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DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

• **The Annual Street listing will be mailed the first week of January 2023.** 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.

• **Town Clerk Office Hours:** Mon: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM, Tues: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and Weds: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Town Clerk, Ellen Faiella, can be reached at 978-649-4514 X222 or by email efaiella@dunstable-ma.gov.

DUNSTABLE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Third quarter Tax Bills have been mailed. These Third Quarter Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes are due February 1st.

Payments can be made online at the town website www.dunstable-ma.gov. Checks should be made out to Town of Dunstable and sent to: Treasurer/ Collector, Town of Dunstable, PO Box 264, Dunstable, MA 01827. If you prefer paying in person, come to the office during my hours or drop in the lock box inside the building at Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main St., Dunstable, MA.

If you have any questions or have not received a tax bill, please contact me as soon as possible.

Office Hours: Mon 12:15-5:45pm; Tues & Thurs 8am-1pm and Wed 8am- 2pm **Treasurer/Collector Erin Caton,** email: ecaton@dunstable-ma.gov 978.649.4514 ext 228



The West family and our employees at West Auto Repair has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from you, our neighbors. Over the course of a four week period from mid November until mid December we had to empty the toys for tots collection box multiples time each week as the toys were overflowing all of which have been distributed to families in need in our local and surrounding communities. We cannot thank you enough for coming out and giving so generously.

As we begin a new year our hearts have been warmed with all of the good we were able to experience this holiday season. **From our family to yours, again we say THANK YOU and we wish you and yours a happy and healthy 2023!**

IN MEMORY OF

Geraldine Beatrice Ward
Lloyd Laverne Grant

OPEN BURNING SEASON BEGINS JANUARY 15TH

Dunstable Fire Chief, William Farrell announced that Open Burning season will soon begin on January 15th and will end on May 1st.

Information and applications are available online at the town website www.dunstable-ma.gov/dunstable-fire-rescue

If you prefer, permits are available daily from 8am to 4pm at the Fire Station at 28 Pleasant St. Permits cost \$10 and are free to "over 65". Agricultural Permits are \$15.

FEE AND PERMIT INFORMATION

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

Rules and Regulations

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

Under all Circumstances the following are prohibited

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

If you have other questions regarding burning, please call the station at 978-649-6661.

DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST

Mark your calendar for our 26th WINTERFEST!

WINTERFEST 2023 • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

11am to 2pm at The McLoon Barn

Winterfest 2023 will be held at the McLoon Barn, located at Main St. (Route 113) and Thorndike St. Join us for horse-drawn sleigh rides, warm up by the bonfire and enjoy delicious refreshments. Dunstable Troop 28 will be helping again this year!

Bring your own snowshoes, x-country skis and sleds. Come out and enjoy Winter! There is accessible parking. **Sorry, no dogs are allowed at Winterfest.** For more information about the event and the Dunstable Rural Land Trust visit drlt.org



WHAT'S GOING ON? Winter 2022

The goal of this newsletter is to share information from the town's municipal departments as well as volunteer boards & committees. Please note that some information could be subject to changes.

TOWN HALL EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Dunstable had several open positions this year. After many hours of interviews over the past 9 months, we have hired a new Town Clerk - Ellen Faiella; Treasurer/Collector - Erin Caton; Administrative Assistant for the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission - Carol Rock; as well as Acting Police Chief Hoar and Fire Chief Farrell.

The Board has hired Mr. Jason Silva as our permanent, full-time Town Administrator. Jason lives in Beverly, MA with his wife and 3 sons. Jason comes to us with a background of diverse experience, notably, having served as Town Administrator in Marblehead for over 3 years, Chief of Staff in the State Senate in the office of Senator Joan Lovely, Chief of Staff and Director of Municipal Operations and Capital Improvements in Salem MA, and Executive Director of the Salem YMCA, among other things. He has a Master's Degree from Suffolk University in Public Administration. We are excited to have Jason join our team and looking forward to working with him!

The Board extends a huge THANK YOU to David DeManche who served as our Interim Town Administrator since March. His expertise and knowledge were truly needed throughout this past year. It has been a pleasure working with David, we wish him a happy retirement!

We are currently accepting applications for an Executive Secretary to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

Thank you everyone for your patience while we went thru this year of transition. We are pleased to now have a (almost) fully staffed Town Hall!

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Dunstable Fire Department has hired a new part-time Fire Chief. After several years of interim Chiefs, we are pleased to introduce Chief William Farrell. Please stop in the department and welcome him! The Department also has 2 fire fighters working from 8 am – 4 pm, seven (7) days a week. We hope this will increase visibility and provide the best service we can to the residents.

