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TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2020 DOG LICENSES** are available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license. Remember that there is a \$25.00 late fee for any registration after March 1!

• **2020 TOWN CENSUS** forms were mailed early in January. Please check the information on the form for accuracy, make necessary corrections, and return promptly to the Town Clerk's office. If you do not receive a census form, please call the office and we will send one. **Completing and returning the census keeps your voter status current and there will be no need to fill out a proof of residency form at the polls.**

• **TOWN ELECTION** is May 12, 2020. Voting will be at the Elementary School and the Middle School from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Voter registration deadline is April 22nd.

• **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** will be held on May 19 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary School.

*More than likely these have been postponed.
watch for updates on town website.*

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions, or other paperwork you may need.

NOTICE TO TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT USERS

The Tyngsborough Water District will be flushing water mains beginning May 18, 2020. The flushing program will be in effect for approximately 6 weeks. Flushing will be conducted between the hours of 8am and 3pm, Monday through Friday. During these times, water pressure may be low and the water discolored. Let the water run awhile and it should clear up quickly.

*We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.
Thank you for your assistance!
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TYNGSBOROUGH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Due to the ongoing and changing circumstances regarding COVID-19 the **Memorial Day Parade announcement will be posted on the Town website.** No final decision has been made regarding having a parade however, it has become difficult to plan and coordinate as Memorial Day draws closer.

We as a community may have to adjust how we honor our fallen on Memorial Day, but be assured they will be honored.

TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S OFFICE

If you have questions or need help please contact Chris Dery at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at (978) 649-2300 ext 131 or email him at veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov

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TYNGSBOROUGH, MA IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES

Following regular meetings of the Emergency Planning Task Force, we have the following updates pertaining to the Town of Tyngsborough:

The Town has a reverse-911 alert system by Rave Mobile. This service already has all residents landline home phone numbers in its database. Because many have cell phones or don't live in Tyngsborough but still would like these alerts, you can opt in with additional contact information at any time. The link to do so is here. Please note, Tyngsborough only moved to the Rave platform recently and previously used Code RED. If you registered with CodeRED in the past, you will still need to register your contact information with Rave Mobile at the link above.

Please be aware that all town- and school-sponsored recreation activities have been postponed or canceled. We understand the need for outdoor recreation, including Tyngsborough trails, fields and parks, but we strongly encourage residents to heed guidelines of the CDC pertaining to social distancing, avoiding crowds, and keeping at least 6 feet between people.

Mass 2-1-1 is a public service available to everyone in the state. Simply dial 2-1-1 from any phone for a live operator 24/7 who can give many types of information, including about the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 and testing information. Visit their website for more information: <https://mass211.org/>

Town Offices, the Library, Senior Center and Highway Department remain closed, but all are staffed. **Please visit <http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov> for details about how to conduct business at this time as many items can be done online or via email/phone.** EDITORS NOTE: Frequently asked questions (FAQS) Related to the COVID-19 Town Operations. This is 8 pages long and seems very thorough.

Please continue to be vigilant about good hygiene and social distancing. Visit the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) for the latest on the Coronavirus and heed the [Governor's](#) and [President's](#) recommendations to help curb the spread of this disease.

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YOUR SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Brought to you by Carrie Best Cyr

With a lot of you home, this might be a great time to get your home ready for our delayed Spring Market. We are considered essential and are still listing and selling. We are just doing it a little differently.

As the days get longer, so could the list of buyers in your neighborhood. Spring may be the most popular time to sell, but is your home ready? **Complete these 15 maintenance tasks to stand out in a blooming market:**

1. Mow the lawn and reshape hedges.
2. Maintain existing landscaping or plant something new.
3. Wash and arrange outdoor furniture.
4. Test in-ground sprinkler system.
5. If needed, treat trees for illness and dying branches.
6. Survey your home's exterior for broken shingles, leaks and general wear.
7. Inspect the foundation for cracks.
8. Power-wash grime from the exterior, including the driveway, porches and patios.
9. Touch up any chipped paint inside and outside.
10. Check for leaks in pipes and outdoor faucets.
11. Treat or re-stain your wooden front porch and back deck.
12. Remove mold, dampness and pests from the basement, garage and attic.
13. Examine all windows for cracks and leaks.
14. Replace air filters and prepare the HVAC unit for warmer weather.
15. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Editors Note: These are difficult and very strange times we are all going through. If you are unable to go to work, and you have been putting things on the back burner, now might be the time to handle some of these tasks. Or you might want to get some estimates now. Just like you sign up for snowplowing in advance. You might want to contact tradesmen to make arrangements. Many tradesmen are working as they are considered essential. So if you need help with something give them a call or email.

