

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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#### **TOWN CLERK NEWS**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has announced a new date for the September primary which will be held on Tuesday, September 4. More information will be coming forward on deadlines.

It was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2017 to move the Annual Town Election to the third Tuesday in May. As a result of the way this falls in 2018, the Annual Town Meeting and Election will only be one day apart. The Annual Town Meeting is May 14 (Swallow Union) and the Election is May 15 (Dunstable Free Public Library). If you are not registered to vote, the deadline

Dog licenses now available! We must have a current rabies certificate on file. The fee is \$6.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$10.00 for those not altered. Please feel free to order by mail by downloading an application from the Town Clerk's page on the town website, www.dunstable-ma.gov, enclose the correct fee and a check made payable to "Town of Dunstable" and remember to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222 CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov

**HOURS:** The Clerk's Office is open Monday evening from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 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.

#### **DUNSTABLE GARDEN GROUP (DIG)**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm in the library It will be a craft night, making a fun addition to our garden made from a clay saucer and a beach rock. I'll leave one at the library so you can get an idea. I have 12, 5" saucers but if you would like to make a larger one feel free to bring your own. Paint and brushes will be supplied. Interested? You are welcome to join us. Email Sue at sjt0213@verizon.net

#### **BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL APRIL 2018**

The Board of Health will hold a bulky item drop-off at the transfer station located on Depot St., on April 14th, 21st and 28th. The number of tags required on each bulky item may be found in our transfer station regulations at www.dunstable-ma.gov.

Please remember that in order to dispose of bulky items at the transfer station, you must hold a 2018 transfer station permit. Any further questions may be directed to jferrari@dunstablema.gov or 978-649-4514 Ext. 229

PLEASE NOTE: The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be on June 23rd, 2018 from 9am to 1pm this year. In the past it was held in May. It will be held at the Tyngsborough Highway Department Garage, 87 Kendall Rd. (Rte 113) as usual. The GREEN page with all the details will be printed in the June issue of Neighbor to Neighbor.

#### IN MEMORY OF

Lauraine M. Perry Dion Gerald F. Soucy Phyllis Fay Anderson Staples Patricia A. Sullivan Mike Udot - 1st Anniversary

#### **DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31** EARTH DAY CLEANUP



This year Dunstable Grange is again sponsoring this program. Please help us clean up the roadsides from April 15th-22nd

The bags are available for pick at Town Hall, in the lobby of the Library and Tully Farm Dairy. If everyone does just does a little bit we can make a BIG difference to our roadways. If you can't do a street, cleaning in front of your own home is a great help! The Highway Dept. will pick up the bags if they are left on the side of the road. Thank you.

#### CORRECTED DATES FOR RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS

Sorry the wrong dates were submitted to me last month. These are the corrected dates for the clinics.

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health in conjunction with your local Board of Health and area Veterinarians will be holding rabies vaccination clinics for residents of Pepperell, Dunstable and Groton and Townsend/Ashby.

Pepperell at Jersey Street Fire Station on: Sat. 4/7 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Groton at Groton Fire Station 45 Farmers Row on: Sat. 4/14 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Cost of vaccination is \$15.00 Cash or Check only and the vaccination is good for three years if proof is provided at the clinic of previous vaccinations within appropriate time frames.

#### WELL ADULT CLINIC

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, April 25th from 11am-12 noon at the Library, 588 Main Street, Dunstable. Meet with the nurse for a wellness check including blood pressure/pulse monitoring, blood sugar screening, general health counseling, and further assessments with referrals as needed. 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.



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Pastor Rev. Susan Gaeta Worship is at 10:15 and Sunday School and Adult Discipleship will be at 9 as usual. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran is now enjoying the sanctuary of the Federated Church for the Sunday services.

• There will be a spaghetti supper fund raiser on Saturday, April 28th from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Federated Church, 21 Washington in Ayer. Please come and help the youth reach their goal for the Mission Trip to Utah this year!!

#### DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

Town Hall (978) 649-4514. The departmental extensions are as follows: 221 Accountant 222 Town Clerk 223 Council on Aging

**224** Board of Selectmen, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing, & Building Inspector's Secretary. Also for Animal Control Officer. After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911

225 Assistant Assessor 226 Building Inspector

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#### NASHOBA NURSING SERVICE & HOSPICE

Receives Deficiency-Free Home Health Survey from Massachusetts
Department of Public Health

James Garreffi, MS, Administrator is pleased to announce the agency is once again found to be in compliance with all of the federal Conditions of Participations that govern Home Health agencies. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health performed the survey in early February in our Shirley office which consisted of a review of all facets of the operation including documentation review, observation of care and provided services, interviews and joint visits with staff, patients and families. Mr. Garreffi stated, "This is a great accomplishment and we are extremely proud of the entire staff for their hard work and dedication." The Agency has a history of excellence in the provision of care, however it is very rewarding when our quality of patient care and compassion are validated. Special thanks to all of our wonderful Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapist, Medical Social Workers, Home Care Aides and Support Staff.

Patients have a choice in Home Care agencies and we consider it a privilege to serve our local communities for over 85 years. Please ask for *Your local Home Health and Hospice agency by name*, Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice. For more information regarding our services offered to the communities call 1-800-698-3307.

#### **DUNSTABLE THEATER COLLABORATIVE**

is proud to present Tennessee Williams' masterpiece, The Glass Menagerie. After the rousing success our our first production, we were eager to bring another show to the town, and this great drama fit the bill. We hope you can join us at one of our 5 performances of this great piece of theater!

