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- **Remember to register to vote** for the Town Meeting by April 26, 2023. • The Annual **Town Meeting** is to be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023.** Meetings usually begin at 7pm at the Swallow Union School. Check on town website for details.
- **Last day to register to vote in the Town Election. Saturday, May 6, 2023** • The Annual **Town Election** will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023,** voting will take place at the Library from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM.
- **For more info on town meeting or town elections 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.



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.**



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scout BSA Troop 28 of Dunstable invites all Moms and their families to our annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, to be held on **Sunday May 14, 2022, from 8:30 – 11:30AM** at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Rt 113, 64 Main Street in Dunstable, near the Tyngsborough border.

Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast with your Mom in a great setting with superior service (and occasional serenades) from the Scouts! Dining tables available both inside and outside. **Tickets are just \$7.** Scouts have tickets for advance purchase, or you may buy them the day of the event at the door.

For more information or to pre-buy tickets please visit our web site <https://dunstable28.mytroop.us/node/1242> or email us at bstroop28.dunstable@gmail.com. *Thanks and see you there!*

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Clement
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Daniel V. Houlne
Agnes 'Nancy' (Paton) Melancon
Marilyn Christine (Carlen) Sheridan

MONDAY MORNING WALKS IN MAY

May 1st, 8th and 15th ~ Each week we will explore a different DRLT or Town of Dunstable Conservation Area. Meet at the town hall to leave promptly at 9 am.



CONCERT FLYER CONTEST

The **Dunstable Concert Committee** has plans for **six summer concerts on the Dunstable town common this year: Wednesday evenings June 21st through July 26th (with a rain date of Thursday)**

The committee is inviting all young, local artists to be creative and share their passion for the Summer Concerts by designing the flyer that will be used to promote the 2023 Summer Concerts! Crayons, markers, paint, photos or any combination can be used but must be submitted as a hard copy on a standard (8 1/2" X 11") piece of paper.

Entries must include the contestants' name, age, and town they live in. Entries can be submitted at the Dunstable Public Library, West Auto Repair and Swallow Union School.

Deadline for submission is Monday April 24

What's in it for the winner? **The winner will receive one free ice cream of their choice, at each of the 2023 summer concerts!**



FLAG DONATION PROJECT

With generous support of many families in the past, the town was able to replace worn flags as they wear and become retired. Flags were last replaced in 2017 and many are due for retirement. We would like to have new flags flying for the towns Memorial Day ceremony.

The cost to replace is \$34 per flag. As with the original project, flags may be purchased in someone's memory or honor. Should you wish to donate a flag or any donation amount checks should be made payable to: Town of Dunstable and mailed to Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827 or brought into Town Hall. Please submit the following information when you send in your payment. Donation from: In Memory of: Or In Honor of: or general donation.

Should you have any further questions or need further information please contact the Selectmen by email, bos@dunstable-ma.gov Thank you!

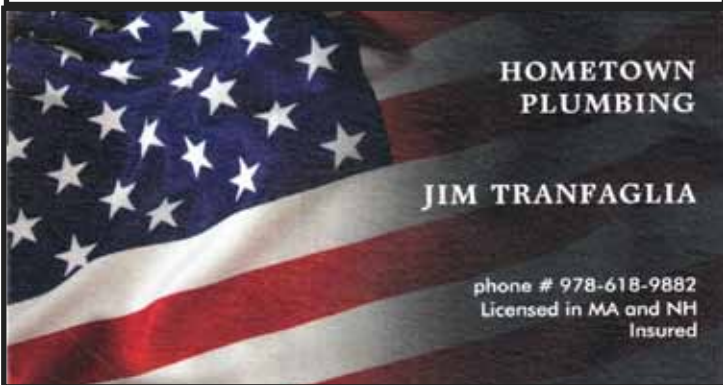


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FROM THE DUNSTALE POLICE CHIEF

Chief Hoar is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday May 23 2023, to begin examining various aspects of the Dunstable Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain state Accreditation that is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards.

Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to call Chief Hoar or the Department's Accreditation Manager Sgt. Darrell Gilmore.

NOTICE OF RENEWAL FOR TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP

May 1, 2023 Dear Subscriber:

All subscriptions expire on June 30th of each year.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the Board of Health will be increasing the yearly subscription to \$360.00 This is an increase of an additional \$5.00 per month. The additional cost will allow us to continue to bring you the best service available at a still affordable price. This is the first increase since the beginning of our program five years ago.

