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TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2023 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or 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 enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope for the license**, as well as your dog's proof of rabies vaccine.

• **Offices to be elected in 2023: Three Year Term:** Board of Selectmen (2), Assessor, Board of Health (2), Cemetery Commission (2), Finance Committee, Library Trustee (2), School Committee (2), Sewer Commission, Moderator, and Tree Warden
Five Year Term: Planning Board, Housing Authority
Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

• **Census Forms** will be mailed in early January. Please make changes, sign and return. The census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your political party.

Stay safe!

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions.

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the **Highway Department on Kendall Road** or at **180 Lakeview Avenue (old senior center)** parking lot during the month of January.

Please make sure that all decorations and all hooks are removed before you drop your tree off.



TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN HALL HOURS

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

Wednesday: 8:30AM to 7:00PM

Thursday: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Friday: Closed

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NOTICE

TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

Nomination papers are available, and can be obtained at the **Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Avenue, Unit 2** for two (2), 3 year terms for Water Commissioner.

Nomination papers need to be returned by February 15, 2023 (1:00 PM) to the Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Avenue, Unit 2.

The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office. All registered voters residing in the District are welcome to vote at this time.

Signed: *Board of Water Commissioners* Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Ave, Unit 2, Tyngsborough, MA 01879, 978-649-4577.

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Tyngsborough Public Schools ~ School Committee

Tyngsborough Community,

The Adopt A Family Committee would like to thank everyone in the community who donated to this year's campaign. Once again, this community continues to be very supportive of each other. This program is successful thanks to all of you. Happy New Year!



TYNGSBOROUGH

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

The **Tyngsborough Republican Town Committee (TRTC)** serves as our community's official representation with the Massachusetts Republican Party.

In addition to promoting the principles of the Republican Party, we also assist local, state and national Republican candidates in their bid for public office.

While not everyone agrees on all issues, the TRTC focuses on issues we all share: less government, budgetary restraint, and lower taxes.

LOCALLY • We help promote fiscal responsibility. • Present Town Meeting Warrant Articles. • Oversee voter registration and elections. • Organize signature drives for candidates and important issues. **STATE & National** • Help promote and support candidates that share our values. • Provide delegates to our State Convention to vote on our nominees for elected office. • Coordinate with other Republican Town and City Committees.

COME JOIN US!! We generally have meetings on the **4th Tuesday of the month**, with our next scheduled meeting on **January 24th at 7pm at Chateau Merrimack.**

FOLLOW US: Follow us for meeting updates and other important information. Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TyngsboroughRTC> e-mail us at TyngsboroughRTC@gmail.com to get on our mailing list **DONATE:** If you'd like to make a donation, please send to: TRTC, PO BOX 614, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 Or donate directly via the internet at: <https://secure.winred.com/tyngsborough-rtc/donate>

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Tyngsborough High School is proud to announce Nicholas Ausiello, Yesenia Collins, Adam Dorant and Caroline Kenney as November Students of the Month.

Nicholas Ausiello, son of Maria and Al Ausiello, is a two year member of the National Honor Society currently serving as the treasurer and a member of DECA. He has also been the recipient of awards such as the Principal's Award, Core Values Award, National Honor Society Award, and Outstanding Achievement in Business Award. Nicholas is captain of the baseball team, a player and leader on the football team, and a member of the basketball team. He has volunteered as a youth football coach, at the Tyngsborough Block Party, and at trail clean-ups. Nicholas will also be attending the Give Kids the World service trip next month. His hobbies include learning guitar, playing with his dog, and going to the gym. Nicholas's favorite subjects are English, and math and his future plans are to go to college and study business management. Thinking back on his days at THS he said, "I have gained a lot from THS. Memories with my friends, learning to work together with everyone and making the most of my high school career. Some memories I will take with me are all my practices and games with my friends and homecoming at THS."