Dunstable Police Department: The Board of Selectmen wishes to congratulate Chief James Dow on his retirement and thank him for his long, devoted service to the Town. To lead the Police Department, we have appointed Eric Hoar as the Acting Chief of Police. Congratulations to Acting Chief Hoar.

ROUTE 113 HIGHWAY PROJECT

Route 113 project is continuing on with the installation of the utilities and roadway construction, and will continue as long as weather conditions allow. The water line replacement has been completed from Hillcrest Street to McGovern's wall. Currently the overall project is going according to schedule but please continue to be patient with traffic delays, road detours, and reduced access to the town. Construction workers and police officers are working to guide traffic.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The RFP (Request of Proposal) received 3 responses for the MUD/Affordable Housing project at 164 Pleasant St (behind the Post Office). The Affordable Housing Committee is working through its project criteria to determine next steps. Criteria aspects were defined by the group to find a developer that can accommodate size, scope, character of Dunstable to help us achieve the most impactful benefits to Dunstable.

The Town of Dunstable is updating our 2016-2020 Housing Production Plan to guide decisions on how to create affordable housing and how we can work toward making sure all people can afford a home that meets their needs. As part of this effort, the Dunstable Affordable Housing Committee in conjunction with the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) developed a short survey on the needs, goals and future for housing in Dunstable. ***The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Surveys were accepted through December 23rd.***

Editor's Note: This announcement had been posted on the town website, www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com, and nextdoor. If

you have not replied as of yet, you can try to go to the survey site or scan the code to see if they extended the deadline to respond.

The survey site is here: www.nmcog.org/dunsurvey

GAS LINE UTILITY WORK

Work is happening on Hall Street with the construction of a natural gas line. Boston Gas is overseeing the work. Please be on the lookout for various detours (as needed) and utility workers just past the Hall / School / Lake Street connection.

SPECIAL ACT FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

We held a Special Fall Town Meeting in November. One of the warrant articles was the Special Act for Town Administrator. This was a document to create and solidify the authority and responsibilities of a Town administrator for the Town by a Special Act Legislature. After a lot of lively debate, the article was defeated, 53 yes to 57 no. The Board has noted the concerns and criticisms, and will be reconvening with the Governance Committee to further discuss this Special Act. The warrant contains the Special Act language and is posted on the town website: <https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/home/news/special-town-meeting-called-november-14-2022-swal-low-union-elementary-7-pm>

UNION BUILDING

The Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee has determined that they no longer have use for the Union Building as of the Spring 2024. They are looking to exit the lease agreement and return the responsibility of this building back to the Town. ***A committee is being appointed to consider the future use of this historic town building.***

350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

350th Anniversary Committee has organized many events over this year, i.e. Trivia Night, Ice Cream Social, Corn Hole Tournament, Grand Gala event, Holiday Light Tour and Jingle Fest among others. The Gala was very well attended and was the kick-off for the official anniversary year of the town. All had a wonderful time! Upcoming events include Family Game Night with the Swallow Union PTO, Craft Show, Concert by the Nissitissit String Quartet concert, parade, scavenger hunt and more. ***Please check out the Dunstable 350th Facebook site, Neighbor to Neighbor, and nextdoor for the upcoming events in 2023!***

Questions? Email: bos@dunstable-ma.gov

PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY

Is open to Dunstable residents. PACH provides food, paper goods and personal care items. Anyone interested in this service can contact them at 978-925-9770 or www.pachoutreach.org PACH is located at 66 Hollis St., Pepperell. Hours of operation Tues 5-7pm, and Thurs. 2-4 & 5-7pm.

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
230 Conservation/Planning Board 249 Assessors, Water Dept

Please dial 0 if you need assistance.

