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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

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. If you are interested in running for a local election, **the deadline to pull nominations papers is March 24, 2023.** Contact the Office of the Town Clerk to learn more. **The deadline to return completed nomination papers is March 28, 2023.**

• **Census Forms** 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 LAND TRUST

Interested in joining the Tyngsborough Land Trust? Have a passion for preserving open space? **Join the Open Space Committee & Conservation Commission on March 22nd at 6:00pm at Tyngsborough Town Hall** for a public meeting to discuss the formation of the Land Trust. The meeting will inform residents about the responsibilities of a land trust and why the Town is trying to form one. The meeting will also go into detail about volunteering to serve the land trust, what it would involve, and how residents can help.

Please reach out to Conservation Director Emilie Brush if you have any questions.

Contact information: ebush@tyngsboroughma.gov
(978)649-2300 x 144



NOTICE

TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

The District Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023** from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM at the District office.

The **Annual/Special Meetings** of the District will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM** at the District Office. *Warrants and additional information will be available at the District Office.*

Signed: Board of Water Commissioners

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

IN MEMORY OF

Margaret M. (Thompson) Hudlin
Vernon L. Rockers
Philip E. O'Brien Jr.
Jeannette C. (Bergeron) Lausier
Alfred G. Marcotte
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William Krause
Paul R. "Dick" McCarthy
Ruth Gail (Ward) Ferreira
Doris M. (Lauziere) Vaillancourt

Remembering Neil F. Kerrigan, March 2022 – March 2023

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

www.tyngsboroughma.gov

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH MASSDEP MATTRESS AND TEXTILE WASTE BANS WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD MATTRESS?

If you're not sure what to do with your old mattress, there are a few options to consider. **You can donate mattresses in *good condition*.**

• **Household Goods, 530 Main St. (Rt 27) Acton, MA**

978-635-1710 ext. 5 www.householdgoods.org

Donation Drop-Off Hours: Tues, Thurs, and Sat. 9AM - 12PM

• **The Wish Project, 166 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford,**

MA 866-947-4360 You can visit their website to fill out the

donation form. www.thewishproject.org

Donation Hours: Tues. and Sat 9AM - 2:45PM

• **You can schedule a service drop-off with UTEC for a fee**

call 978-856-3997 or visit www.utecinc.org

We recommend a quick google search to find other donation sites. You can give mattresses away via a local gifting group like Buy Nothing or Freecycle. If you are buying new, you can check with the retailer to see if they will recycle your old one.

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Tyngsborough News Updates & Emergency Alerts

Subscribe to Town news updates by providing your email address. Updates may include: Town News, Town Calendar Events, All Meeting Minutes, and more! You can unsubscribe at any time and your email address will not be shared with anyone. No longer using a landline? Add your cellphone number to continue to receive emergency communication from the Town. Once you've signed up for Smart911, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will locate and help you in an emergency. Sign up www.tyngsboroughma.gov



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CHARITY NAVIGATOR

We are often contacted to make a donation to different organizations. Want to make sure they are legitimate and the donated monies are well used? You can now look up these charities at www.charitynavigator.org

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/>

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**•To contact us for more information email to office@wcumc.us.
•West Chelmsford United Methodist Church is a family oriented church with something for everyone from tiny tots to seniors.**

TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

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/>.

Do you know a neighbor or friend who may be a Veteran, Veteran widower, widow or dependents of a Veteran, that may be eligible for financial assistance from my office? I may be able to help them with basic living expenses, rent or mortgage heating cost, prescriptions, hearing aids, monthly healthcare premiums and hospital/doctor bills not covered by your Medicare or other insurance. Even if the applicant lives with their son, daughter or other family member or friend they may still qualify. The Veteran's Office is a confidential office where your identity is completely confidential. Call or email to schedule an appointment. If I cannot personally assist you I will direct you to the resources available to you.

*Sincerely, Christopher W. Dery, Tyngsborough Veteran's Agent,
25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879 978-649-2300 X131
veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov*

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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.