Yesenia Collins, daughter of Maria and Thomas Collins, is a member of the National Honor Society and the president of the Spanish Honor Society. She has received a multitude of awards including Outstanding Achievement in Science Award, Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts, Academic Excellence Award, Commitment to Learning Award, University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Activities. In addition, she has been a part of the ski club, baking club, yearbook club, student council, and is the current president of both the BioBuilder Club and robotics team. She volunteers at a local church and food pantry and completed her eagle project clearing a shoreline of a local pond which required over 200 hours of community service. Yesenia's hobbies include kayaking, fly-fishing, skiing and her favorite subject is biology. Her future plans consist of pursuing a career in pharmaceutical research, having a family and traveling the world. Thinking back on her days at THS she said, "I have gained so much from the faculty and students. My teachers have taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. I am so lucky to have made amazing friends who have stuck by me through the good times and the bad. I am very glad to have attended THS."

Adam Dorant, son of Patrick and Kristi Dorant, is a two year member of the National Honor Society. He is a three year recipient of the Principal's Award and Core Values Award. Adam also received the Four Season Sport Award and recently received the Sportsmanship Athlete of the Month Award. In addition, he has been a member of the football team serving as a two year team leader and one year as a team captain. He is also a captain of the baseball team which won the 2022 central Mass championship, a member of the basketball team, and participated in soccer. He volunteers as a recreational basketball coach, at the Tyngsborough Block Party, and also at town cleanup. Adam's hobbies include playing Xbox, playing golf, watching sports, and hanging out with his friends. His favorite subject is English and his future plans consist of getting a degree in exercise science and becoming a strength and conditioning coach. Thinking back on his days at THS he said, "THS has given me the tools to figure out what I want to do in college. It has given me the chance to be a leader in sports, school, and the community. I will take the memories of homecoming with me and the relationships I have made with my friends, teachers, and coaches."

Caroline Kenney, daughter of Nanette and James Kenney has received the Outstanding Achievement in Theater Arts Award and the Principal's Award. She has been a part of the book club for the last two years and the GSA club. Her hobbies include going to the gym and listening to music. Her favorite subjects are math and science, and future goals consist of getting a higher education and owning many cats. Thinking back on her days at THS she said, "I have gained many academic skills that have carried me through my classes, but what has stuck with me the most is the friendships

I've been able to develop with both my peers and teachers. My time at sports and social events, as well as during my extracurriculars, will always stick with me as they were some of the most fun, I had during my years in high school."

Congratulations to these four students!

TYNGSBOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

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High School Seniors - 2023 Scholarship Applications will be available January 9 - February 15.

Upcoming... We are still planning a Wine Tasting event in February. Email: scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com or go to www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com for details about this.

The Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust is preparing for our popular community favorite, **TRIVIA NIGHT**. This event will take place on **March 4th**, at Tyngsboro Sportsmen's Club. More info in the next issue.

Your generosity helps us continue our mission of providing scholarship dollars to all seniors from Tyngsborough who apply and volunteer their time to earn a scholarship. If you are considering a tax-deductible donation and/or your company matches donations, please keep us in mind this year.

Are you an Amazon shopper? Sign up for the 5% of your eligible purchases at no cost to you! Sign in using your existing amazon account to get started, and choose the Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust to benefit from this **Amazon Smiles** program!

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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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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](https://www.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 <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspectional-services/health/trash-and-recycling/>

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 Texeira, 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.

Donations of new, odor free, pet hair free, yarn are gladly accepted as we strive to make a difference in the lives of people this winter season. **For further information please call Jean Jacoppi at 978-649-9076.**

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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

** Happy New Year! The holiday season is a special time for remembering friends, family, and your favorite nonprofit organization – the Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library. This year we want to **recruit new active members** who will bring new ideas and volunteer for leadership positions. There will be elections in the spring for Vice President and Treasurer. The positions of President and Secretary are also open and can be filled at our next meeting. Please make it a New Year's resolution to contact the Friends at tynglibfriends@gmail.com to volunteer for this worthwhile organization.