Veteran's Officer 978-649-3919

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 978-649-7445 POLICE & EMT 911

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

Visit www.dunstable-ma.gov for contact info, news & updates

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Mary Beth Pallis - Director – mpallis@dunstablepl.org

Karen Debrenceni - Children's Librarian kdebrenceni@dunstablepl.org

**LIBRARY HOURS: Tues 3pm-8pm; Wed 10am-2pm,
Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-2pm; Sat 10am-2pm**

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www.facebook.com/pages/Dunstable-Public-Library/

- **Community Room Artist** Check out the wonderful new artwork done by Alice Sniezek. She has a fantastic collection showing in the community room!
- **Display Table** is Ryan Sniezek's collection of vintage gas masks. Come check it out!!!
- **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 will meet from 10:00am – 11:00am. The program includes stories, songs and a craft or activity. Come in and join the fun!
- **On Going Book Sale** Is in the Community Room at the library. Come in and check out the selections that are here. Hard Covers are \$1.00, Paperbacks are 5 for \$1.00, DVD's are \$2.00 and CD's are \$1.00. If you would like to donate to the ongoing book sale, please bring current books (not older than 2 years) or any children's books in good condition. Please bring your donations inside, instead of leaving them at the door. We cannot accept magazines, older books, or textbooks
- **Homework Club** The library is offering homework help every Tuesday night from 5:30pm – 6:30pm 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 between 3:00pm and 5:00pm so we can be sure a student will be here for your child.
- **IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A TUTOR,** please email Karen at kdebrenceni@dunstablepl.org to sign up!. It would only be 4 hours a month at the very most.
- **Adult Bookclub** - The book club will take place every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Contact Sue Tully to find out the book of the month, email: SJT0213@verizon.net **or check out the display at the library**
- **Chapter Book Reading** Mrs. D will continue reading from a chapter book each Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. Please join her on dpl facebook live to listen to the story. Any suggestions for favorite chapter books will be appreciated.
- **Children's Activities for January:** Tuesday, January 17th the children will create a variety of snowy day projects including snowmen and snow dough! Please wear clothes that can get messy because we will be painting! Please sign up at the library or with Mrs. D. at kdebrenceni@dunstablepl.org
- **Pre-teen and teen take and makes will also be in the lobby!**



NEWS FROM

THE DUNSTABLE 350TH

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To stay in the know on upcoming activities and celebrations, follow us on Facebook @Dunstable350th, nextdoor.com, visit www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com or join our mailing list by sending an email to dunstable350@gmail.com to subscribe. You can contact the Committee via email at anniversarycommittee@dunstable-ma.gov.

• **January 2023:** Family Games Tournament sponsored by the Swallow Union PTO

• **February 2023:** Family Arts & Craft Show at SU: sponsored by PTO

• **March 2023:** Nissitissit String Quartet, March 26, Dunstable Town Hall Auditorium



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Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

As most homeowners purchase less than two heating systems in their lifetime, I'd like to share some key considerations to have in mind if your furnace is due for an upgrade.

Fuel. Gas furnaces have higher efficiency, but are priced higher than oil furnaces.

Size. Critical for comfort, efficiency, and longevity as too much cycling leads to poor performance and early system failure.

Stage. Two stage furnaces make two sizes of flame; smaller for mild weather, and larger for colder. Variable models efficiently modulate flames to meet set temps

Ductwork. Necessary to distribute heat, older ductwork may be undersized, leaking, or damaged, requiring updates.

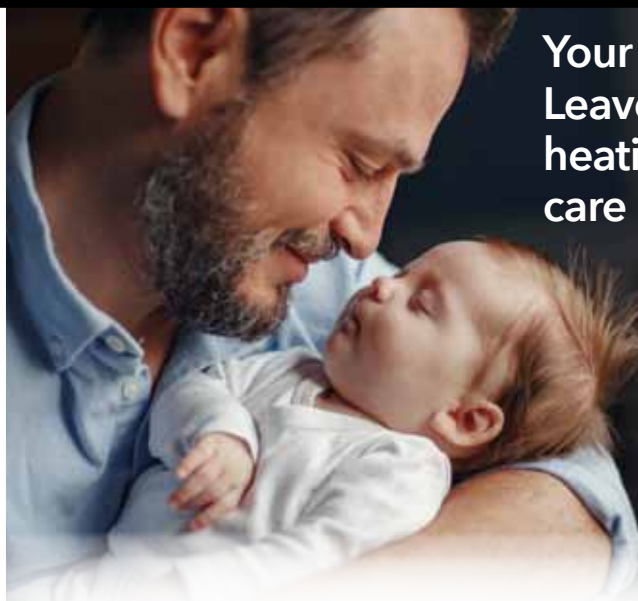
Venting. Directing flue gases outside of homes, these may need to be replaced to safely conform to code.

Installation. Choose experienced, licensed, reputable contractors that always pull permits. Cheaper is not better.

Until next month, stay comfortable! *Matt*

Got a question? Drop me a note!

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ATTENTION 2023 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 (the main scholarship for 4 year full time only).

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.

Starting January 30, 2023, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, by emailing babcock-scholarshipfund@gmail.com or on our facebook page.

