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A MESSAGE FROM THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is a reminder that the area at the end of Main and Mill Street is not an area designated for free items to be placed in hopes that someone might take them. Please respect your neighbors who live there.

If you have a bulky item you want to get rid of please contact the Board of Health at jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov and I will be glad to give you information on how to dispose it properly. Thank you.

DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Office Hours Change of Schedule The office will be closed until December 11, 2020.

As of December 14, 2020, I will offer appointments available on Mondays and Thursdays and working remotely on Tuesday and Wednesday (there will be times this schedule might change).

Please call or email to schedule appointments. Remember there are many transactions you can do online or by mail, if you have questions please let me know.

Town Hall has reopened partially to the public, but it will continue to be staggered hours by departments until further notice. It is highly recommended you contact the office you want before coming in to be sure they are here to help you.

I am in constant touch with my email and voice mail. Be well, we look forward to seeing you soon! **Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk**
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REQUEST FOR DOG TAG NUMBER

Note: This is not a dog license application

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

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Do not send a fee with this form. You must still complete a dog license application. In the event of multiple requests for this number, a drawing will be held by the Dog Officer. Requests must be in by 12/18/20. No number higher than 600.

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Town Clerk, Town Hall, 511 Main St., Dunstable, MA 01827

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Are you a Dunstable resident who is experiencing financial hardship? We may be able to help. A century ago, various residents of Dunstable willed funds to the town to help those in need. Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for disbursing funds from the interest on these accounts each year. If you, or someone you know, is a resident of Dunstable and could use some one-time help with medical, pharmacy, grocery, or fuel bills, let us know.

Requests can be submitted to the Commissioners of Trust Funds at www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/53/contact. **All inquiries are confidential.**

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!

A Meals on Wheels volunteer driver may be the only person a homebound senior sees in a day, or sometimes a week. Volunteers offer a daily dose of human connection and a nutritious meal that helps keep senior happy and healthy. Become a volunteer driver today. **Contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore at nutrition@esmv.org or call 978-686-1422.**

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Volunteer Firefighters Association

Due to Covid-19 there will be no party at the fire station this year. However, we do hope to see you out along the parade route!

SANTA PARADE

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, December 20

Parade starts at 11:45AM. Parade Route: Starting at Dunstable Fire Dept., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Pond St., R. on Parkhurst St., L. on Pond St., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Cross St., L. Groton St., L. on Hall St., R. on School St., L. on Groton St., R. on Kemp St., R. on Adam St., L. on Route 113 in Pepperell, R. on East St., in Pepperell, Continue onto river St., R. on Hollis St., L. on Fletcher St., L. on Main St., R. on Century Way, Back to Main St., L. on Main St., L. on Mill St., Cross Main St. to Oak St., L. on Depot St., R. on Main St., L. on High St., R. on Thorndike St., R. on Forest St., across Route 113 to middle section of Forest St. across Lowell St. to Forest St. (up the hill), at the end of Forest St., Turn around at Valley St., L. on Lowell St., Merge onto Main St., L. on Pleasant St. and L. into Dunstable Fire Department.





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Dear Community Members,

We are thrilled to share with you that since the start of this 20-21 school year, the Groton Dunstable Education Foundation (GDEF) has awarded approximately \$19,000 to all five schools in the district. Our 17-year cumulative total is around \$600,000! This money has been donated by you, our community, and we are endlessly thankful for each dollar that has enabled us to give back to our students and staff!

Through this terrible pandemic, we are even more motivated to support the GD faculty and staff in providing our children with distinctive and different learning experiences through impactful and inspiring educational tools and creative opportunities. So this year, in addition to supporting educational programming at all five schools, we have expanded our scope for funding of grant requests as our student's learning space has become more physically contained! At the Preschool we purchased a canopy for outside learning, at our Elementary schools and the Middle School we have purchased scoop chairs, yoga mats, standing desks, and fidget tools to allow students alternative seating and movement options in compliance with school health and safety regulations.

