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The Board of Selectmen has voted to postpone the Annual Town Election until June 16, 2020. There is no word on the Annual Town Meeting as of this writing (that I know of). I encourage to residents to sign up for e-alerts on the town website (as many or as few as you want). The deadline to register to vote for the Annual Town Election is June 5. If you have a valid Massachusetts driver's license, you can register online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/Welcome.aspx>

There will be no In-Person absentee voting since Town Hall will not be open to the public before the election. All absentee voting will be done by mail. Any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or from guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official, or any civil authority is encouraged to vote absentee by mail. **The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is Noon on Monday, June 15, 2020.** You can download the application here:

<https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/sites/dunstablema/files/uploads/english-absentee-ballot-application.pdf>

If you cannot download the application, any written form of communication is acceptable as long as it has your signature. I cannot mail applications.

If you check off "all elections this year", remember that the September 1 election is a primary which means if you are "Unenrolled", you need to choose the party ballot you want sent. If you don't choose a ballot, none can be sent to you. The November election is not a primary and there's only the one ballot.

However, if you do want to vote at the polls, the voting hours are Noon - 8:00 pm. We are taking every safety precaution for your health and for the safety of the poll workers. We will require social distancing (6' apart), the wearing of a mask or face covering and you may bring your own pen as long as it's not red ink. We will be sanitizing our pens and booths and provide hand sanitizer at the check in and check out stations. Be well. Any questions, **email me at CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov. I check email and voice mail daily when working remotely.** Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk
CMMC 978-649-4514 x222 CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov

DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Hopefully everyone is staying healthy. As you know we were unable to have our traditional Memorial Day Parade and as a result we had a virtual ceremony. If you have not seen it yet, it is available on YouTube at https://youtu.be/Bcv076hN8_4 and the Dunstable web site. Enjoy.

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

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THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE NASHOBA BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Well Adult Clinics In response to the Governor's guidance, Nashoba Nursing is cancelling all Well Adult clinics. The updated schedules will be listed at www.nashoba.org. **Please check for updates at** Nashoba Board of Health Nursing, Services. (www.nashoba.org) or call: 978-772-3335 ext. 340 for more info. or if you are in need of their services.



DUNSTABLE GRANGE FAIR 2020

To all of our Grange Fair Supporters,

Dunstable Grange has made the difficult decision to cancel the Grange Fair for 2020. We had the health and safety of our exhibitors, volunteers and guests in mind as we made the decision. We are hopeful that the Grange Fair will be back in 2021.

**Thank you for your support,
The Dunstable Grange #31 Fair Committee**

TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP

Dunstable Grange would like to thank everyone who has been picking up along roadsides near their homes. Hopefully in the fall we can have our usual roadside cleanup. Until then, please continue to pick up trash when you go for your walks around your neighborhood. Thank you for helping to keep Dunstable beautiful.

DUNSTABLE SUMMER CONCERTS 2020

The bands were all scheduled, and we were looking forward to another great Summer Concert season. However due to the circumstances created by COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding the reopening of the state, the concert planning committee feels that it is in the best interest of everyone that we cancel the Summer Concerts for 2020.

We encourage you to check out the Pepperell Community Media website, where they have a large collection of past summer concerts. Go to www.pepperellchannel.org. then go to video on demand then click on Dunstable concerts and that will bring you to a listing of past concerts.

We will be back next summer with another great line-up of bands. Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

You can read issues and see announcements and articles on line at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

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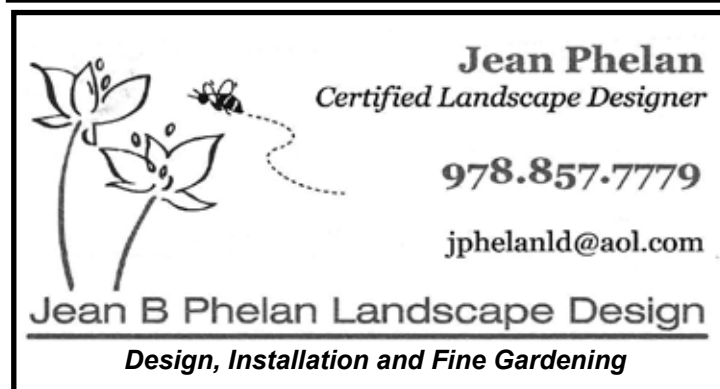
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TeamWalk on Your Terms allows you to hold TeamWalk on your turf and on your time! When it is safe and you feel comfortable, simply choose when and where you want to walk.