Completed applications can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the PO Box listed below no later than Wednesday, March 10, 2023.

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Babcock Scholarship Trustees, P.O. Box 24, Dunstable, MA 01827.

DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Greetings fellow Veterans. Congress has recently passed the Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, or PACT Act. This is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances. You can go to the Website at [PACT Act - Public Health \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/pact-act) for more information or give me a call or email.

I would like to give recognition to those vets I have in the Dunstable database who were born for each month but have since passed away. This month I like to honor the following:

William H. Brow – 3 Jan 1923 - USA – WWII
Robert T. Durst – 29 Jan 1924 USA – WWII
Thomas S. Farry – 15 Jan 1927 – USA – WWII
James F. McManus – 14 Jan 1927 – USN/USCG – WWII
Leo Orzechowski – 7 Jan 1943 – USAF – Vietnam
Albert F. Tidd – 11 Jan 1941 – USAF - SEA

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

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

Dunstable Veteran Services Office
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DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING

Assistant to the Elderly: Anne Fenochetti 978-649-4514 # 223
afenochetti@dunstable-ma.gov **Office Hours:** Tues 8:30-1:30 and
Thurs. 8:00-1:00

Dunstable Council on Aging Barbara Martin, Chairman; Mary Dow, Secretary; Donald Pottle, Joan Simmons, and Jean Haight.

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.

LUNCHES FOR JANUARY

January 4, Pizza, salad and dessert; **January 11** Hot Soup, either clam chowder or broccoli cheddar, garden salad and brownies. Provided by the Traveling Chef; **January 18** Hosted by the library staff; **January 25** Chicken and broccoli Alfredo over pasta, garlic bread mixed fruit. **Reservations for all meals are required one week prior to each meal.** Come and take part in, cribbage, dominos, and scrabble groups that are on hand each week.

Please remember if there is no school because of snow there will be no senior meeting.

- **Bone Builders** Led by Brian O'Donnell and Linda Gill, is held on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 and Fridays from 11:00 to 12:00 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.**
- **High Tech Device Assistance** Could you use some help getting the most out of your I phone, tablet or laptop? Dean Lotito has volunteered, if there is a need, to be at the library on Wednesday, January 18 from 10:30 – 12:00 to help answer your questions. Just come with your phone, tablet or laptop. RSVP if you are interested.
- **Sand for Seniors** It's that time of year again when we need to think about snow and ice. The Dunstable highway dept. will again oversee getting buckets of sand to those who would like one. Let's stay safe and keep those steps and sidewalks non-slippery. Call Christina at 978-649-4514 # 227 to reserve a bucket.
- **Book Group** Join us on **Saturday, January 21 at 10:30** at the Dunstable Library. We will be discussing, **IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER** by Julia Spencer Flemming. Summary: Rev. Clare Fergusson, the new Episcopal priest at St. Alban's, rather improbably talks police chief Russ Van Alstyne, in the upstate New York town of Millers Kill, into riding one of his patrol shifts with him. And it's together that halfway in the shallow Kill in Payson's Park they find the body of Katie McWhorter, bashed and dead of hypothermia ... **Copies are available to order thru the library system.**

... Well Adult Clinic Next visit will be

January 25th from 11:00 – noon, at the Dunstable Library ...

- **Fuel Assistance** Applications for renewals have already been sent out from Community Teamwork of Lowell. **New fuel assistance applications are now available. Call 978-459-6161 for more information.**
- **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/
- **Brown Bag Food Program** This program offers a **FREE bag of groceries the 4th Tuesday of each month.** Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods. Bags need to be picked up at the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Call Laura Marsan 978-946-1303
- **Book Delivery** is available through the Dunstable Library. Just let them know if you or someone you know needs books or audio material. Call 978-649-7830 to arrange a delivery.
- **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.
- **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 ...