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.**

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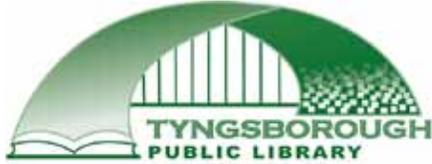
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• Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

• Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Fri. & Sun. Closed

• **A Concert of Irish Music with Tom O'Carroll: Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for an evening of Irish music and stories from Tom O'Carroll, folklorist, folk-singer, and instrumentalist. About Tom: "Dublin born folklorist, folk-singer and instrumentalist Tom O'Carroll brings a wealth of stories, humor, wit and history to his performances. He has played at concerts, festivals, colleges, libraries and pubs all over the U.S. and Canada, as well as his native Ireland, including a stint for one month in Seoul, South Korea. Whether playing a plaintive air on the tin whistle or singing and playing rousing traditional songs to the accompaniment of the guitar or the bodhrán (Irish drum), Tom will captivate all with his lively program of Irish culture." Registration not required, but appreciated.

• **Basic Digital Photography with Nick DePasquale: Wednesday, April 5th at 5:45 p.m.** Join expert photographer and photography teacher Nick DePasquale for five classes (April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3) where he will go over the basics of photography. Learn about your Digital SLR (DSLR) or mirrorless camera and how to shoot images in the manual modes resulting in better photographs. There will be optional shooting homework assignments between sessions. The (5) 2-hour sessions will consist of lectures as well as photo critiques. 20 student limit. 18+. Younger than 18 by permission of the instructor. Preference to Tyngsborough residents. **Registration required**, please register on our website or call the library at 978-649-7361.

• **Writers' Group: Monday, March 13th and 27th 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 meet in the Special Collections room of TPL. Meetings will last from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm.

• **Writers' Group—Children's Literature: Wednesday, March 1st and 15th 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, March 1st and April 5th 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, March 11th 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.

• **Book Club: Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.** TPL's book club is starting again for meetings in March through June. **The meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.** For the March meeting on the 29th, we will be discussing the novel *The Life She Was Given* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Visit tynglib.org/book-club/ for more information.

• **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.

• Subscribe to our NEWSLETTER to get updates on all our programs sent to your inbox every month! tynglib.org/newsletter

KIDS & TEENS

Weekly Programs

• **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. (Note: Wednesday morning playgroup will resume April 5.)

Monthly Programs

• **Club Pokemon, Monday, March 6 and April 3 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. Younger grade levels welcome with adult accompaniment. Older grade levels may volunteer to assist. Club Pokemon is sponsored by Newbury Comics. RSVP online.

• **LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, March 18 at 11 a.m. (all ages with a grownup)** All ages are welcome to join our LEGO Challenge. See our Instagram [@tyngsboroughpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/tyngsboroughpubliclibrary) for examples of past LEGO Challenge creations. No registration required.

• **Homeschool Hang-Out, Tuesday, March 28 at 11 a.m. (all families welcome)** Hello, homeschoolers! Our homeschool hang-out offers games and activities for the kids and great networking opportunities for the parents. Visit us to have fun, make friends, and build community. Families interested in homeschooling are also encouraged to attend. RSVP online.

Special Programs

• **Friendly Kids' Yoga with Ms. Ellen, Wednesday March 8 and 22 at 11 a.m.** Friendly Kid's Yoga classes teach skills that help young people develop inner and outer friendliness. Classes are taught by Ellen Olson-Brown, early childhood educator and certified yoga instructor. Class size is limited. Kids must be three or older. Program will be held in Tyngsborough Town Hall Community Room. Registration required. Must register for each class individually.

• **Get technology help at the library.** Book an appointment for an individual lesson or consultation on any of the following tech topics: Computer basics, Android tablets and phones, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, OverDrive digital downloads for Nook, Kindle, or Android devices. Sessions available 11:30 am - 1:30 pm on Tuesdays and 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. Other times available by appointment. Register on our website, or call the library at 978-649-7361.

