

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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### **DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK**

The 2020 annual street listing is being prepared and will be mailed beginning the week of January 6, 2020. 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 signed the supplemental budget which includes five (5) days of early voting prior, beginning February 24, remember EV is during my business hours and this office is closed on Fridays. 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 <a href="https://www.sec.state.ma/ovr">www.sec.state.ma/ovr</a>

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 <a href="https://www.fvap.gov">www.fvap.gov</a>

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.

# TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM

New and existing residents can sign up for trash and recycling pickup anytime during the year. The program is voluntary and by subscription. The subscription runs from July 1 – June 30 each year. The fee is \$300.00 but is prorated \$25.00 each month. The subscriber will receive a 35 gallon trash container and a 65 gallon recycling container. On those occasions when you may have extra trash that does not fit in the container, the Board of Health sells overflow bags at \$3.00 each in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. You may sign up on line at <a href="www.dunstable-ma.gov">www.dunstable-ma.gov</a> or come into the town hall Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Containers can be picked up at the Town Hall. Any questions please email us at <a href="health@dunstable-ma.gov">health@dunstable-ma.gov</a> or call and leave a message at 978-649-4514 Ext. 229.

### IN MEMORY OF

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# THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE NASHOBA NURSING SERVICE

Well Adult Clinics 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. NO CLINIC IN DECEMBER. Next Well Adult Clinic will be held January 22 from 11 – noon. Nashoba Board of Health Nursing, Services. (www.nashoba.org) or call: 978-772-3335 ext. 340 for more info.

# DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST WINTERFEST 2020

This date is correct. It has been moved to February with the hopes of just the right amount of snow.

### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11am to 3pm

DRLT Wildlife Preserve 1072 Main St



Our **24**th **Winterfest** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 9**th, 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.

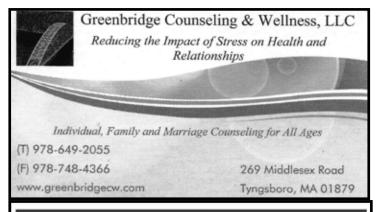
Come out and enjoy Winter! This is held at the DRLT Wildlife Preserve, use the 1072 Main St. entrance.

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

# THE DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST

**2020 CALENDAR IS HERE!**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.

The Calendar is available for \$12 a piece. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars go directly to the Dunstable Rural Land Trust to help preserve the rural character of our town. Call Elaine at 978-649-9236 she may still have some left.



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### **ELDER LAW NEWS**

This month there are 3 different topics commented on in this column By Edward H. Adamsky

A major issue for many families is providing care for family members with disabilities. This may be a parent caring for an adult child with a disability or adult children caring for an elderly and frail parent. Most families willingly provide whatever assistance is needed by their loved ones. But our systems, and society in general, don't usually value that care very well.

Every year AARP does a study of family caregivers and the pressure and demands put on them. The study seeks to put a dollar value on that family-provided care. The newest report is for calendar year 2017 and the estimate is that families provided 34 billion hours of care at a value of \$470 billion.

Family caregivers provide care and advocacy for their loved ones. They also hire and supervise other care providers. They provide emotional and social support and often perform complex medical and nursing tasks such as wound care, injections, and handling of medical equipment. They receive little instruction or guidance on these tasks and although they may feel satisfaction in ensuring the job is done, they often feel highly strained and overwhelmed by the enormity of the tasks necessary to care for a person with a disability or other medical issues.



A new report warns that a commonly prescribed muscle relaxant known as baclofen can harm patients with kidney problems. It can make them disoriented and appear to have dementia and this often results in hospitalization. It may look like the symptoms of a stroke even though it is not. The medicine effects only about 4% of people taking it, but the results of a bad reaction are horrible.

Baclofen is typically prescribed to people suffering muscle spasms and is sold under a number of different brand names, including Lioresal and Gablofen. As with many drugs, the kidneys filter it out of a person's blood. If a patient already has kidney issues, they can suffer side-effects from this drug as the kidneys fail to properly clear it out of the patient's system. [Any patient with pre-existing kidney issues may have problems with a number of drugs that leave the body through the kidneys, including Acetaminophen/Tylenol.]



