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The 2020 annual street listing is being prepared, usually I try to mail it right after New Year's. If you are new to Massachusetts, this is a legal document of the Commonwealth, you are required to sign and return it annually to remain on the active voter list. If you do not return it, you can still vote if you are qualified but will have to stand in a separate line, fill out an affidavit of current and continuous residency and provide an ID with the address for which you list as your residence. If you cannot provide an ID, you can cast a provisional ballot which means further research will be done to determine whether your ballot will count.

Presidential Primary – Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Governor is expected to sign the supplemental budget which includes five (5) days of early voting prior, beginning February 24 but more on this later. The deadline to register to vote OR change your party affiliation is Wednesday, February 12, though you can register anytime before then. If you have a valid MA driver's license, you can register online at www.sec.state.ma/ovr

I am now accepting absentee ballot applications for 2020. You can download an application from the town clerk's website or obtain one at town hall. The House and Senate have different versions of the date for the September primary and whether it will include Early Voting so until it's resolved, I will hold off publishing information. The Annual Town Election is Tuesday, May 19; the September primary TBD and the November State Election is Tuesday, November 3. If you will be out of the country or active military, you can file an absentee application on www.fvap.gov

The report of the October 15, 2019 Special Town Meeting is online. 73 voters checked in. Articles included (in part, the full report is online or available for inspection at the Clerk's office) amendments to the general bylaws (Junk and Unregistered Vehicles), adopting the Stretch Energy Building Code (A requirement of becoming a green community), appropriations from the CPC Housing Reserve to assist the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Also amendments to the zoning bylaws (Solar B-3 Expanded Commercial District), Solar Energy Overlay Zoning District Bylaw, rezone a parcel on Pleasant Street as B-2 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation that would allow for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses for on-premises consumption (pouring) and off-premises consumption (retail).

The amendment to the Town of Dunstable General Bylaw adopted under Article 25 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2019 (Memorials and Monuments Bylaw), was approved by the Attorney General on October 3, 2019 and is hereby published by posting in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32 as amended. A copy of these amendments and bylaws may be examined or obtained at the Offices of the Town Clerk during regular business hours at the Dunstable Town Hall. **Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC** 978-649-4514 x222 CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov HOURS: The Clerk's Office is open Monday evening from 3-7pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-2pm. 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 call ahead. Marriage licenses are by appointment only.

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Dunstable

Volunteer Firefighters Association

SANTA PARADE & HOLIDAY PARTY

Party at the Dunstable Fire Dept.
Pleasant St., Dunstable

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, December 15

Join us for yummy treats, a visit with Santa, gifts for the children, and plenty of holiday cheer! Parade starts at 11:45AM. Party begins after the parade, and will end at 3PM.

Parade Route: Starting at Dunstable Fire Dept., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Pond St., R. on Parkhurst St., L. on Pond St., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Cross St., L. Groton St., L. on Hall St., R. on School St., L. on Groton St., R. on Kemp St., R. on Adam St., L. on Route 113 in Pepperell, R. on East St., in Pepperell, Continue onto river St., R. on Hollis St., L. on Fletcher St., L. on Main St., R. on Century Way, Back to Main St., L. on Main St., L. on Mill St., Cross Main St. to Oak St., L. on Depot St., R. on Main St., L. on High St., R. on Thorndike St., R. on Forest St., across Route 113 to middle section of Forest St. across Lowell St. to Forest St.(up the hill), at the end of Forest St., Turn around at Valley St., L. on Lowell St., Merge onto Main St., L. on Pleasant St. and L. into Dunstable Fire Department.



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We do have a contact page set up through our website:
<https://dunstable28.mytroop.us/contact>

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

December, for many is considered a month of giving. I hope that this year you will think of so many children who could use your help. One way is by donating to the "Toys for Tots" program sponsored by the Marine Corps. For the troops overseas away from their families, insuring our continued freedoms, there is the USO you can donate to. I know that these are only a couple of many such programs, but what ever you decide, do it from your heart. ***I wish Happy Holidays to one and all.***

As always if you know of any veteran, widow or family member in need of assistance of any kind, even if it is just information, please leave me a message at 978-649-3919 or send me an email at VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov. I am here to help you.