For more information about what we have done thus far this year, and to directly support our students and staff with a donation, please visit our website www.gdefinc.org, like us on Facebook [Groton Dunstable Education Foundation], and follow us on Twitter [@GDEFinc].

*Thank you for your ongoing support,
Colette Kuchel Communications Director, GDEF*

TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM

New subscribers can pay on line on the town webpage www.dunstable-ma.gov but will have to come to the Town Hall to pick up their containers. 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.

*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.***

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY, INC.

Visit our website at <https://loavesfishespantry.org>
All Dunstable families are invited to visit the Pantry and receive nutritious food and personal care products. There are no income requirements – only a proof of residency (a utility bill or a rental receipt, for example, with your name, current address and date) is required. **Open** Second Tuesday of each month from 6p.m.- 8p.m. • Every Wednesday and Friday from 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • First & third Saturday of every month from 9a.m.-11a.m.

To learn more about what to expect when you visit the Pantry for groceries, take a virtual tour at <https://loavesfishespantry.org/need-services/> or call us at (978)772-4627 x312.

If you are interested in volunteering please email us at volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org or call us at (978)772-4627 x317. The gift of food and personal care items as well as monetary support is always welcome. <https://loavesfishespantry.org/donate-now>

FACE COVERINGS MANDATORY

Everyone is required to wear a face covering, whether indoors or outdoors, in all public places, even when able to maintain 6 feet distance from others. Exceptions for children under 5, and people who are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition. (documentation maybe required to verify the condition) **To read all the details about this, visit www.mass.gov and search "face coverings" or for the order, mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download.**

THE DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST 2021 CALENDAR IS HERE!

This year's calendar is devoted to wonderful photos of the McLoon Barn and Property.

The Calendar is available for \$12 a piece at: The Dunstable General Store, Rose of Sharon at Blossom Hill, The Farmhouse Café, Tully Farm Dairy Store, West Auto and from any of the Directors of the Dunstable Rural Land Trust.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendars go directly to the Dunstable Rural Land Trust to help preserve the rural character of our town. **Call Elaine at 978-649-9236 for more information.**

ATTENTION 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE

Congratulations on your pending graduation!

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

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

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

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

Starting February 2, 2021, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, or by emailing bab-cockscholarshipfund@gmail.com.

Completed applications can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the PO Box listed below no later than **March 18, 2021**.

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to bab-cockscholarshipfund@gmail.com. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Babcock Scholarship Trustees, P.O. Box 24, Dunstable, MA 01827



Again this year West Auto Repair, Inc. will be teaming up with Maureen Amaral, Realtor from Coldwell Banker Realty, who is our town's Toys for Tots coordinator, to collect toys for local families in our area. **Starting on Monday November 16th we expect that the Toys for Tots collection box will arrive** and will be set up in the office of **West Auto Repair located at 30 Pleasant St. (a/k/a Route 113) in Dunstable, MA.** The office is open Monday - Friday 8AM til 5PM. No appointment is needed, please just stop by and leave any unwrapped toys in the collection box.

Historically there has been a shortage of donations for children in their pre-teen years so please keep that in mind when considering what toys you might donate to this program. We look forward to seeing you all during this upcoming holiday season and we thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions relating to the Toys for Tots program please feel free to contact Maureen at 773-599-3257 and she can answer any questions you might have. **Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays. Stay well! The West Family**

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SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

By Edward H. Adamsky

You may have heard the term "Special Needs Trust" or "Supplemental Needs Trust" both of which are often abbreviated as "SNT." But do you know what an SNT is, or if you even want or need one? Here is a rather simple explanation of a complex issue. An SNT is a trust that is designed so the beneficiary will stay or become eligible for certain means-tested government benefits such as Medicaid that require the individual to have less than \$2000 in assets.

