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DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST WINTERFEST 2019 Sunday, January 27th, 2019 11am to 3pm

DRLT Wildlife Preserve 1072 Main St



Our 23rd Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th from 11am to 3pm. Join us for horse drawn sleigh rides, sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fun on the ice. **Depending** on the weather there may be other activities as well. Cozy around the bonfire and enjoy homemade soup, cookies, hot chocolate and other treats.

Come out and enjoy Winter! This is held at the DRLT Wildlife Preserve, use the 1072 Main St. entrance.

Sorry, no dogs allowed at Winterfest. For more information you may call Bob at 978-649-7206.

OPEN BURNING SEASON BEGINS JANUARY 15TH

Dunstable Fire Chief, Brian Rich announced that Open Burning season will soon begin 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 that are 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
- 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.

If you have other questions regarding burning, please call Fire Chief Brian Rich at 978-649-6661. Information is also posted on the town Website.

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TOWN CLERK NEWS

The 2019 Annual Street Listing is being prepared for mailing, please expect this around the first part of January. The Annual Street Listing, also known as the annual census, is a legal document of the Commonwealth which requires each household return annually to remain on the active voter list.

Notice is given the pursuant to state and federal law, I am required to purge the voter list of voters who are no longer qualified to remain on the list. This includes (1) (a) voters who have failed to answer the annual street listing since 2016 and thereafter failed to respond to a confirmation notice OR (b) they registered to vote on or before 2016 and the acknowledgement notice was returned as undeliverable AND (2) voters who failed to vote from the period beginning on the date of the confirmation notice when registered and ending on November 6, 2018.

Dog Licenses expired December 31, 2018. An application will be enclosed with the annual street listing for your convenience. If ordering by mail, we need a self-addressed stamped envelope to return the license.

As identify fraud increases, the need to have documents notarized increases. I am happy to notarize your documents provided they are not signed. The notary is required to witness your signature. I do not notarize wills, trusts, deeds and power of attorney (associated with a will, trust or deed). Those are best done with an attornev.

Based on the election preliminary numbers, it appears that the political designation Green-Rainbow will once again gain political party status. Massachusetts will become a 4 party state. Official election results from the November election are now online, please contact me if you're unable to find them.

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.

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).

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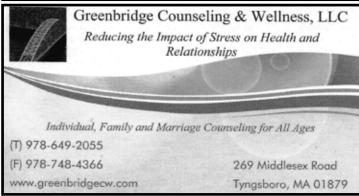
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DUNSTABLE SENIORS

Program Coordinator Susan Tully 978-649-6750 or Email at sjt0213@verizon.net

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

IN CASE OF SNOW AND THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED THERE IS NO SENIOR MEETING

<u>Thank You</u> to Carol Vaillancourt, Mary Dow, Jean Haight and Anne Fenochetti for delicious snacks at the Bell Ringer program.

<u>January Lunches</u> <u>January 9</u> Steak tips, roasted potatoes and carrots provided by Dinner Made Simple RSVP was by Jan 2. <u>January 16</u> will be baked chicken breast with salad, and butternut squash and dessert provided by the Traveling Chef RSVP by Jan. 9. <u>January 23</u> Lasagna and salad provided by Charlotte's Cozy kitchen RSVP by Jan 16 <u>January 30</u> will be pizza, salad and dessert.

Book Club The group will be meeting Saturday January 19 at 10:30 in the community room of the library. We will be discussing The 13th Tale by Diane Setterfield. Summary: A compelling emotional mystery about family secrets and the magic of books and storytelling. A dying writer bids a young bookshop assistant to write her biography. Books may be ordered through the library.

Indian Hill Music, Bach Lunch. Indian Hill Music, 36 King Street, Littleton MA. presents, French Inspirations: Wind Trio. Next show January 17. There are TWO PERFORMANCES: 11:00 am and 1:30 pm Indian Hill Music, 36 King Street, Littleton MA. Complimentary coffee, tea and cookies will be served or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Doors open at 10 am for first show and 12:30 for second show.

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.

Memory and Music Wed. January 9 at 12:45 Laura Morency from Rivercourt Residences will speak on how music used as a therapeutic mechanism is shown to improve moods, awareness and quality of life.

<u>Paint Party</u> Friday, January 11 at 11:45. Raquel Kaplan will lead our group in creating a beautiful winter themed 8 X 10 painting in just one setting. All supplies will be provided. No experience needed. That will be the fun of it. Space will be limited, cost is only \$5.00 per person so bring a friend. RSVP please.