There's so much we can't do right now – like gathering together as a large group to walk - because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but you CAN walk and you CAN fundraise to help support people who are undergoing cancer treatment.

The fundraising deadline has been extended to September 1, 2020 so you have more time to support TeamWalk for CancerCare and the people that count on you to pay for medications, nutritional supplements, wigs and prostheses, support groups, skilled nursing visits, mini-grants, supportive services to patients of all cancer types, and much more.

Follow TeamWalk on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lowellgeneralhospitalteamwalk to see videos from special guests, fundraising tips, profiles of walkers, teams, and sponsors, and contests to win fun prizes. To learn more, register, or make a donation, go to www.TeamWalk.org.

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JAMES JACOPPI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jacoppi Family is delighted to announce the recipients of the James Jacoppi Memorial Scholarship from Tyngsboro High School:

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978-649-4514 ext. 223

DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING

Barbara Martin, chairman; Mary Dow, secretary;
Donald Pottle, Vincent Hollins, 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. Feel free to give us your ideas.

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DUNSTABLE SENIORS WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN ONLINE 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.

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.*** If you have comfortable weights to hold and to strap on at the ankle, you may want to get them out before beginning. I think you will find this easy to follow and at a comfortable pace with relaxing music.

STITCHERS

The Stitchers Group continue to knit and crochet for various agencies in the Greater Lowell area.

We are currently working on hats, mittens, and scarfs in sizes from toddler to adult. There has also been a request from Hospice for twin size afghans, size 4' x 6'.

If you are interested in these projects and need supplies, please call coordinator, Jean Jacoppi (978-649-9076).

Our collection time and place as well as the time of Stitchers at the Senior Center, will be announced in the Fall.

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FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

On March 16, 2020, the Board of Selectmen met in an emergency meeting and declared a local state of emergency in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, and Emergency Management Team continue to meet on a weekly basis and continue to monitor legislative, regulatory, and health developments that affect the operation of Town government. Public safety and public works continue to operate and Town Hall staff continue to work between alternating their presence in Town Hall and working remotely. Although Town Hall is not open to the public, you can reach Town Hall staff by phone, email, and if needed can make an appointment to meet with them outside. At the earliest, we do not envision Town Hall reopening to the public until late Phase 2 or early Phase 3 of Governor Baker's reopening plan.

Contact information for each department can be found on the town website at www.dunstable-ma.gov. We appreciate your patience during this time.

The Board of Selectmen has voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Election. The Annual Town Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the Dunstable Public Library from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Although you will be able to vote in person at that time, voting by absentee ballot is strongly encouraged as the safest way to cast your vote.

Annual Town Meeting has not yet been rescheduled due to unknown factors associated with the budget, a potential loss of state aide revenues, and to allow more time to pass to make a Town Meeting gathering safer. In the meantime, the Selectmen will approve monthly budgets for Town departments for the first quarter of the fiscal year that are roughly limited to 1/12th of the amount of this year's budget per month. Assuming we have more information by early July, we may schedule an Annual Town Meeting for later in the summer.

Our public health nurses are on the front line of this situation as they monitor the State's communicable disease surveillance system – MAVEN for our community. There were as many as 11 cases in Dunstable who have laboratory confirmed positive tests for COVID-19 as of May 27, 2020. Please see the accompanying notice from the Board of Health regarding confirmed positive test(s).

Residents are reminded of the following preventative measures recommended by the State:

Practice social distancing - There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. Another way to prevent the illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person: 1. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6') 2. Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person sneezes or coughs.

To prevent transmission this social distancing includes the following actions:

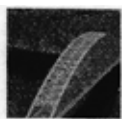
Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer
Wear a mask in public when you cannot maintain social distance (maintain 6 feet apart)
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
Stay at home if you are sick
Keep children off public playgrounds and away from congregating with other groups of children

This is advice is especially true for older adults and those who have health issues are urged to avoid large crowds and events. Individuals who live in households with vulnerable people, like elderly parents, should avoid crowds.

Please take notice: our park land is open for solo exercise only. Playgrounds are closed. Team sports and gatherings on public land are prohibited. Without your cooperation the parks will be closed! Additional information regarding closures or other changes will be released as it becomes available.

