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## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

**2019 DOG LICENSES** are available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license. **Remember that there is a \$25.00 late fee for any registration after March 1!**

**2019 CENSUS** forms will be mailed early in January. Please check the information on the form for accuracy, make necessary corrections, and return promptly to the Town Clerk's office. If you do not receive a census form, please call the office and we will send one. Completing and returning the census keeps your voter status current and there will be no need to fill out a proof of residency form at the polls.

### OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION MAY 14, 2019

Two-Year Term: Sewer Commissioner  
Three-Year Term: Selectman, Board of Assessor, Board of Health, Library Trustee (2), Cemetery Commissioner, Finance Committee (2), School Committee (2), Sewer Commissioner  
Five-Year Term: Housing Authority, Planning Board  
Nomination papers will be available at the Town Clerk's Office  
**Have a safe and happy holiday season!**

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to [jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov) with any questions.

## TYNGSBORO BOY SCOUT TROOP 46 SHOVELING SAND SERVICE PROJECT

Are you looking for help getting sand for those icy months?

Troop 46 will be at the Highway Department, 89 Kendall Road, on **Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**, assisting Tyngsboro residents by shoveling sand into residents' buckets for the upcoming winter months. Scouts will be volunteering *between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm at 89 Kendall Rd.* **\*In case of a snow storm that weekend, the service project will be moved to the following Saturday on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.**

## NEW NAME FOR FCOA

### (FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO COUNCIL ON AGING)

The "Friends" has a new legal name!!\*

To be inclusive of all the elderly in the Greater Tyngsborough area, we have changed our foundation's name to:

### The Friends of Tyngsborough Elderly, Inc.

Same mailing address: P.O. Box 415, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

\*The change was approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts in November.

## IN MEMORY OF

Walter J. Cantwell  
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Antonio Cipriano Mendes  
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Dennis Donald Lucier

## NOTICE

### TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

Nomination papers are available for two (2), 3 year term for Water Commissioner. Nomination papers need to be returned by February 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM and can be obtained at the Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Avenue, Unit 2.

The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office. All registered voters residing in the District are welcome to vote at this time.

Signed: Board of Water Commissioners

Tyngsborough Water District  
87 Progress Ave, Unit 2  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879  
978-649-4577

## THE TYNGSBOROUGH MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ITS FIRST PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Please attend this important event and help determine Tyngsborough's future. The Master Plan will address land use, infrastructure, environmental protection, open space, transportation, housing, and economic development policies. Strong community participation is the most important aspect in creating a document that best meets the needs of the Town over the next ten years or more. Make sure your voice is heard!

When: Wednesday, January 9th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Old Town Hall, 10 Kendall Road, Tyngsborough, MA  
*Light refreshments will be served.*

## CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF

Residents can drop off Christmas trees **during the month of January** at the Highway Department (Kendall Rd) or at the parking lot located at 180 Lakeview Ave. (the Old Senior Center). Please remove all decorations and plastic bags.

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

# TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



**169 Westford Rd., Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-9211**

**Mailing Address: 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879**

Email: Broche@tyngsboroughma.gov

**PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU COME TO THE CENTER!!**

**Hours of Operation are Monday thru Friday 8-4. Bus 8:15-3.**

**Lunch is served promptly @ 11:30** everyday must make reservations 2 days in advance BEFORE 11:00AM

Call 978-649-9211 \$2.00 for seniors & \$4.50 for non-seniors

**•WELLNESS CLINIC COA, 169 Westford Rd 978-649-9211** Nancy Harding, RN, from the **Circle Home, Inc.** 1st Tues each month.

