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• **Governor Baker has signed Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 which extends temporary changes to certain election laws that were implemented last fall.** In response to the pandemic, Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 was enacted which allowed municipalities to delay the date of their town election and also approved "Vote by Mail" which allows voters to use a vote by mail application or any form of written communication to request a ballot. **This act extends these temporary changes through June 30, 2021.** There is a link to the vote by mail application on the Town Clerk page though any WRITTEN form of communication is acceptable as long as there is a signature. Unlike last fall when eligible voters received a postcard from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this will not be done and it is up to the voter to submit an application or other written form of communication (please do not send me an email requesting a ballot unless you can scan your signature). **AS OF THIS WRITING, I am not aware the election is being postponed and is still scheduled for the third Tuesday of May per our bylaw.** This act reduces the number of days from 20 to 10 before town meeting for voter registration deadline. As always, I encourage you to sign up for News and Announcements on the town website to keep informed.

• **Town Clerk Office Hours** - I will have appointments available usually on Mondays and Thursdays (sometimes this will change) and working remotely on Tuesday and Wednesday as the Town Hall as to stagger employees to comply with Governor Baker' orders. **Please call or email to schedule appointments.** 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. Please see the notice from the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator under News and Announcements on the home page of the town website.

**Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222**  
[CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov)



## DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31 SPONSORING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

This year the Dunstable Grange will be sponsoring the roadside cleanup from **April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>.** We will supply *bags and gloves*, which will be available at the **Tully Farm Store** located at 446 Pleasant St., and the **Dunstable Highway Department** at 589 Pleasant St., *beginning April 12.*

A great way to celebrate Earth Day which is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If we all do the road around our homes, the town will be in good shape. Our Highway crew will be going around to pick up the bags, just leave them on the side of the road. **We appreciate your continued support in keeping Dunstable beautiful.**

## IN MEMORY OF

Kay F. (Simpson) McGillivray  
Barbara E. Magoon

## DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Spring is finally here and temperatures are up and the COVID-19 infections are down. Hopefully you have received or are about to receive your vaccine. Therefore we are finally planning to have a **Memorial Day Parade** here in Dunstable the end of May and are looking for those who would like to participate in the planning of it and organizations who would like to be part of it. If any of you are interested please let me know.

**Veterans in the Dunstable database who were born for each month, but have since passed away.**

- **Veteran Birthdays for April** -

Donald Rock, USMC 27 April 1923 Korea

David Sweet, USAF 21 April 1941 In Between

Russell Tobey, Merchant Marines 11 April 1925 WWII

*Our many thanks to those who went the extra step to serve their country.*

As always if you know of any veteran, widow or family member in need of assistance of any kind, even if it is just information, please send me an email at [VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov). I am here to help you.

**Dunstable Veteran Services Office**

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)

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## DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM

To all who subscribe to this, your yearly subscription with the Town of Dunstable will expire on June 30, 2021. Renewal options for July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 are available. You can mail a \$300.00 check made payable to the Town of Dunstable to P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827. You may also pay on line, on the town webpage [www.dunstable-ma.gov](http://www.dunstable-ma.gov) and choose on line payments.

**You may join any time. The fee is pro-rated monthly.** To sign up to participate in the weekly curbside pickup program contact the Board of Health at Town Hall. [health@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:health@dunstable-ma.gov) or call **978-649-4514 Ext. 229.**

We supply a 35 gallon trash cart, enough for 3 kitchen trash bags and a 64 gallon recycle cart. 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.**

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**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran will continue to meet remotely**  
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**Please join in our service via online ZOOM.** Sunday worship  
at 10am and Wednesday prayer service at 7pm. If you **visit our  
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join in on our service. We hope to 'see' you there!

## DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GROTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

I'm very pleased to share the news that Groton Community School is up and running in our newly expanded and reimagined space at 110 Boston Road! Thanks to the support and diligence of many friends and community members, this work on the first phase of the **Forward Motion Project** was completed on time to welcome children back to our home base in early January. This was no small feat, given the added challenges of moving to a temporary location, and then pivoting to management of pandemic-related restrictions and mitigation strategies, so that our program could continue to serve families throughout the course of construction.

Reaching this important milestone in the 75-year history of our school has truly been a community effort. We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers, past and current families, staff members, donors, neighbors, town officials and design and construction professionals who worked diligently and creatively to help us recreate our teaching and learning spaces.