- **Elder Hotline** Finding the answer to questions about issues can sometimes be confusing. The Attorney General's Office has a state-wide, 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.
- **Durable Medical Equipment** Try us **FREE** before you buy. We have a variety of good, gently used walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs, canes, commodes and much more that people have generously donated. These are on loan and need to be returned when not in use. **PLEASE** call first before you drop off items. Accepted items should be brought to the Town Hall only.
- **Message from the Fire Department** A volunteer from the Dunstable Fire Dept. is available to check your smoke detectors or help to install new ones. An appointment is required. **FREE** Night lights are also available to keep you safe as you move around in the dark.
- **Files of Life** Why everyone should have their own **File of Life.** Medical emergencies happen any time. When they do there is panic, urgency, and confusion. A File of Life puts needed answers in the hands of EMTs. It allows first responders to immediately begin the best possible treatment. Completed File of Life have a magnetic strip on the back and should be placed on your refrigerator.
- **Living Alone Safely in Your Own Home** The Dunstable COA is working with the Fire Dept and the Police to keep those seniors living alone safe in their home. They can secure a lock box with a key on to your door at your home so that in an emergency help would be able to get to you quickly. Information is available through the Fire Dept. If you need the assistance of the fire department for a non-emergency situation and you've called the fire station, and no one was there. **Please call 978-448-6666 (Fire/Police/ems Dispatch)** they will notify the proper person or service to assist you. **Office 978-649-6661.**

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The yearly subscription with the Town of Dunstable for trash and recycling pickup began on July 1, 2022. Once again for the 5th year, we will not be raising the fee; it remains at \$300.00/year. New subscribers can use the same options. **PLEASE call or email for the amount due, as they deduct \$ for each month gone by.**

- Pay on line on the town webpage www.dunstable-ma.gov and choose online payments. Scroll half way down the page to Trash-Board of Health.

- Mail a \$300.00 check made payable to the Town of Dunstable to P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827. • Drop off a check or cash to the Town Hall Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00 p.m. Please write Joan – Trash Payment on your envelope.

Overflow bags can also be purchased on line or at the town hall. The cost is \$3.00 each, sold in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. Although there is not a specific spot to purchase the bags on line, just fill in the amount on the trash & recycling renewal page and we will recognize the amount is for the purchase of bags. Bags may be picked up at the town hall Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bring a copy of your receipt if you paid on line. If you need to reach us for any reason, please email me at jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov or health@dunstable-ma.gov. You may also leave a message at 978-649-4514, Ext. 229.

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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.



GETTING ORGANIZED FOR THE INEVITABLE

By Edward H. Adamsky

The New Year is when we make resolutions and plans for the future. Getting organized is a good goal. But it is one we rarely live up to. As motivation to get organized, your goal should be to save your family from a lot of work after you have died. If you have ever had to figure out the affairs of a deceased family member, you will understand this.

You should have a list of all of your assets, debts, and other important financial issues. Have your bank statements and brokerage statements available for your family to find and use (either on paper in a good clean filing system, or electronically in an accessible way). Don't leave things locked behind passwords or online if your family can't get at them. You may need to write down some passwords, or save documents in a way they can access online.

Think about the things you do often and if they will need to keep getting done even without you. Make lists of those things and leave instructions on how to keep doing them. Or you might have recurring things that need to be cancelled. For instance, if you have a pest service that shows up at your house once in a while, your family will need to know if they should cancel that service, or keep it going (and how to do that).

You will want your family to find all of your essential documents, like your Will, your Marriage, and Birth Certificates (which you almost never need until some event like death happens), Divorce agreements, Social Security card/number, Passport, Military Record (DD214), Insurance Cards, and others.

If you live alone, someone needs a key to your house. If you have pets and house plants, they will need to be cared for if you are gone temporarily or permanently. You must make plans for who will deal with these things.

You need to make arrangements so your family or chosen representative can deal with your assets if you are sick (a Power of Attorney) or if you die (a Will and a Trust). You need to have a system in place so the right person can step in easily to handle your bills, income, debts, and property management. Make lists or charts of all that needs to be done.

And of course, you need to consider funeral arrangements. As anyone who has done it knows, making the funeral plans for a loved-one who died a few hours ago is a horrendous task. Make your funeral plans ahead of time, pay for it ahead of time, and let your family know about it so they know who to call when the time comes.

If you are organized and ready, then the pain of your loss to your family will not be compounded by tedious and annoying work to figure out how to deal with all that you have left behind. Do a big favor for your family, get organized for today and for the inevitable future.

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WELL ADULT CLINIC

The clinic will be held on January 25th in the Dunstable library from 11:00–noon. Maureen Scott, our nurse will be on hand at these clinics which allows for personalized, one on one attention from the nurse. Offered services include: blood pressure/ blood sugar screening, diet/nutrition information and teaching, medication review, assistance with identifying and coordinating community resources and referrals.

