 10th for the January issue. *I look forward to hearing from you.*

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a Happy New Year!

Anne



AMVETS POST #247 ROBERT D. PELLETIER 90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA



We hold our meetings on the 1st **Tuesday** of the month at **7 p.m.** all veterans are welcome with 180 days or

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 247 ACTIVITIES

Dec 5 Vet Meal 6pm, Christmas Dinner SAL's Meeting 7pm
Dec 9 Adult, Post 247 Christmas Party 12-4pm Yankee Swap Gift \$10 value.

• Sunday, Dec. 10th, Legion Children's Christmas Party, Sign up required.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 247

90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Auxiliary Unit Officers for 2017-2018 President: Diane Dileo; Sr. Vice: open; Jr. Vice: Maureen Harris, Treasurer: Josephine Beauregard, Secretary: Patricia Modrich, Chaplain: Rebecca Modrich, Historian: Open, Sergeant –At-Arms: Mary Dupras, Executive Committee:Kathleen Oljey, Annette Coles and Janice Dombrowski <u>REMINDER FOR MEMBERS</u> *Please send in your Membership Dues.* Mail to: Josephine Beauregard Unit Treasurer, 70 Pawtucket Drive, Lowell, MA. 01854.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u> The Auxiliary meeting will be on **Thursday** evening January 4th, 2018 at 7pm.

For information on the Auxiliary Unit meetings, or functions contact Unit President Diane Dileo at 978-204-9329

THE UNIT IS STILL COLLECTING can pull tabs drop off at Post and earmark for Auxiliary. *We also would Welcome New Auxiliary Members* 18 and older. Contact Unit President or Treasurer.

••• The Unit Jr. Auxiliary is accepting new Jr. members. Contact 978-649-7540 if interested in joining.



ST KATHRYN CHURCH Coming Home to Catholicism

is a program run by St Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd, Hudson, NH as a **one Day Retreat on Saturday, December 9th from 8 AM to 4 PM.** The program is for those who have left the Catholic Church, for any reason, and might be feeling the calling to return. *All of the Team members have left the Church at one time and have returned, providing a comfortable and understanding atmosphere for others looking to return.*

The program is designed to answer most of the questions returning Catholics might have and some discussion to address any individual concerns (don't worry, participants can share as little or as much as they'd like). Anyone interested can contact the parish office at <u>603-882-7793</u> or simply attend on December 9th at 8:00 AM. Feel free to bring a friend.

CANDY CANE HUNT & HOLIDAY FAIR IN WESTFORD, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Free event will have 30+ vendors, free activities for kids, a scavenger hunt, and raffles to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Westford Family FunFest

Local parents looking for family holiday activities will find plenty to do at Lowell Macaroni Kid's Candy Cane Hunt & Holiday Fair at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center on Saturday, December 9, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Admission is free, and there will be free activities and crafts for the kids, with prizes!

Be sure to visit the Ballroom, where 30+ vendors and sponsors will be set up with handmade crafts and jewelry, artisan chocolates, and popular vendor items. There will be free crafts and activities and visits with Santa in the Ballroom foyer, including ornamentmaking, letters to Santa, and reindeer food. For a small donation, children can decorate an angel ornament for the Lowell Macaroni Kid holiday tree, which will be auctioned off to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. There will also be over 30 raffle items, including a week of summer camp at Summer at Lawrence Academy in Groton, beautiful jewelry, toys, and other holiday items. Raffle proceeds benefit St. Jude's and Westford Family Funfest.

bVisitors can also enjoy the Westford FunFest's Festival of Trees, Wreaths & Gingerbread Creations, on display at the Westford Regency from December 8 to 17. The Candy Cane Hunt will feature a special scavenger hunt so children can find certain items among the tree, wreath & gingerbread displays. Find all the items and be entered to win a birthday party courtesy of Jam Time in Maynard!

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Summer at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Code Wiz in Westford, Jam Time in Maynard, The Self-Defense Institute in Tewksbury, Dana Wallboard Supply, Inc. in Tyngsboro, and Westford Family Funfest for their support of this free event and providing raffle items to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

More information about the Candy Cane Hunt can be found at <u>http://lowell.macaronikid.com</u> or by emailing <u>barbarae@macaronikid.com</u>.

INNOVATION ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL *Exhibition Night* Tuesday, December 19th • 6-8:30pm 72 Tyng Road, Tyngsboro (enter thru the glass hallway across from the flag pole) *FREE & Open to the Community*

At IACS Exhibition Nights, the hallways and classrooms of IACS are transformed into a museum of student work, with all students contributing at least one piece of academic work of their choosing in the subjects of English, Science and Music. The atmosphere is relaxed as students, families and community members peruse the exhibits at their own pace. Expect to see students on hand to answer questions about their projects or conducting a short presentation. Join us as we end the evening with a performance by our Choral and Chorale classes. This is a great way to see the project-based work that our students create during the school year. Community members are needed to observe, comment & inspire our students.

Questions? Contact Crystal McKiel at <u>978-649-0432 x2004</u> cmckiel@innovationcharter.org www.innovationcharter.org

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CAT FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

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Altrusa is a non-profit, worldwide association, which encourages volunteerism to make a difference in our communities. Founded in Nashville, TN in 1917, Altrusa is celebrating its 100th birthday, and each Altrusa member was challenged to mark the milestone by performing 100 hours of volunteer service.

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"HOW I GOT THE SHOT"

by Nick DePasquale

Many of my best photos have been taken just after sunset during the "Blue Hour" when the camera sees an incredible range of colors. The Blue Hour starts about 10 minutes after sunset and lasts about 30 - 40 minutes, until the sky goes dark. The photo that I took of II Duomo – the cathedral in Florence, Italy – was taken during the Blue Hour. Please visit my website for the full-color version.



Joyce and I traveled to Tuscany in early autumn 2014. Before leaving home, I had researched the best locations to shoot in Florence (very important), which directed us to Piazzale Michelangelo, a hill to the east of the historic center. So late one afternoon on an unseasonably warm day, we trekked from the rear of II Duomo through crowds and many squares, over the Ponte Vecchio, and then through backstreets until we arrived at the base of the Piazzale. Carrying some of my gear as she always does, Joyce jackrabbited up the long steep hill, leaving me gasping for breath at the bottom. I finally made it to the top and was blown away by the panoramic view. It was now about 90 minutes before sunset (very important to arrive early) so there was plenty of time to get my bearings, find the perfect spot, and shoot test shots to determine the best composition. Here are three rules I've developed for myself that contributed to the excellent result:

1. I always shoot this time of the day using a tripod with a cable release; this eliminates any chance of a blurry image.

2. I always shoot on manual mode and use settings that will provide the sharpest image for the camera and lens that I am using. In this case I was using my Canon 7D with a 24mm – 105mm lens set to ISO 100 and F11.

3. I always bracket my shots: shoot one image lighter and one image darker than what the camera is telling me. The resulting exposure was 10 seconds. The best starting point to determine the correct exposure is the sky around your subject.

Once I got my shots, I noticed that a photographer next to me did not have a tripod. We learned that he and his wife were newlyweds on their honeymoon, a long way from Singapore. I offered to lend him my tripod, which he accepted. His wife offered us an apple, which we accepted, and he got his shots of a lifetime. Then Joyce and I trekked back down the hill and had dinner at one of the little restaurants that we had passed on the way up. Fabulous pasta and a fabulous bottle of wine. The walk back was much more relaxed than the walk out and I had gotten a great shot. Join me for a class or a couple of hours of one-on-one tutoring.

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