There are two major types of SNTs. One is created and funded by someone like the parents of the person with a disability. That is called a "third-party" trust. Sometimes a person with a disability comes into money like inheritance or lawsuit proceeds. A trust established with that person's own money is called a "first-party" trust. The rules for how those two types of trust can be created and the terms required of them are quite different.

Sometimes people can be confused by these terms. The Social Security Administration calls only a First-Party Trust a Special Needs Trust. If you are planning on creating an SNT and Social Security is or may be involved, you better call it by the right name or confusion could be the result. If it is a Third-Party trust you might want to use the name "Supplemental Needs Trust," or just call it a Trust.

Most third-party Trusts give the Trustee discretion on how to spend, or not spend, the trust money. Since the Trustee cannot be forced to give it to, or spend it on, the beneficiary, and the beneficiary cannot demand the money, then the assets in the Trust do not count as the beneficiary's assets for benefits eligibility purposes. If the Trust said that the Trustee had to give money to the beneficiary, then that money might be countable for eligibility purposes and would ruin the whole plan of trying to keep that person on government benefits. So, these types of Trusts have to be written correctly.

The Social Security laws allow an individual to set up a Special Needs Trust with their own money. This is sub-section d(4)(A) of 42 USC Section 1396p. Lawyers often call these "d(4)(A)" trusts. This type of trust is most commonly used when a disabled person comes into funds through a lawsuit or inheritance and wants to retain eligibility for certain benefits. At that time, the individual can set up a Trust and put those funds in the Trust and remain eligible. But the Trust must contain a "payback" provision that allows the government to get at those trust assets after the person has died to payback the government for what it paid out in benefits.

If you think an SNT might be something you need, see your local Elder Law Attorney.

DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

For those Veterans and families who love to see nature at its best **the National Parks, wildlife refuges and other federal lands is now free for veterans and Gold Star family members to use as of Veterans Day.**

The change extends to veterans and Gold Star families. The existing free admission policy is already in play for active-duty troops and their families, as well as Guard and Reserve members. It waives both entrance and day use recreation fees for lands managed by the Department of the Interior nationwide. Disabled veterans qualify for the Access Pass, which gives free admission and a 50% discount on some costs such as camping or boat launch fees. To gain access, veterans can present a DoD ID card; a Veteran Health Identification Card; a Veteran ID card; or a state-issued card displaying veteran status, according to the release. So now you have one more reason to get out and enjoy this beautiful country of ours.

As always, if you know of any Veteran or family member of any veteran who might need assistance please contact me. I am normally available from 10:00AM to 2:00PM on Mondays almost every week. You can call 978-496-0985 or send me an email anytime at VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov. God Bless.

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)
Dunstable Veteran Services Officer
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Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

By Tyler Denomme

No one wants to start the year with boiler troubles. How do you know whether to repair or replace? Let's look at some of the factors to consider in making a decision.

Age: On average, boilers have a service life between 10 and 15 years. Older boilers are more prone to problems such as leaks and malfunctions, as well as increased energy use.

Safety: For any decision regarding an existing system, safety needs to be top priority. Repairs may be an option, but may not improve the safety of the boiler.

Repair Needs & Costs: If the cost of repairing is relatively low, or the repair is simple, then this may be the best choice.

Efficiency & Energy Costs: Wear & tear over the years reduces efficiency & performance. New, high-efficiency units use much less fuel.

Taking these factors into account, if an old boiler breaks down often, energy bills are higher, and your home doesn't feel as warm as it should, it might be time to consider boiler replacement.

Until next month, stay comfortable! *Tyler*

Got a question? Drop me a note!

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We are open for Curbside Service Saturdays 10am-2pm.

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When you receive the email that your material is ready, please call the library to let us know when you want to pick it up. We also offer home delivery for seniors on Thursdays.

We quarantine all returned books and then spray and wipe each one down.

Every Tuesday night at 6:00pm, Mrs. D will read from a chapter book for school aged children on the library facebook page. Please join her for this fun read-out-loud!