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)

Dunstable Veteran Services Officer

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 DECEMBER 14.**

This will be a night to remember! Our 5th year. Bring the family! Kids will enjoy the sheep, goats, pigs, cow and alpacas! Join us for an outdoor guided walk to Bethlehem. The Roman soldiers will lead you as you trace the steps of Mary and Joseph and you walk down the candlelit paths through Nazareth and Bethlehem, meet the Shepherds and Wisemen and see if there is room in the Inn. Enjoy the Christmas Carol presentations and view the barnyard animals as you journey to see the baby Christ.

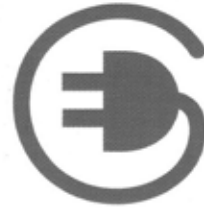
Come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30, each walk is about 20 minutes. After the walk, join us for refreshments. Sponsored by the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE RADIO SHOW DECEMBER 7 & 8

Dunstable Theater Collaborative is proud to present "A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show" by David Alberts. This one-man radio show stars DTC's own Jon Swift, and is directed by Christina Chadzynski and Valerie Kosick. Synopsis - It's Christmas Eve, and with the actors snowed in and unable to make it to the studios of WXMS for the live radio performance of A Christmas Carol, the sound effects person decides to take the audience through the classic tale himself. In an impressive and amusing feat, this telling is performed as a 1940's radio play with one person providing all of the characters' voices and sound effects. This rollicking, creative adaptation of Dickens' classic work is sure to warm the hearts of even the chilliest audience members. **There will only be 2 performances of this holiday classic at Dunstable Town Hall on December 7 & 8, so get your tickets while they are still available - only \$10! www.dunstabletheater.org/product-category/tickets**

GROTON GRANGE #7

NEW ENGLAND CONTRA DANCE on Saturday, December 7th, from 7:30-10:00 PM, at Historic Groton Grange Hall, 80 Champney Street. An evening of live music and dancing with Groton's own Contra Banditos, caller Dudley Laufman, will teach traditional New England style contra, square, and line dances to old time fiddle tunes. *Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Donation at door \$5 per person, children under 3 are free, and family maximum is \$20.* Refreshments are provided. **PARKING ALLOWED ONLY ON THE GRANGE SIDE OF CHAMPNEY ST.**



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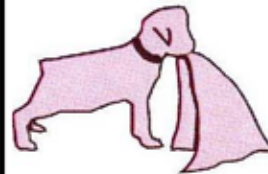
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The library will be closed for the Holiday on December 24th and 25th.

Featured Display This month's display is an assortment of David Winter cottages. This collection is provided by Whitney Healey. 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 email Karen at kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org.

Also checkout a collection of antique kitchen utensils on display from Sue Tully.

Community Room Artist Check out new artwork by Alice Sneizek. Her new collection of paintings are wonderful!

Library Passes available 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, Salem Witch Museum and Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

Adult Reading Group NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. It has been rescheduled in January.

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

Cook Book Club The library has a cookbook club! We will have a cookbook displayed each month and you can select and prepare 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 not be meeting because of the holiday. New members are always welcome.

Children's Craft Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm. We will be making holiday gingerbread houses. Please bring in a bag of candy to share. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org

Holiday Workshop! Have your children come in to make gifts for their family members. This will happen on December 10th at 6:00pm. Come in and join in the holiday fun. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. (kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org) so we have enough supplies.

Holiday Wreath Display Please come in and pick up a wreath during this month. Bring it home and decorate it based on your favorite book or movie (Or any creative way you would like). Then bring your completed wreath back to the library and we will display it for the month of December and for many Decembers to follow. This is a great family activity!

Preschool Story Hour Please come in with your 3, 4 or 5 year old for story hour on Thursdays and Fridays. We meet 10:30-11:30. Program includes stories, songs and a craft or activity. Join the fun!

Afternoon Story Hour This will be for older children who have ½ 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.

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 between 3:00 to 5:30 so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.

Homework Help Tutors needed: If you are in high school and would like to volunteer at the library, this is your opportunity to provide a valuable community service. You can help young children with their homework and the commitment would only be 2-4 hours a month. Please email Mrs. D. at kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org.

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Come in and check out the selections that are here. Hard Covers \$1, Paperbacks 5 for \$1, DVD's \$2 and CD's \$1.