Introduction to Meditation Wednesday, January 23 at 12:30, Kathy Benson of the Nashoba Nursing Assoc. will give us an overview of meditation and it's benefits.

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 (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer. After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911 225 Assistant Assessor 226 Building Inspector 227 Highway 228 Collector/Treasurer 229 Board of Health

230 Conservation/Planning Board 249 Assessors, Water Dept Please dial 0 if you need assistance.

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Alarm System* 978-448-6666*can be used to call in a fire from cell phone You will find more information on the town website www.dunstable-ma.gov

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ATTENTION 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE

Congratulations on your pending graduation!

We are delighted to announce the availability of the Helene Morgan Babcock and Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship, and invite you to apply for these generous funds as you continue your education.

During the winter of 1923, the home of the Morgan family here in town caught fire and was largely destroyed. The citizens of our community responded to the crisis by taking in the children (all 17 of them!), keeping the family together and aiding in the reconstruction of their home. One of the children, Helene Morgan Babcock, remembered the words of her mother, "Never forget the kindness of the people of Dunstable," and so established a scholarship fund to be made available to the graduating students of Dunstable as they continue their education.

The amounts of these grants are substantial, with one of the Babcock Scholars receiving \$4,000 each year for up to four years. A number of additional \$2,000 scholarships are granted to other students on a one time basis.

Scholarships may be applied to expenses incurred in the pursuit of advanced education beyond the secondary level in two or four year institutions, vocational education institutions, or formalized apprenticeship programs (the main scholarship for 4 year full time only).

Starting February 11, 2019, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, or by emailing babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com.

Completed applications can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the PO Box listed below no later than **March 21**st, **2019.** Questions regarding the application process can be sent to babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Babcock Scholarship Trustees P.O. Box 24 Dunstable, MA 01827

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH

Hey Dunstable Residents, do you know that we have a new **CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM?** The subscription runs from July 1st to June 30th.

You may join any time. The fee is pro-rated monthly.

Sign up in January for \$150.00 and you will receive a trash cart and recycling cart included in the cost.

Overflow bags are also for sale at the town hall for those weeks that you may have that extra amount of trash that won't fit in the cart. The cost of the bags is \$3.00 each in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. Sign up Monday-Friday at the Town Hall during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Proof of residency and a check or cash is all you need.

For further information please email inquiries to health@dunstable-ma.gov or call 978-649-4514 Ext. 229

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Now holds services and other activities at the Federated Church 21 Washington St., Ayer, MA (978) 540-0768 http://www.sov-lc.org

Pastor Rev. Susan Gaeta Fall Worship is at 10:15
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church fall worship time is 10:15AM

The Sunday School children will be continuing their lessons at 9 AM on Sunday mornings. Beginning in January the youth are going to plan an activity for the 4th Sunday of each month, including bowling and a movie. They will also be involved in planning an interactive evening worship event which will include food!!

The confirmation class will have a retreat at Camp Calumet from January 11-13th.





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MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

GROTON DUNSTABLE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Respectfully submitted by GDRMS School Council, December 2018

Expressing our thoughts through communication - Writing is alive across grades and curriculum areas. Students are learning to use text-based evidence to make a strong claim, supported by evidence and reasoning. Students are writing to explain their thinking in math class, to speak about social injustices, to prove to themselves that they could write a million words in a month, to explain their thinking about geography concepts, among many other ways to express understanding in writing. Public speaking is near the top of most "greatest fears" lists. Students in Communication Arts have been learning techniques for alleviating this fear and the mechanics of giving an effective speech. All students improved their public speaking skills, and the unit culminated in a speech competition.

Designs in Visual Arts - Art is finding some of our students creating hybrid animal sculptures from recycled materials. Students design and build using colors, patterns and designs based on the Latin American Alebrije wooden sculptures they have learned about in their Spanish class.

Community Outreach - Council on the Aging: Many senior citizens in Groton and Dunstable received holiday cards designed by one of our Learning Centers and the after school Peace Club. A great way to set purpose and meaning for writing. Thank you to an enthusiastic group of senior citizens who responded to a request to work with those who might need a little extra help in reading! The Peace Club also took part in collecting food for the Groton Food Project, donating 6 bags of food for the community. Our Student Council ran a Halloween candy drive to collect and donate candy to The Soldiers' Angels Treats for Troops. The Student Council and each grade individually spearheaded fundraisers for Project Mitten. These funds benefit the Groton Community Fund. Some students gave up their gently used toys for a fund-raising 'auction', some students gave up lunch snack money for one day to donate to this important community project.