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Board of Health	Ext. 118	Veteran's Agent	Ext. 131
Building Office	Ext. 112	Sewer Dept.	Ext. 134
Town Clerk	Ext. 129	Board of Selectmen	Ext. 100
Town Collector	Ext. 128	Town Administrator	Ext. 100
Conservation Office	Ext. 116	Recreation & Parks	Ext. 150
Capital Asset Mgmt Com	Ext. 124		

Highway Dept. 978-649-2310

STITCHERS

Calling all stitchers to help with projects for others. We are currently stitching afghans, 4' x 6', for hospice, as well as hats, mittens, and scarfs for the homeless in all sizes from infant to adult sizes. We have also been asked to stitch infant layettes. Let's get productive as we shelter in place and help those in need. Collection drop-off yet to be announced.

Any questions, please call Jean Jacoppi (978-649-9076).

BONE BUILDERS

COMMUNITY TEAMWORK INCORPORATED

Bone Builders, made up of strength training and balance, especially designed for those with Osteoporosis, has been delayed due to the closing of senior centers.

However, Jean Jacoppi, a Leader of Bone Builders at the Tyngsboro Senior Center, has created a video for all to access through You Tube. Simply search for : Crystal Lake RV Bone Builders.

The video is in two parts. **All are welcome to exercise to it.** Comfortable weights are necessary.

50 LEGS CHARITY- BOSTON MARATHON SEPTEMBER 14TH

HELLO TYNGSBORO AND DUNSTABLE NEIGHBORS,

My name is Nick Coughlin and on **September, 14th** I will be running my first **BOSTON MARATHON FOR THE 50 LEGS CHARITY**. This great organization raises money for amputees who are in need of assistance obtaining prosthetics. I am a Junior ROTC student at UMass Lowell and I am in the Army National Guard. As a lifelong Tyngsboro resident, I am proud to represent our community for this cause and I would greatly appreciate your support. Below is a link to my Go Fund Me page, no donation is too small. **Thank you in advance!** <https://charity.gofundme.com/en/campaign/50-legs-in-50-days/nickcoughlin1>

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Email: Broche@tyngsboroughma.gov

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

We are officially closed to all events, programs and activities. Staff is here. We are receiving phone calls for bus rides for medical and shopping. Meals on Wheels are still going and we still have medical equipment to loan. Please contact the Council on Aging if you are in need of help.

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In response to the coronavirus situation, all Town buildings – including the Library – were closed to the public indefinitely as of Monday, March 16. All programs and activities are canceled until further notice. Regular and special programs for all ages will resume or be rescheduled when it is safe to do so.

• Please check the Library (www.tynglib.org) and Town (www.tyngsboroughma.gov) websites for updates and details on this rapidly changing situation.

• **Don't forget the resources available to you 24/7 through the TPL website!**

• OverDrive for e-books, audiobooks, magazines and videos
• Freegal for music to download or stream
• Safari full text technical & professional ebooks
• The e-Resources page in the Reference section for online newspapers, databases for research, homework help and enrichment
Use digital resources and databases to learn new things, challenge yourself and keep the kids entertained! TPL staff are available for assistance via email (circdesk@tynglib.org) with any aspect of using the online resources.

• **Say Goodbye to Miss Lori** - Lori Furtado, Head of Youth Services, will be leaving TPL after seven years of dedication and service to the community. As TPL will probably not be open on **April 22**, if you would like to wish Lori well, you may email her at lfurtado@tynglib.org until that date.

• **Board of Library Trustees Monthly 3rd Thursday. No meeting in August.** Check TPL website for schedule changes.

• **Friends of the Library** – Join in the fun and support your library! Meetings are held 9 Mondays per year at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. See the TPL website for dates.

• **Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram**
tyngsboroughpubliclibrary and Twitter @tyngsboroughlib

Rain Barrels are now available for purchase through the TYNGSBOROUGH-DUNSTABLE-PEPPERELL RAIN BARREL PROGRAM!

This is also in association with the Conservation Depts in the 3 towns. Visit www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community to order your rain barrel and learn more about them. Select Massachusetts and then Tyngsborough, or call (800) 251-2352. Their email address is info@greatamericanrainbarrel.com. The order deadline has been extended at this point, because of the Coronavirus. As it stands now, no delivery date has been set. Anyone who orders a rain barrel(s) will be kept informed about the delivery date by The Great American Rain Barrel Company. The cost is \$69 per barrel 40% off retail. The pick-up should be at Tyngsborough Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough.