Children of elders on Medicaid should remember that they will not be rewarded for helping out their parents and they might even be "punished." Another case has come down (this time in New Jersey) where an adult child of an elder in a nursing home paid to maintain his mother's home while she was on Medicaid benefits. This was good for the Medicaid program as it got to recoup some of its expenditures after the mother died by making a claim against the value of the house. This was not good for the child though, as the Medicaid office (supported by the court ruling) did not allow the child to be reimbursed for his expenses while his mother was alive. The system did not give the child any preferential treatment, so the child was in line after the Medicaid office as a claimant against the estate and so received no reimbursement for the money put out on behalf of his mother.

### LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY, INC.

All Dunstable families are invited to visit the Pantry and receive nutritious food and personal care products. There are no income requirements – only a proof of residency (a utility bill or a rental receipt, for example, with your name, current address and date) is required. **open** Second Tuesday of each month from 6p.m.- 8p.m. • Every Wednesday and Friday from 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • First & third Saturday of every month from 9a.m.-11a.m. To learn more about what to expect when you visit the Pantry for groceries, take a virtual tour at <a href="https://loavesfishespantry.org/need-services/">https://loavesfishespantry.org/need-services/</a> or call us at (978)772-4627 x312. If you are interested in volunteering please email us at <a href="mailto:volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org">volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org</a> or call us at (978)772-4627 x317. The gift of food and personal care items as well as monetary support is always welcome. Visit our website to learn more about how you can help.

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130 Spit Brook Rd, Nashua, NH 603-888-7579 www.glcmsnh.org Pastors: George Ruwisch and Mick Meyer Ministry Coordinator: Sharlene Peterson Youth Director: Alison Efstathiou

### **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.

- WISH LIST Wrapped hard or chocolate candies, small or large size paper plates & cups, paper towels.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lead an activity, teach a craft, visit or call a shut-in

<u>January Lunches</u>
<u>January 8</u> Steak tips, roasted potatoes & vegetable provided by Dinner Made Simple. RSVP by January 2

January 15 Baked Chicken, potato & vegetable provided by the Traveling Chef. RSVP by January 8

January 22 Beef Stew sponsored by the library staff. RSVP by January 15

January 29 Pizza, salad and birthday cake. This month our party is sponsored by Kimpton Giggy, Attorney at Law.

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Prediabetes 101 Join us on Wednesday, Jan 22 at 12:30 when Joanne McCole RN, BSN from Nashoba Nursing Services & Hospice presents information about prediabetes type 1, and diabetes type 2. The goal of this health program is education and understanding of the diabetes process, the impact on the body systems. management of the disease through healthier foods and lifestyle changes and a review of common medications used to treat the disease.
- Rivercourt Residence Lunches There will be no lunches in January & February. Next lunch Tues. March 17.
- Book Club Like to read? Then we have the group for you. But not this month! Next meeting is on Sat. January 18 at 11:30 at the library for a potluck lunch. We will be discussing Stella Bain by Anita Shreve. Summary An epic story, set against the backdrop of World War I. An American woman, Stella Bain, is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in London, surgeon August Bridge and his wife selflessly agree to take her in. A gesture of goodwill turns into something more as Bridge quickly develops a clinical interest in his houseguest. Books may be ordered thru the library. New members are always welcome.

### HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION MEALS

(Meals on Wheels Program)

Dunstable residents 60+ can call the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley 1-800-892-0890 to see if you qualify.

The Tyngsborough Council on Aging distributes meals from our facility on behalf of ESMV. We deliver to homebound and clients who are on homecare short term. If you have any questions call the above number.

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

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.

Veteran's Officer 978-649-3919 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 978-649-7445 POLICE & EMT 911

FIRE DEPT. TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 911

Business Line.....978-649-6661 FAX.......................978-649-6072

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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If you would like to learn more about the GNFP, please go to <a href="https://grotonfoodproject.com/">https://grotonfoodproject.com/</a>

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. *The next food collection is on Saturday, February 8th, 2020.* 

### 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.

<u>DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING</u> 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.

**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 January 29

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

\*\* 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.

**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.

<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 Fenochetti as soon as you know when your appointment is to make sure a ride is available.

\*\*\* Meals on Wheels Do you or someone you know need the services of Meals on Wheels? This service is now being merged with Tyngsboro's MOW. For information contact Joyce Dastou at Merrimack Valley Elder Services at 1-800-892-0890.