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Michael Kosick, Amanda Wingfield – Jo Ann Kaplan,

laura Wingfield – Hannah Young, Jim O'Connor – Jon Swift

#### **GROTON DUNSTABLE SPEDPAC**

May 17, 2018 • 7–9 pm Person-Centered Planning – Cheryl Ryan Chan, is first and foremost Mom to Nicky – a 23 year old man severely impacted by autism. Cheryl has spent over 16 years in Massachusetts, integrating her son and family into the disability community and becoming a well-known leader in community organization, legislative activism, mentoring and public speaking. Her work as a Person Centered Planning facilitator began in 2010 and has become her greatest passion. Funded by the GDRSD SEPAC This will be held at GD High School, 703 Chicopee Row, Groton, MA. Melissa Padera – mpadera@yahoo.com

This program had been postponed due to the snow storm.

#### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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**HELP WANTED – Mothers hours.** Dunstable farm and greenhouse business needs dependable, responsible, hard-working individual for part-time greenhouse/farm work

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# DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH TRANSFER STATION RATES JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018 PERMIT FEE FOR THE TRANSFER STATION & STICKERS RECEIVED

Residents may purchase new permits on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the town hall upper level.

Regular Permits - \$300.00 with 110 bag tags
Senior Permits – (65 and over) \$200.00 with 55 bag tags
Recycling Permits only \$10.00

Please bring a copy of your registration (up to 2) of the vehicle(s) using the transfer station.

You may also purchase permits through the mail by mailing a check for the appropriate amount made payable to the Town of Dunstable, copies of up to two vehicle registrations and 5 first class stamps for regular permits and 4 first class stamps for senior permits to the Dunstable Board of Health, P. O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827. Recycling permits only require a copy of your registration and one first class stamp.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL VEHICLES MUST HAVE A TRANFER STATION PERMIT DECAL AFFIXED TO THEIR DRIVER SIDE WINDOW AND BAG TAGS MUST BE ON ALL BAGS BEFORE ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION.

If you have any further questions, please call us at 978-649-4514 Ext. 229 or email us at <a href="mailto:jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov">jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov</a>

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#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING UPDATE

The Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board continue preparations for the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2018. Some of the articles on the warrant will include; unpaid bills (Gulf fuel bill from the Highway Department), Nashua Wild and Scenic River Study Stewardship Plan Acceptance, Business Certificate enforcement we discussed this but didn't realize it was a warrant article, general bylaw on minor corrections by the Clerk, Community Preservation items, design costs for a Public Safety Building, sale of a portion of 91 River Street, and Capital/Free Cash/Debt Exclusion items. Capital/Free Cash/Debt Exclusion items may include a highway truck, a paving hot box, an unmarked police utility vehicle, two Toughbooks for the police cruisers, a survey for 91 River Street, GDRSD capital plan expenses, funds to be placed in the Town's stabilization account, an ATV for the Fire Department, a replacement Fire Engine, and road repair funds.

Also appearing on the warrant will be zoning changes to include marijuana regulations and the previously discussed Town Center District. The marijuana regulations recommended by the Planning Board will propose wholesale cultivation in all districts and no retail sales in Town. Currently the Town Center District language is going through revision to address the concerns presented by the public last fall and to protect the historic aesthetic of Dunstable. Drafts and the final version will be available on-line.

Due to the weather this winter the survey was delayed, as a result, the design of the water infrastructure improvements is not likely to be completed in time for Town Meeting. There will likely be a special town meeting later in the fiscal year to present the designs and request funding for this project.

On April 18, 2018, the Selectmen will hold a Public Information Session to explain the warrant articles and take questions from residents. On May 3, 2018, the Advisory Board will hold a Public Hearing on the budget and all warrant articles. Both the Public Information Session and the Advisory Board Hearing will take place at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. All residents and interested parties are invited to attend these meetings.

Just a reminder, you will receive a postcard in the mail when the Town Reports are complete and available for pick up at the Library and Town Hall. As soon as the signed warrant is complete, the Town Administrator's Office will post the warrant and town report on the website under the Town Meeting Info quick link.

As always, if you would like more detail on Town Meeting or any of the items on the warrant, please feel free to contact the Town Administrator at (978) 649-4514 X242 or at thutton@dunstable-ma. gov.

# MERRIMACK VALLEY JEWISH STUDY HAVURAH

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#### Please send info by April 10th for the May 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.

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#### MAC N'CHEESE & DESSERT BAKE-OFF

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Sunday, April 29, 2018 3:00pm-6:00pm

VFW, 55 Leighton St, Pepperell, MA

Tickets: \$20 each, kids under 12 FREE (cash/check only)

Think you have a winning mac n' cheese dish? Do friends rave about your homemade chocolate chip cookies? Show off your cooking chops and compete in the bake-off! Contact Chrissy at mclane.chrissy@gmail.com

#### PROTECTING A BIT OF WILD & SCENIC DUNSTABLE AT NO COST TO YOU

Posted on behalf of the Scenic River Study Committee

The Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers are an essential part of our region's culture, character, history, and recreation. In Dunstable, the Nashua River parallels our town line for approximately two miles along the northwestern boundary, with the 11+-mile Nashua River Rail Trail to Ayer beginning at the Dunstable/ Nashua state line.

Protecting these rivers is critical to their future. With funding from the National Park Service Partnership Wild and Scenic Program, local groups including the Nashua River Watershed have been working in partnership over the last three years with state and federal agencies and a group of volunteer residents from each of the surrounding 11 towns on a Scenic River Designation Study that: provides a vision for the future of these rivers,

considers their eligibility and suitability to be part of the National Wild & Scenic River System; and determines how these rivers should best be managed in order to protect water quality and outstanding values such as biological diversity, recreation, and cultural, and historical resources.

#### SHOW OF HANDS, NOT WALLETS

The Study is nearing completion. Each of the surrounding communities will be asked to vote Yes on acceptance of the Stewardship Plan prepared by the Nashua Wild & Scenic Study Committee and the Plan's recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic River designation by Congress.

At the upcoming May 14th Annual Town Meeting, the Stewardship Plan will be a warrant article that will request support from Dunstable by a show of hands.

