

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2022 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Based on the current restrictions on residents entering the building, you are encouraged to renew your dog licenses by mail. Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. **If renewing by mail, please also enclose a stamped envelope for the license, and send to Tyngsborough Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.**

• **Offices to be elected in 2022 Three Year Term:** Board of Selectmen, Assessor, Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Finance Committee (2), Library Trustee (2), School Committee (2), Sewer Commission, Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School Committee. **Two Year Term:** Cemetery Commission, Constable **Five Year Term:** Planning Board

**Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office.**

• **Census Forms** have been sent. 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 District Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office.

The Annual/Special Meetings of the District will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the District Office. Warrants and additional information will be available at the District Office.

**Signed: Board of Water Commissioners**

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

## VIETNAM MEMORIAL

The Town of Tyngsborough is pleased to announce that it will be considering requests to add names to Tyngsborough Vietnam Memorial.

The Town of Tyngsborough has begun the process of moving all of the monuments to one central location. We will be looking at all considerations with regards to the monuments. This will include updating and correcting the Tyngsborough Vietnam Memorial monument.

Veterans or their families will have until April 30, 2022 to submit names they wish to include on the Tyngsborough Vietnam Memorial monument.

All names for the monument should be submitted in writing or email to: Town of Tyngsborough Veterans Services, ATTN: Christopher Dery, 25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough MA 01879 or email [veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov)

For inquiries about this project please reach out to the Colin Loiselle at: [cloiselle@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:cloiselle@tyngsboroughma.gov)

## IN MEMORY OF

Robert C. "Bobby" Latour  
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Brother Ernest Beland FMS  
Henry Felix Landry Jr.  
James Steven Lucas  
Gerald W. "Jerry" Remillard

Pauline N. (Belanger) Ste. Marie  
Kerry A. Tatro  
Michael J. Ragucci  
John A. Nappi  
William Steve Panagiotakos  
Thomas W. Stirling

## TYNGSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT



Built-in 1968, as the original Jr. Sr. High School, TMS has also served as an elementary school (1992) and now as the Tyngsborough Middle School (2002). Despite renovations and extensive maintenance efforts, over time, the building has reached the end of its useful life. Due to space limitations, and antiquated systems and equipment, the facility can no longer support today's instructional models and programmatic expectations for middle school students.

Throughout 2021, the School Building Committee performed an extensive, in-depth feasibility study in conjunction with the MSBA; the study concluded that the most cost-effective, educationally beneficial, and sustainable long-term solution is to build a new school. At this time the construction estimated price is around \$82.9 million. Partnering with the MSBA, the anticipated grant will be about \$28 million, which will result in a district share of approximately \$55 million.

To be successful, the community will need a 2/3 majority vote at the annual town meeting on May 3rd and a majority vote on a ballot question on May 17th. To view more information and renderings of the proposed Middle School Building Project, please scan the QR code or go to

[Tyngsborough Middle School Building Project website](http://TyngsboroughMiddleSchoolBuildingProjectwebsite)





## Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

By Tyler Denomme

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

Incentive programs from Mass Save, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and select Municipal Light Plants, offer property owners rebates—up to \$10,000—to switch from older fossil fuel burning cooling and heating equipment to high-efficiency types such as electric-powered heat pump systems.

Many are familiar with ductless ASHPs, but for homes with central ducting, the Bosch IDS line is the perfect fit. The Bosch IDS features an outdoor condensing unit and indoor air handler that mounts to the ductwork above a gas furnace. These ASHPs provide year-round comfort and savings. Installation costs are reduced via incentive rebates, utility bills are lowered by higher efficiency, while home climate control is vastly improved.

**Got a question? Drop me a note!**

**tyler.d@denommeplumbing.com**

*Tyler*

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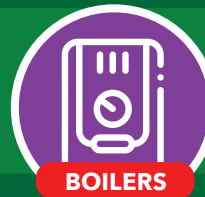
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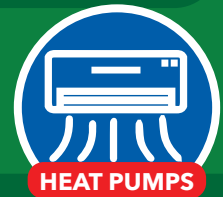
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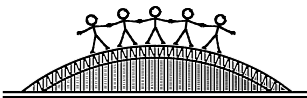
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The Recreation Committee meets at the Old Town Hall, 10 Kendall Road. Meeting dates and additional information on our programs may be found on our website at [TyngsboroughRec.com](http://TyngsboroughRec.com)  
**Friend us on Facebook. Seeking new members. Join us!**

### • Community Service Hours Available for Students

Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have opportunities. We are very grateful to all our student volunteers.