Diversity - Our Diversity club meets weekly to discuss diversity in our school and community. This student run group will host a panel discussion on the language of diversity for any student interested. The Club is also excited to bring a nationally touring exhibit, "In Our Family", to Groton-Dunstable, where it will reside in our North library through the month of January.

Social Studies is social - Some of our history students have re-fought the Battle of Crecy, pretending to be knights and king and they have also renegotiated the signing of the Magna Carta through class simulations. Other students enjoyed the opportunity to meet with an archeologist from the University of Pennsylvania and US State Department. Students learned about excavating sites in the Middle East and helping to recover priceless artifacts that had been illegally obtained.

Living with Wildlife - We have been fortunate to work in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife to raise endangered Blanding's Turtles and brook trout from eggs. Turtles and trout will will be released into local watersheds in the spring after students have had the opportunity to watch these important members of our ecosystem grow.

It's Not Just about Brains - Middle school students learned about the components of health through a fun lesson to demonstrate balance in their lives. They are expressing their overall physical, social, and mental health by making triangles out of dry pasta and marshmallows to identify the balance needed. Other students signed up for an exploratory yoga class.

Do you want to get involved in our middle school education? Do you have an expertise that you think middle school students could learn from? Do you have experience that might connect with our middle school curriculum? Please contact Principal, Kathi McCollumn at kmccollumn@gdrsd.org.

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GD SEPAC

Groton Dunstable Special Education Parent Advisory Council

http://gdsepac.wordpress.com

JANUARY 15, 2019 6 – 9 PM Location TBD Stretch What Matters: Self-Care for Yourself and Your Child with Special Needs Come join us as we learn about ways to utilize yoga and mindfulness to care for ourselves and our children. Bring your yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing for this interactive workshop. Funded by the Groton-Dunstable Regional SEPAC

Contact Officers and Liaison 2018-2019:

Co-Chair: Melissa Padera mpadera@yahoo.com **Co-Chair:** Jennifer Bonenfant jenniferbonenfant@gmail.com **Secretary:** Marla Haddad mhaddad2@verizon.net

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Presentations workshops:

FROM THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Dunstable Board of Selectmen is looking for individuals who are interested in serving on committees, boards, and commissions. Interested persons should contact the Board of Selectmen's Office by phone at (978)-649-4514 ext. 224, or by email at ivoelker@dunstable-ma.gov.



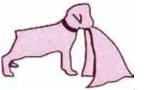
The West Family and Maureen Amaral from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage would like to start off our new year and say THANK YOU to each and every one of you who stopped into the office at West Auto Repair and dropped off a toy during our collection campaign from late November - December.

Because of your support over **372** needy children woke up to a new toy or gift on Christmas morning. Each and every year our hearts are warmed by the generosity of our neighbors, who come in sometimes more than once, to drop off a toy or a gift for infants to teenagers. From the very bottom of our hearts we say THANK YOU for supporting such a wonderful cause. We are honored to serve as your local Toys for Tots collection site and to partner with Maureen Amaral for this wonderful cause. **Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy 2019! The West Family - West Auto Repair, Inc.**

DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The Dunstable Rural Land Trust 2019 Calendar is here. This year we feature flora and fauna. These pictures were taken by talented local photographers Denise Hurt, Debbie Sherwood, Mike Potsaid and Anne Davis.

The calendars are available for \$12.00 each at the library, The General Store, Rose of Sharon, Farmhouse Café, Tully Farms Dairy Store, West Auto Repair and from the DRLT Directors. For more info call Elaine at 978-649-9236 or Anne at 978-649-7243.



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For the month of January purchase FIVE participating box top products at Walmart and earn an additional 50 BONUS box tops via

the Tox Tops for Education app.

Don't forget to check the website (btfe.com) for sweepstakes and take a peek at the app before heading out shopping, every little Box Top counts! You can turn in your carefully clipped Box Tops to any of these Dunstable drop-off locations: Swallow Union, Maple Village Preschool, Library, post office, and West Auto Repair.

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Thank you for your support!