If you would like to donate to the ongoing book sale if you need room for any new books you may have received, 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.

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing...Christmas is coming and we can all truly enjoy the season. • At Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran there will be a chance to help restock the shelves at Loaves and Fishes on Friday, December 6th and 20th at 3:30 PM.

• There will be a Puzzles and Games Night on Friday, December 13th beginning at 6PM. • The Congregational Council will meet at 7:20 PM on Tuesday, December 17th.

• **The Christmas Eve Service will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 6 PM** during which special music will be offered. There will be an opportunity to sing your favorite carols prior to the service beginning at 5:30 PM. Come and join in the Joy of the Season!



DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31

MEETINGS are held on the **2nd Friday** of every month at Dunstable Town Hall at 8 p.m. Call for more information 978-649-3934. Come join Grange! *All are welcome!!! Refreshments will be served.*

- **Dec 13 Christmas Party**
- **Jan 10 Fencing with Calvin.** Enjoy the pizza.

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This year's calendar is devoted to wonderful photos of owls by well-known Wildlife Photographer and Author, Mark Wilson. Many of these photos were taken right here in Dunstable.

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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.

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. Next meeting Dec. 10 at 11:00a.m. at the town hall. Feel free to give us your ideas.

Thank You To Tully Farms for sponsoring our November Birthday Party. **To Mary & Jim** for the bags of candy.

WISH LIST Wrapped candies, small or large size paper plates & cups, paper towels.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lead an activity, teach a craft, visit or call a shut-in

December Lunches

December 4 Outing to Artisan Restaurant at Greater Lowell.

December 11 Chicken Pot Pie and Salad provided by Dinner Made Simple.

December 18 Join us for our **Annual Christmas Party**. Roast Beef dinner with all the fixings provided by Charlotte's Cozy Kitchen. We will celebrate our December birthdays with a cake sponsored by Paul Mariano Associates.

NO MEETINGS: December 25 & January 1, 2020

Merry Christmas everyone! Happy New Year!

January 8 Chicken Pot Pie & salad provided by Dinner Made Simple

ACTIVITIES

Christmas Greens Workshop Will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 5** from 6:30 - 8:30p.m. at the Little Red School House. Using fresh greens and red berries, you will create a swag to hang or a centerpiece for your holiday celebration. Space limited to 12 participants. You must have RSVP by Nov. 27 with Anne. This is sponsored by the Tyngsboro/Dunstable Historical Society.

Christmas Crafts Workshop Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11:30a.m. Everyone will have the opportunity to make four Christmas themed crafts. Included are, unique gift tags, jolly snowman ornament, hand-crafted soap and a centerpiece using holly, cranberries & fresh flowers. Space is limited. You must RSVP by Dec. 4. Light refreshments will be served.

Rivercourt Residence Lunches in West Groton will be held on **Tuesday, December 17** at noon. Dunstable seniors are invited for a FREE delicious lunch. **Space is limited to 12**, RSVP by December 12. Their annual Holiday Fair will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 1:00 - 3:00p.m. Drop by, shop locally enjoy the holiday spirit.

Senior Christmas Party Following our **December 18** lunch we will hold a Yankee Swap. Participants are asked to bring a consumable gift of \$10.00 value. At 11:30 Jodi Rackman, playing her ukulele will lead us in singing some holiday music. Come join the fun!

Book Club NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. Meeting is to be held in **January**. We will be discussing **Stella Bain** by Anita Shreve. Books may be ordered thru the library. New members are always welcome.

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. Call Anne at 978-649-4514 ext. 223 at the Town Hall or by appointment.

DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING Barbara Martin Chairman, Mary Dow Secretary, Donald Pottle, Vincent Hollins and James McMannus.

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.

Senior Services

Bone Builders Program is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the community room of the library from 10:30 – 11:30a.m. Through a grant from 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.

Medication Take Back Program Do you have out of dated or unused medication in 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 **December 18**.

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 22 from 11 – noon. No visit in Dec.**

**** Buckets of Sand** Winter is closing in and we know what that means, snow and ice. The Highway Dept. has again offered to deliver buckets of sand to your home for you to use on slippery places. Contact Anne Fenochetti if you would like a delivery.

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Happy Holidays!