**•WELLNESS CLINIC at ELDERLY HOUSING** Nancy Harding, RN, from the **Circle Home, Inc.** Red Pines Elderly Housing, the third Tuesday of each month from **8:30 - 9:30. Brinley Terrace Elderly Housing**, the fourth Tuesday of each month **8:30-10:00.**

**There will be no clinic the month of January.  
The clinic Resumes February 5th.**

**CENTER CLOSED** January 21st, Martin Luther King Day

**DONATIONS NEEDED** COFFEE, Cups 8oz Styrofoam, Napkins, Paper Plates, Bowls, Small and Large.

**• PIZZA PARTY / BIRTHDAY FOR ALL!** Wednesday, January 9th, 11:30 Come celebrate National Pizza Week and everyone's birthday by making your own pizzas! We'll supply the dough, sauce and cheese, for the pizza, just bring in your favorite toppings. Will have a birthday cake to celebrate everyone's birthday. Join us for a great time. Wed. **Must have signed up by Jan 2nd.**

**• COA Meetings** are the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is January 15th, 3:30 Public Welcome

**• BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Thursday, January 17th, 12:00** The 3rd Thursday of each month the group gets together to discuss the book of the month. Instructor Carol Sides. **THE GLASS CASTLE**  
**Book of the month:** The Glass Castle is a 2005 memoir by Jeannette Walls. The book recounts the unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing Walls and her siblings had at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents. The title refers to her father's long held intention of building his dream house, a glass castle.

**• CASINO DAY Thursday, January 24th, 11:30** Frisk warm yourself up with a FREE LUNCH of homemade hot soup, bread, hot cocoa and hot cider! Afterwards, we'll bring the winter indoors with exciting casino games for all and prizes for the highest winner!

**• January, 29th, 8:30-12:00** **Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone.** Our Counselor Lillian Colby will be holding office hours at the Center. Call 978-649-9211 to schedule an appointment. **Please bring insurance cards and a list of prescriptions you take with you.**

**KNITTING/CROCHETING/QUILTING** Every Monday 1:00PM-3:00PM Learn to knit and crochet as you socialize with others at the TCOA. **We have many causes we knit for.** With the cold weather we could use help knitting blankets, mittens, hats, scarves and slippers to distribute for the winter holidays season. We have plenty of supplies available to choose from.

**• PROJECT LINUS, Tyngsborough** Children who have experienced recent trauma.(See Barbara). THE HOMELESS SHELTERS LOWELL, Parents and children who have fallen on hard times.(See Jean Jacoppi) **Mondays at the Senior Center 1:00-3:00** If you don't feel comfortable coming to the Center that's fine. You can do them at home then drop your donation off at the center. It's for a good cause! **We have plenty of yarn for you to use.**

**• Veterans Coffee Hour Tyngsborough Council on Aging 169 Westford Rd. 978-649-9211** Every 2nd Thursday of the month **9:30-10:30** All are welcomed. **Coffee & Donuts**

**• TEXAS HOLD' EM, Thursdays 12:00 -3:00** If you like poker, come join us every Thursday. It's lots of fun! We have a table for beginners.

**• Wii BOWLING** Instructor Beverly Rudeen **Every Friday 10:00-11:30** We have a ball, come join the fun! Prizes for the top players.

**• Rose McGarry** Licensed Professional and Bonded **Notary Public Free Services @** The Tyngsborough Council on Aging 169 Westford Rd, 978-649-9211

**• SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY** IF SCHOOL is CANCELLED, the Center will still be open **"just no elder bus"**. If Town Hall office is closed Tyngsborough COA will be closed. When in doubt just call and see if we're open.

**FOOD PROGRAM-** offers a **FREE bag** of groceries on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods: soup to cereal, meat to veggies, there may be a treat or two.. To see if you qualify call **Laura Marsan (978-946-1303)**, Application are also available at the Senior Center call or stop by 978-649-9211

**SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits may be available to you. To get help in applying, please contact the senior center and our outreach worker Rose can help you file the application. Call 978-649-9211 for appointment.

**With the winter months upon us, don't forget to stock up on staples for your pantry**, such as foods that do not need cooking: bread, crackers, canned tuna, peanut butter, protein bars, milk in a carton, juice, etc. Make sure if you take medication that you have enough on hand to get by for a week or so. In the case of a state of emergency, you should have enough supplies to survive without leaving your house for a few days. You need to be prepared in case you have to fend for yourself. If there is a state of emergency and the Center is **CLOSED** there will be no bus services, and NO staff available to meet your needs. If it's an absolute emergency, call your town police dept. 978-649-7504.

