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• **The Annual Street listing was due back by end of January.** The Annual Street Listing is a legal document of the Commonwealth and must be returned each year to remain on the active voter list. Pursuant to MA law, your name can then be removed from the voting list for failure to return the street listing after 2 years. If you did not receive one, please contact this office.

• **Dog Licenses** All dogs, 6 months and older must be licensed. **FEES:** Female spayed \$6, Male neutered \$6. Female not spayed \$10 and Male not neutered \$10. Seniors age 70 and older have the fee waived pursuant to a town meeting vote, but the dogs must still be licensed. **Remember:** A copy of a current rabies certificate must be on file with the town Clerk.

• **Are you interested in running for a Town Board position?**

Positions: Assessors 3 year term, Board of Selectmen 3 year term; Board of Health 3 year term; Tree Warden 3 year term; Road Commissioners 3 year term; Trustees Public Library 3 year term; Cemetery Commissions 3 year term; Water Commissioners 3 year term; Planning Board 3 year term; Commissioners of Trust Funds 3 year term; Constables 1 year term; Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee 3 year term; Advisory Board 3 year term. **Beginning Monday, February 27, 2023 Nomination papers** are available at Town Clerk's office. Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Last day for obtaining nomination papers. **Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Last day for filing nomination papers.**

• **For more details on this process please contact the Town Clerk or visit town website www.dunstable-gov.ma**

• **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.

FROM THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH SUICIDAL HOT LINE

Did you know that you can call or text **988** to reach the Suicidal Hot Line 24 hours, 7 days a week.

This number has been designated as the new three digit dialing code that will route you to the **National Suicide Prevention Life Line**. You may call even if you are not suicidal but experiencing emotional distress or just need to talk with someone.

IT IS CONFIDENTIAL CALL OR TEXT 988

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Recordings

We're back up and running...

We're pleased to announce that the issues we were having with the video recording of Board of Selectman meetings has been resolved. Current meetings along with archived recordings, can be found on the Board of Selectmen page on the town website www.dunstable-ma.gov/home/news/board-selectmen-meeting-recordings/. Stay tuned as we continue to work on additional ways to bring these meetings into your home real time!

IN MEMORY OF

Scott Brooks
David W. Long
Doris M. (Lauziere) Vaillancourt

Ann Marie (Pushie) Adams
Ruth A. (Dery) Wasylak
Ruth Gail (Ward) Ferreira

Remembering

Charles "Papa" Goss, January 27, 2010-January 27, 2023
Neil F. Kerrigan, March 2022 – March 2023

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

*TO SERVE ON THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNION BUILDING
REHABILITATION COMMITTEE.*

The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the rehabilitation of the Union Building, including establishing a long-term plan for rehabilitation, estimating costs and developing an approach for the renovation, and creating a plan to advance the rehabilitation of the building taking into consideration both the future use of the building and availability of funding.

This work will include the review of all existing studies and documents developed in association with the building and its condition, determining and negotiating funding that should be provided by the GDRSD in connection with their lease agreement with the Town of Dunstable, recommending a rehabilitation approach (phased or one project), identifying a viable re-use(s) for the building, and also funding sources for the project.

The Committee is to be comprised of a total of seven members: one member of the Board of Selectmen, one representative from the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, one individual who has experience in residential or commercial development, one member with a background in banking and/or finance, and three members of the community at-large.

Please send an email expressing your interest, background, and experience to the Board of Selectmen <https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/113/contact> and also to the Town Administrator, Jason Silva at jsilva@dunstable-ma.gov.



DUNSTABLE GRANGE #31 SPONSORING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

This year the Dunstable Grange will be sponsoring the roadside cleanup from **April 15th through April 25th**. We will supply *bags and gloves*, which will be available at the **Tully Farm Store** located at 446 Pleasant St., and the **Dunstable Town Hall** at 511 Main St., beginning April 12.

A great way to celebrate Earth Day which is on April 22nd. If we all do the road around our homes, the town will be in good shape. Our Highway crew will be going around to pick up the bags, just leave them on the side of the road. **We appreciate your continued support in keeping Dunstable beautiful.**

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 MARCH

March 1 Bring your Own Lunch, desserts and beverages will be available. March 8 Shepard's Pie, salad and pies. Provided by the Traveling Chef

March 15 Vegetable beef soup, Caesar salad and dessert. Provided by Dinned Made Simple.

