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## Dunstable

### Volunteer Firefighters Association

The Christmas Party will not be held this year, because of the uncertainties of COVID. However, we do hope to see you out along the parade route!

## SANTA PARADE

Sunday, December 12, 2021

### Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, December 19

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



## IN MEMORY OF

Frederick G. Wiggins  
Christopher La-Mar Ferguson  
James Roberts Sr.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE (ONE-MAN) RADIO SHOW - DECEMBER 11 & 12

Dunstable Theater Collaborative is proud to present "A Christmas Carol: The Radio Show" by David Alberts. This one-man radio show features DTC's own Jon Swift, and will be Dunstable Theater's first live show in 2 years! We hope to make this show a holiday tradition in Dunstable for years to come.

Synopsis - It's Christmas Eve, and with the actors snowed in and unable to make it to the studios of WXMS for the live radio performance of A Christmas Carol, the sound effects person decides to take the audience through the classic tale himself. In an impressive and amusing feat, this telling is performed as a 1940's radio play with one person providing all of the characters' voices and sound effects. This rollicking, creative adaptation of Dickens' classic work is sure to warm the hearts of even the chilliest audience members.

There will only be 2 performances of this holiday classic at Dunstable Town Hall on December 11 & 12 at 2:30PM, so get your tickets while they are still available - only \$10!

[www.dunstabletheater.org/product-category/tickets](http://www.dunstabletheater.org/product-category/tickets)

## ALSO ON DECEMBER 11TH

4:00-7:00PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS sung by the Groton-Dunstable school children (outside Town Hall) – Refreshments served  
4:00-7:00PM CRAFT FAIR AND 350<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE (lower level of Town Hall) Seeking additional Crafters, \$10 donation per table contact [jon.hughes480@gmail.com](mailto:jon.hughes480@gmail.com)

## ANNUAL JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Saturday, December 11th, walks between 5:00 and 7:00 PM on the Town Common, across from the Dunstable Town Hall (snow date Sunday December 12th) This will be a night to remember! Our sixth year. Bring the family! - kids will enjoy the sheep, goats, pigs, cows, and alpacas! (and if he's behaving, the donkey!)

Join us for an outdoor guided walk to Bethlehem. Guides will lead you as you trace the steps of Mary and Joseph as you walk down the candlelit paths through Nazareth and Bethlehem, meet the Shepherds, and Wisemen, and see if there is room in the Inn. Enjoy traditional Christmas songs, view the barnyard animals, and warm yourselves by the fires as you journey to the manger. Come anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 PM; each walk is approximately 20 minutes. Donations will be accepted to help the CROP hunger walk; a non-profit organization whose mission is to alleviate hunger and poverty with 1/3 donated locally, 1/3 nationally, and 1/3 internationally. **This is a Covid-safe outdoor event; dress appropriately. Handicap parking provided.**

Merry  
Christmas

## DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

• The Annual Street listing will be mailed the first week of January 2022. It will include a dog license application.

Are you interested in running for a town board position? A list of open offices will be certified and published after the New Year. The legislature still has not approved the switch from elected to appointed for the Town Clerk but this bill is moving along and we're hopeful it will be resolved before the registrars certify vacancies for 2022.

Town Clerk Office Hours – Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and working remote one day, usually Wednesday, depending on what deadlines, etc., I'm working with that particular week. It's best to call ahead. Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222 [CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov)

## REQUEST FOR DOG TAG NUMBER

Note: This is not a dog license application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Dog Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not send a fee with this form. You must still complete a dog license application. In the event of multiple requests for this number, a drawing will be held by the Dog Officer. Requests must be in by 12/15/21. No number higher than 600.

Send completed form to:

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



**With the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620, New England's history begins.**

As the region grew more and more populous, one new group of adventurers turned to the valleys of the Nashua and Merrimack rivers.

Thus, on October 15, 1673, Jonathan Tyng and 25 other petitioners were granted a "plantation" by the General Court of Boston upon condition that the Grantees "settle" the area with 20 or more families, develop a farm for the use of the colony, procure a minister, and erect a Meeting House.

Covering more than 200 square miles, Dunstable Plantation incorporated parts or all of the communities we now know as Nashua, Hudson, Hollis, Tyngsboro, Amherst, Milford, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Brookline, Pepperell, Townsend, Dracut, and Groton.

## **An Open Letter to Our Local Businesses and Organizations**

**With an Opportunity to Boost Your Visibility and Support Your Community**

In 2023, Dunstable will celebrate its 350th anniversary of incorporation. Our committee of volunteers, appointed by the Dunstable Board of Selectmen, plans to extend the celebration over a full year, beginning October 15, 2022, and culminating with a grand celebration on October 15, 2023. The year will offer many and varied opportunities for families, schoolchildren, young adults and elders, newcomers, and long-timers to recognize the origins of our beloved township, savor our history, and come together as a community after the isolation of the pandemic.

**We are considering a wide selection of events, many of which would provide you or your organization the opportunity to increase awareness of your value to our community with your sponsorship or donation.**

Planning is underway for activities and events that include a grand parade, fireworks, family barn dance and bonfire, road and bicycle races, a fireworks and food truck festival, a cornhole tournament, home/garden and Christmas light tours, a town-wide yard sale, an auction of locally sourced goods and services, a bake-off, and a celebratory gala.

We are seeking sponsorships and donations at this time to help fund these community events, and we would very much appreciate your participation in choosing a tier listed below that you or your organization would be most comfortable with. Should you choose to support a particular event, your sponsorship will be broadly publicized in advance, during the event, and throughout the celebratory year, unless you request anonymity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Dunstable 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

### **Celebration Sponsorship and Donation Tiers**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Amount Range</b>	<b>Tier</b>	<b>Amount Range</b>
Diamond	\$5,000 and up	Bronze	\$1,000 - \$1,999
Platinum	\$4,000 - \$4,999	Supporter	\$500 - \$999
Gold	\$3,000 - \$3,999	Contributor	\$100 - \$499
Silver	\$2,000 - \$2,999	Friend	\$0 - \$99

Your support for one or more Dunstable 350th Anniversary Celebration activities will provide opportunities to boost your visibility throughout our community.