While it is not possible in this space to mention every individual who played a role in this project, I would like to thank John Amaral, who serves as our Board of Trustees President, and is a founding partner of Omni Properties, for tirelessly volunteering his time and expertise in managing the many facets of our building transformation. In addition, Emily Crouse, who serves as the Buildings and Grounds representative for our Board of Directors and has a background in construction management, has provided valuable assistance throughout this endeavor.

Similarly, we are grateful to our generous neighbor up the street, Lawrence Academy, for providing us a wonderful temporary home and the attentive support of their staff, including Bob Kramer, Carl Anderson, and Carole Figgins. In addition, we appreciate our immediate Boston Road neighbors for their patience and understanding of inconveniences resulting from the construction process.

We are also deeply appreciative for the assistance of numerous local officials, who helped to keep our project on schedule with professional support and timely inspections, including: Bob Garside, Building Commissioner, the electrical and plumbing inspectors, Nik Gualco, Conservation Administrator, and Takashi Tada, Land Use Director/Town Planner. Finally, we appreciate the Planning Board for their support of the project over an extended period of time.

While there is still more work to do to achieve all of our goals, we recognize that our progress on this first phase of **Forward Motion** has been possible because of the creativity, talent, perseverance, and loyal support of so many. We look forward to welcoming many more young children and their families for years to come. Thank you for helping to make our vision a reality.

Warmly, *Linda Kosinski, Director*  
*Groton Community School*



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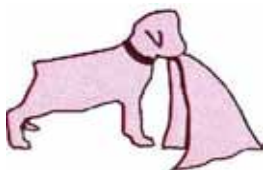
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**SARAH PARKHURST LECTURE FUND**

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## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND STIMULUS CHECKS

*By Edward H. Adamsky, Attorney at Law*

If your loved one in a nursing home got a stimulus payment from the Government will it affect their Medicaid benefits? First of all, if the person is not on Medicaid (MassHealth) then it doesn't matter, it's their money and they can do with it as they please. But, if the person is on Medicaid, they are supposed to have less than \$2000 so the receipt of a large check could put them over that limit and affect their benefits. What should you do then? Well, the good news is that these payments will not affect the Medicaid eligibility of the elder. The law was written to protect their Medicaid eligibility.

The stimulus checks are designed to go to individuals and not institutions, so if your loved one is in a nursing home and somehow the nursing home got the payment of the stimulus money, they should turn it over to the resident or to you to manage for the resident. The nursing home cannot keep it. Usually, income is not an issue for a Medicaid recipient as long as they spend the money within the month of receipt of the income, but the stimulus checks have been granted a special status, so they don't have to be spent within a month. You now have one year to spend that excess stimulus money. Also, income is part of the eligibility for Medicaid and income is supposed to be paid to the nursing home each month, but the stimulus checks are also not going to be counted as income under the Medicaid rules, so once again, the individual gets to keep and spend that money as they see fit.

That money does eventually have to be spent (within a year) so here are some ideas for spending it: If there is a spouse at home it could be used for them; various items could be purchased to make the senior's life better such as new clothing, electronics or other comfort items; extra food items such as chocolate treats or other snacks not available in the nursing home; medical equipment or dental services are a good idea as they might not be covered by Medicaid; if there are any uncovered future funeral expenses a burial account of up to \$2500 can be established for the person and it will become non-countable for eligibility purposes.

The Medicaid rules are complex, and they are always changing especially with new laws, rules, and the Bills coming out of Congress. If you have any questions about Medicaid, please contact your local Elder Law Attorney.

## OPEN BURNING SEASON

**Open Burning season will run through May 1st.** The fee is \$10 for the season and the fee is exempt for property owners 65 years of age and older. You can do online Permit and Payment or Or obtain a Fire Permit at the Fire Station, 28 Pleasant St., Mon-Sun 8am-4pm. Due to the COVID Pandemic we have set up permit applications and a dropbox at the front and rear doors of the fire station to allow you to obtain a permit. We are limiting the amount of outside visitors to the station.

**You must follow all the rules and regulations that are listed below.**

### Rules and Regulations

1. You can only burn brush and garden trimmings only.
2. Burning is allowed only between 10am and 4pm. No fire shall be started after 12 noon and all fires must be extinguished by 4pm.
3. The permit holder must call the Fire Department @ 978-649-6661 each day after 9am for permission to burn that day.
4. The fire must not be left unattended and must be at least 75 feet from any structure.
5. Have available water supply, rakes, shovels, etc. for controlling the fire.

