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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**.

DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

• **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.

• **Are you interested in running for a town office?** Nomination papers are available during my business hours (it is recommended you call first since I am out of the office during my posted hours and do not have an assistant). You can find a list of open offices on the town website or contact me, I will be happy to provide you with a list. **the deadline to obtain papers is March 26. Papers must be returned by 5:00 pm on March 31.**

• **Business certificates must be filed and/or renewed every 4 years pursuant to state law MGL 110:5.** The town voted to amend the General bylaws, approved by the Attorney General. A business certificate does not give permission to conduct the business or protect your business name. **Section 1. Filing and renewal of certificate required.** Any person conducting business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under any title other than the real name of the person conducting the business, whether individually or as a partnership, whose office is situated in the Town of Dunstable shall file in the office of the Town Clerk a certificate stating the full name and residence of each person conducting such business, the place, including street name and number, where, and the title under which it is conducted, and shall amend and/or renew said certificate from time to time, and pay the appropriate fee, as required by M.G.L. c. 110, § 5. **Section 2. Violations and penalties.** Violations of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of \$300 for each offence and enforced by noncriminal disposition of the offence by the Police Department pursuant to the Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw.

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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.

DUNSTABLE PICKLEBALL

Calling all Dunstable pickleball players or residents interested in learning. Great fun for folks of all ages, pickleball is a paddle sport that combines some features of tennis and table-tennis. Contact Mike Coronella at mcoronella@yahoo.com for more information.

IN MEMORY OF

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Veterans benefit directly when they are counted correctly for the census by their towns. Billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year based on census data that support education, housing, health care, hospitals, fire stations, and more. An accurate count is especially crucial for veterans in rural communities such as ours, those with disabilities, and those at risk of homelessness. Data from the 2020 Census will also help the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plan programs and assess emerging needs for veterans.

I strongly encourage all vets to check the "veteran" box on the census forms you received from Town Hall. If you have not received the form or did not check the "veteran" box please go into the Town Hall and let them know. It directly affects you and our small town.

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

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

Dunstable Veteran Services Officer

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY PIE BAKE-OFF


This will be held on **Saturday, March 14. Drop off your favorite homemade pie between 11:00a.m. and noon at the Community Hall of the Dunstable Church, 518 Main St. Dunstable.** All ages are welcome to enter. There is even a category for those who prefer to use a store-bought crust. Judging is on a point system with everyone starting with 15 points. Judges are looking for: 1. Best over-all presentation, 2. Quality of crust, 3. Filling flavor. Judging will take place during the afternoon. Awards will be made for best youth pie (up to age 16). And the Silver Spoon award for the best over-all pie. Please, the judges request a recipe to be included.

Don't bake? Do you like pie? You are lucky because, the public is invited to come to the Community Hall at 6:30pm, to do some taste testing. **For more info email sjt0213@verizon.net**

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We are a peer group for people over 60. Seniors meet in the community room of the Dunstable library every Wednesday.

• **Bone Builders** (a free exercise program) 10:30 - 11:30. • **Dominos** 10:30–noon, then • **Lunch at noon.** • **First Wednesday, BINGO FOR CASH.** • Last Wednesday of the month, **POKENO**, bring your pennies. • **SCRABBLE & CRIBBAGE** group every Wednesday at 12:30. **IN CASE OF SNOW AND THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED**

THERE IS NO SENIOR MEETING

Thank You To **John Crandall**, broker partner for **Laer Realty**, for sponsoring our March Birthday Party. Jean Haight for the delicious cookies

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.

March Lunches

• **March 11** Winter special, hot soup and sandwiches.

• **March 18** Roast beef carving station, roasted potatoes, salad and strawberry shortcake. RSVP by March 11. Provided by the Traveling Chef.

• **March 25** Pizza, salad and birthday cake. This month our party is sponsored by **LAER Realty- John Crandall Broker Partner**

ACTIVITIES

• **ANNUAL COMMUNITY PIE BAKE-OFF Saturday March 14.**

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• **Rivercourt Residence Lunches** FREE lunches will resume on Tuesday, Tues. March 17 at noon. Rivercourt Residence invites 12 seniors to come and have a delicious lunch. RSVP by March 10.