March 22 Pizza, salad and dessert.

March 29 Chicken Pot Pie with veggies and a cup cake. Provided by Agespan. **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.

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 – 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, March 15 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, March 18, 10:30** at the Dunstable Library discussing, **THE ALICE NETWORK** by **Kate Quin**. The novel is inspired by the true story of the Alice Network, a group of women spies who worked for the British during World War I near Lille, France, gathering information about German troop movements and battle plans. Copies are available to pick up from the Dunstable library.

• **Well Adult Clinic** Next visit **March 22 from 11:00 – noon at the Dunstable Library, 588 Main St.** Well Adult Clinics are held monthly in each of the towns in the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (NABH) region. Well Adult Clinics are an opportunity for adult residents to have a basic health screening (blood pressure, blood sugar) and talk with their town's public health nurse for health tips and resources to promote their wellness!

• **Easter Centerpiece Workshop Join us on Wednesday, April 5 from 12:45 – 1:45** to make your own Easter centerpiece. Bring a small container to make your arrangement in, COA will provide all the fresh flowers you will need. *This is a FREE workshop. RSVP by March 29 with Anne.*

• **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/

• **Fabulous Feet by Diane** Diane Stanley, a foot care specialist nurse, is now available to do home visits. She will check feet,

trim nail, treat ingrown nails, corns and calluses. Experience with diabetics. Home visit is \$60.00 for a 1hour visit. Call 978-667-0644 to make an appointment.

• **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 for more information.

• **I'm in the Donut Hole What Can I Do?** If you have reached or are about to reach that gap in your part D plan, the Commonwealth's Prescription Advantage program can help. For individuals with an annual income of less than \$38,640 or \$52,260 married.

Prescription Advantage can help lower your co- payments while in this gap. Call for more information at 1-800-243-4636 or go online at www.prescriptionadvantage.org

• **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**

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

• **Elder Hotline** Finding the answer to questions about issues can sometimes be confusing. The Attorney General's Office has a 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 FREE.** 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 accepted items to Town Hall.

• **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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CHANGES TO RETIREMENT PLAN LAWS

By Edward H. Adamsky

Congress has made several changes to the Retirement fund rules in the last couple of years. Some major changes were made in 2020, and then the Secure Act of 2022 made even more changes to the laws. This article outlines some of the changes, but of course, not all of them.

A huge new rule is that employer retirement plans (401k's and the like) will now enroll participants automatically. It used to be up to the employee to choose to join but too few people were participating so Congress decided to make it automatic. The new rules make a 3% contribution minimum and have automatic increases for future years. There are also new provisions allowing extra employer contributions to match student loan payments, and certain low-income employees can get a tax credit for making plan contributions.

A big change for older folks is that required minimum distributions have been pushed out to age 73 as of now, going up to age 75 in 2033. It was only increased to age 72 a couple of years ago, from the prior odd age of 70½, and now it has been increased again. Plus those who are 50 or over and those 60 to 63 can make extra contributions to their plans to "catch up" to what they should have been contributing over their lifetimes.

If you have a financial advisor, you should discuss a distribution plan from your IRA and 401k. Many people can benefit by taking distributions prior to their required minimum distribution age so they can spread the income out over more years. With the increased age for required withdrawals more folks may be stuck with large distributions that they cannot change if they wait too long to take any distributions.

There are also some new rules for exceptions to the early withdrawal penalties. Now retirement funds can be used for more emergency expenses or for unforeseeable financial needs. This is limited to \$1000, and it has to be repaid, but it allows emergency access to retirement funds for more reasons.

In this modern era of computer databases and virtually unlimited information, former employers and employees sometimes cannot find each other to pay out or receive benefits. The new law allows the Department of Labor to create an online and searchable database for retirement plans so you can look up who to contact to get your benefits.

Contact Adamsky Law Offices if you want a referral to a financial advisor who can give you personalized advice about your retirement planning.