To renew your subscription please see below:

Beginning May 1, three renewal options are available.

You may pay on line on the town webpage www.dunstable-ma.gov and choose online payments. Scroll down halfway to Trash-Board of Health. New subscribers can use the same options. You may mail a \$360.00 check made payable to the Town of Dunstable to P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827. Please make sure your name, address, phone number and email are included. You may drop off a check or cash at the Town Hall Monday-Thursday (upper level) 9:00-4:00 p.m. Please write Joan - Trash Payment on your envelope. Please make sure your name, address, phone number and email address are included.

Overflow bags can also be purchased online or at the town hall for those times you may have extra trash that will not fit into the trash container. The cost is \$3.00 each, sold in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. 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 online.

If your subscription is not paid by June 27th your last pickup will be on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

If you need to reach us for any reason, please email us at jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov You may also leave a message at 978-649-4514, Ext. 229. Thank you, Joan Ferrari, BOH Admin Asst

At this time the Town Hall is closed on Fridays

DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

Town Hall (978) 649-4514. The departmental extensions are as follows:

221 Town Accountant 222 Town Clerk 223 Council on Aging
224 Selectmen (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer.

After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911

226 Building Inspector 227 Road Commission
228 Tax Collector/Treasurer 229 Board of Health
230 Conservation/Planning Board 249 Assessors, Water Dept

Please dial 0 if you need assistance.

Veteran's Officer 978-649-3919

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FIRE DEPT. TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 911

Business Line.....978-649-6661 FAX.....978-649-6072

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

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

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 FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

588 Main St. 978-649-7830

For more library information go to

www.dunstable-ma.gov click on library

Mary Beth Pallis - Director – mpallis@dunstablepl.org

Karen Debreceni - Children's Librarian kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

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

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

• **Community Room Artist:** Check out the wonderful new artwork done by Alice Snizek. She has a fantastic collection showing in the community room!

• **Display Case** Check out the interesting violin tools from the collection of Fred Leavitt. He made 27 violins in his lifetime. The tools were restored and a presentation case was made by clockmaker Vincent Mack, father of violinist Valerie Mack Callahan, a Dunstable resident.

• **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 & 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. 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.

• **Adult Bookclub** - The book club will take place every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Contact Sue Tully for more info. SJT0213@verizon.net. or check out the display at the library. This month's book is "The Orphan Collector" by Ellen Marie Wiseman. A heartbreaking saga of resilience and hope, set in Philadelphia during the 1912 Spanish Flu outbreak. 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.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Recordings We're back up and running...

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/

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DUNSTABLE THEATER COLLABORATIVE
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. Directed by Jon Swift.

Shows are April 14 and 15 at 7:30pm and April 16 at 3pm at Dunstable Town Hall.

We also have an "open-to-the-public" dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 12th starting at 7pm, for a free preview.

Tickets are \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors. Our Sunday, April 16th show is a "donations only" show, to allow anyone to be able to come see our show, regardless of means. For tickets, please visit our store page:

www.dunstabletheater.org/product-category/tickets

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.

OPEN BURNING SEASON ENDS MAY 1ST

Dunstable Fire Chief, William Farrell would like to remind you that Open Burning season that began on January 15th, 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.

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EYES ON OWLS - SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

1 pm to 2 pm at the McLoon Barn, 370 Thorndike Street.

The Dunstable Rural Land Trust invites you to join us for a live owl presentation by **Wildlife educators Mark and Marcia Wilson**. You will be able to see several different live owls up close while learning fascinating facts about their lives.

This is a free program sponsored by DRLT. Donations are welcomed. Please bring a chair to sit on. **Sorry, no dogs allowed at this live animal event.**

2ND ANNUAL ART & MUSIC AT THE BARN Saturday, June 24, 2023 10-2

The beautifully restored **MCLOON BARN** at 370 Thorndike St, will be the location for an exhibit of art, with a background of music again this year. All types of art are welcomed to be exhibited; including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, pottery, woodworking and fiber art, such as quilts. Local musicians will play music in the barn as well. It was a successful event last year and we hope you join us! If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please contact Jean Haight at jtjlhaight@aol.com. All types of art welcome! **Come see the Dunstable Anniversary Quilt.** This was started by an amazing group of women after Dunstable's 300th anniversary 50 years ago, and completed this year in 2023. Look for the 350th Anniversary table.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the show. This event is supported by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