Jen West & Cristina Ágraz & Chrissy McLane Box Top for Education tri-chairs for Swallow Union Elementary School swallowunionapt.org aptswallowunion@gmail.com facebook.com/ SwallowUnionAPT

DUNSTABLE THEATER COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS LOVE LETTERS

Love Letters is a play by A. R. Gurney that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner (played by Dunstable's own Karen Majkut) and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III (played by Bill McCann). They sit side by side at tables and read the notes, letters and cards - in which over nearly 50 years, they discuss their hopes and ambitions. dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats - that have passed between them throughout their separated lives.

Join us for this poignant piece of theater - 2 shows only! - January 25 and 26 at 7:30 pm at Dunstable Town Hall. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors. Order yours today at www.dunstabletheater.org/product-category/tickets

Auditions for Dunstable Theater: Don't Dress for Dinner Dunstable Theater Collaborative is seeking actors the upcoming romantic farce, Don't Dress for Dinner by Marc Camoletti.

We are looking for 3 men and 3 women who can convincingly fill the following roles: Bernard: Male, 30s-early 50s - Jacqueline's husband and Suzanne's lover. Jacqueline: Female, 30s-early 50s - Bernard's wife and Robert's lover. Robert: Male. 30s-early 50s -Bernard's single friend and Jacqueline's lover. Suzette: Female, mid 20s to late 30s - A private cook. Suzanne: Female, mid 20s to late 30s - Bernard's mistress. George: Male, mid 20s to late 30s -Suzette's husband.

Please RSVP for your audition via email: dtcauditions@dunstabletheater.org

Auditions will be held at Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA on January 15 and 16 from 7-9 pm. Please bring a headshot and acting resume if you have them. Auditions will consist of cold reads from the show sides.

Call-backs will be January 17 from 7-9 pm. Rehearsals begin February 4 (M, W, Th).

Performances are April 12-13 at 7:30 pm and April 14 at 3 pm.

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to feed a colony of feral and homeless kitties. Please call me at 978-799-9715 for the drop-off location on the Dunstable/Tyngsboro line. Don Gaudette. Volunteers to help with the feeding are also **needed.** Associated with Kitty Angels www.kittyangels.org Kitty Angels is An All-Volunteer, Non-Profit Shelter for Needy Cats

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Like us on FACEBOOK to receive program updates!
www.facebook.com/pages/Dunstable-Public-Library/219991908117595

<u>Featured Display</u> This month's display is a collection of animal skeletons from Gretchen Murray. Come and check it out. If you would like to display your artwork or photographs in the community room, we would love to host you. Please contact Karen at kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org.

<u>Community Room Artist</u> Check out the wonderful wreaths made by library patrons.

<u>Display Table Artist</u> Katherine Valliere will be displaying her adult coloring book art.

<u>Library Passes available</u> Take advantage of these great passes: Boston Museum of Fine Arts, One Stop Fun, US Constitution Museum in Charlestown, and a pass to 50 Massachusetts State parks. New Discount Pass – Salem Witch Museum and Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

Adult Reading Group The group will meet on Saturday, January 19th and every third Saturday at 10:30a.m. in the community room of the library. They will be reading "The 13th Tale" by Diane Setterfield, Biographer Margaret Lea is summoned to the Yorkshire home of dying novelist Vida Winter, who has handpicked Margaret to write her biography. Though initially hesitant, Margaret becomes fascinated by the details of Vida's disturbing childhood. New members are always welcome.

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

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.

<u>Cook Book Club</u> 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 will be meeting on January 31st at 12:00pm.

<u>Preschool Story Hour</u> 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!

<u>Afternoon Story Hour</u> This will be for older children who have $\frac{1}{2}$ days in kindergarten or older preschoolers. We will meet on Thursdays at 1:30 pm. We will still do a craft, so please wear clothes that can get messy.

<u>Children's Craft</u> Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on January 15th at 4:00pm. We will be making many different snowman activities. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@mvlc.org

On Going Book Sale Is in the Community Room at the library. Come in and check out the selections that are here. Hard Covers \$1, Paperbacks 5 for \$1, DVD's \$2.00 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 cannot accept magazines, older books, or textbooks. Homework Club The library is offering homework help every Tuesday night from 6:00 – 7:00 for the school year. This is a free service for children from Kindergarten to High School. Honor Students from local high schools are available to help the children. These students help children understand their math homework and more. If your child is attending, please call by 5:30 so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.



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Scouts BSA Troop 28 Dunstable meetings, **Monday from 7 PM**- 8:30 PM at the Dunstable Congregational Church. Any boys in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend along with their families.

