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## DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

A state law effective January 1, 2020 created a new program for automatically registering eligible voters, known as Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) and its purpose is to register voters automatically when applying for services at the RMV, MassHealth and Health Connector agencies. The agencies are required to collect and transmit the appropriate voter information to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under the former way when you registered to vote or change your party at the RMV, an applicant would have to check "yes" to the voter registration question and then could pick a party of political designation. AVR changes this. Instead of being asked if you want to register and having to select "yes", applicants will only see a box that allows you to opt-out of registering. Under AVR, at both the RMV and health agencies, if you do not opt-out, your transaction will be forwarded to the town/city clerk for processing. Under the way the AVR law was written, applicants are NOT offered the opportunity to pick a political party or designation. If you are registered in a political party, you will remain in that party because AVR does NOT recognize party affiliations. You will have to change your party online (you must hold a valid Massachusetts driver's license) at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/) or fill out a Change of Enrollment card available at town hall. Additionally, the AVR law as enacted, requires the notices you receive to be bilingual in English and Spanish. **Bottom line – you can no longer change your party at the RMV.**

**February 12 is the deadline to register to vote or change your party. I cannot urge you enough to check your voter status and party BEFORE coming to the polls.** You cannot register to vote or change your party on the annual street listing. You should update the information if necessary, sign and return the form to Town Hall.

**The presidential primary is Tuesday, March 3. Polls are open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm at the Dunstable Free Public Library.**

**There will be Early Voting at the Town Hall** on February 24, 25, 26 and 27. Hours will be Monday 3:00 – 6:30 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

**The official population for 2019** as reported by the Office of the Town Clerk is 3,268, a decrease from 2018 (3,307).

**Dog licenses are due!** All dogs 6 months or older are required to be licensed in accordance with Massachusetts state law. We must have a current license on file in order to issue a license. If ordering by mail, please remember to include a SASE so we can return it to you.

**Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222**

**[CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov)** HOURS: The Clerk's Office is open Monday evening from 3:00 pm–7:00 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am–2:00 pm. Hours may vary due to holidays, workshops and elections. There are times the office is closed during these posted hours and extended hours for voter registration and absentee voting, please feel free to call ahead. Marriage licenses are by appointment only.

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## DUNSTABLE DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE TO HOST TOWN CAUCUS

The Democratic Committee will host our town caucus on **Saturday, March 7th** at Dunstable Town Hall at 10am. We will elect (1) delegate and (1) alternate to the state convention being held Saturday, May 30th at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Dunstable. *For more information, or to get involved in the Dunstable Democratic Town Committee contact **Brian Poitras at 978-877-2821.***

## 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. **Next Well Adult Clinic will be held February 26 from 11 – noon.** Nashoba Board of Health Nursing, Services. ([www.nashoba.org](http://www.nashoba.org)) or call: 978-772-3335 ext. 340 for more info.

## DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST WINTERFEST 2020

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

**NOW TO BE HELD AT McLoon Barn**



The Dunstable Rural Land Trust will still be holding Winterfest, but in a new location. **No snow, thin ice, and too much mud at the old place mean that we are shifting Winterfest to the newly renovated McLoon barn on Thorndike St. at Main St.** It will still be on **Sunday February 9, 2020 from 11am to 3pm.**

We are still working on the logistics, but we plan to show off the new barn and have horse-drawn sleigh rides on wheels, ice sculpturing, a bonfire manned by the Scouts with homemade soup, cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, doughnuts, Munchkins and other treats including (for the first time!) Tully Farms Milk.

We are working on some other things and will post if we can pull them off. We will also have a porta-potty on the property for the event. We'll try to have as much fun as we can despite the lack of winter. *Sorry, but there are no dogs allowed at Winterfest.*


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is a local, non-profit, volunteer organization that supports all 5 District Schools with grants above and beyond the school budget, directly benefiting students!

