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## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2021 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. *The license is now late and payment must include a \$25.00 late fee.* Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. **If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license.**

• **TOWN ELECTION:** The Town Election is being postponed from May 11<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to enable election workers and voters additional time to obtain the vaccination. A decision on voting hours will be made closer to the election and will depend on the Covid numbers.

• **TOWN MEETING:** Town Meeting is being planned for June and a final date will be announced.

• **Census Forms** were sent early in January. Please make changes, sign and return. The census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your political party.  
*Stay safe!*

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to [jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov) with any questions.

## NOTICE

### TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

The Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office.** All registered voters residing in the District are welcome to vote at this time.

The **Annual/Special Meeting of the District** will be held on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at the District Office. Warrants and additional information will be available at the Water District Office.

**Signed: Board of Water Commissioners**

*Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Ave, Unit 2,  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-4577*

## TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

Do you know a neighbor or friend who may be a Veteran, Veteran widower, widow or dependents of a Veteran that may be eligible for financial assistance from my office? I may be able to help them with basic living expenses, rent or mortgage heating cost, prescriptions, monthly healthcare premiums and hospital/doctor bills not covered by your Medicare or other insurance.

I can also help with filing or questions about V.A. disability and pension claims.

The Veteran's Office is a confidential office where your identity is completely confidential. Please call or email the office to schedule an appointment.

*Sincerely, Christopher W. Dery, Tyngsborough Veteran's Agent,  
25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879  
978-649-2300 X131 [veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov)*

## IN MEMORY OF

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## TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB



*Happy Spring from the Garden Club!*

It's been a long lonely year with no meetings or speakers since last March, although we did do some town plantings this past fall.

However, we would like to announce that **we will again have our Driveway Plant Sale at 2 locations in town, one on each side of the bridge, on Saturday, May 22 with masks and social distancing of course.**

Our first driveway sale location will be at the Gambale residence from 9-12 at 382 Dunstable Rd. Our other driveway plant sale will be at the Schneider home from 11-3 at 13 Beverlee Rd. Monetary donations will be accepted at both locations to help defray the cost of our town plantings. We always have a good selection of perennials, hopefully some herbs and veggies, and a few houseplants. Please stop by at either or both locations to spruce up your yard for the summer! Hope to see you out and about!

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.**

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## FLINT POND BOAT RAMP AND PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR DAM REPAIRS

The parking area and boat ramp off Flint Pond Road in Tyngsborough will be closed to the public from now until April 2022 to allow for dam repairs. The water level of Flint Pond will be lowered substantially during this time. Public access to these areas will be restored after the project is completed next spring.

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is conducting the dam repairs as ordered by the Office of Dam Safety. The dam was deemed in poor condition due to overtopping and erosion of the earthen berm. During the construction period, areas near the dam and parking lot will be closed.

As always, please be respectful of neighbors, social distancing, and private property

## TOWN BEACH ON LAKE MASCUPPIC

In case you have been wondering. Work to renovate the Town Beach on Lake Mascuppig is now underway.

The project includes the installation of an ADA compliant walkway, the replacement of existing beach sand, restoration of the existing grass area, the installation of an irrigation system, and the construction of a retaining wall to separate the beach from the grass area. This project is funded largely by Community Preservation funds approved by the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting as well as a small amount from the Recreation Committee's revolving fund. The Town Beach is under the care and control of the Recreation Department.

The project is slated to be complete by early May 2021.

## 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.

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## TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

*is proud to announce Trevor Freelove, Emilia Hinde, Zaida Marie Le, and Zachary Souza as the March Students of the Month.*

**Trevor Freelove, son of Melissa Freelove and Vincent Freelove**, is a recipient of the Core Values Award. He is a member of the THS varsity track and field team, the Dracut-Tyngsborough varsity hockey team, yearbook club, student council, and PALS. In addition, he has been elected class secretary for two years, and has been a member of the theater program. Trevor volunteers at the Dracut Food Bank, and his hobbies include working out, hanging with his friends, and playing hockey. His favorite subjects are science and English, and hopes to go into biotechnology sales, owning his own business while continuing his modeling career. When thinking about his days at THS he said, "I have gained many friends and lessons about life during my days at THS. I've also gained the experience of being a class officer and organizing class events. School has given me the opportunity to take classes that are of interest to me and my career path."