• **Shamrock Ball** for Daughters of all ages and their Dads (or Grandfather, Uncle, etc.) A Father-Daughter Dance with DJ, light refreshments, and a corsage for each girl. A photographer will be on site, offering packages to capture your special evening.

**Saturday, March 19, 2022** at Tyngsborough Elementary School  
~ Advanced registration required ~

• **Shamrock Princess** The Grad Night Committee in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, will again offer the title of "Shamrock Princess". Included in the title will be a princess tiara and sash, a photo package, special father-daughter dance and special gift. To enter the raffle on the package please visit the ticket website and select it as an option. **Drawn Thursday, March 17, 2022** All proceeds benefit The Class of 2022 Grad Night activities. Pay it forward.

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Total circulation is now 6,616 which includes Dunstable and Tyngsborough, MA.

## BONE BUILDERS

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00AM in the Tyngsborough Senior Center there are exercises for those who suffer with Osteoporosis.

Tufts University department of Research on Aging, suggests that as we age we lose bone at a fast rate, while we replace it at a slow rate. If the rate is too slow to replace bone, the result is osteoporosis, weak, porous bones that fracture easily. Fractured bones from this condition can be life-altering.

To maximize bone health, be active and engage in regular weight-bearing and muscle strengthening exercises such as walking, jogging, yoga, dancing, and weight-training. We are here for you at no charge.

**Join us. Coordinator, Jean Jacoppi (978.649.9076).**

## FREE CURBSIDE TEXTILE PICK UP

The Town of Tyngsborough partnered with HELPSY to offer **free curbside pick-up** of clothing and household textiles to residents. Pickups will happen weekly. **Schedule curbside pick-up at [helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma](http://helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma) or 800-244-6350. Questions? <https://www.helpsy.co/home-pickup-faq>**

Only clothing and other textiles, should be bagged and left on the curb by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick up. HELPSY accepts clean, dry, and bagged clothing and fashion accessories (stained, worn, and torn is fine). This includes dresses, shirts, pants, suits, coats, gloves, hats, belts, ties, scarves, wallets, purses, backpacks, totes, shoes, towels, bedding, costumes, curtains, placemats, tablecloths, and throw rugs.

For more information about other recycling programs available to Tyngsborough residents, please contact the Board of Health by phone at 978-649-2300 x118 or visit them on the web at [www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspectional-services/health/trash-and-recycling/](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspectional-services/health/trash-and-recycling/)





25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 978-649-7361 [www.tynglib.org](http://www.tynglib.org)

**Library Hours:** Mon. & Wed. 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Fri. & Sun. Closed

*Next time you are in the Library, please stop by the Director's office and welcome our **new Director, Kathy Growney**. Kathy comes to us from Auburn, NH where she was the Director of the Griffin Free Public Library for several years. Welcome to Tyngsborough, Kathy!*

• **How RBG Came To Be -- The Process of Appointing a Supreme Court Justice, Tuesday, March 15, 2:00 pm.** Twenty years before she became known as RBG, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the United States Supreme Court by President Clinton. Explore the process from selection to swearing in through records held at the Clinton Presidential Library. Led by Kathleen Page, Education Specialist at the Clinton Presidential Library, on Zoom.

• **The Tyngsborough Library is partnering with 27 other libraries from MA and NH to present Financial Literacy Workshops for Emerging Adults (17-30 year-olds) run by instructors from the Babson Financial Literacy Project.** The Babson Financial Literacy Project (BFLP) is a not-for-profit program designed to help young adults (17-30 year-olds) acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for long-term financial prosperity and independence. The programs we are offering are: (Zoom links are needed to register for each workshop.)

• **Managing Your Money to Build Your Best Life, Tuesday, March 15, 7-8 pm.** Presented by Jennifer Bethel, this workshop will help you learn how to budget your money and start building a nest egg for your future.

• **Decisions! Decisions! Tuesday, April 5, 7-8 pm.** Presented by Matt Trogon. Join us to gain some important insights on how to make essential decisions, such as choosing health insurance, saving for retirement, and choosing investments.

• **Protecting You and Your Assets, Tuesday, April 19, 7-8 pm.** Presented by Jennifer Bethel, this workshop will help you organize and prepare for your adult life!