- Your name, logo, and links in event materials and social media posts
- A table and/or space to hang a banner at a sponsored event, based on sponsorship level
- A speaking opportunity at a sponsored event, based on sponsorship level
- Complimentary tickets to a sponsored event, based on sponsorship level

Please make your check payable to **Town of Dunstable** with **Dunstable 350th Anniversary Committee** in the Memo, and mail it to the following address: Dunstable 350th Anniversary Celebration, P.O. Box 1, Dunstable, MA 01827. For more information, please contact us at [dunstable350@gmail.com](mailto:dunstable350@gmail.com).

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWN

**Holiday Centerpiece Workshop** Make your own Holiday Centerpiece on Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00pm at the Dunstable Library. We will be using fresh holly, flowers and cranberries. You will need to provide a shallow, clear glass bowl. It will be a quick, very easy and a beautiful centerpiece. This is a Free work- shop but you must register by Dec. 10.

**BOOK GROUP** Our group will meet at **10:30, on December 18<sup>th</sup>** in the community room of the Dunstable church. We will be discussing ***A Fatal Grace*** a Three Pines Mystery by Louise Penny. Summary: Sent to a village south of Montreal to investigate the death of CC de Poitiers, an extremely unpopular woman apparently killed in an electrical accident, Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec finds that nearly everyone in town had a motive to kill her. Everyone is responsible for getting their own book but can be ordered thru the Dunstable library.

**NEW ENGLAND VOICES IN HARMONY** Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Dunstable Congregational Church Limited seating, reservations a MUST. **RSVP sjt0213@verizon.net** **This is a FREE concert sponsored by the Dunstable Summer Concerts and the Dunstable Cultural Council.** New England Voices in Harmony, an a cappella women's chorus, based in Nashua, NH, has members from all over southern NH and northern Massachusetts. Founded in January of 2000, New England Voices in Harmony is a chapter of Harmony, Inc., an international, non-profit, educational and singing organization for women. The chorus has won First place at both the 2014 and 2018 International Convention and Contests, competing against choruses from Canada and the US.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY COMMUNITY COOKIE SWAP** Saturday, DEC. 18 AT 1:00P.M. DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL **It's Back! Annual Holiday Event** Families and friends gather to share their talents in cookie baking. Bring 3 doz. one kind of cookie (recipe optional). We will swap cookies and a little history of the chosen cookie. Bring an empty tin to take all your cookies home in. For more info email [sjt0213@verizon.net](mailto:sjt0213@verizon.net). Masks required in the Town Hall.

## WELL ADULT CLINIC

**The clinic will be held December 22 in the Dunstable library from 11:00 – noon.** Maureen Scott, our new nurse will bring flu vaccine to this clinic to give shots to any senior that needs one. These clinics allow for personalized, one on one attention from a nurse. Offered services include blood pressure and blood sugar screening, diet and nutrition information and teaching, medication review and assistance with identifying and coordinating community resources and referrals. Be prepared to wear a mask since it is required for all municipal buildings. Contact Nashoba Board of Health at 978-772-3335 ext.340 or [www.nashoba.org](http://www.nashoba.org) if you have any questions or are in need of their services.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER LOWELL CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

**Are you a Dunstable senior or veteran whose home is in need of a critical repair?** Did you know that Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell does more than just build homes for local families?

In an ongoing effort to meet the Habitat mission that everyone should have a decent and affordable place to live in dignity and safety, Habitat Lowell also offers a **Critical Home Repair Program** for income qualified seniors and veterans with homes in need of a critical repair. Repairs focus on safety, accessibility, code enforcement and weatherization and energy efficiency so that seniors and veterans can remain safely in their homes.

To find out more, please visit <https://lowellhabitat.org/what-we-do/critical-home-repairs/> or contact **Habitat Lowell Critical Repairs Coordinator, Kim Raymond at 978-692-0927 option 4 or [criticalrepairs@lowellhabitat.org](mailto:criticalrepairs@lowellhabitat.org).**

## SCOUTS BSA DUNSTABLE

If you are interested in learning more about the **Boy Scout Troop T28B Or Girl Scout Troop T28G**, we have a contact page set up on our website: <https://dunstable28.mytroop.us/contact>

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## Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Home centers sell them for DIY installs, but a water heater is no bucket of paint. There are serious risks to people and property to consider. Read on for some key reasons to hire a pro when in need of a new water heater.

**Ensures Safety.** Water heaters can be dangerous. If not wired correctly, or not connected to the gas, or flue properly, you and your family could be at risk. A professional will know how to install your water heater while keeping residents and homes safe.

**Local Law Compliance.** It can be a code violation to try install a water heater yourself. If you hire a professional, you will not have to worry about permits, or about accidentally violating local codes.

**Warranty.** The new water heater's warranty might not be valid anymore if it is not professionally installed. Meaning you might have to pay for repairs or replacement if something goes wrong with your unit, even if the issue is not your fault. Ouch!

Until next month, stay comfortable. *Matt*

Got a question? Drop me a note!

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**NEW Library Hours: Tues 3pm-8pm; Wed 10am-2pm,  
Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-2pm; Sat 10am-2pm**

- Closed 12/24 & 12/25 – for Christmas
- Closed 12/31 & 1/1 for New Years

**ADULT PROGRAM: Christmas Centerpiece** Bring in a shallow glass bowl and we will provide the holly and greens to make a beautiful centerpiece. **Wednesday 12/15 at 1:00 pm.** Sign up at the Library. Masks required.