If all surrounding communities vote affirmatively, the U.S. Congress will be asked to designate sections of the rivers as Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

#### WHAT WOULD THE DESIGNATION MEAN?

Wild and Scenic designation by Congress would allow Dunstable and surrounding towns to voluntarily implement a Stewardship Plan without any encumbrance on the towns or surrounding privately owned lands, and ensure that any federally funded or permitted project would not adversely impact the water resources and would help to protect water quality. This designation would qualify the rivers for federal funds on an annual basis to support local projects and activities that protect and enhance the rivers' outstanding values. The Study and designation do not change any existing local land use. The Federal government cannot zone private lands: zoning is a power of state and local governments. Existing regular uses of private lands will not be affected. Any and all work with local landowners to improve the rivers' quality or habitat is done voluntarily and cooperatively. Further, it would also protect the river resources from new federal projects, including new dams or hydro facilities licensed by FERC, which would adversely affect the free-flowing character or remarkable resources for which the rivers are being designated.

For more information on the rivers or the study, visit <a href="https://www.">https://www.</a> wildandscenicnashuarivers.org.

#### **DUNSTABLE SENIORS**

We are a peer group for those over 60. Seniors now meet in the community room of the library every Wednesday 10:30 -11:30 Bone Builders, dominos 10:30 - noon, lunch at noon. First Wednesday at 12:30 BINGO for cash. Last Wednesday of the month, **POKENO**, bring your pennies. **SCRABBLE** group every Wednesdays at 12:30.

On April 11th, we will hold a Pot Luck. Everyone is asked to bring a small serving of appetizer, salad, bread, main course or dessert. The April 18th Will be a grilled panni sandwich, salad and dessert provided by the Traveling Chef Program. RSVP by April 11. April 25 Will be Pizza, salad and dessert. On the last Wednesday of the month we will celebrate with a delicious cake for any of the seniors who are having a birthday that month. We would love to see more seniors at our lunches. Lunches are only \$3.00 per person.

Boston Post Cane Presentation The Boston Post Cane, an honor given to Dunstable's oldest resident, will be presented to Robie Stevens on Wednesday, April 4 following the senior lunch.

Indian Hill Music, Bach Lunch is on Thursday April 19. There are TWO PERFORMANCES: 11:00 am and 1:30 pm at Indian Hill Music, 36 King Street, Littleton MA. The performance this month will be the New England Flute Orchestra. Light refreshments are served but you are welcome to bring your own lunch

Book Club the group will meet on Saturday, April 21 and every third Saturday at 10:30a.m. in the community room of the library. We will be reading News of the World by Paulette Jiles. Summary: In post-Civil War Texas, a 10-year-old girl makes an odyssey back to her aunt and uncle's home after living with the Kiowa warriors who had killed her parents four years earlier. The library will order yours copy at the circulation desk if needed. New members are welcome.

Rivercourt Residence in West Groton invites Dunstable seniors for a monthly lunch. Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month. Next lunch April 17 at 12:30 in their private dining room. They do this as a community outreach program, no sales involved. RSVP by

Senior / Veteran Breakfast Will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 8:30 at the Tyngsboro Senior center, 169 Westford Rd. RSVP by

Art In Bloom At the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St. Fitchburg. Senior day will be Friday, April 27 from 11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Admission is only \$5.00 includes light refreshments and guided tours. ClearCaptions Program this program will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 11:30. Can't hear on the phone? Get your FREE Caption Phone, nothing to pay ever. Becky Bushey will explain how this Federal Program works and how you can qualify. No income qualifications.

**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. sjt0213@verizon.net

Line Dancing Class Classes are held on Mondays at 9:45a.m. for one hour in the lower hall of the Dunstable town hall. Space still available, beginners welcome. Cost is \$3.00 per session. 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.

Knitting, Crochet, Rug Hooking Meets on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:30 at Swallow Union

#### **GROTON DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOLS**

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#### **VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE**

It is hard to believe that Spring is here already and it is planning time for the Memorial Day Parade. We are looking for help with the planning and setup for the parade. This would include things from baking cookies, helping to set up and break down, to driving antique vehicles during the parade. If you would like to help in any way please contact me we would love to have you.

Additionally as always, If you know of any veteran, widow or family member in need of assistance of any kind, please leave me a message at <u>978-649-3919</u> or send me an email at <u>VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov</u>. I am here to help you.

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#### **DUNSTABLE WATER DEPARTMENT**

The Dunstable Water Department would like to remind the residents of Dunstable that are on **town water** of the following policy in our Schedule of Rates & Fees (revised September 15, 2015) and Section I.E.4 of our Rules and Regulations (revised 2008):

"If any service charge, fee or bill for water used, is not paid within 30 days of issuance, the BWC may file a lien on the property in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40 or terminate service to the property."

Any customer that is in arrears in April will be sent a **Shut Off Notice** by certified mail. Payment is due in our office within 15 days of that notice. If payment in full is not received, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Final Shut Off Notice** will be issued and delivered by the Constable. The water customer has 7 days to pay the bill in full. If payment is not received, **WATER WILL BE SHUT OFF.** Outstanding charges along with shut-off and re-establishment of service charges will be assessed and must be paid in full before water is turned back on. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Water Dept. office at 978-649-4514 x230.

Per Order Dunstable Water Commissioners

#### **GROTON GRANGE #7**

... invites you to the 3rd Lecture in the 2018 Agricultural Lecture Series on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM, at the Grange Hall, 80 Champtney St. Groton, MA. The Wonderful World of Worms will be presented by Clio Fisher. Huge, big, little, littler and really tiny. Worms come in all sizes and they do all sorts of fantastic things here on Mother Earth. Worms plow, bury, fertilize, eat garbage, bait hooks, and they think....or something very close to it. They have amazing abilities that make them the superheroes of the earth. Parking allowed only on the Grange side of Champney St.