• **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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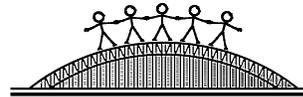
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April is the Door to Door Drive month for the Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust. This long standing fundraising tradition will be returning this year! High school seniors participating in the Door to Door drive will canvas neighborhoods in Tyngsborough raising money for scholarships. TST Scholarship applicants can be identified by a large red TST badge. We thank you in advance for supporting this effort. *Last year the TST awarded over \$27,000 in scholarships largely due to the generosity of the Tyngsborough community.* If you work for a company that matches donations, you can double your donation to scholarship drive. BAE Systems, Digital Credit Union, Fidelity, JCPenney, and Raytheon are just a few of the companies that participate in the matching gift program.

A reminder to the 2022 scholarship recipients: Please be sure to submit proof of school enrollment to the TST at P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879 by April 15th so you can receive your payment. Please contact scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com with any questions regarding payment. **Requests for payment after April 15th will not be honored.**

The TST meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Tyngsborough High School at 6:30 p.m. For 60 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us! Please contact scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com with any questions.



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

- **Community Service Hours Available for Students** Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have opportunities. We are very grateful to all our student volunteers.
- **MEN'S ADULT PICKUP BASKETBALL** Adult Men's Pickup Basketball. New, and older, players always welcome. \$10pp. See @ TyngsboroughRec on Facebook for weekly schedule.
- **SOFTBALL- Girls Softball Indoor Winter Clinic & Spring Recreation Season** **Save \$15 by signing up for the winter clinic and recreation season at the same time.**

7 week all new, recharged clinic is offered to girls ages 5 to 14 years old, by the directors of Tyngsborough Youth Softball. This is a fun, friendly and highly instructional clinic for girls of all skill levels.

The clinic concentrates on fundamental softball instruction including pitching, throwing, fielding and batting. Each player receives a clinic T-Shirt.

Please note: players are required to have their own glove, fielding face mask (not required for tball), and batting helmet.
Clinic Dates: Sundays, started February 5 - March 26, 2023
1-hour sessions; 2:30-3:30pm. Season registration on line. If attended clinic, choose "add on" registration. **Spring Registration open now.** Any questions contact Mike Knight psknight1@yahoo.com Register at tyngsboroughrec.com

Tyngsboro Block Party-by-the-Bridge + Craft Festival
Craft, Music and Food Truck Event Saturday, August 26, 2023
11am-Fireworks (Rain or Shine)
11am-6:00pm Vendor and Game Areas
11am-7:30pm Food Trucks and Booths
11am-8:30pm Live Entertainment and Alcohol Vendors
Fireworks at Dusk www.PartyByTheBridge.com

TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



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Hours of Operation are Monday thru Friday 8-4. Bus 8:15-3.

- We have a **Pool Table!** The table, rack and billiard balls were donated. It is set up in the dining room. The table will be available for playing on **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 until 3:00.** We also have many games, puzzles and books available at the back of the dining room. Please see me with any questions.
- **DONATIONS NEEDED:** Coffee (ground and k-cups), 12oz. Cups. Paper Plates— Small and Large, We could use Holiday Plates, Napkins, Plastic Spoons, Forks, Knives, Sugar Packets.
- **VOLUNTEER needed to help call BINGO.** Requirements: Available on Tuesdays from 12 noon until 2:30pm. Must be able to use a computer. Contact Barbara at the Center at 978-649-9211.
- **FUEL ASSISTANCE Help is available!** Program run by Community Team Work, help income-eligible households pay part of their winter heating bills and a small % of your electric bill. If your gross household income falls within the limits, you may qualify for fuel assistance. Call the Center at 978-649-9211 for more information.
- **COA Board Meeting Tuesday, March 21st, 3:30** •••
- **THE SHINE PROGRAM,** "Serving the Health Insurance Need of Everyone" Are you confused about Medicare and not sure where to turn? Call 1-800-663-4227 they could help you. *At this time we do not have a person on site.*
- **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. ••• **BINGO Caller Needed!** •••
- **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.
- **BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Wednesday, March 15th, 10:00** Instructor Carol Sides.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT "THANK YOU LUNCHEON" Wednesday, March 22nd, 11:30am** Come and join us for lunch to thank the Tyngsborough Highway Department for all they do for our Town. **\$3.00 pp**
- **SENIOR DANCE (Monthly) Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 Cost \$2.00.** The last dance get together was a hit. It was so nice seeing everyone dancing and laughing. Participation will certainly increase physical and mental health, boost self-esteem, and give you something new to learn all at the same time.
- **Murder Mystery in a Box: Thursday, March 16th. Check on the Calendar at the Center for more information.**
- **PAMPERED CHICK DAY, Thursday, April 6th, 9:00-3:00** It's that time again. Time to spoil yourself with a day of socializing, pampering, relaxation and enjoyment. We have scheduled the day to keep you entertained, educated, and pampered all day. Sign up by March 28th
- **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY, Friday, April 21 st, 11:00-2:00** All Volunteers will be sent a complimentary invitation. Please RSVP by April 12th , If you'll be attending. 978-649-9211.
- **SENIOR BREAKFAST, Thursday, April 20th, 8:30-9:30** Sponsored by the Tyngsborough/Dunstable Rotary club. All you can eat FREE. Must sign up for breakfast by April 13th.
- **Outreach Worker. Call for an appointment 978-649-9211.** The Outreach program provides information and referrals to seniors and their families about programs and services provided by the Council on Aging and other agencies in the elder network. Charlene Muscato works collaboratively with many agencies serving seniors, including home care, legal assistance, protective services, housing and visiting nurses. Call to make an in home visit, if that is needed.

