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DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

• **The Town Clerk's office has regrettably made the decision to discontinue notary service.** Our town insurance does not cover notary service and the changes the courts have made to our personal liability is extensive. We can only charge \$1.00 per signature per Massachusetts General Laws and cannot justify the cost to purchase the additional insurance. We're sorry for any inconvenience. **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 always, I encourage you to sign up for News and Announcements on the town website to keep informed.

• **The deadline to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting/ Election was Monday, April 26, 2021.** You must attend Town Meeting in order to vote, there is no absentee voting for Town Meeting. Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 am at Larter Field.

• **The Town Election** will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Library, polls are open from NOON until 8:00 pm. A sample ballot is posted on the town website.

• **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's 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



IN MEMORY OF

Robert J. Gill III
Vasiliki (Mihalochrista) Nicolakakis
Kenneth W. Gordon



Scouts BSA Troop 28

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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!

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Learn more about the event, the new location and how to submit a request tickets.

If you have any questions/comments, please contact Sara Axon at bstroop28.dunstable@gmail.com or 978.808.4434.

DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

May is upon us and it is time that we reflect on those Veterans who served so we can enjoy the freedoms we relish so very much. *This year in Dunstable, we are hoping to finally have some sort of ceremony to honor those Veterans who served and pay an extra tribute to the Vietnam Veterans. It will be as usual, on Sunday May 30th to start at 1PM.* We hope to see you there, especially all of you Vietnam Vets.

The Dunstable Veterans I would like to honor who were born in May, but have since passed away, that are currently in our database are the following:

Harry E. Allard, 19 May 1934 USN In between

Robert J. Irzyk, 25 May 1936 USAF Vietnam

David W. Wellington, 7 May 1927 WWII

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

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

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Program Coordinator Susan Tully 978-649-6750

or Email at sjt0213@verizon.net

Dunstable Seniorswe are a peer group for those over 60.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating this month!

• **NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH CELEBRATION FRI-DAY, MAY 14 AT 1:00P.M.** on the common an Ice Cream Social to celebrate Nation Older Americans' Month. We will be celebrating all our seniors and especially those that are turning 90. This year we will be honoring Dot Farry, Ruth Rogers and Fred Geissler and all our other 90 year olds.

Howie Newman will perform classic songs from yesteryear, including standards, show tunes and material from artists like Frank Sinatra the Beatles, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond and many others. It's a sing-along, toe-tapping musical journey from the early 1900s up through the 1970s. Howie also adds trivia, background stories about the songs and a little G-rated humor here and there. Program is sponsored by **Mass. Cultural Council grant**. Please **RSVP by May 12**, want to make sure we have enough ice cream for everyone. Remember to **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR**.

• **BOOK GROUP** Our meeting will be held in the community room of the Dunstable Church on **May 22** at 10:30am. We will be discussing **The Guest List** by Lucy Foley. **Summary:** On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. Every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. Then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why? **Everyone is responsible for getting their own copy of these books. There are many copies available thru MVLC/ Dunstable library. Like to read, we'd love to have you join our group.**

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 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 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.**

In addition large item pickup is available through GW Shaw for all residents at (603) 878-4108.

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DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Anne Fenochetti Email: afenochetti@dunstable-ma.gov
978-649-4514 ext. 223 Hours: Tuesday 8am to 12:30pm

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
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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.

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.

• **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 4th 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 ser-
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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
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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
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Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827.

Need more information about how to submit news? Do you have
a business and you would like to know more about advertising?

Call and leave a message at **978-419-1914**.

I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

230 Conservation/Planning Board 249 Assessors, Water Dept

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Alarm System* **978-448-6666*** can be used to call in a fire from cell phone

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TRPO 28, DUNSTABLE, SCOUTS BSA, CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2021!

We are creating an Alumni Contact List. If you or anyone you know has ever been a Troop 28 Scout or a registered adult, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/T28-Alumni> if you are reading this online. Or type this in your browser. This is the preferred method. Or you may send an email to bstroop28.dunstable@gmail.com with your contact info and the year/years you were associated with the troop. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort, please share this info to help spread the word.

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

GROTON NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

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

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

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

The next food collection is on Saturday, April 10th.

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Please go to the website to watch our reopening video for instructions prior to selecting your seats. **Online Videos: Weekly on-line 9:30 am Sunday Live stream Services**, Morning Minutes of Grace, Evening Prayers, Afternoon Bible Study & Grace Kids. **Visit our channel [GraceLutheran.TV on \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/channel/GraceLutheranTV)**

DRIVE-UP FOOD PANTRY AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

We have a free, drive-up, food pantry for any of our neighbors who may be in need of food during this difficult time. It is our sincere prayer that we can be a blessing to our community as we get through this pandemic together.