### **Under all Circumstances the following are prohibited**

1. The burning of Grass, Hay, Leaves, Stumps, tires and/or building materials.
2. Burning of brush, trees, cane and/or driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
3. Burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved incinerators.
4. Large piles that will not readily burn or are of such size that they will not be totally out by 4pm.

**If you have other questions regarding burning, please call the Dunstable fire station at 978-649-6661. Or follow the link [www.dunstable-ma.gov/dunstable-fire-rescue/pages](http://www.dunstable-ma.gov/dunstable-fire-rescue/pages)**



## Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Heating and Air Conditioning (AC) equipment, no matter what kind you have, should be inspected, cleaned, and serviced at least once a year. The ideal scenario is to have Heating systems checked in the fall and AC systems checked in the spring.

Neglecting this maintenance ensures a steady decline in AC performance while energy use steadily increases. AC filters, coils, fins, motors and controls require regular maintenance to function effectively and efficiently through years of service.

HVAC pros can detect most problems before they become major ones. The benefits of an annual tune-up far outweigh the costs. These visits will include a variety of tests to ensure AC unit internal parts are functioning correctly, as well as check filters, clean and repair coils, drain and clean condensate system, check motors, and charge refrigerant if needed.

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*Matt*

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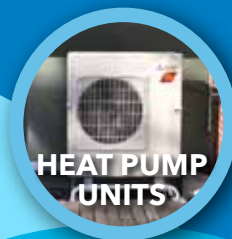
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*YIS, Sara Axon, Steve Berthiaume, Phil DeNyse - T28 Dunstable.*

### MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scouts BSA Troop 28 is working hard to offer a modified version of our long standing traditional Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Our plan this year is to move to McLoon Barn, (barn across from Little Red Schoolhouse) a property that allows for more social distancing and offers indoor & outdoor seating as well as a DRIVE THRU option. Mother's Day falls on **Sunday, May 9th** this year and we hope to see those in the community who feel comfortable and safe to give us a visit and taste our delicious freshly made pancakes! Please stay tuned for final details which we'll share as soon as everything falls into place. **If you have any questions/ comments, please contact Sara Axon at [bstroop28.dunstable@gmail.com](mailto:bstroop28.dunstable@gmail.com) or 978.808.4434.**

### THE STITCHERS

The Stitchers are still continuing to make items for those in need. Afghans, shawls, lap robes, baby Layettes, mittens, hats, and scarfs. All Stitchers are working from home at this time.

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**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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**Or better yet, you may drop off donations at West Auto Repair, 30 Pleasant St, in Dunstable, MA. There is a table in the temporary waiting area.**

### A NOTE FROM JEN WEST

We are so proud of the community teamwork we have witnessed which has allowed us to become a great partner with the PACH food pantry in Pepperell, MA. Through your partnership and generosity we have been able to bring thousands of pounds of donations to the pantry since last spring when the COVID crisis began.

During these next few months of construction at West Auto we will continue to work with our community partners so **if you have donations for the pantry to drop off, pop tabs to donate to benefit the Shriners organization or Box Tops for Education for Swallow Union Elementary school our Community Cares table** is located in our temporary waiting area which is now located in the rear corner of West Auto Repair building on the fire station side. Donations will be delivered to the Pepperell food pantry on Tuesday & Thursday. *In addition to food, personal care items, and pet food donations, they also accept Gift Card Donations to local grocery stores. They are given to neighbors in need or used by pantry volunteers to purchase items to stock the shelves. Gift cards in the amount of \$25 would be helpful.*

### Hi Neighbors,



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.

Also through the app you will be notified when there are **special promotions** going on to help make some bonus points for the school.