CHARITY NAVIGATOR

There aren't many days that go by that we are not 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

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ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

This will be held at the Nashua Country Club, 25 Fairway St., Nashua, NH. Cocktail hour-Cash Bar 6-7pm, Dinner at 7pm. Entrees: Grilled Beef Tenderloin or Crab Stuffed Shrimp, \$65 per person. Please send your name, meal choice and payment by check made out to DRLT to: David E. Tully, DRLT, 1070 Main St., Dunstable, MA 01827. *Reservations due in by April 15th.* Join us to find out more about the DRLT. *You do not have to be a member to attend the dinner. email: trustees@drlt.org*

We are excited to announce that **Merrimack Valley Apiaries** is our scheduled guest speaker for the **Spring Land Trust Dinner and Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 26th at Nashua Country Club.**

Merrimack Valley Apiaries is a family farm operating for over 50 years in Billerica, MA with experience covering three generations. Each year their farm produces over one million pounds of raw honey. They are able to provide our customers with raw varietal honeys that are local to the region in which they are produced. In addition to raw honey production, they sell replacement and starter nucleus hives in the spring. They are also major crop pollination contractors for California almonds, blueberries in New Jersey and Maine, cranberries in Massachusetts, and apples in New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Please visit their website at www.mvabeepunchers.com

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



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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!*



NEW HOURS: FIRST TUESDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH
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Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is open to Dunstable residents providing food and support to families in need. Call us at 978-772-4627 ext. 312 or clientservices@loavesfishespantry.org for more information.

LOOKING FOR A LOCAL PRESCHOOL?

Maple Village Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year in our preschool and pre-K classes. We are conveniently located in the center of Dunstable and accept children from all towns, ages 2.9 years and up.

If you missed our Open House on Saturday, March 25, please call us at 978-649-9680 to schedule a private tour.

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

The next deadline is April 10th, for the May issue of Neighbor to Neighbor. If you missed the deadline please get in touch as soon as possible.

Please email to: anne@neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com
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Call Anne at **978-419-1914.**

SAVE
THE
DATE!



The 2023 Spring Into Action 5K walk and fun run will be on Sunday, May 7th. Our 2023 event will be in-person starting from Rogers Field in Devens, MA. 5K participants start at 1:00pm and should plan to complete their walk or run by 3:00pm. Help raise funds for Loaves & Fishes So no one goes hungry. **Walk or Run, Individually or as a Team** on our 5K course in Devens. **Please go to www.LFWalk.org to Register to Walk, Sponsor a Walker or Team, Donate or for more info.**

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.**

STITCHERS

AT TYNGSBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER

The Stitchers Group meets every Monday from 10-11:30AM at the Tyngsboro Senior Center located at 169 Westford Rd. There is always a volunteer there to help you learn a new pattern whether it is knit or crochet. Currently, the group is busy making items to sell during our Friends Fall Festival.

Although we appreciate all your donations of new yarn, our bins are full at the moment. Anyone, wishing to join in the projects just come in at group time and all materials will be given to you to work on.

We wish to thank Yolanda Carmona for volunteering her skill and Terry McInerny for the beautiful yarn she has contributed to our projects.



THE FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

The Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. is a nonprofit organization formally Friends of the Council on Aging Established in 1984 to assist seniors and aid in the needs of the Senior Center and activities.

Plans are underway for a gathering called Spring Fling taking place in June. We appreciate your yearly membership of \$10 which help to support this Friends group and our activities.

Membership forms are available to you by calling President, Joe Jacoppi (978-649-9076).



Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Ductless mini-split systems can be a flexible solution for heating and cooling your home. Is it a good choice for you? Here's a quick primer to help you decide.

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FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT AND ADULT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

By Edward H. Adamsky

Did you know that you might be eligible for time off from work to care for an adult child with a disability? The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) has been around for thirty years, but few people understand how to utilize the law. Today the Government is providing new resources to help family caregivers who need time away from work to support an adult child with a disability.

The U.S. Department of Labor has launched: www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/family-caregiver, a webpage with fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and other materials to help workers know their rights under the Family and Medical Leave Act with a special focus on how it applies to caregivers of those with disabilities. The law entitles you to take unpaid leave without risk of losing your health insurance and other workplace benefits. The right to take this leave hinges on your need to deal with your own medical issues or those of a family member, which includes adult children with disabilities.

