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TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2023 Dog Licenses** are 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. Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions.

TYNGSBOROUGH'S TOWN MANAGER REPORT

*From Colin Loiselle, Tyngsborough Town Manager
November 2023*

I am pleased to report the following information from Town over the last month. You can find a full version of the Town Manager's report online at tyngsboroughma.gov

- The FY25 Senior Tax Work Off Program will commence in January. Applications were due back to the Assessor's Office on November 2.
- Tyngsborough was awarded a \$2M MassWorks Infrastructure grant tied to public infrastructure improvements as a part of the industrial development planned for 93 Kendall Road.
- The Town's new Yard Waste Drop Off Site located on Bryant's Lane opened in October and will remain open until the 2nd Saturday in December, weather permitting. The site is open Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM and on Saturday's from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Learn more at tyngsboroughma.gov.
- Town staff are working to launch the Town's new website by February 2024. The goal of the new site is to be more user-friendly and increase transparency.
- Thank you to the Tyngsborough Fire, Police, and Health Departments for hosting another successful Health & Safety Fair at Tyngsborough Elementary School.
- MassDOT has notified the Town that is finalizing the transfer of the vacant building at 11 Indian Lane over to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust.
- Work on the Sherburne Road Open Space parcel that was donated to the Town as a part of the Toll Brother's Development began this fall with clearing, grubbing, and substantial progress made on the Club House. In the coming months, work will begin to install amenities at the site.
- The Tyngsborough Fire Department placed their new ambulance into service in October. The new ambulance will serve as A1, which is their primary ambulance. The former A1 will serve as a back up and the third ambulance will be put on the road when one of the two primaries is out of service for maintenance.

Be sure to visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov to stay up to date on all things happening in Tyngsborough. You can sign up for alerts & view all recent news articles. You can also follow Tyngsborough MA on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn so that you'll never miss a beat. The Town Manger's Office can be reached by phone 978-649-2300 x100 or by emailing administration@tyngsboroughma.gov.

IN MEMORY OF

Wayne Cote	Gertrude (Dussault) Jardine
Rebecca Sue Woodruff Markey	Suzanne (Dragon) Ayotte
Bruce Cabot Palmer	Patricia Swett-Carey
Gerard "Jerry" O'Coin	Pauline Walsh Finnegan
Lucille E. (Paquette) Lacourse	Deborah A. Gauvin
Mildred "Millie" (McCausland) Edwards	

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

We are pleased to announce, in partnership with the Tyngsborough Fire Association, and the Town of Tyngsborough's Veterans office, we have teamed up with Wreaths Across America to secure a location for Tyngsborough. Our goal is to receive donations to purchase wreaths for all 480 veterans laid to rest in town. We will honor them by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes across the cemeteries in Tyngsborough.

On December 16th a ceremony will take place, the time has yet to be determined. After the ceremony, we will place wreaths at the following locations: Memorial Cemetery, Sherburne Cemetery, Drake Cemetery, Flint Cemetery, Gould Burial Ground, and Thompson Cemetery.

If you or your family would like to make a donation or volunteer to place wreaths on graves December 16th please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175972

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom!

Reach out to Tyngsborough Veterans Services for more information at: veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov or (978) 649 2300 ext 131

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

• **Expanded Recycling Center at the Highway Department - Now, in addition to large flattened cardboard, you can bring scrap metal, textiles, and mercury-containing items** to the Recycling Center at the Highway Department (89 Kendall Road) for recycling or safe disposal, year round.

Scrap metal: NO full-size appliances. For a list of accepted metals, please visit: www.scrapit.us/metals-we-take


Textiles: In any condition - Clothing and fashion accessories, underclothes, coats, footwear, purses, wallets, backpacks, towels, all linens, curtains, throw rugs, stuffed animals.

Mercury-containing items - Fluorescent and CFL bulbs, thermometers, rechargeable batteries, elemental mercury.

• **NOTE: There are no more YARD WASTE PICK UPS. Please see the article on the next page. Also in last month's issue there was an article by "Sustainable Tyngsborough."**

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YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE!