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 ([mcclane.chrissy@gmail.com](mailto:mcclane.chrissy@gmail.com)) & Amy Wilson ([amywilson825@gmail.com](mailto:amywilson825@gmail.com))* Box Tops for Education co-chairs for Swallow Union Elementary School [swallowunionapt.org](http://swallowunionapt.org) [aptsallowunion@gmail.com](mailto:aptsallowunion@gmail.com) [facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion](https://www.facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion)

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## TYNGSBOROUGH/DUNSTABLE ROTARY CLUB



**We are happy to say that with your help we have reached our Goal of \$5,000.** This will be used to purchase a SafetyNet System for the Tyngsboro Police Dept. 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. Nothing is more frightening than the thought of a loved one with autism, Alzheimer's, or other cognitive impairment becoming lost. **A sincere thank you to all who donated to this fundraiser.**

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

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

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

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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, April 10th.**

### 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 may be required to verify the condition) **To read all the details about this, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) and search “face coverings” or for the order, [mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download](http://mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download).**

### NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Stop and smell the roses

Visiting a local rose garden, or really any garden in general, can be a great, cheap date or just a fun way to celebrate National Garden Month. Pack a picnic and have a fun lunch after a romantic stroll amongst the flowers, or get your knowledge on by visiting a nearby nature conservatory.

#### 2. Plant something

Giving life to plants may not be your thing... yet. It's never too late to discover the joys of planting a seed and watching it grow. Even better, you could plant some herbs or veggies and experience the added joy of tasting the fruits, if you will, of your labor. April can be a great time to plant tomatoes, beets, corn, basil, and more.

#### 3. Decorate your garden

Spicing up your green space isn't just about planting some chili peppers. Turn your backyard garden into a Shangri-La by setting up some outdoor chairs or a comfy bench. You can transform it from a place for performing dirty labor into a place for breathing in some fresh, fragrant air.



### DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

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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Please send in your news for the May issue.

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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 \*\*\*

**Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating this month!**

### Senior Services

• **Book Delivery** is available through the Dunstable Library on Thursdays. Just let Anne know if you or someone you know needs books or audio material. Call 978-649-7830.

• **Book Group** Our meeting will be held in the community room of the Dunstable Church on **April 17** we will be reading **Something Worth Doing** by Jane Kirkpatrick. **Summary** Something Worth Doing explores issues that will resonate strongly with modern women: the pull between career and family, finding one's place in the public sphere, and dealing with frustrations and prejudices women encounter when they compete in male-dominated spaces. Based on a true story of a pioneer for women's rights **Everyone is responsible for getting their own copy of these books. There are many copies available thru MVLC/ Dunstable library.**

• **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**

• **Brown Bag Food Program** This program offers a FREE bag of groceries the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods. Bags need to be picked up at the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Call Laura Marsan 978-946-1303 for more information.

• **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

• **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.

• **Van Service** is available for medical appointments and grocery shopping. Cost is \$5.00 for local trips, Lowell, Chelmsford, Nashua, Tyngsboro, Westford, Ayer, Groton & Pepperell. \$10.00 for any other. Check with Anne Fenochetti as soon as you know when your appointment is to make sure a ride is available.

\*\*\* We now have the application for **RMV Handicap placards**\*\*\*

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• **Elder Hotline** The Attorney General's Office has a statewide, toll-free telephone hotline to assist individuals on a wide range of elder issues. Call 1-888-243-5337 (TTY: 617-727-4765) Monday thru Friday 10:00 am-4:00 pm. This hotline provides information about elder related issues and programs throughout the commonwealth.

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## DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Just got word this is scheduled for August 28th. It is held at the Tyngsborough Highway Department Garage, 87 Kendall Rd., Tyngsborough, MA (Rte 113). More information will be posted here as the date gets closer. *You may look at the October 2020 issue of Neighbor to Neighbor on my website. The last page lists what to bring and what not to bring. A new list should be posted in the July/August issue.*

## Your returns are due by May 17, 2021

A reminder that there are only weeks left to file your  
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*We do require that you make an appointment by calling the church at 603-888-7579 and ask for our Secretary, Dianna, who manages the schedule. We do have to space out our client visits. If you do not need help but know someone who does, please pass on this information. The church is located between World Academy and the Fire Station at 130 Spit Brook Rd., Nashua, NH.*

## SCOTTIE'S BENCH

Hi there former Camp Kiwanis staff and campers! This is "Rainbow" (Paula Sweeney) one of the Camp Program Directors during Scottie (Muriel Lafond's) tenure as Camp Director. I have exciting news!