• **A Look Back In Time -- The James Webb Space Telescope, Friday, March 18, 11:00 am.** The James Webb Space Telescope, like the Hubble Space Telescope stargazing for the past 25 years, will bring a quantum improvement in the study of the heavens. Learn about this game-changing telescope with David S. Ball, a volunteer educator with NASA, on Zoom.

• **The First Kennedys -- The Humble Roots of an American Dynasty, Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 pm.**

Author Neal Thompson will discuss his new book, *The First Kennedys: The Humble Roots of an American Dynasty*, on Zoom.

• **WBZ's Jordan Rich & Diane Godfrey Discuss Their Podcast on Massachusetts True Crime Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 pm.** Court reporter Diane Godfrey and co-host Jordan Rich of WBZ Radio will discuss their new true crime podcast "All Rise." Learn what goes into making a successful podcast and get a behind-the-scenes look at some of our state's craziest and most compelling cases, on Zoom.

• **Jellyfish: How to Pastel Paint, Monday, March 28, 2022, 6-8:00 pm.** Gregory Maichack presents a new pastel paint workshop. All materials will be supplied. All are welcome, from beginners to advanced! Sign up early, space is limited! This program is funded in part by the Tyngsborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and by the Friends of the Library. On Zoom.

**Register for programs by calling or emailing the Library or using links provided on the online calendar for virtual programs**

• **Online Basic Digital Photography With Nick DePasquale, Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration required.** Learn the features and functions of your Digital SLR camera and how to use manual modes. Topics include: Understanding camera features and functions; Understanding exposure and how to adjust the settings; Understanding focusing and depth of field; Learning how to see like a photographer. This class is for beginner and intermediate photographers that have cameras that can be adjusted manually (Manual Mode-M). Classes are via Zoom.

• **Kids & Teens – Check TPL's online calendar for Winter events and activities.**

• **Bruins Pajama Drive February 1 through March 31,** Tyngsborough Public Library (TPL) is collecting new children's pajamas for the 15th Annual Bruins PJ Drive. Together with Cradles to Crayons®, the Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Wonderfund, we are looking to collect 5,000 pairs of pajamas. By supporting us, you will directly supply new pajamas to the children who need them most so they can stay warm while sleeping. **We are looking for brand new pajamas, appropriate for all seasons, from sizes 2T through adult medium.** Please do not give pajamas that include any holiday references. Donations may be dropped off at the TPL Children's Desk.

• **Weekly programs at TPL**

• **Storytime with Ms. Sam - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-5)**

• **Storytimes with Mr. Chance - Thursdays at 11 a.m. (ages 0-5)**

**Tech Advice by Appointment, PCs, android tablets & phones, Excel, MS Word, e-books, etc. Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 7-8:00 p.m.** Registration required.

• **Check out America's News (NewsBank).** Go to reference>e-Resources & Databases on the TPL website> America's News (NewsBank) - Search current and archived coverage of issues, events, people, government, sports and more with the largest collection of full-text U.S. newspapers. Find analysis, statistics, facts, obituaries, video clips, quotations and much more from over 2,700 U.S. news sources. Ongoing research? Set up an email alert for the latest info. Includes The Sun, The Telegraph & Boston Herald.

• **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Check the TPL or Town websites for scheduled meetings.

• **Friends of the Library –** Join in the fun and support your library! Meetings are held 9 Mondays per year at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

See the TPL website for dates [www.tynglib.org](http://www.tynglib.org)

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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES Q&A SERIES - PART 1

by Sustainable Tyngsborough

Have you noticed more electric vehicles (EVs) around? For environmental reasons, and because they are fun to drive, demand for EVs is increasing rapidly. In response, most established and several new automakers now offer EVs. Ford and GM have even announced plans to be making only electric vehicles within two decades. Through a multi-part series, we will answer some of the most commonly asked questions about EVs so you can decide if you're ready to make the switch:

### How much do EVs cost to buy and maintain?

You can purchase an EV at just about every price point of traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) cars and there are federal and state programs aimed at encouraging the switch to EVs that offer up to \$7,500 in tax rebates from the federal government and \$2,500 from the MOR-EV program in Massachusetts. Because EVs don't have a combustion engine, transmission, spark plugs, etc. - meaning no oil changes and fewer parts that can break over time, they cost less to maintain than ICE cars. One member of our committee has had an EV for 3.5 years and has only had to change the windshield wipers and the tires!