**Emilia Hinde, daughter of John and Millie Hinde**, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the Smith College Book Award and the Commitment to Learning Award. Emilia is also a two-time recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Award and a three-time recipient of the Academic Excellence Award. She is a member of student council, PALS, and Spanish Honor Society. Emilia was a member of both the cross country and lacrosse teams. In her free time, she likes to volunteer at the Lowell Humane Society, draw, and paint her nails. Her favorite subjects are math and science, and her future goals include earning a master's degree and living a happy life. "From my time at THS, I have learned what it means to be a good student and how to dedicate myself to success. THS takes pride in ensuring that our 4 years here are the best that they can be and I will certainly remember my fun days here, especially homecoming week."

**Zaida Marie Le, daughter of Nam and Lisa Le**, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science Award, the Academic Excellence Award and a two-time Principal's Award recipient. Zaida Marie is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, the varsity field hockey team, and varsity track & field team earning her League All Star recognition. In her spare time, she volunteers her time at the Tyngsborough Public Library, Lowell Folk Festival, Nashua Soup Kitchen and for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She also enjoys snowboarding and spending time with her friends and family. Her favorite subject is math, and hopes to travel the world, help people in need and make money. "During my time at Tyngsborough High, I've gained knowledge and skills that will stick with me for the rest of my life. I have created unforgettable connections with teachers and peers and am grateful to have spent my four years of high school in a family-like community. I will take the memories of twilight track meets, school trips, homecoming, and times with my life long friends with me."

**Zachary Souza, son of Craig and Linda Souza**, is a recipient of honor roll recognition. His athletic achievements include playing football for four years, earning him Mid-Wachusett League All Star, Central Mass All Star and Lowell Sun All Star recognitions. He also is a five-year member of the varsity wrestling team, earning Lowell Sun All Star and sectional championship recognitions. In addition, Zachary is a three-year member of the varsity lacrosse team and named a Lowell Sun All Star. He is a member of the varsity basketball team as well. His community service involvement includes raking leaves for community members and working the Festival of Trees. He enjoys fishing and hanging out with friends and his favorite subjects are history, sports analytics, and gym. His future plans include graduating college and getting a good paying job. When looking back on his days at THS he said, "The school has helped me become a better person in the classroom and even when I'm playing sports. I will always have fond memories of homecoming and beating GD three years in a row on Thanksgiving."

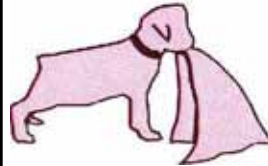
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## ST MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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• **Join us on Facebook! Search "Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Tyngsboro" & like our page. See daily meditations**  
• Prayer Line – [Do you know of someone needing prayers?](#) Call Helen (978) 649-7927 or Carol (978) 649-6717. (Submit only first name of one to be prayed for)

## 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.

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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### SHERBURNE NATURE CENTER & TRAILS

**No activities are scheduled at this time.**

**However, if you are looking for some place special to walk, consider walking these trails.** Remember these wonderful trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns.

Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. Also a great place to take some incredible photos. So bring along your camera, or use your cell phone. Just consider the weather and remember to be prepared

**Please remember the tennis court area behind the Sherburne Nature Center is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.**

## 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.

## TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



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• **BINGO Every Tuesday 12:30-3:00** This activity helps keep your mind stimulated. **There is a maximum of 30 people (2 to a table).** **This enables us to practice social distancing and still enjoy the company of others. (COVID -19).** Please stop at the greeters desk for temperature check, hand sanitizer and mask.

We have transportation if you need it for a small fee. Call 2 days in advance 978-649-9211

• **COA BOARD MEETING Tuesday, April 20th, 3:30**

• **OUTREACH -Home Visits Charlene Muscato Must call for an appointment 978-649-9211** There are situations that prevent Tyngsborough senior residents from coming to the Center, we are more than happy to make a visit to provide information for services. If you or someone you know would like a visit to discuss senior referrals such as Fuel Assistance, Transportation, Housing Assistance, File of Life, Meals on Wheels, Brown Bag, Podiatrist, Faith Works, Notary Public, Health Care Proxy, Referrals, Medical Equip (loan), Food Stamp (snap).

• **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY, Friday, April 23, 11:00-2:00** TBD

• **PROJECT LINUS PROGRAM** The Center is in need of some yarn for our Project Linus Program which provides blankets for children who have experienced some kind of trauma. We're looking for volunteers to help make blankets from home and donate them back. If you're in need of yarn the Center will supply you with what we have in stock. We could use 2ply.

**Thursday, May 13th**—In honor of Memorial Day, through a Cultural Council Grant—WWII Letters time and details to follow.

**Thursday, May 20th** - 8:30 Breakfast (more details to follow)

• **MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS 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.

• **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.