**ADULT BOOK CLUB** Our group will meet at **10:30 on Saturday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Dunstable church. We will be discussing "A Fatal Grace" by Louise Penny.

**BONE BUILDERS PROGRAM** Classes are on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30.** This is a free, low impact, balance and strength training exercise program.

**Homework Club** The library is offering homework help every **Tuesday night from 6:00 – 7:00** for the school year. This is a free service for children from Kindergarten to High School. Honor Students from local high schools are available to help the children. These students help children understand their math homework and more. If your child is attending, please call by 5:30 so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.

**Preschool Story Hour** Please come in with your 3, 4 or 5 year old for story hour. Story hour is held on **Thursdays and Fridays. We meet from 10:30 – 11:30.** The program includes stories, songs and a craft or activity. Come in and join the fun! Please check on the dpl facebook page for additional information.

**Chapter Book Reading** Mrs. D will be reading from a chapter book each **Tuesday night at 5:30 pm.** Please join her on dpl facebook live to listen to the story. Any suggestions for favorite chapter books will be appreciated.

**Children's Program: Gingerbread houses** Come into the library and decorate your own gingerbread house. Please bring a bag of candy to share. **Tuesday 12/21 at 4:00 pm.** Sign up at the Library  
**Take and Make for December** Come to the library to pick up materials to make a holiday project at home. All the directions and supplies are included. No sign ups are needed. Supplies are limited.  
**December 9th - Make a decorative ornament.**

## DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST

**Our Calendar:** We are sorry to announce that there will be no DRLT calendar for 2022 due to national supply chain constraints. The DRLT looks forward to the 2023 calendar!

At this time the Town Hall is closed on Fridays

## 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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### GROTON 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. You fill a bag and it will be picked up. 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 upcoming food collections are on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and February 12, 2022.**



### WHAT TO DO WHEN A LOVED ONE PASSES AWAY

*By Edward H. Adamsky*

It is a shame that paperwork often takes precedent over emotions. If you have just lost a loved-one, you are suffering trauma, sadness, and a bewildering array of other feelings and confusion. If your loved-one went through a prolonged period of illness you may feel a sense of relief that they finally passed, with a corresponding feeling of guilt that you feel that way. This is normal, and you should seek whatever help and counseling you may need to get through this period.

But you will almost immediately be bombarded by legal issues and paperwork that you have to deal with. You can put some of it off, but there are some tasks that you cannot delay. The Funeral Director will prepare a death certificate and will need to know vital statistics about your loved-one such as date and place of birth, education level, the names, and places of birth of the parents of the deceased, and some other facts. It would be best if your loved-one had written these out or left you a copy of a birth certificate, but that's not always the case.

You will then need to deal with the assets and bills. If you are named as the Executor or Personal Representative in the Will of the deceased, then you will have to prepare the proper paperwork and file it with the Probate Court to be officially named to handle that task. Keep in mind that a Will only "nominates" you as Representative of the Estate, you have to get officially appointed by the Probate Court.

You may need to (even before officially appointed) secure the home of the deceased to make sure their possessions don't disappear. You will need to deal with pets, house plants, and also make sure the heat and lights stay on (especially in Winter). But you can probably wait a little while to deal with most bills, especially since you cannot do much until you are appointed by the Court. If necessary, you may have to use your own funds to pay a heat or light bill. You can be reimbursed later by the Estate.

When you are ready, you should meet with an attorney to review the steps necessary to administer the will. While the exact rules differ from state to state, the key actions include Filing the Will and a Petition for Probate with the Probate Court, collecting the assets and making an Inventory of them, paying all bills, and filing all tax returns and paying any tax due. Keep in mind if there is an Estate-Tax return required, it is due within nine months of the date of death. After the bills are all paid and the assets assembled, then you can distribute those assets to the rightful heirs of the Estate (as named in the Will or by law if there is no Will). You may need to prepare a Final Accounting to show to the heirs to explain how you determined their shares.

Your loved-one may have used a Trust that might avoid some of the above steps, but many of them will be required no matter what. It will really help if everyone sees their Estate-Planning attorney and gets their planning and affairs in order well in advance of a death.

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### DUNSTABLE VETERAN AGENT

For you veterans out there who were affected during the Persian Gulf wars, the VA has extended the "Presumptive period to Dec 31 2026 for qualifying chronic disabilities rated 10% or more resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in the Persian Gulf Wars". These illnesses actually include many things, such as joint pain, headaches, skin conditions, and many others. If you are having any issues that you believe are not normal please contact me and I will do what I can to insure go the right place to get some help or at least an increase in your benefits.

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

Clifton Davis – 5 Dec – Navy – Korea  
Howard Day – 22 Dec – Navy – WWII  
Peter Georges – 17 Dec – Army – Other  
Clifton Laporte – 26 Dec – Army – WWII  
Norman Lambordi – 23 – Dec – Air Force - Korea

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. My hours when I am normally available from 10:00AM to 2:00PM on Mondays almost every week. You can also call or text on my cell and leave a message 978-496-0985 or send me an email anytime at [VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov).

Dunstable Veteran Services Officer

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

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### WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES

#### 2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council announces the second year of their Community Grants program. The program aims to engage municipalities and local organizations in protecting the rivers' resources and building strong local stewardship of the rivers.

Applications will be accepted from the communities along the Wild and Scenic designated rivers (in MA: Ayer, Bolton, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Pepperell, Shirley, and Townsend; in NH: Brookline and Hollis). **Applications are due by February 1, 2022 with awards announced in March, 2022.**

Projects funded in the 2021 program included signs for Ayer's waterways and ponds, a connecting trail in Bolton, riverside tree planting in Brookline, a management plan and training on invasive plants in Pepperell, riverbank stabilization in Townsend, and support for restoring a historical coopeage in Townsend.