### How do I charge an EV?

Most owners plug in their EV at home and charge overnight. You can plug into a standard 120-volt outlet (aka Level 1), and it will charge at 2-3 miles/hour. If you plug into a 240-volt outlet (Level 2), your EV's battery will charge at 20-30 miles/hour. If you have an electric dryer, that is a 240-volt outlet. Depending on the EV, you can get 100-350 miles on a full battery. For longer trips, where you need to recharge your battery to get to your destination, public chargers are available at convenient locations, along highways, at malls, in town centers and in hotel and business complex parking lots. Around Tyngsboro, for example, there are level 2 chargers at the First Parish Meeting House, level 2 and level 3 (charge at 200-1200 miles/hour!) chargers at the Pheasant Lane Mall and Tesla Superchargers are planned for the old TJMaxx Plaza.

*Sustainable Tyngsborough is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen. We meet the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30pm. You are always welcome to join us and share your sustainability ideas and concerns. Like us on Facebook @ Sustainable Tyngsboro. **UPDATES:** We collected, and brought to the scrap metal yard, 480 pounds of your non-working string lights this past holiday season. That's almost 1/4 ton of waste kept out of the waste stream. Great job, Tyngsboro! **Save the date: Zero Waste Day is planned for Saturday, May 14th at the Tyngsborough Elementary School.***

## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN HALL HOURS

The Board has now extended these hours to April 30, 2022.

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM to 7:00PM

Thursday: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Friday: Closed (until a new or permanent arrangement is determined.)

Please visit [www.tyngsboroughma.gov](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov) for updates.

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Thurs.: 8:30AM to 4:00PM • Closed Friday Until Further Notice

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

Town Hall Directory Main Number 978-649-2300

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Board of Appeals	Ext. 112	Town Treasurer	Ext. 126
Board of Health	Ext. 118	Veteran's Agent	Ext. 131
Building Office	Ext. 112	Sewer Dept.	Ext. 134
Town Clerk	Ext. 129	Board of Selectmen	Ext. 100
Town Collector	Ext. 128	Town Administrator	Ext. 100
Conservation Office	Ext. 116	Recreation & Parks	Ext. 150
Capital Asset Mgmt Com	Ext. 124	Highway Dept.	978-649-2310

## SOMETHING FOR ROVER & KITTY PROJECT

Are you a Tyngsboro resident, family, senior or veteran in need of assistance supplying food for your dog or cat? Or perhaps you are a resident who is willing to purchase new pet food or donate pet food you have that didn't work out for your dog or cat. Either way, I'd love to connect with you! Pets are so vital to our health and happiness. Please consider contacting me, Heidi at 978-846-2254 or [hrwhitehair@gmail.com](mailto:hrwhitehair@gmail.com) if you have questions or donations. All client information is kept confidential.

We are open! Please call before coming.

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## FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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\*\* March is membership month, and you should see the **newly designed flyer** in the mail. This is the application you can use to renew your membership or join. For another option, keep reading.

\*\* Have you seen the new Library website? You can now **apply or renew your membership online!!** The newly designed page includes a donation button so you can pay your dues or make extra donations. Go to <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library/>

\*\* Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Friends and had your **donations matched** by your employer. As you renew or join as a new member, ask your employer for a match to your contribution. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

\*\* The Friends will fund "**Jellyfish: How to Pastel Paint**", on **Monday, March 28, 6-8pm on zoom**. This workshop is for all levels, and materials are included. Contact the Library to register.

\*\* The Friends continue to purchase **passes for museums** and other venues. The Butterfly Place is now open and you can reserve passes through the Library website or by calling the Library.

\*\* **Puzzles** for adults and children are still for sale at the Library for only \$1. Spend some non-digital quiet time with a puzzle, even with the kids. If you have puzzles to donate, please drop them off at the Library during open hours. Thank you!

\*\*Once again, the Friends plan on awarding a **scholarship** to a graduating high school senior who is a Tyngsborough resident. Find the application on the website at <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>. The completed application is due by Thursday, March 24, to the Library or to [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com).

\*\* When you purchase from **Amazon**, be sure to designate Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library as your favorite charity using [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2986749](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2986749). Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends.

\*\***Next meetings:** On Mondays at 6:30pm in the Library. Mark your calendar. April 4, May 2, June 6

\*\*Contact us at [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com) Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/tynglibfriends)



## THE FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

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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## COMMON MISTAKES OF EXECUTORS

*By Edward H. Adamsky*

If you ever become the Executor of an Estate, you may feel overwhelmed by the responsibility. (Massachusetts Probate now uses the term "Personal Representative" instead of Executor.) Being an Executor can be a lot of work and you can get in trouble if you don't do the job right.