In the case of adult children with disabilities, conditions including autism, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disability almost always qualify as disabilities. But determining whether an employee is eligible for FMLA can be nuanced. The fact-sheets at the DOL website say that employees can use FMLA leave to care for an adult child with a serious health condition who is incapable of self-care due to mental or physical disability. A child can include a biological child, as well as an adopted child, and a foster child. In some cases siblings, grandparents, and some other relatives may qualify for FMLA leave to care for someone if they serve in the same role as a parent for that person.

The point of the law is that workers should not have to choose between their job and dealing with a serious health condition for themselves, or caring for a family member with a serious health condition. The FMLA gives an opportunity for some workers to take unpaid leave so they can help their family members. Of course, this only works well when the potential caregiver can afford to take unpaid time. The FMLA is not going to care for everyone.

The new Massachusetts law that provides workers with paid time off may help with this. You can learn more about the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave act at the State website: www.mass.gov/info-details/paid-family-and-medical-leave-pfml-overview-and-benefits.

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DUNSTABLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION Rain Barrel Program

It is that time of year again to start thinking about water conservation and saving rain water. Rain barrels help municipalities to manage supplies, lower municipal water demand and save energy at water treatment plants. This is an alternate source of water during droughts and rain water is a healthy, chlorine and chemical-free water source for plants and gardens.

To help homeowners become a part of the solution to conserve water the towns of Tyngsborough, Pepperell and Dunstable are joining forces to offer residents the opportunity to buy discount rain barrels. Tyngsborough, Pepperell and Dunstable chose to work with the Great American Rain Barrel Co. again, a local food importing company that has been repurposing shipping drums into Rain Barrels since 1988. More information soon to follow. If you are interested, pay attention to the Town website for registration forms.

Dunstable residents needing more information please contact Carol Rock CRock@Dunstable-MA.gov or Call (978)649-4514 X230 if you have any questions.

ZERO WASTE DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

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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 changes fall has made. **Remember to dress for the weather.** It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home.

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PRESS ON

A collagraph Prints & Plates Exhibition

Firehouse Center for the Arts

1 Market Square, Newburyport, MA

April 19th - May 19th

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 22, 2023, 5-8 pm

In PRESS ON, an innovative and unique exhibition, artist Brooke Lambert shows her original collagraph prints alongside the low-relief sculptural collagraph plates she used to make them. Although printmakers often love their plates, they rarely show them as finished pieces on their own. Lambert, who has always considered her plates to be sculptures in their own right, curated Press On to highlight these plates as their own distinctive works of art alongside their printed counterparts.

Lambert's work is inspired by the ocean, botanicals, and all the shapes, colors and forms in the environment. She is drawn to the patterns of honeycomb, fishing nets, bubbles in the bottom of tidal pools, weeds and wildflowers. She finds that there is so much beauty in even the smallest parts of nature that are often overlooked or discarded.

There is an undeniable energy in Lambert's work. Her sculptural process is physical and gestural. Lambert uses her whole body to create her plates, stapling, ripping and tearing found materials. Using materials such as string, netting, and fabric that would otherwise be discarded and pollute our planet, she transforms them into works of art that convey a sense of hopefulness.

It is her hope that the collagraph plates not only provide a deeper look into her process as an artist, but also show the urgency, love and passion she feels about our environment. Through this deeper look into her work, she hopes to bring hope, happiness, and awareness to the importance of protecting the beauty that is all around us – even in the places we least expect it.

Press On runs from April 19th - May 19th at Firehouse Center for the Arts located at 1 Market Square in Newburyport, MA. Join us for an Opening Reception at Firehouse Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 22nd from 5-8 pm.



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WINDOWS SYNC TO PERSONAL ONEDRIVE IS NOT THE SAME AS FILE BACKUP

By Dean Lotito

Starting with Windows 10, Microsoft integrated file synchronization to the cloud if you subscribe to a cloud storage service such as Microsoft 365. The purpose of file synchronization is to allow you to create a file on your computer, and then seamlessly access that file from your phone or second computer. Anytime you edit a file, those changes are immediately copied to your cloud storage. Likewise, if you delete a file, it is immediately deleted from cloud storage.

Backup is different. When you back up your files, you take a snapshot of those files at that time and store them away. As you continue to edit your files, you still have the versions from that snapshot in time available to restore if needed.