** Adults and kids, need something to do on a cold winter night at home? **Puzzles** are still available at the Library for \$1. We have a variety of jigsaw puzzles so stop by for an inexpensive way to have fun. Even after holiday shopping, there are always **books for sale** at the library. See fiction and nonfiction for adults and kids at book sale prices.

** The Friends are still funding several **passes for museums** and other venues for adults and families, indoors and out. Visit the Library's website to reserve a pass and click on the link to venue for information on open hours, covid rules etc.

** Our **meetings** for early 2023 will be at 6:30PM in the Library. We hope to see you then. February 6, March 6 - Elections for Vice-President and Treasurer and April 3 – The first meeting in the membership year

** You can **join the Friends** anytime. Ask for an application at the Library or go to <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library/>. Your donation goes to the Friends in support of the Library, not to the town.

** **Book donations** are no longer accepted due to lack of storage space. Please keep any books until requested. We are still glad to accept puzzles and jewelry.

BONE BUILDERS AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

Every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9:00AM to 9:45AM, you will find Bone Builders, using the model from Tufts University Research on Aging, going through their stretch and balance routine to improve bone health.

Every Monday a Leader shares Words of Wisdom: short talk on good health practices to benefit members of the class. Our talks this month come from the book AGE-DEFYING FITNESS by Moffat and Lewis. We will be discussing the 5 Domains of fitness - Posture, Strength, Balance, Flexibility and Endurance.

Want to see what this class is all about? Give Jean a call, come in, take a seat, and decide if these slow and deliberate exercises are for you, and if you can make a commitment to do the exercises 2 times a week. A doctor's note is required to take this free class.

For further information, please call Jean Jacoppi, 978-649-9076.

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.



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• Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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• **Chaco & Aztec—The Center of the World: Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.** “Chaco Cultural National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument preserve major centers of Ancestral Pueblo culture, dating between 850 and 1250CE. Today Chaco Canyon seems to be in the middle of nowhere; however, 1,000 years ago, this was the Center Place for the American Pueblo people, the middle of everything!” Buried for hundreds of years under wind-blown sands, the monumental complexes they constructed were occupied for several centuries and ultimately left behind whisper echoes from the past of a complex and sophisticated society continued by their decedents today. Program will be presented by a National Park Ranger.” Presented in partnership with Rockport Public Library. Register on our website.

• **Writers’ Group: Monday, January 9th and 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for a writing workshop! Expand your knowledge on writing; critique each other’s work; and get advice on the craft. New and long-time writers are welcome! This will be an ongoing program. The Writers’ Group will be meeting in the Special Collections room of TPL. Meetings will last from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm.

• **Writers’ Group—Children’s Literature: Wednesday, 18th at 6:30 p.m.** If you’re interested in crafting and publishing children’s books and stories, join us to participate with a group of likeminded individuals to discuss, critique, and broaden your children’s literature knowledge. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join. The Children’s Literature Writers’ Group will be meeting in the Special Collections room of TPL. Meetings will last from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Contact Karen Johnson (978-649-7132) for more information.

• **Adult Coloring Club: Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m.** The Coloring Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Come color and socialize!

• **Saturday Knitting & Crochet Group: Saturday, January 14th at 10:30 a.m.** Open to all knitting and crocheting levels. Get together with friends and make some new ones! Meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM – noon in the Community Room at Tyngsborough Public Library.

• **Visit Tynglib.org/events to check out all of the upcoming virtual events!**

Register for TPL programs by calling or emailing (circdesk@tynglib.org) the Library or using links provided on the online calendar for virtual programs.

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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

KIDS & TEENS

• **WEEKLY PROGRAMS: Weekly Playgroup - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (ages 0-8)** Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family! The Family Resource Network is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. No registration required.
• **Storytime with Mr. Chance - Thursdays at 11 a.m. (ages 0-5)** Join Mr. Chance for stories, songs, and fun! Storytime builds early literacy skills and social skills. All families welcome. No registration required.