A Request for Proposals and Grant Application for the 2022 program are available at [www.wildandscenicnashuarivers.org](http://www.wildandscenicnashuarivers.org)



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

Historically there has been a shortage of donations for children in their pre-teen years so please keep that in mind when considering what toys you might donate to this program. We look forward to seeing you all during this upcoming holiday season and we thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions relating to the Toys for Tots program please feel free to contact Maureen at 978-502-6161 and she can answer any questions you might have. **Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays. Stay well! The West Family**



## ATTENTION 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE

*Congratulations on your pending graduation!*

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

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

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

Additionally, Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds authorized the Babcock Scholarship Committee to award the Russell G. and Shirley L. Tobey Scholarship, which is a one-time award of \$1,000. Applicants applying for the Babcock Scholarship will be automatically considered for the Tobey Scholarship; there is no additional application required. The Tobey Scholarship recipient will be chosen using the Babcock Scholarship selection criteria.

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

**Starting February 3, 2022**, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, or by emailing [babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com). **Completed applications** can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the PO Box

listed below **no later than Wednesday, March 16, 2022.**

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to [babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com). We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

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



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

The Town offers a trash & recycling pickup program for all residents. The fee is \$300.00 per year valid July through June of each year. The fee drops by \$25.00 each month. As an example, if you join in August the yearly fee will be \$275.00. All subscriptions expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. The subscription includes a 35-gallon trash container and a 64-gallon recycling container.

We also offer overflow bags for sale for \$3.00 each in rolls of 5 for \$15.00 for those weeks that you cannot fit all your trash in the grey trash container. Our pickup day is every week on Thursday. There are 6 holidays that will change that date to Friday. That list will be given to you when you sign up. On occasion the weather might also change that day to a Friday. *That announcement will appear on the town website cover page under news.*

If you would like to sign up for pickup you may do so at [www.dunstable-ma.gov](http://www.dunstable-ma.gov) and go to online payments. Scroll down halfway down the page for Board of Health – trash. You may also purchase overflow bags at the same website by filling in the amount and we will recognize the amount is for bags. You will have to pick them up at the town hall Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please bring your confirmation sheet with you. You may also sign up for trash pickup or purchase bags at the town hall Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and pay by cash or check.

Any further questions should be forwarded to [jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov) or call 978-649-4514, Ext. 229. and leave a message. All inquiries are usually answered in a timely manner.



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## DUNSTABLE SENIORS

Program Coordinator Susan Tully 978-649-6750

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Dunstable Seniors .....we are a peer group for those over 60.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating this month!

MEETINGS are now held on Wednesday  
at the Dunstable Library

We will have access to the community room from 10 – 2.

You are more than welcome to take part in....cribbage, dominos,  
and scrabble groups that will be on hand. Masks will be required  
except while eating.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**GOOD NEWS** For December we will be able to offer meals. On the  
first Wednesday we celebrated those with December birthdays. On  
December 15<sup>th</sup> we will have *chicken scampi over rotini and broccoli*.  
The meals are provided by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley. Cost  
is \$3.00.

### DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY AND YANKEE SWAP.

Please join us for a delicious lunch of roast beef, mashed potatoes,  
winter squash and dessert provided by Charlotte's Cozy Kitchen.

**The Dunstable Police Union will be sponsoring this FREE meal.**

Following lunch, we will hold a Yankee Swap. We ask that you bring  
a \$10.00 consumable gift. *Reservation for all meals* is required  
one week prior to each meal. You are more than welcome to bring  
your own and take part in, cribbage, dominos, and scrabble groups  
that will be on hand. Masks will be required except while eating

**HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP** Make your own Holiday  
Centerpiece on **Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00pm** at Duns-  
table Library. We will be using fresh holly, flowers and cranberries. You  
will need to provide a shallow, clear glass bowl. It will be a quick,  
very easy and a beautiful centerpiece. This is a Free work- shop but  
you must register by Dec. 10.

**BOOK GROUP** Our group will meet at **10:30, on December 18<sup>th</sup>** in  
the community room of the Dunstable church. We will be discussing  
**A Fatal Grace** a Three Pines Mystery by Louise Penny. Summary:  
Sent to a village south of Montreal to investigate the death of CC  
de Poitiers, an extremely unpopular woman apparently killed in an  
electrical accident, Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec finds  
that nearly everyone in town had a motive to kill her. Everyone is  
responsible for getting their own book but can be ordered thru the  
Dunstable library.

**NEW ENGLAND VOICES IN HARMONY** Saturday, December  
18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Dunstable Congregational Church Limited seat-  
ing, reservations a MUST RSVP [slt0213@verizon.net](mailto:slt0213@verizon.net) **This is a  
FREE concert sponsored by the Dunstable Summer Concerts  
and the Dunstable Cultural Council.** New England Voices in  
Harmony, an a cappella women's chorus, based in Nashua, NH, has  
members from all over southern NH and northern Massachusetts.  
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chapter of Harmony, Inc., an international, non-profit, educational  
and singing organization for women. The chorus has won First place  
at both the 2014 and 2018 International Convention and Contests,  
competing against choruses from Canada and the US.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY COMMUNITY COOKIE SWAP** Saturday, DEC.  
18 AT 1:00P.M. DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL **It's Back! Annual  
Holiday Event** Families and friends gather to share their talents  
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an empty tin to take all your cookies home in. For more info email  
[slt0213@verizon.net](mailto:slt0213@verizon.net). Masks required in the Town Hall.