• **Book Club** Like to read? Then we have the group for you. Our next meeting is on Sat. **March 21 at 10:30** at the Dunstable library. We will be discussing **Let the Great World Spin** by **Colum McCann**.

Summary This novel follows the fortunes of a menagerie of New Yorkers through a day in 1974—the day of Philippe Petit's death-defying tightrope walk between the newly built Twin Towers. Books may be ordered thru the library. New members are always welcome.

• **Make your own Easter Basket** Friday March 27 at 11:30. Linda Eisenberger will show us how to create an easy, decorative Easter basket. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, RSVP by March 20.

• **Nutrition Class** Hanaford 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.

• **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

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Mary Beth Pallis – Director – mpallis@mvlc.org

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

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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.

Babysitter's List The library has provided a list of teenagers who are able to babysit for you! If you are a Dunstable resident, please come into the library to pick the list.

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.

We hope you enjoyed the display of pinewood derby cars from Cub Scout Pack 28!

Community Room Artist Check out the new artwork done by Alice Sniezek. 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. The meeting is on Sat. March 21st at 10:30 at the library. 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 Friday March 27th. New members are always welcome.

Children's Craft Come and join Mrs. D. for a special craft time on Tuesday March 17th at 6:00pm. We will be making many different St. Patrick's Day activities. Please wear your green! Please sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

Children's Program Come and join Mrs. D. and Miss Nancy on Friday March 6th 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.

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February 12, 2020 Tyngsboro, MA – The Academy of Notre Dame today announced 32 students who have earned the recognition of Highest Honors in the Upper School for the second quarter. In order to receive this prestigious recognition, students must receive no grade lower than a 90 in all College Prep and Honors classes and no less than an 87 in all Advanced Placement classes.

"Ensuring that our students are well prepared for college and beyond is a priority focus at the Upper School. Rigorous academics, small class sizes and personalized supports help our students succeed at the highest level," said Dr. Vittoria Pacifico, Academy of Notre Dame Head of School. "We are so proud of these scholars for their commitment to their learning."

Dr. Pacifico went on to note that historically students at the Academy consistently score higher than state and national averages on the SAT, ACT and AP exams.

The following Groton students were awarded Highest Honors for: Emma Juskalian, Ella French, and Nora Leach.

The Academy of Notre Dame is a private, Catholic co-educational Pre-K through Grade 12 college-preparatory upper school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The Academy welcomes students of all faiths. It has a culturally diverse population comprised of students from approximately forty cities and towns throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as well as international students. For more information about the Academy, visit www.ndatynsboro.org.

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 www.dunstable-ma.gov 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 health@dunstable-ma.gov or call and leave a message at 978-649-4514 Ext. 229.

GROTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL OFFERS TWO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALUMNI

GROTON, MA, February 10, 2020. Groton Community School is proud to sponsor two annual scholarships this year, which are awarded to graduating high school seniors who attended our school as young children. We are very happy to honor our school alumni, and to acknowledge two special young men who are near and dear to us. Each had a profound impact at very different stages of his life. **The Groton Community School Scholarship in Memory of Taylor Benjamin Young** is now in its eighth year. Taylor was a beloved and treasured Groton Community School student who lost his life at the tender age of four. The scholarship is awarded to one high school senior who exemplifies the qualities demonstrated by Taylor during his life, especially his kind and caring nature, and his curiosity and enthusiasm for school.

Our second scholarship, is in memory of Christopher Barton, the son of Daniel and Alisa Barton. Christopher, was a personable and brilliant young man, whose important work in cancer research has guided future research and improved the lives of many. The award recipient of **The Groton Community School Scholarship in Memory of Christopher Barton** will exemplify Christopher's qualities of scientific inquiry and achievement in math, with interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related pursuits, and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

We hope that all eligible and interested high school seniors, who are GCS alumni, take the time to apply. All applications must be received by **Thursday, April 30th, 2020**. For more information regarding either scholarship, please visit our website: www.grotoncommunityschool.org/gcs-scholarships

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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.