• **MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Club Pokemon, Monday, January 9 and February 6 at 4:00 p.m. (grades 3-5)** Through the Pokemon TCG, your child will learn strategic skills, participate in friendly competition, and have fun! Whether you have binders full of cards or are just learning to play, please join us. You may also bring video game consoles and mobile devices to share your love of the game. Older grade levels may volunteer to assist. Club Pokemon is sponsored by Newbury Comics. **RSVP online.**

• **LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, January 21 at 11 a.m.** (all ages with a grownup) All ages are welcome to join our LEGO Challenge. See our Instagram @tyngsboroughpubliclibrary for examples of past LEGO Challenge creations. No registration required.

• **Special Programs: Origami Workshop for Kids, Wednesday, January 18 at 2 p.m.** Learn to make a variety of origami shapes with Mr. Chance. We will practice folding a frog, crane, fox and more! This workshop is intended for grades K and up. More complicated shapes may be challenging for young folders. Grown-ups are welcome to lend a helping hand. This is an early release day for Tyngsborough Public Schools. **RSVP online by 1/17.**

• **From Jan. 1 to Jan. 31, TPL is participating in “All the Feels,” a Winter Reading Challenge sponsored by Beanstack. We challenge our community to read at least 150 days during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site at tynglib.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack mobile app. Thousands of other libraries and schools across the nation are joining in too, for a chance at winning cash prizes for their community. Happy reading, Tyngsborough!**

• **The Great Courses -- Did you know that you can access over 700 Great Courses through Hoopla using your Tyngsborough Public Library card? Great Courses are excellent resources that you can use to learn about a wide range of subjects and are available through Hoopla as streaming video courses and as digital audiobook courses. Courses are taught by experts in their respective fields.**

To browse the Great Courses available through Hoopla, visit tynglib.org/resource/hoopla/

• **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly on the third Tuesday. 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. Also, check out the new and easy way that you can join or renew your membership to the Friends of the Library right from the Friends link on our website simply by using the “Join and Pay” or “Donate” buttons.

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DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Tyngsborough High School is proud to announce Jaclyn Goyette, Brett Cavanaugh, Sofia Emery, and Isabella Shaffer as December Students of the Month.

Jaclyn Goyette, daughter of Celeste and Norman Goyette, is a one-year member of NHS and a member of the Medical Professionals Club. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in World Language Award and the Academic Excellence Award. Jaclyn has participated in dance at CSDA in Tyngsborough for the last 15 years. She has volunteered at the Townsend Haunted Trail, the Tyngsborough thrift store, blankets for Hospice, and cards for Hospice. Her hobbies include reading, writing, watching T.V. shows and movies, making jewelry, painting, and dancing. Jaclyn's favorite subjects are chemistry, anatomy, Writing Research, and AP Language. Her future plans include going to college for nursing, writing, and publishing a book, and adopting a dog. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have gained a lot of life skills at THS. One of the main skills I learned was how to get out of my comfort zone and challenge myself. Despite how uncomfortable it was, every class that asked me to make a presentation or contact people from outside of the school who weren't family or friends taught me how to get out of my comfort zone. I will fondly remember all of the teachers and faculty who supported me throughout my high school career, and I'd like to thank all of them for what they taught me even if they didn't realize the impact it had on me."