Our first grant cycle concluded in October. **We were thrilled to award 6 Major Grants of about \$15,000 to all five of our schools.** At Boutwell, we are supporting the building of a library that celebrates diversity. At Swallow Union & Florence Roche, we are supporting teaching civics through picture books to our young learners. At the Middle School, we are providing Nooks to create digital equity in the school library. At the High School we are helping to set up a new innovative class about sustainable living, and purchasing a touch IT board for the math department. Our second Major Grant cycle deadline is February 28th and we can't wait to see what else we can do for our schools.

**This year we have also funded nine mini-grants (\$1,000 or less) thus far. We accept mini-grants all year. Six mini-grants were provided to teachers at the High School.** They included books for English classrooms, sponsorship of the Robotics team, a trial of an online reading program, a film screening of a powerful movie about justice, and conference fees for two teachers. At our elementary schools, we funded a mini-grant for whiteboard tables at Florence Roche, and mini-grants for teachers at Swallow Union to expand their understanding of Ancient Civilizations.

*If our community would like to contribute to the funding that we use to provide grants, our annual giving campaign is still underway. Every little bit makes a positive impact directly on our students.*

**GDEF is actively recruiting!** We are seeking an experienced bookkeeper, a graphic designer and members at large. If you are interested in learning more about joining GDEF, we would love to talk with you and share information about this wonderful organization.

**For more information, annual Trivia Night tickets (March 14th, 7:00, Groton Country Club!), please visit our website [www.gdefinc.org](http://www.gdefinc.org), like our Facebook page and follow us Twitter @GDEFinc.**

  
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## DUNSTABLE PICKLEBALL

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## ATTENTION 2020 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE

Congratulations on your pending graduation!

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

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

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

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

**Starting February 11, 2020**, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, or by emailing [babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com).

Completed applications can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the PO Box listed below no later than **March 19, 2020**.

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to [babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com). We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

**Babcock Scholarship Trustees**  
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## THE RUSSELL G. AND SHIRLEY L. TOBEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The Tobey Scholarship will be administered by the Babcock Committee using the same guidelines as the Babcock scholarship. Applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office or by emailing [babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com)  
*We hope you take advantage of this added opportunity.*

**February 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the March issue.**

*More articles and events posted on the website.*

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*Need details about advertising your business?*

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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](mailto:mclane.chrissy@gmail.com)) & Amy Wilson ([amywilson825@gmail.com](mailto:amywilson825@gmail.com)) Box Tops for Education co-chairs for Swallow Union Elementary School [swallowunionapt.org](http://swallowunionapt.org) [aptswallowunion@gmail.com](mailto:aptswallowunion@gmail.com) [facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion](https://www.facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion)

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## OPEN BURNING SEASON

January 15<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>

Dunstable Fire Chief, Brian Rich announced that Open Burning season began on January 15th and will end on May 1<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.***

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Mary Beth Pallis – Director – mpallis@mvlc.org

Karen Debrececi – Children's Librarian – kdebreceni@mvlc.org

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**Free Financial Planning Meeting** This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** Please stop by the library to receive more information about this helpful program.

**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. February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30** at the library. We will be discussing *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, the #1 New York Times bestseller and a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. 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 **6:00-8:00 p.m., the first and third Tuesday of the month.** Interested in learning to quilt and 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 Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome.**

**Children's Craft** Come join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on **Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.** We will be making many different Valentine Day activities. You must have signed up at the library or emailed Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

**Children's Program** Come join Mrs. D. and Miss Nancy on **Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.** Wilson, our library dog will be visiting. Come in to read or picture read to him at this time. 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. Story hour is held on Thursdays and Fridays. We meet from 10:30 – 11:30. The program includes stories, songs and a craft or activity. Come in and join the fun!

**Afternoon Story Hour** This will be for older children who have ½ days in kindergarten 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** in the Community Room at the library. Come in and check out the selections. Hard Covers are \$1, Paperbacks are 5 for \$1, DVD's are \$2 and CD's are \$1. If you would like to donate to the ongoing book sale, please bring current books (not older than 2 years) or any children's books in good condition. Please bring your donations inside, instead of leaving them at the door. We cannot accept magazines, older books, or textbooks.