Craft times: Please check the facebook page because some weeks we have guided craft times on facebook live and other times we offer take and make craft bags to be picked up curbside!

Virtual story time is every Thursday at 10:30am on DPL facebook live. We have stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays for young children! Join in on the fun!!

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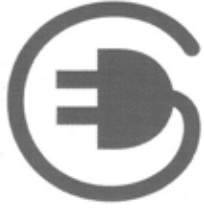
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DO NOT DIVIDE OVER SUBJECTS THAT DO NOT MATTER TO GOD

By *Nathan Combs*

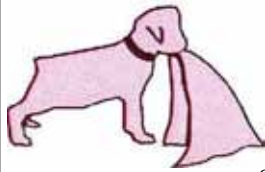
When you listen to news anchors, politicians, coworkers, and fellow Christians, it is not uncommon to hear someone lamenting the deeply divided state of our culture. At every turn, there is a seemingly endless supply of subject matter to fight about and plenty of people willing to charge into a war of words. Christians, sadly, are tempted to mimic the rancorous language of the world and spend their energy brawling about issues that do not advance the kingdom cause of Jesus.

For example, it is irrelevant to God whether our country (or any other, for that matter) is a socialist or communist or capitalist society. In other words, since Jesus reigns supreme over all the nations, He will sow His message and reap His souls regardless of secular politicians. After all, the good news of Jesus was first preached in the shadow of a repressive empire. With few exceptions, all the cultures we read about in the Bible were ruled by monarchies. Under adverse conditions, Jesus' church thrived to such an extent that even household members of the Roman emperor submitted their lives to Jesus (Philippians 4.22)! While the empire boiled with bloodshed and political intrigue, God's everlasting kingdom quietly, but relentlessly, conquered the world.

We will search the New Testament in vain for instructions on good economic policies or the ideal configurations of human government. Honoring the emperor, paying your taxes, and praying for your leaders were clear teachings of Jesus and His apostles (1 Timothy 2.1-2, Romans 13.7, 1 Peter 2.17). However, changing or maintaining an earthly political system was simply not a focus of the early Christians. It should not be our focus.

Although modern-day levels of division seem unprecedented (to use a recently popular word), divisiveness is an ancient problem rooted in sin. The New Testament documents are filled with specific teachings and warnings about divisions, warning that they come from a worldly mindset, rather than a proper focus on Jesus' priorities. The apostle Paul warned the Galatian churches in his letter: "But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another" (Galatians 5.14). The churches in the Roman province of Galatia were embracing a distorted gospel of ethnic division lines. God did not care about circumcision under His new covenant, but false teachers came to Galatia and attempted to separate Christians who kept the works of the law (like circumcision) from those who did not. As the Galatians bound their new regulations on each other, Paul erupted: "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel" (Galatians 1.6).

When our spiritual unity with others is determined by whether they conform to issues that do not concern the kingdom of Jesus, we put ourselves and others in grave danger. Do not divide over subjects that do not matter to God!



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THE DUNSTABLE CULTURAL COUNCIL

All previous grants for 2020 have been extended to December 31, 2021. The Dunstable Cultural Council is now accepting grant applications for FY2021. **Please note that the deadline has been extended to December 14th for organizations and individuals to apply for grants.** The Dunstable Cultural Council receives money each year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) a state agency. These grants can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects that benefit citizens in Dunstable, including concerts, exhibits, festivals, performances in schools, cultural workshops and lectures.

This year, the Online Grant application process will be available. Links to this can be found on the Dunstable Cultural Council website, which is on the town Website. There is a link to the Mass Cultural Council site where you can find more information about the new online applications. <http://www.mass-culture.org/dunstable>

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Novak, at novakc@charter.net

GROTON NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

The Groton Neighborhood Food Project (GNFP) is a non-profit organization that helps families in our community by organizing neighborhoods to collect food and other grocery items.