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.*

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 the 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.*

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

This is scheduled for **August 28th**. It is held each year for both the Town of Tyngsborough and the Town of Dunstable, 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 www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com. The last page lists what to bring and what not to bring. **A new list should be posted in the July/August issue.**

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. **CHECK FOR RECENT UPDATES.** To read all the details, visit www.mass.gov and search "face coverings". You may also want to check out www.cdc.gov.

TYNGSBOROUGH/DUNSTABLE ROTARY CLUB

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

• We are sponsoring a **SENIOR / VETERAN BREAKFAST**, Thursday, May 20th, 8:30-9:00AM. Start your day off with a **FREE** healthy breakfast with friends **at the Tyngsborough Senior Center, 169 Westford Rd., Tyngsborough, MA.**

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

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

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

Feel free to join in our weekly Zoom meetings held on Thursdays at noon.

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

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When you receive the email that your material is ready, please call the library to let us know when you want to pick it up. We also offer home delivery for seniors on Thursdays. We quarantine all returned books and then spray and wipe each one down.

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

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

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

What's new for materials? We are posting new titles and materials on DPL facebook page. **For all updates on these programs and other library news, please go to the Dunstable-Public-Library facebook page! Stay well!!**



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



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The Altrusa Club has been meeting virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. To learn more about Altrusa visit us at www.altrusa.org or districtone.altrusa.org

Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee:

Tyngsborough Zero Waste Day Community Event

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9am-1pm

**Tyngsborough Elementary School Parking Lot
205 Westford Road, Tyngsborough, MA**

Dunstable Residents are welcome to take part.

Tyngsborough Zero Waste Day is an opportunity for residents (**Dunstable Residents as well**) to keep usable goods out of the waste stream. By partnering with local reuse organizations, durable goods can be used again and again, reducing the amount of trash we generate and the natural resources required to produce new goods.

- **PAPER SHREDDING** - \$10/box, NO binders; paper clips and staples are okay. *Available until the truck is full.* Sponsored by the Tyngsboro-Dunstable Rotary Club.
- **ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES** - Small donation requested. Sponsored by Scout Troop 46. *NO TVs or CRTs.* Monitors (No TVs), Stereos/Radios, Cables/Power Cables, Video Games, Computers, Cell Phones, Speakers, Small Appliances, Microwaves, Toaster Ovens, Vacuums, Dehumidifiers, Dorm Refrigerators, Large Subwoofers.
- **BIKES & BIKE PARTS** - Free. Provided by The Bike Connector, a Lowell-based non-profit with a mission to make bicycling accessible for all (www.bikeconnector.org) learn more. **Bicycles** that are "serviceable" - no bent frames or stuck seat posts; **Bicycle Parts** - spare parts and components, including tubes, tires, wheels, chains, pedals, saddles, kickstands, racks and handlebars; **Bicycle Accessories** - Helmets (new only), tire pumps locks and chains for locks, gloves, bicycle books & manuals; **Tools** - General hand tools and specialized bike tools
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Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Homeowners considering HVAC updates are encouraged to explore local incentive rebate programs promoting the adoption of Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) systems for home air conditioning and heating.

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MISCONCEPTIONS OF LONG TERM-CARE PLANNING

By Edward H. Adamsky, Attorney at Law

Medicaid (MassHealth) is the only government program that pays for Long Term Care costs. Medicare (health insurance) may cover the costs of short-term skilled nursing care, but it will not pay for Long Term Care. Medicaid is a means-tested benefit, so you have to be financially eligible. If you don't qualify for Medicaid, you will have to pay for your Long Term Care on your own.

Nursing Home Care is what most people think about for Long Term Care. If your care needs are high, you may need nursing home care. There are home care options that may be more affordable, so you should always consider that first, if possible. The average cost of a nursing home care is around \$12,000 to \$14,000 per month - over \$150,000 per year. Most people cannot afford that expense for very long. In that case, you may need to seek Medicaid eligibility.

The biggest misconception is that Medicare will pay for nursing home care. Medicare is health insurance for medically necessary care. A short-term rehabilitative stay in a nursing facility is medically necessary and Medicare will pay for that. But long term assistance with the activities of daily living (eating, dressing, bathing, and the like) is not medical care.

It may not be too late to try to protect your assets. That may not be the goal, and sometimes it shouldn't be. But, for many people, the thought of spending their life savings in the last year or two of their lives is too horrible to bear. They want to take whatever steps are allowed to "protect" their assets. You should start to plan for protecting assets well in advance due to the five-year look-back period rule under Medicaid. But there are some exceptions to that rule, and there are some techniques that can be used at the last minute. So, you should always consult with an Elder Law Attorney when long term care is in the near future.