<u>Durable Medical Equipment</u> Try us **FREE** before you buy. Check out the COA's inventory. We have a variety of good, gently used walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs, canes, commodes and much more that people have generously donated. These are on loan and need to be returned when not in use. PLEASE call first before you drop off items. Accepted items should be brought to the Town Hall only.

\*\*\* Mass Registry of Motor Vehicles

Beginning Oct. 2020 you will need to change to a REAL ID which will be needed to enter a federal building and fly within the United States. Visit <a href="www.mass.gov/ID">www.mass.gov/ID</a> to simplify your next driver's license renewal. You will learn the requirements and the easy steps to begin your application and know what the necessary documents are that you will need to bring. <a href="Perscription Advantage Open Enrollment">Perscription Advantage Open Enrollment</a> New from Medicare. The new Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment period will run January 31- March 31 of each year. Contact our SHINE contact, Lisa Rose at 978-683-7747 if you have any questions.

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**PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY** 66 Hollis St. Pepperell Tues 5–7pm, Thurs 2–4pm & 5–7pm. If interested in this service, call 978-925-9770 or visit their web site at <a href="https://www.pachoutreach.org">www.pachoutreach.org</a>.

### KNITTING AND CROCHET CLASS

This class is under the direction of Donna Acquaviva. It is held Monday nights at Swallow Union School from 6:30-8:00PM

### DUNSTABLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

588 Main St. 978-649-7830 Library Hours: Tuesday 3–8 Wednesday 10–2 Thursday 10–8 Friday 10–2 **OPEN SATURDAYS 10-2** 

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Mary Beth Pallis - Director - mpallis@mvlc.org Karen Debreceni - Children's Librarian - kdebreceni@mvlc.org Like us on FACEBOOK to receive program updates!

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Featured Display This month's display is a collection 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 kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org. Community Room Artist Check out the new artwork done 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. New Discount Pass - Salem Witch Museum and Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

Adult Reading Group Like to read? Then we have the group for you. Meeting is on Sat. January 19th at 10:30 at the library. We will be discussing Stella Bain by Anita Shreve. Summary An epic story, set against the backdrop of World War I. An American woman. Stella Bain, is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in London, surgeon August Bridge and his wife selflessly agree to take her in. A gesture of goodwill turns into something more as Bridge quickly develops a clinical interest in his housequest. Books may be ordered thru the library. New members are always welcome. We meet every 3rd Saturday at 10:30a.m. in the community room of the library.

Quilter's Group Meets from 6-8 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. 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 be meeting January 24th. New members are always welcome.

Children's Craft Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on Tuesday January 14th at 4:00pm. We will be making many different snowman activities. Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

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.

On Going Book Sale Is in the Community Room at the library. Come in and check out the selections that are here. Hard Covers are \$1.00, Paperbacks are 5 for \$1.00, DVD's are \$2.00 and CD's are \$1.00. 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 6–7PM 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.

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# OPEN BURNING SEASON BEGINS JANUARY 15TH

Dunstable Fire Chief, Brian Rich announced that Open Burning season will soon begin and will end on May1<sup>st</sup>. 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 materials.
- 2. Burning of brush, trees, cane and/or driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
- 3. Burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved incinerators.
- 4. Large piles that will not readily burn or are of such size that they will not be totally out by 4pm.

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.

### ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH

**18 Pondview Place, Tyngsborough, MA** (across from Skate 3) Sunday school –10am Sunday worship 11am & 6pm Mid week prayer meeting – Wed. 7pm. Home Bible study – 7pm, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 163 Highland St., Hudson, NH Call Pastor Steve Willett @ 978-957-0648 www.anchor-bible-church.org



### Happy New Year, Neighbors!

Be sure to stock up on indoor activity and snack supplies such as Annie's Baking Mix/Crescent Rolls/Biscuits and Chex Mix, and keep those germs away with Lysol wipes and Nestle Pure Life water!

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!

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 Swallow Union Elementary School swallowunionapt.org aptswallowunion@gmail.com facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion



### **DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31**

**MEETINGS** are held on the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **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.* 

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January 10th is the deadline for the February issue.

More articles and events posted on the website.

