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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 CENSUS** form that you recently received is for the Federal Census that is done every ten years. It is not related to the Annual Town Census. You must respond to it.

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions.

TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH UPDATES

The Town of Tyngsborough continues to closely monitor and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it has had on our community. To date, we have completely re-opened Town Hall back to its normal schedule. While some staff continue to work remotely on some days to reduce the number of people in the building, **Town Hall has resumed in person hours Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and on Fridays from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.**

The Town of Tyngsborough recently launched push notifications on its website to allow residents to sign up for alerts anytime meeting minutes, meeting agendas, news posts, or new events are posted. This will help residents stay even more connected with local government especially during these difficult times.

The Library is now open a limited number of hours for browsing the collection and computer use. The Children's Room is restricted to adults only. Programs will remain virtual until further notice. Please see the Library's website, tynglib.org, for hours, safety protocols and guidelines for use. Curbside pickup of materials will continue on the same schedule.

The Board has set the date for the Annual Town Meeting as Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 9:00 AM. This will be held at the Tyngsborough High School Football Field.

The Town of Tyngsborough provides regular updates via the Town's website www.tyngsboroughma.gov, social media, and in person by visiting Town Hall or calling 978-649-2300. We thank our staff, residents, and local businesses for their cooperation and resilience as we all work to keep Tyngsborough safe.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 13 th	Grandparents Day
Saturday, September 19 th	First Day of Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 21 st	International Day of Peace
Tuesday, September 22 nd	First Day of Fall
Monday, September 28 th	Yom Kippur

IN MEMORY OF

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TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

Over the past few years this office has seen a sharp increase in Veterans benefits claims. This is a result of legislative changes and many other demographics. Those affected by the Vietnam "Blue Water" rule as well as amendments to V.A. laws have opened the door for Veterans to receive more of what they deserve.

Do you know a neighbor or friend who may be a Veteran, Veteran widower, widow or dependents of a Veteran, that may be eligible for financial assistance from my office. I may be able to help them with basic living expenses, rent or mortgage heating cost, prescriptions, hearing aids, monthly healthcare premiums and hospital/doctor bills not covered by your Medicare or other insurance. Even if the applicant lives with their son, daughter or other family member or friend they may still qualify.

I can also help with filing or questions about V.A. disability and pension claims. The Veteran's Office is a confidential office where your identity is completely confidential. Please call or email the office to schedule an appointment. If I cannot personally assist you I will direct you to the resources available to you.

Sincerely, Christopher W. Dery, Tyngsborough Veteran's Agent,
25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879
978-649-2300 X131 veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

This year it has been set for **October 31st**. You can find more info on the Town Website under the Board of Health. You may look at the listing from last year in the May 2019 Neighbor to Neighbor. It is the last page printed on green paper. This will give you an idea as to the items that are usually accepted, and how they should be handled when bringing them in.

In next month's Neighbor to Neighbor issue (October) the last page will have the Hazardous Waste Day details. Please read through it carefully as there may be some changes.

STITCHERS AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

The Stitchers have been busily working on projects that will soon be delivered. Shawls, afghans, lap robes, hats and scarfs will be delivered to hospice in Lawrence, York, Maine and Merrimack, NH. Baby items will be delivered to Pregnancy Care Center in Lowell. Children's hats, mittens, and scarfs will be delivered to Tyngsboro Elementary School. Various pieces of knitwear will be delivered to Sr. Robin - Able to Serve - Lowell.

A big shout out goes to Joanne Jean, Elaine Rivard, Lillian Boudreau, Brenda McCarthy, Yolanda Carmona, Mary Nelson, Marie Sava-Kovats, Sally Stavoita, Gloria Lacapo, Terry McEnaney, Carol Sides, and Jean Jacoppi.

We would enjoy yarn donations of nearly new yarn. We also welcome new Stitchers into our group which meets once a week, if you are able or you may pick up your project and materials and stitch at home. **For more information, please call coordinator, Jean Jacoppi (978-649-9076).**

FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

Friends President, Joe Jacoppi, is very pleased with the number of people who have joined or rejoined the Friends.