Brett Cavanaugh, son of Kerry and Bill Cavanaugh, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and a one-year member of the Spanish Honor Society. He is a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, AP Scholar with Honor Award, the University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, Outstanding Achievement in Science Award, Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science Award, Commitment to Learning Award, Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music Award and Outstanding Achievement in Wellness Award. He has volunteered at local organizations such as the Wish Project, the Tyngsborough Block Party, and the Festival of Trees, and he also made fleece blankets for those in need within the community. His hobbies include long drives, traveling, and learning about current events like geopolitical conflicts around the world. Brett's favorite subjects are math and science, and his future goals consist of pursuing a major in mechanical engineering and working at a Technology company such as Apple, Microsoft, or Raytheon. Looking back at his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "Over the past few years at THS, I have become more confident in my learning and social skills and created new friendships that will last past my high school career. High school has taught me to enjoy learning and challenging myself whether it be taking AP Chemistry or publishing a scientific article about synthetic biology. Fond memories that I will take with me to college and beyond include scorekeeping basketball games and taking a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Alps with my school where I experienced new cultures and explored new places".

Sofia Emery, daughter of Denise and Andrew Emery, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and a two-time recipient of the Principal's Award. Sofia has volunteered for organizations like the Department of Children and Families where she helped with the back-to-school party, and Halloween Party, and has babysat foster children. She has also volunteered at the annual Tyngsborough Block Party, The Lighthouse School, and during her Service-Learning class where she held a coat drive raising money for the community. Her hobbies include playing piano, hanging out with friends, shopping, watching movies, going to concerts, and traveling. Sofia's favorite subjects are math and science, and her future plans include becoming a neuropsychologist. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I've gained a stronger sense of independence and time management. School has allowed me to make lifelong friendships and appreciate the time that I have with them. I will always remember homecoming week".

Isabella Shaffer, daughter of Myla and John Shaffer, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of Outstanding Achievement in English Award, Outstanding Achievement in Wellness Award, and Outstanding Achievement in World Language Award and is a three-year recipient of the

Academic Excellence Award. Isabella is also a four-year member of the THS theater program, a member of the book club, Senior Sidekicks and the chess club. She has also been a four year member of the THS field hockey and softball team where she was named captain for both athletic teams. Isabella has also received the MVP Award for field hockey as well as the Midwach Team II All-Star and Midwach Team I All-Star. On the softball field she has received the Coaches Award and was named Midwach Team II All-Star. She has volunteered at the Tyngsborough Block Party, Zero Waste Days for the town, winter softball clinics and also the Big Red wrestling tournaments. Isabella's hobbies include writing, reading and performing. Her favorite subjects are AP Language, Writing Workshop and Guitar and Drum Set Lab and her future plans consist of going to a university and studying film and creative writing. She wants to create stories for people to love and enjoy. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I think that the most important lesson I have learned during my high school experience is how to find order in the chaos. Calling the past four years "turbulent" would be an understatement -- regular high school is difficult even without throwing a pandemic in the middle of it. The worldwide freeze felt so long, and yet, the years flew by. I became painfully aware of the fact that I would soon be leaving high school, and that I might just be another face in the constant stream of teenagers going through the education system. Last year, I got the opportunity to paint a mural that teaches about entropy in the chemistry classroom. Entropy is basically the measure of the amount of disorder in a system (aka chaos), so I decided to depict the universe and the words "find the order in the chaos," because although the universe may seem incredibly chaotic and confusing (just like high school), it is still a functioning system. However small, this mural is my echo from 2022 for future students to hear: a gentle reminder that even when life seems crazy, one can always find a method in the madness, and the order in the chaos."

Congratulations to these four students!

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• **COA Board Meeting January 17th, 3:30 PM ••**

• **FOOD PROGRAM**— offers a FREE bag of groceries on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods: soup to cereal, meat to veggies, there may be a treat or two. To see if you qualify call **Laura Marsan at 978-946-1303**, Applications are also available at the Senior Center stop by or call 978-649-9211.

• **CRIBBAGE Every Tuesday Morning 10:00 - 12:30.** We have openings for cribbage players.

• **BRIDGE CLUB LOOKING FOR Experienced players to help us improve and to teach newcomers.** Please join us at the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Held on Fridays at 10:00am. Interested please call the Center at 978-649-9211.

• **FREE... PAINTING CLASS, Every Monday, 12:30-3:00** In this class everyone helps each other. If you love painting and don't mind (asking or helping) others, come join us and make new friends.