File Synchronization can help you if you buy a new computer and sign in with the same Microsoft Account. However, a good backup routine is still recommended for critical personal files.

With file synchronization, Microsoft changed the way you save your work. Auto synchronization is done as you type in your document or spreadsheet. This prevents the dreaded problem and making a lot of needed changes, but then forgetting to save your file before exiting the program or shutting down your computer. On the other hand, if you make changes it is much harder to discard those changes and start over. In the past you would make a lot of changes and then "Save As" with a new file name. Now the process is to "Save a Copy" with a new file name, and then make your changes.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

401(k) door opens for small-business owners

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The new SECURE Act may also provide your business with a tax credit based on employee matching or profit-sharing contributions. This credit is capped at \$1,000 per employee and phases out gradually over five years.

One more provision of the SECURE Act allows employees to choose Roth contributions for their matching or non-elective 401(k) contributions. This means they can eventually take tax-free withdrawals of the contributions and earnings if they meet certain conditions.

The ability to offer a retirement plan can help business owners who want to attract and keep good employees. And the SECURE 2.0 Act may make it easier for you to achieve this goal.

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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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Dunstable farm and greenhouse business needs dependable, responsible, hard-working individual for **part-time** greenhouse/farm work.

Weekdays, 9am to 2 pm through the end of school. Call Joan 978-649-9713

TYNGSBOROUGH DUNSTABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Little Red Schoolhouse,
64 Main St., Dunstable, MA (Route 113).
Not far from the Dunstable/Tyngsborough town line near Rte 3

April 22 – Saturday, 9 a.m.

EARTH DAY SPRING CLEANUP at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

This is our annual spring cleanup, inside and out, for our upcoming events. Please feel free to come lend a hand! **Contact Bill or Sue Psaledakis at 978-649-6005 if you would like to help keep our Little Red Schoolhouse in shape, or just stop by.** Bring shovels, brooms, clippers, gloves, etc. or just bring yourself! We will have cleaning supplies and extra tools for both inside and outside cleanup. Also light refreshments available for our volunteers.

May 7 – Sunday, at "Daybreak"

46th annual steam & Gas engine Meet

Seriously, people arrive very early to set up as they travel quite a distance. There are items for sale and many pieces on display. Come explore the "Power of the Past" machinery. The grill is open and refreshments are available for the first event of the year! For info: Lynda Justice 978-587-8423.

If you would like to become a member, or want to renew your membership, a **Membership Form is at the end of this issue.**

More info is available at www.tdhistoricalsociety.org
Email address: tyngsboroughdunstablehs@gmail.com

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership and have made donations! We appreciate your kind support.

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7th Annual Spring Open House/Fundraiser. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 29th 10am-5pm and Sunday, 30th 10am-4pm** "Wash Away Pet Homelessness". ALL proceeds benefit animals. Spa quality handcrafted soaps, lotion bars, body oils, lip butters, bath products, odor neutralizing room sprays, **Spring time gifts** and so much more. **See you at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 64 Main St., Dunstable, MA**

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Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are at 10:00 AM

If you prefer to stay home, Services are available on line.

- **TO WATCH LIVE SERVICES** Log on to facebook and go to **Ecct Church**. Log in at any time to watch the recorded services.
 - **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 am
A new Bible Study will begin early April due to weather cancellations that occurred. New Study will be Romans: Becoming New in Christ, another Lifeguide study. These Bible studies are so inspiring so please think about joining us.
 - **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/YOUTH GROUP** Each month the Youth Group (grades 5 and up) will be meeting for activities with our Youth Leaders. A movie night with popcorn and hot chocolate was recently held. If you have a pre-teen or teenager that would like to join us, please call our office and your message will be passed onto our Youth Group leaders. Our youth are our future. Let's give them something to get excited about!!!
 - **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. On Sunday mornings we will be providing "BUSY BAGS" for toddlers when they arrive. These "BUSY BAGS" will help occupy them quietly while they wait to be dismissed to our Day Care. They will take their "Busy BAGS" home with them.
 - **GOSPEL CONCERT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, April 29th!** This evening our Sunday School/Youth will begin the concert with special song selections. Come see them perform! Our professional gospel singers, Barry & Debbie Shirk (A New Beginning), will be performing songs from their recently released CD's along with other beautiful gospel selections. Please plan to join us for the evening at 6:30 p.m. After the FREE CONCERT our guests will be asked to join us in our fellowship hall for desserts/coffee/tea. Their CD's will also be available for purchase. Come and enjoy this evening of inspirational music and bring along a friend (or two)!!! Reservations are not necessary. PLEASE PLAN TO COME!!! JUST SHOW UP!! YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!!
 - **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.
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- **NOTE: On Saturday, May 6th** Our Thrift Store ladies will be attending "LADIES DAY APART 2023" in Derry, N.H. Please pray for our men as they will be "ON DUTY" to open and run the store! You will love them as much as we do! Please be kind to them!
 - The "PRAYER BOX" is 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.
 - **Thank you ALL** for your prayers for our ladies who have undergone recent surgeries with positive outcomes! GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS! GOD IS IN CONTROL!
 - **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL** tentatively scheduled for June 22 and June 24. FREE ice cream
 - You can remain updated by visiting our website www.tyngsborocongregational.org or please check our Facebook page for unexpected closure dates. We are always looking for volunteers to help us out. **If you can spare a few hours a week, please call Charlotte at 978-649-7803.**