**Merrimack Repertory Theater Lowell Auditorium** Call or come in to sign up 978-649-9211 Group of 6 or more \$16.00 **Matinee Plays**  
**Slow Food\_There's no escape from the world's worst waiter.** Wednesday, January 16th, 1:30 **The Heath How can we make peace across generations?** Wednesday, February 20th, 1:30 **The Haunted Life A new play from Lowell's native son Jack Kerouac.** Wednesday, March 27th, 1:30 **Cry it out A comedy for every new mom.** Wednesday, May 1st, 1:30

**Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills? Help is available!** Community Team Work Fuel Assistance Program helps income-eligible households pay part of their winter heating bills. If your gross household income falls within the limits, you may qualify for fuel assistance benefits, discounts on your National Grid Gas, Oil or Propane and Electric bill. We'd like to make sure our seniors benefit from this program. Call the Tyngsborough Council on Aging 978-649-9211, Rose McGarry who will be here Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 1:00 doing application. Don't suffer from the cold. Put your pride aside and stay warm.

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**PAJAMA JAM! Mon., Jan. 14, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Ages 1-4 years.** Come in your jammies to sing, dance & more with your parents. Registration required.  
**TEENS, PLAN AHEAD: ART PROGRAM, Wed, Feb. 20, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.** Watch for details!

**CLOSED** Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

- **Tech Advice by Appointment** PCs, android tablets & phones, Excel, MS Word, e-books, etc. **Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.** Registration required.
- **Adult Coloring Club, 1st Wed. each month, 6:30-8 p.m.** Drop in. **Pokemon Club, Wed., Jan. 16, 4-5:00 p.m. Ages 8-15.** Drop in. Bring your cards or handheld device.
- **Tiny Tots Storytime: Wed., Jan. 16, 11-11:30 a.m. Infants-3 yrs.** Drop in. \*No program: Jan. 2.
- **Lego Club: Sat., Jan. 19, 10-11:30 a.m. Grades K-6.** Drop in.
- **Music Together Demo Class, Thurs. Jan. 17, 11-11:45 a.m. Infants-5 yrs.** Registration required.
- **Dads & Donuts Playgroup, Sat., Jan. 5, 10-11 a.m. Infants-3 yrs.** Drop in.
- **SoundPlay Family Music program, Sat. Feb. 2, 1-1:40 p.m. Infants-5 yrs.** Drop in..
- **Family Music Time, Thurs. Feb. 7, 10-11 a.m. Infants-5 yrs.** Drop in. \*Formally Books & Babies.
- **Storytimes for 3-5 year olds. Thursdays at 1 p.m.** Drop in. \*No storytime: Jan. 3.
- **Writer's Group, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.** Feedback, publishing tips, all genres. Karen Johnson 978-649-7132
- **Rep. Colleen Garry (or her representative) Office Hour – Sept-May, 3rd Saturday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Board of Library Trustees Monthly 3rd Thurs.** Check TPL web-site for schedule changes.

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

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

**TYNGSBOROUGH PTO**

Did you know that the PTO provides arts & enrichment programs at both TES & TMS? It's never too early or too late to get involved. **PTO meetings are generally the 4th Wednesday of the month, at Tyngsborough Elementary School 7pm.** New members are always welcome.

Make sure to 'Like' us on Facebook to keep up-to-date! Or contact us through our website at [www.TyngsboroughPTO.org](http://www.TyngsboroughPTO.org)

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## 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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Happy New Year!! We hope that you can visit us soon in this new year! Looking forward a bit, our fantastic **COMFORT SUPPER (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.



46 Coburn Road  
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**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.