• **HOUSE NUMBERS** • Is Your house Number Clearly Visible from the Street? • Use Large Visible Numbers. Numbers need to be at least 4inches in height and facing the street. • Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background so they will be visible at night. • Be sure to use the E-911 address for the property. • If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road. • Be sure to keep the numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.



## Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

By Tyler Denomme

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.

Until next month, stay comfortable!

*Tyler*

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*Thank you for supporting the Class of 2021.*

Calling all (High School Parents or anyone else interested). 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 58 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us!

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**Please send in your news for May.**

**Have questions about submitting news?**

**Need details about advertising your business?**

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**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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\*\* The **Annual Meeting of the Membership** was held on March 1 via Zoom with elections. Congratulations to Laurie Cunningham who was voted to be Vice President, and to Lucy Hamnett who was voted Treasurer, each for a two year term. Next March, we will hold elections for President and Secretary. We welcome members and others to join and consider a future position with the Friends.

\*\* Currently the Friends are updating their **membership list**, and we are requesting email addresses for members who have one. If you, as a member, have not recently received an email about the scholarship opportunity for high school seniors, then you are not on the mailing list. Please notify us of your email address at [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com). Thanks!

\*\* The Friends will fund the program "**Greatest Sitcoms of All Time**" via Zoom, Tuesday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. See a lighthearted presentation about some of our most beloved sitcoms with funny snippets from the shows, a sitcom trivia challenge and a review of how sitcoms have evolved over the decades! Join us for lots of laughter and fun! Contact the Library for registration.

\*\*The Library is still accepting **puzzles for kids and adults** that will be offered for a \$1 donation to the Friends. Donate puzzles for this good cause, then look for another to enjoy with family.

\*\* The **upcoming meetings** are on Mondays at 6:30 pm by Zoom for now. Email [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com) for an invitation. We would love to see you. April 5, May 3, June 7

\*\* **Like us** on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FOTPL>

**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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**NEW HELP TO QUIT MENTHOL TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Smoking and vaping may put people at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, especially because they can weaken the immune system and damage the lungs. With menthol tobacco products unavailable and COVID-19 risks continuing, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has found a new way to help people quit. The Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline is offering up to three gift cards totaling \$50 to people who use menthol tobacco products and the Helpline's free coaching services. Call the Helpline 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) about the program and for free coaching and support 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Or enroll online at [makesmokinghistory.org](http://makesmokinghistory.org). Helping people who use menthol products quit is especially important because the tobacco industry has strategically and successfully targeted Black, Latinx and LGBTQ+ people with menthol products. As a result of aggressive marketing practices and pressures related to discrimination and daily stressors, menthol tobacco use is high in these communities.

Massachusetts residents who use menthol tobacco products who speak with the Helpline's supportive coaches can receive a \$10 gift card after completing the first coaching call, a \$15 gift card after the second and a \$25 gift card after the third coaching call. In addition, up to 8 weeks of FREE nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are also available to residents who speak with a coach (with medical eligibility). For info contact Ashley Hall at Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership (978) 722-2864 or [ashley.hall@glfhc.org](mailto:ashley.hall@glfhc.org)





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**COVID-19 update:** 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.

•••**CLOSED Monday, April 19 in observance of Patriot's Day**•••

*Join us for upcoming programs that encourage participation in City*


**Nature Challenge.** TPL is collaborating with the Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee on this global citizen science project that encourages everyday people to observe and document nature right where they are. The 2021 City Nature Challenge takes place in 2 parts: •April 30 - May 3 Taking pictures of wild plants and animals •May 4 - May 9 Identifying what was found

• **History of the Merrimack River & How to Clean It Up via Zoom, Wednesday, April 21, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.** Local author and journalist Dyke Hendrickson will discuss his new book, *Merrimack: The Resilient River, An Illustrated Narrative of the Most Historic River in New England*. Part history and part call to action, Dyke's well-researched book highlights the dramatic life of the Merrimack River, from the colorful days of the Native Americans to its current status as one of the most scenic recreational waterways in New England.

• **Spring Birds of Tyngsborough via Zoom, Thursday, April 22, 7-8 p.m., Teens & adults. Registration required.** Dr. Steve Hale of Open World Explorers will present on the common and not-so-common spring birds that may be found in our backyards and how to spot them. Featured birds will be those likely to be counted/observed during the **City Nature Challenge**.