As you're gearing up for family time this holiday season, don't forget to ask your relatives for their assistance with collecting Box Tops. We know how easy it is to clip and collect, they'd be thrilled to participate! Be sure to stock up on participating party supplies such as Annie's Baking Mix/Crescent Rolls/Biscuits, Nestle Pure Life water, Lysol wipes, and Chex Mix.

If you haven't **downloaded the new Box Top for Education app** yet, you'll be pleasantly surprised how truly easy it is. You just scan your receipt and the app does all the work for you! The app will continue to offer bonuses, sweepstakes, and coupons, so even more reason to download it today. This is a direct, simple way to help Swallow Union and we really appreciate all your continued efforts. We hope to remain at the top during the 2019-2020 school year after finishing #2 in the state last year! And thank you to those who turned in last minute Box Tops to make our 11/1/19 deadline, we had a great first mailing of the school year (6,812 Tops turned in!).

While traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, **YOU CAN STILL CLIP AND TURN IN BOX TOPS!** You'll continue to find them on many products throughout the store for the next few years, including Hefty, Green Giant, Reynolds, Scott, Ziploc, Kleenex, and Finish (look for old logo). The program is even allowing double dipping – meaning, you can purchase items with the old Box Top logo, clip and turn those in, and then scan your receipt within 2 weeks on the app for double the points!

You can turn in your carefully clipped Box Tops to any of these Dunstable drop-off locations: Maple Village Preschool, the Library, post office, and West Auto Repair. Thanks again for your support!

Chrissy McLane (mclane.chrissy@gmail.com) & Amy Wilson (amywilson825@gmail.com) Box Tops for Education co-chairs for

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I look forward to hearing from you,

Anne

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

New England Voices in Harmony Saturday, Dec 14 at 2:00PM at the Dunstable Town Hall. Join us for a lively holiday concert performed by New England Voices in Harmony, who are the current 2018 International Gold Medal A Cappella Chorus. New England Voices in Harmony is composed of women of all ages, from various parts of southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts.

This is a FREE concert sponsored by the Dunstable Summer Concerts. Refreshments will be served following the program, provided by the seniors. RSVP so we can reserve a spot for you.

Annual Community Cookie Swap Who doesn't like cookies? If you do, then join us on **Sat. Dec. 21 at 1:00 p.m.** All you need to bring is 3 dozen one kind of cookie and recipe. We will swap cookies and cookie stories and go home with a delicious selection of homemade cookie ready for your holiday celebrations. Last year we had 25 swappers, let's try to add a few more this year. Milk and other beverages will be supplied.

You Are Invited Kathi McCollum, principal of the Groton-Dunstable Middle School invites Dunstable seniors to any/all of their up-coming programs. **Tickets must be reserved prior to show.** Contact kmccollum@gdrsd.org **Chorus Concert - December 17th, 7pm; Band Concert - December 19th, 7pm;**
Chorus Concert - June 2nd, 7pm; Band Concert - June 4th, 7pm



We are in the midst of the collection season and toys are coming in daily. The collection box often is overloaded which is a GREAT problem to have to deal with!!! The West family from West Auto Repair and Maureen Amaral from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage thank all of our neighbors who have already stopped by to drop off a toy. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet there is still time. **We will be accepting new, unwrapped toys at West Auto Repair located at 30 Pleasant St. in Dunstable, MA up until Friday, December 20th.** The collection box is set up in the office of West Auto. No need for an appointment, feel free to drop off any toys during hours which the garage is open - Mon-Fri 8AM til 5PM.

Please remember historically there has been a shortage of donations for children in their pre-teen years so please keep that in mind when considering what toys you might donate to this program.

We look forward to seeing you all during this upcoming holiday season and we thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions relating to the Toys for Tots program please feel free to contact Maureen Amaral who is our towns Toys for Tots coordinator at 773-599-3257 and she can answer any questions you might have.

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.
The West Family & Maureen Amaral

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By: Bella Paul

Youth Leader, Groton Neighborhood Food Project

The Groton Neighborhood Food Project (GNFP) is a non-profit organization that helps families in our community by organizing neighborhoods to collect food and other grocery items. Recently, students and staff at Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School (GDRMS) partnered with the GNFP for a school-wide food collection. This partnership will continue every two months throughout the school year. If you would like to learn more about the GNFP, please go to <https://grotonfoodproject.com/>

The next food collection is on Saturday, December 14th, 2019.