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Help Patients and Their Families Stay in Boston for Treatment

Nicole Paquin will be running the Falmouth Road Race for Hospitality Homes this August, and she is excited to have the opportunity to raise funds for this caring and helpful organization. **What is Hospitality Homes?** Since 1983, this 501(c)(3) charity has provided free and low-cost short-term housing in volunteer host homes for patients and their families seeking medical care in the Boston area.

Why is Nicole running? Because Hospitality Homes provides real, tangible assistance to patients and their families. In Massachusetts, it is easy to take access to world class healthcare for granted. Unfortunately, the reality for many patients is that they must travel long distances to obtain the care they need, and that travel comes with a significant cost. Boston-area hotels average \$260 per night. At that rate, the cost of housing can quickly add up and force patients (or parents traveling with their sick child) to make gut-wrenching decisions about how to fund their housing while receiving treatment. Hospitality Homes helps ease that burden by providing housing for families traveling to the Boston area for lifesaving (or life-altering) treatment.

Why donate? Because every bit helps. Whether you can spare \$5 or \$50, every dollar is appreciated and will go to further this important cause.

To learn more about Hospitality Homes, please visit www.hosp.org To donate, please scan the QR code below, which will direct you to the Race Roster fundraising website. Thank you for your support!

For more information, please contact Nicole Paquin at nrgpaquin@gmail.com



**TYNGSBOROUGH
GARDEN CLUB**

Our annual **Books and Blooms** show will take place this year at the **Tyngsborough Public Library**. A collaboration between Library staff, the Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library, and the Garden Club, the show will start with an opening reception on Monday, April 10 from 4-7 **The arrangements, along with the books that inspired them, will be on view during normal Library business hours until Thursday, pm, April 13.** Come by the Library and see how the whimsy of selected children's books gets translated into flower arrangements.

Garden Club members will be on hand at the **Sherburne House at 46 Coburn Rd. for Earth Day festivities on Saturday, April 22.** Be on the lookout for more information about the family-oriented events that are planned.

Emilie Brush, Director of the Tyngsborough Conservation Commission met with the club on March 7 to discuss the Commission's involvement in zoning and planning, as well as issues related to open space management within the town perimeters. There was a lively question and answer period during and following her talk regarding the proposed Land Trust and forest maintenance.

Our May meeting will take place at Mahoneys Garden Center, **Tuesday, May 6 at 6pm** where staff members will show us the latest and greatest in annuals and perennials.

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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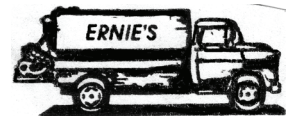
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St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. The Dunstable Church additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.

PLEASE tie your bags, and do not leave bags outside the box.



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

• **Sunday Morning worship service begins at 10:30 AM.** Masks are optional. Social distancing is according to your comfort level. If you are not able to attend in person, the service is available to stream from our website, www.dunstablechurch.org.

• **A New Adult Bible Study Class began at 9:00 AM on March 19th, but you are still welcome to join in.** Dan Field's workbook "Nehemiah, the Courage to Face Opposition" is the study guide along with your Bible. If you would like more information, please email Kathy Mackel (mackelkathy@aol.com) or Marj Overhiser (widsith2@gmail.com).