Presently, there is a plan being discussed at the monthly meeting for the future when the center is open to members once again. A questionnaire was also mailed to members and that information will be compiled and discussed at their next Board meeting.

A form to become a Friend, and the questionnaire can be obtained by calling Joe Jacoppi at 978-649-9076. Know that the Friends works in the best interest of the seniors in our town. *The Friends of the Tyngsborough Elderly, Inc is a non profit group 501C(3) Tax Exempt Corporation.*

You can read issues and see announcements and articles on line at

www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

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Also, please be on the lookout for the Tyngsboro Scholarship Trust Fall Fundraiser coming up soon. Another way to try and help make your shopping for the holidays easier, we will be hosting a Gift Card Fundraiser. More details to follow.

A reminder to the 2020 scholarship recipients, please be sure to submit proof of School enrollment to the TST at P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879 so you can receive your first or second payment. Please contact Bonnie McGrath Treasurer, at thebend2@comcast.net with any questions regarding payment.

The TST **meets on the second Wednesday of the month** at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7pm. **(For the time being, we will continue to meet via Zoom).** For 57 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. *We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us!*

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GROW FOOD, NOT YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Written by Liz Antanavica

In July 2019, the Sustainability Committee met for the first time. We set our priorities for the year, including an ambitious goal of reducing the Town of Tyngsborough's waste by 30% over three years. We plan to do this by focusing on organics diversion - composting.

Tyngsborough generated 3,702 tons of trash in FY2019, nearly 1 ton per household served at that time. MassDEP estimates that 31%, or about 1/3, of household trash could actually be composted. If we had composted the 1,100 tons instead of sending it to incineration, we would have saved our town budget \$80,000 in trash fees.

Following our first meeting, the Sustainability Committee got to work, reaching out to industry folks in the organics field and consulting with Town staff about how we could potentially bring a Community Compost site to Town. We quickly learned that an old definition within our Town bylaws prohibited such a use by lumping it in as the same activity as a landfill. If we wanted to bring this new town service to residents, we would need to propose a change at Annual Town Meeting.

In an online survey, 75% of residents polled were in favor of exploring options for composting. The Committee worked with the Planning Board to hold Public Hearings on the proposal. We heard positive feedback from residents eager to have a place to bring their yard waste outside of the four dates a year offered by our waste hauler. We heard from others who would be interested in a service that picked up food scraps curbside and created free high quality compost for residents to return to their gardens to grow more food.

We also heard from residents who were here when the old Charles George Landfill became toxic because they had accepted hazardous industrial waste and were concerned that this proposal would be similar to the old Charles George Landfill. Composting is very different than landfilling. MassDEP regulates composting activity, including the types of organic materials allowed at such a site. Any operator of a composting facility must be permitted both locally and by MassDEP under CMR 310 16.00 and subsections. The organics diversion sector is vibrant, with small companies like Lowell-based OffBeet Compost and Black Earth Compost, which operates a municipal site for the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, working to create high quality compost and keeping valuable resources out of the waste stream. These industry folks are committed to being good partners wherever they do business. They live and work in our communities, too.

Please support Community Composting at our upcoming Town Meeting. View the full text of the proposed bylaw change on the Sustainability Committee page on the Town website.

The Sustainability Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Selectmen. **We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM.** You can also connect with Committee members in the Sustainable Tyngsboro Facebook Group.

🌸🌸 TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB 🌸🌸

The Tyngsborough Garden Club wishes everyone a wonderful fall and winter. The garden club continues to tend the plantings around town at the Fire Station, Brinley Terrace, Sherburne House, and Coburn St triangle. Please enjoy these areas as you drive around town.

We are hoping that we will be able to resume meetings in the spring of 2021.