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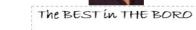
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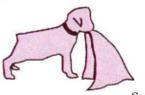
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Groton Grange #7 invites you to our traditional **New England Contra Dance on Saturday, February 1st, from 7:30 - 10:00 PM**, at Historic Groton Grange Hall, 80 Champney Street. This will be an evening of live music and dancing with Groton's own Contra Banditos, along with caller Beth Parkes, 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. PARKING ALLOWED ONLY ON THE GRANGE SIDE OF CHAMPNEY ST.

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran will be **stocking the shelves at Loaves and Fishes** on Friday, January 3rd and 17th at 3:30 PM. The Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on Saturday, January 18th at 10 AM.

There will be a **Congregational Council Meeting** at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 21st.

The **Wednesday evening Prayer Service** will resume on Wednesday, January 8th in the Chapel.

The **Adult Discipleship** will return to meeting at 9 AM on Sunday, January 5th. The focus will be on What is the Bible?

The Youth will be going into Boston in February for City Reach and will be taking in used clothing for those in need. Any donations are greatly welcomed.

### SCOUTS BSA DUNSTABLE

If you are interested in learning more about the **Boy Scout Troop T28B Or Girl Scout Troop T28G join us at 7PM on Mondays**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, Main St. in the Center of Town. Boys' Scoutmaster is Steve Berthiaume Sara Axon is the Scoutmaster for our linked **Girl's Troop**.

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



The West Family and Maureen Amaral from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage would like to begin this new year with a HUGE THANK YOU to each and every one of our neighbors who were so kind and generous to stop into West Auto Repair and drop off a gift (or in many cases multiple gifts) for the Toys for Tots collection campaign. Although Mother Nature put a bit of a damper on our collection efforts with the very early snow storms in the month of December we still managed to collect a few hundred gifts at the shop. The outpouring of support that we receive for this campaign each and every year just warms our hearts.

Thank you again and wishing you and yours the happiest of new years. The West Family & Maureen Amaral

### VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

It is already 2020! For the Veterans who use the VA, you may have noticed some very positive improvements in care and service. They have had some very significant improvements this past year. If you have not used the VA and you are having some health issues, I strongly recommend you visit them. You do not have to go all of the way into Boston, there is a VA clinic right off of the Lowell Connector. Their address is 130 Marshall Road, Lowell, and their phone number is (978) 671-9000.

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.

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### **Groton and Dunstable Family & Community Programs**

- Join us on any 1st Tuesdays during the school year -1:30 p.m. at: Dunstable Congregational Church, 518 Main Street, Dunstable
- Join us on any all Mondays 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 & 3rd <u>Tuesdays</u> during the school year -10:30 a.m. at: Pepperell Library (Lawrence Library,) 15 Main Street, Pepperell
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### WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The ancient book we call the Bible is many things. It is a collection of 66 individual books, authored by more than 30 people, written over a timespan of thousands of years. It is a carefully crafted masterpiece, using various literary techniques like poetry, narrative, and discourse. Astoundingly, it is a book authored by God Himself using the pens of men (2 Timothy 3.16, 1 Peter 3.20-21). Although these facts help us grasp an idea of the Bible's structure, history, and authorship, we're still left with our original question: what is the Bible? What is the point of this book?

In short, the Bible was written to captivate us by God's goodness. From the very beginning of time, He has been the maker of good things. Seven times in Genesis 1 we are told that as God looked at the creation He had just made "He saw that it was good." He created the first woman (Eve) for the first man (Adam) because He saw that it was "not good" for man to be alone (Genesis 2.18). Although mankind quickly chose to define their own goodness by eating from the forbidden "tree of the knowledge of good and evil," all they found was destruction and death. Throughout the storyline of the Bible, each new generation of people added to the brokenness of the world, even God's righteous servants like Noah, Abraham, and David. But rather than destroy the world and remove all good things, God carried out His eternal plan to bring the ultimate goodness to our planet: His Son. "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 3.4-6). When Jesus started preaching in Israel, His message about the kingdom of God was called a gospel (meaning "good news"). Although we were unrighteous, the good news of Jesus displays the "righteousness of God" (Romans 1.16-17), charted throughout time in the story of Israel. When we read about God's plan to rescue all mankind through His Son, we cannot fail to love Him and the people He died to save.