# DUNSTABLE SUMMER CONCERTS CONCERT FLYER DESIGN CONTEST

Calling all young artists: This year we have decided to choose a young (up to age 17) local artist to design our concert flyer for the 2018 summer concerts! Get out your crayons, markers, paint, or make a photo collage! All entries must be submitted as a hard copy on a standard size piece of paper (81/2" X 11"). All entries should include the contestants name, age, and town that they live in. Deadline for submission is April 28. Members of our summer concert series committee will meet in early May to choose a winner. What's in it for the winner? The winner will receive one free ice cream of their choice at each of the summer concerts! Entries can be submitted at the Dunstable Public Library, Dunstable Town Hall, West Auto and Swallow Union. Get creative! We can't wait to see what you come up with!

NEW EVENT We are kicking off our Summer Concert series a week early this year with a festive carnival themed concert on Wednesday, June 13th from 5-8pm. The musical entertainment will be the Diamond Jubilee, an antique Gavioli fairground organ built in 1897 in Paris, the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. This will also be our Community Information Night so we would like to encourage other community groups and businesses to participate in the fun. If you would like to promote your group or business at this event, please email Lori Pestana at <a href="mailto:lpestana28@gmail.com">lpestana28@gmail.com</a> (note: corrected email address)

# Happy Spring Neighbors .....



All is pretty quiet right now in the box top world. The students at Swallow Union elementary school and you, our neighbors, are doing a great continuing to clip and save those pink little box tops for us. As we write up this blurb it's the first week of March and we are happy to report that we have surpassed our halfway collection goal for the year as we have collected 26,392 box tops as of the first week in March.

When you read this article in April please remember to check out the Box Tops for Education app on your smart phone to see what the current offers are. It's been a few weeks now since they have had some great offers on the app. (for example buy 3 box top products at Sams Club earn 100 extra box tops or buy 5 box top products at Market Basket earn an additional 50 box tops). We are hopeful that they will bring back some of these great offers come April 1st so it can help us have a strong push towards the end of the school year

Monopoly game is going on now at Shaw's supermarkets. If you are a shopper at Shaw's please make sure you receive your Monopoly tickets at check out. Some of these tickets have Box Top for Education codes in them that we can enter so our school can earn free box tops. If you happen to be the lucky receipient of one of these codes please feel free to just drop the monopoly ticket into one of the yellow Box Top for Education bins scattered around town and we can enter the code for you.

Also if you have a spare minute of time please log onto BTFE. com and click earn box tops and select sweepstakes. Here you can enter daily for a chance to be a winner where our school can earn upwards of 5,000 additional box tops (that's \$500!). We had two winners last year from Dunstable via these sweepstakes so hopefully the more people who can play these daily sweepstakes it will better our chances to win.

Remember please continue to clip your box tops and turn them into the yellow boxes scattered around town at the Dunstable Library, the Dunstable transfer station, the Dunstable Post Office, inside the front door at Swallow Union elementary school and at West Auto Repair.

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

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- July 11th The Rampage Trio: Blues Rock-Boogie
- July 18th Back to Back: Rock and Roll and Vehicle Night!
- July 25th The White Street Band: Classic Rock & Blues
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- August 9th Never Easy: New & Old Country music, with a "hint" of Classic Rock & Roll

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#### **BOSTON POST CANE PRESENTATION**

The Dunstable Council on Aging to present The Boston Post Cane, to M. Robie Stevens

The Boston Post Cane an honor given to Dunstable's oldest resident, will be presented to M. Robie Stevens on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:30, in the Community Room at the Dunstable Library.

M. Robie Stevens was born at his family farmhouse in Piermont, NH on August 11, 1922. He had three brothers and a sister. His early education was in Piermont, NH. As soon as he was old enough to get his license, he crossed the Connecticut River to go to Bradford Academy for High School. He then went to the Vermont Agricultural School for two years.

When he turned 21, he accepted a job over the phone from the Larters in Dunstable, MA. Never being in MA, and having it rain continually through haying season, he wasn't sure he was going to stay. He did stay and became the manager for Elm Haven Farm until it burnt down. He then moved his family to Groton, MA where he was manager of Skyfield Farms owned by the Wiewels. One final move back to Dunstable, he began working at Deven Crest resorting and tearing down buildings. His last employment was working as a machinist and then manager at Wang Lab under An Wang.

He is now retired living with his wife, Edna, and they will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October. They had one son and three daughters. His most important thing in life is enjoying his growing family. As of today, he has 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He enjoyed playing basketball (was captain for his high school team), playing baseball (captain of his college team), playing golf, and playing cards.

Robie was always ready to lend a hand to whoever was in need. He was a Volunteer Fireman for Dunstable, served on the Water Board, a member of the Dunstable/Tyngsboro Lion's Club (serving many officer positions), he helped out at the Nashua Senior Center and delivered Meals on Wheels!

# MORE NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Mission of the <u>Dunstable Council on Aging</u> 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.

SENIOR CIRCUIT BREAKER CREDIT You may qualify if you are, 65 or older on or before December 31, 2017. Own or rent in Massachusetts as principal residence. Your total income does not exceed: Single; \$57,000, Married filing joint; \$86,000 or head of household \$72,000. Your assessed real estate valuation does not exceed \$747,000. To claim the Circuit Breaker Credit, you must file a Massachusetts state income tax return, even if you typically don't file a return and include the Schedule CB, the Circuit Breaker Credit form. Forms are available at mass.gov/dor/forms or from Anne at Council on Aging.