## LOAVES AND FISHES

### DRIVE-THRU PANTRY SCHEDULE

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## DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING

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978-649-4514 ext. 223 Hours: Tues 8-12, Wed 8-11

**DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING** Barbara Martin, chairman; Mary Dow, secretary; Donald Pottle and 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.*

***The Council on Aging Board is looking for someone willing to serve on this 5 member board.***

***Meetings are held once a month, September - June.***

***We need your help, we need your ideas, we need your support.***

\*\*\*\* **Bone Builders Program** Are you ready to start exercising again? Brian O'Donnell has resumed classes on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30** at the Dunstable library. Bone Builders is a FREE, low impact, balance and strength training exercise program. Please drop in if you are interested in joining.

\*\*\*\* **Sand Delivery** Snow and ice is here and the Dunstable Highway Dept. wants to help keep you safe. If you would like a bucket of sand for your sidewalk/stairs contact **Kristina at ext. 227(town hall)978-649-4514** to get on the list.

\*\*\*\* **Alzheimer Support** is a free service that assists Dunstable families who have loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Through our free search tool and database of Alzheimer's care facilities, families in need of care for their loved ones can locate licensed care homes and communities in the Dunstable area that are best equipped to provide care for their loved ones. Go to [www.alzheimersupport.com/memory-care/massachusetts/](http://www.alzheimersupport.com/memory-care/massachusetts/)

\*\*\*\* **Fabulous Feet by Diane** Diane Stanley, a foot care specialist nurse, is now available to do home visits. She will check feet, trim nail, treat ingrown nails, corns and calluses. Experience with diabetics. **Home visit is \$60.00 for a 1 hour visit. Call 978-667-0644 to make an appointment.**

\*\*\*\* **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.**

\*\*\*\* **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** Open to Dunstable residents providing food and support. You may pick-up in your own car on the following days: December 8, 10, 15, 18, \*20, 22, 29 from 9:00 a.m. - noon \***Special Events:** Holiday Dinner Distribution **December 20 - 10am-1pm and 4pm-6:00 call us at 978-772-4627 for more information**

\*\*\*\* **Walking Group** Walking group meets on Wed. at 9:30 at Larter Field. Walk the track as many times as you feel comfortable. Thanks to the Dunstable Recreation Dept. benches have been installed around the track for rest spots. If this time and day aren't good for you feel free to work with the group on finding a more suitable time.

\*\*\*\* **Well Adult Clinic December 22 in the Dunstable library from 11:00 - noon.** Maureen Scott, our new nurse will bring flu vaccine to this clinic to give shots to any senior that needs one. These clinics allow for personalized, one on one attention from the nurse. Offered services include blood pressure and blood sugar screening, diet and nutrition information and teaching, medication review and assistance with identifying and coordinating community resources and referrals.

**I'm in the Donut Hole What Can I Do?** If you have reached or are about to reach that gap in your part D plan, the Commonwealth's Prescription Advantage program can help. For individuals with an annual income of less than \$38,640 or \$52,260 married. Prescription Advantage can help lower your co-payments while in this gap. Call for more information at 1-800-243-4636 or go online at [www.prescriptionadvantage.org](http://www.prescriptionadvantage.org)

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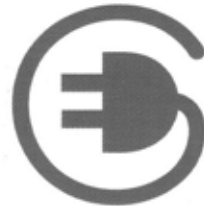
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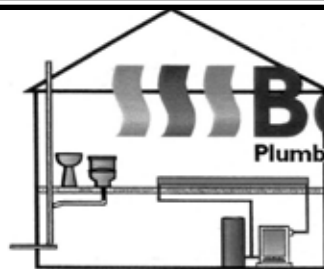
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### DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING Continued

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

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**\*\*\*\*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

**\*\*\*\*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.

**\*\*\*\*PACH Food Pantry in Pepperell** Is open to Dunstable residents. Anyone in need should contact them at 978-925-9770 or [www.pachoutreach.org](http://www.pachoutreach.org) PACH is located at 66Hollis St. Pepperell. Hour of operation Tues 5-7pm, and Thurs. 2 – 4 & 5 – 7pm. If you would like to donate items a collection box is located at West's Auto.

**\*\*\*\*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**

**\*\*\*\*We have applications for RMV handicap placards\*\*\*\***

**PENSION ACTION CENTER** Free legal counseling for workers and retirees who live or work in New England. Legal help line 1-888-425-6067.

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

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The Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. (originally Friends of the Council on Aging, established in 1984), is a 501 C3 Non Profit Organization whose purpose is to help fund the needs, activities, and programs for the seniors at the senior center. The Board meets once a month to plan activities that will bring seniors together. Recent gatherings include the Meet & Greet Luncheon in the summer, and the Fall Festival Luncheon in September.

Plans are underway for future gatherings which will include 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, and Raffle Baskets as well as a lunch. Board Members include: Joe Jacoppi: President, Carol Sides: Treasurer, Elaine Rivard: Clerk, and Board Members: Lee Poirier, Elaine Franks, Joanne Jean, and Mary Basiliere.

Membership is well over one hundred seniors from the senior center. Become a member and support the efforts of this non-profit organization. **Please call Elaine Rivard 978-649-7689 for a Membership Form.**

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• **Sunday Morning worship service begins at 10:30 AM.** Masks are optional. Social distancing is according to your comfort level. You may also continue to worship online via our Facebook live stream.

• **Adult Bible Study.** This 9:00 AM Sunday morning class meets in Fellowship Hall and on zoom. This series will study the book of Hebrews.

• **Sunday School/Nursery.** Nursery/Sunday School classes have begun during our 10:30 AM worship service. Care is provided for infants through preschool

• **Tuesday evening Community Group.** With a goal of strengthening community among us, a gathering is held from 7:00-8:30 PM three times monthly on Zoom and once a month in person for dinner in local homes. All are invited. We use a variety of ways to share and grow in faith. Join us at the Zoom link on our website at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays to check it out with no commitment required.