**Homework Club** The library is offering homework help every **Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00** for the school year. This is a free service for children from Kindergarten to High School. Honor Students from local high schools are available to help the children. These students help children understand their math homework and more. If your child is attending, please call between 3:00 to 5:30 so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.



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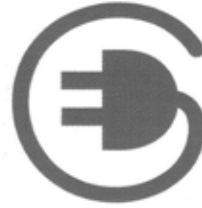
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**Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)**

Dunstable Veteran Services Officer

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Program Coordinator Susan Tully 978-649-6750  
or Email at [sjt0213@verizon.net](mailto: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

### February Lunches

**February 5** Roast pork, rice pilaf & vegetable provided by Charlotte's Cozy Kitchen. RSVP by January 29

**February 12** Baked lasagna, salad & dessert provided by the Traveling Chef. RSVP by Feb. 5

**February 19** Pot-Luck Lunch. Bring a small serving of an appetizer, salad, main course, dessert or drink.

**February 26** Pizza, salad and birthday cake.

**Thank You** To John Crandall, broker partner for Laer Realty, for sponsoring our February Birthday Party. Thank you to the Dunstable library staff for sponsoring a February lunch.

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

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

### ACTIVITIES

**Financial Literacy Program** Tuesday evening **February 11 at 6: - 7:30** in the community room of the Dunstable Library. TD bank located in Chelmsford, MA is offering a FREE Financial Exploitation course for the seniors of Dunstable. Financial exploitation occurs when a person misuses or takes the assets of a vulnerable adult for his/her own personal benefit. This frequently occurs without the explicit knowledge or consent of a senior or disabled adult, depriving him/her of vital financial resources for his/her personal needs. Assets are commonly taken via forms of deception, false pretenses, coercion, harassment, duress and threats. They bring the bank to you to provide financial well-being. This program is designed for adults 50 yrs. and older. RSVP by February 5.

**Book Club** Like to read? Then we have the group for you. Our next meeting is on Sat. **February 15 at 10:30** at the Dunstable library.

We will be discussing **The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. Summary** A magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. Books may be ordered thru the library. New members are always welcome.

**Rivercourt Residence Lunches** There will be no lunches in January & February. **Next lunch Tues. March 17.**

**Nutrition Class** Hanafor's of Nashua is offering a FREE nutrition class at their store. *Let us know if you are interested and we will line something up for April.*

**Outing to Boston Flower Show** We are trying to put together an outing to the Boston Flower Show on **Thursday, March 12.** We would leave Dunstable around 9:00a.m. and return about 3:00p.m. In order for this to work we will need at least 15 people willing to go. Please respond ASAP if interested.

## EXTRA HANDS AND PAWS

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## 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.

- February 14 Estate Planning
- Coming on March 13 Youth Night

## GROTON GRANGE #7

Groton Grange will be holding another in our lecture series on **Tuesday, February 18th at 7PM**. The speaker will be Dave Gilson, a life-long Groton resident and farmer. Dave is the owner of *Gilson's Herb Lyceum*, a Farm-to-table restaurant in Groton. Dave grows herbs year-round in his greenhouses. Join us and listen as Dave describes his farming and restaurant operation in our Town. Held at Groton Grange #7 Hall, 80 Champney St. Parking allowed on the Grange side of Champney St only.

## 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

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Now holds services and other activities *at the Federated Church*  
21 Washington St., Ayer, MA (978) 540-0768  
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Fall Worship 10:00 AM followed by Fellowship  
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• Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran will be re-stocking the shelves at Loaves and Fishes on **Friday, February 7th and 21st at 3:30PM**. • The Youth and volunteers from the congregation will be going into City Reach on **February 14th** to help distribute clothing to those in need. • There will be a **Wednesday evening prayer service** in the Chapel at 7 PM *except for Wednesday, February 26th when an Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the Sanctuary*. This service will have the distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion. • The **Congregational Council Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, February 18th at 7 PM**. • **Prayer Shawl** members will gather on **February 28th at 6:30PM**.