SPRING CARE GIVER PROGRAM Professional Social Worker, Katherine Benson, form Nashoba Associated Boards of health will be leading a program geared toward Care Givers of elders with Alzheimer's/Dementia and other age related illnesses. Kathy will provide information on resources available to care givers and let them know what to expect as the illness progresses. An interactive piece will also be included to help attendees focus on caring for themselves. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 6-7:30Pm at the Dunstable Public Library. This program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please register with Anne at afenochetti@dunstable-MA.gov, 978-649-4514 extension 223, or at the Dunstable Public Library by Monday, April 9, 2018.

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Adult Reading Group The group will meet on Saturday, April 21st and every third Saturday at 10:30a.m. in the community room of the library. More information is available at the circulation desk. New members are always welcome.

Quilter's Group They meet from 6-8pm, 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 for you. Cook Book Club The library has a cookbook 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 the last Friday of the month at 12:00pm to enjoy the dishes. Signup sheet will be at the desk. This month we meet on Friday, April 27th. 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.

Gardening Club also know as DIG They will be meeting on Thursday, April 19<sup>h</sup> at 6:30pm. New members are welcome! 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. 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 ½ days in kindergarten. We will meet on Thursdays at 1:30 pm. We will still do a craft, so please wear clothes that can get messy. Children's Craft Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on Tuesday, April 10th at 4:00pm. We will be making a variety of spring time projects. Mr. Lang has also supplied wooden bunnies for the children to decorate and paint. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

On Going Book Sale in the Community Room at the library. Come and check out the selections! Hard Covers \$1, Paperbacks 5 for \$1, DVD's \$2 and CD's \$1. 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 can't accept magazines, older books, or textbooks. 2017 Magazines are available for free in the community room.

Homework Club The library is offering homework help every Tuesday night from 6-7 for the school year. This is a free service for children from K to High School. Honor Students from local high schools are available to help the 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.

#### CALLING FOR EMERGENCY HELP

If you are calling from your cell phone in Dunstable, call 978-649-7445 (the station) or 978-448-5555 (DISPATCH).

#### MOTHER'S DAY TEA SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30pm

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This is a FREE event sponsored by the Dunstable Sunshine Girls, but donations will be appreciated.

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#### **COMMUNICATION TIPS WITH ELDERS**

By Edward H. Adamsky

An issue that strikes a nerve with many Elder Care advocates is the way some caregivers and family communicate with dementia patients. There is a tendency to view them as child-like. As a patient, you may have experienced someone treating you "gently" as if you were an ignorant little child. This is poor behavior and should not be tolerated.

The relationship between medical professionals and patients can sometimes be analogous to a parent/child relationship. This is not the way it should be, but it is common given our society's custom of treating doctors as important while patients are a cog in the healthcare process. We all need to work hard to make sure that the patient is in control of the care and is not subservient to the medical professional or caregiver.

Patients who are talked to with "baby talk" do not respond well to treatment. They often resist treatment and may even fight with their caregivers. This may be a normal human response to being treated without respect. It may also have something to do with the nature of dementia and the elder's ability to properly understand communication.

Older adults and patients who require assistance may feel disempowered. They may feel that caregivers are giving orders with which they have to comply. We should strive to avoid the use of authoritarian language when dealing with elders. Do not give orders ("you must bathe today"), instead ask questions such as, "when would you like to bathe today?"

The words we choose can frame our thinking. Instead of saying a person "suffers" from a condition, say that they are "living" with the condition. Instead of focusing on what a person cannot do, pay attention to what they can do and give help where it is needed without highlighting that the person needs the help. Try not to degrade their sense of worth by pointing out that they cannot do certain tasks.

Dementia makes communication more difficult. Elders often have trouble finding the right word, and may have difficulty following a detailed discussion. They may respond with an incorrect word or with a statement that makes no sense in relation to the discussion. This is usually unanticipated by a younger person who might struggle for an appropriate response. This leads either to the habit of ignoring the elder, or to treating the elder as a child and to the use of baby talk.

You should try to communicate with your loved-one as an adult person (which they are) and avoid treating them as a child or leaving them out of conversations altogether. Refer to them by name or title rather than diminutives like "honey." Do not talk about the elder as if the elder were not there. Do not counter the emotions of the elder with facts. If the elder is unhappy or anxious, acknowledge the feelings and try to empathize rather than try to "help." Better understanding and communication leads to better results for the Elder and the family.

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

<u>DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING</u> Mary Moeller chairman; Brian O'Donnell, Secretary; Donald Pottle, Mary Dow, Ruth Tully, and Nancy Novak.

**BONE BUILDERS PROGRAM** is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the community room of the library from 10:30 – 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.

Well Adult Clinics Are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the community room of the Dunstable Library. Nurse will provide wellness check, blood pressure/pulse monitoring, blood sugar screening. Next clinic April 25 from 11:00a.m. - noon.

Groton Memory Cafe Every 4th Thursday from 10:00 - noon at the Groton COA 163 W Main St, West Groton, Ma. Join us for coffee and conversation for individuals and families living with memory changes. FREE, call 781-863-1166 ex.t 104 for more info.

Van Service is available for medical appointments and grocery shopping. Cost is \$5.00 for local trips, Lowell, Chelmsford, Nashua, Tyngsboro, Westford, Ayer, Groton & Pepperell. \$10.00 for any other. Check with Anne as soon as you know when your appointment is to make sure a ride is available.

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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 on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Pick up at the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Applications are now being accepted and are available through Anne at the Dunstable COA office.

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# PERSISTENT DEPRESSION IS THERE HELP?

By Jan Price, LICSW & David Harrison, LICSW

Anyone who has experienced depression understands that it is uniquely painful. Persistent feelings of hopelessness and helplessness can trap sufferers whose distressed perspective further alienates them from society, from family, and from their more loving, joyful selves. Depressive episodes, whether isolated or recurrent, seem to feed on themselves, inducing some sufferers to consider suicide to escape their pain.