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**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4PM. Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM

**Greetings from our Pastor, Fr. Richard Clancy  
COME JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

- **Reconciliation** every Saturday from 3 to 3:40PM or by appointment.
- Join us on **Facebook!** Search "Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Tyngsboro" and like our page to see daily meditations and events.
- **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATIONS** are held on the first Fridays of the month after the 9AM Mass from **9:30AM – 12pm**.
- **The St. Vincent De Paul Society** operates a monthly food pantry out of the rectory in addition to providing holiday meals to those in need. We can be reached at 978-844-2365.
- **Prayer Line – Do you know of someone needing prayers?** Call Helen (978) 649-7927 or Carol (978) 649-6717. (Submit only first name of one to be prayed for)
- **MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** Ste. Marguerite, St. Mary Magdalen, & St. Rita Parishes are pleased to announce we have a "Men of St. Joseph" chapter. The "Men of St. Joseph" is an established and successful ministry, whose principle mission is to call men to become the strong and faith-filled husbands, fathers, and leaders, whom God has created us to be. **We meet on the Second Saturday of every month.**

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All profits from the 2018-2019 fundraising events will go directly towards scholarships for the Class of 2019. A reminder to the 2018 scholarship recipients, please be sure to submit proof of school enrollment to the TST at P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879 so you can receive your first or second payment. Please contact Ellen O'Neill, Treasurer, at 978-649-9195 with any questions regarding payment.

**The TST meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7 p.m.** For 55 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us at our monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall. **Please contact [info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org](mailto:info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org) with any questions.**

## JOIN TYNGSBOROUGH CITIZENS

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

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## TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

... is proud to announce *Shya Familia, Zachary Gulezian, Annabelle Harrington, and Brenna Thirkell as the December Students of the Month.*

**Shya, daughter of Rebekah Burke and Hector Familia,** is a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award and the Core Values Award. She is a member of the PALS program, and she has been involved in club gymnastics since 2010. Not only has Shya placed first on numerous occasions, she is also a two-time floor state champion, and an all-around state champion. She volunteers her time with programs like Give Kids The World; she has volunteered over 60 hours in her community. Shya enjoys doing and teaching gymnastics, and her favorite subjects are math and science. She looks forward to graduating high school, completing college, and becoming a successful person with a family. "Thinking back on my days at THS, I have not only learned a lot, furthering my education, but I have also gained a sense of togetherness and realized how important it is to be involved in the community. This school has made me a much better person and set me up for lots of opportunities. THS has given me a lot of great memories but my favorite would have to be traveling to Give Kids the World and seeing pure joy on the kids faces."

**Zachary, son of Marc and Sandra Gulezian,** is a member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Core Values Award, the Principal's Award, and High Honor Roll. Zack is the treasurer for his class, a member of the theater department, and a member of the International Thespian Society. He has participated in both cross-country and the ski club. Zack volunteers his time at the Snack Shack and at various church festivals and fundraisers. He enjoys fixing audio equipment and speakers, playing organ and piano, singing, and learning about sound technology. His favorite classes are math and Projects in Engineering, and he looks forward to becoming an electrical engineer and a professional organist. "I have gained a well-rounded education with a specific emphasis in math and science. I have also gained a core group of friends that have always been there for me."

**Annabelle, daughter of Debra and James Harrington,** is a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award and the Principal's Award. She is a member of the Yearbook Club and the PALS program. Annabelle has played four years of lacrosse for THS, and has been named a Midland-Wachusett League All-Star, the Most Improved Player, and a Lowell Sun Second Team All-Star. She will be attending Saint Anselm College on a lacrosse scholarship. Annabelle volunteers her time as a coach for Tyngsborough Youth Lacrosse, as a helper at various TES events and at NHS events. She enjoys spending time with her dog Truman, playing lacrosse, working out, and spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite subjects are chemistry, biology, and math. Annabelle looks forward to going to college, to studying chemistry, to going to graduate school, and to finding a job in the science or medical field. "My fondest memory from my time at THS is the Give Kids the World service trip I had the opportunity to go on last month. It was such an eye-opening experience, and I will forever be grateful for being able to visit that amazing place."

