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• **As of November 16th, the Town Hall is open by appointment only.** Most services can be provided through the mail including birth, death, marriage and business certificates. Voter registration and party changes can be completed on-line at Mass.gov and searching for voter registration. Applying for a marriage license is one of the few things that still requires the applicants to appear in person. Please call the office at **978-649-2300 ext 129** to set up an appointment.

• **2021 DOG LICENSES** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Based on the current restrictions on residents entering the building, you are encouraged to renew your dog licenses 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 send to Tyngsborough Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. Please enclose a stamped envelope for the license.**

Stay safe!

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

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

After the holidays, Christmas Trees can be dropped off at the old Senior Center on Lakeview Ave, and the Tyngsborough Highway Dept 87 Kendall Rd (Rt 113) through the month of January. Please make sure all decorations have been removed from the tree. Thank you. If you have any further questions, please contact the Board of Health at 978-649-2300 x118.

THE STITCHERS

at the Tyngsboro Senior Center

Due to the virus, the Tyngsboro Senior Center is closed. All participants in the Stitchers are asked to keep finished knitwear until further notice. As a reminder, our projects are for Pregnancy Care Center and Hospice.

Thank you for your commitment to help others. Stay safe. Jean Jacoppi, Coordinator 978.649.9076.



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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Tyngsborough Public Schools ~ School Committee

It is that time of year again, and the Tyngsborough Public School's sponsored *Adopt-A-Family* program is beginning its annual efforts as we approach the 2020 holiday season.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program has been in existence for over forty years and provides assistance to needy families within our community during the holidays. **The continued goal of the program is to assist those in need within our community by providing a meal, as well as gifts for children and teens who might otherwise go without.** Last year this *Adopt-A-Family* program was able to assist over 100 needy families and elderly with help from students in our schools, private citizens and a few community businesses. This year the approach will be a bit different. While following safety guidelines, we plan to still support families with gift cards this season. This year will be no different in this respect as times continue to be difficult for a growing number of families.

In order to continue to provide assistance, we are reaching out to community members and businesses in the greater community for support. At this time the program is in need of the following:

- Any questions please email one of the committee members.
- Gift cards to Walmart, Market Basket, and Amazon will be greatly appreciated and should be mailed to the address below.
- Monetary donations (checks made out to Tyngsborough High School, memo: Adopt A Family Program) can be sent to Tyngsborough Public Schools, 50 Norris Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879, ATTN: Sharon Fairbanks

We look forward to establishing new partnerships within our community. Your contribution, along with the combined efforts and generosity of many, will ensure another successful season of giving for our neighbors in need.

Warm regards,

Sarah Lewenczuk, 978-649-8914, Adopt-A-Family Secretary & Treasurer Sarah.lewenczuk@tyngsboroughps.org

Melissa Mallous, 978-649-3115, Family Liaison Melissa.mallous@tyngsboroughps.org

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Meeting schedules are posted at the front entrance of the Town Hall

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TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

In response to a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in Tyngsborough and across the Commonwealth, the Library is currently not open to visitors. Curbside pickup of materials is offered. Please see the TPL website for safety protocols and guidelines for these services.

The Staff, Trustees and Friends of the Library wish all our patrons peace and joy throughout the holidays!

Holiday schedule: Dec. 24, Thursday, Christmas Eve, Early closing - 12 p.m.; Dec. 25, Friday, Christmas Day, CLOSED on Fridays; Dec. 26, Saturday, Day after Christmas, CLOSED; Dec. 31, Thursday, New Year's Eve, Early closing - 12 p.m.; Jan. 1, Friday, New Year's Day, CLOSED.

• **Storytime with Ms. Sam! Ages 3-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom. Storytimes will continue through January!** Check the library calendar for more details: tynglib.org.

• **Take & Make It Crafts! Ages 5-10. Thursdays, Dec. 17, 24, & 31.** Easy craft kits for kids available for pick-up every Thursday afternoon. A new craft every week with supplies included. Call to reserve or pick one up at the Children's Room entrance, for as long as supplies last.

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

- OverDrive for e-books, audiobooks, magazines and videos
- Freegal for music to download or stream

The Reference section for:

- Databases for research, homework help and enrichment
- Full text of the Boston Globe, Lowell Sun and thousands of U.S. newspapers

• **TPL staff are available for assistance via email (circdesk@tynglib.org)** with any aspect of using the online resources.

• **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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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **First Day of Hanukkah, Friday, December 11th**
- **DVFFA Santa Parade, Sunday, December 13th**
- **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th**
- **Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th**
- **Kwanzaa Begins, Saturday, December 26th**

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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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May your home and holidays be merry and comfortable!

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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!



TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club has been happy to participate in the beautification of the First Parish Meeting House in the center of town. After donating \$500.00 a few years ago for the walkway bordering Flints Pond, we have again donated another \$500.00 to buy flowering Andromeda bushes for the front and side by the ramp and planted daffodil bulbs in a small island by a light pole. We also suggested planting boxwood shrubs on the ramp side to compliment the ones on the other side of the building.

We want to thank the town administrators for allowing us to be a part of this important town project that we all can enjoy! We also have been busy cleaning up our other plantings throughout the town. In this Covid19 time, please look for the beauty in nature all around us as our group tries to enhance that beauty. Stay safe!

The Garden Club usually meets the first Tuesday of the month September-November and February-April. **Meetings will be on hold until further notice.**

If you love gardening, want to learn about gardening or just want to join a group of great people, new members are always welcome!

For more information find us on Facebook at Tyngsborough Garden Club or call Deb Schneider at 978-649-6362.

As the weather cools and we spend more time inside the Tyngsborough Garden Club wishes everyone a very safe holiday season.

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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

is proud to announce Justin Huberty, Molly Lanier, Abigail Savard and Matthew Tyros as the November Students of the Month.

Justin Huberty, son of Joseph and Jennifer Huberty, is a recipient of the Commitment to Learning Award and three-time recipient of the Principal's Award. He has been a member of the THS football team since freshman year, is captain this year, and has earned Mid-Wach League All Star and Lowell Sun All Star recognitions. In addition, Justin is also a member of the THS varsity lacrosse and varsity soccer teams. He has volunteered at Give Kids the World and in his spare time enjoys video games and sports. His favorite subject is math. In the future, he looks forward to traveling the world including visiting his old home in the Netherlands as well as starting a family. When thinking back on his days at THS, "I will remember my football days as well as all the friends I made throughout high school."

Molly Lanier, daughter of Heather and Darren Lanier, is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Wellness Award, the Core Values Award and the Principal's Award. She is a member of PALS, and plays on the THS varsity field hockey and varsity lacrosse teams and is a captain for both this year. She is also a recipient of the Coaches Award for field hockey. Molly's favorite subjects are anatomy and history. She looks forward to traveling the world, getting married and having a family. While at THS, "I have gained friendships that will last a lifetime. The memories from sports and time spent with my teammates I will never forget."

Abigail Savard, daughter of Peter and Judy Savard, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and elected secretary this year. She is also the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in English Award and a three-time recipient of the Principal's Award. Abigail is a member of student council and senior sidekicks, and plays on the varsity soccer and varsity tennis teams. Her favorite subjects are psychology, math and biology. Her future goals include going to college, finding a topic that she is passionate enough to make a career, graduate and travel the world. "Being at THS has given me many lifelong friends, and connections with teachers who I admire. It has also given me chances to experience new fields of study to find what I would like to one day turn into a career. I will always remember playing soccer at THS and all the great times I shared with my teammates."

Matthew Tyros, son of Kathy and Dan Tyros, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and elected treasurer this school year. Matthew is a recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award, Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Award, Outstanding Achievement in Science Award, and a three-time recipient of the Academic Excellence Award. He is a member of PALS and senior sidekicks. In addition, Matthew is a member of the varsity wrestling team and captain both his junior and senior years, and has earned the Coaches Award and Mid-Wach League All Star recognitions as well as placed at both the Division III State Tournament and Bay State Games. He volunteers at the Lowell Day School, Chelmsford Senior Center, The Congregational Church in North Chelmsford, Tyngsboro Public Library, Lowell Wish Project, Tyngsboro Recreation Department and Chelmsford Dental Associates. His hobbies include fishing and weight lifting and his favorite subject is science. He would like to attend college and plans to continue onto medical school. While at THS he says, "I've gained many lifelong friendships. School has helped me realize that everything is a lot easier in life if you have a strong work ethic and the right mindset. I will always take with me the memories I've made with my wrestling team who I've grown incredibly close to over the years."

Congratulations to all four of these students.

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AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THE SENIOR CENTER IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

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. We do not have a date for Phase 4. Stay tuned for more on Governor Bakers implementation plan.

As we come upon the holiday season. I want to thank all of you for everything you do. Our wonderful volunteers who work at the front desk and volunteer drivers for the daily meals on wheels. Please know that you are appreciated. Stay tuned for any added programs and/or activities! Thank you for your patience and understanding. **Barbara R.** Have questions call **978-649-9211**.

• **DONATIONS / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Center is looking for **Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers**. You will be compensated for your gas with a stipend. Doesn't need to be claimed on taxes. Call 978-649-9211. Once or twice a week. We really need your help.

• **PROJECT LINUS PROGRAM** The Center is in need of some 2 ply yarn for our Project Linus Program which provides blankets for children who have experienced some kind of trauma. Volunteers make blankets from home and donate them.