"Hmm, I want to linger". Many scouts found a place to linger at Camp Kiwanis. Many friendships were made that have lasted a lifetime. One of the people instrumental in these lasting friendships was Muriel "Scottie" Lafond. She served as director of Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis from 1978-1994 at which time the Girl Scout Camp was closed. As the director, she often worked at least nine months out of the year, putting a team of staff together who would present a program that girls have remembered for decades. She would pull the team together in January and develop the theme, which was used to develop the special events. She hired and trained the staff. She attended many Neighborhood Meetings and Open Houses to promote the camp. Scottie mentored and guided many women into important leadership roles.

In August, 1994, we were no longer allowed to linger at Camp Kiwanis. Our friendships, for some, were moved to Camp Machagamee in Pelham, NH. Our hearts will forever be filled with fond memories of "our camping days and friendships true" made at Camp Kiwanis. The Camp has been converted to Open Space. The Tyngsboro Conservation Commission is in the process of developing parking spaces and an ADA trail on the Camp Kiwanis property. Our desire is to provide a memorial bench, "Scottie's Bench". A place where you may linger, take in the fresh air, and share new/old memories of this beautiful place. The bench will be part of the Camp Kiwanis Open Space Renovation Project in Tyngsboro where the camp was located.

Our goal is to raise \$3000 that will be used to acquire and install this bench. We would like to invite all former Camp Kiwanis staff, campers and their families to donate to "Scottie's Bench".

There are two ways to donate. You can donate using this "Go Fund Me" link created by Cheryl Johnson (Teddy): [gf.me/u/zn2x8n](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zn2x8n) Or you can mail your check payable to:

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**Please spread the news to your camp friends!**

Any questions please email:

Paula Sweeney [paulajoesw@icloud.com](mailto:paulajoesw@icloud.com)

Sandy Corrigan [sandyandjimcorrigan@verizon.net](mailto:sandyandjimcorrigan@verizon.net)

Please join me and so many others in preserving Scottie's legacy.

Yours in Scouting,  
Rainbow

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This is the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of our son, James. With help from all of you last year our raffle awarded \$10,300 in scholarships. We feel blessed to have the ability to remember Jim in such an extraordinary way. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the 2020 raffle. They were Emily Lipps, Mark and Julie Cooke, Kristen Blumetti, Berni Mercier, and Ethel Reardon.

The drawing results of this year's Calendar Raffle will be posted on our website and winners will be contacted by phone.

**For any other information you may need**, including access to scholarship applications, please visit the website at [www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com](http://www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com) or Facebook Page. Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely, The Jacoppi Family



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As we've seen in the past year, global pandemics are not occasions for the Christian to grow stagnant. They are actually opportunities for the Christian, and the Gospel, to thrive! Let's not settle for a Christianity only lived and pursued on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30.

One of the goals we have as the church is to provide supplemental ways to pursue that growth, both individually and communally. The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. We have opportunities for you to connect in community and grow in faith. Please find some listed below, along with a description. As you consider any of the below offerings, before you think of a reason why you can't do it, because those may be the first thoughts that enter your brain, try to think of a reason why you can and should!

• **St. Peter's Epistles** Sign up on the church website ([dunstablechurch.org](http://dunstablechurch.org)) for the weekly Bible study of the Epistles of St. Peter on Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM. The class is hybrid in-person and on Zoom. Please contact Kathy Mackel [mackelkathy@aol.com](mailto:mackelkathy@aol.com) to sign up.

• **The Story of Christianity** The online History of Christianity class will continue with Part 2 from April 13 - June 22 (no class May 25). This 10-week class will cover the Protestant Reformation and then the history of Christianity in the United States. Classes are held on Zoom Tuesday nights 7:30-9:00 PM. All are welcome, even if you did not attend Part 1. Please contact Peggy Drew at [peggy-j-d@hotmail.com](mailto:peggy-j-d@hotmail.com) to sign up.

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### THE LOADING DOCK GALLERY

122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA 01851

**Show: Full Bloom Show Dates: April 28 to May 30, 2021**

"Flowers are a mystery and a delight, metaphors for what is briefly beautiful in our lives. Their glow is an invitation," says Full Bloom artist Linda Dunn.

We invite you to welcome the warmth of spring with Loading Dock Gallery's new show, Full Bloom. Full Bloom celebrates the beauty of flowers, birds, gardening, and small moments captured in still lifes by Loading Dock Gallery members and Western Avenue artists.