There will no longer be Yard Waste Pick Ups.

The Residential Yard Waste Drop Off Site is located across the street from Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane. The site is located off Bryant's Lane, closer to the Middlesex Road end. *This location is a town-owned parcel located directly behind (but not part of) the Bell Conservation property.* **Use of this Yard Waste Drop-Off Site is available to residents only, is free and usage is unlimited during operating hours.** Vehicles will enter & exit through the same driveway. Look for the signage on Bryants Lane.

Open daily Tuesday through Friday 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM **The site will close the second Saturday in December (weather permitting) and will reopen on the first Tuesday in April.**

Please note that the Town will close the site during heavy rain events or snow events. *Notices about changes of hours due to weather events will be posted on the Town website & social media.*

Yard waste may be dumped from any type of container **or left in paper leaf bags.** No items should be left in anything other than paper bags. If transporting the yard waste via plastic bag or barrel, please dump directly onto the ground. Signs will point you to where to leave the yard waste. Your cooperation in keeping the site orderly is appreciated.

HOMESTEAD PROTECTION

by Edward H. Adamsky

If you owe someone money, with a court order, they can seize your assets to pay that debt, including your home. But Massachusetts Homestead law protects homeowners from being thrown into the street. Every homeowner gets \$125,000 of protection on their home. By filing a Homestead Declaration at the Registry of Deeds, you can increase that protection to \$500,000. In the old days the husband usually filed, now the law is gender neutral and both parties to a marriage (or other joint homeowners) can file for Homestead. There is another protection available only to a married couple and that is called "Tenancy by the Entirety." This older law protected wives from the debts of the husband. It is now gender neutral as well and protects either spouse from the debts of the other. It is recommended that every Massachusetts homeowner file a Declaration of Homestead. (Neither of these laws exist in New Hampshire by the way.)

It is rare that your home would be at risk to creditors, but it could happen. Liability for an accident and other personal financial disasters are the most likely problems. In that case you might be filing for bankruptcy protection. The \$500,000 Homestead exemption would protect your home in bankruptcy. And, even if you had equity above that limit, the creditor could only get a lien on your home and only get paid if and when you sell (or die). The law protects you from being homeless.

A recent case shows some of the limits of Homestead though. In re: Cecilia M. Hector (Mass. Bankruptcy case - 2022) the wife tried to get a gas company lien removed from her property because it was only the debt of her husband, and the house was owned as Tenants by the Entirety. The Court said that she did not owe the debt but that the lien could stay on the house and the Gas Company could get paid when the house was sold as it was a valid debt of the husband. The Tenancy by the Entirety and the prior-filed Homestead Declaration would protect from a forced sale, but not from a lien that would wait until a voluntary sale (that first \$500,000 in equity would not be subject to pay that lien though).

Another key issue is with the specific words in the Homestead Declaration. The State does provide some blank forms for your use, but you can write out a Declaration in any way as long as the right words are there. It must be signed, and the facts stated must be affirmed under the penalty of perjury (meaning you are swearing the facts are true). Some older forms, or a homemade form, might be missing that "under penalty of perjury" language so they would not be valid. In the case of Danny Luu (Mass. Bankruptcy, 2022), that homeowner lost as his declaration was missing that key language. He was still entitled to the \$125,000 automatic protection but did not get the full \$500,000 protection he might have had if his declaration form was valid.

TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
proudly announces Caitlin Hilterman, Zola Pularo-Spazioso,
Michael Looney, and Emily Caissie as the
October Students of the Month.

Caitlin Hilterman, daughter of Erin Hilterman, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has been a member of the Medical Professionals Club for the last three years. She also has been a member of the THS soccer team for four years. Caitlin is very excited to attend the Give Kids the World Village service trip this December. Her hobbies include crocheting, playing board games, and walking her dog. Caitlin's favorite subjects are physics, anatomy, and biology and she plans on going into the science field in the future. Thinking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I learned how to manage my time and squeeze in as much living as possible. I loved studying with my friends and playing sports". Caitlin would also like to add that one of her signatures is wearing funky socks every day to school.