• **HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION MEALS (Meals on Wheels Program)** Tyngsborough residents 60+ can call the **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890 to see if you qualify.** The Tyngsborough Council on Aging distributes meals from our facility on behalf of ESMV. We deliver to homebound and clients who are on homecare short term.

• **BROWN BAG FOOD PROGRAM**— offers a FREE bag of groceries on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods: soup to cereal, meat to veggies, there may be a treat or two. To see if you qualify call **Laura Marsan 978-946-1303**, Applications also available at the Senior Center stop by or call 978-649-9211.

• **SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) **To get help applying, call our outreach worker Charlene at 978-649-9211 for appointment.**

• **Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills? Help is available!** The Fuel Assistance Program run by Community Team Work, helps income-eligible households pay part of their winter heating bills and a small % of your electric bill. If your gross household income falls within the limits, you may qualify for fuel assistance. To set up an appointment with Charlene Muscato call the Senior Center 978-649-9211, appointments are from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM. No walk in's! Don't suffer from the cold. Put your pride aside and stay warm.

• **THIS WILL BE OUR 9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHEER.** We would like to bring some holiday cheer to our Home Bound Seniors who live alone. We could use gifts of small items: Toiletries, Nail Care Items, Kitchen Towels, Wrapped Candy, Hats, Gloves, Shaving Items. *We have over 30 Meals of Wheels Clients.*

• **SENIOR CARE PANTRY @ THE TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING, 169 Westford Rd, Tyngsborough Mass, 978-649-9211** Our Senior Pantry is getting low we are always accepting donations of non-perishable food items that are easy for seniors to open, easy to chew, and require little preparation. With COVID - 19 we would like to make sure our senior have enough food through the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the Tyngsborough Council on Aging, Monday-Friday 8-4. Items Needed: Hearty Soups, Canned Baked Beans, Canned Fruits, Snacks, Canned Vegetables, Desserts, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Ravioli, Mac & Cheese Box, Canned Coffee & Tea, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Peanut Butter Jam or Jelly, also shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap. Thank you.

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TYNGSBOROUGH/DUNSTABLE ROTARY CLUB

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The Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable is teaming up with the Tyngsboro Police Department to help families caring for loved ones with a cognitive impairment

Caring for a loved one who wanders is a considerable responsibility. Nothing is more frightening than the thought of a loved one with autism, Alzheimer's, or other cognitive impairment becoming lost.

We are reaching out for donations to purchase a **SafetyNet System for the Tyngsboro Police Department**. This system would be installed in a police vehicle, which would then be able to locate individuals wearing a transponder. Transponders will be available to families in need of this service, providing them with additional protection and peace of mind to keep their loved one safe.

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

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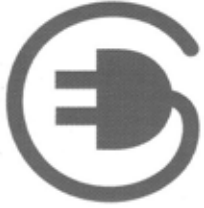
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**** Are you going out, staying safe,** but need something interesting to do? The Friends are still funding **passes for museums**. If you are going to venture outdoors, the Mass. DCR ParksPass is for you. Otherwise, there are indoor venues open. Check the library website regarding availability and restrictions for: Boston Children's Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Salem Witch Museum, Seacoast Science Center, and the USS Constitution Museum.

**** Ideas for holiday gifts:**

Historic Tyngsborough afghan - can be purchased at the Library for \$45. **Picnic blanket** - waterproof and washable, only \$15, available at the Library. **Membership with Friends** - Show that you care by applying for yourself, your family, or someone else. Applications are at the Library and online at <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>.

**** You can help youth in need** by selecting a young adult book at the Library, paying the book sale price to the Friends, and donating the book to the Mass. Department of Youth Services. The books go to incarcerated youth who are in need of books to read. The prices are \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperback, the same as the book sales. This is helping two good causes, for the youth who receive the books and the Friends who will pay for library programs. Win-win!

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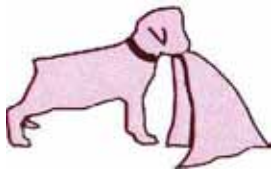
**** Meetings in 2021** again are on the *first Monday of the month*, beginning with **January 4, February 1, and March 1**. March is membership month, and we have elections for Vice-President and Treasurer. **Please join us on Zoom**. Request a Zoom invitation by emailing the Friends at tynglibfriends@gmail.com. We are seeking active members to help with future planning and activities.

THE FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

We welcome all who support the Tyngsboro Senior Center activities and fundraisers through your membership in the Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. It is through your yearly (\$10) membership that we are able to provide special dinners and lunches, speakers, and entertainment throughout the year.

Members of the Board met recently to decide on the next activity, when allowed. Board members include: Joe Jacoppi, President; Elaine Rivard, Clerk; Carol Sides, Treasurer; and Leon Poirier, Elaine Franks, Mary Basiliere, and Joanne Jean.

The Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. is a 5013C NonProfit Organization of over one hundred members. Please call Elaine Rivard (978-649-7689) for a membership form to be mailed to you. Again, thank you for your support.



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Festival of Trees 2020 is Cancelled Next year will be magical! Start planning your entry early. If you were thinking of creating a display this year, try our outdoor decorating contest outlined below. **Volunteer to decorate outside:** email apage@tyngsboroughma.gov.

SNOWMAN & TREE CUTOUT DECORATING CONTEST

Old Town Hall, 10 Kendall Road, Tyngsborough MA
December 5-18, 2020

For Businesses, organizations or families. All snowmen will be set-up on the common along Winslow Road by Friday, December 4 by 5:30 PM. **Beginning at 5:00PM on December 5th**, the community is invited to participate by going to "Winslow Wonderland" at your leisure, for strolling and picture taking. Our unique snowman and trees are perfect for pictures of the season! **Voting will take place between December 5-18** on our Facebook page (@TyngsboroughRec). Highest number of "likes" each snowman and tree picture receives, wins a category. Winners will be announced on December 19th in the following categories. \$25 gift card prizes will be awarded to 8 entries for the following categories:

- Best Traditional tree or snowman
- Most Creative tree or snowman
- Best of Show tree or snowman
- Most "Tyngsborough" tree or snowman

The snowmen will stay on display during December-January. Participants deposits will be returned by mail once the decorated snowman is identified and returned to the common. If a snowman or tree is not returned by December 4, 2020 the deposit will be forfeited and cashed.

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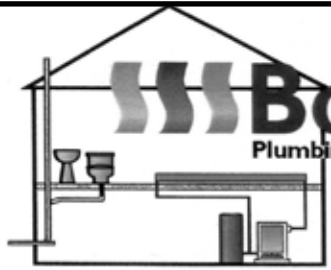
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MAKING THE HOLIDAY MORE SUSTAINABLE

by Sustainable Tyngsborough

Are you looking to see how you can be more sustainable during the holidays? Here are some ways to integrate sustainability into your celebrations.

Gifts -- Gifts of memberships, restaurant cards, or experiences express your thoughtfulness without adding more "things." For example, a gift of membership to the nearest zoo would be ideal for a child who wants to be a wild animal vet. Local businesses will especially appreciate the support!

Gift Wrap -- Metallic inks, glitter and waterproof coatings make most commercial wrapping paper non-recyclable. Consider eco-friendly options instead. Wrappily.com is one source (they also carry eco-friendly ribbons and twine). For tape, Scotch brand's Magic Greener Tape is a good option. Use the comic section of print newspapers to create fun-to-peruse gifts. Using and reusing gift bags is another option. Some have adopted the Japanese tradition of wrapping gifts in cloth, with the receiver then reusing that cloth on future gifts.

Live Christmas Trees -- Leave your tree to compost in your yard (be sure it is at least 30 feet from any wetlands or culvert) to provide a natural habitat for birds. If yard space is limited, the Town offers free drop-off at the Highway Department and the Community Center on Lakeview Ave. For a donation, the Boy Scouts will pick up your tree.

Holiday Lights -- Please don't throw your old light strings in the garbage! Collection bins will be available at Town Hall again this year for unwanted light strings.

Electronics -- If it's still working but you no longer need it, place your electronics in a Simple Recycling bag (pink bags). If it is not working, recycling is best. Watch for the Boy Scouts' electronics collection announcement or use the MassDEP Beyond the Bin Directory to locate e-waste recyclers <https://recyclesearch.com/profile/ma>.

Packaging -- Cardboard gift boxes and shipping boxes can be flattened and added to your blue recycling cart. Save gently used gift boxes to reuse again next year. Packaging materials like styrofoam peanuts, air pillows and bubble wrap are not curbside recyclable but can be taken to The Postal Center on Middlesex Road (near AMC Theater) for reuse.

Sustainable Tyngsborough is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen. We meet the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:30pm, in Meeting Room #1. You are always welcome to join us and share your sustainability ideas and concerns.

TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

For 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.

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 assist you I will direct you to the resources available to you.

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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.

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

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

- **Used Eyeglasses** are collected for refurbishment and distribution to less advantaged individuals around the world.
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- **Can tabs** please place into bags before putting in the boxes.

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

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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
BY WESTERN AVENUE ARTISTS**
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!

Thank you to the business owners who advertise each month. I do hope that you consider them when you are in need of services. Most owners are residents of Dunstable or Tyngsborough, or have employees who live in the town. Very few businesses are far from our boundaries. More news is posted on the pages of the website. Current and past issues are also available by clicking on "Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter issues" in the heading on the website.

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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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