In Tyngsborough questions can be directed to Danielle Mucciarone, Conservation Director at 978-649-2300 x119 or dmucciarone@tyngsboroughma.gov. If you read this online at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com The link is active and if you click, you will go right to the Great American Rain Barrel Company. They are a Massachusetts company and use 100% recycled food grade barrels to make the rain barrels. Right in Hyde Park, MA There is much more information on their website about these rain barrels.

The Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee will be working with **Fresh Start Food Gardens** to reschedule the "Introduction to Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening" once we know when the Tyngsborough Library is allowing programs again.

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****It is time to think ahead to your summer reading!** The Friends are preparing for the **Spring Used Book Sale** which will be open to the public at the town hall on **Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 – 2:30**. If you are a Friends member (and you may join anytime), then the preview sale on Friday, May 15, 7-9 p.m. is open to you. Mark your calendars. (At the time of this writing, the book sale is still on schedule. However, any changes will be made on the web-site or Facebook.)

****Please consider helping with our book sale.** You can donate used books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and jewelry at the Library. Also, volunteers will be needed prior to the sale to sort books and set up for the sale as well as helping during the sale. The sales are the biggest fund raisers for us. Contact the Friends at tynglib-friends@gmail.com or call the Library at 978-649-7361.

****Did you receive the membership brochure** with application in March through the mail? If so, please complete it and return it to the Library. If not, feel free to pick up another application at the Library or our website and click on the Friends tab.

****Apply for membership** at: <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>. Membership will give you the advantage of attending the spring and fall used book sales on Friday's preview night. Don't forget, your membership is with this nonprofit organization that benefits the Library and is not the same as having a Library card.

****April's Featured Passes:** If museums are closed, you can still go outside for some fun and fresh air. Check out the *Massachusetts DCR ParksPass*. The pass provides free parking at state park facilities that charge a day-use fee. Check the Department of Conservation and Recreation's website for eligible parks and program details. Visit the Library's website to reserve your pass or visit/call the Library.

****Meetings** are on Mondays at 6:30pm at the Library. The April 6 meeting is cancelled due to COVID-19. If you have ideas, comments, etc. that you would like to state, please email the friends. Other meetings prior to our summer break are on Mondays – May 4, and June 1, pending town guidance related to the virus.

****Like us on Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/FOTPL> or visit <http://www.tynglib.org/> - Click on the "Friends of Library".



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ILLNESS PREVENTION AT NURSING HOMES

By Edward H. Adamsky

With the arrival of COVID-19, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance on how nursing homes should restrict visitors, and then a few days later they issued even more restrictive guidance. Nursing facilities have been directed to not allow any visitors at all, except in cases of compassionate care such as end-of-life situations. Even volunteers and non-essential personnel are to be kept out of nursing homes. All group activities and communal dining are to be eliminated for now. The guidance tells nursing homes to actively screen all residents for the symptoms of viral infection on an ongoing basis.

The government guidance says that nursing facilities are authorized to accept patients diagnosed with the virus, or who are coming from a facility where the virus was present, as long as the facility can follow transmission-based precautions issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). They suggest a separate area for newly admitted patients that can work as an isolation area until a certain time has passed.

A separate guidance memo from CMS adjusts the type of nursing home inspections the government is going to perform in the near future. They are giving priority to situations with patients in immediate jeopardy or suspected viral infections. Some other priority inspection areas will continue but otherwise non-priority inspections will be reduced for the time being.

Nursing homes were advised to increase the use of hand sanitizers, reinforce good hygiene practices, and provide masks and protective gear for allowed visitors. They are to limit cross use of equipment and clean it all thoroughly and increase work supplies such as pens and pads to avoid sharing those around the work place.

If you have a family member or loved-one in a nursing home, you should contact the facility for alternatives to visiting. Some are facilitating video calls or other methods of communication. Some families have found creative methods such as talking on the phone while looking at each other through a closed window.

There are always risks and issues in the world and we don't know what the future holds. But we have to live and enjoy our lives. Don't let worry take away your capacity to be happy. But, if you are worried, consider seeing your Attorney and getting your Estate Planning in order.

ANNUAL TOWNWIDE SPRING CLEANUP

Sustainable Tyngsborough

In Tyngsborough, and across our state, April is traditionally the time we clean up the litter exposed by the melted snow. The Sustainability Committee is working with Karyn Puleo and the Highway Department on a Town-Wide Clean-up Program again this year. We hope all residents will join the effort, picking up litter in their neighborhood, on and around school or municipal grounds, in one of our parks, along our town's nature trails, or in some corner of town where the exposed litter has bothered them.