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

### WITH THEIR PARENT OR CAREGIVER

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

### Groton and Dunstable Family & Community Programs

• 1st Tuesdays during the school year -1:30PM Dunstable Congregational Church, 518 Main St., Dunstable • All Mondays during the school year -9:30AM Peter Twomey Center (behind G-D Middle School North), 348 Main Street, Groton

### Townsend and Pepperell Family & Community Programs

• 1st & 3rd Tuesdays during the school year, 10:30AM Pepperell Library (Lawrence Library,) 15 Main St., Pepperell • Wednesdays during the school year, 10:30AM, Townsend Library, 12 Dudley Rd, Townsend. Please contact *Jana Harrison*, at [jharrison@awrsd.org](mailto:jharrison@awrsd.org), or 978.874.0163 for further information.

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Town Hall (978) 649-4514. The departmental extensions are as follows:

221 Accountant      222 Town Clerk      223 Council on Aging  
224 Board of Selectmen (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer. After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911  
225 Assistant Assessor    226 Building Inspector    227 Highway  
228 Collector/Treasurer    229 Board of Health  
230 Conservation/Planning Board    249 Assessors, Water Dept  
Please dial 0 if you need assistance.

**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](http://www.dunstable-ma.gov)

## SCOUTS BSA DUNSTABLE

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. Boys' Scoutmaster is Steve Berthiaume and Sara Axon is the Scoutmaster for our linked **Girl's Troop.**

**A contact page set up through our website:**

<https://dunstable28.mytroop.us/contact>

## GROTON NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

*Partners with Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School*

If you would like to learn more about the GNFP,

please go to <https://grotonfoodproject.com/>

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. 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.**

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**IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY REFRAIN FROM EVIL**

*By Nathan Combs*

When Christians consider the Biblical character of Lot, Abraham's nephew, we correctly note the foolishness of his decision to move his family to the vicinity of Sodom and Gomorrah and then into the city of Sodom itself. In 2 Peter 2.7-8, however, the apostle Peter gives us additional insight into Lot's character beyond what's revealed in the Genesis account. "He [God] rescued righteous Lot, *greatly distressed* by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, *he was tormenting his righteous soul* over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard)." Not only is Lot called "righteous" (three times!), his righteousness is specifically tied to the pain and anguish he felt over the actions of Sodom's population. Although his family became desensitized to the wicked lifestyle around him, Lot maintained a horror of sin.

In Ezekiel 9, Ezekiel saw a vision in which the population of unrighteous Jerusalem was destroyed by angelic executioners. Just before that occurred, God commanded a man clothed in white to pass through the city and mark the foreheads of the people God would spare. They were people "who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it" (Ezekiel 9.4). The defining characteristic of the saved ones was their anguish over evil, not just their abstinence from it.

In Jeremiah 23.9-10, Jeremiah reflected on the lives of men in Judah: "My heart is broken within me; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, *because of the Lord and because of his holy words.* For the land is full of adulterers; because of the curse the land mourns, and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up." These are not simply the musings of an overemotional man. Jeremiah attributed his broken heart to the fact that he viewed his fellow Israelites through the eyes of God.

Are we pained by the sins around us or do we simply shrug with resignation? For example, as our culture attempts to fundamentally redefine gender and marriage for the first time in recorded history, are we truly grieved by this frontal assault on God's created order? If righteousness must be passionately practiced, wickedness must be rejected with equal zeal. Certainly our fellow men must be treated with the inherent respect due to people created in God's image (Genesis 1.26-27), regardless of their beliefs, but that does not prevent us from living with grief about their sin. Certainly Christians are supposed to live with joy in their hearts over God's triumph in Christ, but that joy is also mixed with groaning over the current state of the world (Romans 8.20-23). It is not enough for us to simply refrain from participating in the darkness around us. God's holy people are called to feel the weight of sin as He does so we can become intercessors like Jesus.