But there is help. Researchers generally agree that Psychotherapy – "Talk Therapy" – improves outcomes for the depressed, both as a stand-alone treatment and in conjunction with pharmacology. Likewise, researchers believe that Talk Therapy can improve outcomes when coupled with other interventions closely associated with refractory, "treatment resistant" depression, for example Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)

Typically, a treatment resistant depression refers to individuals who either had no relief from pharmaceutical interventions or had some reduction in symptoms but were still so greatly impaired that the outcome was almost negligible. Various studies estimate that from 10%-50% of depression is treatment resistant.

But there is help. David Harrison, LICSW, clinician and intake coordinator at Greenbridge Counseling and Wellness, LLC is experienced in treating persistent depression. Via talk therapy, Dave helps clients to understand their treatment resistant depression's roots and meanings. Collaborating with Dave in this way, clients feel less alone in their pain and can heal and repair a lifetime of hurts.

Any depression can be due to a variety of factors including personal history, situational triggers and even biological predisposition. Often, depression comes in the context of a trauma history including not just outright acts of neglect, abuse, or life-threatening events, but also "quieter" experiences – cumulative psychic harm some clinicians refer to as "micro-trauma" – that can prove to be no less damaging.

Trauma and micro-trauma often result in feelings of not fitting in, of not feeling seen or heard, of not feeling understood or cared for. This can create a lifetime struggle with self-esteem and feeling alone (*I am different... I'm not worthy... I'm not lovable...*), fueling the pain and hopelessness of depression.

2016 statistics from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) revealed that approximately 16.2 million adults in the U.S. had at least one major depressive episode and the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has deemed depression highly recurrent, estimating that 50% of those who recover from a first depressive episode will endure at least one recurrence.

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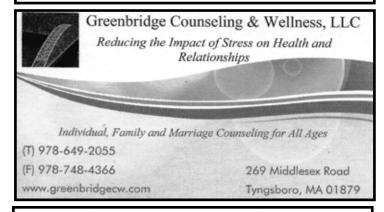
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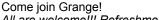
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April 13<sup>th</sup> - Official Visitation

May 11th - Memorial by Worthy Chaplain





#### SAVE THE DATE

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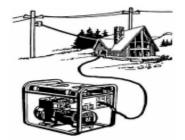
There's still time to participate in upcoming classes.

Session Two classes beginning April 17th, such as iPhone Photography, Digital Photography Secrets, Understanding Climate Change, Justice: What is the Right Thing To Do? Landscaping; Creative Container Gardening, Fencing, Groton Hikes, Meditation, Retirement Strategies for Women, Nutritional Essentials and more.

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Dunstable Fire Chief, Brian Rich announced that Open Burning season began on January 15th and will end on May1st. Permits are available daily from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Fire Station on Pleasant St. Permits cost \$10 and are free to "over 65".

#### FEE AND PERMIT INFORMATION

#### You must follow all the rules and regulations listed below. **Rules and Regulations**

- 1. You can only burn brush and garden trimmings only.
- 2. Burning is allowed only between 10am and 4pm. No fire shall be started after 12 noon and all fires must be extinguished by 4pm.
- 3. The permit holder must call the Fire Department @ 978-649-6661 each day after 9am for permission to burn that day.
- 4. The fire must not be left unattended and must be at least 75 feet from any structure.
- 5. Have available water supply, rakes, shovels, etc. for controlling the fire.

#### Under all Circumstances the following are prohibited

- 1. The burning of Grass, Hay, Leaves, Stumps, tires and/or building materials.
- 2. Burning of brush, trees, cane and/or driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
- 3. Burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved incinerators.
- 4. Large piles that will not readily burn or are of such size that they will not be totally out by 4pm.

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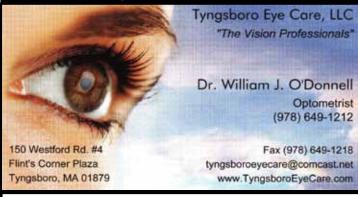
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All are welcome and there is absolutely no charge! Connect on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/naturewalksCS">https://www.facebook.com/naturewalksCS</a>

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.

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DuBose holds a BFA in Visual Design with a major in illustration, yet cites her childhood encounter with the *Golden Book of Fairy Tales* (Ponsot and Segur, 1958) as the inspiration that has influenced her work. She describes the collection of "little beasties" in **Shared Vision** as representing her world of fantasy. This new artwork can be considered dark by some, yet "deliciously creepy" by most, compared to her lighter, whimsical pieces.

Garry, who holds a BA in Studio Art, spent the first half of her career as a graphic designer. After purchasing a wet-felted hat five years ago, and intrigued by the seemingly unlimited possibilities, she determined to teach herself how to make felt. She refers to felting as "alchemical"... a transformation of fiber, soap, and water into two and three dimensional works of art. Her sense of color, texture, form, and design animates this elegant, playful collection.

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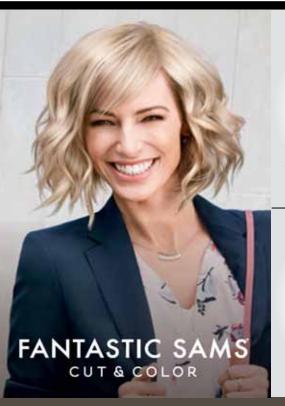
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**DECC YOUTH** Regular meetings are held on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM but special events may be held at other times. Please contact Jon Hughes at 978-393-7708 if interested and to confirm location and time of meeting. In February, the Youth Group and leaders attended the Winter Teen Retreat at Monadnock Bible Camp. In March, a sledding party with lots of snow!

<u>POPs</u> (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 4/13 and 5/11. Contact <u>Shellyannross@gmail.com</u> with questions.

<u>MISSIONS BOARD</u> sponsors a "Missions Moment" on the second Sunday of each a month. A guest speaker presents a brief overview of the program which is supported by our Missions giving. Coming in April is an update from Eric Hanson - Kwatekeh Africa on his recent mission trip there.