Additionally, Danielle Mucciarone, our Conservation Director, is organizing a trails clean-up day. Sustainable Tyngsborough is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen. Usually we meet the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30pm, in Meeting Room #1. You are always welcome to join us and share your sustainability ideas and concerns. Once public meetings resume.

••• Please watch the town website, local access TV, or the Sustainable Tyngsboro page on Facebook for details and instructions for Tyngsborough's town-wide and trails clean-up events.



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As April comes to a close, the scholarship applicants and TST Board would like to thank all those in our community who contributed to the April Door-to Door Drive. Your generosity and support in helping the students reach their fundraising goals is greatly appreciated. If students were not able to visit your home and you would like to make a donation, you can mail your check to: TST P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879.

All TST applicants were to participate in the interview portion of the application process on April 27th and 29th. This provides TST members with the opportunity to hear about the plans and aspirations of the students following high school, as well as hear feedback from them about their high school experience. Scholarships will be awarded on May 28th at the Tyngsborough High School Senior Awards Night. If your son or daughter does not go to the THS, the TST will contact you to deliver his or her scholarship award.

The TST has proudly awarded scholarships to our graduating seniors for 57 years! If you have been thinking of getting involved and volunteering, please consider joining our organization. The TST meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7 p.m. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us at our monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall.

Please contact info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org with any questions concerning scheduled meetings and events. Because of COVID-19 many events are tentative.



TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB



The Tyngsborough Garden Club would like to wish everyone a very happy spring as our gardens will start to come alive with colorful blossoms.

At our March 2 meeting we had a very informative presentation by Judi Burger from Wild Birds Unlimited located in Nashua, NH. Her presentation was on how to become a good bird steward. Over the past 50 years there has been a 29% decline in breeding bird pairs due to habitat loss. Of the 650 different breeding birds 85 nest in holes vs nests. We learned about some specifics of bird houses as well as nutrition tips for feeding to assist us in becoming good bird stewards.

The Saris in Bloom exhibit that was to be held in conjunction with the Tyngsborough Library features floral arrangements by club members that interpreted beautiful Saris has been postponed. The exhibit was to be held at the Tyngsborough Library from April 6-9. Due to the Coronavirus the Library is closed.

Our May meeting was to be a potluck at a member's house as we begin to wrap up this past year. This too has been postponed.

At this point in time we are still looking forward to our trip to Mahoney's Garden Center. This is our end of year meeting on June 2nd. At Mahoney's we are always presented with new and great information for container ideas and gardening tips.

Usually the Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month September-November and February-April at the Evangelical Congregational Church, 10 Kendall Rd, Tyngsborough at 6:45. New members are always welcome. Please contact us to see about any activities or meetings for June. For more information you may email: tyngsgardenclub@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook at Tyngsborough Garden Club or call Debbie at 978-649-6362.

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SPRING CLEANING AND DECLUTTERING THE SUSTAINABLE WAY!

By Jess Langley (Sustainability Committee)

Spring has finally arrived! For many, this means it's time to clean and declutter! Here are some spring cleaning tips, the sustainable way!

- Clean and Organize - No need to purchase more plastic containers to hold and organize your things. You can use cardboard boxes wrapped in decorative paper, baskets, or bags made from old t-shirts. Most of your home can be cleaned with a combination of hot water, vinegar, baking soda or washing soda and a few drops of essential oil. Trade paper towels for reusable microfiber cloths, sponges, or repurposed rags.

- Declutter - Spring is a great time to get rid of stuff you never use. Go through places where clutter can easily accumulate: closets, junk drawers, out-of-reach shelves, attics, basements, any place you toss stuff. If you're unsure about some items, put them into quarantine (maybe a box) for a set amount of time, say 30 or 60 days. At the end of that time, you'll have proof you are ready to part with those items. Now the challenge is to not just throw everything away. Repurpose, Donate, Recycle as much of it as possible!

- Repurpose - Could any of those items serve a purpose you haven't thought of before? Cut up old towels or cotton shirts to use for reusable cleaning cloths, use glass jars and bottles as storage containers, use egg cartons to start seedlings. Check out Pinterest for inspiration!

- Donate - If your discards are in good shape, maybe someone else can put them to good use. Join Facebook groups like Buy Nothing, Tyngsboro or Freecycle and offer your items there. If you have furniture or several items to donate, sign up for a pick-up through the Epilepsy or Big Brother, Big Sister Foundations or drop your items off at the Wish Project in North Chelmsford.