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Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Three times more efficient than conventional electric hot water systems, modern heat pump water heaters, like those from Bradford White, transfer heat from the surrounding space instead of burning fossil fuel to create heat. Let's look at what else makes them worth considering.

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Until next month, stay comfortable. *Matt*

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DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Due to an increased shortage of qualified trade workers, there is a high demand for apprentice-level and skilled labor positions. Learning a trade or doing an apprenticeship is an excellent option for veterans.

The following is a guide to help veterans learn about the benefits of non-traditional postsecondary education and other important details about vocational and apprenticeship programs, such as eligibility, costs, and transitioning to working civilian.

You can view the guide here: <https://www.intelligent.com/veterans-guide-to-vocational-and-apprenticeship-programs/>.

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 would like to honor the following:
Francis A Coyle – 22 March 1904 – 4 March 2000 – USCG – WWII
Leo R Dumont – 26 March 1921 – 24 Dec 2014 – USA - WWII
Leonard R Dumont -11 March 1933 – 9 Sep 2015 – USA - Korea
Robert R Rockwell – 1 March 1925 – June 6 1944 – USA - WWII
William B Sheridan -31 March 1927 – 20 Jan 2004 – USN - WWII

I would also like to give recognition to those vets I have in the Dunstable database who were born in March and are still with us. This month I like to honor the following:
Justin L Agraz – USMC – Other, Elaine B Bogue – USN – Vietnam
Dennis S Cook – USA – Vietnam, Greg M Gantous – USN – Other
Walter F Jackson – USA – Vietnam, Paul J Mariano – USMC – Vietnam, Richard J. Suscanaw – USA – Vietnam, Herman E. Sousa – USA – Middle East ***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**
Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)
Dunstable Veteran Services Officer
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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.

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.**

2ND ANNUAL ART AND MUSIC AT THE BARN

Saturday, June 24th, 10-2

We will be showcasing local art and music in the beautifully restored **McLoon Barn**.

If you are interested in displaying your art, please contact Jean at 978-649-3189.

All types of art are welcomed!

This event supported by the
Dunstable Rural Land Trust and
the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



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Mary Beth Pallis - Director - mpallis@dunstablepl.org
Karen Debrececi - Children's Librarian kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org

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

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- **Community Room Artist:** Check out the wonderful new artwork done by Alice Sniezek. She has a fantastic collection showing in the community room!
 - **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 kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org to sign up! It would only be 4 hours a month at the very most.
 - **Adult Book Club:** 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. This month's book is "The Alice Network" by Kate Quin. The novel is inspired by the true story of the Alice network, a group of women spies who worked for the British during WW1 in Lille, France, gathering information about German troop movements and battle plans. The DPL can put a book on hold for you!
 - **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 March:** Tuesday, March 14^h at 4pm the children will create a variety of St. Patrick's Day projects. Please wear clothes that can get messy because we will be painting! Please sign up at the library or with Mrs. D. at kdebrececi@dunstablepl.org
- Pre-teen and teen take and makes will also be in the lobby!**

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DUNSTABLE THEATER COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS

The Last Five Years

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

Come see Dunstable Theater Collaborative's presentation of *The Last Five Years*, a musical by Jason Robert Brown. This is a beautiful story of love, loss, beginnings, and endings, and the music is absolutely stunning. Starring Jared Walsh as Jamie and Sarah Dutton as Cathy, this intimate look into the successes and failures of a relationship is sure to bring all the feelings to bear this April. Directed by Jon Swift and Ass't Director Karen Majkut. Set Construction - Kevin Dumont and Andy Sniezek, Set Design - Jon Swift and Lighting Design - Kal Larsen.

We are looking to fill some technical roles for this show! Interested in Stage Managing, Props, Stage Crew, or Costumes? We'd love to talk with you!

COMMUNITY CARES CORNER

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 Shriner's 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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THE FRENCH MEMORIAL

By Dave Kimpton

In the spring, one of the many activities offered by the 350 the Anniversary Committee will be a photographic scavenger hunt! For three weeks in May, you and your family will have a chance to visit some of the most interesting places in our town and learn about some of the events and people that created our community. To help you get prepared, a series of short articles will be published about many of the locations which will give you "the rest of the story". Much more information about both the hunt and the objectives will be available but as an example, here is the story of The French Memorial.