With this perspective of what the Bible is, we are better prepared to understand what it is not. It is not merely a collection of facts, like a mathematics textbook. It is not merely a manual telling us how to live everyday life more effectively, like a typical self-help book written by man. It is not merely a collection of commandments, providing a list of what we can and cannot do with our lives. The Bible isn't just designed to fill our brains, nor is it intended to merely produce outward behavioral changes. Fundamentally, the Bible was written to transform our hearts by showing us the Son of God.

### GD SEPAC

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**JUNIOR DISTRICT MOCK AUDITIONS:** Attention music students who will be taking Junior District string, winds, brass, percussion, jazz, or voice auditions! Rehearse your repertoire and receive feedback from Indian Hill Music School's accomplished faculty: Saturday, January 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. FEE: \$20 per person (Free for Indian Hill Music School students) Sign up online.

INDIAN HILL MUSIC 'DISCOVERY LECTURE': "All That Jazz"-Composer/pianist/educator Eric Kamen explores the architecture of jazz harmony, melody, and improvisation: Tuesday, January 14 at Noon, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. ADMISSION: \$10 (Free for Indian Hill Music students.) Bring your lunch!

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Officers for the 2019-2020 Lions Year

President: Mark Alexander, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair: Joe Ward, Treasurer: Bob Reich, Secretary/Club Service Chair: Laura Ward

Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joe Ward at 978-930-1153 or Mark Alexander at 978-649-9124. Our Regular Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm at Princeton Station 147 Princeton St., in N. Chelmsford, MA. YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

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To enter the Cook-Off, register online (www.dunstablechurch.org) or with the church office (978-649-6251).

- · Thank you all who visited our annual LIVING NATIVITY on the town common. A perfect way to usher in the Christmas season with your family.
- SUNDAY WORSHIP time begins at 10:30 am and Christian Education/Sunday School for children and adults at 9 am-10:15 am.
- EDUCATION: Adult and children Sunday School classes meet at 9:00 am on Sunday. An Adult class meets at 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings in Fellowship Hall 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 sledding party, game night, continue learning, community service, and more. Contact Leader Jon Hughes with any questions at 978-303-7708 or Jon. hughes480@gmail.com

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.

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Sherburne Nature Center trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns. Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver, and observe meadow wildflowers and butterflies. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. Sherburne Nature Center and Trails activities are open to all who are interested. Activities go rain or shine. In extreme weather conditions, activities are cancelled. No reservations or fees required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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I wanted to pass on this information to you. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is offering a copy of the book "Living with our Wild Neighbors" as a free download. It is very informative and covers all wildlife from A-Z. Since we have so many animals that we share our yards with, I thought it might be helpful to you. https://www.animalsheltering.org/page/wild-neighbors-book

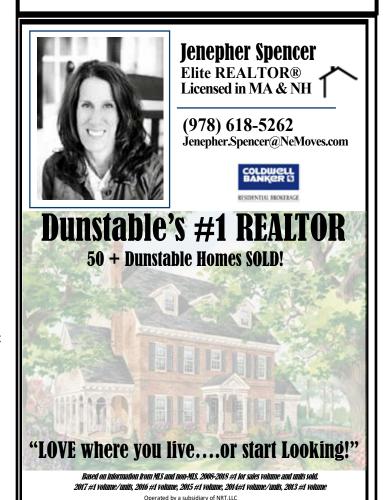
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# PET HEALTH DUNSTABLE ANIMAL CLINIC

# UPDATE ON SEIZURES IN DOGS Tara M. Sacramone, DVM



My latest continuing education meeting had an update about seizures in dogs. While the causes remain the same there are some new treatments available. First a quick review. Seizures are defined as abnormal neuronal hyperactivity involving the cerebral cortex, or too many nerves firing in the brain at once. Sometimes it's hard to know if the dog is having a seizure, or some other episodic illness. This is one of my favorite uses of modern technology – if you witness the event video tape it, or if you have any kind of surveillance camera you can monitor your dog even when you are not home. These videos are so helpful to diagnose seizures and any episodic thing your pet is doing at home.