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By Nathan Combs

There are many words in our Bibles that aren't like the words we use every day, words that seem like part of a special spiritual vocabulary. Gospel is one of those words. It's a word that describes the message that Jesus taught and the early Christians believed. It's a word that's used as the title of the first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). It has a simple meaning in the original language, "good news," but that leads us to another question: what is this news and why is it good?

This gospel is a message about many things, but this is the core truth: Jesus of Nazareth is the king over all. Consider what Jesus himself said as He began to travel around Israel preaching and collecting disciples: "Repent, for the *kingdom* of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4.17). Throughout the rest of Jesus' story, we see a very different king than the average human ruler. Jesus spent His time healing people's bodies of all their diseases and casting out their demons. Most importantly, He healed people's souls by teaching them the way of heaven and forgiving their sins. On His road to becoming king, Jesus rolled back the power of Satan and the destruction, death, and sin he brought into God's good world. In short, Jesus brought heaven to earth.

This came to a climax when Jesus freely laid down His life. Usually, when someone becomes a king, that person is put on a throne and crowned in front of adoring crowds. When Jesus became king, He was enthroned, but it was on a Roman cross. A crown was put on His head, but it was a crown of thorns. Instead of cheering supporters, He faced a mob of mockers and died beneath a sign that read: "This is Jesus, *the king of the Jews*." Even though this looked like Jesus' moment of defeat, His death and resurrection three days later made Him the glorious king He now is! Now, "all authority in heaven and on earth" belongs to Jesus (Matthew 28.15) and His people have gone everywhere preaching this message for two thousand years.

Why is it good news for us that Jesus is king? Because you and I face chaos that we can't rule over. We were born into a sinful, broken world and we've all contributed to its brokenness. We've hurt other people and we've been hurt ourselves. We live in bodies that eventually fall apart. We experience pain in many forms and we've all come under the power of Satan. But if we submit to Jesus as our king, He will free us and count us as righteous. He will give us a new life purpose: spreading the way of heaven to earth. One day, He will raise our bodies from the grave and give us new ones, so we can live and work with Him in a renewed world. The king has come! Will we repent and join the kingdom of heaven?

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For information on the Auxiliary Unit meetings, or functions contact Unit President Josephine Beauregard at 978-458-7015.

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• **Nashua-Hollis Christmas Bird Count-Preparation**

Tuesday, December 10 7:00 – 9:00pm

Large Meeting Room downstairs at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St, Nashua **The background of Audubon's Christmas Bird Count by David Deifik** This informative talk provides us

with background data as we prepare for the annual Audubon sponsored citizen science project. The Nashua-Hollis Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has been a regular annual tradition for about 50 years. If you are not familiar with the CBC, come discover what it's all about, and learn how you can participate, either in the field or from the comfort of your home and backyard. We'll be coordinating final preparations for this year's count and tally. Free. Audubon Christmas Bird Count--Join in!

• **Saturday, December 28 All or part day** Your backyard feeders or a scenic location in the Nashua-Hollis area. The Nashua Chapter will be participating in the 119th annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). We will be counting birds by night and day then tallying our sightings over dinner at 5 pm at Beaver Brook in Hollis (\$5 donation for dinner). If you are familiar with bird identification and would like to participate, either as a feeder counter at home or in the field, contact Richard Bielawski rbielawski@mac.com or 603-429-2537. Groups will be assigned specific areas within our 15 mile diameter count circle centered near the Nashua-Hollis border, then working those areas on their own. Co-sponsored by Beaver Brook Nature Center.

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Exhibition: Nov 9 to Dec 22, 2019

Reception: Sat, Dec 7, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Lowell, MA -- Artist members of The Brush Art Gallery & Studios
and the New England Sculptors Association were eligible for this
exhibition. This year we had an open call with no required theme,
although, small works were encouraged because they make great
gifts.