It was Jonas H. French (1829-1903), a Lt. Col. In the 30th Mass Infantry of the Union Army, who donated the watering trough in the center of town. Among other military assignments, he served as the Chief of Police during the Union occupation of New Orleans at the end of the Civil War. Lt. Col. French became a business partner with his former commanding officer, General Benjamin Butler, and created the Cape Ann Granite Mining Company at Halibut Point in Rockport MA. Although there is no positive reference to it, it would not be surprising to learn that the stone for our watering trough likely came through this source. Mr. French donated the watering trough and agreed to pay all costs, if Dunstable would supply the water, which came from a well on Chaney Hill at the corner of Pond and Pleasant Streets. The trough was designed to provide water for the weary traveler, be they man or beast by having basins at four different levels. One for horses, one for man, one for oxen and one for man's faithful companion, his dog. Mr. French's offer was accepted on Dec 17th, 1887, and the trough became operable in 1888.

The first member of the French family, Samuel, arrived in Dunstable in 1682 and was one of the organizers of the first church in town, and his descendants lived here for generations. French Court, a dead-end road, is found off Thorndike St. and stops just before the New Hampshire state line while French St. connects Route 113 to Thorndike St.

Calamity struck in 2004, when a speeding car lost control, struck the trough, knocked it off its foundation and twisted it. Over the years the "dog basin" had almost sunk out of sight so during the repair process, the entire trough was raised up as well as repaired. Today, an anonymous donor seasonally maintains and beautifies this distinctive reminder of our heritage and those who have served our community.



NISSITISSIT STRING QUARTET PRESENTS: COOL CLASSICS

Nissitissit generates musical treasures for string quartet and stretches across musical genres including jazz, latin, Broadway, classical, fiddle folk and pop/rock.

Thanks to generous grants by the **Dunstable Cultural Council** and **Elizabeth Holmes Viesca**, the Dunstable 350th Anniversary Committee cordially invites families and friends to a free concert on **Sunday afternoon, March 26th, at 4:00 p.m.** Held in the Grand Hall of our beautiful Town Hall, famous for its acoustics, we expect this will be a musical experience like no other; one that our founders would be proud of.

Designed to appeal to "children of all ages" the program covers American music traditions from ragtime to jazz, Elvis to the Beach Boys, Broadway to Hollywood.

The four members of the Nissitissit String Quartet are local professional musicians committed to offering multigenerational concerts that are fun and engaging for a wide audience. Formed to champion strings and to enrich Northwest Middlesex communities, its members include violinist Lisa Kempkie (Ayer), violinist Peter Stickel (Pepperell), violist Valerie Callahan (Dunstable), and cellist John Bumstead (Pepperell).

When you contact a business or organization, please tell them you've seen their ad or news in *Neighbor to Neighbor*. They would like to know. Thank you, Anne

TRASH & RECYCLING YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION

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.

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

For Those In Need

Are you a Dunstable resident who is experiencing financial hardship? We may be able to help. A century ago, various residents of Dunstable willed funds to the town to help those in need. Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for disbursing funds from the interest on these accounts each year. If you, or someone you know, is a resident of Dunstable and could use some one-time help with medical, pharmacy, grocery, or fuel bills, let us know. Requests can be submitted by emailing the Commissioners of Trust Funds www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/53/contact. All inquiries are confidential.



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By William Farrell, Fire Chief, Dunstable Fire Department

- Ashes from fireplaces, wood stoves, and pellet stoves should be allowed to cool in the area of the fire for several days.
- When it is time to dispose of the ashes transfer them to a metal container and wet them down.
- Keep the metal container outdoors and away from combustibles. Do not place any other refuse in the can or use combustible containers to store ashes.
- Never put ashes in plastic trash receptacles especially if they are located in the home or within close proximity.
- Ashes not wet down can re-ignite several days later.

If you have any questions please call the Fire Station Office at (978) 649-6661.

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.