COMMUNITY CARES CORNER

At West Auto Repair in Dunstable

Inside our waiting area at **West Auto Repair, located at 30 Pleasant St. in Dunstable, MA**, we have our community cares corner. *This is open year round, not just at the holidays.*

Here you can drop off your pop tabs from carbonated beverages, pet food cans etc. which are **donated to Shriners' Children Hospital.**

You may also drop off your **donations for the PACH Food Pantry of Pepperell.** They are looking for a variety of canned goods, pasta, bread mixes and other non-perishable food items. The Pantry is always in need of personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo and conditioner, diapers, feminine supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste as well as laundry detergents and household cleaning supplies.

Donations can be dropped off inside the waiting area Mon-Fri, 8AM-5PM. After hours there is a blue bin to the left side of the front door where you can drop your donations. We could never do this without you, our neighbors, who graciously continue to support these organizations with your donations. *Thank You!*

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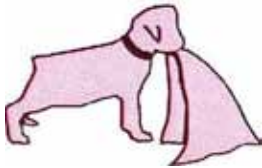
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Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH RECYCLING NEWS

On November 1, 2022, the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection put a ban on textiles being disposed of in the trash. Textiles are described as clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric, and similar products.

The Town of Dunstable Board of Health and Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation and CMRK has created a new partnership to allow residents to easily donate their clothing, textiles and small household items. CMRK has been collecting these items across Massachusetts for over 35 years.

Donating is easy. Residents can schedule a free home pick up by calling CMRK 508-466-4590 or schedule online at BBBSFoundation.org.

The average person gets rid of 85 pounds of clothing a year. 95% of that clothing can be reused or recycled. CMRK 's new diversion program allows them to give clothing a second life in an easy and convenient way." Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation will pick up bagged clothing and textiles but also will accept boxed small household items such as pots, pans, small decor and more! At the new donation bins, you can drop off all bagged clothing, sneakers and textiles. CMRK also accepts non-usable clothing and textiles. Please be sure they are bagged and not wet, moldy or soiled.

Donating clothing helps the environment, helps save taxpayers money and helps clean out your closets. We look forward to forging a socially conscious and environmentally responsible partnership for years to come.

Bins are located on Pleasant Street next to the Dunstable post office. Please drop off bagged clothing, sneakers, etc. and textiles only. Do not leave any items, large or small, outside the bins. If you have small items, many items or large items, PLEASE CALL 508-466-4590 to arrange a pick up.

FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

Recently, the board of the Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. met to discuss plans for the year. Among their plans was the discussion of the next gathering, Spring Fling, which will be held in June. Further information will be forthcoming.

The Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. previously Friends of the Council on Aging, established in 1984, uses money from their fundraisers to benefit seniors and to supplement the cost of activities at the center. One of the activities, Stitchers, was granted funds to pay for supplies needed to continue teaching the art of looming.

We appreciate your \$10 yearly membership. Membership forms are on the Greeter's Desk at the Senior Center, 169 Westford Road, or can be mailed to you by calling Elaine Rivard at 978-649-7689. We thank you for your support. For further information, please call Joe Jacoppi at 978-649-9076.

STITCHERS AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

A special, thank you, to those stitchers who have contributed their winter wear to help those in need as well as those at the Cancer Center of Lowell General Hospital. Stitchers continue to make a difference in the lives of others this winter season.

We are thankful for: Bev MacLean, Kristen Arnold, Lucey Foley, Yolanda Carmona, Joanne Jean, Elaine Rivard, Lily Boudreau, Carol Sides, Mary Teixeira, Mary Joy Graska, Shirley Burchfield, Jackie Dawson, Roseanne Lamarre, Sally Stravolta, Terry McEnaney, Rita Hart, and Ritva Ojanen.

Stitchers recently introduced the use of looms to make warm wear. The looms are easy to use for those who have arthritis, or want a faster product.

Lessons are available on Mondays when we meet from 10:00 - 11:30 at the Senior Center at 169 Westford Road. A special thank you to Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. who are funding new looms, hooks, and yarn for this project.

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The Dunstable Tyngsboro Lions Club has the first female President since the existence of the club which was formed in 1977.

Officers for the 2022-2023 Lions Year

President: Laura Ward; 1st Vice President/Treasurer: Kristine DeMonico; 2nd Vice President/Secretary: Meg DeMonico; Membership Chair: Joe Ward; LCIF Chair: Mark Alexander; Media/Marketing: Charline Vigna; Tail Twister- Jorg Skowranek; Lion Tamer- Richard Lowe

Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joe Ward 978-930-1153. Our Regular Meetings are held on the **first and third Tuesday** of the month starting at 6:30 pm at **Princeton Station** 147 Princeton St., in N. Chelmsford, MA. Our Facebook Page is <https://www.facebook.com/DunstableTyngsboroLionsClub>

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We just completed the inspiring study "BECOMING A WOMAN WHOSE GOD IS ENOUGH." We say farewell to Joanne Frediani who has faithfully served for 20 years as our teacher. She now gets to enjoy retirement with her husband, Pastor Denis! Thank you, Joanne! **A new Bible Study will begin on January 3rd, led by our Interim Pastor's wife, Diane Michaud.** The study will be "The Sermon on the Mount" by John Stott. Please come and join us!!!

• MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Started January 3rd we will continue our study of the Book of Revelations, beginning Chapter 6. Again, please join us!!!

• On Sunday, January 1st after our Church Service, we bid our long-time (20 years) Pastor Denis Frediani and his wife Joanne, good-bye. This was Denis' last sermon. They will greatly be missed but we hope they will come visit us often.

• **On Sunday, January 8th, we welcome Pastor Bernie Michaud who will be our interim Pastor** until we find a settled Pastor. Please come and welcome him and his wife as we begin a new journey as a Church.

• **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** - As we begin a New Year we would like to thank everyone who participated in our Christmas Craft Fair; for those who baked or volunteered at the Church and the Thrift Store, all our dedicated patrons, our vendors, Joan Politi and Patti Ann Reekie for all the preparation for the Sunday School Christmas program, JT603 Catering and BBQ (their Church McMuffins were a BIG HIT!!!!) our Music/Worship Team and for those who attended our beautiful and meaningful Christmas Eve Service. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

• **NEW PARKING LOT** - Hooray!!! The Town of Tyngsboro has completed their renovation of the back parking lot! You CANNOT access it from our Church driveways....please enter and exit across from the Tyngsboro Fire Station. A walkway has been paved for easy access to our church for our worshippers. Hopefully the Town, Garden Club and our Church will work together to enhance the curb appeal surrounding the lot.

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• **We hope you all had a safe and blessed Christmas and look forward to a New Year filled with possibilities!**

Dunstable Church is pleased to announce that it has completed the first step on our path to find a new pastor for our church. **On December 4th, the members voted to call Rev Doug Walker as our Intentional Interim Pastor.** He will be our pastor until we find a new settled pastor and will guide us through this period of transition. Doug has a DMin (Dr of Ministry) from Gordon Conwell, an MDiv (Master of Divinity) from Covenant Theological Seminary and holds degrees in Advance Clinical Pastoral Education and General Education. He also has more than 9 years' experience serving as an intentional interim. In addition to his work as an interim, Doug also teaches middle school Bible and Science at the Bradford Christian Academy. Doug and his wife, Marsi, live in Gloucester. They have two adult children and 3 grandchildren. Doug will begin serving DECC in January. Come and meet him.

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TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



Club Members Bill Gleason, Debbie Schneider, Linda Sheldon, Sue Bowden, Nancy Burke, and Nanette Longley gathered at the Parish Meeting House for a bulb planting on Saturday, November 12. There was a cold wind blowing off the Merrimack but that many people shortened our stay considerably. We planted 300+ bulbs in about an hour and a half and, if the critters stay away, we're looking forward to a spectacular display of red and white tulips next spring. We had a good turnout for our Greens Night at the Evangelical Congregational Church. Members showed up with more fresh greens than we've had in the past, so we were able to decorate with reckless abandon and had plenty leftover. You can see the results of our efforts at Town Hall, the Library, the Senior Center, the Police Station, Sherburne House and Brinley Terrace. Thanks to all who helped!

The Club holiday party was held at the home of Nancy and Jim Burke on December 6. About two thirds of our club attended. Members provided appetizers and desserts. We decided that finger food would be less of a hassle for everybody and the idea (and the products) went down very well. Instead of a Yankee Swap, we participated in the Adopt-A-Family program. Club members were very generous and we will be proud to present our check to the coordinator. Thanks to Jim and Nancy for once again graciously hosting our holiday potluck.

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend individual programs for a nominal fee of \$5.

We do not meet in January but on **Tuesday, February 7th**, we will kick off the spring programming season with a presentation by Garden Club member **Paula Flaherty** who will help us ready our tools for the spring with a presentation on garden tool maintenance.

On **Tuesday, March 7th**, Emily Brush, the Director of the Conservation Commission will tell us about what's happening on that front.