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. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

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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. We hope you take advantage of this added opportunity.

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226 Building Inspector **227** Road Commission

228 Tax Collector/Treasurer **229** Board of Health

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TAX SEASON TIPS – 2020

By Edward H. Adamsky

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If you are expecting a big income-tax refund, you might be wanting a way to get that sooner. Many of the big tax services offer Refund Anticipation Loans (RAL) to meet that desire, but they come with a cost. The interests rates and fees can be very high in terms of percentage. Read the disclosures carefully before you take out an RAL.

It might not help this year, but there are options to deal with your refund next year. Make sure to review and adjust your withholding. If you are getting a big refund, that means you are paying too much in withholding taxes and are giving the government an interest free loan for a year. It might be better to get more in each paycheck. Of course, if you spend that extra, then you don't have the big lump-sum that a tax refund provides. Consider an automatic savings plan with your paycheck so those extra dollars go into your savings account where you earn interest rather than giving the government a loan or paying interest with an RAL.

If you want to borrow this year, consider something other than an RAL. You may be able to get a zero-interest loan with a credit card or draw on a home equity line of credit (if you have one in place). The rate you pay will be less and the fees may be less as well. Also, review your tax return carefully and make sure you have used every deduction and credit that you are allowed. If you rush to get a refund with an RAL you may use a tax preparation system that will hurry you and you may not look for every legal option to reduce your taxes. Use good tax software, or better yet hire a local professional to prepare your taxes. You may pay more for the service, but your local CPA or Accountant will work hard to ensure you pay as little as the law allows. They may ask you questions and get information from you that you didn't even know would help reduce your taxes. Spend the time to find a good tax preparer and it may well be worth it.



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DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Anne Fenochetti Email: afenochetti@dunstable-ma.gov
Hours at Town Hall: **Tuesday** from 11-2 and **Wednesday** from 8-11. 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 McManus.

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

Senior Services

Bone Builders Program is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the community room of the library from 10:30–11:30a.m. Through a grant from CTI senior Corp. Volunteer leaders run the program. Bone Builders is a fun low- impact strength training and balance exercise program. Each class runs for 60 min. FREE to all seniors, space is available. Talk with Brian O'Donnell.

Medication Take Back Program Do you have out of dated or unused medication in your cabinet? An officer from the Dunstable Police Dept. will be at our meetings on the last Wed. of each month at noon to collect them and dispose of them properly. Drop off will be **March 25**

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 **March 25 from 11 – noon.**

**** Buckets of Sand** Winter is in full swing 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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Message from the Fire Department A volunteer from the Dunstable Fire Dept. is available to check your smoke detectors you just need to set up an appointment. If you need the assistance of the fire department for a non-emergency situation and you've called the 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. **Office # 978-649-6661**

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

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DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31

MEETINGS are held on the **2nd Friday** of every month at Dunstable Town Hall at 8 p.m. Call for more information 978-649-3934.

Come join Grange! *All are welcome!!! Refreshments will be served.*

• **Coming on March 13 Youth Night**

DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31 SPONSORING "EARTH DAY" ROADSIDE CLEANUP

We will provide bags and gloves, which will be available at the Town Hall, the Library and Tully Farm Dairy Store. ***Please take a few minutes to clean up our streets beginning on April 17th and running until April 25th.*** A great way to celebrate Earth Day which is on April 22nd. If we all do the road around our homes, the town will be in good shape. Our Highway crew will be going around to pick up the bags, just leave them on the side of the road. ***We appreciate your continued support in keeping Dunstable beautiful.***

GROTON GRANGE #7

Groton Grange #7, located at 80 Champney St., will be holding another in our **LECTURE SERIES** on **March 24th at 7PM**. The speaker will be **Kayleigh Boyle, manager of the organic, no-till farm at Gibbet Hill in Groton**. Parking allowed only on the Grange side of Champney St.