EXTRA HANDS AND PAWS

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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ** March is **Membership Month.** We are not asking you to donate your old car nor leave a charitable legacy for the Friends in your estate plan (But that is not a bad idea!) We only ask for your donation as membership in this worthwhile nonprofit volunteer organization. Ask your employer to match your donation. Watch for an application to be mailed to you at home. Complete that and return it to the Library with your dues. Easy! Even easier is to donate online at <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library-application/>
- ** When you join, be sure to **attend the meetings.** We welcome new members and are always looking for new ideas. There are vacancies for officers so if you are interested in any positions on the board as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact us at tynglibfriends@gmail.com.
- ** Our upcoming **meetings** will be on Mondays at 6:30 in the Library. We hope to see you then. April 3 – The first meeting in the membership year • May 1
- June 5
- ** Join the Tyngsboro **Teen Advisory Board** (TyngTAB) and give your ideas and feedback for what you would like to see at the library! TyngTAB is open to teens in 6th grade and up. Learn how to work as part of a group, manage a budget, schedule events, and build community. TyngTAB meeting dates and times are decided by the board. Please see our online calendar of events for dates and registration.
- ** Once again, the Friends plan on awarding a **scholarship** to a graduating high school senior who is a Tyngsborough resident. Find the application on the website at <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>. The completed application is due by Thursday, March 30, to the Library or to tynglibfriends@gmail.com.
- ** Have you been to the Library to see the restored **historic portraits**? Come to see this new display and then relax at the Biblioteque Café. You can support the Friends while enjoying a cup of coffee and buying a puzzle or used book.
- ** The Friends continue to fund 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 the venue for information on visitor information.
- ** **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.

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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

is proud to announce Lindsay Methot, Olivia Lambert, Emily Fugazzotto, and Shawn Soukaseum as the February Students of the Month.

Lindsay Methot, daughter of Joan and Bill Methot is a three-year recipient of the Academic Excellence Award. She is a four-year member of the Tyngsborough theater program and a two-year book club member. During her athletic career at THS, Lindsay has been a member of the soccer team for two years and the track and field team for four years. Lindsay enjoys volunteering at Catie's Closet, the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk, and the annual Tyngsborough Block Party. In her free time, she loves making accessories like bracelets and keychains. Lindsay also appreciates spending time with family and friends, whether baking together or having a NERF war. Her favorite class is Introduction to Sociology. Lindsay's future goals include choosing a major after studying a variety of college classes, exploring a variety of activities, and getting more involved in her local community. Thinking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School, she says, "I have gained many skills and core values that will benefit me as I move forward. Tyngsborough High School has provided me with a great education, a positive outlook, and amazing friends. I will be taking the fond memories of celebrating on Pierce Field with friends after soccer games until all the lights are turned off."