For more information about COVID -19 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> and the Centers for Disease Control, please click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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<https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>

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.

In Dunstable if you have any questions you should contact the Conservation Dept at cmann@dunstable-ma.gov.

The Tyngsborough, Pepperell, Dunstable Rain Barrel pick-up has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 12 noon**. The pick-up is at the Tyngsborough Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane Tyngsborough. This will be a no contact pick-up. Instructions for the pick-up will be emailed to the participants.

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- Online databases are listed on the MVLC.ORG website and can be searched by library patrons.
- Audiobooks can be accessed through Overdrive. But demand is high so expect delays.
- Go to the Dunstable Free Public Library's Facebook page for updates on our return to public access to the Library.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Regarding Resumption of Services

GOOD NEWS From the Director of the Dunstable Public Library and the Board of Trustees:

The Library is now accepting books in its return drop box outside the front door of the DPL. These books will be quarantined then checked in and shelved. This will be done in preparation for curbside and home delivery services.

We are working on the details to begin this next phase of return-services to the public.

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Even if you're not planning to sell anytime soon, refreshing your home's exterior can add value or give you a head start if you choose to sell later.

It just takes a little effort and a touch of creativity.

Here are four ways to up your curb appeal:

Plant a garden.

A pop of color goes a long way, so plant a few flowers or a flowering bush in front of your home. Opt for perennials, which can last more than two years.

Upgrade your mailbox.

Forget the standard old mailbox that came with the house. Try a brick model — or revamp your existing one with a fresh coat of paint or a new post.

Make your front porch more inviting.

If you're looking for an easy project with a big impact, add some charm to your porch. Get some potted or hanging plants, a brand-new welcome mat and a couple of cozy chairs.

Freshen up your door.

Give it a new coat of paint, add some new fixtures and a kickplate, and maybe update your address numbers, too. They might seem like small fixes, but they can make a big difference in your home's overall appearance.

Curb appeal matters — especially if you're considering selling your home soon.

TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM

To all who subscribe to this, your yearly subscription with the Town of Dunstable will expire on June 30, 2020. Three renewal options are available. You can mail a \$300.00 check made payable to the Town of Dunstable to P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827, or you can drop off a check or cash at the Town Hall Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00p.m. in the mail slot in the door. You may also pay on line, on the town webpage www.dunstable-ma.gov and choose on line payments. New subscribers can pay on line but will have to come to the Town Hall to pick up their containers. We also sell overflow bags for those times you may have extra trash that will not fit into the trash container. The cost is \$3.00 each sold in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. Those can be purchased on line. You will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up of containers or overflow bags at Town Hall.

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

In the past this one day program has been held in May or June. This year it has been set for **October 31st**. If you want an idea, about what was accepted or not, look at the last page (green) of the June 2019 issue of Neighbor to Neighbor on my website. If you go to the Town of Dunstable website look under Board of Health Dept. some information should be there. As the day gets closer more information will be available.

THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION IS NOW THE SANDWICH GENERATION

By Edward H. Adamsky

Believe it or not, the Baby Boomers are today's elders and the Millennials are now the caregiving generation. As happened to the Boomers, the Millennials are sandwiched between the needs of their children and their parents. This may be made worse as the Boomers had children later than their parents did, so the Millennials are younger than their parents were when they had to be caregivers. This puts added stress on them as they may have younger children, careers, spouses, and everything like that to worry about as well as caring for aging parents.

The research shows that caregivers spend about 21 hours a week on those duties, while most hold down a full-time or part-time job and have children of their own. There are also more male caregivers than ever before. Being in the sandwich generation can be stressful. It is important to have plans and systems in place to reduce the work and stress.

Elders should have considered buying Long Term Care Insurance to help with their care needs. If they don't need care yet and are healthy enough, they should look into purchasing insurance now. Another good tool to help is a Geriatric Care Manager. This is a trained professional who can help coordinate care and medical issues and act as a liaison between paid caregivers and medical professionals. It's also essential to see your Elder Law Attorney to make sure the right legal tools are all in place. There are many Adult Day Programs that can (cost-effectively) provide care services and take some burden off of family members.

As a caregiver, you should balance your responsibilities and try to plan them out. Beware of increasing needs by an elder that slowly take over your other duties. Learn to delegate and manage tasks. Ask other family members and professionals for help as needed. Be aware that you cannot be perfect nor do everything that might be the absolute best. Use local resources such as the senior center and nursing facilities with day programs and make sure the entire family is helping, don't allow the burden to fall on just one child.