In spring, says Bethany Peck, "daylight hours linger a bit longer and thoughts of beautiful, hopeful blossoms fill my mind and spill onto my palette." Bethany's expressionistic flower paintings evoke both strong emotions and memories. Those longer hours of radiant sun and flowers blooming from winter soil also inspired many of the other works in the show.

Michelle Boll's paintings in this show capture the overwhelming beauty in ordinary moments Boll says, "I buy tulips and daffodils when all is covered by snow, the trees bare, and patches of ground brown. They give me hope and promise color as life begins its journey of renewal."

Noel Soucy embraces the simple happiness that flowers bring in her stunning impressionistic paintings. Soucy says, "Creating flowers sparks a spirit of joyful energy and beautiful living."

As Linda Dunn notes, the beauty of flowers "exists to lure pollinators, and somehow it also lures us." Viewers of Dunn's work will find themselves drawn in to look more closely at her expressive use of color and intricate details.

With the days getting longer and the sun warming our skin, Full Bloom highlights the wonder of new growth and the beauty that nature holds. Join us to see the work of Loading Dock Gallery members and Western Avenue artists in this show full of color and light. **The gallery is open** Wednesday – Saturday from 12-4:30 pm, and Sunday 12-4 pm. For more information, call 978-415-9889 or visit [www.theloadingdockgallery.com](http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com).

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## CLOTHING SHED AT DUNSTABLE CHURCH IS OPEN!



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, is now open 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.

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**If you have any news for the May issue,  
please send in your information by April 10th.**

Contact [anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com](mailto:anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com) or Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827.

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**Here are the top spring maintenance tasks to add to your to-do list today.**

### Structure and Foundation

- Check the foundation and exterior walls for cracks.
- Clean gutters and downspouts and repair any leaks or holes. Inspect the roof, looking for loose or missing shingles, damage to any pipes, or unusual wear and tear.
- Check for gaps around doors and windows and reseal them.

### Systems and Appliances

- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Schedule an HVAC tuneup to ensure your system is ready when it's needed.
- Clean the refrigerator coils to lengthen your fridge's life span.
- Flush the water heater to remove all the sediment that has built up over the last year.
- Replace air filters if you haven't done so lately.
- Clean your dryer vent duct to prevent fires and keep the dryer working more efficiently.

### Outside Details

- Check for termites to stop a damaging infestation as soon as possible.
- Clean the siding, check for damage to exterior woodwork, and repair and reseal these areas as needed.
- Check the sprinkler system to make sure all the heads are facing the right direction and do a test run before setting up your watering schedule.
- Clean up the landscaping by trimming, mowing and clearing debris. You may also think about planting some seasonal flowers. Proper maintenance is critical to maintaining your home's value. If you're planning to sell soon, it's even more important.

## THE LOADING DOCK GALLERY

122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA 01851

**Show: Invocation of Place Show Dates: April 2-April 25, 2021**

This April, representation and abstraction meet at Loading Dock Gallery, to create an **Invocation of Place**, featuring the atmospheric paintings of Priscilla Levesque and Noel Soucy.

**Priscilla Levesque** paints landscapes in the pointillist style, a technique pioneered during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by Georges Seurat. With meticulous technique she builds shapes from small dots of colors. At a distance, colors blend to create new colors and the illusion of form. Levesque's casein landscapes seem both still and subtly in motion. Solid objects shimmer, constellations of color. She creates space dominated by human structures but without human presence, where light and form exist in quiet balance. Levesque received her BFA from UMass Amherst. A long-time resident of Cape Cod, she now lives in Lowell and works at Western Avenue Studios.

**Noel Soucy** creates abstracts in acrylics and alcohol inks. Her work is organic, full of energy. Making art offers Soucy a way to stay positive and healthy during difficult times. Swirling forms fill her canvases, inspired by ebb and flow of forms in nature. Eddies of color evoke clouds, water, even magnified images of cells.

For Soucy, each painting starts with a feeling or memory she wants to express. Image and texture evolve freely as she layers color and texture. She develops areas as they emerge, rubbing back and building up, scratching into the surface and working with palette knives plus various drawing tools and brushes to create a diversity of marks and colors. Soucy lives in York, Maine, and teaches at the Lane House Art Center in Hampton, New Hampshire, where she has a studio.

**The gallery is open** Friday-Sunday from 12-4 pm, Saturday from 12-6 pm. For more information, visit [TheLoadingDockGallery.com](http://TheLoadingDockGallery.com)

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Hoping to see you soon. Stay Well.