There are common mistakes that Executors make, and you should avoid them. First, never mix your own money with the Estate money. Like running a business, the affairs of the Estate should be kept separate from your personal affairs. You might have to "loan" some money to yourself as Executor in order to start the process (to pay a lawyer or for court filing fees) and you can later pay yourself back for that loan, but otherwise keep your own money away from the Probate matter.

You should keep careful and detailed records and share them with the heirs of the Estate. You have a duty to do things right and to keep the heirs informed of your actions. If there are valid debts of the Estate, they should be paid promptly, and any questionable claims should be researched to ensure they are proper. You may have to file an income tax return for the Decedent (a 1040 personal) and the Estate (a 1041 entity), so make sure you file them on time. If the Estate is large enough, you might have to file an Estate-Tax return within nine months of the date of death.

When you have completed dealing with all of the assets and debts, you should promptly distribute the assets to the rightful heirs. This is usually done a little after one year from the date of death, as creditors can still make claims until that time. But it should not take place too long after that one-year time period. The heirs can hold an Executor liable for late payment of their inheritances.

Make sure you have the newest Will when you file for Probate. Make sure you notify any creditors of which you are aware to give them time to make their claims. Do not distribute the assets to the heirs until the creditor claims period has expired. You might have a debt to pay and no money to pay it if you did that. On the other hand, if there is not enough money to pay all of the creditors, then you don't want to pay any of them too soon. If the estate does not have enough money to pay all creditors there is a special procedure for figuring out how much to pay each creditor. You must follow that procedure properly.

You don't have to accept the job as Executor if you don't want to. If you need help with your duties as Executor, you should hire an Attorney who can explain everything to you.



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## TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

The March program featured popular speaker blogger, and **Master Gardener Betty Sanders** who spoke on a subject of interest to adults of all ages: Gardening for a Lifetime. The premise was that gardens should never be a burden to us and that there are practical strategies that people can use to help keep gardens beautiful as needs and abilities change. Betty also publishes an e-newsletter which is now being made available to Garden Club members each month.

Have you ever enthusiastically bought a small bonsai only to have it wither and die on you? Well, many of us have suffered that indignity at one time or another. Our program on **April 5** will be conducted by Emmy Waldsmith of Bonsai West in Littleton. Emmy plans to give us some history on bonsai, and will discuss techniques and maintenance. She will bring some bonsai with her to demonstrate bonsai techniques. **The program will take place at the Evangelical Congregational Church Hall at 23 Kendall Road, starting at 7 pm.** The program is free to Garden Club members and the public is invited for a nominal fee of \$5.

**New members are always welcome. Programs are held on the first Tuesday of the month.** Come to a program and check us out. Club dues are \$20. You will find a warm and inviting little community of people and you will make new friends. For more information please email [tynggardclub@yahoo.com](mailto:tynggardclub@yahoo.com).  
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## Tyngsborough High School

*... is proud to announce Riley Ayemere, Sarah Balaguru, Rebecca Lyons, and John Shaffer as the February Students of the Month.*

**Riley Ayemere, daughter of Jennifer and Benjamin Ayemere,** is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the Salem State University Book Award and Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in World Language, Principal's Award, Mid-Wach Interscholastic League Academic Achievement Award, and a two-year Academic Excellence Award recipient. Riley is a member of the medical professionals club, student council, PALS, and the DECA officer of leadership. She is also a captain of the soccer team. She volunteers at the Tyngsborough Block Party and for Miracle Providers Northeast. In her spare time, Riley likes hiking, skiing, biking, and playing soccer. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and English and she hopes to work in the science field as a biochemical engineer. Thinking back on her days at THS she said, "I've gained new bonds and friendships I never thought I'd make, I've learned countless life lessons, and made a handful of great memories. School has taught me how to manage my time and how it's okay and encouraged me to ask others for help. Some memories I'll always remember are: having deep class conversations with Mr. Raras and my classmates everyday in AP Lang, finding the homecoming tiger with Sophia this year, having night games for soccer on Pierce Field, and attending football games with all of my friends."

**Sarah Balaguru, daughter of Balaguru Selvindurai and Sorna Balaguru,** is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of Outstanding Achievement in Wellness and a three-year recipient of the Academic Excellence Award. She is a member of the yearbook club, and volunteers her time at The Wish Project and various church events. Sarah's hobbies include writing, reading, playing the piano, spending time with friends, and volunteering. Her favorite subjects include English and world history. She plans to pursue a career in business and would like to travel, meet, and learn about people from all walks of life and do her best to make a positive impact on the world. Looking back on her days, "The people I've met at THS have taught me the value of community and encouraged me to contribute to the world in a positive way. I am grateful for all the lessons I have learned, whether they are academic or otherwise. THS has been a safe space to ask questions and grow my awareness of the world around me."