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Think you have a winning mac n' cheese dish? Does your child love mixing it up in the kitchen? Show off your cooking chops and compete in the Adult Mac or Kid's Dessert bake-off! Contact Chrissy at [mclane.chrissy@gmail.com](mailto:mclane.chrissy@gmail.com)

## THE SECURE ACT

By *Edward H. Adamsky*

Congress just passed the SECURE Act and like most laws the name is sort of misleading. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 went into effect January 1st. One good thing the law does is delay required withdrawals from IRAs until age 72 (unless you already turned 70 1/2 under the old rule). One bad thing it does is eliminate the "stretch" under IRAs where your children or others could take withdrawals over their lives, now they have to do it within ten years.

For anyone inheriting an IRA after 2019 they will now be required to completely withdraw all plan assets within 10 years of the date of death. No withdrawals have to be made during the 10-year period, but at the end of 10-years from the date of the plan holder's death the entire balance in the plan must be withdrawn. This eliminates the so-called Stretch for an IRA where those assets could grow for many years with a young beneficiary.

Some Estate Planning trusts took this into consideration and might have had provisions prohibiting withdrawals of more than the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). With the new law this language makes no sense and could result in situations where the Trustee cannot distribute anything at all until the tenth year after the death of the IRA owner. If you have any retirement funds that name a Trust as beneficiary, you must review the terms of the Trust to see what might happen under the new law.

There are exceptions to the death of the Stretch provisions for certain disabled and chronically ill beneficiaries. If you have a trust written for such a beneficiary it may still be fine, but you should probably have your lawyer review it and update it as necessary. The Stretch will still work for a spouse. They can roll the IRA over to their own name and use their own lifetime for distributions, but the next generation will have only the ten-year time frame for withdrawals. Minor children can also withdraw using their age for RMDs but the ten-year period starts when they become an adult (18 in most places).

The Act increases the age at which retirees must begin taking RMDs from 70½ to 72. With taxpayers living longer they can now leave assets to grow tax deferred for a bit longer. You are always free to withdraw from a plan starting at age 59½ but now you don't have to until age 72. This may affect anyone who wanted to give their RMD to a charity. They will have to wait until age 72 to do so. If you have done any planning with your IRA or other retirement funds using a trust, you should contact your attorney to review your documents to see if they need to be changed based on this new law.

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## DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Anne Fenochetti Email: [afenochetti@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto: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.

**PRESCRIPTION ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT** 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.

**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 date 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 **February 26**.

**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 **February 26 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.

**Van Service** is available for medical appointments and grocery shopping. Cost is \$5.00 for local trips, Lowell, Chelmsford, Nashua, Tyngsboro, Westford, Ayer, Groton & Pepperell. \$10.00 for any other. Check with Anne 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.

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**\*\*\* 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 [www.mass.gov/ID](http://www.mass.gov/ID) 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.

**PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY** 66 Hollis St. Pepperell Tues 5-7pm, Thurs 2-4pm & 5-7pm. PACH provides food, paper goods and personal care items to residents in need of assistance. If interested in this service, call 978-925-9770 or visit their web site at [www.pachoutreach.org](http://www.pachoutreach.org).

## WANT TO LOWER YOUR MEDICARE COSTS?

On January 1, 2020 the income and asset limits for the **Medicare Savings Programs\*** increased. If you qualify, these programs will pay your Part B premium and in some cases your Part A and B deductibles, co-pays and Part A premium (if you have one). In addition, you will automatically receive Extra Help, a program that will lower your Medicare Part D premium and co-pays.

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**To learn more and to request an application**, contact MassHealth at: 1-800-841-2900 or TTY at: 1-800-497-4648. SHINE can also assist you with the application process. Call us to make an appointment. Applications are also available on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/MassMSP> \* Medicare Savings Programs are also called "MassHealth Buy-In" and are administered by MassHealth.

**From the Fire Dept.** A volunteer from the Dunstable Fire Dept. is available to check your smoke detectors, call the **office 978-649-6661** to set up appointment. If you have a non-emergency situation and you've called the fire station and no one was there, **please call 978-448-6666 (Fire/Police/ems Dispatch)** they will notify the proper person or service to assist you.