• **So you know what went on. • Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Day Long Food Drive-thru. at 6:00 pm Community Christmas Carol Sing on the Common!** We will be collecting non-perishable food items all day for PACH ([pachoutreach.org](http://pachoutreach.org)) as you drive thru the parking lot. **At 6:00 PM** the Dunstable Church and local musician Valerie Callahan are hosting **Carols on the Common.** All are welcome to join us to sing and present Christmas Carols and other holiday favorites. If you'd like to dust off an instrument that's been in your closet, we'd love you to play along! Please contact Valerie at [vmcallahan@gmail.com](mailto:vmcallahan@gmail.com) for information or to volunteer your talents. We look forward to celebrating the beginning of the season by sharing holiday music with our community. No talent is necessary for singing along -- just a festive spirit! Lyrics will be provided.

• **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Service** will be held at 6:30 PM.

• **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day Service** will be held at 10:00 AM.

• **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, our regular Sunday morning Service at 10:30 AM.**

May the blessings of Christmas surround you with joy and peace.

**Come visit your community church. Streaming is still available on our website, [www.dunstablechurch.org](http://www.dunstablechurch.org).**

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If you are donating CLOTHING we are open to accept those donations Tues-Fri, 9-2:45pm and Sat, 9-12:45pm no appointment necessary. If you are donating HOUSEWARES AND FURNITURE we will continue to schedule those drop offs through our email [donategoods@thewishproject.org](mailto:donategoods@thewishproject.org).

### THE WISH PROJECT SUPPLYING THE BASICS

Our goal is to provide our local people in need with basic furniture, home goods and baby goods, while helping the planet by recycling used goods. Only when people have their basic needs met can they move forward and out of the social services system.

• **We accept a range of items including:** Clothing, Childcare Items, Furniture, Beds, Kitchen Items and Household Linen. Current Needs: Often specific needs arise in the community. If you are looking to donate goods, please reference our Current Needs list. It is always updating based on the needs of our clients.

• **Magic of Christmas • October – December Deadline for dropping off items 12/5/21 Goal:** Bring magic to a family's Christmas by getting involved in this project and provide gifts for both families in need and the many that are forgotten during the holidays: mentally challenged adults, home bound senior citizens and street homeless adults. Sponsor one person or a whole family for gifts. **How can you help:** • Apply to sponsor a family by completing the form below • **Guilt free re-gifting** – donate new items that you cannot use or are not to your taste. We won't tell! We welcome almost anything new as a gift. • Hold a Collection of toys or other gifts: hand tools, flash lights, diapers/baby wipes, jewelry, hats, gloves (home made are very welcome), pjs, headphones, board games for older kids, dolls, Legos, Matchbox cars, personal care items for teenage boys and girls (body wash, perfume, aftershave), makeup kits, gift certificates, basketballs, baseballs, or footballs. We always especially need items for teens. • Shop from home by purchasing items from our Amazon Wish list. **Gift Guidelines:** We respect families of all kinds and sizes. We believe in a gift for everyone in the family, not just the children. That way, we help the whole family to have a Happy Holiday. All items must be new for this project. **Think practical:** Crafts supplies like markers; paper and Play Dough are always popular. Casual clothing items (fleece pullovers and hooded sweat-shirts) are popular with teens and adults. Gifts should be seasonally appropriate: but not too seasonal please. Eg. Santa sweaters get old in March. **Think Healthy:** No highly allergenic items (scratchy sweaters or fragrant perfumes). Food items should be avoided. **No** pets, plants or anything else that requires tending **No** PlayStation/Nintendo games, etc. Board games, hand held games, and learning toys should be substituted.

All **unwrapped** gifts, price tags removed, packed in a heavy duty black trash bag labeled with the Family ID Code assigned to you for your sponsored family. If there is more than one bag per family, please make sure each bag is properly labeled, 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. This makes sure we keep all gifts for a family together.

• **Guidelines for Ages Children & Babies:** 3 gifts each: one toy (valued at ~\$30), clothing (valued at ~\$30), and craft/school supplies/ diapers (valued at ~\$15). **Babies:** Other items might be sleepers, baby toys, and board books. **Adults:** Adults should also get something for under the tree (valued at ~\$25). Gift cards to grocery stores or department stores are welcomed! **Teens:** Gift ideas: makeup, jewelry, clothes, fast food or department store gift cards, perfume/aftershave/body wash, scarf/glove sets or fleece. Children 18 and over receive a \$25 adult gift.

**THE THRIFT SHOP AT THE WISH** is open Tuesday-Friday from 9 to 2:45 and Saturday from 9 to 12:45. We accept cash and Credit card payments. **\*\*Be sure to follow The Wish Project Thrift Shop page on Facebook\*\*** • **About Us:** The mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in the Merrimack Valley. Find out more on our website [www.TheWishProject.org](http://www.TheWishProject.org) or call us at (866) 947-4360. Our mailing address is: The Wish Project, PO Box 8693, Lowell, MA 01853.



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**Show dates: December 1 - December 31, 2021  
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December is a festive time at The Loading Dock Gallery, and we invite you to partake in the celebration of the seasons. **Winter Lights** has become an annual local tradition of holiday shoppers as a source of unique, handcrafted, giftable art and holiday decorations presented by more than 30 of our LDG members and participating artists and artisans from Western Avenue Studios.

Browse our three rooms of beautiful artwork, and drink in the spirit of the season. **Winter Lights** showcases a juried selection of work by local artists making it easy and convenient to Shop Local and Shop Small while giving our patrons the opportunity to find that unique and extraordinary gift that will make this holiday memorable.

**Winter Lights** runs **December 1 through December 31 (except Dec. 25-26) will be open 12 PM-5:30pm Monday-Saturday and 12-4pm Sundays.** Western Avenue Studios will be holding their **Holiday Open Studios** again on **Saturday, December 11 from 12-4pm** - tour the artists' lofts and studios during your visit to the Gallery.