• **BINGO Every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30** This activity keeps your mind stimulated. Not only that, you will have plenty of fun and excitement with this activity and it gives you a chance to socialize with others and have a great time. Come join us.

• **VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO HELP CALL BINGO:**

Requirements: Available on Tuesdays from 12:00 until 2:30. Must be able to use a computer. Contact Barbara at the center.

• **SENIOR DANCE (Monthly)**

Will be postponed until March or April.

• **VIRTUAL VACATION TO FINLAND Friday, January 6th 11:30**

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• **Birthday Celebration Friday, January 13th, 11:30**

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• **PIZZA PARTY / BIRTHDAY FOR ALL! Friday, January 14th, 11:30** Come celebrate National Pizza Week and everyone's birthday by making your own pizzas! We'll supply the dough, sauce and cheese, for the pizza, just bring in your favorite toppings. Will have a birthday cake to celebrate for all. Sign up by January 5th

• **BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Wednesday, January 18th, 10:00** Instructor Carol Sides.

• **LUNCH BUNCH Wednesday, January 18th, 11:30**

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• **CHINESE NEW YEAR Friday, January 20th, 11:30** The year of the "rabbit".

• **Virtual Vacation to the 7 Ancient Wonders of the World Friday, February 3rd 11:00**

• **Valentine Day Celebration Friday, February 10th at 11:00** — Food TBD ; Entertainment Tommy Rull—LCC

• **FREE TAX ASSISTANCE Mondays ONLY, starting February 13th** Harry Gong, an AARP volunteer tax preparer will be available to assist you with your taxes on Mondays, February 13th through April 10th, 2023. **Call the Senior Center to schedule, an appointment. 978-649-9211.**

• **TYNGSBORO FOUNDATION FOR THE AGING**

The Tyngsborough Foundation for the Aging is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, organized to support local senior citizens and the Tyngsborough Senior Center in coordination with the Tyngsborough Council on Aging. Its sole purpose is to lend volunteer and financial assistance to the Council on Aging in providing fellowship and a diversity of activities and programs and to enrich the lives of area seniors. P.O Box 534, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 Email Address tffta@yahoo.com The Annual membership fee is \$5.00



Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

By Tyler Denommee

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.

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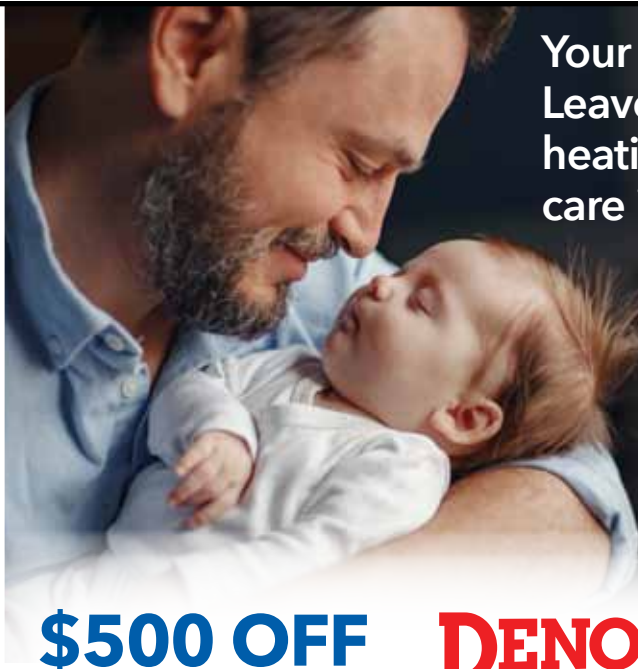
Venting. Directing flue gases outside of homes, these may need to be replaced to safely conform to code.

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Until next month, stay comfortable! *Tyler*

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WHAT'S IN OUR WASTE?

Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee

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This past fall Tyngsborough took a deep dive into the types of waste generated by residents. A waste characterization study was performed to understand the composition of what we collectively throw away. The results are in and the good news is that we have a real opportunity to reduce our waste.

The most striking finding was that only 26% of what Tyngsborough residents throw in the red cart is actually trash, while a full 74% of what we throw out is either recyclable or compostable. If we could work together to reduce this portion of our trash stream - that 74% that isn't trash at all, we could not only save taxpayer money on waste disposal, but also keep more valuable material out of the trash. That's good for our wallets and the environment. If we can divert a significant portion of this 74%, we can save our town money and reduce the environmental burden of our trash.

View the results for yourself on the town website. Scroll down to the bottom of the Sustainability Committee page (<https://bit.ly/3v9f83j>) to see a pie chart breakdown of what was in our waste. For more details, click on that pie chart and you will be brought to the entire report.

The Sustainability Committee will use these results to promote and facilitate composting and other waste diversion programs. Do you have ideas in this space? We'd love to hear them. You can attend one of our meetings or connect with us on Facebook.

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.**

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

MassDEP is offering free PFAS water testing to 84 towns in Massachusetts. Tyngsborough is one of those towns. PFAS have been linked to adverse health effects.

Private well owners can apply for Free PFAS testing of your private well at dwp-pfas.madwpdep.org. This is a limited time offer for selected towns.

CLOSED LID POLICY FOR TRASH CARTS

Reminder, Tyngsborough has a closed lid policy for trash carts and "trash will not be collected if the lid is not completely closed." This is stated in our contract with Republic Services and is now being enforced more consistently.

Residents with extra trash have three options, depending on how often they find themselves in this situation: put excess trash in a bag and save it for the next week's collection, use an extra trash sticker, or lease an additional trash cart.

If too much trash happens for the first time and you are not prepared, you could put your excess trash in a bag and hold it for the next week's collection.

If too much trash happens only once in a while, we recommend that you purchase "extra trash" stickers from the Board of Health (\$5 per sticker). You then would put a sticker on your own trash bag and place it next to your trash cart on collection day. You might want to purchase a few now, even before you have extra trash, especially with the holidays around the corner. Stickers may be obtained by visiting the Board of Health office during Town Hall hours, or online (see "Board of Health" page at www.tyngsboroughma.gov), or by sending in a check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Board of Health, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.

If you find your household frequently has more trash than will fit into the cart with the lid closed, you might want to consider leasing an additional cart. The cost is \$200 per year. Please call the Board of Health (978-649-2300 x118) if you are interested in this option.



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3rd place "Christmas Greeters" Silver Key Homes at Laer Realty

THE RESULTS ARE IN! By your "votes", The 2022 Winslow Wonderland winners are: **Best of Show** (Snowman) - "Friendly Postal Worker" by: Tyngsborough Post Office

Best of Show (Tree) - "Elf on the Shelf" by: The Slattery Family
Most Creative (Snowman) - "It's a Bunch of Hocus" by: Caitlyn Silva. **Most Creative** (Tree) - "A Very Monkey Christmas" by: The Ring Family. **Most Traditional** (Snowman) - "Rudolph" by: Dave Hudon. **Most Traditional** (Tree) - "Mr. Grinch" by: The Johnson Family. **Most Tyngsborough** (Snowman) - "Bride" by: The St. Armand Family. **Most Tyngsborough** (Tree) - "Festival of Trees" by: Audrey McCoy

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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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• LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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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• **Dunstable Church Adult Class on Prayer** continues using Jennifer Kennedy Dean's workbook "Live a Praying Life." Sunday morning classes begin at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. You are all invited to experience the challenges and blessings with us. If you would like more information, please email Kathy Mackel (mackelkathy@aol.com).

• **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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By Dean Lotito

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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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Time for New Year's financial resolutions

It's that time of year when many of us promise ourselves we'll go to the gym more or learn a new language. But when making New Year's resolutions, why not also consider some financial ones?

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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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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