**Rebecca Lyons, daughter of Jen and John Lyons,** is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and senior sidekicks. She is a four-year starter and a two-year captain of the basketball team. Rebecca volunteers at House of Hope, youth basketball camps, and independent environmental clean ups. Her hobbies include playing basketball, working out, enjoying outdoor activities especially with her dogs, and hanging out with friends. Her favorite subjects are math, anatomy, and health & wellness which have increased her interest to pursue degrees in nutrition and health & wellness and would like to start her own company to educate others. While at THS, "I have gained a lot of memorable friendships. I had several teachers guide me to my future goals. My coach has helped me become a better leader and taught me to be disciplined and accountable as a captain. Memories that I will take with me are long-lasting friendships, basketball games, and guidance from my teachers and coaches."

**John Shaffer, son of John and Myla Shaffer,** is a three-year recipient of the Principal's Award. He is a member and captain of both the wrestling team and the baseball team. He has earned Mid-Wach League All-Star recognition in both sports as well. Every week, he helps his church in various capacities, and in his spare time, he enjoys playing sports, reading, and working out. John's favorite subjects include math and science, and would like to pursue a degree in criminal justice and play sports while in college. "Looking back, I am going to miss the teachers that made class enjoyable and took the time to get to know each student as a person and an individual. I will also miss the high school sports along with the teammates and coaches I played and bonded with."

**Congratulations to all four of these students.**

## STITCHERS

We meet every Monday at 10:00AM at the Tyngsborough Senior Center.

Our knitwear is donated to various agencies throughout the Merrimack Valley. Supplies and projects are available at the center during this time. **You can pick them up to stitch at home if you wish.**

**This month we wish to thank** Mary Joy and Yolanda for the beautiful afghans they made which will be passed on to Hospice of Southern New Hampshire.

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## IF JESUS IS KING, NO ONE ELSE IS

*By Nathan Combs*

God never wanted his people to have a human king. Sure, He gave some instructions, in the law of Moses for what an Israelite king would need to do (Deuteronomy 17), because he knew the inevitable future. Human kingship, however, was conspicuously absent when the covenant was forged between God and Israel at Mount Sinai. In 1 Samuel 8, when God's people clamored to appoint a human head so they could imitate the surrounding nations, God told his prophet that "they have rejected me from being king over them." Redeeming the darkness of that sin, God promised David, Israel's second king, that He would make one of his descendants sit on an everlasting throne (2 Samuel 7). It was always God's plan that Jesus be our king. What are the implications of this for us? Let's consider two points.

First, if Jesus is King, he must be the very center of the organization of his people, the church. Because he is the undisputed conqueror of Satan and creator of all things, he is "the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1.18). Although he laid a foundation of many apostles and prophets, Jesus himself is the cornerstone of his church (Ephesians 2.19). Some religious groups claim to follow his gospel, but if a human man sits at the hub of their organizations, it is a different church from the one we read about in the New Testament. If Christians wanted to imitate the surrounding nations (like the Israelites from 1 Samuel 8), we could develop a world-wide headquarters and a fancy human hierarchy like we see in corporations and national governments. We could introduce all kinds of organizational changes in the name of efficiency and convenience. But like the Israelites of old, those plans would be a rejection of the King we already possess. And our King does not tolerate attempted coups on his throne (see Psalm 2)!

If Jesus is King, he should be our method of changing the world. When Christians in the book of Acts did their work, they had no interest in infiltrating the power structure of Rome's government. Their strategy for proclaiming the gospel was not to get Christians into the Roman senate or the emperor's throne. They already had a King, to whom they kept referring in their teachings and addressing in their private prayers (Acts 2.33, 4.24-26, 6.31, etc.). Therefore, if Christians today become focused on moving political levers as a way of spiritually fixing our culture, we have exchanged the glorious message of an eternal King for a pitiful substitute. We have forgotten that shining the "light of the world" (Matthew 5) has nothing to do with "our side" seizing the megaphone of politics. We are not tasked with out-voting our spiritual enemy, using the methods of the world, in the hope of getting "our man" into office. The right Man is already in office, sitting forever on his throne! If Jesus is King, we must not seek for another.