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

OPEN BURNING SEASON BEGAN JANUARY 15TH

Dunstable Fire Chief, William Farrell would like to remind you that Open Burning season began on January 15th and ends 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 SCOUT SBSA TROOP 28 is open to girls who've completed 5th grade and are at least 10 years old. Our troop runs an integrated model, with boys and girls together for all activities and meetings. **We meet at the Dunstable Congregational Church on Mondays at 7PM. Come join us.** website: <https://dunstable28.mytroop.us/contact>

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TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

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WELL ADULT CLINIC

The next Clinic will be held on Wednesday, **March 22 from 11:00 – noon at the Dunstable Library, 588 Main St.** Well Adult Clinics are held monthly in each of the towns in the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (NABH) region. **WELL ADULT CLINICS ARE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULT RESIDENTS** to have a basic health screening (blood pressure, blood sugar) and talk with their town's public health nurse for health tips and resources to promote their wellness!

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Sarah Parkhurst Lecture/Program Fund

Did you know that the Town of Dunstable has funds that may help defray the cost of a speaker for your group? A century ago, Sarah Parkhurst willed funds to the town for the purpose of maintaining free public lectures/programs in Dunstable. Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for disbursing funds from the interest on this account each year. Funds can be used by any recognized non-profit group of Dunstable residents, such as (and not limited to) the schools, Grange, 4-H, Scouts, Dunstable Seniors, library, etc. If your group would like to apply for these funds, please submit your request via an email to the Commissioners of Trust Funds at www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/53/contact

Please include the following information:

- Name of host group • Contact person; email and phone number
- Location of proposed lecture • Date of proposed lecture
- Name of speaker; fee required for the speaker • Topic of lecture
- Approximate number of attendees expected for the lecture
- Target audience • Amount requested



FIRST TUESDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH

Drive-Thru Session from 4 PM to 7 PM

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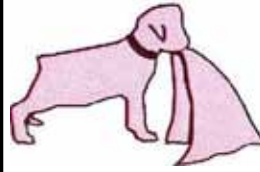
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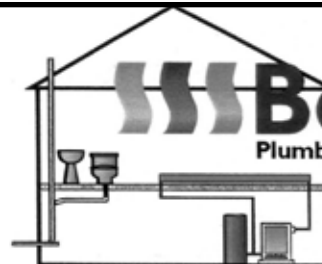
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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

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.

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 TYNGSBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER

The Stitchers meet at the Tyngsborough Senior Center on **Mondays from 10 - 11:30 AM**. Volunteers are available to teach crocheting, knitting, looming and more. Materials are available for all the crafts. Using donated yarn we stitch for the needy in our community. We are still accepting new yarn donations. You can also bring in your own yarn and learn how to stitch for your personal use. Getting together for a cause is a great way to share your talent with others. Currently the Stitchers are working on all types of knitwear and afghans.

Please consider joining our group and using your talent to help others. **For further information, please call Jean Jacoppi, Coordinator, 978-649-9076.**



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.

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



On January 24, 2023, the **Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley celebrated its 47th birthday** at the Cobblestones Restaurant in Lowell, culminating the success of service to the communities in the Merrimack Valley for past 46 years. The guest speaker, Kathleen McCarthy, LICSW, CADCI, spoke about her dedication to her work as a therapist and clinical social worker. Kathy is well known to Altrusa. In addition to her private practice, Kathy is a very strong advocate for Alternative House, which provides shelter and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, and Altrusa has partnered with Alternative House on special projects for over 40 years. *A donation in Kathleen McCarthy's honor was made to Alternative House for the Youth Teen Summer Program to purchase backpacks and supplies.*

The Altrusa Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Senior Center, 169 Westford Road, at 6:00 p.m. Please email altrusamv@gmail.com if you are interested in joining other volunteers in making a difference in the lives of others in our communities.

Spring/Summer Help Needed

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DUNSTABLE TYNGSBOROUGH LIONS CLUB



“We Serve” The Lions Club is a non-profit organization of men and women dedicated to serving communities locally and globally giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and raising donations to support areas of need. We are currently looking for community minded members to join, please contact membership chair Joe Ward his contact information is below.