**Living Alone Safely in Your Own Home** The Dunstable COA is working with the Fire Dept and the Police to keep seniors living alone, safe in their home. They can secure a lock box with a key onto your door at your home, so that in an emergency, help would be able to get to you quickly. Information will be available at our Wed. lunches if you have any questions.

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**Dear Dunstable Property Owner/Resident,**

**The Town has recently adopted the “Right to Farm Bylaw” and, as a result, we are distributing this annual notice, in conformance with the provisions of said bylaw.**

### **NOTICE**

In accordance with the Dunstable Right to Farm ByLaw, you are hereby provided this notice in your capacity as a landowner in Dunstable:

The following notification must be presented to the buyer(s) or occupant(s) of property in the Town of Dunstable not later than 21 days after a purchase and sale agreement is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessor interest in real property located in the Town of Dunstable:

*“It is the policy of the Town of Dunstable to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust, and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_”*

The dated notification shall be delivered, signed by the seller/lessor, and filed with:

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Dunstable Town Hall  
511 Main St.  
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A copy shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen prior to the sale or prior to the occupancy under the lease.

A copy of the official notification form is enclosed for your convenience.<sup>1</sup> If you have any questions regarding this notice, please don't hesitate to contact Joan Simmons, Agricultural Commission Secretary at [jsim106004@yahoo.com](mailto:jsim106004@yahoo.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Official notification form can be found on the reverse side of this notice; Additional copies are available at Town Hall.



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Seller Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Loading Dock Gallery, located at The Western Avenue Studios is a unique collaborative art community. Our artists utilize a diverse variety of mediums such as glass, pottery, fine visual arts, jewelry, fiber, paper, sculpture, photography, graphic arts, literature, and more. For questions, comments or additional information, please contact the Gallery at (978)596-1576 or Email at [loadingdockgallery122@gmail.com](mailto:loadingdockgallery122@gmail.com).

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With 2019 in the rearview mirror and 2020 upon us, now is a great time to reflect on your goals and progress toward them. Common resolutions include goals related to health, fitness, and finances, but the new year is also an opportunity to reevaluate and address your insurance needs. If you procrastinated on purchasing life insurance last year, there's no better time than the present to talk to your insurance professional.

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There is also the very real danger that waiting too long to buy life insurance could mean leaving your loved ones without the financial protection you want them to have. None of us know what is next for us; we could die or become diagnosed with a serious disease at any point. In the case of a serious medical diagnosis, it could mean life insurance coverage is unavailable or unaffordable.

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EXHIBIT TITLE: **THE POWER OF ONE, THROUGH FEB. 22, 2020**

Lowell, MA -- Glenn Szegegy started this series by observing the people around him. Using his pocket camera, he began collecting images of everyday folks: students, artists, grocery clerks, and teachers. He focused on uniqueness—not only their physicality, but what they projected from inside. Each had a story that made them who they are. As he continued painting, it became obvious that we all have something that is overlooked by others. His paintings began to show the inner beauty in us all. There is a glimpse of the power we have as individuals—a sense of who people really are behind their everyday masks.

Szegegy is a Lowell area artist who has been making art for about twenty years. Retiring early from a Human Services career, he went back to school at age forty and received his BFA in Drawing and Sculpture from the University of New Hampshire. His creative work has varied over the years from sculpture, to ceramics, printmaking and other media.

A longtime resident of Lowell, Szegegy now lives in Dracut MA. After being a resident of Western Ave Studios for ten years, he now prefers the privacy and quiet of working from his home studio. He has a long history of exhibiting work throughout New England and has many works in private collections.

He has had the opportunity to curate several exhibits in Lowell including a curatorial position at the Loading Dock Gallery. Teaching art has also been a passion and he now teaches at the YouthBuild Lowell program through Community Teamwork, Inc.

Szegegy has spent the last three years developing his portrait work. While creating the images from The Power of One show, he said "I began to see the importance of each individual, not beauty queens, nor billionaires or movie stars, but everyday people who create the rich diverse communities we live in."