Scouting is a great way to build self-confidence, character, and leadership while having fun, making friends, going on adventures, and serving your community.

Troop 28 does all sorts of activities including kayak trips, day hikes, camping trips from 1-5 nights, bike trips, cooking competitions, shooting sports, trampoline jumping nights, and more. We serve our community with conservation projects, citizenship work, and service to our seniors and veterans.

All activities are completely voluntary and Scouting is easy to fit around sports and other activities. Our Troop has a great history of developing young people into self-confident leaders, including many Eagle Scouts.

Čall Scoutmaster Sarath Krishnaswamy at 978-846-0120 or sarath@alum.mit.edu if you'd like to learn more, or check our website out (dunstable28.mytroop.us) or <a href="mailto:gds.couting.gds.couting



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DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

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, Barbara Martin, Vincent Hollins.

The Mission of the Dunstable Council on Aging is to serve as a supportive family resource as emerging needs of Dunstable residents become more complex; and to advocate for and provide, in a cost-effective manner, a safe, congenial environment where seniors may participate in social, educational, and cultural programs reflective of their needs.

Bone Builders Program is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the community room of the library from10:30 – 11:30a.m. Through a grant from Tufts Health and CTI senior Corp. Volunteer leaders run the program. Bone Builders is a fun low- impact strength training and balance exercise program. Each class runs for 60 min. FREE to all seniors, space is available. Talk with Brian O'Donnell

<u>SAND FOR SENIORS</u> The Dunstable Highway Dept. has offered to deliver a bucket of sand to any household that might need some for keeping their steps and walkway safe. Just let us know and we will arrange for a delivery.

<u>Medication Take Back Program</u> Do you have out dated or unused medication inn your cabinet? An officer from the Dunstable Police Dept. will be at our meetings on the last Wed. of each month at noon to collect them and dispose of them properly. *Drop off will be January 30.*

Well Adult Clinic Are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the community room of the Dunstable Library. These clinics allow for personalized, one on one attention from a nurse. Offered services include blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, diet/nutrition information and teaching, medication review and assistance with identifying and coordinating community resources and referrals. All residents, of any age are welcome to attend. **Next clinic January 23 from 11 – noon**.

<u>Van Service</u> 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 Fennochetti as soon as you know when your appointment is to make sure a ride is available.

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Message from the Fire Chief Fire Chief Rich is available to check your smoke detectors you just need to set up an appointment. If you need the assistance of the fire department for a non-emergency situation and you've called the firestation and no one was there. Please call 978-448-6666 (Fire/Police/ems Dispatch) they will notify the proper person or service to assist you. Office # 978-649-6661 Living Alone Safely in Your Own Home The Dunstable COA is working with the Fire Dept and the Police to keep those seniors living alone safe in their home. They can secure a lock box with a key on to your door at your home so that in an emergency help would be able to get to you quickly. Chief Rich will be available at our Wed. lunches if you have any questions. Call his Office # 978-649-6661 for more information.

Nashoba Nursing Service and Hospice: For information on home health, flu clinics, nursing availability, or hospice call 1-800-698-3307. Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients to give the caregiver a break. Call Wendy Chieffo for more info 1-800-698-3307 ext. 352 or wchieffo@nashoba.org.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dunstable Residents.

Through public forums, regularly scheduled meetings and brief electronic questionnaires your Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee is gathering feedback from our school community.

The link provided is our first questionnaire comprised of questions on various topics the school committee is currently discussing and would appreciate your participation. We encourage you to please answer a few short questions to help our committee better serve our constituents.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9WW2XVF

The link will remain open through January 12, 2019, we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and Happy Holidays! Marlena Gilbert, GDRSC Chair

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Happy New Year!! We hope that you can visit us soon in this new year! Looking forward a bit, our fantastic COMFORT SUP-PER (featuring comfort casseroles and soups!) will be on Saturday, January 26 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall (snow date is the following Saturday). This is a relaxing family friendly event. *All you need to do is bring yourself, your family, and friends.* We have plenty of food for all. We have homemade varieties of soup and comfort casseroles that you can only find here. All food is labeled with ingredients, to help those with dietary restrictions. We will also have entertainment!