Please join our growing network of neighborhood volunteers – it is fun & rewarding for the whole family! On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GrotonFoodProject/>

If you would like to learn more about the GNFP, and how you can help, please go to <https://grotonfoodproject.com>

The next food collection is on Saturday, December 12th, 2020. After that it will be Saturday, February 13th.

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

221 Town Accountant 222 Town Clerk 223 Council on Aging
224 Selectmen (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer. After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911

226 Building Inspector 227 Road Commission

228 Tax Collector/Treasurer 229 Board of Health

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OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$5,000

Please mail your donation to: TD Rotary Club, 440 Middlesex Rd, PMB 111, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 **Make checks payable to:** Rotary District 7910 Charity Fund Inc.

Contact info: Chris Dias (603) 505-2549

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

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Visit our website, www.AmericanLegionPost247.org

This website contains a wealth of information about the Post. Please remember to be safe & keep our troops in your prayers.



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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 contact Unit President Josephine Beauregard at 978-458-7015.

PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY

66 Hollis St. Pepperell Tues 5-7pm, Thurs 2-4pm & 5-7pm. PACH provides food, paper goods and personal care items to residents in need of assistance. If interested in this service, or you want to help by making a donation of food or supplies, call 978-925-9770 or visit their web site at www.pachoutreach.org.

Until further notice ALL Clients & Donors are to call 978-925-9770 upon arrival **NOTE: You may bring donations to West Auto Repair. There is a blue plastic tote outside the office door for donations. Donations will be brought inside until they are delivered to the Pepperell food pantry on Tuesday & Thursday.**

Hi Neighbors!

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If you haven't **downloaded the new Box Top for Education app** yet, you'll be pleasantly surprised how truly easy it is. You just scan your receipt and the app does all the work for you! You can even send your receipt from certain stores. Many are in our area. This is a direct, simple way to help Swallow Union and we really appreciate all your continued efforts. We hope to remain at the top.

While traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, **YOU CAN STILL CLIP AND TURN IN BOX TOPS!** You'll continue to find them on many products throughout the store for the next few years, including Hefty, Green Giant, Reynolds, Scott, Ziploc, Kleenex, and Finish (look for old logo). Just check the expiration date on them before you turn them in. Thanks again for your support! *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](https://www.facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion)

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DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING Barbara Martin, chairman; Mary Dow, secretary; Donald Pottle, James McManus, Joan Simmons.

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.

Nashoba Nursing Service and Hospice: For information on home health, nursing availability, or hospice - call 1-800-698-3307.

*** There will be NO MEETINGS at the Dunstable Library until further notice ***

Senior Services

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating this month!

Bone Builders Program A balance and strength training exercise program can be viewed thru a video on you tube provided by the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Jean Jacoppi will lead the class. Search **Crystal Lake Rv Bone Builders**

Sand Delivery We want all our seniors to stay safe. The Dunstable Highway Dept. will once again deliver a bucket of sand to any senior so they can keep their sidewalk & steps safe. Just let Anne or Sue know.

Book Group NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH Suggestion for a good read: **Educated by Tara Westover**, Summary: A searing, unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, raised by Mormon survivalists in the mountains of Idaho and forbidden to go to school, defies her family and earns a PhD from Cambridge University.

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Meals on Wheels Do you or someone you know need the services of Meals on Wheels? This service is now being merged with Tyngsboro's MOW. For more information contact Merrimack Valley Elder Services 1-800-892-0890

Senior Meal Delivery We are been fortunate to have Alana Acquaviva and her catering company, Dinner Made Simple providing 2 delicious meals to many of our seniors on Wednesdays. This service will continue through the end of the year.

Medicare Remember if you are turning 65 you should contact Social Security to enroll in Medicare. Medicare has no connection to your eligibility for social security benefits. If you have questions call Elder Services at 1-800-892-0890.