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>

If you would like to make a donation, please send to: Dunstable Tyngsboro Lions Club, P.O. Box 93, Tyngsboro MA 01879

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St. Margaret: Tues. 4:30-5:30pm & Sat. 1-2 pm
St. Mary: Wed. 4:30-5:30pm & Sat. 11am -12 noon

• WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary: 4pm on Saturday, 7am and 11am on Sunday
St. John: 4pm on Saturday, 9:30am and 6pm on Sunday
Also 12pm African Liturgy (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays)
St. Margaret of Scotland: 4pm on Saturday and 7:30 and 10am on Sunday

• DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Monday thru Friday

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

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••• Please check our website and facebook page for Easter Services on April 9th•••

• **LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 am**

We will finish the Bible Study we are currently learning in soon. A new Bible Study will begin around March 28th. Our leader for these studies is our Pastor's wife, Diane Michaud. She will be making a decision for our next study so watch for more information or call our Office and leave a message. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Deacon (and man who wears many hats), Jim Politi leads this study and continue to study the Book of Revelations. This study will most likely continue through spring. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN. Please call our Office and leave a message. ALL ARE WELCOME!

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL -** At Christmas time in lieu of poinsettias, the

Sunday School children worked with Gideons International on a program called "Birthday for JESUS" and challenged our congregation to donate an ornament and raise money to purchase bibles

(\$5.00 each) for Gideon's International. Their goal was to raise enough money to donate 50 Bibles to the Gideon's. The Congregation collected \$940.00 to purchase 188 Bibles to be given around the world. We believe we are the only church in Massachusetts that

took on this program. With the help from some of our Thrift Store patrons, we filled 63 Christmas Shoe Boxes ("Operation Christmas Child"), under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse, that were sent to

needy children all over the world! We continued our annual mission to provide necessity clothing items to the Salvation Army. We are so proud of our Church attendees/members/customers for their generosity!

We have grown our church and Sunday School significantly over the last few months and our children are so excited to come to their Sunday School classes because of the amazing programs our teachers, Joan Politi, Patti Ann Reekie and Jim Politi have put in place. The youth enjoyed a pizza party recently on a Sunday afternoon which they loved!! Thank you leaders so much!

• **DAYCARE DURING CHURCH SERVICES -** Our Moms have stepped up to the plate and provide daycare for infants and younger children during our Church services so their families can feel secure about their children while they attend our Church services. Thank you volunteers!!! Again, please consider joining us!

• **UPCOMING GOSPEL CONCERT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our Church is planning a wonderful concert in the evening on Saturday, April 29th! This concert will feature our amazing gospel singers, Debbie & Barry Shirk (A New Beginning), singing their beautiful recorded gospel selections of songs. You will hear songs from their newly released CD "Thankful and Blessed" and you will have a chance to purchase their CD's to enjoy listening to at home,

or to give as a gift to someone you love, or to someone who might be going through a difficult time and needs to be uplifted. There will be more information about this concert in the upcoming April edition of "Neighbor to Neighbor." PLEASE PLAN TO COME--- YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

• **WORSHIP/PRAISE TEAM -** Our Team has been working hard to bring forth many new songs (contemporary, gospel and hymns) to our congregation. We have had many come forward and praise what we are presenting for Church services.

• **NEW 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. Hopefully the Town, Garden Club and our Church will work together to enhance the curb appeal surrounding the lot.

•••THRIFT STORE INFORMATION IS ON THE NEXT PAGE•••

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We would like to **thank Dennis Statuto** for working so hard to upkeep and enhance our grounds, as well as helping at the Thrift Store. We are blessed to have him. Please keep our volunteers in your prayers as several have recently undergone or soon will be going through difficult medical issues.

SOMETHING NEW - Take notice that we have something NEW at our Thrift Store! A member of our congregation has made and erected a beautiful "PRAYER BOX" outside the doorway to the store entrance. Please feel welcome to write down your prayer needs and it will be passed onto our church so we can ALL pray for you or someone you know. Names will not be disclosed. Remember.... **GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS!!!**

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• **Dunstable Church is continuing an Adult Class on Prayer,** 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 (mack-elkathy@aol.com).