Loading Dock Gallery is part of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c3. **Winter Lights** runs December 1 through December 31, except December 25-26, at Loading Dock Gallery, 122 Western Avenue, in Lowell, MA. **For more information, call 978.985.0695 or visit [www.theloadingdockgallery.com](http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com).**



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**December Full Moon Hike, 12/18/2021 - 12/18/2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Maple Hill Farm- Spear Room, Ages 14-99**

Join BBA Naturalists Kat Dickau for a Full Moon Night Hike around the trails of Beaver Brook. You will be so happy to get outside on a fall night! It's a great experience. Dress in Layers. December full moon is commonly known in the Northern Hemisphere as the Full Long Nights Moon. It takes its name from the winter solstice, which has the longest night in the year.

After the hike you will return to Maple Hill Farm for warm beverages and provisions. BBA Member Per Person: \$13.50  
Non-Member Per Person: \$15.00

**Winter Solstice Family Event, 12/19/2021 - 12/19/2021, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Cow Lane Kiosk**

For us on the northern part of Earth, the shortest day comes at the solstice. Regardless of what the weather is doing outside your window, the solstice marks the official start of winter. After the winter solstice, the days get longer, and the nights shorter. It's a seasonal shift that nearly everyone notices. Join us as we celebrate this event and "move into the light".

Follow our self-guided marked trail with a nature story about how Winter Solstice came to be and will get a chance to learn about the tradition of the "Yule" log.

Dress for being in the outdoors, wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers. Groups of up to 16 people will be paced on the trails every 15 mins. (8 Different slots)

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Whether you're thinking of buying soon or planning ahead for a purchase in 2022, now is a good time to clear up any uncertainties and come up with the right strategy for your household.

Take a look at these frequently asked questions, and reach out if you need a helping hand.

### • How much should your down payment be?

The minimum down payment depends on what type of mortgage loan you're getting. Some loans (conventional and FHA mortgages) require 3 to 3.5%, while others (VA and USDA loans) require zero. Your credit score will also play a role in some cases.

### • Is a large down payment always better?

It depends on your budget and goals. A big down payment will mean a smaller monthly payment and fewer interest costs in the long run. If it eats into your emergency savings or puts you in dire financial straits, though, it's probably not the best move.

### • What should you consider when setting your goal amount?

You'll want to look at the price range you're shopping in, your budget and the types of loans you're eligible for. Talking to an experienced loan officer can help you get an accurate idea of what to expect.

### • Do you have to come up with all of it on your own?

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After many months of stitching, our Senior Instructor, Yolanda Carmona, has completed a full size afghan which will be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be sold at all the major events at the center. Please call Coordinator, **Jean Jacoppi, (978-649-9076)** for information or just join us.

## BONE BUILDERS

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Officers for the 2019-2020 Lions Year

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**Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joseph Ward at 978-930-1153.** We will let you know where, and when meetings will take place.

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St. Mary: 4pm on Saturday, 7am and 11am on Sunday

St. John: 4pm on Saturday, 9:30am and 6pm on Sunday

Also 12pm African Liturgy (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays)

St. Margaret of Scotland: 4pm on Saturday and 7:30 and 10am on Sunday

### • DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Monday thru Friday

St. Mary at 7am • St. Margaret of Scotland 8am • St. John at 9am

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve Friday, December 24

St. John: 3pm & 10pm

St. Mary: 4pm, 6pm & Midnight

St Margaret: 5pm & 8pm

#### Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

St John: 9:30am (no 6pm Mass)

St. Mary: 7am & 11am

St. Margaret: 7:30am & 10am

#### The Holy Family, Sunday, December 26

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

*You may view all masses and events on LIVEVIEW for St. John and St. Mary. Not available at this time for St. Margaret. Just go to the website and click on Watch LIVEVIEW, then choose which one you want to view.*



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Thank you to those who have renewed their membership and made donations so far this year! We appreciate your kind support.

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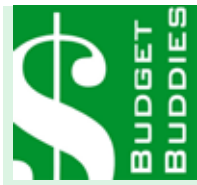
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## BUDGET BUDDIES

*Expanding to Meet the Need*

Hi there, we have been busy this fall with 15+ financial wellness programs running or planned for women and girls living on low incomes. We are continuously grateful to work with our partners. This fall we are also appreciative of our Program Team for offering a rolling enrollment for virtual programs that Budget Buddies is now able to run independently. Women and girls have been reaching out to us directly through our website [registration page](#). We have been excited by the way our [Girls LIFE program](#) has been transitioned to the virtual platform.

**We're so thankful to our volunteers who meet the demand for the financial wellness workshops and 1:1 financial coaching that we offer, as we expect to nearly double the number of women and girls we reach this fiscal year.**

**We would also like to thank our supporters, team members, and participants for making our community of women supporting women possible.**

**Equity & Inclusion Matters** Budget Buddies signed onto the Boston Women's Workforce Council's 100% Talent Compact. Gender and racial pay equity is a critical part of ensuring financial sustainability for the women in the Budget Buddies financial wellness programs. We're working to ensure women who are living on low incomes have the knowledge, tools, resources, support and confidence to feel empowered and in control of their financial futures. *However*, individual empowerment and knowledge can only do so much when there are **so many systemic barriers that prevent women, especially women of color, from advancing economically.**

**We cannot continue to expect women to budget their way out of poverty while ignoring all of the external hurdles that prevent economic stability.** Inequitable pay prevents women from being able to save and create a financial safety net to help them from being able to weather financial emergencies. We see this lack of a financial cushion push women into poverty and transitional housing far too often. Addressing the pay gap is the best way to advance financial independence and security for women and their families.