He plans on continuing to divide his time between his two loves... gardening and art. His portrait work will continue, and he hopes to continue to try and capture the person behind the face.

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.



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Please note: The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- **Music Bingo**, Friday, February 7 at the Post 7:30-9:30pm
- **Legion Meat Shoot**, Sunday, February 9 at 2-4pm
- **AMVETS Meat Shoot**, Saturday, February 22, 7-9PM
- **Music Bingo**, Friday, February 28 at 7:30-9PM
- Please note that **the Auxiliary Unit 247 now meets every 2nd, Thursday of the month at 6PM** at the Post Function Hall

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

We also would Welcome New Auxiliary Members 18 and older. Contact Unit President or Treasurer.

- The Unit Jr. Auxiliary is accepting new Jr. members. Contact 978-649-7540 if interested in joining.



The ALTRUSA Club of Merrimack Valley extends special thanks to Barnes & Noble (B&N) of Nashua for giving us the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Charity Gift Wrap, an annual event which provides a valuable fund-raising resource for non-profit charities to continue their community outreach. The hospitality of B&N, along with the generosity of their patrons, always makes this a special and enjoyable holiday endeavor...and we are grateful for this gift. Thank you to all the customers who stopped at the gift wrap table and helped us achieve our fundraising goal.

Christmas gifts and age appropriate books were purchased and delivered to the children living with their teenage Moms at Brigid's Crossing in Lowell. The house is full and very busy serving 8 mothers and their little ones. The toddlers filled the house with excitement during the holidays.

Organized in January 1976, the Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley is celebrating its 44th year of service in the Greater Lowell/Greater Nashua area. Altrusa's mission is to promote literacy and to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our communities. The Altrusa Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. To learn more about Altrusa, e-mail us at [altrusamv@gmail.com](mailto:altrusamv@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org).

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**ORCHESTRA OF INDIAN HILL:** Maestro Bruce Hangen and the Orchestra play music connected to Leap Year, featuring Hanson's Symphony No. 6; Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, and Bizet's Carmen Fantasie for Flute and Orchestra with guest flutist Marco Granados: **Saturday, February 29 at 7:30pm**, Littleton HS Performing Arts Center, 56 King Street, Littleton, MA. TICKETS: \$20-35-50 (Free for Indian Hill Music students) Sponsored by *Haartz Corporation*. Guest Artist Sponsor: *Wm. S. Haynes Co. Flutes*. Media Sponsor: *Wicked Local*.

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## PET HEALTH DUNSTABLE ANIMAL CLINIC

### CATS ARE NOT SMALL DOGS

Tara M. Sacramone, DVM



In fact dogs and cats can be polar opposites of each other, including several diseases. The following are a few examples.

Both dogs and cats get diabetes mellitus, however dogs get Type I – they stop making insulin and therefore ALL dogs need shots of insulin as treatment. In human medicine this is often called juvenile diabetes. Cats get Type II – they are making insulin, but it doesn't work as well anymore. This is similar to the diabetes that overweight adult humans get. Cats can often be managed with diet and pills.

Another difference is their desire to live with others. While both dogs and cats can live in houses with multiple pets, dogs tend to enjoy this more. Most species of wild dogs live in packs, while most species of wild cats live alone (except lions).

Both dogs and cats can be finicky eaters, but dogs will usually give in and eat their dog food if you wait them out. Cats, however, can hold out almost to the point of starvation. This can even create a very serious disease called fatty liver, especially in overweight cats. Therefore if you have a picky eater (but otherwise healthy pet) you can be stubborn with your dog, but not as stubborn with your cat.

Another interesting disease in which cats and dogs are polar opposites is thyroid disease. Cats get HYPERTHYROIDISM, where their thyroid gland produces too much hormone so they usually eat but lose weight. Dogs get HYPOTHYROIDISM where their thyroid gland stops producing thyroid hormone so they tend to gain weight.