The Garden Club was meeting the **first Tuesday of the month** September-November and February- April at the Tyngsborough Evangelical Congregational Church on Kendall Rd, at 6:45PM. **However no meetings are scheduled at this time.**

New members are always welcome. For more information, find us on Facebook at Tyngsborough Garden Club or call Debbie at 978-649-6362. **If you are interested why not get in touch now. You never know, if all goes well, something might come up before spring.**

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SUSTAINABLE TYNGSBOROUGH

Sustainable Tyngsborough is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen. We meet the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30pm, in Meeting Room #1 if Town Hall is open, or via Zoom if Town Hall is closed. You are always welcome to join us and share your sustainability ideas and concerns (Zoom access can be found on the online town calendar).



46 Coburn Road
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SHERBURNE NATURE CENTER & TRAILS

For more information on this and future events, please visit the website <http://www.naturewalkscs.org/events-schedule>

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

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

TYNGSBOROUGH/DUNSTABLE ROTARY CLUB



The Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable Rotary Club has been serving the Tyngsborough and Dunstable areas for 41 years.

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community volunteers in your locality who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

If you are interested in membership, please call Bob Guernsey at (508)380-4351 or Ron Keohane at (508)517-3895.

Want to join a meeting?

Currently we are meeting every Thursday at noon.

Local Rotary Events

- Fishing Day for Individuals with Disabilities of all Ages – Tyngsboro Sportsmen Club
- Senior meals for the Tyngsboro and Dunstable Councils on Aging
- Many other local service events

LOWELL GALLERY EXHIBIT FEATURES ELEMENTS OF COLOR AS A THEME EXHIBIT TITLE: "CHROMA"

38th Annual Exhibition of the Brush Art Gallery Studio Artists

Show Dates: September 19-November 1, 2020

Artists' Reception: Saturday, September 26, 2-4 PM

Gallery Talk with the Artists: Sunday, October 18, 1-3 PM

Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat 11am-4 pm, Sun 12 noon - 4 pm

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Studio Artists Presenting "Chroma" Their work will be on view in the Brush Art Gallery as well as via a virtual online Gallery for the very first time. <https://thebrush.org/exhibits.htm>

Studio Artists, Medium, Hometown Penelope Cox, Hand-made Jewelry, Lowell; Jenny Day, Quilter, Billerica; Lolita Demers, Ceramics and Mixed-Media, Methuen; Claire Gagnon, Painter, Dracut; Chrissy Theo Hungate, Sculptor/Painter, Lowell; Paul Richardson, Photographer, Lowell; Raksha Soni, Painter, Burlington; Chummeng Soun, Painter/Photographer, Lowell; and Will Winslow, Designer/Illustrator, Lowell.

UPDATE FOR AMERICAN LEGION

• American Legion Post 247 Inc. of Tyngsboro IS OPEN

The Post is pleased to welcome back all Post 247 Members, Family, & Guest. **No meetings scheduled at this time. If you are interest in joining, please get in touch with the person noted or contact the Post.**

• Much renovating, sanitizing, and improvements have been conducted while the Post has been closed. We look forward to welcoming every one back.

*****FOOD IS ONCE AGAIN BEING SERVED.** As of now **hours are Sun., Tues, Wed, Thurs Noon to 7PM and Friday and Saturday noon to 11PM. Closed Monday.** The menu includes Appetizers, Subs, Hamburgers, Pizza and more. Stop in we'd love to see you. Please be well and STAY SAFE.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 247

90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA 01879

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

Auxiliary Unit 247 Officers for 2019-2021:

President: Josephine Beauregard; 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. Contact 978-649-7540 if interested in joining.

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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.

Elected Post 247 Officers serving for 2019-2021

Commander: Raymond Hamelin; Sr. Vice Commander: Pete St. Peters; Jr. Vice Commander: Larry Monaco; Finance Officer: John Burke; Adjutant: Don Pierce; Judge Advocate: Roland Milliard; Executive Board: Joe Conlin, Robin Dion, and Fred Carroll.

Visit our website, www.AmericanLegionPost247.org

This website contains a wealth of information about the Post.

Please remember to be safe & keep our troops in your prayers.



TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 978-649-7361 www.tynglib.org

The Library is now open, on a limited basis, for browsing the collection and computer use.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m - 3 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

• Please note that 10-11 a.m. is daily for high risk and senior patrons.

• Please see the TPL website for safety protocols and guidelines for visits.

• Programs will remain virtual until further notice.

• Curbside pickup of materials will continue on the same schedule

• Check the TPL website for updates on reopening, interlibrary loan, hours and other service information.

• **ONLINE Basic Digital Photography Course** with Nick DePasquale, Tuesdays, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For Tyngsborough residents. Registration required with the library. Learn the features and functions of your Digital SLR camera and how to use manual modes. Topics include: Understanding Exposure; Focusing and Depth of Field; Composition and Elements of Visual Design. Plan on shooting homework between sessions, which will consist of lectures and photo critiques.

• Tewksbury Public Library invites residents of Tyngsborough to join their newly launched **Greater Lowell 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group**, created to support those searching for a new job, changing careers or reentering the workforce. **VIRTUAL meetings will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Sept., 16 & 30, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16**, Each meeting will feature different job skill topics presented by expert guest speakers. Registration is required via 50plusjobseekers.org.

• **Ultimate Red Sox Presentation via Zoom! Thursday, September 17, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.** Veteran sports writer and pop culture historian, **Marty Gitlin**, will cover exciting game action and wonderful photos from his book, *The Ultimate Boston Red Sox*. Join in the fun and get the scoop on the most interesting and greatest teams, players and events in Red Sox history from their founding to today. Other books by Marty Gilpin: *A Celebration of Animation* and *The Great American Cereal Book*. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

• **Read to Enzo the Dog via Zoom - Monday, Sept. 21, 2-3 p.m.** Grades K-6. Registration required. Read to Enzo one-on-one for 15 minutes. Bring your own book or borrow one of ours. Great for struggling readers.

- **Storytime with Ms. Sam! Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, September 16, 23, 30 at 10 a.m. on Zoom.** Call to ask for Zoom link!
- **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly 3rd Thursday, but the pandemic has altered this schedule. Check the TPL or Town websites for scheduled meetings.
- **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.
- **Register for TPL programs by calling the Library or using the contact form on the website.**

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Explore the community. Decipher clues. Support local business. Discover something new! While the Groton Community Home Tour has been an anticipated staple for 15 years, Groton Community School will be unable to proceed with this popular fundraising event this year due to safety regulations.

However, while things may be different, the enjoyment of a safe, local outing is still possible! Enjoy a day of fun for all ages with a self-guided community scavenger hunt. Start outdoors at Groton Community School (14 Main Street, Groton) to enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts, buy tickets to take a chance on some amazing prizes, and then start your adventure!

All proceeds benefit our non-profit, early childhood center, which supports the growth and development of young children.

Participants are required to wear masks and must adhere to social-distancing mandates. Visit grotonhometour.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you on October 17th!

Groton Community School, 110 Boston Road, Groton, MA 01450



FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Congratulations to Samantha Cooke, James Matteson, Sarah Hammerstone, and Mary McGaffigan who were awarded the Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library Scholarship/Service Award for 2020! They are from the Tyngsborough High School graduating class of 2020. Each of them devoted time to the Friends during their high school years, and we wish them the best of luck for their future college studies.

- With the continuation of safe social distancing practices, the fall used book sale is cancelled. If you want to donate books, we would love to have them, and donations are being accepted as space permits. Contact the library, or check the website, to see if books are being accepted. Otherwise, please keep the books until the library has a place for them. Jewelry will always be accepted.

- The pass program is still active, so if you are interested in visiting a museum in the area, go to the Library's website to make your reservation. Check the museum's website first to confirm that it is open since there may be special hours and requirements. The Friends continues to fund passes for this program.

- Friends' meetings are typically held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm. This year, meetings are scheduled for September 14 (in lieu of Labor Day), October 5, and November 2. Normally they are held at the Library, but for now, we will meet using Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please let us know by email so that we can send you the Zoom invitation. tynglibfriends@gmail.com

- You may apply for or renew your membership to the Friends by using the application on the website at <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>. Many of you might have renewed or applied during the spring used book sale. Since that was cancelled, this is a way to continue your support for the Library. Thank you.