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Elder Hotline Finding the answer to questions about issues can sometimes be confusing. The Attorney General's Office has a state-wide, toll-free telephone hotline to assist individuals on a wide range of elder issues. The number is 1-888-243-5337 (TTY: 617-727-4765) Monday thru Friday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm This elderly hotline provides a valuable service to Massachusetts' senior citizens, their families, and other information about elder related issues and programs throughout the commonwealth.

Message from the Fire Department A volunteer from the Dunstable Fire Dept. is available to check your smoke detectors or help to install new ones, you just need to set up an appointment. They also have night lights available to give away to keep you safe as you move around in the dark.

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Living Alone Safely in Your Own Home The Dunstable COA is working with the Fire Dept and the Police to keep those seniors living alone safe in their home. They can secure a lock box with a key on to your door at your home so that in an emergency help would be able to get to you quickly. Information is available through the Fire Dept. If you need the assistance of the fire department for a non-emergency situation and you've called the fire station, and no one was there. **Please call 978-448-6666 (Fire/Police/ems Dispatch)** they will notify the proper person or service to assist you. **Office # 978-649-6661**

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- **December Full Moon Guided Hike, December 26, 6:30 – 8:30pm** Join BBA Naturalists for a Full Moon Night Hike around the trails of Beaver Brook. Dress in layers, because believe it or not, you will warm up and be so happy to get outside on a fall night! It's a great experience. December's full moon is called "Cold Moon". After the hike you will return to Maple Hill Farm for warm beverages and provisions. \$15

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5 MYTHS ABOUT SELLING A HOME RIGHT NOW

Brought to you by Carrie Best Cyr

Are you curious about the state of the housing market? Like many homeowners, especially potential sellers, you may be hesitant to make a move because there's a lot of uncertainty and speculation these days. But you don't want to let false assumptions keep you from reaching your goals, now or in the future.

Let's clear up some common myths about what's happening in real estate right now and what we're likely to expect going forward.

• **Myth: Buyers are waiting to enter the market.**

Record-low mortgage rates mean it's a great time to purchase a home, and buyers are actively engaging in the market.

• **Myth: Fall is the wrong season to sell.**

You've probably heard that it's better to list in the spring or summer. But this fall is a seller's market — and a highly active one at that.

• **Myth: Home prices are decreasing.**

Nearly every metro region saw price growth this year, with trends outpacing expectations. In fact, historically low mortgage rates could allow people to afford higher-priced homes, encouraging them to buy now.

• **Myth: You won't be able to show your home.**

You can show your home safely by following the recommended precautions. Virtual home tours and private showings are also options.

• **Myth: The real estate market is going to crash.**

It's a common concern, but what's happening today is different from the financial crisis of 2008. Experts are optimistic, as the economy remains fundamentally strong. The housing market looks solid for the foreseeable future, and there is no reason to abandon your plans.

CLOTHING SHED AT DUNSTABLE CHURCH REOPENS!



The clothing donation shed at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, **518 Main St, Dunstable MA**, which was temporarily closed due to global effects of the pandemic, has now been reopened to the public.

If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. The Dunstable Church additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau. Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. **PLEASE tie your bags, and do not leave bags outside the box.**

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While we will not be hosting our living nativity event due to Covid-19 precautions, we are hoping to host a different community event as conditions permit. Keep your eye out for details on our website.

We plan to host Christmas Eve (7PM) and Christmas Day (10AM) services via Zoom this year. We will post connection details on our website. Please join us!

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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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.** Once we can meet again, we will let you know where, and when meetings will take place.

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

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ALTRUSA UPDATE

Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley continues its work in our communities, making a difference in the lives of others.

The COVID Pandemic has put a strain on the operations of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS), which services homeless and the poor in Nashua NH and surrounding communities. Altrusa members conducted a FOOD DRIVE to benefit NSKS on Saturday September 26th at the Market Basket, Somerset Plaza, Nashua NH and collected more than **3600** pounds of non perishable food items as well as assorted paper products, diapers, wipes, baby formula and hygiene items. The generosity of the Market Basket patrons was overwhelming. In addition, cash donations in the amount of **\$349.00** were forwarded to NSKS. Altrusa is very thankful to Market Basket for allowing us to host this event in Nashua and extremely grateful for the support of its customers.