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

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

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENT OR CAREGIVER

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Groton and Dunstable

Family & Community Programs

Join us on any 1st <u>Tuesdays</u> during the school year -1:30 p.m. at: Dunstable Congregational Church, 518 Main Street, Dunstable

Join us on any all <u>Mondays</u> during the school year -9:30 a.m. at: Peter Twomey Center (behind G-D Middle School North), 348 Main Street, Groton

Townsend and Pepperell Family & Community Programs

Join us on any 1st and 3rd <u>Tuesdays</u> during the school year -10:30 a.m. at: Pepperell Library (Lawrence Library,) 15 Main Street, Pepperell

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

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2019!

For the next week or two I am sure I will be making a mistake when writing that date. Happens every January. My parents used to say the older they got the faster the time went. Well, they were right. There never does seem to be enough time in any day. Lists of things to do just carry over to the next day. Most of us are just very busy people.

I would like to thank all of you who take the time in your busy day to write up and send in your articles or news for your organizations. I know there are many more things going on in the towns, so if you have something coming up send the info in. If it comes in late or I run out of space I will try to post it as soon as possible on the website.

There is no fee for publishing most of the news or events.

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If you prefer to read the NtoN online, or you misplace your issue, you can go to the website and read both the Tyngsborough and the Dunstable editions. For 35 years advertisers have made it possible for all residents of Dunstable and Tyngsborough to receive this publication free of charge.

I truly thank all of you for your continued support of Neighbor to Neighbor. Many of you have been in the newsletter for a very long time, and there are many of you who are new. Your loyalty is greatly appreciated.

The purpose of the *Neighbor to Neighbor* continues to be the same. To give you some local news, interesting 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. *I look forward to hearing from you soon for the February issue!*

Sincerely, Anne

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46 Coburn Road Tyngsboro

Sherburne Nature Center Event Winter Nature Walk! Saturday, January 12th, 2019

9:00 AM

46 Coburn Rd Tyngsboro, MA (Sherburne Nature Center & Trails)

Come and join us for a celebration of the wildlife of Winter! We will have a guided Winter nature walk via Snowshoe (Hiking boots are welcome too). Hosted by lifelong Naturalist & Conservation advocate Mark Fraser (host of "Nature Walks" seen on PBS).

All are welcome and there is absolutely no charge!

http://www.naturewalkscs.org/

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.

Please note: The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center is PRIVATE property.

It is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.

DUST OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES AND CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!

Groton Grange #7 invites you to join the fun at our traditional New England Contra Dance on **Saturday**, **January 26th**, **from 7:30 - 10:00 PM** at Historic Groton Grange Hall, 80 Champney Street.

This will be an evening of live music and dancing with Groton's own Contra Banditos along with caller Beth Parks, who will teach traditional New England style contra, square, and line dances to the beat of old time fiddle tunes. **Beginners are welcome**, no experience or partner is necessary. **Donation at the door is \$5.00 per person, children under 3 years old are free, and family maximum is \$20.** Refreshments are provided.

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http://new-arc.org/index.html This link may provide some useful information for you when encountering injured or abandoned wild life. The coalition is relatively new so many of you may not have heard about it. This can be a worth while step forward to save our wild neighbors. Nikole Roth MS CABAC ACDBC CPDT

Also on Facebook under **NEW ARC North East Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation Coalition** *Their Mission Statement:*"To provide humane and compassionate rehabilitation to injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them back into their natural habitat. To provide the community with a general awareness of wildlife, and assist and educate them with wildlife issues. To promote the conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat."

WHEN NOT TO USE PAY-ON-DEATH OR JOINT ACCOUNTS FOR ESTATE PLANNING

By Edward H. Adamsky

Many people have heard horror stories about Probate, so they look for ways to avoid it. The stories often overstate the problems of Probate, but having assets pass quickly and easily to others is usually a good idea. Some of the easy ways are Joint Bank Accounts and Pay-on-Death or Transfer-on-Death (POD or TOD) Accounts. These systems can work quickly and avoid delays. But there are times when they are not good a idea.

When you add a joint owner to your account, you add their problems too. A child with debts or bad credit can be bad news when added to your account. Their creditors could seize the assets in your account, or the account could be frozen pending a lawsuit. For a small account, this might not be so bad, but you wouldn't want to put larger accounts at risk.

There might be bills to be paid after you die so your Executor will need some funds to pay them. If all bank and other cash-type accounts pass to others automatically, your Executor may not have liquid funds to pay bills. This might mean the Executor has to rush to sell real estate or liquidate other investments. That could mean losses or creditor lawsuits due to delays. You'll want to leave some liquid assets for your Executor.