- If you are still spending time at home and ordering from Amazon, a good way to help is to do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2986749 and Amazon will donate a percentage of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library.

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The homebuying market continues to heat up — and that means there could be some fierce competition out there. While that may seem intimidating, it doesn't mean your dream home is out of reach. There are quite a few things you can do to stand out if you find yourself up against other buyers.

Want to make sure a property doesn't slip through your fingers?

Put these five tips into action to make a winning offer:

- **Write a personal letter.** Tell the seller what you love about the home and what it means to you and your family. Include the letter with your offer to set yourself apart from other interested buyers.
- **Add an escalation clause.** With an escalation clause, you agree to increase your bid (up to a certain point) if another buyer outbids you. It's a great way to ensure you stay at the top in a bidding war.
- **Stay flexible and open-minded.** Be mindful of the seller's timeline. If they need to spend a few extra weeks in the home before you can move in, discuss potential ways to make it work for both of you.
- **Increase your earnest money deposit.** Upping your deposit can give a seller more confidence in your offer. Just remember that sellers could end up keeping the earnest money if you pull out of the deal.
- **Get preapproved for your loan.** Another way to inspire confidence? Come in with a preapproval letter from a lender.

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An offer on your home moves you one step closer to the finish line in the selling process. And if you're lucky, you'll receive multiple offers from a range of bidders. The highest bid is the obvious choice, right? Not necessarily. Here's what to consider before moving forward on an offer:

- **Focus on your priorities.** Take this step early, before any offers roll in. Make a list of what's most important to you in the sale of your home, like a tight moving deadline or your financial needs. Are there any requests that would make an offer a deal breaker for you?
- **Review the contingencies.** Now that you've established your top priorities, determine your bidders' conditions for the sale. Common contingencies for potential buyers include a property appraisal and a home inspection.
- **Compare earnest money amounts.** People who are interested in purchasing your home need to show you that their offer is made in good faith. An earnest money deposit proves the buyer is serious about the transaction. The more money they put into the deposit, the more likely they are to be able to back it up with financing.
- **Be aware of unusual requests.** A bidder could ask you to make unnecessary repairs or leave all your appliances in the home for them. Their offer might be high, but if something unusual interferes with your top priorities, it might be best to move on to another option. Together, we'll carefully read over their requests and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.



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Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

• Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

• Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. **If an animal is suspected of having**

WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

• Information about current mosquito activity in Massachusetts is updated daily and can be found <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>

NOTE: A hard or killing frost will kill virtually all exposed mosquitoes. A hard frost is defined as 2 consecutive hours at a temperature below 28 degrees Fahrenheit. A female mosquito can live up to 100 days and lay anywhere between 200 and 300 eggs, so she is continually feeding.

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Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

September is the month to book your annual heating system service. Many are not aware of the importance of maintenance, until an HVAC breakdown happens on a very hot, or very cold day.

Think of this: Your home is getting colder and colder, the thermostat keeps falling no matter what you try. A miserable, sleepless, night follows. Hopefully, a technician can come and get things started again soon.

Another scenario: You're feeling dizzy, lethargic, or perceive your house is haunted. Headaches, nausea, vomiting, along with hallucinations are all symptoms of a dangerous carbon monoxide leak. A faulty furnace or boiler could be the cause.

This is why professionals advise having your furnace checked in the fall, and conversely, your air conditioning unit in the spring. That way, you stay ahead of any potential issue that may be lurking.

Until next month, stay comfortable! *Tyler*

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BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION MISTAKES TO AVOID

By Edward H. Adamsky

Remember that your Will or Trust only controls assets that are not controlled in some other way. Many of your assets pass by Beneficiary Designation rather than through the terms of your Will or Trust. The common ones are Life Insurance and Retirement Accounts. You can also name beneficiaries on bank accounts with the ITF designation (a misnomer as it stands for "In Trust For," but is really just a beneficiary designation) and you can have your brokerage accounts Transfer on Death (TOD) to named beneficiaries.