There is often confusion about the look-back period. For over 20 years it was 3 years. That meant that the Medicaid office examined your financial affairs for the three years prior to the date of your Medicaid application. In 2004, the look-back period was increased to 5 years. It has been that way ever since. It is possible the law might change again, but nothing has happened since 2004 and it seems doubtful our current congress will attack seniors.

Many people think that gifting \$15,000 is allowed by Medicaid because it is allowed by the IRS rules. But Medicaid and the IRS are two different systems with completely different rules. There is no yearly exemption amount for gifting under Medicaid. Any amount of money or any asset given away in the five years prior to your application can disqualify you from getting Medicaid.

It is always advisable to consult with an experienced Elder Law attorney sooner rather than later. Although there are exceptions it is best to plan ahead and utilize the full extent of the law and the look-back period to accomplish your goals.

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Our goal is to raise \$3000 will be used to acquire and install this bench. We are almost there! If you do wish to donate, you can donate using this "Go Fund Me" link created by Cheryl Johnson (Teddy): gf.me/u/zn2x8n Or you can mail your check payable to: "Scottie's Bench", 164 Frost Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879

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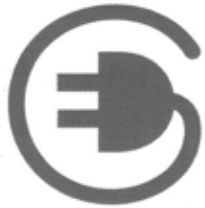
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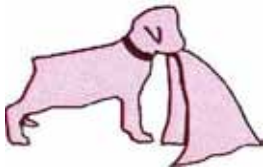
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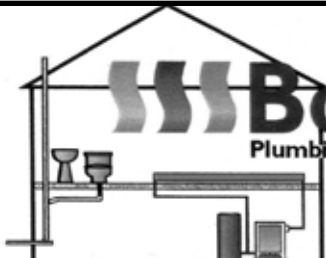
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ARE YOU STANDING IN THE BREACH?

By Nathan Combs

We are enthralled by hero stories in which one human holds back a great disaster from overwhelming the lives of others. For example, children all over the world know the famous Dutch story of a child who single-handedly saved his town from a flood by holding his finger in a dyke until help arrived. I do not know if "The Boy Who Held Back the Sea" is truth or fiction (or a mixture of both), but I do know that God's Scriptures are full of this kind of imagery.

In Psalm 106, as the writer is praising God for his steadfast love in dealing with generations of stubborn Israelites, he recounts Moses' actions at Mt. Sinai when the people "exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass" (vs. 20). When God expressed his resolution to annihilate the people, Moses "*stood in the breach before him*, to turn away his wrath from destroying them" (vs. 23). Despite the personal toll this experience must have taken on Moses, the unselfish actions of this one man saved the lives of thousands that day.

Years later, after God's people had settled in Canaan and had become corrupted by idols again, God was looking for another Moses. Although God is committed to punishing evil, he constantly searches for ways to extend his mercy. This time, however, there was no one in Judah with the spirit of Moses. "And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and *stand in the breach before me* for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30). The prophets, priests, and princes of the land were too intent on unjustly grabbing for power and riches to care about the state of their nation.

The problem God laments in Ezekiel is resolved in the story of Jesus. Rather than destroying humanity, God himself became the man who stood in the breach, holding back his own righteous anger against our sins. As Paul puts it in Romans 5:9, "Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." Even as he was hanging on the cross, Jesus was more concerned about the dangerous position of the souls who mocked him than he was about his own pain. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Are we following the examples of Moses and our Lord by standing in the breach for someone else? If you're living in a difficult community, family, or marriage, what kind of thoughts occupy your waking hours? Are you more absorbed by how the sins of others have hurt or upset you and looking for ways to see them punished? Or are you more concerned with the hurt that others are experiencing and asking God to forgive and heal them? Standing in the breach is tremendously uncomfortable, but it is the place of glory because God is standing there.

TYNGSBOROUGH DUNSTABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Some good news for a change.

On Saturday, April 24 at 9 am, we held our annual inside/outside clean up at the Little Red Schoolhouse. We would like to thank BSA Troop 28 Scouts for their great enthusiasm and hard work.

Then, as of this writing, on Sunday, May 2 at dawn the members of the New Hampshire Power of the Past Collectors were gathering at the Schoolhouse for their **44th Annual Gas and Steam Engine Meet**. Admission is always free for visitors and they welcome your stopping by for a look at the history they are devoted to preserving. Hopefully next year things will be more settled and everyone will have advance notice of this amazing event.

Finally, it looks like a go for the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 26. Details are still pending, but we will share them as soon as possible.

Last but not least, thank you to those who have renewed their memberships and made donations so far this year! We appreciate your kind support.