- Reuse, Recycle - You can put clothing, bedding, coats, jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, blankets, drapes/curtains, pillows, sleeping bags, tools, silverware, dishes, pots/pans, backpacks, and even children's toys into the pink bags from Simple Recycling (you can get more bags at Town Hall, near the Collector's window). Don't worry if your clothing or bedding is worn out. They will be recycled. Items in good condition will end up in stores like Savers.

- Don't try to tackle your whole house at once. If you get overwhelmed, you might give up. Start small, such as the kitchen junk drawer. The sense of accomplishment you gain will give you enthusiasm to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle!

- **EDITORS NOTE:** Most places have stopped collecting donations at this time. You may want to put them aside to donate later. **The Wish Project is taking only certain items at this time, and you do have to call to make an appointment to drop off those donations. Check on their website www.thewishproject.org**

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THANKFULNESS IN A PANDEMIC

By Nathan Combs

In this growing coronavirus crisis, as in any crisis, it is easy to generate reasons for complaint and anxiety. Some are concerned by what they consider an extreme overreaction by the government, news media, and American population. Why are people going crazy and raiding the grocery stores as if the world is on the brink of collapse? On the opposite side of the spectrum, some are concerned that the country has not taken this virus seriously enough. Why are testing kits in short supply, why were some of the kits giving false positives, and why aren't some hospitals more fully prepared for this crisis? Additionally, most are concerned by the recent volatility of the stock market and the precarious nature of our economy. With each passing day, major news sources and many on social media seem to concentrate on the most worrisome aspects of this strange time.

In the Philippian church, there was also a crisis going on. Granted, it was of a vastly different sort and limited to that local congregation, but it nonetheless must have deeply concerned the Christians there and others who knew of them. In Philippians 4.2-3, Paul mentions two hard workers, Euodia and Syntyche, who could not get along with each other, and he encourages the group to help them resolve their dispute. How did he suggest they do this?

In the very next set of verses (4.4-7), he encourages the entire congregation to deal with the crisis by directing grateful prayers to God. Friction and frustration do not find footholds within a heart that is centered on Jesus and His goodness. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, *rejoice*. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Whatever the cause of fear or dissatisfaction, there is no circumstance so great that it overshadows the character and accomplishments of our King.

Many are fearful and anxious about the inability of human government and health care systems to perfectly respond to this disease. The Christian, however, can dwell on the ancient plan which Jesus perfectly executed to single-handedly eradicate death, the most lethal disease known to mankind. Regardless of what happens to our health, our employment, our retirement savings, or our loved ones, the promise God made to us concerning our bodily resurrection remains intact (Romans 8.11). Our Creator is steadily moving us all towards the time in which we will "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6.15-17). In all these things we can rejoice at all times! But will we?



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Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any news or updates, for the May issue, please send in your information now.

Obviously due to COVID-19 the April issue was delayed. The May issue will more than likely come out later in the month as well.

In the mean time please check for updates on line

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NASHUA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

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NEW LIFE FINE ARTS HAS POSTPONED THE APRIL 2020 PRODUCTION OF "ESTHER: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Due to the increasing concern over the growing Coronavirus pandemic, the Groton-Dunstable school system has closed their schools and postponed all "outside activity" until further notice. This includes events at the Groton-Dunstable Performing Arts Center, where our productions have been held during the last few years. We are grateful to you—our NLFA family—for your support and prayers during this unique time in world history.

If you have purchased tickets in advance, you will be contacted within the next few days and receive a full refund. Once we have a better understanding of the country's health situation, we will be in touch about rescheduling the performances of *Esther*.

Until then and always, our confidence is in the Lord. Please keep New Life Fine Arts in your prayers as we seek the Lord's help in navigating these unfamiliar waters. Remember: "We will not fear for God has willed His truth to triumph though us!"

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A NOTE FROM DUNSTABLE ANIMAL CLINIC

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For medication/food pick up we are asking that you call with requests and payments over the phone first. Again, call the clinic when you arrive and a staff member will bring it out to you.

No more elective surgeries at this time. If you are going to need a refill of any long term medications do it now. We are doing our best to stay open to serve all of our clients. This is an evolving situation we will try to keep you updated as things change. Thank you for your understanding.

PET HEALTH DUNSTABLE ANIMAL CLINIC

RAW DIET IN PETS

Tara M. Sacramone, DVM



Lately we have been getting more questions about feeding pets a raw food diet. In theory it seems like a good idea, more back to what animals eat when in the wild. However, the raw food in these diets does not come from the wild. It comes from slaughter houses, and as such is more likely to contain illness inducing bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella and Listeria. Statistically, not only do the dogs get bacterial infections from raw diets, but so do the humans who handle the food and their dog's stool. In one study 59.6% of raw meat diets had E. coli.