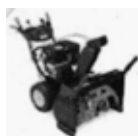
Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Evangelical Congregational Church of Tyngsboro at 23 Kendall Rd. and begin at 7 pm. Club dues are \$20. For more information, please contact us at tynggardenclub@gmail.com Linda Sheldon, President

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HOME INTERNET TUNE-UP

By Dean Lotito

There are several factors that affect the internet speed you experience at home. The primary factor is the bandwidth and type of service you purchase from your Internet Service Provider (ISP). Verizon, Comcast and Spectrum are some of the ISPs in our area. Verizon currently offers 300Mbps, 500 Mbps and 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) plans. Xfinity seems to have 400, 800 1,000 Mbps. Spectrum offers 500Mbps and 1,000Mbps. (These options may vary in your area.) 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) is generally the top speed available. The number of devices in use at your house at one time, as well as the high-demand applications such as video streaming and computer gaming, may require higher speeds.

Since most devices attach via a wireless network, the wireless router that you use is also very important. You can have 1 Gbps service, but if your TV or computer is far away from the wireless router you get from your ISP, your internet performance will not be satisfactory. Third party routers that can be purchased at stores like Best Buy that provide higher wireless network speeds and much better coverage in a larger home.

An analysis of your current internet bandwidth can be performed. This includes the speeds provided by your ISP as well as the performance of your wireless router. This will put you in the best position to determine the performance of your home internet, and if any improvements would help.

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Here are a few suggestions:

First, don't let inflation derail your investment strategy. Last year, some people may have stopped contributing to their 401(k)s as the cost of living rose. But if you can cut back in some areas, you may still be able to invest in your retirement plans.

Also, try to control your debts. With rising interest rates and inflation, your credit card debt could increase. If you can pay your bill fully each month, you can avoid getting bogged down in debts and you'll have more money to invest.

And if you haven't built an emergency fund, try to do so. It's a good idea to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Finally, review your investment portfolio to help ensure it's still appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

These resolutions can be useful — so try to put them to work in 2023.

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Jack Archer, a 5-year-old boy from Dunstable, has been accepted to receive an autism service dog from ECAD's (Educated Canine's Assisting with Disabilities) Canine Magic program. This will be life changing for him. Jack is autistic and hard of hearing, making it difficult for him to navigate and engage with the world around him. His service dog will be specially trained to keep Jack calm in stressful situations, anchor him if runs away in a crowd, and be his best friend! Jack's dog will improve the quality of his life and help keep him safe.

For Jack to receive his service dog, his family is required to fundraise \$25,000 for ECAD. The money goes toward the costs incurred by ECAD to train and prepare the dog for Jack. If you can, please consider donating to ECAD in honor of Jack by visiting his fundraising page, scanning the QR code from your phone or mailing a check to the address below. Thank you for supporting Jack in his journey! www.ecad1.org/jack_archer



ECAD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are 100% tax-deductible as allowable by law. For checks, make payable to ECAD with "Jack Archer" in the subject line and mail to ECAD, PO Box 831, Torrington, CT 06790

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THE BRUSH ART GALLERY AND STUDIOS

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Exhibit Title: **Flora & Fauna**

Exhibit Dates: **January 7 to February 18, 2023**

Artist Reception: **January 14, from 2 to 4 PM**
(Snow Date January 15)

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Lowell, MA – Join us for this small group of artists who have come together to interpret Flora & Fauna in unique ways using wax, pigments, and other media.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

After years of exploring many types of media, Kellie Weeks is now focused on painting with pigment sticks and encaustic. While using encaustics for their insurmountable quality, depth, and brilliancy, she also incorporates dry pigments, metal leaf, shellac, and other mixed media as vehicles to develop a whole lexicon of imagery.

Charyl Weissbach explores nature's vastness and the details found within it. These elements emit aesthetic sensations of harmony, expressions of timelessness, and feelings of inspiration that transcend space and time.

Using paint sticks, encaustic, metal leaf, and disparate materials on various substrates, Patricia Gerkin challenges viewers to note that space where two worlds meet—outer and inner. Her process is intuitive, allowing the materials to lead the way.

Debra Claffey's experience in horticulture and organic land care has led her to focus on the plant world and the assaults on the soil, biodiversity of plant species, and the protection of native flora.

**Hours: January 1st to March 31st: (Wed-Sat) 11:00am - 4:00pm
& (Sun) 12:00noon - 4:00pm**

The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park. We are located in the building behind the Visitor Center on Market Street. Parking is available in the HCID parking garage at 350.4 Dutton St, Lowell, MA 01852 (Head for the flagpole near the opening in the large mill building after parking) See more about the artist at www.thebrush.org or www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com.

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