• **Guided Bird Walk at Sherburne Nature Center, Sunday, May 2, 9-11 a.m. Registration required.** Dr. Steve Hale returns to lead this walk. Bring your binoculars or camera! Sponsored by the Sustainability Committee. *Don't have a pair of binoculars? TPL lends birdwatching kits, including family friendly kits, as part of the Library of Things.*

• **Beginning Birding for Kids Thursday, April 22, 2 p.m. via Zoom. Ages 4-12. Registration required.** Get ready for **City Nature Challenge** by learning more about the birds in your yard and how to identify them! We still start a bird journal and talk about fun, easy ways to get started in the world of birding. Learn to identify bird songs and how to attract local birds. Each attendee will receive a new birdwatching journal!

• **Native Insects of Massachusetts via Zoom.** Watch for details on the TPL website or Sustainable Tyngsboro Facebook page. Some **City Nature Programs** are supported in part by a grant from the Tyngsborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. 

• **Greatest Sitcoms of All Time via Zoom, Tuesday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration required.** Author and historian Marty Gitlin is back by popular demand to entertain us with a lighthearted presentation about some of our most beloved sitcoms! Expect funny snippets from the shows, a sitcom trivia challenge and a review of how sitcoms have evolved over the decades! Join us for lots of laughter and fun! Funded by the Friends of the Library.

• **50+ Jobseekers Networking Group via Zoom, 9:30-11:30 a.m., on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, January-June.** Professional career coach will present on relevant topics and guide hands-on skills workshops. Meetings will also feature guest speakers and access to hiring managers. See the TPL calendar for topics and registration information.

• **Storytime with Ms. Sam! Ages 3-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom.** Check the TPL calendar for more details.

• **Take & Make It Crafts! Ages 5-10. Thursdays.** 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.

• **Have you tried Hoopla yet?** Go to Reference>e-Resources & Databases on the TPL **Hoopla** to stream or download movies, music, audiobooks, e-books, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, phone or TV. *TPL staff are available for assistance via email ([circdesk@tynglib.org](mailto:circdesk@tynglib.org)) or telephone with any aspect of using the online resources.*

• **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly 3rd Thursday. Check the TPL or Town websites for schedule.

• **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 TPL or using the email option on the online calendar.**

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## SUSTAINABLE TYNGSBOROUGH CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

Take the City Nature Challenge - April 30-May 4, 2021! Residents of all ages are encouraged to participate in this global citizens science project, invented by staff at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and California Academy of Sciences. Together we will explore our own backyards and the amazing open space parcels right here in Tyngsborough - even if we are physically apart. City Nature Challenge is an opportunity to get outside and document the nature living all around us, by taking photos and uploading them into the iNaturalist platform.

To support the project, The Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee and the Tyngsborough Public Library will offer opportunities to learn more about animal, plant, insect and fungi species that call our town home. On April 22, for example, there will be a webinar on Birds of Tyngsborough. Birding kits and field guides are available for checkout at the Library. For more information please call the library or visit their web page ([www.tynglib.org](http://www.tynglib.org), (978) 649-7361).

Participation is free and easy.

1. Create an account at [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org) or by downloading the iNaturalist app for Apple or Android.
2. Join the Project (or search "City Nature Challenge 2021: Tyngsborough" within the iNaturalist platform)
3. Get outside wherever you are - backyards, school grounds or any of the Tyngsborough open space parcels and take photos of what you see during the challenge period, April 30-May 3. Upload your observations into iNaturalist to be counted.

The City Nature Challenge is an international effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe. It's a bioblitz-style collaboration where cities work together to make observations of nature. Learn more at [www.citynaturechallenge.org](http://www.citynaturechallenge.org)  
City Nature Challenge: Tyngsborough is a collaboration of the Sustainability Committee and the Tyngsborough Public Library. Some programs supported in part by a grant from the Tyngsborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

### ZERO WASTE DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021, 9 AM - 12 PM**

SAVE THE DATE! The Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee is working with several organizations to host a Zero Waste Day for residents to keep hard-to-recycle items out of the trash. The Rotary Club will host a commercial paper shredder. Scout Troop 46 will be collecting electronics. The Bike Connector will accept used bicycles and parts for repair and donation to underserved youth. Junk King will be collecting scrap metal. Helpsy will accept clothing, textiles and stuffed animals. Discover Books will accept all books. We are working on finding vendors to collect eyeglasses and CDs. Stay tuned for a final list of all the items we will be collecting.

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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.

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**If you have any news for the May issue,  
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Contact [anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com](mailto:anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com) or Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827. If you have any questions about how to submit news or ads please leave a message for me at **978-419-1914**.