Keep in mind that if you are providing care, then you should provide care as needed and you don't have to be fair to everyone concerned. The person with the most needs should be helped to the extent possible and those who can be left to fulfill their own needs should be allowed to do that. You don't have to spread yourself too thin with every responsibility. Make a conscious thought to provide the right care to the right people and give the time to those who need it most.

A good first start is a consultation with your local Elder Law Attorney who can guide you through the issues and choices you may have going forward with caring for a family member or friend who needs help. You are not alone and should seek out whatever help is available to you.

FACE COVERING MANDATORY

Effective May 6th, everyone is required to wear a face covering, whether indoors or outdoors, in any situation where you cannot maintain 6 foot spacing. Exceptions for children under 2, and people who are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition.

To read all the details about this, visit www.mass.gov and search "face masks" for exact wording on this.

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Chrissy McLane (mclane.chrissy@gmail.com) & Amy Wilson (amywilson825@gmail.com) Box Tops for Education co-chairs for Swallow Union Elementary School swallowunionapt.org aptsallowunion@gmail.com facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion

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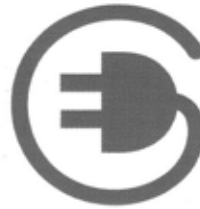
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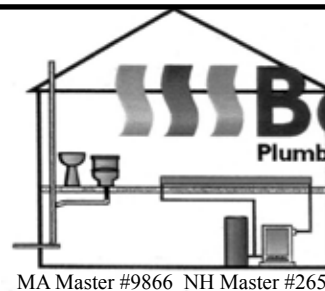


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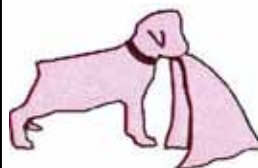
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Total printed circulation each month including Dunstable and Tyngsborough is 6,331 issues. More news is posted on the pages of the website. Current & past issues are available by clicking on "Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter issues" in the heading on the website.

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I look forward to hearing from you, Anne

UPDATE FOR AMERICAN LEGION

• **The American Legion Post 247 Inc. Of Tyngsboro is looking forward to the date of June 29th, as given by the State of Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker as a reopening date.** The Post will be pleased to welcome back all Post 247 Members, Family, & Guest. **There are no meetings scheduled at this time.**

• Much renovating, sanitizing, and improvements have been conducted while the Post has been closed. We look forward to welcoming every one back to their Home Post soon. Please be well and STAY SAFE.

• Also as per notification from our American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary National Head Quarters All Officers will maintain their Elected Office Until 2021.

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

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

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

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If you have any news for the July/August issue, please send in your information by June 17th.

This issue should be delivered after the 4th of July, probably around the 12th. (Note this is the only issue to be delivered this summer. Next will be in September)

In the mean time please check for updates on line www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

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- **First Day of Summer**, Saturday, June 20th
- **Father's Day**, Sunday, June 21st
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- Continued visitor restrictions
- Waiting room reconfigurations to support social distancing
- Expanded appointment schedules to facilitate frequent cleaning and other infection prevention measures

We are constantly reviewing guidance from public health experts and updating our practices and protocols accordingly based on the most current information. We are blessed to have a team of incredible infectious disease specialists – physicians and nurses who are advising us every step of the way as we respond to this pandemic and begin shifting to our new normal operations.

For more information visit www.lowellgeneral.org/safewithus.

For the latest updates and COVID-19 resources visit www.lowellgeneral.org/COVID-19.



Special thanks to the Lowell Sun for sponsoring this message to our community.

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. *(This will now be a virtual event. I will actually be running the 26.2 miles, but not on the usual route.*

Below is a link to my Go Fund Me page, no donation is too small. *Thank you in advance!* <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/50-legs-in-50-days/nickcoughlin1>

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please visit the website as there is so much going on.

- Daily and Weekend Masses are LIVESTREAMED
- Saturday, 4 pm and Sunday, 11 am at St. Mary
- Sunday, 8:30 am at St. John the Evangelist Church

AGAIN, WE ARE LIVESTREAMING MANY DEVOTIONS

There are too many to list here, so please refer to our website.