**Brenna, daughter of Sandra and Timothy Thirkell,** is the secretary of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Principal's Award, Academic Excellence Award, Commitment to Learning Award, and Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education Award. She is a member of the New England Hurricanes Softball Club, is a four-year soccer (captain) and softball player. Brenna is the recipient of the Coaches' Award in both sports, Mid-Wach Softball League All-Star Award, and was named Lowell Sun Honorable Mention for softball. She volunteers her time at St. John's Catholic Church Vacation Bible Camp, Tyngsborough Youth Softball clinics, and at NHS events. Brenna enjoys singing, writing her own music, teaching herself guitar, ukulele, and piano, playing drums, reading, writing, and hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite subjects are English and music labs such as Guitar and Drum Lab and Piano/Keyboard Lab. She also enjoyed her Service Learning course. During her sophomore year, Brenna won 3rd place in the Tyngsborough's Got Talent contest as she played guitar and sang "Kiss Me" by Ed Sheeran. Brenna looks forward to graduating college with a BA in Communications and concentration in Music Busi-

ness, having an exciting career, having a family and living a happy life. "Based on my THS experience, I have found the things that I am passionate about and I have found that by surrounding yourself with the right people will earn you true happiness. I will take with me memories of Homecoming, Pierce Field, and playing soccer there, my softball experience and teammates, and the amazing friends that I have made."

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## TYNGSBOROUGH SEPAC



All meetings are held at Tyngsborough Middle School, 50 Norris Road, Tyngsborough, MA. Please contact the SEPAC Chair, Rachel Leo, with any questions: [rachel.leo@comcast.net](mailto:rachel.leo@comcast.net). Please join our Tyngsborough SEPAC Facebook Page "18-19 Tyngsborough SEPAC" and/or our Yahoo Group: "TyngsboroughSpEdPAC."

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Meeting has been CANCELLED**

### Transition Workshop February 6, 2019 6-8pm

This will be held in the Tyngsborough Middle School, Main Office Conference Room

**Speaker: Josh Evans, TMS/THS Special Education Facilitator**  
([Joshua.evans@tyngsboroughps.org](mailto:Joshua.evans@tyngsboroughps.org))

Transition is the process through which a student receiving special education services progresses as they move from high school (age 14) to adult life, whether through graduation or the student has turned 22 years of age. This important part of the special education process can seem complex and overwhelming. This workshop seeks to inform parents and students about what they should expect as they move from school to post-school activities.

**All Tyngsborough SEPAC meetings  
are free and open to the public.**

**RSVP to:** Rachel Leo, Tyngsborough SEPAC Chair -  
[rachel.leo@comcast.net](mailto:rachel.leo@comcast.net) Hope you can join us!

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**Teacher Grant Season Opening!** Reminder to our Tyngsborough Public School Educators that this year's grant cycle begins on January 15th. The application is now available on our website [www.EFTyng.org](http://www.EFTyng.org) and must be submitted to EFT by **March 15th**. We look forward to awarding grants that will enhance educational opportunities across our public school district which will directly benefit our students and their learning experience. All grants will be formally announced and celebrated at our Annual Awards Ceremonies in June. To see a description of the grants awarded the first two years and read an overview of the grant program please visit [www.EFTyng.org](http://www.EFTyng.org) and click on *Grant Programs*.

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**Want to help EFT fund even more grants this year?** Please visit our website, [eftyng.org](http://eftyng.org), and click on "Donate Now." Every dollar donated will go directly to funding this year's grant applications. If 20 people donated \$25 each, EFT could fund a teacher's \$500 grant application to do something new and exciting to impact his or her student's education!

**Join us!** As always, the EFT welcomes **volunteers** who would like to help us achieve our mission and support our fundraising efforts and **new board members** who want to develop executive experience while helping our public schools. For more information, please contact our President, Theresa Manning at [eftyng@gmail.com](mailto:eftyng@gmail.com). The Education Foundation for Tyngsborough is a non-profit organization striving to enhance educational opportunities across Tyngsborough's Public School District. Like us on **Facebook!**



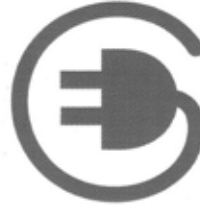
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**\*\*The next meeting of the Friends is on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7pm at the Library. We look forward to seeing you there.**

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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.