Olivia Lambert, daughter of Mary and John Lambert has been a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as the Smith Book Award, Academic Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics, Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Arts, and the Commitment to Learning Award. Olivia has been a proud member of the theater program since she was in the 6th grade. She has had several lead roles, including "Jack Kelly" in the most recent production of Newsies. Olivia also played "Violet" in 9-5, "Luke" in The Lightning Thief, and "Ronnelle" in Little Shop of Horrors. She also participated in the one-act plays at the METG shows. Olivia is a member of the yearbook club and student council. She volunteers at many town events such as the Tyngsborough Block Party, Festival of Trees, PTO Bingo Night, Trunk or Treat, and the Celebration of Learning. This year Olivia helped make blankets for the Wish Project and recently went on the trip to Florida to volunteer at Give Kids the World Village. Her hobbies include puzzles, playing the piano, hanging out with friends, and participating in theater outside of school. Olivia's favorite subject is math and her future goals include going to college for acting and theater, and working in the film industry. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have learned many valuable life lessons and have formed many new friendships that I will always cherish. Homecoming was a blast and I will never forget the fun I experienced during that week. I am so grateful for all of the laughs I had during theater and each production gave me a ton of memories that I will hold on to forever."

Emily Fugazzotto, daughter of Deb and Steve Fugazzotto is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She received the Academic Excellence Award, Commitment to Learning Award, and the Saint Michael College Book Award for Scholarship and Service. Emily is also the vice president of the BioBuilder Club, a two-year member of the student council, a two-year member of the medical professionals club, and a member of the Multicultural Club. She has had a great career in athletics, being a four-year member of the Varsity basketball team and was named captain for the 2022-2023 season. During the 2021-2022 season, she was awarded the Mid-Wach Academic Achievement Award. Emily has also volunteered at the Shamrock Ball, Tyngsborough Block Party, PTO Bingo Night, Trunk or Treat, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and the Festival of Trees. Her hobbies include kayaking, hiking, playing basketball, and spending time with friends. Emily's favorite subjects are science and math and her future goals include traveling and pursuing a career in the medical field. Thinking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have gained many amazing connections with my teachers and classmates. THS has prepared me to succeed both inside and outside the classroom, learning life lessons and gaining knowledge that will help me in the future. I will take with

me many friendships and memories I have made, especially during homecoming and basketball."

Shawn Soukaseum, son of Sai and Salackchith Soukaseum is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Shawn is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts and a two-year recipient of both the Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Award and the Academic Excellence Award. Shawn has volunteered for the spring clean-up at Tyngsborough Waste Day, and contributes his time landscaping and completing home improvement projects in the community. His hobbies include small engine repair, working on cars, home-audio systems, landscaping, and home improvement projects. His future plans include pursuing a career that will allow him to financially support all of his dreams. Looking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "I'm so grateful that I was able to participate in the dual-enrollment program in order to earn college credit. Being able to manage and control my time for all of my classes has helped me to become better at planning and efficiently accomplishing goals. The dual enrollment program really changed my perspective on how dynamic learning can be".

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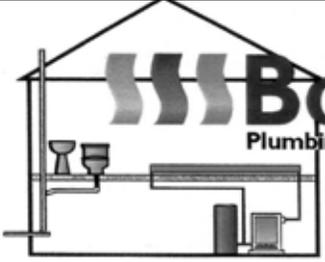
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PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!!
• LOCAL ELECTIONS: We need Republicans to fill open seats in town offices, boards, and committees to combat the progressive agenda. If you are interested in running for a local election: the deadline to **pull nominations papers** is **March 24, 2023** and **return completed** by **March 28, 2023**. (Contact the Office of the Town Clerk to learn more.)

Current important seats up for re-election include: **Select Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Finance Committee, School Committee** and many more!