**Through our participation in the 100% Talent Compact, we hope to be able to elevate the voices of the women in our financial wellness programs to highlight how this persistent systemic issue continues to play out in the lives of women across Boston, and the entire Commonwealth. We're excited to see Boston taking a leading role in doing this important research and data collection to raise awareness about this important issue and we're excited to support it in any way we can.**

**Budget Buddies learns about gender equality, inclusion, and being an active bystander.**

Budget Buddies engaged [Training Active Bystanders](#) to empower our team and program leaders to with the competencies needed to take action if witnessing something we feel is unfair, or wrong, or troubling. A photo from this training is pictured above! Working with [their collective](#) helped provide insights and clarity to the work we do at Budget Buddies as a women-serving organization. They helped us define who we serve and trained our team on the vital topic of trans inclusion. This provided us with concrete takeaways that we will be implementing into ensuring we are being inclusive and welcoming toward **all women**.




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**Catie's Closet**  
**END OF YEAR GIVING 2021:**  
**A CHILD IN YOUR COMMUNITY IS IN NEED**  
*by Amanda Harvey*

Nearly a quarter of all children in the communities we serve currently live in poverty and lack access to critical items that are essential to their physical and emotional well-being.

The need has never been more dire and widespread than at this time in our world when no community, regardless of how affluent, is left without families who face a world of challenges meeting their children's most basic and essential needs.

As we approach the end of year, we're preparing to serve more students and families who desperately need immediate support. The late fall and winter season is most challenging for our students and for our organization.

The late fall and winter months create the most hardship for our students as cold temperatures increase their need for specific winter gear, schools close for breaks causing a nine-day loss in supportive resources, and they lack a warm place to go.

From November through at least March, so many students are up against extremely cold weather and snow without warm clothing or a safe place to turn. In the area we serve, there are over 28,000 homeless students that will be experiencing a winter without proper gear.

This has a huge impact on their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Without essential winter items, they are more likely to miss school. This school year is vital to protecting our students' educational futures.

**Students across our local districts are experiencing a major loss in their educational progress due to last year's school closures and transition to remote learning. They need support to get them back on track.**

For students in poverty, school performance has always been more challenging when compared to their more affluent peers. It's critical that they have access to the items they need so they can get to school and participate confidently.

**Our students' growing needs, as well as our expansion into new schools and communities, increases our demand for winter coats, hats and gloves, boots, and socks substantially.**

How can you help? As we approach the end of 2021, there are several ways you can help students in need this winter and well into 2022. Support Catie's Closet.

- Make a monetary donation to fund the urgent and immediate needs of students. Your \$50 donation will grant two kids unlimited access to Catie's Closet for the rest of the school year.
- Purchase and donate a Market Basket or Target gift card to help teens experiencing homelessness in your community buy the items they desperately need while schools are closed for winter break. You can also make a donation and we will purchase the gift card on your behalf.
- Host a Giving Drive with your company or at your next family gathering.
- Shop our Amazon Wish Lists to purchase and donate new items.
- Clean out your kids' closet to donate their gently-used clothing and drop your donations off at either one of our Distribution Centers.

**For more details on clothing and toiletries that are accepted, and to sign up to donate your time, or make a monetary donation, please visit the website [www.catiescloset.org](http://www.catiescloset.org)**

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*Time goes by so quickly. The holidays are already here! I want to thank all of you for taking the time to send in your monthly updates, for your club or organization and for your wonderful articles. It certainly is difficult with Covid still with us. Many events were planned only to be canceled. If a website or Facebook page is given, you may want to check there for updates on the event. Please remember, if I am informed I do updates on [www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com](http://www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com).*

*News, articles and events are posted on the main pages of the website often. Also the upcoming issues are posted there at the beginning of the month. You can also look through issues going back to 2016.*

*A sincere thank you to all of you who advertise. I truly appreciate your continued support of Neighbor to Neighbor. The circulation has grown to 6,616 including both Dunstable and Tyngsborough. Things have certainly changed since 1983. But the purpose of Neighbor to Neighbor continues to be the same. To give you some local news, interesting and informative articles and a place to find local businesses to help you in your every day life.*

***Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas  
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The clothing donation shed at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, **518 Main St, Dunstable MA**, is open to the public.

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. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

**Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.**

**PLEASE tie your bags, and do not leave bags outside the box.**



### Altrusa: Leading to a Better Community

The Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley has been very busy this fall providing birthday parties for the little ones living with their teen Moms at **Brigid's Crossing** in Lowell, as well as supporting the **Lowell Transitional Living Center**, in Lowell.

Altrusans crafted and filled 25 comfort bags for new female clients seeking shelter for an extended period of time. Each bag contained shampoo, conditioner, soap, bath scrubber, tooth brush, tooth paste, body lotion, deodorant, and hand sanitizer.

**The Altrusa Club also awarded a \$500 scholarship** in memory of Eleanor Durant, 38 year member of Altrusa and teacher in the Chelmsford School System, to Kylie Letendre of Hudson, NH, a senior at the University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML). Altrusa appreciates the cooperation and support of James Nehring, Chair and Johanna Tigert, Assistant Professor in the School of Education, UML.

Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley is one of the featured non-profits this quarter for the Jeanne 'Arc Credit Union's We Share A Common Thread Foundation "Give a Click" program. **The non-profit with the most votes will receive \$1,500 from the foundation. You can vote now through December 31, 2021.** Please help by casting your vote for Altrusa.

<https://www.jdcu.org/community-about/our-foundation/give-a-click/>. It's that simple. We truly appreciate your help.

Our mission is to promote literacy and to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Altrusa meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please email [altrusamv@gmail.com](mailto:altrusamv@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining other volunteers in making a difference in the lives of others in our communities.



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### SHERBURNE NATURE CENTER & TRAILS

For more information on this and future events, please visit the website <http://www.naturewalkscs.org/events-schedule>

**Sherburne Nature Center 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, observe the birds and notice what has changed since winter has come. Remember to wear your boots or if we have some snow, bring your snowshoes. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. *Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Please note: The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.

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