Another problem with raw diet, especially if homemade, is imbalances with vitamins and minerals like calcium, phosphorus and vitamin A. This is less of a problem with commercially available raw diets.

When clients ask me if they should feed their pet a raw diet I always say no. If they insist I try to convince them a homemade cooked diet would be better. Ideally that diet would be designed by a veterinary nutritionist certified with the American College of Veterinary Nutrition.

Certain diseases, like kidney disease, diabetes, and pancreatitis, do better with specific dietary alterations which are also hard to adjust with homemade diets.

In general I admit the idea of a raw diet can be appealing, however, in practice it is really too dangerous to both your pet and even you. Would you eat raw meat? I know I wouldn't.

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- At this time all activities and church services are cancelled at this time. **Please check our facebook page site for updates.**
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• **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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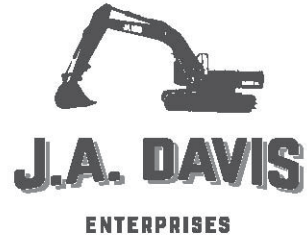
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At Beaver Brook we are trying to help people with educational opportunities they can take during this health crisis. We also have places to visit for relaxation and forest bathing to help reduce anxiety. They are all on our website www.beaverbrook.org/ go to trail maps pages. Take care and stay in touch. We are busy planning for the future! Contact Us (603) 465-7787.



There are no meetings scheduled at this time.

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It's been barely two weeks since the warehouse became strangely quiet. COVID-19 has changed how most of us spend our days. With the Governors request for social distancing the warehouse had to adapt. We knew the already vulnerable population we serve would still need things but our means of helping them would have to change for the safety of everyone involved. The result is drive up emergency assistance at the dock, maintaining a 6' distance for everyone's health and safety. This client picked up diapers and some goodies for her children while staying home during this difficult time. So far we have already helped 108 clients with emergency needs with no end in sight. If you would like to help by donating items from our emergency wish list on Amazon you can follow the link and ship the item direct to us. **Amazon Emergency Assistance Wish list**. Most of the items being requested right now are toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, diapers, wipes, formula, disinfecting products, hand sanitizer and hygiene products. If you would like to drop off an emergency item at the warehouse email Jill at info@thewishproject.org to arrange a time. If you prefer to make a monetary donation you can follow the link and **Donate Now** to help us fill our clients needs. Thank you for helping us to support our clients and community during these extraordinary times.

These past few weeks have changed the way we operate. We are no longer open to walk in clients and donations, but Jill is working hard manning the phones and checking emails to ensure that clients and caseworkers get the items that they so desperately need. Thank you to the following individuals for taking the extra time to make an appointment to drop off donations, made monetary donations, or shopped our Amazon emergency wish list.

Thank you all for continuing to support our mission during these difficult times. We all at The Wish Project, as well as our clients, partner agencies, and caseworkers, thank you.

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NOW IS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO CONSIDER QUITTING SMOKING AND VAPING

We all know that smoking is harmful to one's lungs. As our lives are disrupted by the coronavirus, this fact raises concerns about the damaging impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) may have on those who smoke or vape. Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, says, *"Because it attacks the lungs, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 could be an especially serious threat to those who smoke tobacco or marijuana or who vape."* While the long-term impact of vaping is not clear, there is evidence coming out that vaping, like smoking, harms the ability of the lungs to fight infection.

Despite the stressful times we're living in, people who smoke or vape may want to quit to improve their ability to fight the coronavirus. The stress may have led others to relapse and start smoking or vaping again. It's never too late to try to quit. People who smoke and vape know how hard it is to quit because nicotine, the drug in tobacco and vaping products, is highly addictive. Repeated tobacco and nicotine use is not a habit, it's an addiction and quitting can take several tries before one can quit for good. Many tobacco users say quitting is the hardest thing they've ever done; however, with planning, support, and dedication, many people quit for good.

Now may be a good time for those who smoke or vape to call the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free coaching and support 24 hours each day, seven days a week. Enroll online, access quit planning tools, peer support and motivational text messages at KeepTryingMA.org.

Up to eight weeks of FREE nicotine replacement help from patches, gum or lozenges are available through the Helpline (with medical eligibility). With coaching and quit medication people can be twice as likely to quit for good compared to those who try to quit on their own.

Quitting improves one's health right away; lungs start to heal, and the body starts to repair its ability to fight infection. For more information, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit KeepTryingMA.org.