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- **BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Wednesday, March 16th, 10:00.** Instructor Carol Sides. It will be scheduled every 3rd Wednesday of each month, the group will get together to discuss the book of the month. We have openings to join the group. Book of the month: **"The Exiles"** by Christiana Baker Kline.
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***Portals of Imagination*** provides an opportunity for viewing artwork that is multifaceted, abstracted, and representational all at the same time playing with color and imagery in a way that is both intentional and intuitive. We invite you to join us and enjoy this wonderful, unique art show experience.

Loading Dock Gallery is open noon to 5:30pm, Wednesday through Saturday, and noon-4pm on Sundays. Join the artists for a reception 3-5pm, Saturday, March 5, during Western Avenue Studios monthly open house, which runs from noon-5pm. Loading Dock Gallery is part of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c3. For more details, visit [www.theloadingdockgallery.com](http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com).

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Pastor Bobby Ross [pastorbobby@dunstablechurch.org](mailto:pastorbobby@dunstablechurch.org)

DECC is a caring community of faith where we are all on a journey together finding hope, purpose, connection, and wholeness as followers of Jesus. Wherever you are in this walk of life, we invite you to join us.

• **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\*\*\* **A new Adult Bible Study class has begun on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom.** I Samuel is the topic based on a book by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon. For more information, contact Marj Overhiser or Kathy Mackel.

• **Sunday School/Nursery.** Nursery/Sunday School classes have begun during our 10:30 AM worship service. Care is provided for infants through preschool. See "Children at Dunstable Church" below.

• **Community Group.** With a goal of strengthening community among us, a gathering is held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM three times monthly on Zoom and once a month in person for lunch following our Sunday morning service. 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.

### Children at Dunstable Church:

We invite children to begin in service with their families and then we'll dismiss them for Sunday School/Nursery. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we'll have all children stay through the whole service with their families. Our hope is to help children learn to participate in the service with their families and feel more included with the congregation. Feel free to ask for coloring sheets from the ushers or let us know if we can support your family in any way.

### To the parents of young children, may we suggest:

- God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!
- Feel free to sit in the front where it's easier for your children to see and hear what's going on or the back side room if you want more space for little ones.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, ushers etc.
- Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

• If you need to step out of the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. We welcome families and are so glad you're here.

### To the members of our church:

- Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the reminder of God's faithfulness through all generations.
- Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

"Let each generation tell its children of Your mighty acts; let them proclaim Your power." Psalm 145:4

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

May the Lord walk between us while we are absent, one from another.

# The Wish Project

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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).

## BITS Bags

The BITS program began on February 16th.

**Deadline for dropping off items is March 22nd**

We provide BITS (Basic Items for Toddler Success) Bags to children who may experience developmental delay due to lack of these simple interactive toys to stimulate them. Our goal is to provide BITS Bags with educational and developmental toys to young children. How can you help

- Donate \$35 and we can provide a bag in your name or in the name of your company
- Donate complete bags
- Collect items for bags and we will put the bag together.

## Items Needed

- Bags will ideally be cloth or otherwise reusable, sized 8 x 10 x 4. (Optional)
- Books: Bath, Board book, picture book or first reader
- Bubbles, Chalk, Beach Ball, Crayons, Coloring Books, Rubber Ducks, Stack rings, soft dolls, spinning tops, texture blankets, musical toys, pull toys, trucks. No Stuffed Animals Please!

The Wish Project partners with hundreds of social workers from many local agencies including: Anne Sullivan, MSPCC, CTI South Bay, Clarendon and others.

## 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. Go to our website to find more information about what we are in need of and what projects we are working on. **We are also in need of:**

## Baby Needs

High Chairs, Baby wipes, Baby safety kits, Tear free shampoo/wash for babies and toddlers, Diapers size 5

## Clothing and Shoe Needs

Men's underwear in all sizes

Women's underwear in size small

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Women's winter coats in sizes small

Girls clothing in sizes 7 and above

## Cleaning & Hygiene Needs

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## Furniture & Home Goods Needs

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Flatware, Mixing Bowls, Pot Holders, Drinking Glasses

**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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**Due to Covid spikes** we strongly urge all parishioners to wear a mask, and continue to follow Covid safety practices when entering our church for services, for everyone's safety. Thank you for adhering to these requests. At this time NO fellowship is taking place after church services. We are being proactive regarding Covid issues.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am. - We will be continuing our study of the book of Esther. A new Bible study class will begin in March of 2022. If you would like to join our study group, you can call our office, and leave your name and number. Someone will return your call.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Mondays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm We will be studying the Book of James. If you are interested in attending, please call our office and leave your name and number.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

Published by Anne M. Paquin  
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64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827

**Do you have news? Is your organization hosting any meetings or events, virtual or in person? Do you have a fundraiser or activity coming up in April?**

The news is placed FREE of charge on a first come first served basis. If you have an event in early May it should be in the upcoming April issue. **If you are thinking about advertising your business,** please contact me by email if possible, so I can send you a rate sheet. The circulation each month is 6,616 and includes the towns of Dunstable and Tyngsborough, MA.