Most people choose their spouse as primary and name their children as contingent beneficiaries. Some forms have a designation like "issue per stirpes" or "issue by right of representation." Those mean the same thing using Latin or English. What they mean is that the assets will pass down your bloodline and be divided equally at each generation, among those of that generation. Sometimes folks are confused on who to name as a beneficiary or whether or not they should name one person or multiple people, and many people make bad mistakes when filling out the beneficiary designation forms.

One common mistake is to just name one beneficiary and assume that person will properly split the assets among family members. It might cause tax issues with retirement accounts, or discord if that family member did not properly share with others. If you name one child as a beneficiary on an account, then that account will legally belong to that child when you die. If that child were in the midst of a financial issue like divorce or bankruptcy, that child might not be able to share the assets with siblings even if she wanted to.

Sometimes people designate different beneficiaries for different accounts. For example, a mother might have three IRAs each with one of her three children named as beneficiary. Only if the three accounts were exactly equal in value when she died would the children benefit equally. If she had to spend some money and withdrew it from only one account, then the children will receive unequal amounts. This might cause fights among the children, especially if one of the children (as Agent under a Power of Attorney) made the decision to withdraw assets from only one of the three accounts.

You cannot override your beneficiary designations by terms in a Will. If you had life insurance and named your brother as beneficiary, a clause in your Will that said "I give my life insurance proceeds to my three children" would not work. The life insurance company will follow your directions on the beneficiary designation form and will not even look at your Will.

You should coordinate your beneficiary designations with your Will or Trust. If there is a reason to update your Will (such as the death of a family member) then you should update your beneficiary designations too. You should make a list with all of your assets that are controlled by beneficiary designation and be sure to update them all when there are changes in your life.

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 - The Senior Center opened to the public on Monday, July 13th. This is a 'SOFT' opening and we are still limited to activities and capacity. Masks are available as safety protocols are necessary. We are still providing Meals on Wheels. Our outreach coordinator is still available for help with applications, questions regarding care, and the growing needs of our elder population. Our van service is operational. Again, safety protocols are in place for all services provided.

According to the Governor's Phased Reopening Plan, and if (only if) there are no setbacks in the progress made in the state, during Phase 4, we will have more events and activities scheduled with RESTRICTIONS. A date has not been set for Phase 4.

So, as we 'slowly' reopen and try to get back to a new 'normal', we will not be holding any special events or activities in September. Stay tuned for the reopening plan and the timing of when we start classes in the exercise room and games.

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ALTRUSA NEWS

Although Altrusa members have been restricted by COVID 19 in providing hands on service in our communities, the Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley continues to fulfill its mission and make a difference in the lives of others.

On June 28, 2020, Altrusa Members; Jackie Maciejewski, President; Charlene Muscato, Immediate Past President; and Ann Marie Snyder, Treasurer; were joined by Sister Paula Marie Buley, President of Rivier; and Paula Williams, Dean of Nursing and Health Professions; at the Sharon Tamposi Memorial Garden at Rivier University in Nashua, NH to award the Katherine M. Richo Scholarship to **Julie Williams of Lowell**, who is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Rivier University. The \$500 scholarship honors the memory of **Katherine M. Richo**, deceased member of Altrusa and active leader in the Nashua Community, who was a critical care nurse by profession and an instructor in the nursing program at Rivier.

On September 8, 2020, the Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley kicked off the start of a new year of service in the community by celebrating World Literacy Day with the distribution of a \$500 scholarship to **Kylie Letendre of Hudson, NH**, a student enrolled in the BA in Elementary Education and Special Education at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. The scholarship was given in memory of Eleanor "Ellie" Durant, 38 year member of Altrusa, who taught for many years in the Chelmsford School System.