For more information, contact me, Ashley Hall at the Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership at (978) 722-2864 or ashley.hall@glfhc.org

STE JEANNE D'ARC SCHOOL ELISABETH BRUYÈRE AWARD DINNER

This year we are honoring James F. Linnehan Jr., Esq. The dinner had to be postponed, and will now be held on **Thursday, June 18th, 2020**, 6:00 PM at Lenzi's in Dracut, \$100 per ticket. For more information or to register please visit www.sjdarc.org/gala. We are continuing to accept Event Sponsors through May 4th. Contact Jacqueline Schnackertz at 978-454-7038 or jschnackertz@sjdarc.org for more information.

COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM

The program had to be postponed. And will be rescheduled as soon as we are able. When dates are set we will post on www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com and in the printed issue.

This program is offered by St Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH as a two Day Retreat on consecutive Saturdays. 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.**

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury has extended the federal and state tax filing deadline AND income tax payments from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. You do not have to file for an extension. This change is only for this year.

The unprecedented change in the deadline for individuals to file their annual federal and state income tax returns comes as the nation, and the world, are combating the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

In these challenging times, we are all navigating through uncertainty for ourselves, our loved ones and our community.

All of us at Dawn M. Kay, CPA, P.C. hope you are staying healthy and safe in this unparalleled time. We will all get through this together.

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The Middlesex Conservation District unfortunately had to cancel its Annual Spring 2020 Plant Sale, that was to be held at the end of April during the order pick-up, due to COVID-19.

If you placed an order (thank you) you will receive notice, from The Middlesex Conservation District office, about arrangements for pick up of your order. You will be notified of the date, time and location and any detailed instructions, by postcard and/or by email.
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Please check our website www.dunstablechurch.org for updates. On the main there is a box "Click here for more information on how we will continue to be the church! It will bring you to a page that will give you details on how to keep in touch with the Office, The Pastor and how to subscribe to connect for Live Streaming or recorded messages.

At this time, we do not expect to resume services at the church during the month of April. Please check the website often for updates.

PHISHING ALERT: CORONAVIRUS SCAMS -- FOR REFERENCE & CLARITY

This office has become aware that cyber criminals are exploiting Coronavirus through emails posing as legitimate medical and or health organizations. (In one instance, victims have received an email purporting to be from a medical/health organization (with bogus information regarding the Coronavirus.)

Be on the lookout for:

Emails that appear to be from organizations such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), or the WHO (World Health Organization) or other government agencies. The official source of COVID-19 information in the Commonwealth is <https://www.mass.gov/dph>. Review emails that ask for charity donations for studies, doctors, or to assist victims that have been affected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Scammers often create fake charity emails during major events like hurricanes or earthquakes.

Other malicious emails tout "new" or "updated" cases. These emails may contain dangerous links and information designed to scare you into clicking on the link. (One example:-- an up-to-date map of reported cases: you get a map along with malware that can steal computer passwords and data.)

Protect yourself from scams:

Never click on links or download attachments from an email that you weren't expecting. If you receive a suspicious email that appears to come from an official organization such as the WHO or CDC, report the email to the official organization through their website.

If you want to make a charity donation, go to the charity website of your choice to submit your payment. Type the charity's web address in your browser instead of clicking on any links in emails, or other messages.

The EOTSS messaging team is working to add a warning to email from external senders. This practice will help people avoid accidentally clicking an unsafe message. Once the change is implemented you will see the following text in emails sent from outside the organization.

CAUTION: Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Information courtesy of:

John Merto, Commonwealth Chief Information Security Officer, 1 Ashburton Place, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 Office: (617) 660-4488 | Mobile: (617) 513-0043 john.merto@mass.gov | www.mass.gov/eotss Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) EOTSS provides secure and quality digital information, services, and tools to constituents and service providers when and where they need them. Emmett H. Schmarsow, Program Manager for Councils on Aging and Senior Centers, MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, 1 Ashburton Pl., 5th Flr. Boston, MA 02108

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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.

Because of COVID-19 meetings are canceled at this time. Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joseph Ward at 978-930-1153. By the time you receive this, we may have a project that you would like to get involved with. Once we can meet again, we will let you know where, and when meetings will take place.

Events and Activities

- We would like to Congratulate Abigail Nunes from the Academy of Notre Dame who came in Second Place in the Lion's District 33N Peace Poster contest.

- The Club held its second annual Cigar Night at Two guys Smoke Shop. The proceeds raised will help the club's local charities. We are organizing another cigar tasting to be held late spring stay posted.

These activities were scheduled but are postponed for now.