NEW ENGLAND CONTRA DANCE Groton Grange #7 invites you to our **traditional New England Contra Dance on Saturday, March 28th, from 7:30-10:00PM**, at Historic Groton Grange Hall, 80 Champney St. An evening of live music and dancing with Groton's own Contra Banditos, with caller Tony 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.

RABIES CLINICS

The Nashoba Boards of Health in cooperation with local veterinarians will provide rabies immunizations for dogs and cats. It is important that your cat(s) and dog(s) is immunized in the manner prescribed below for them to be considered protected against rabies. Since household pets provide a potential pathway for humans to contract rabies, it cannot be stressed strongly enough to make sure your pet(s) is properly vaccinated.

REMEMBER CATS MUST BE VACCINATED BY LAW

Cats must be brought in cages or closed boxes during the last half of the clinic. The tag for 2020 will be a red heart. The charge per immunization is \$15.00. Residents of Nashoba member towns may attend any of the clinics. **Make check payable to the Veterinarian.** ****Pet owners must provide proof of past vaccination for rabies. Failure to do so will result in your pet receiving a one year vaccination.**** ***Must bring copy of Rabies Cert.***

***Pepperell, Sat., 3/21, 9am-12:00pm, Jersey Street, Fire Station, Pepperell** ***CASH/CHECKS ONLY**

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WHY DID GOD DESTROY SODOM AND GOMORRAH?

By Nathan Combs

Many destructions of ungodliness are described in the Bible, but one of the most vivid is Sodom and Gomorrah's annihilation in Genesis 19. After years of patience, God consumed these Canaanite cities with fire and sulphur. Why would God do something that drastic for a few towns? Genesis reveals in general terms that "the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord" (Genesis 13.13). We're also told that "the outcry" against the cities was great and their evil was "very grave" (Genesis 18.20). Certainly, we see evidence of that evil in the horrific way the men of Sodom attempted to homosexually rape the angelic visitors who came to their city. However, there is nothing in Genesis that specifically reveals why God chose to remove these places from the map. We must look to other Scriptures to give us more insight.

After Genesis, Sodom and Gomorrah are referenced in thirteen books of the Bible, signifying the importance of their downfall in world history. In the book of the prophet Ezekiel, God shared more perspective on that ancient event with the people of Judah as He worked to convict them of sin. "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it" (**Ezekiel 16.49-50**). The sexual deviance on display in Genesis 19 is appalling, but it is a symptom of deeper issues. Extreme self-indulgence (in all of its manifestations) is always driven by a heart saturated with pride. And when people make their lives about their own physical comfort and pleasure, it inevitably comes at the cost of the comfort and security of others.

Because Sodom and Gomorrah are such a key part of the Biblical storyline, God calls us to hold up these cities as a life mirror and stare hard without dropping our gaze. Who are the "poor and needy" around you in your daily life? Are you able to consciously identify a list of individuals? They could be people with monetary needs, wrecked by bad financial circumstances. They could be people who require help navigating their past experiences and emotions in the light of Scripture. They could be dependent children who need an astonishing amount of attention - not only to provide for their physical needs, but also to train the way they view life. Do we spend our lives limping towards the weekend or the next little pleasing moment, or do we take genuine delight in giving away whatever we possess?

Our decadent culture alarmingly resembles the culture of Sodom in the areas of "pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease." May God help us to resist its pull through the power of Jesus' cross!

MAC N' CHEESE & DESSERT BAKE-OFF



Don't feel like cooking? Love to eat? Join us for dinner and enjoy unlimited food while helping raise money to replace the playground fence at the Maple Village Preschool in Dunstable. We also have exciting raffles and a kid's dessert competition!

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OPEN BURNING SEASON

January 15th through May 1st

Open Burning season began on January 15th and will end on May 1st. 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".

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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.