COVID 19 did not prevent the Easter Bunny from delivering hard cover, age appropriate, EASTER books to the children at Brigid's Crossing in Lowell, a shelter for at risk teen moms and their little ones. However, the COVID shutdown did prohibit Altrusa from conducting birthday parties at the shelter. Altrusa delivered belated birthday gifts, books and party supplies in early June to the children who celebrated birthdays in March and April and there were birthday celebrations in June, July, and August.

For Make A Difference Day, October 24th, Altrusa donated fifteen (15) fleece blankets to the veterans serviced by Harbor Care, Nashua, NH, which provides the tools people need to improve their lives. Services include housing, medical care, mental healthcare, substance use treatment, veteran services, home care, and HIV AIDS Services.

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.

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**HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY
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Artists bundle up and go outside and online to show you their holiday spirit

Western Avenue artists are taking a two-tiered approach to engage with art lovers to make the giving of a creative gift easier this holiday season. As the weather gets colder some intrepid artists will join together to present their Outdoor Art Market **from noon until 4pm December 12th. Rain date Sunday December 6th.** Thirty artists will set up in the parking lots hoping for a sunny day that will allow the artists and visitors to shop but keep a safe distance all the times. Attendance inside the market is limited to state guidelines and mask wearing required. The Outdoor Art Markets will have a food truck on site during each event.

For a little more information on artists that will be showcased, as well as guidelines for the event, read about it on the WA blog (<https://westernavenuestudios.com/blog/>). The Outdoor Art Market is organized through Western Avenue's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WesternAvenueStudios>) event page.

Henry Marte, Western Avenue's marketing manager, knows not all artists and their work will be able to be outside so he is turning the **WA Instagram feed (@westernavearts) into a Creative Catalog for the Holidays. As of November 28th up until the 20th of December. Western Avenue will be going virtual** - using their Instagram feed to preview a wide variety of creative gifts. It will showcase items Western Avenue artists have for sale on their website, or on another online shopping portal – so the interested buyer can click through and start the purchase. **In person shopping can be done on site at the Loading Dock Gallery which is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon – 4pm and Saturdays until 6pm.** Artists can always be contacted directly for commissions or to schedule private studio visits.

The Artists of Western Avenue miss seeing all their patrons in person and truly appreciate the support they have received while trying to figure out how to thrive and present their work online. Says artist Tracy Levesque, "The best thing about the markets is being able to welcome back familiar visitors and introduce new visitors to our art community. It's great to be able to share my work with them and talk about my process in a safe in-person environment because looking at art online just isn't the same."

About Western Avenue | Studios & Lofts Western Avenue | Studios & Lofts in Lowell is a 5-acre campus which is home to the second largest artist community in the United States. The community has 250 work only artist studios and 50 artist live/work lofts that brings over 350 creatives together to work, create, share and bring their art to Lowell and all of New England. **More information can be found on their website <http://www.westernavenuestudios.com>** which has a section devoted to profiles of the artists so you can get to know the community better.

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In a joint statement, Chairman George L. Duncan, President Richard W. Main, CEO Jack Clancy, and Chief Human Resources Officer Jamie Gabriel said "We are deeply honored and humbled that the opinions of our team members have earned us recognition as the Top Place to Work. There is nothing more important to us than our Enterprise Family, who have made Enterprise what it is today. Our team and work environment are our greatest asset. We are truly a family—united by our core values of integrity, community, excellence, teamwork and professionalism."