There are many causes of seizures, but to organize them veterinarians divide them up into two broad categories; intracranial (meaning inside the brain) or extracranial (outside the brain). Intracranial causes include brain tumors, trauma, and genetic defects like hydrocephalous. Extracranial causes include kidney, liver disease, low blood glucose, and some toxins. Once extracranial causes are ruled out the next step is to decide on whether treatment is needed and decide on which medication to use. Treatment is begun for three main reasons. The first is if the dog has more than two seizures in a six month time period. The second is if the dog has an episode of cluster seizures (two or more seizures in 24 hours). And lastly is if the dog gets stuck in a seizure requiring medication in order for it to stop (status epilepticus).

Traditionally we have had two medications that were the mainstay of therapy; phenobarbital and potassium bromide. Now, however we have a few more to choose from. The most commonly used new one is called Levetiractam (Keppra). Many dogs will actually begin treatment with this medication because it is the least likely to cause side effects long term. The biggest problem with Keppra is that it needs to be given three times per day. Another drug is Gabapentin, it is also helpful with pain relief. Most dogs do not use Gabapentin alone, but it can be added in if one medication is not working. Other newer medication include Zonisamide, Topiramate, and Felbamate. These are more often used in dogs if the other medications are not working.

Recently some alternative treatment options have been emerging. One that appears to be the snake oil of our day is CBD oil. While I don't believe it treats every problem in the universe, one of its uses may be to help treat seizures. The efficacy and dosages are still up for debate, and it is known to interfere with phenobarbital and diazepam, so if your dog currently takes phenobarb I would not recommend you add this in to your treatment regime. The dose range that helps with humans is very wide and even less is known about dogs, therefore if you want to try it check with your veterinarian for a questimate dose. Another alternative therapy that has helped humans with seizures is a ketogenic diet (high protein, fat, no carbohydrates). It is almost impossible to turn dogs ketogenic, so changing their diet won't really help, but adding in a supplement called MCT (Medium Chain Triglycerides) oil may be of benefit. Another approach that has been used in human is called vagal stimulation. This involves surgically placing a device inside your dog that stimulates the vagal nerve. This is expensive, but can help, especially in dogs in which medications are not working or causing too many side effects.

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Vaping by youth has become an epidemic and I'm asked frequently what can be done to turn the tide. Now new resources are available to help youth who want to quit vaping.

Two new free programs, This is Quitting powered by truth®and My Life, My Quit™, are available to help Massachusetts youth become nicotine- and tobacco-free.

Quitting vapes or other tobacco products can be hard. Here are some ways you can help young people get support:

... This is Quitting powered by truth® is a free and confidential texting program for young people who vape. Text "VapeFreeMass" to 88709. In partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

... My Life, My Quit <sup>™</sup> has youth coach specialists trained to help young people by phone or text. Young people can call or text "Start My Quit" to 855-891-9989 for free and confidential help or sign up online at mylifemyquit.com.

... Encourage young people to ask their school nurse or counselor, athletic coach, doctor, parent or other trusted adult for help.

... Visit teen.smokefree.gov for tools and tips.

... For more information, young people can visit mass.gov/vaping

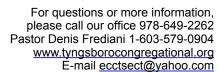
Talking with youth about vaping is essential—youth need to know that vaping is harmful and that help is available for those who want to quit. Visit <u>GetOutraged.org</u> to learn more or contact me at (978) 722-2864 or ashley.hall@glfhc.org

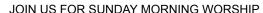
Ashley Hall, MS, Tyngsboro Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

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- LADIES BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This year the study is entitled "Bible Survey...A Big Screen Perspective". Please plan to join our Bible Study group. You may call our Church Office and leave your name and phone number and our Secretary will return your call.
- SERMONS ON-LINE: Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website <a href="http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org">http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org</a> 2. On home page you will see a photo of the church. Hover the cursor over the word "SERVING" 3. Click once on the word "SERMONS" 4. Scroll down to see "Listen to our sermonsfor free on <a href="SoundCloud.com">SoundCloud.com</a> 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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### BEAVER BROOK ASSOCIATION

Beaver Brook Nature Center Spear Room 117 Ridge Road Hollis NH

- Full Moon Night Hikes: Jan 4, Feb 8, March 7, and April 4, 2020 Held at 6:30 8:30 pm Beaver Brook Association (Spear Room), 117 Ridge Rd, Hollis, NH Join BBA Naturalists for a Full Moon Night Hike or Snowshoe around the trails of Beaver Brook. Dress in layers. Believe it or not, you will warm up and be so happy to get outside on a winter night! It's a great experience. We'll supply the snowshoes or you can bring your own if you like. Return to Maple Hill Farm for warm beverages and cookies. Register online \$15 pp/\$13.50 Members. Register at <a href="https://www.beaverbrook.org">www.beaverbrook.org</a>
- Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Survey Saturday January 11, 2020 8 am-noon along the Merrimack River, Hudson to Manchester Join our group in this annual statewide count to learn about local Bald Eagle foraging and roosting habitat and the protection eagles need to stay healthy over the cold winter.