**Issues are available to read online by the 1st of the month at [www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com](http://www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com)** On the website you will also find more news and articles.

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This is the 20 year anniversary of the passing of our beloved James. With the help from all of you, our raffle awarded over \$10,600 in scholarships to aid in the continuing education of graduating high school students last year. We have awarded over \$150,600 over the years. We feel blessed to have the ability to remember Jim in such an extraordinary way. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

This year will be our **10th annual raffle** (Commonwealth of MA #36). Our Fundraiser will be a **Calendar Raffle with daily cash prizes** for the month of April. Mondays through Saturdays, \$50 will be awarded daily. Sundays, a prize of \$125 will be awarded and the grand prize of \$700 will be awarded on April 30th. 30 Cash prizes with a total value of \$2,450.

The **cost of the ticket is \$25 for 1 daily entry or \$35 for 2 daily entries**. If you wish to purchase entries, **please call or text Cara Jacoppi at (603)714-0135. All entries must be received by Thursday, March 31st.** We appreciate and thank you for any donation you can provide to the foundation. For any other information you may need including access to scholarship applications please visit our website [www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com](http://www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com) or our Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. Sincerely, The Jacoppi Family

## 5 HOMEBUYING MISCONCEPTIONS TO AVOID

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It's common for both first-time homebuyers and experienced homeowners to feel overwhelmed by the process of purchasing a house. Plus, myths and misconceptions often make the experience even more confusing.

Myths like: Renting is cheaper than buying. You need a credit score of 700 to get a loan. You shouldn't buy in a seller's market. Have you come across any of these? If you're thinking of buying this year, don't let these misleading ideas deter you from your goals.

**Myth #1: You need a certain credit score.** While mortgage programs do have credit score minimums, you'd be surprised at how low those go. With an FHA loan, you may be able to get financing with a score of 500. (Just know that your score may also affect the interest rate and terms of the loan.)

**Myth #2: You should only buy during certain seasons or under certain market conditions.** While competition may seem fierce lately, that doesn't mean you shouldn't buy a house. As long as you choose a home you can afford and one that will grow in value, it's still a smart long-term investment.

**Myth #3: It's cheaper to rent than buy.** Home prices have been rising lately, but rents have jumped significantly, too. Since homeownership allows you to build equity and wealth over time, it's important to crunch the numbers before assuming you're better off renting.

**Myth #4: You should get a mortgage from your bank.** Your bank should definitely be on the list, but don't limit your shopping to just them. Get quotes from several banks and lenders to ensure you get the best deal.

**Myth #5: You should waive your inspection to win a bidding war.** Waiving your right to an inspection might help you beat out other offers, but it can also come back to bite you. Inspections often reveal costly and even dangerous defects, and you'll want to know about these before deciding to buy.

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Although several artists have been with the group since its inception, welcoming new artists has been ongoing. Most members live on the North Shore and several in Maine and New Hampshire.

**Participating artists include:** Muriel Angelil, Julia Bethmann, Michele Champion, Patty deGrandpre, Joanne Desmond, Sally Dion, Sue Dosick, Diane Francis, Cara Gonier, Kate Hanlon, Kate Higley, Amy Hourihan, Susan Jaworski-Stranc, Barbara Nachmias-Kedesdy, Christine Riccardi, Christine Robinson.

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11 am – 12 pm, St. Margaret 1 – 2 pm, St. John 3 – 3:45 pm. NO  
CONFESSION ON HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

• **Stations of The Cross:** Friday Nights throughout Lent at 7 pm,  
St. Mary: March 18, April 8, St. Margaret: March 11, April 1  
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• **Lenten Retreat:** Sunday, March 6 – Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm at  
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8:30 pm The Great Easter Vigil at St. Margaret

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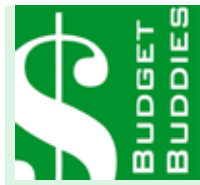
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