• **Our Intentional Interim Pastor, Dr. Doug Walker, and his wife, Marsi, are enjoying getting to know you all, but would like to get to know you better.** They would like to sit down with you, hear your story, find out how your life is going these days, listen to your thoughts about your church, and let you get to know them a little bit as well. They are hoping to have a meal together with you, preferably at your home, including any others you would like. Doug & Marsi are available Sunday afternoon or evening, or even breakfast or lunch on Monday. **Please call the church office (978-649-6251) to set up a time to get together or see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.**

• **A Transition Team is being formed to prepare a church profile.** To begin, the transition team will begin monthly meetings following the morning service on the first Sunday of the month.

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• 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

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Show: Fire and Fiber Show dates: March 29-April 30, 2023

Tarja Cockell joins Carol Rissman at the Loading Dock Gallery to present **Fire and Fiber**, a show of color, texture, and form in contemporary weaving and ceramics.

Cockell's work begins on the loom. She pushes dimensional possibilities of an initially flat form, using structural manipulation and layers with a variety of media to achieve elegant and painterly art. Trained in Finland, Cockell emphasizes subtle colorways and clean, simple shapes.

Rissman explores how clay can respond to and take on the characteristics of cloth. Her work is woven and tied. It flows and ripples. She pushes clay's boundaries to create fabric-like pieces: quiet, minimal, and meditative. The finished surfaces have a burnished glow.

Cockell lives in North Andover, Rissman in Bedford. Both artists work out of Western Avenue Studios in Lowell.

Loading Dock Gallery is part of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c3.

WELL ADULT CLINIC

Next visit will be **April 26 from 11:00 – noon at the Dunstable Library**. 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 all 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!**



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The Wish Project

Mother's Day Gift Bags

Deadline for dropping off items: 4/29/23.

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Items Needed: Pair of white socks/slipper socks, Bath salts/bath bombs, Body wash, Women's razors/shaving cream, Adult coloring books and colored pencils, Lip balm/chapstick, \$5 gift cards (Dunkin', drug store, department store), Nail polish/remover, Headbands, Hairbrush/comb, Deodorant, Small notebook (or journal), Pens/pencils and Lotion.

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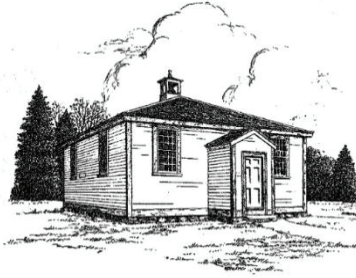
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Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society (TDHS)



Perhaps you know us as the Little Red Schoolhouse on Route 113 by the town line.

The Little Red Schoolhouse is actually the Sarah Tyng Winslow Schoolhouse, named after its benefactor, Sarah Tyng Winslow. The schoolhouse, originally built in Tyngsborough in 1790, rebuilt after a fire in 1798, served two generations of students until 1864. After 1864, the schoolhouse was primarily used as storage. In the 1960's, Mr. Wilbur Farrow, needing the schoolhouse land for his store parking lot, donated the old school building to the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society.

With a generous donation from Mrs. Margaret Larter of a four-acre field on Main Street in Dunstable, close to the Tyngsborough town line, volunteers disassembled, moved, and rebuilt the schoolhouse.

Since the restoration, the Little Red Schoolhouse has been the home of the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society. We are a non-profit group whose mission is to preserve and promote wider interest in the histories of Tyngsborough and Dunstable.

Our events this year include:

- 46th Annual Steam & Gas Engine Meet, May 7, Sunday, at Daybreak
- 50th Annual Strawberry Festival, June 24, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Farm Days, August 19, Saturday, time TBD
- 10th Annual AACA Bean Pot Region Car Meet, October 21, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain date October 22)
- Dunstable NH, November 18, Saturday, 2 p.m.
- Annual Meeting and Holiday Potluck Supper, December 3, Sunday, 5 p.m.

For details, visit our website: www.tdhistoricalsociety.org or email us: tyngsboroughdunstablehs@gmail.com

The **Little Red Schoolhouse** is at 64 Main Street, Dunstable, MA (Route 113), not far from Route 3.

We'd like to have you as a TDHS member! To become a member, fill out the information below and mail it with your check, payable to TDHS, to: **TDHS, P.O. Box 87, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.**

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Address: _____

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