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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 978-649-6661. Information is also posted on the town Website.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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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, or 978.874.0163 for further information.***

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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 28th and April 4th, 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 28th at 10:00 AM. Feel free to bring a friend.**

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT SPRING PLANT SALE

The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its Annual Spring 2020 Plant Sale on **Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 from 8AM-12Noon.**

This will be held at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Rd. (Rt. 110), Westford, MA. **All items may be pre-ordered through March 31 and picked up on the sale days. We encourage early ordering as all items are sold on a first come, first served basis.** Items on sale will include tree/shrub seedlings, perennials, fruits, ground-covers and garden supplies (rain barrels, Tick Tubes, cow manure, fertilizers). Please visit our website www.middlesexconservation.org to order online, download an order form to mail with payment, or email middlesexconservation@yahoo.com to request a print catalog. We will also be selling excess first quality stock on the days listed above.

The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources in Middlesex County. Proceeds from our biannual plant sales provide programs to improve water quality and quantity, for preservation of open space and erosion control and provide environmental education. For more information about our sale or programs please visit www.middlesexconservation.org.

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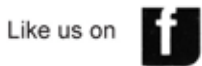
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This year will be our 8th annual raffle (Commonwealth of MA #36). The raffle will be held on April 8th, 2020. This year's raffle winners will share \$2,000 in prize money. Prizes: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500; 3rd \$250; 4th \$150; 5th \$100. Tickets are \$5 each or 7 for \$25. **If you wish to purchase tickets please call or text Cara Jacoppi Taylor at 603-714-0135.** All raffle tickets must have been received by April 5th, 2020. The drawing results will be on our website: www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com. Winners will also be contacted by phone. We appreciate and thank you for any donation you can provide to the foundation. Congratulations to the lucky winners from 2019. They were 5-Hillary Ives, 4-Brenda Baxter, 3-Beverly Bruce, 2-Rene Martineau and 1-Ilyssa Hunt. A special thanks to Hillary, Brenda and Beverly for donating their winnings back to the scholarship foundation. *For any other information you may need including access to scholarship applications, please visit the website or Facebook Page. Thank you for your continued support.*

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COMING UP IN APRIL

- **April 9** - Palm Sunday 10:00a.m. Worship Service
- **April 10** - Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.
- **April 12** - Easter Sunday **6:00 a.m.** Sunrise Service (on hill between Church and Thrift Shop); **6:30 a.m.** Breakfast; **9:15 a.m.** Egg Hunt; 10:00a.m. Worship Service

• **SERMONS ON-LINE:** Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website <http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org> 2. On home page you will see a photo of the church. Hover the cursor over the word "SERVING" 3. Click once on the word "SERMONS" 4. Scroll down to see "Listen to our sermons for free on SoundCloud.com" 5. Click once on the link/word "SoundCloud.com" 6. Below the Church logo sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title 7. Click orange circle to listen to the sermon you desire.

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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**

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The public is invited to get involved in all events of the post. The veterans monthly dinners will continue on the first Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for help to serve the veterans. Keno and Scratch Tickets are available at the Post. There is an ATM in the Post for your convenience.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- **Fri, March 6, 8PM** Live Band – Zwarthog Duo
- **Sat, March 7, 10AM** SAL's Meeting
- **Sat, March 7, 11AM** Legion Member Meeting
- **Sun, March 8, 2PM** Meat Shoot SAL
- **Thurs, March 12, 6PM** Aux Meeting
- **Fri, March 13, 7:30PM** Music Bingo
- **Sat, March 14, 10AM-4PM** *Psychic Fair*, Sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 247 Inc., Legion Post 247, **For additional info see back page or contact Josephine at 978-458-7015**
- **Sat, March 14, 8PM** Live Band – Dayz Gone
- **Sun, March 15, 2PM** Music Bingo
- **Sat, March 21, 11AM** Legion E-Board Meeting
- **Sun, March 22, 2PM** Meat Shoot Legion
- **Sun, March 29, 2PM** Music Bingo



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 247

90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Meetings NOW held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm.