We will meet in Nashua at the Exit 7 Park & Ride, on the hill behind the Fireside Inn and Suites, or contact Richard Bielawski at rbielawski@mac.com or 603-429-2537

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I do hope you find something of interest each month and maybe if you are looking for help with your home or business, you can find it in these pages. There is so much going on, that there is never enough space for all I want to print. However, I have been posting them on the website in between issues.

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- Wed., January 8 Vet's Meal 6PM also SAL's Meeting 7PM
- Thurs. January 9 Ladies Aux Meeting 6PM 11AM
- Fri., January 10 Muxic Bingo 7:30PM
- Fri., January 17 Dayz Gone 8PM
- Sat., January 18 Legion E-Board Meeting 11AM
- Sun, January 19 Familiar Feud 2-3:30PM
- Fri., January 24 Music Bingo 7:30PM

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90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA 01879 Active duty military and veterans always welcome to join. First Year FREE for new Legion members. For further information call 978-649-7540. Remember to attend the committee meetings on the first Thursday with your input and ideas.

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Elected Post 247 Officers serving for 2019-2020 Commander: Raymond Hamelin; Sr. Vice Commander: Pete St. Peters: Jr. Vice Commander: Larry Monaco: Finance Officer: John Burke; Adjutant: Don Pierce; Judge Advocate: Roland Milliard; Executive Board: Joe Conlin, Robin Dion, and Fred Carroll.

Visit our website, www.AmericanLegionPost247.org This website contains a wealth of information about the Post. Please remember to be safe & keep our troops in your prayers.



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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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The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, nine studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, and is supported by Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National, a partner of the National Park Service.

### **UNITED WAY BLIZZARD BLAST 2020!**

Winter Obstacle Run, United Way of Nashua January 25th, 2020 Nashua Millyard/Mine Falls Park, Nashua, NH

Blizzard Blast 2020 is a 3-4 mile tough winter obstacle race. It is a competitive event, which is professionally timed. All participants receive a medal, event t-shirt, entrance to the after party, and a complimentary signature drink or hot appetizer.

NOTE: Online registration closes on Wednesday, January 22. Walk-ons will be taken, at the rates shown below, day of the event. The registration area for the event is at Train 180 (1 Pine St Ext, Nashua, NH 03060). If you are a "walk on" then you should be at Train 180 about an hour before your desired heat. Heats start at 9 am and run every 15 minutes until 1:30 pm. If you have questions, please email Mike at mapfelberg@unitedwaynashua.org

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Day of event walk on: \$100

• Blizzard Blast Unlimited Laps or

"Elite" Single Lap Runner

12/1-12/31 \$95 1/1-1/22: \$105

Day of event walk on: \$120

• Blizzard Blast "Elite" Unlimited Lap Runner

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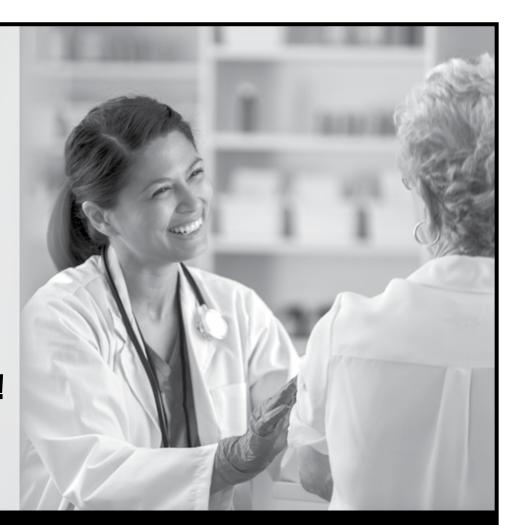
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