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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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**'BACH'S LUNCH' CONCERT:** Indian Hill Music presents French classical works for wind trio featuring Hazel Malcolmson, bassoon; Catherine Weinfield-Zell, oboe; and Constantine Finehouse, piano. **TWO SHOWS - Thursday, January 17 at 11 am and 1:30 pm**, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. Complimentary coffee, tea, cookies; bring your lunch. **FREE** admission. Reservations required for groups at (978) 486-9524. Learn more at [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org).

**VINTAGE VOCAL QUARTET** at Indian Hill Music: Swing down memory lane to tunes by Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, and more. Featuring Taylor O'Donnell, voice/piano; Paul Pampinella, voice/guitar; Adam Gautille, voice/trumpet; and David Thorne Scott, voice/bass: **Friday, January 18 at 7:30pm**, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. **TICKETS: \$15** (Free for Indian Hill Music students) Learn more: (978) 486-9524 or [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org).

**INDIAN HILL MUSIC 'DISCOVERY LECTURE:** "Exploring Mahler's World and His First Symphony" with Dr. Simon Andrews, composer/pianist/conductor: **Thursday, January 24 at Noon**, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. **ADMISSION: \$10** (Free for Indian Hill Music students.) Bring your lunch! Learn more: (978) 486-9524 or [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org).

**FREE LESSON DAY AT INDIAN HILL:** Sign up to take a free 30-minute private lesson at Indian Hill Music School: **Saturday, January 26, 11am – 5pm**, at Indian Hill Music School, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. Lessons open to ages 4 through adult. Advance registration required; for new students only. Registration opens January 2nd. Learn more at (978) 486-9524 (press 0) or sign up online at [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org).

**ORCHESTRA OF INDIAN HILL:** Maestro Bruce Hangen and the Orchestra play Mahler's monumental Symphony No. 1 "Titan," plus Sibelius' Suite from Belshazzar's Feast: **Saturday, January 26 at 7:30pm**, Littleton HS Performing Arts Center, 56 King Street, Littleton, MA. **TICKETS: \$20-35-50** (Free for Indian Hill Music students) Learn more: (978) 486-9524 or [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org). Sponsored by A.M. Transportation Services, Inc. Supported by Scheier Katin & Epstein PC. Media Sponsor: Wicked Local.

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## TYNGSBORO HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL

### WINTER 2018-19

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## TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB



*The Tyngsborough Garden Club wishes everyone  
a very Happy New Year 2019!*

At our December meeting we met at a member's house for a potluck dinner. We had a very relaxing time tasting all the excellent food and enjoyed conversing with good friends. **We have no meeting in January.**

We will resume our regular scheduled meetings on **Feb 5** with a presentation on **Wild Mushrooms** by Dianna Smith from Pioneer Valley Mycology.

Our **March 5** meeting will be a **flower arranging presentation** by Darlene from Blossoms.

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

We meet at the Evangelical Congregational church on Kendall Road at 6:45. For more information visit our website at: [tyngsborogardenclub.tripod.com](http://tyngsborogardenclub.tripod.com) or find us on Facebook at Tyngsborough Garden Club or call Debbie at 978-649-6362.

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**Townsend and Pepperell**

**Family & Community Programs**

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

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**10th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES FESTIVAL OF TREES - Thank you!!** Thank you to all who supported our 10th Annual Festival of Trees. From visitors to sponsors you made it a wonderful event for our community. Special thanks to our Festival Designers and all our volunteers that generously donated their time and talents. Please visit our FB page, Tyngsborough Recreation and Parks, for great photos and a full list of all our sponsors. All displays were generously donated by local businesses, groups and citizens. Please patronize these businesses and support these groups.