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**BRUSH ART GALLERY AND STUDIOS**

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**Exhibit Title: Gratitude & Solace**

**Exhibit Runs: through April 18, 2021**

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**ARTIST LAURIE SIMKO EXHIBITS  
PORTRAITS OF FRONTLINE NURSES**

Lowell, MA – After receiving her personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 surge last spring, Laurie's daughter Shevaun Assini, who is a nurse, sent her mother a selfie. She was inspired to paint the striking image of a frontline worker in the war against COVID-19. She went on to paint nineteen more portraits of her daughter's coworkers, all nighttime COVID-19 nurses at a small community hospital. "I felt it was important to honor them, show gratitude and chronicle this time in our history," said Simko. Exhibiting their faces and sharing their stories is a way to affirm their struggles and recognize their humanity. Each painting will be displayed with a brief story next to it.

Simko recently received a Juror's Prize from Concord Art for two of the portraits in the Heroes series that were exhibited there.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/auL4EuCw4Ts>

Website: [www.lauriesimko.com](http://www.lauriesimko.com)

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Boston Globe article: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/08/19/arts/painters-tribute-nurses-i-want-us-remember-what-these-frontline-workers-did/>

Simko has also added to her nature-inspired series, Lush Life, which she's worked on over the past twelve years. She explains, "I've always found that observing and drawing from nature brings me solace, meaning and purpose." Both bodies of work will be exhibited at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios this spring.

**The Brush Art Gallery and Studios** is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, eleven studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. **The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, and is supported by Lowell National Historical Park.**



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Organized by the Rivier University Biology Club, all proceeds benefit Beaver Brook Association trails and educational programs. Because of COVID, the race will be semi-virtual this year. The 5k and 3k courses will be marked and maps will be available on this site. Both courses start on wide, well-maintained trails. You can run or walk one or both courses anytime between Friday, April 23rd and Monday, April 26th. Submit your times by Monday 4/26 pm. In the spirit of Earth Day, the first 100 registrants will receive a reusable grocery bag fun raffle prizes that registrants can win. Register online at <https://www.runreg.com/beaver-brook-association-earth-day-5k-and-3k-trail-run>

• **Full Moon Forest Walk & Campfire, Saturday, April 24, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,** Beaver Brook Nature Center, 117 Ridge Rd, Hollis, NH

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Laura Putnam is a Certified Forest Therapy Guide with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy. She is also a registered nurse, avid hiker and Reiki practitioner. Laura is Wilderness First Aid certified.

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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.

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**MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
URGES RESIDENTS TO BE ALERT FOR  
SCAMS**

MEDFORD, Mass. – The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is once again urging residents to be alert for ongoing imposter scams.

"Across the nation, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Better Business Bureau (BBB) – among others – are warning of scams tied to tax filing season, economic impact payments (EIP) and even COVID vaccinations," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "At the Middlesex Sheriff's Office we want community members to be on guard and be able to immediately recognize these scams."

- When it comes to COVID vaccinations, for instance, the BBB warns that some immediate tell-tale signs a communication is a scam are if the person contacting you wants you to pay to put your name on a waiting list or pay for the vaccination. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the vaccine is being provided "free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status."
- The MSO is also warning of continuing scams involving the alleged suspension or deactivation of Social Security numbers ([listen to audio](#)). (If you read this online this link is active) According to the FTC, Social Security numbers do not get suspended.
- In all of the scams mentioned above – and their variations (arrest, jury duty, etc.) – the perpetrators are trying to either obtain money in the form of direct payment through things like prepaid debit or gift cards, or to access critical personal information like Social Security numbers, bank or credit card accounts, and passcodes.
- Residents who receive communications similar to these, are urged to: Immediately hang up, Never provide any personal information (Social Security or bank account numbers, etc.), Contact government agencies directly to verify the veracity of calls, emails, texts or letters

**If you or a loved one** have lost money or had your personal information comprised due to one of these schemes you are urged to immediately contact local authorities. Individuals may also report cases of fraud to the FTC via [reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/).