Would you be interested in attending a <u>Ladies' or Men's Retreat</u> this spring at Monadnock Bible Camp? Stay tuned for details.

MOTHERS' DAY TEA – May 12, 2018, 11:00am-1:00pm at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church. Watch for more Details

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

• Saturday, April 21st, 9AM Spring Clean-up at the Little Red Schoolhouse

Help make the place shine for our upcoming events. For more information call Billy Psaledakis 508-254-5621

• Friday, April 27th at 7pm

**Freedom's Way** Learn about Freedom's Way. Why Dunstable is part of their National Heritag Area, and special programs coming this spring. By Patrice Todisco, Executive Director of Freedom's Way. For info: Sue Psaledakis 978-649-6005

 Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at daybreak 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steam and Gas Engine Meet

Come early to see the antique engines and farm equipment. Items old and new for sale.

Coffee, donuts, hamburgers & hot dogs will be available. For information Anne Davis 978-649-7243.



# TO OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND WELL-WISHERS

Brett Tully's family; David and Alyce, David III and his family, Matt and Kirsten and the entire Tully and Teague families would like to express our gratitude to our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all of those who comforted the family during this last month since Brett's passing.

The number of Brett's friends and co-workers participating and aiding our family during this difficult time was amazing; a testament to the young man that Brett was and the friends with which he surrounded himself.

We would like to express a deep appreciation to the Police Departments of Dunstable and Groton, the Dunstable Highway Department and Board of Road Commissioners, all of whom have been truly supportive of Brett's family; they have been there every step of the way.

We would especially like to thank all of those individuals who have contributed to the Brett A. Tully Scholarship; the first of which will be presented at the 2018 Groton-Dunstable Regional School District Graduation. This fund will allow us to honor and support students at Groton-Dunstable Regional High School who exemplify how Brett lived and loved life, including his love of working with others.

Just as Brett will never be forgotten, neither will the support, kindness and generosity you have provided.

The Tully and Teague Families



# FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENT OR CAREGIVER

Calling all children, ages birth – 5, with their parents or caregivers, to FREE Playgroup/Literacy/Story and Craft Times. This grantfunded program is open to anyone, regardless of where you live. These programs follow the school year calendar.

Groton and Dunstable Family & Community Programs

• Join us on any 1st and 3rd <u>Tuesdays</u> during the school year

-9:30 a.m.at: Peter Twomey Center (behind G-D Middle School North). 348 Main Street. Groton

Join us on any 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> <u>Tuesdays</u> during the school year
 -1:30 p.m.\_at: Dunstable Congregational Church, 518 Main Street, Dunstable

Townsend and Pepperell Family & Community Programs

Join us on any <u>Mondays</u> during the school year -9:30 a.m.
 at: Peter Fitzpatrick Admin. Building (brick building at rotary), 45
 Main Street, Pepperell

• Join us on any Wednesdays during the school year -10:30 AM at: Townsend Library, 12 Dudley Road, Townsend

Please contact Jana Harrison, at jharrison@awrsd.org, or 978.874.7312 for further information.

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# MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT SPRING PLANT SALE

The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its

Annual Spring Plant Sale on Friday, April 27 from 3-6pm

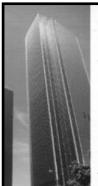
and Saturday, April 28 from 8am to 12noon.

New Location! Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Rd., Westford, MA

All items that were pre-ordered through March 31 should be picked up on the sale days.

If you did not place an order, come on the Sale Days. We will be selling excess first quality stock which may include tree and shrub seedlings, perennials, fruits & edibles, groundcovers, and garden supplies (rain barrels, Tick Tubes, cedar bluebird house, composted cow manure, fertilizers).

The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources in Middlesex County. Proceeds from our biannual plant sales provide programs to improve water quality and quantity, for preservation of open space and erosion control and provide environmental education. For more information about our sale or programs please visit <a href="https://www.middlesexconservation.org">www.middlesexconservation.org</a>.



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#### **DUNSTABLE TYNGSBOUGH** LIONS CLUB



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

#### Officers for the 2017-2018 Lions Year

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

The Club will host a Seniors' Breakfast in May at the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Check your Council on Aging newsletter for dates and times.

Anyone who would like to join the Lions is asked to call Bob Reich at 978-649-5874 or Mark Alexander at 978-649-9124. Our Regular Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Call one of the members at the telephone numbers given above to find the location.

#### YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

**Used eyeglasses** are collected for refurbishment and distribution to less advantaged people around the world.

CAN TABS (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.



#### **PLANT SALE**

On Saturday, May 5, the Power of Flowers Project, a 501 (c) (3) organization invites you to join us at our plant sale from 9am-1pm at the Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street. Start your gardening out right this year!

- Proven Perennials from our Own Volunteer Gardens
- Locally Grown Nursery Annuals and Herbs
- Professional Garden Tool Sharpening (Available for a Fee)
- Garden Whimsy Table Featuring Nature & Garden Novelty Items
- Garden Related Raffle Items Plenty of Parking

The Power of Flowers Project is a volunteer-based organization that rescues flowers from various events, repurposes them into beautiful bouquets and delivers them to seniors and others in need in the surrounding area. The bouquets bring moments of joy and build caring, compassionate connections. Since we began in 2009 we have delivered over 75,000 bouquets containing lovely flowers which would likely have been left behind and discarded.

For more information please contact Heidi at hrwhitehair@gmail. com or the Power of Flowers Project in Tewksbury at (978)226-8545, www.powerofflowersproject.org. We also have a Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/thepowerofflowersproject/. Presenting Sponsor, Griffin Greenhouse & Nursery, 1619 Main St, Tewksbury, MA.