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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**

256 Market St., Lowell, MA 01852

**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>

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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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• **Earth Day 3K or 5K Hike or Trail Run, Friday April 23 or Monday April 26 anytime dawn to dusk.** Beaver Brook Association, Maple Hill Farm, 117 Ridge Rd, Hollis, NH  
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>

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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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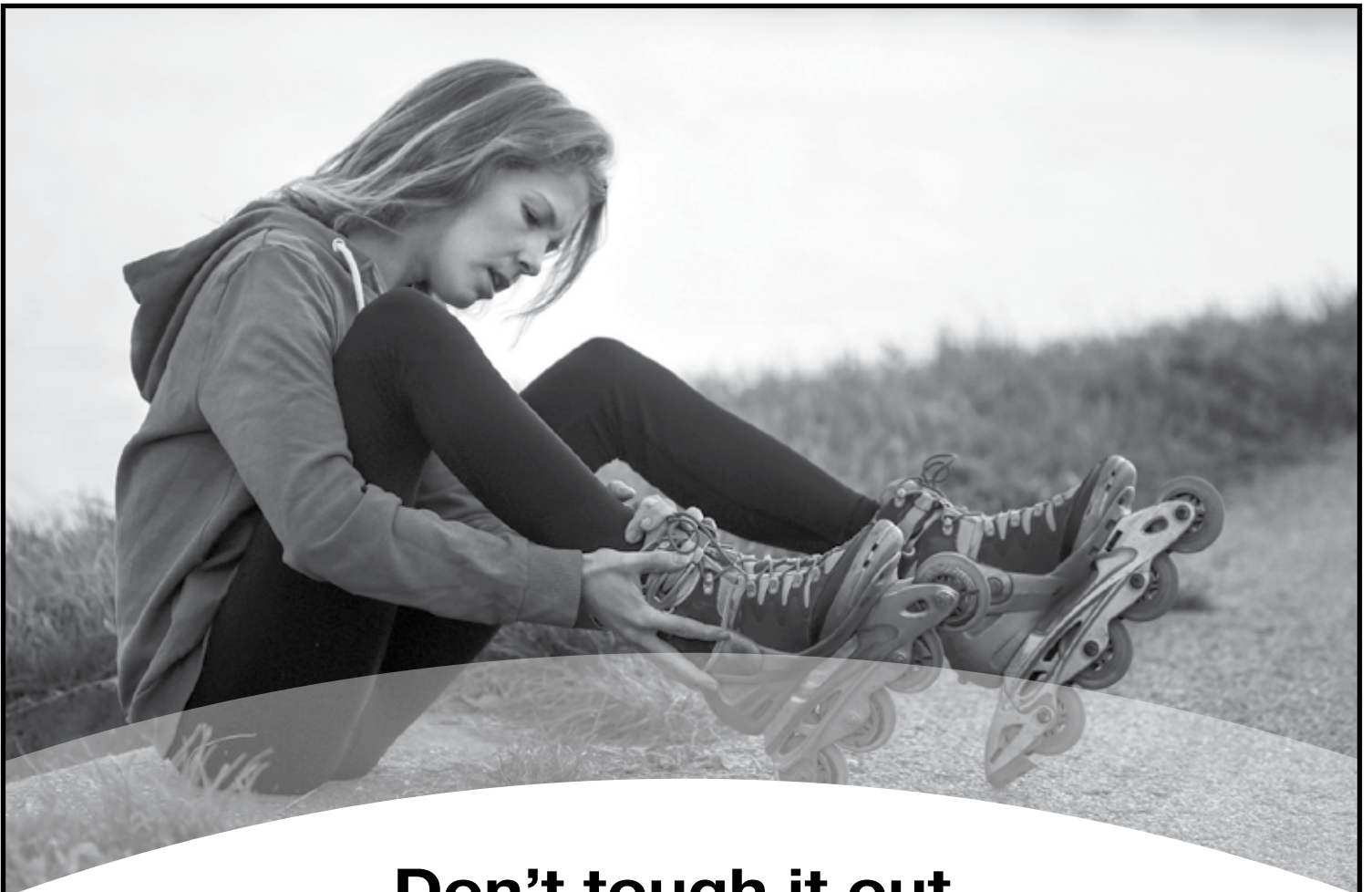


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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 247

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Auxiliary Unit 247 Officers for 2019-2021:

President: Josephine Beaugard; Jr. Vice: Sarah O'Callaghan; Secretary: Patricia Modrich; Treasurer: Diane Dileo; Chaplain: Debbie Dion; Unit Sgt-At-Arms: Debra St. Peters. Executive Committee: Kathleen Oljey.

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



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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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