• **Dunstable Church is happy to have our Intentional Interim Pastor, Dr. Doug Walker, in place.** He will worship with and lead DECC through this time of transition and learning as we search for a new settled pastor. We welcome Doug and his wife, Marsi, to our congregation. Please come meet them.

• **The season of Lent began on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday.** "In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day or the start of the season of [Lent](#). Officially named "Day of Ashes," Ash Wednesday always falls 40 days before Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of [fasting](#), [repentance](#), moderation, giving up of sinful habits, and spiritual discipline.

Not all Christian churches observe Ash Wednesday and Lent. These commemorations are mostly kept by the [Lutheran](#), [Methodist](#), [Presbyterian](#) and [Anglican](#) denominations, and also by [Roman Catholics](#). [Eastern Orthodox](#) churches observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding [Palm Sunday](#) with fasting continuing during the [Holy Week](#) of [Orthodox Easter](#). Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday (called Clean Monday) and Ash Wednesday is not observed. The Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; [Esther](#) 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21."

Mark Your Calendars

- We will begin **Holy Week** at 10:30am - **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**
- **Candlelight service - Maundy Thursday, April 6th, at 7:30pm.**
- **An Easter celebration service begins at 10:30am on Sunday, April 9th.** Please join us for any or all services.

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Consider this: Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that's probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you ...

... *Look past the headlines* – Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there's *always* something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

... *Avoid emotional decisions* – Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

... *Work toward multiple goals* – At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

... *Prepare for the unexpected* – Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives – and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

... *Adapt to changing circumstances* – Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes.

Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn't have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

This is the 21st anniversary of the passing of our son, James. With help from all of you, last year our raffle awarded \$12,500 in scholarships to aid in the continuing education of graduating high school students. We feel blessed to have the ability to remember Jim in such an extraordinary way. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

This year will be our 11th annual raffle (Commonwealth of MA #36). Our fundraiser will be a Calendar Raffle with daily prizes for the month of April. Mondays through Saturdays, \$50 will be awarded daily. Sundays, a prize of \$125 and the Grand Prize of \$700 awarded on April 30th. In total there will be 30 Cash Prizes worth \$2,450.

The cost of the ticket is \$25 for 1 daily entry or \$35 for 2 daily entries. If you wish to purchase entries, please call or text Cara Jacoppi at 603-714-0135. All entries must be received by Friday, March 31, 2023. We appreciate and thank you for any donation you can provide to the foundation. For all other information you may need including access to scholarship applications, please visit our website: www.jamesjacoppischolarshipfund.com or Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, The Jacoppi Family

BEAVER BROOK NATURE CENTER

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Beaver Brook Association has 2,187 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands in Hollis, Brookline, and Milford, New Hampshire. This land lies where the southern transitional forest meets the northern hardwood forest, creating a diverse landscape of interest to the naturalist and the hiker alike. On this landscape is a network of over 35 miles of trails, which provides a quiet and contemplative setting for daytime excursions.

TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



The February meeting was the first meeting of the New Year and was very well attended. Almost 2/3 of our membership was present with dull and dirty garden tools to refurbish. Paula Flaherty, garden club member conducted a workshop on how to clean and sharpen garden tools. She was accompanied by the New England Regional Representative for Felco, Andrew DuLude who explained the differences among the many hand tools available on the market. The meeting was very instructive.

On March 7 at 7 pm. Emily Brush, the Director of the Conservation Commission. Overview of the kinds of issues and oversight that the Conservation Commission is addressing at this time and plans for this spring's Earth Day.

• **The April meeting on Tuesday 4/4 will feature a tour of the tulip gardens of the Netherlands by Debbie Schneider.**

• Our annual **Books and Blooms Show** will take place this year at the **Tyngsborough Public Library** starting with an opening reception on **Monday, April 10 from 4-7 The arrangements will be on view during normal business until Thursday, April 13.** Come by the Library and see how the whimsy of selected children's books gets translated into flower arrangements.

• New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend individual programs for a nominal fee of \$5. **Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Evangelical Congregational Church 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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They would like to know. Thank you, Anne