In addition, Altrusa presented the Altrusa Academic Award in the amount of \$250. to **Alexia Rivers of Peabody, MA**, who is also enrolled in the BA in Elementary Education and Special Education at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

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 is currently meeting remotely. To learn more about Altrusa, e-mail us at altrusamv@gmail.com. You may also visit us at www.altrusa.org or <https://districtone.altrusa.org/>

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LIRA, The Learning in Retirement Association invites you to enjoy their Fall Classes. As we are under Covid restrictions, all classes will be done via Zoom and can be accessed by LIRA members from anywhere.

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For a complete course list with detailed descriptions and schedule – www.UML.edu/LIRA/

Classes begin mid-September. The yearly membership fee of \$125 allows you to take as many classes as you wish in the Fall and Spring semesters. It is a great way to stay engaged by continuing to learn while being Covid careful.

LIRA is celebrating it's thirty-second year in a partnership project with the Offices of Community Relations and Alumni Relations at UMass Lowell. Email: lira@uml.edu LIRA on Facebook - www.facebook.com/LIRAatUML/

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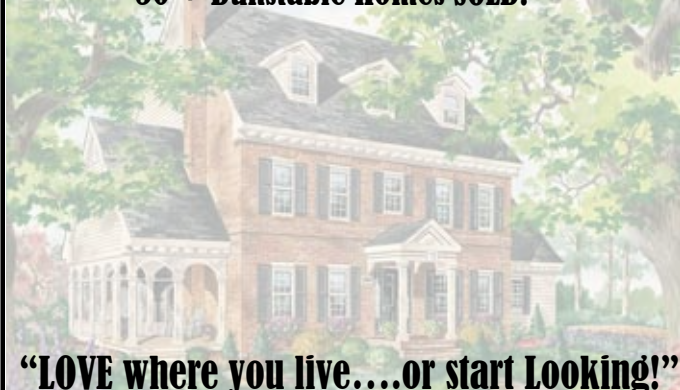
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For updates to our schedules and to learn where to access our recorded services, please see our website at www.dunstablechurch.org. God protect and bless you!"

This Fall two different options will be available for adult Christian education. Groups will run from September 13 or 15 through December 13 or 15.

Before service on Sundays a Bible study of the Gospel of John will be held 9:00-10:15 AM. The group will use *Mark (N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides)* available on Amazon in paperback for \$8.49 or \$8.07 for the Kindle version. Mark is the shortest of the Gospels, and in this study you will find yourself challenged with new discoveries and fresh views on life. This Bible study group will be facilitated by Rodrigo Cardoso who has been a long-time student of and lover of the Bible!

On Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00 PM the group will consider racism and related issues of justice. Numerous readings will be provided to group participants for reading ahead and then discussing with others during the group meeting. A variety of voices will be read and also watched on selected videos – black and white, male and female, young and old, conservative and radical. The goal will be an increased awareness of the history and current state of racism in our country as well as ways that Christians should respond. This group will be facilitated by Kelsey Hutchinson. Kelsey is passionate about finding new ways to go out into the world to share God's love and is hopeful that by having open and honest discussions about race issues we will all be motivated to respond outside of our comfort zones!

It is challenging to predict whether the groups will be held in person at the church or using Zoom online. But over the winter and spring we learned how to use Zoom effectively for our Bible classes so we are ready for either direction.

Head over to our website (www.dunstablechurch.org) for more details and to learn how to sign up! In-person, on Zoom, or a combination depending on the state of the pandemic. Message us if you have questions.

In regards to the **St. Pauly Donation Box** behind the church. **The box is currently closed and we will not accept donations until further notice.** Due to the pandemic, they are not able to distribute the donations nationally or internationally as usual. Consequently their storage areas are full. We will let you know as soon as the box is re-opened. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATION BAGS OUTSIDE THE BOX. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Editors Note: If you have difficulty with the website, please call the church office. They are aware and are working to fix the issue. Also the church is considering re-opening with limitations in October. Please check the website or call the church office for updates about this.