Membership forms and more info is available at www.tdhistoricalsociety.org

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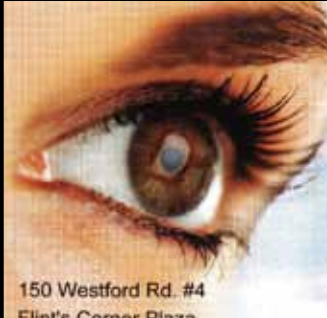


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For these reasons, housing decisions require plenty of careful consideration. Want to be prepared to make the right choice when the time comes? Start here.

1. Should you build or buy?

Both building a new home or buying an existing one can be good choices. You'll typically pay more for a new home, but it will likely need fewer repairs and have lower maintenance costs.

Existing homes, on the other hand, are usually cheaper upfront. They may come with more issues and potential repairs, though.

2. Is it better to move or to remodel?

There will typically come a time when you outgrow your first house. When this happens, you'll need to decide whether updating (or expanding) that property is best or if you're better off finding a new home instead.

Renovating will come with some hassle and mess, but if you love your location or your kids' schools, it can be a smart choice. Buying a new property would allow you to change some of those foundational aspects — things like location, school district and community amenities.

3. Is it time to downsize?

As you age and your kids move out, you might consider a smaller house. Downsizing can reduce your monthly costs, free up cash flow and reduce the amount of cleaning and maintenance you need to do.

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

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Lowell, MA – Brush Art Gallery & Studios and Lowell National Historical Park announced their juried exhibition on the theme **"What does community look like to you?"**

This will showcase artists at any stage in their careers and from across the United States. **The exhibition will be on view May 1 to June 12, 2021.**

Why this theme? Lowell National Historical Park is currently partnering with community members to develop a future exhibit in the Mogan Cultural Center about Lowell's cultural diversity. As another way to explore cultural expression we would like to see how artists from across the country experience or observe "community" for this juried exhibition at the Brush Art Gallery.

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. The Brush is supported by Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.

For more information, please visit: <http://thebrush.org>.

Lowell National Historical Park is a unique urban national park, founded in 1978, dedicated to preserving and exploring Lowell's continuing history as the nation's first large-scale textile manufacturing city. The park works in partnership with community organizations, local residents, and visitors to tell stories of technology, labor, immigration, women's rights, and the industrial economy in Lowell and beyond. Over 500,000 visitors annually visit Lowell National Historical Park museum sites, participate in interactive canal and trolley tours, view operating mill machinery, participate in hands-on family programs, attend special events, and more. **For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/lowe>.**

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The clothing donation shed at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, **518 Main St, Dunstable MA**, open to the public.

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• **SERMONS ON-LINE:** Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website <http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org> 2. Click once on the word "SERMONS" 3. Sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title. You may click on "Jump to the Current Sermon. To find the most recent.

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- Walk by the home of a cancer patient and wave
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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) 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. The current cycle will end in May. Please contact Kathy Mackel (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 to sign up.

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Girls shirts in Sizes 3T, 4T, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, and 18
Girl's PJs in sizes 10-18
Little Girls sneakers in sizes 9 and 9.5
Boys shirts in sizes 14, 16, and 18,
Boys pants in sizes 10, 12, and 18
Men's shirts in Sizes Medium and Large
Men's pants in waist sizes 38-43
Women's sweatshirts in sizes Medium and Large, Women's socks
Women's sneakers in sizes 5, 5.5, 7, and 7.5
Spring jackets for the whole family

CLOTHING AND TEXTILE RECYCLING Did you know that if you have clothing, bedding, shoes, curtains, or any cloth item that you don't think have any use, whether they are stained or ripped, we can still accept them and sell them by the pound? Just bag them up separately and write recycle on the bag. All funds raised will go into supporting our mission and our clients!

About Us: The Mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in Merrimack Valley. Find out more on our website www.TheWishProject.org or call us at (866) 947-4360.
Our New mailing address is: The Wish Project PO Box 8693,
Lowell, MA 01853



Hi everyone,

It's that time of the year again ... time for Great Strides to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Sadly for the 2nd year in a row we will not be able to have our annual lemonade stand to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. Last year we didn't let COVID 19 hold us down and we held a drive by parade for Reid and his family which they really enjoyed. We are going to make the best out of what we can and we hope to hold a drive through ice cream stand with Reid's favorite flavor hopefully sometime over the next few months. Stay tuned for future details.

I have set a pretty ambitious goal this year of raising \$4,000 to help my friend Reid as he celebrates a big year in his life. If you would like to donate you can send me a check made payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to Sophia West PO Box 86 in Dunstable MA 01827 or you can go to my fundraising page and donate online. https://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/GreatStrides/100_Northern_New_England_Nashua?px=1634405&pg=personal&fr_id=8554 (Please note: there is an underscore where it looks like a space)

I hope you can help me help my friend Reid and all others who battle CF on a daily basis. Thank you and stay well!! Sophia