• MONITOR FINANCES: We as citizens shouldn't be paying for nor subsidizing energy costs for the select few with electric vehicles (EV). **They should be paying their "fair share"!** Thanks to the efforts of **Billy Crawford**, the Town EV charger electric rate was increased (effective 02/07/23) from \$0.13 to \$0.17 to be in line with public consumer rates. (There are chargers at Town Hall, DPW, and First Parish Meeting House, which the Town had charged **nothing** for almost a decade until Billy (and the prior Finance Committee) rectified the disparity 3 years ago.)

Many of you have noticed an increase in your recent RE Tax bills associated with the new Tyngsborough Middle School. (Note: If not for the TMS project, our taxes would have been significantly **reduced**.) Some of us raised concerns at the Town Meeting that the \$83M TMS cost was underestimated. We're sad to report that we were right! Mere months after passing, the Middle School Costs now anticipate overages of ~\$4.3M, with some expected changes to reduce to \$2.5M. These overages are going to hit our Tax Bills. **Be prepared and be vigilant!**

(Follow the TMS Project at <https://tyngsboroughmiddleschoolproject.com/agendas--minutes--reports>)

**TYNGSBOROUGH REPUBLICAN
TOWN COMMITTEE (TRTC)**



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.

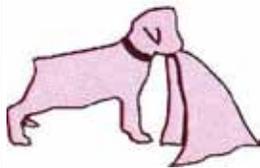
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STATE & NATIONAL: * Help promote and support candidates that share our values. * Provide delegates to our State Convention to vote on our nominees for elected office. * Coordinate with other Republican Town and City Committees.

COME JOIN US!!: We generally have meetings on the **4th Tuesday of the month**, with our next scheduled meeting on **March 28th 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

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Tim's Timely Technical Tips

By Tim Hulings

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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Smart Controls: Advanced Wi-Fi controls enable consumers to adjust temperature settings, set schedules, and track energy usage via mobile app.

Until next month, stay comfortable.

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SHERBURNE NATURE CENTER & TRAILS

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

Sherburne Nature Center trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns. Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver, observe the birds and notice what has changed since fall has come. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. *Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please note:* The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center, **is not part of** the PUBLIC Nature Center property.

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** NOTE: Thank you Tyngsborough residents for keeping your holiday string lights out of your trash and recycling. All together, you brought 580 pounds of string lights to Town Hall for scrap metal recycling. Great job! **

Great news! After hosting 4 successful Zero Waste Days for Tyngsborough, the Sustainability Committee decided to lock in a regular schedule for these events. Going forward, **Zero Waste Days will be offered the first Saturday of every May and the first Saturday of every November.** They will run from 9am-noon in the parking lot at the Tyngsborough Elementary School (205 Westford Road). Now you can collect your unwanted items year round, knowing that the next Zero Waste Day is coming.

At Zero Waste Days, we typically collect the following items: Scrap metal, bikes and bike parts, lawnmowers and other small engine equipment, electronics and appliances, vacuum cleaners, wires and cables, video games, cell phones, stereos, radios, speakers, dorm-size (not full size) refrigerators, gently used furniture and household goods (including mattresses with no rips, tears or stains), books, CDs, DVDs, clothing in all conditions, draperies, suitcases, purses, stuffed animals, towels and bed linens, shoes, sneakers, bats, golf clubs, license plates, eyeglasses, skis and snowboards.

Zero Waste Days are keeping thousands of pounds of materials out of our waste stream. Last fall, 210 participants brought over 7 tons - that's over 14,000 pounds - to Zero Waste Day.

Our next Zero Waste Day will be Saturday, May 6th. The fall offering will be Saturday, November 4. Start collecting your unwanted items now!

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.



ALTRUSA CLUB OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

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 altrusamy@gmail.com if you are interested in joining other volunteers in making a difference in the lives of others in our communities.

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

Officers for the 2022-2023 Lions Year

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

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

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••• 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.

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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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- **Sunday Morning worship service begins at 10:30 AM.** Masks are optional. Social distancing is according to your comfort level. If you are not able to attend in person, the service is available to stream from our website, www.dunstablechurch.org.
- **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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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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Most of the industry has moved from spinning hard drives to solid state drives (SSDs). There is much smaller performance impact to any degradation due to age with SSDs.

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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.

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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