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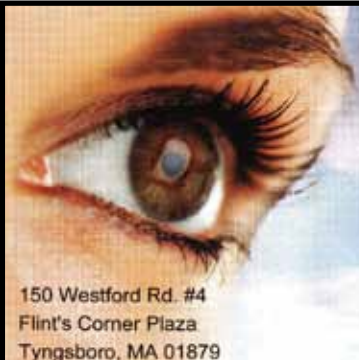


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TEARING OPEN THE HEAVENS

By Nathan Coombs

In Isaiah 64.1, Isaiah the prophet uttered an anguished prayer to God: "O that you would *tear open the heavens* and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence" (NRSV). Such words are hardly surprising, considering the difficult time in which Isaiah lived. God's people had splintered into two rival kingdoms (Israel and Judah) and often warred against each other. The moral character of the kings who ruled Judah, Isaiah's country, was a jarring sequence of good (Uzziah, Jotham), horrific (Ahaz), then excellent (Hezekiah). The people they led did not have hearts for God: "There is no one who calls on your name," Isaiah says later in Isaiah 64.7. Additionally, Judah faced repeated invasions from foreign armies intent on devastating Judah (2 Chronicles 28.5-6, 17-20, 32.1). God's people desperately needed Him to come down in a powerful way and teach His people to fear Him, as He did in the time of Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Roughly 700 years later, God answered Isaiah's prayer. At the beginning of Jesus' work to spread His good news, when He was baptized by John in the Jordan river, Mark records this: "And just as he was coming up out of the water, *he saw the heavens torn apart* and the Spirit descending like a dove on him" (Mark 1.10, NRSV). God did rip open the sky and descend, just as Isaiah asked. However, instead of shaking mountains covered in terrifying smoke and lightning, God's Spirit came like a gentle bird onto His Son. Jesus was the one Isaiah longed for, the divine presence Who brought ordered righteousness to the chaotic wickedness of the world.

2020 is a year of difficulty. Many are disturbed by the bitter division within our country, similar to the division between the Israelites of Isaiah's time. Many are fearful for the physical health of their loved ones and themselves. Many are feeling the effects of sudden economic disruption. Many are angry at acts of unjust violence. Many are frustrated at a lack of effective and godly leadership. Perhaps you long for God to dramatically descend and fix it all, just as Isaiah did.

How comforting it is to know that God has *already* descended in the person of Jesus of Nazareth! He has already crushed the power that Satan once enjoyed over humankind (Luke 10.18). He has already disarmed mighty spirits who subjugated us, and He did it through an act of profound weakness: dying on a cross (Colossians 2.14-15). Jesus is returning to earth someday to raise the dead, judge His enemies, and abolish death forever (1 Thessalonians 5, 1 Corinthians 15). Therefore, whatever gathering darkness appears in our culture or our personal lives is actually the last gasp of an already defeated enemy. When God seems remote and silent, let's remember that He has torn open the heavens. He has done "awesome deeds that we did not expect" (Isaiah 64.3). Glory to His name!

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• **Church Services are now open to the public at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.** Masks are required, distancing being followed. We will implement and honor all suggested safeguards.

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• **SERMONS ON-LINE:** Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website <http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org> 2. Click once on the word "SERMONS" 3. Sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title Click on date to listen to the sermon you desire.

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• **Executive Boards** are meeting again.

If you have any questions regarding the following activities, please contact our Church Secretary and leave a message and someone will return your call.

• **Ladies Bible Study** – Tuesday's 9am to 11am – Soon to begin classes on the Book of Psalms

• **Sunday School** – Soon to begin

• **Choir Practice** - Soon to begin

We are attempting to make decisions adhering to CDC restrictions and safety measures for all upcoming activities.

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

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Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joseph Ward at 978-930-1153. Once we can meet again, we will let you know where, and when meetings will take place.

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 - Sunday, 8:30 am at St. John the Evangelist Church
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There are too many to list here, so please refer to our website.

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- Wednesdays at St. Mary from 4:30-5:30pm

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- All patients admitted to Lowell General Hospital will be tested for COVID-19 to help us provide the safest care possible.

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