If you are interested, please make note of telephone numbers to keep in touch with the Lions Club

- Pickleball Social Event on Saturday April 4th from 4pm – 6pm at Tyngsboro Sports Center, 500 Potash Rd, Tyngsboro. We will have 50/50 raffle, t-shirts, food, drinks, & more. *For more information and tickets contact Bob Reich at (978)697-2260.*

- Senior Luncheon on Saturday May 2, 2020. This will be a joint effort between the Dracut lions and Dunstable – Tyngsborough. To be held at the Dracut Senior Center. For more information please contact Joe Ward 978-930-1153

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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Lion's collection boxes for eyeglasses and hearing aids and can tabs are located at the Tyngsborough Post Office, American Legion Post 247 at 90 Pawtucket Blvd., Multi-Service Center at 180 Lakeview Ave, and Dunstable Town Hall, Post Office and Library.

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It is incredible how things can change so quickly. Because of COVID-19 there were so many events planned in March, April and May that had to be changed to postponed or cancelled. Going forward I will post as much info as I can to my website. **I do intend to print a May issue.** If you don't receive a printed version of "Neighbor to Neighbor" you can read it online. You can download and print if you prefer. It will be out later than usual in May as well.

Also, the advertisers in the issue, are considered essential. *They have to be available to serve when needed.* Do not hesitate to call if you need their services. They can let you know what procedures they do to keep everyone safe. If you are at home and have the time to contact a business for repairs or upgrades, now may be a good time to get in touch. Many outdoor projects can be done as well. I am sure they would work with you, giving you estimates and would appreciate your business. Where much communication is done by phone, email and through websites I am sure arrangements can be made without coming in contact.

If you belong to an organization who needs volunteers for a project, or a non-profit who is in need of supplies or donations of food, please send me the info. News can be sent in a word file or in the body of an email. If you have a business that is looking for employees, or offers a service that you want everyone to know about, email me and I will forward the detailed rate sheet to you. Please contact me if you need more time to submit your article or your ad. I will hold a place for you. If you call, please leave a message as it goes to voicemail and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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ENTERPRISE BANK OFFERING EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

Enterprise Bank and the University of Massachusetts Lowell have announced a partnership to offer a new tuition assistance program to eligible bank team members.

Under the first-of-its-kind program, team members enrolled in courses at UMass Lowell can delay tuition billing until the course is completed and the grade is released. Team members attaining qualifying grades will have their tuition paid directly by the bank to the university.

The new program became part of Enterprise Bank's Total Rewards Program beginning January 2020. Jamie Gabriel, chief human resources officer, EVP, said, "By fostering educational growth, the tuition assistance partnership with UMass Lowell positions our new and existing team members for advanced career development opportunities. We look forward to the continued success and value that this partnership will bring to our team members' career opportunities here at Enterprise Bank."

Steven F. Tello, Ed. D., vice provost for graduate, online and professional studies at UMass Lowell, said, "The university is quite pleased to expand our longstanding relationship with Enterprise Bank by implementing an educational partnership through their Total Rewards employee benefit program. This partnership will provide tuition remission and deferment benefits for Enterprise Bank employees enrolled in one of UMass Lowell's highly respected undergraduate or graduate business programs. We value corporate education partnerships like these that enable us to strengthen the skills and knowledge of our local workforce, benefiting the individual employees, their employer and the greater community."

Team members who are enrolled in courses at UMass Lowell that are directly related to their present position, or that will enhance their potential for advancement to a position within the bank can participate in the program. Newly hired team members are eligible for the program as soon as they begin with the bank.

Dean Frechette, systems engineer with Enterprise Bank and participant in the program said, "One of my goals has always been to get my master's degree in information technology and I am very excited that the bank's Tuition Reimbursement Program allows me to work toward that goal. Additionally, the new partnership with UMass Lowell makes it even easier to get started with the program and attend a high quality university."

Other educational benefits offered within the bank's Total Rewards Program include traditional reimbursement of tuition for degrees, certificate programs and professional certifications, and assistance with student loan payments.

Enterprise Bank has also entered into a similar tuition assistance partnership program with Middlesex Community College.

About Enterprise Bank

Founded in 1988 in Lowell, Massachusetts, Enterprise Bank currently has 24 full-service locations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and approximately 550 employees. The 25th branch is slated to open in Lexington in early March 2020, and the 26th branch in North Andover is targeted for summer of 2020. As of December 31, 2019, the bank reported total assets of \$3.24 billion and investment assets under management of \$916.6 million. For more information about Enterprise Bank including a full list of branch locations, please visit www.EnterpriseBanking.com. For more info about Enterprise Bank please visit <https://www.enterprisebanking.com>.

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