Young people may not be good with money, and minor children are not even allowed to be the owners of accounts without having a guardian or other adult to supervise. You should definitely not use TOD designations to leave assets to young children. You might want to use a Trust or some other tool if you want to leave large amounts of assets to young people who may not have the skills or ability to properly handle the funds.

The biggest problem with TOD/POD designations is the lack of a contingent beneficiary. If your named beneficiary dies before you, then the assets will have to go through probate anyway. Most banks will not allow you to name an alternate POD beneficiary. If there is any significant chance that your named beneficiary might die before you, then you might consider using a Trust instead.

In many cases, beneficiary designations are quick, easy and simple. Joint Ownership for some bank accounts is so easy to use and so convenient that you don't want to overlook it as an option. But you should consider all of the issues and make the right plans for different assets. You should discuss these issues with your Estate Planning Attorney in conjunction with creating Wills, Trusts and other Estate Planning tools.

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Pease call Maureen Johnson at 978-454-0055 or email johnsonmusic340@gmail.com for more information or if you'd like to join. NHDCB is a non-profit and is partially supported by a grant from Massachusetts Cultural Council



ALTRUSA NEWS

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President: Bernadette Harper; Sr. Vice: Josephine Beauregard;

Secretary: Patricia Modrich; Treasurer: Diane Dileo;

Chaplain: Rebecca Modrich; Executive Committee: Mary Dupras, Annette Coles and Kathleen Oiljey. Debra St Peters was Installed as Unit Sgt-At-Arms at the October meeting.

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

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is regularly held at 10:00 am. Children will sit with their family for the first part of the service, then move on to class for the remainder of the service. Classes are for children age 6 and up. Children 5 and under are welcomed in the Nursery at the beginning of our service. For more information and to sign up to help, please contact Shellyannross@gmail.com.

<u>DECC YOUTH:</u> 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.

COMMUNITY: We begin the New Year with wonderful memories of the recent season of celebrations in the community. The weather held off and over 320 family and friends from all around travelled the "Journey to Bethlehem" with the Living Nativity on the town common, our largest "Journey" to date.

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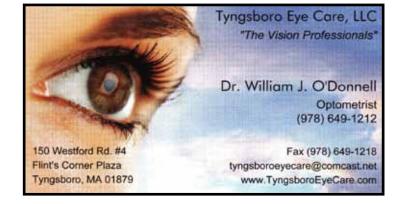


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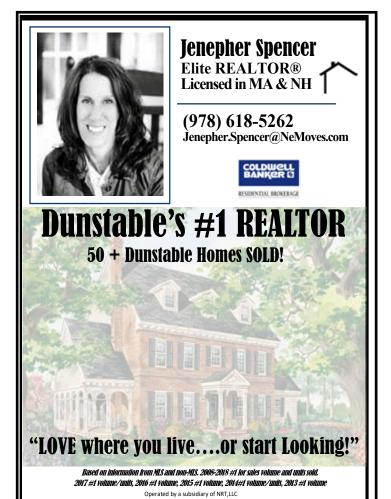
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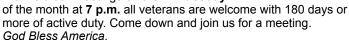
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- All Executive Boards and Committee Meetings have begun
- LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tuesday morning, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Study will be based on "That the World May Know" video series. Please consider joining this amazing and uplifting study group.
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY The Sunday evening Adult Bible Study "Just Walk Across the Room" has been postponed at this time. More information and start date will be made available soon in an upcoming Neighbor to Neighbor issue or you may inquire by calling our office. You may contact our Office at 978-649-2262 for further information.
- SERMONS ON-LINE: Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org 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 SoundCloud.com 5. Click once on the link/word "SoundCloud.com" 6. Below the Church logo sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title 7. Click orange circle to listen to the sermon you desire.

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Notes from the Director

2018 was certainly a challenging year for The Wish Project, with many ups and downs, but throughout it all, we never stopped providing service to those most in need.

We have moved to a new, smaller, temporary location in Chelmsford as we continue our hunt for a permanent home. We came to the aid of the families and victims of the gas explosions in Lawrence, North Andover and Andover with more than seven truckloads of toiletries, personal items, diapers and clothes for those affected by the disaster. We transferred our operations to a 5,000 square-foot warehouse and reopened to keep services flowing during this time of transition.

Throughout it all, people who care have been there -- people like you who support The Wish Project through thick and thin. I'm sure in some way this year we have asked for your support in one way or another and we truly appreciate that support.