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4:00 – 6:00 pm (weather permitting) until ban is lifted

- Mondays at St. John Parking Lot
- Wednesdays at St. Mary Parking Lot

As we are still required to practice social distancing, we ask that you please remain IN YOUR CAR. Our priests will be close enough hear your confession, yet remain at a safe distance to avoid spread of illness. And other cars will be kept at a distance so that your confession will be heard by only the priest. If there are multiple people in the car, arrangements will be made.

CHURCHES ARE OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary: 4 pm on Saturday/ 7 am and 11 am on Sunday

St. John: 4 pm on Saturday/ 9:30 am and 6 pm on Sunday

RESERVATIONS ARE ONLY OPEN FROM Monday 9 am - Thursday 3 pm for the upcoming weekend! If you have access to a

computer, please do **NOT** phone in your reservation, but rather use the link and access code provided via previous flocknotes. We highly recommend that you thoroughly read the guidelines—set forth by both Governor Baker and the Archdiocese—that need to be strictly followed for both registering for and attending Mass. **(Go to our website for details.)** Being well-versed in what is expected, you can make better make a decision as to whether or not Mass attendance at this time is right for you.

Phone-In Reservations we ask only those who DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE use this option.

Call the parish offices between the hours of 9 am - 12 noon, Monday and Wednesday, and between the hours of 2 - 5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. phones will NOT be answered outside of these times; we remain lightly staffed. Reservations will NOT be accepted via voicemail or email messages.

Don't Make Reservations Those in vulnerable populations are highly encouraged to remain at home and join via livestream. We would love to see you but value your health and safety first and foremost. **DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN EXTENDED INDEFINITELY BY CARDINAL SEÁN.**

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- Make sure your pet has some form of identification, such as tags on their collars and/or a microchip. All shelters and veterinarians have microchip scanners.

- Protect your pet from heat stroke. • Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle. • If your pet lives outside provide adequate shade and protection from the environment. • Always have clean water available to all pets, whether inside or out.

- Prepare for special events well in advance. If you need to kennel your pet make reservations as early as possible. Also find out if any special vaccinations or other requirements, such as a fecal check, are necessary for boarding and check with your veterinarian to make sure your pet is covered.

- Another summer event is fireworks. While most of us humans enjoy them, some dogs are petrified of them. If you have one of these dogs some medications can sometimes help, but only if you give them to your dog about an hour or two before the fireworks. Other dogs can be helped with a "thunder shirt". You can also help your dog by absolutely ignoring his/her anxious behavior – I know it's hard to do, but dogs don't understand "It's alright, it's ok", and our tone of voice when we are saying these things tends to make dogs think that there is in fact something wrong.

- Protect your pet from outdoor parasites. Give them their once a month heartworm preventative, most of them also protect against intestinal parasites as well. There are several really good products available now to protect against fleas and ticks. We really like the Seresto Collar, which lasts 8 months. For topical products we generally recommend Vectra or Advantix (once a month) or Bravecto (3 month topical for cats). There are even good oral options available now for dogs including Nexgard or Bravecto.

Have a safe and fun summer!

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We "meet" at 10:30 Sunday mornings for worship and at 8:00 on Wednesday evenings for prayer. Pastor Bobby is also available to meet with you individually on a Zoom conference call if desired.

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On June 1, another Altrusa year of service in the Merrimack Valley began. Because of the Covid 19 restrictions, new President Jackie Maciejewski of Nashua, NH and other club officers will be installed and new members initiated, when it is safe and feasible.

The Altrusa District One Spring Conference, which was scheduled to be held in April at the Wylie Inn and Conference Center, Beverly, MA was cancelled, but awards for service projects were announced.

The Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley was very pleased to receive First Place honors from Altrusa International District One for our Dr. Nina Faye Calhoun International Award Submission; **Creating Health, Dignity and Opportunity - Days For Girls Kits.** The Merrimack Valley Club set out to change the lives of 50 girls in Guyana, by creating beautiful, washable and long-lasting kits that they can count on month after month during their menstrual cycles. Through our efforts, we hope that these girls will complete their educations; have access to income generating opportunities; and lead a dramatically better quality of life. (www.daysforgirls.org)

Currently, the Altrusa Club is meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month via teleconference calls. For more information about Altrusa, please email: altrusamv@gmail.com or visit us at www.altrusa.org or <https://districtone.altrusa.org/>

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

Northeast TOBACCO FREE Community Partnership

As of June 1st, 2020, flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes like Kools and Newports, will no longer be sold in Massachusetts stores. Last fall, the Fight All Flavors campaign and supporting partners worked to build grassroots understanding of a proposed flavored tobacco restriction that called out the tobacco and nicotine industries' targeting of menthol in communities of color.