Auxiliary Unit 247 Officers for 2019-2020:

President: Josephine Beauregard; Sr. Vice: Bernadette Harper; Jr. Vice: Sarah O'Callaghan; Secretary: Patricia Modrich; Treasurer: Diane Dileo; Chaplain: Debbie Dion; Unit Sgt-At-Arms: Debra St. Peters. Executive Committee: Kathleen Oljey.

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.
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• **SUNDAY WORSHIP** time begins at 10:30 am. Christian Education for Adults begins at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings, prior to our Morning Worship. Children K-6th grade will begin the Sunday Service with their parents and will be dismissed to the Sunday School classes at 10:45 am. An Adult class also meets at 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings in the downstairs classroom covering the same material as on Sunday (no childcare).

• The Lenten season began on Wednesday, February 26th, with an evening service. The first Sunday of Lent was March 1. **Palm Sunday** is commemorated on April 5th. An 7:00 pm evening service will be held on **Maundy Thursday, April 9th.** **The Easter celebration service will be at 10:30 am on April 12th.**

• **CHILDCARE:** Childcare for infants through kindergarten is available both during Adult class 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.** For more information, please visit our website at dunstablechurch.org, contact the church office at 978-649-6251, or contact us by email at info@dunstablechurch.org.

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The artists are members of a the SAQA, the international Studio Art Quilt Associates, formed a local critique group called Joined by a Stitch, and meet monthly to support each other in their work. The artists include Betsy Abbott of North Andover, Augusta Agustsson of Melrose, Tarja Cockell of North Andover, Sue Colozzi of Reading, Janis Doucette of North Reading, Anne Kimball of Lexington, Madalene Axford Murphy of Amesbury, and Alanna Nelson of Melrose. The Loading Dock Gallery, a part of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c3, is open Wednesday through Saturday from Noon to 5:30 PM, and Sunday from Noon to 4 PM. For more information, call 978-985-0695 or visit www.theloading-dockgallery.com.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun, March 8th **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
Turn clocks **ahead** 1 hour Sat, March 7th at bedtime
- Tues, March 17th **St Patrick's Day**
- Fri, March 20th **First Day of Spring**
- Sun, April 5th **Palm Sunday**
- Wed, April 8th **Passover Begins at Sundown**


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Once again this year, the Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley is offering a \$500 scholarship to a qualified student currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Rivier University. This scholarship is being offered in memory of Katherine Richo, deceased member of Altrusa and active leader in the Nashua Community. Selection of a qualified recipient is based on merit, financial need, and completion of the first year or more of the program with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The recipient will be selected in June 2020.

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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. To learn more about Altrusa, e-mail us at altrusamv@gmail.com or visit us at www.altrusa.org or <https://districtone.altrusa.org/>



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PETE ROBBINS QUINTET: Indian Hill Music presents a night of creative rock-infused jazz with alto saxophonist Pete Robbins and his ensemble, featuring Noah Preminger, tenor saxophone; Max Light, guitar; Kim Cass, bass; and Dan Weiss, drums: **Saturday, March 7 at 7:30pm**. Pre-concert percussion workshop with Dan Weiss at 4:30pm (open to all). CONCERT TICKETS: \$20 advance / \$25 door. WORKSHOP & CONCERT: \$30 advance / \$35 door. (Free for Indian Hill Music students) Indian Hill Music, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA.

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FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ JAM: Listen to a swinging set by the Pamela Hines Trio followed by an open jam session. Stay and listen, or sit in to play standards with the group. **Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm**, Indian Hill Music, 36 King Street, Littleton, MA. TICKETS: \$10 (Free for Indian Hill Music students)

GRAMERCY TRIO: Indian Hill Music presents the celebrated Gramercy Trio (Sharan Leventhal, violin; Jonathan Miller, cello; and Randall Hodgkinson, piano) in piano trios of Saint-Saens and Ravel: **Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 pm**, Kalliroscope Gallery, 264 Main Street, Groton, MA. TICKETS: \$35

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Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

If you're a member of The Nashua Historical Society, you are dedicated to "the collection and preservation of the local, general and natural history of Nashua and its vicinity, the promotion of intellectual culture, and the dissemination of historical, scientific and useful information throughout this community." That was written almost 150 years ago and appeared in the Nashua Daily Telegraph in April 1870. Nashua native and current Historical Society President Dean Shalhoup will share some of the many interesting, humorous and even strange anecdotes along the way, as he looks back at The Nashua Historical Society's first 150 years.