**Congratulations to the Festival of Trees Judges Award Ribbon Winners!** Tree Category 1st Place "Holly" donated by Girl Scout Troop 68085 Designed by Marina Feddersen; 2nd Place "Letters to Santa" Sponsored by Mike's Pie Designed by Alison Page; 3rd Place "Mad for Plaid" Sponsored by Denommee Plumbing & Heating Inc. Designed by Karen Weadick

Other Category (wreaths and any other type of decoration) 1st Place "Peace and Serenity" Donated by Serenity Spa and Salon Designed by Serenity Spa; 2nd Place "Elfin Fun" Donated by Festival of Trees Designed by Karen Weadick; 3rd Place "Paint Chip Tree" Donated by The Goodrich Family designed by Todd Goodrich

**Congratulations to the Festival of Trees People's Choice Award Ribbon Winners!** Thursday Tree: "Seasons of Tyngsborough" by The Tyngsborough Inspectional Dept.; Wreath or Other: "Peace and Serenity by Serenity Spa & Salon

Friday Tree: "Gryphon Pride" by The Greater Lowell Technical High School Students Wreath or Other: "Pedal" by Tyngsborough Recreation Saturday Tree: "The Drowsy Chaperone" By Education Foundation for Tyngsborough/ Drowsy Chaperone Cast; Wreath or Other: "Peace and Serenity by Serenity Spa & Salon Sunday Tree: "Holly" by Girl Scout Troop 68085 Designed by Marina Feddersen; Wreath or Other: "Feel the Music" by Zumba Fitness & Jennifer Huberty

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** Old Town Hall, Kendall Road February 1st & March 1st, 7pm Movie TBD - check our website and FB page **Shamrock Ball for Daughters** of all ages and their Dads (or Grandfather, Uncle, etc.) A Father-Daughter Dance with DJ, light refreshments, and a corsage for each girl. A photographer will be on site, offering packages to capture your special evening. Saturday, March 16, 2019 7 - 9 pm. Tyngsborough Elementary School \$40 per couple, \$5 for each additional child ~ Advanced registration required ~

**Shamrock Princess** The Grad Night Committee in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, will again offer the title of "Shamrock-Princess". Included in the title will be a princess tiara and sash, a photo package, special father-daughter dance and special gift. To enter the raffle on the package please visit the ticket website and select it as an option. Drawn Thursday, March 14, 2019. All proceeds benefit The Class of 2019 Grad Night activities. Pay it forward.

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Please call Maureen Johnson at 978-454-0055 or email [johnsonmusic340@gmail.com](mailto: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

ALTRUSA International is a service organization, whose volunteers give their time and energy in service projects which help build a better community. Altrusa's major focus is literacy. However, each local Altrusa Club operates autonomously and develops its own community service initiatives.

If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of others in your community, please contact us at [altrusamv@gmail.com](mailto:altrusamv@gmail.com).

Altrusa meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Brookdale in Chelmsford, MA.

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President: Bernadette Harper; Sr. Vice: Josephine Beaugard;  
Secretary: Patricia Modrich; Treasurer: Diane Dileo;  
Chaplain: Rebecca Modrich; Executive Committee: Mary Dupras,  
Annette Coles and Kathleen Oiljey. Debra St Peters was Installed  
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For information on the Auxiliary Unit meetings, or functions  
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• **Sunday School program** for all ages. Children will begin the Sunday Services with their parents and will be dismissed to their age-appropriate classes at 10:15am. It is important to note that all adults working with children have passed their CORY applications to ensure a safe environment for our children

• **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 sermons for 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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Small Kitchen Tables, Adj. Metal Bed Frames  
Coffee Makers, Sharp Knives, Utensils, toasters and toaster ovens  
Heaters and Fans,  
Infant & Toddler Car Seats (less than 3 years old), Diapers size 6  
Door knob safety covers, Infant safety cabinet latches  
New shower curtain liners  
Men's toiletries

### 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](http://www.TheWishProject.org) or call us at (866) 947-4360.

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## SHERIFF KOUTOUJIAN WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL VISITORS FOR YOUNG ADULT UNIT TOUR

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 communities.

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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**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.

**EVENTS**

People around the area donated 750 eyeglasses that will be refurbished and given to people in need.

**Saanvi Wadhwa** of the Academy of Notre Dame won the local Peace Poster contest. She was awarded \$50. *Congratulations Saanvi!*

**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.

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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."