While some of us have dogs that are basically cats that bark (like my dog Ajax) and cats that act like dogs (including all of our technician Jackie's cats), medically Ajax will get hypothyroidism and Jackie's cats will get hyperthyroidism. Hopefully I did not just jinx our pets. I'll keep you posted.

## COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM

This program is offered by St Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH as a two Day Retreat on consecutive **Saturdays, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 2 PM.** The program is for those who have left the Catholic Church, for any reason, and might be feeling the calling to return. All of the Team members have left the Church at one time and have returned, providing a comfortable and understanding atmosphere for others looking to return. The program is designed to answer most of the questions returning Catholics might have and some discussion to address any individual concerns (don't worry, participants can share as little or as much as they'd like). **Anyone interested can contact the parish office at 603-882-7793 or simply attend on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Feel free to bring a friend.**

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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.

Total printed circulation each month including Dunstable and Tyngsborough is 6,312 issues. Current & past issues are available by clicking on "Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter issues" in the heading on the website. Please visit [www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com](http://www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com). (Thanks PJ)

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Anne Paquin

## DUNSTABLE TYNGSBOROUGH LIONS CLUB



"We Serve" The Lions Club is a non-profit organization of men and women dedicated to serving communities locally and globally giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and raising donations to support areas of need. We are currently looking for community minded members to join, please contact membership chair Joe Ward his contact information is below.

Officers for the 2019-2020 Lions Year

President: Mark Alexander, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair: Joseph Ward, Treasurer: Bob Reich, Secretary: Laura Ward, Tail Twister: Meghan DeMonico.

Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joseph Ward at 978-930-1153. **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. Next Meeting will be March 3rd.**

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

- **Used Eyeglasses** are collected for refurbishment and distribution to less advantaged individuals around the world.
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- **Can tabs** please place into bags before putting in the boxes.

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## Northeast TOBACCO FREE Community Partnership

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™ 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](http://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](http://teen.smokefree.gov) for tools and tips.

... For more information, young people can visit [mass.gov/vaping](http://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 [GetOutraged.org](http://GetOutraged.org) to learn more or contact me at (978) 722-2864 or [ashley.hall@gfhc.org](mailto:ashley.hall@gfhc.org)

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Did you know that poor children are at higher risk for developmental delay because they lack toys for stimulation. Our BITS Bag project (Basic Items for Toddler Success) tries to help those at risk families. The Wish Project partners with hundreds of social workers from many local early intervention programs including: Anne Sullivan, MSPCC, Clarendon and others. These BITS bags will go to therapist workers so that they can leave the toys in the home for the child and parent to play and practice between visits. Last year we gave out 800+ bags to families in Merrimack Valley. Follow this link [BITS BAG DETAILS](#) for more information about the BITS Bags project. You can help by donating filled bags, collect items or sponsor a bag by making a financial contribution and we will supply a bag in your name, to honor a family member or in the name of your company. If you prefer to shop online you can purchase items from our [Amazon BITS bag wish list](#) and ship your donation directly to us. **The deadline for project goods is March 28th.** Please contact Lori at [Lori@thewishproject.org](mailto:Lori@thewishproject.org) and let her know how you would like to help.

#### Wish List

Dressers, Twin Mattress Sets, Adjustable Metal Bed Frames  
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[About Us](#) The Mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in Merrimack Valley. [www.TheWishProject.org](http://www.TheWishProject.org) or call us at (866) 947-4360. Mailing address is: The Wish Project, PO Box 8693, Lowell, MA 01853

If you would like more information please contact Lori at [Lori@thewishproject.org](mailto:Lori@thewishproject.org) and let her know how you would like to help. You may also make a donation on our website.

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This year will be our eighth annual raffle (Commonwealth of MA #36). The raffle will be held on April 8, 2020. This year's raffle winners will share \$2,000 in prize money.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Jean Jacoppi 603-714-2523. The drawing results will be on our website: [www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com](http://www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com). Winners will also be contacted by phone. All tickets must have been received by April 5, 2020. We appreciate and thank you for any donation you can provide to the foundation.

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