**Notice the end date of the exhibit. Purchases can be taken
home for Holiday gifts on December 22. Members also enjoy a
10% discount on purchases from the main gallery.**

Artists included this year are: Louise Abbott, Judi Babcock,
Linda Cargiuolo, Rose Carney, William Casper, Anita Helen Cohen,
Linda Crossland, Michael delaVega, Esther Donlon, Cassie Doyon,
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I remember going to get Gwen from a farm in St. Michael, Minnesota on a September day in 1992. She was the last of the litter and cute as a button. I remember when she was too small to jump on or off the couch; she didn't do stairs till she was 5 months old. I remember when she ate \$17 cash off the coffee table. I remember the first time we tried to leave her out of her crate. She was 6 months old and we were only gone for an hour. You would have thought a tornado hit the kitchen, and she ate the lapel off the suit Jay had just bought 2 weeks before. I remember the countless hours of throwing the tennis ball. I remember the time she touched an electric fence at a friend's farm.

Sadly, last month my husband and I decided to put Gwen to sleep. She was 14 years old, she had a great life, and it was time. We knew it was coming for a while. She had a bad back and she had some trouble getting around. She was also getting a little forgetful. We agonized over the decision. Everyone, myself included, always hopes their animals will die peacefully in their sleep after a long happy life. Unfortunately that does not often happen, and it didn't for us. We were thankful, however, that we did not have to watch her suffer.

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DECC is a welcoming church at the heart of the Dunstable community. "We gather to glorify God, to grow in Christ and to live the gospel in the world."

Sunday worship time begins at **10:30 am** and Christian Education/ Sunday School for children and adults at **9 am-10:15 am**.

WORSHIP: Pastor Bobby Ross leads our worship services which feature a variety of music, scripture readings, corporate prayer, and spoken messages, with Communion (the Lord's Supper) served on the first Sunday of the month.

EDUCATION: Adult and children Sunday School classes meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall and Room #4 respectively. During the Adult class, the "CASKET EMPTY" program, a Summary of the Bible, we'll cover the Old and New Testaments in a historical progression, showing how they work together to create the biggest, best story that has ever been told. The Adult class also meets at 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings at the parsonage covering the same material as on Sunday.

Children's Sunday school is at 9:00 am every Sunday (K-6th grade, nursery available for 0-5 yrs). During the sermon, we'll invite children (K-4th grade) to join us downstairs for **Children's Church**. Children are also welcomed to stay with their parents. We have a Youth Worksheet available to help engage them during the service. Ask the ushers if you would like one.

CHILDCARE: Childcare for infants through kindergarten is available both during Sunday School hour and the worship service.

FELLOWSHIP: Everyone is welcome to an informal time of fellowship with coffee, tea, and refreshments after the service.

DECC YOUTH GROUP: All area youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Regular meetings will be held on Sundays 4-6 pm at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, unless otherwise noted. Some coming events planned are fundraisers, community service, participating in the Living Nativity and a Christmas Party! Contact Leader Jon Hughes with any questions at 978-303-7708 or Jon.hughes480@gmail.com.

ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY Saturday, December 7

Walks between 5:30PM and 7:30 PM next to the Dunstable Church, Bad Weather Date is December 14.

This will be a night to remember! Our 5th year. Bring the family! Kids will enjoy the sheep, goats, pigs, cow and alpacas! Join us for an outdoor guided walk to Bethlehem. The Roman soldiers will lead you as you trace the steps of Mary and Joseph and you walk down the candlelit paths through Nazareth and Bethlehem, meet the Shepherds and Wisemen and see if there is room in the Inn. Enjoy the Christmas Carol presentations and view the barnyard animals as you journey to see the baby Christ.

Come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30, each walk is about 20 minutes. After the walk, join us for refreshments. Sponsored by the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church.

Donations of personal care items for women and children will be accepted at the Living Nativity and throughout December and given to My Father's House in N. Chelmsford. Cash donations will be donated to Kwatekeh Africa in Liberia for the work in the orphanage, medical center and other needs there.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, Dec 24th, will begin at 7:00 pm, preceded at 6:45 pm by a Carol Sing. Come early to sing some familiar Christmas carols. **There will also be a contemplative service on Christmas Day at 10:00 am. On Sunday, Dec 29th, the 10:30 am service will be of Lessons and Carols.**

Come visit your community's church. We will be happy to greet you! For more information, please visit our new website at dunstablechurch.org, contact the church office at 978-649-6251, or contact us by email info@dunstablechurch.org.