# CLUB OF TYNGSBORO/DUNSTABLE

Rotary Motto: Service Above Self Theme: Rotary Making a Difference

The Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable has been serving the Tyngsboro and Dunstable area for 44 years.

We meet at the Dream Diner, Tyngsboro, on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:15am.

Our 8th Annual Taste of Town event will be held on

Thursday, April 26th, at Princeton Station, North Chelmsford from 7:00 to 9:30pm. Please make reservations early since there are a limited number of tickets available. Vendors wishing to participate should contact us at tdrotary@yahoo.com.

In June we will hold our Annual Fishing Day for children and adults with disabilities. The date is to be determined.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community volunteers in your locality who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs. Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

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

#### USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED

To benefit: Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church Location: Rear Parking lot, 518 Main St., Dunstable, MA 01827 Items accepted: All clothing, shoes sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. (Your donations will not be cut up or shredded.) (Please... No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, toys or household goods; please understand that the above unwanted items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.)

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E-mail ecctsect@yahoo.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. Nursery available. Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments. Children attend Worship service with parents and are dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for Sunday school. Cancellation information will be listed on our website: <a href="https://www.tyngsborocongregational.org">www.tyngsborocongregational.org</a>
We invite you to join us for:

• SUNDAY EVENING – Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The continuing theme will be "HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE"

• TUESDAY MORNING – Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A new study program is a video series called "That the World May Know"

<u>THE THRIFT SHOP:</u> Located next to the church is open to the public on <u>Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</u> We offer an assortment of clothing, shoes, handbags, baby items, books, small appliances, dishes, glassware, jewelry, etc. *Please do not drop off* large furniture items such as TV's, computers or printers we do not have the means to store or dispose of these.

• THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

April 8th - As of this writing the Church Service at Old Town Hall and a luncheon to follow is to be celebrated for our 150th Anniversary. We wanted to "bring back" some of the memories and songs that took place in the Old Town Hall so many years ago, where our church services were held before our Chapel was built in 1868! It has been fun to see all the historic items and paperwork we have preserved for 150 years.....including the actual document to build our Chapel, receipts from the town allowing us to rent the Old Town Hall for church services before the Chapel was completed plus plans and documentation as the church was being constructed! We are 150 years STRONG!!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY - Jim Politti, Patti-Ann Reekie and George Richardson chaperoned our Jr. Youth Group members to Camp Manadnock Bible Conference in January and again in early March. Everyone had a GREAT time!!! Many upcoming and exciting activities are planned for our youth in the months ahead. If you would like to be a part of this active and fun ministry, we encourage your families to come and enjoy our Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. We welcome with open arms anyone looking to follow our Lord and glorify Him through worship and actions.

**April 14th** - Men's breakfast hosted by John Korsak from 8:00 am to 10:00 a.m. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall

May 28- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - Please consider joining us as we march in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. We meet in the church parking lot by 10:00 a.m. and the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. This is always a proud day as we remember our military servicemen, past and present. At the destination point of the VFW there is always a meaningful and honorable presentation that takes place. What an honor to celebrate all those who have made our country safe and proud. GO USA!

June 3-Our Annual Church Picnic follows our regular Sunday service. We then bring a dish to share and head over to the Sportsmen's Club on Westford Road from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon of activities, good food and lots of singing! Event is held rain or shine! Hambergers, hotdogs and drinks provided. This church service also rounds out our normal school year calendar as we celebrate with our Children's Program and honors local high school graduates who have qualified for our Scholarships. Casual wear permitted for this church service! Normal church meetings and activities will resume with the beginning of the new school year in September.

• October 7, 2018 - Special Sunday Service and Luncheon at Church. Afternoon - The Needham's (a well known Gospel Group) in Concert at Old Town Hall (more specifics will be notated in future Neighbor to Neighbor Issues). 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.

**SERMONS ON-LINE:** Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: **1.** Log onto the church website <a href="http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org">http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org</a> **2.** On home page you will see a photo of the church. Hover the cursor over the word "SERVING" **3.** Click once on the word "SERMONS" **4.** Scroll down to see "Listen to our sermonsfor free on <a href="SoundCloud.com">SoundCloud.com</a> **6.** Below the Church logo sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title **7.** Click orange circle to listen to the sermon you desire.

**THANK YOU** to Rick Nolet and his team for the amazing work they have done on some major repairs to our sanctuary. We are blessed to have Rick as our carpenter and friend.

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION:** Steven Buck was helped by Troop 46, as well as his Youth Group, and his family to create his project for ECCT as he is working toward earning his Eagle Scout Rank. Steven earned 22 merit badges toward his Eagle.



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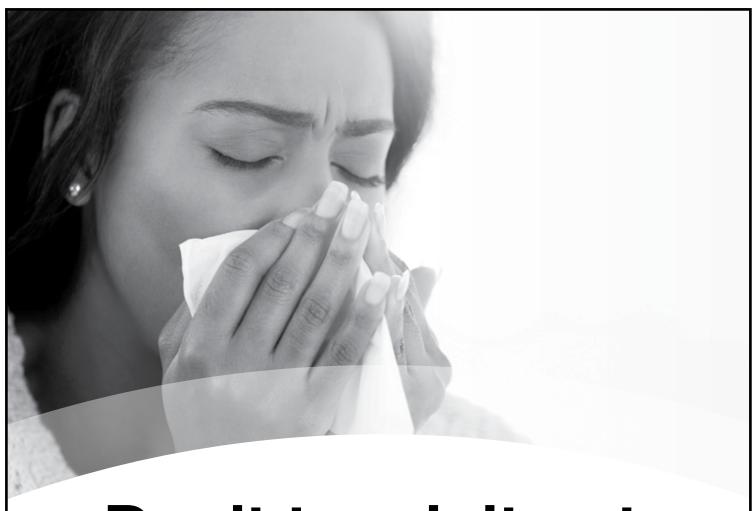
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