CEO Jack Clancy commented, "While our Enterprise Bank team members go above and beyond every day to provide exceptional service, what they have accomplished during the COVID-19 crisis this year is nothing short of extraordinary. With every obstacle this pandemic has thrown at them, they have persevered with flexibility, innovation, and a deep sense of purpose to care for one another, our customers, and our communities. Our team members have stepped up to embrace every opportunity to make the best of a difficult situation."

Enterprise Bank was founded in 1988 by Chairman George Duncan and a dedicated group of local directors, investors, and management group as a locally owned and managed community bank with a vision to stimulate the local economy by helping to create new businesses, jobs, vibrant communities, and a dynamic work environment in which employees grow and prosper. "This recognition reflects the spirit and purpose on which Enterprise was founded, and how Enterprise operates today and will in the years ahead. At Enterprise Bank we continually invest in the future of our team through such initiatives as formal mentoring programs, tuition reimbursement, and management courses striving to reward and recognize our team members in ways both big and small," said Duncan.

"Enterprise Bank is deeply committed to the growth, success and happiness of our team members, and it all starts with a positive, rewarding work environment where team members feel valued and respected," said Jamie Gabriel, Enterprise Bank Chief Human Resources Officer. "Our teams are deeply committed to Enterprise Bank's inclusive, caring and collaborative work environment, as well as our positive and dynamic culture of high standards of excellence, personal accountability and responsibility to each other and our customers, and giving back to our community. Never has that been as obvious as this year, when despite the challenges of this pandemic, our team has stood tall and stood together. We thank each and every one of our Enterprise Bank team members for making Enterprise what it is today. They truly make the difference in our Enterprise."

The 13th annual Top Places to Work survey honors employers who care for their most valuable resource: the people who work for them. The survey, published online at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/top-places-work/2020/> measures employee opinions about their company's direction, execution, connection, management, work, pay and benefits, and engagement. Those businesses earning a spot in the Top Places to Work share several key traits, including offering progressive benefits and creative perks, allowing the flexibility needed to have good lives both at work and at home, embracing the diverse backgrounds of their employees, and offering a promising future to all of their workers.

About Enterprise Bank Enterprise Bank has 25 full-service branch offices located in the Massachusetts communities of Lowell, Acton, Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Leominster, Methuen, North Andover, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, and Westford, and in the New Hampshire communities of Derry, Hudson, Nashua, Pelham, Salem and Windham. A new branch location in North Andover, MA is slated to open in January 2021. As of September 30, 2020, assets were \$4.06 billion. Total assets under management totaled \$5.08 billion. For further information, visit EnterpriseBanking.com.

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I would like to say thank you to all who contribute to the Neighbor to Neighbor. This year so many wonderful events were postponed and then ultimately cancelled. Some are hoping to be able to hold their events in the spring. Many have turned to Zoom to carry on their meetings, lectures, classes and fundraisers. Through all of this pandemic, I am truly thankful to the people who submit their articles to be shared with all of you. I look forward to receiving more good news to share!

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1) Our very own professional Gospel singers, Barry and Debbie Shirk, have just released their new CD entitled "**Special Music, Special Occasions, Our Church**". Our Pastor Frediani has included a highly recommended endorsement of this beautiful release and it features our beautiful church on the CD cover. We are so very proud to have them as part of our Worship/Music Team and members of our Church!!! **CD's are available at our Thrift Store for \$12.00 each (with \$2.00 of this cost being donated to support our Church).**

2) Another very talented artist of our Church has available for purchase her very beautiful "**Angels of Love, Life and Hope**" and Other Light Catcher Creations Handcrafted by Janet. These are also available at Handmade in New England Store at the Pheasant Lane Mall. You can meet some of the artists at the Mall Store on Saturday's through the Christmas Season. Prices vary.

Both of these items make affordable and wonderful spiritual gifts for the Holidays!

We are sorry to announce that **we will NOT be having our Annual Craft Fair** this year due to the Covid pandemic. We hope to be back next year and **THANK YOU** all for supporting this amazing event over the years!!!

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>
Text COVIDMA to 888-777, Or you can call 2-1-1
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