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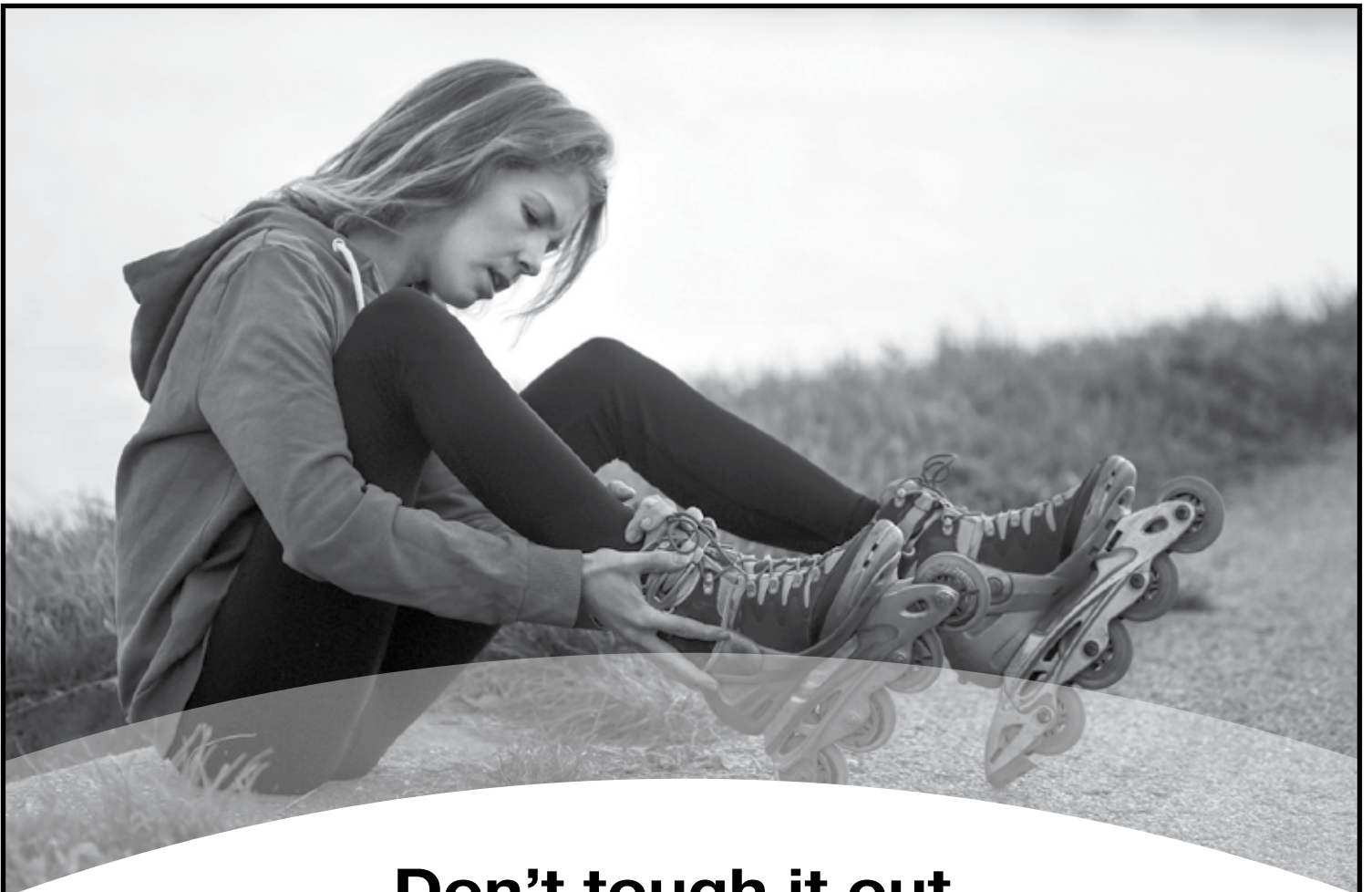


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Auxiliary Unit 247 Officers for 2019-2021:

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For information on the Auxiliary Unit contact Unit President Josephine Beaugard at 978-458-7015.



## ALTRUSA

Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley is collecting new towels to benefit the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC). The Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) is the largest shelter and support organization north of Boston, providing 90 beds for the homeless. In addition, the Winter Engagement Program provides overnight shelter from the cold for more 80 men and women. To learn more or to donate, please email [altrusamv@gmail.com](mailto:altrusamv@gmail.com)

The Altrusa Club has been meeting virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. To learn more about Altrusa visit us at [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org) or [districtone.altrusa.org](http://districtone.altrusa.org)

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