The tobacco and vaping industries have targeted youth, LGBTQ populations and communities of color with their deadly products, causing many health consequences for these populations. Flavors, like mint and menthol, are a leading reason that young people start vaping and using tobacco.

The law, which goes into effect on June 1, 2020, means that: Menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products like flavored cigars, flavored chewing tobacco, and flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will no longer be widely available in Massachusetts.

E-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will increase in price. I'm excited to see that **No Menthol Know Why** builds on that work. I work with community-based organizations, youth advocates, public health and health care partners, churches, and more to support the communities most impacted by the new law. We all want to build awareness about the law and provide information about the resources available to help people quit smoking.

You can spread the word in your community. Visit NoMentholKnowWhy.org to learn more and find tools and resource to share.

Contact me at ashley.hall@glfnc.org or (978) 799-8643 to learn more about the law and how you can support people in quitting. Ashley Hall, MS Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, Program Manager Greater Lawrence Family Health Center



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For almost 50 years, the Festival has not only served up the best shortcake around, but has also been a fundraiser for the Society. So, we figured out a way you can still get delicious strawberries, help support us, and support a local business as well.

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To donate, make your check payable to TDHS and send it to TDHS, PO Box 87, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. Please include your name, address and phone number.

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CATIE'S CLOSET

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**Our 10th Annual Gala, A Night To Open Doors
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SAVE THE DATE! When: June 25th - 6:00PM

Where: **Your living room!**

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Covid-19 has increased the demand for basic necessities by 75%. We need your support!

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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.

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.**

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

Ron Mikol

Board of Selectmen Candidate for Re – Election

Voting Day: June 16, 2020

Greetings Dunstable Voters,

I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Selectmen. I do truly believe the election process whether it be for election or reelection is a healthy process for the municipal government. The Board of Selectmen are the executive officers of the municipal corporation of the Town of Dunstable. The individuals you elect to these positions should be the best possible candidates. To help you with this decision. Here's a little Bio on myself, plus a snap shot on the type of value I bring to this Board.

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Eleven Years

Some of my assignments included,

Groton Dunstable Regional School District

Member / Superintendent Search Committee

Member / Capitol Planning Committee

Member / Business and Finance Manager Search Committee

Member / Unit A Union Negotiations Team

Town of Dunstable, Public Education Instructor Swallow Union School K thru 4

Public Education Instructor Maple Village Pre School

A few of the projects I have been intensely involved in ...

11 Pleasant Street F/K/A Stone Works A/K/A The red house in the center of Town

At my request, the Board has begun the process of creating a sub committee to review what can be done to resolve the position of the property which has been falling into disrepair. This is a privately owned property which is vacant cannot stay in this condition. The Town needs to engage the owner in discussion to bring about a specific and measurable path forward.

Water Department Project

I have been and remain actively involved in this project. The project is in three phases: The first phase is completed, the second phase I have been involved with having the electrical feeder being replaced and the metering arrangement being reworked to insure reliability to the pumping systems. I have asked for the water tower to be provided with antenna brackets as part of the structural steel design. This will allow the Town to look at renting antenna space to help defer the project costs. Having the antenna brackets in place before the tower is erected is a major attraction to antenna installation.

LED Street Lighting

Almost two year ago I stated the process of getting the entire street lighting system converted to LED. Electric Companies are divesting themselves of outdoor lighting, we are currently in the process of taking ownership of the street lighting and having it all be made working and upgraded to LED. The savings to the town is seventy percent of today's cost.

Ancient Tree Program

We are gifted to have many ancient trees in the Town. An ancient tree is one that is aged over one hundred years. My program is to identify them by GPS address, index them, and place a necklace around the tree to provide identification to anyone looking at the tree. I have asked the Boy Scouts to assist with this endeavor.

It has been a privilege to be a member of the current Board of Selectmen. It has been a Board that has worked together and made some very difficult decision, in many cases when there were no good options and structured thinking was engaged.

We are in very uncertain times I will always work to having excellence in Municipal Government.

I ask for your vote to allow this work to continue

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