Words can not express the true gratitude and pride I have in my team. Jill, Patty, Charlie, Gracelyann, Jeremy, Dianne, Lori and of course our grant writer Carla. They did an absolutely fantastic job with everything that was given to them under extraordinary circumstances. And finally thank you to the Board of Directors for their steadfast support. We look toward 2019 with a new hope and bright future! As always, your support keeps our doors open and helps our community.

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy new year! David

About Us The Mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in Merrimack Valley. Find out more on our website www.TheWishProject.org or call us at (866) 947-4360.

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BILLERICA, Mass. - Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian recently welcomed Berlin's Director General of Prison and Probation Administration and Department of Criminal Law Susanne Gerlach, and Ministerial Advisor for Prison Supervision Johanna Schmid for a visit to the Middlesex Sheriff's Office's (MSO) new young adult unit. The German officials were visiting the United States as part of the Vera Institute of Justice's Restoring Promise conference. The Restoring Promise Initiative is focused on transforming living conditions for incarcerated young adults (ages 18-24) across the country in order to produce better outcomes for individuals and communi-

The MSO was the first local jail the Vera Institute of Justice worked with to support the opening of a young adult unit, having only previously worked with the Connecticut Department of Correction. The MSO's P.A.C.T. (People Achieving Change Together) program opened in February.

"It was an honor to welcome Director Gerlach and Advisor Schmid to the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. We have conducted several of these peer exchanges with national counterparts, but to expand to the international community underscores how universal this work is," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "We continue to seek and share best practices wherever they are implemented, with the goal of making our programs as effective as they can be. We deeply appreciate the valuable insight offered by Director Gerlach, as well as the continued support we have received from our partners at Vera."

During their visit to the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction, German officials met with MSO staff and administrators, as well as young offenders participating in the P.A.C.T. program. They learned about the daily operations of the unit and some of the specialized treatment programs P.A.C.T. members participate in. "Visiting the P.A.C.T. unit and learning about what the Middlesex Sheriff's Office already achieved by implementing the program for young adults was an outstanding experience for us," said Director Gerlach. "In Germany we have a long history of separating juvenile and adult offenders. Through that we have had a great experience with specialized programs for the treatment of young offenders to support them to become socially responsible and full members of our society again. Furthermore in my opinion an atmosphere of social security and respect as created in the P.A.C.T. unit is essential for successful outcomes with young and also with adult offenders. Therefore the work that is being done in the new unit should be supported by all means."

"For too long, creating humane and dignified conditions of confinement was an overlooked aspect of reform, however, PACT's participation in Restoring Promise has helped blaze the trail for a national movement that we believe will change the face of justice for years to come," said Alexandra Frank, Project Director for Vera's Restoring Promise Initiative. "We've heard people who live and work in PACT reflect: we can't and won't go back. That's exactly the type of commitment that Restoring Promise has always aimed to accomplish, and we are equally committed to supporting MSO realize this vision, appreciative of our partnership with Director Gerlach and other international partners, and excited for all that is still to come."

As part of a review of the Commonwealth's justice system in 2016, the Council of State Governments Justice Center (CSG) found 18-to 24-year-olds released from Massachusetts correctional facilities have higher recidivism rates than older offenders. CSG reported 52% of those released from houses of correction and 56% of those released by the department of correction were re-incarcerated within three years.

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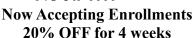
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Anyone who would like to join the Lions is asked to call Bob Reich at 978-649-5874 or Mark Alexander at 978-649-9124. Our Regular Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Call one of the members, at the telephone numbers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

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"Last week, I was on a tall stepladder, reaching above the fireplace to hang Christmas decorations, when my slipper caught on the ladder frame. I lost my balance and fell hard to the floor, hitting my head. Although I didn't lose consciousness, I certainly got the breath knocked out of me, and I lay on the floor, eyes closed and stunned from the fall. Within seconds, my cat Gracie was by my side, and she began batting my head with her paw and head-butting me as she yowled loudly. As I lay there, still trying to catch my breath, she poked me harder with her paw and head and meowed even more loudly until I opened my eyes. She then began rubbing her nose hard against my face until I moved my head and finally sat up. I looked down at her, amazed. This little seven-pound, normally quiet and timid 14-year-old was in full hero mode. She had seen me lying unresponsive on the floor and came to save me. Gracie refused to leave my side for the next two hours, rubbing against me and purring, seeming to say, 'Are you OK?' It was one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life."