The Nashua Historical Society is located at 5 Abbott Street, Nashua. The programs are free and open to the public. However, seating is limited. To ensure you have a seat, please get your free ticket at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-birth-growth-and-coming-of-age-of-the-nashua-historical-society-tickets-94426868305>
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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 try to post 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. (Thanks PJ)

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Anne Paquin

NDA TYNGSBORO BOARD APPROVES 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

(Tyngsboro, MA) -- The Academy of Notre Dame Tyngsboro Board of Directors approved a bold, new five-year strategic plan that will serve as a roadmap for growing enrollment, further strengthening academics and investing in facilities.

"The goals set forth in the five-year strategic plan place the Academy of Notre Dame, Tyngsboro on a clear path for growth offering families an outstanding educational and values based program providing students with leadership skills needed to succeed in college, career and life," said NDA Tyngsboro Board Chairman Joseph McNamee.

Completed in just six months, strategic plan concentrates on three key strategies to propel the school forward. The three strategies for change are: Continued Academic Excellence, Organizational Vitality and Values Education, Enrollment Opportunities, Operational Vitality, Leadership and Support

Within the strategic plan framework, each strategy has specific, measurable goals that are designed to ensure that school leadership and the Board of Directors are aligned with a shared vision for the future of the school while honoring the strength of NDA's past. The strategic plan will serve as a strategy screen in decision making from new curriculum to capital improvement investments.

The plan, which represents over 500 volunteer hours, was designed collaboratively involving key stakeholders including current and past families, alumni, faculty and staff, board members, students in grades 8-12, data analytics and prior research including a comprehensive Catholic Schools Management Review.

The three strategies for change reflect the "assets" that are the Academy of Notre Dame's unique value proposition: rigorous academics where 100% of students matriculate to college, small class sizes where every student is known and valued by faculty and staff and a 200+ acre campus that can support outdoor/environmental education, health and wellness and recreational pursuits.

The Board of Directors and the Corporate Board of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have begun to act decisively on the plan with a vote to have the Academy's Upper School welcome boys for the 2020-2021 School Year.

"As we welcome young men to the Upper School, we are also mindful of preserving the traditions of the past that make the Academy a special place. Treasured traditions will remain a valued part of our school's culture," said Dr. Vittoria Pacifico, Head of School. "This year, we saw the benefit of starting new traditions including a welcome back carnival and inaugural Homecoming, events that provided opportunities to grow relationships and community among students, families, faculty and staff."

Dr. Pacifico went on to say, "As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to strengthen the academic excellence the Academy is known for with a focus on rigorous, student-centered, evidence-based innovative curriculum for all students in grades Pre-K through Grade 12."

NDA Tyngsboro intends to leverage its makerspaces and technology in the classroom so that NDA students hone problem solving, critical thinking, communications and cooperation skills. There will also be additional investment in faculty through professional development while building an innovative curriculum in environmental science and sustainability programming.

TYNGSBOROUGH DUNSTABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Google search "Go Fund Me Charity Nick Coughlin"
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/50-legs-in-50-days/nickcoughlin1>

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GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION TO HOST 18+ COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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PSYCHIC FAIR

The AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Unit 247 will sponsor the fair. It will be held at Legion Post 247, 90 Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsboro, MA on **Sat, March 14, 10AM-4PM**. This is to benefit Children and Youth Veterans Program. There will be Tarot Card Readers, Oracle Card Readers, and Angel Card Readers. 15 Minute Session \$25. FREE Parking, No entrance fee, 50/50 Raffle, Door prizes every hour, FREE Coffee, Sandwiches and Home Baked Pastry on sale. Vendors with many interesting items. For additional info contact Josephine at 978-458-7015.

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