Zola Pularo-Spazioso, daughter of David and Lisa Pularo-Spazioso, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as the Academic Excellence Award, the Principal's Award, and the Suffolk University Book Award. She is also a member of DECA, student council, Medical Professionals Club, and the Yearbook Club. Zola has also been a part of the THS soccer team for four years. She has participated in community service by volunteering as an assistant coach for a local girls' team, at TES helping teachers prep classroom activities and help students with their work, Tyngsborough Block Party, Lighthouse School, town cleanup, and the Big Red wrestling tournament. Zola's hobbies include going to Starbucks, listening to records, and getting lunch with my friends. Her favorite subjects are AP Biology, psychology, and Writing Research and would like to become a physical therapist for a professional sports team. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have learned how to properly manage my time when doing my work and how to balance work, school, sports, and having a social life. I have fond memories of homecoming and catching up with friends at lunch".

Michael Looney, son of Tim Looney and Tracie Looney, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. He has received numerous awards such as the Academic Excellence Award, the Commitment to Learning Award, Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics, Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Conscience, Outstanding Achievement in Science, the Commitment to Learning Award, Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies, the AP Scholar Award, Top Senior Exhibitor in the Middlesex County 4-H Fair in multiple departments, and is working towards getting Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts. He also is a member of the Chess Club where he serves as the secretary, the Robotics club, the Student Council, Boy Scouts, Senior Sidekicks, a class representative. Michael has been involved for 10 years in the Rabbit and Cavy Club and Woodworking Club. Michael is also a member of varsity track and field team and captain of the varsity alpine ski team. Michael has participated in community service such as the Middlesex County Fair and other events through Boy Scouts. His hobbies include photography, especially film photography, skiing, and late-night drives with his friends. Michael also enjoys working on his car with his dad and friends; working on his Porsche is what inspired him to pursue mechanical engineering. His favorite subjects include AP Computer Science Principles with Mr. Messina and Sports Analytics with Mr. Beaudette. Michael's future goals consist of going to college to study mechanical engineering and getting a job that involves working on cars. He also wants to move somewhere he can ski a lot and travel. Looking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "I think it has definitely helped me find some great friends and also helped me get involved in things I didn't plan on doing freshman year. Some fond memories I'll take with me are making friends through the alpine ski team and homecoming every year".

Emily Caissie, daughter of Jessica Caissie and Steven Caissie is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as the Academic Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Science, the St.

Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Conscience, Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts, the Commitment to Learning Award, and the Academic Excellence in World Languages Award. Emily is a member of the Medical Professionals Club, the theater program, Ski Club, and the DEI Club where she serves as the secretary. She has also participated in community service such as volunteer tutoring at the Nashua Soup Kitchen Wish Project, Humane Society, THS Spring Cleanup, and the Mine Falls Cleanup. Emily's hobbies include singing (classical, jazz, musical theater), community theater, community choir, crochet, piano, and baking. Her favorite subjects are biology and anatomy and her future plans are to major in biology during college and eventually become a doctor or a research scientist. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "At THS, I have become a better leader in and outside of the classroom, as well as gained study habits to set me up for success in the future. I will take with me memories of my favorite peers and teachers who helped me along my journey".

Congratulations to these four amazing class of 2024 students!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Dear Tyngsborough Community Members,

It is that time of year again, and the Tyngsborough Public School's sponsored *Adopt-A-Family* program is beginning its annual efforts as we approach the 2023 holiday season.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program has been in existence for over forty years and provides assistance to needy families within our community during the holidays. The continued goal of the program is to assist those in need within our community who might otherwise go without. Last year this *Adopt-A-Family* program was able to assist over 100 needy families with help from students in our schools, private citizens and a few community businesses. Again this year, we plan to support families with gift cards this season as times continue to be difficult for a growing number of families.

In order to continue to provide assistance, we are reaching out to community members and businesses in the greater community for support. At this time the program is in need of the following:

- *Gift cards to Walmart, Market Basket, and Amazon* will be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to the address below.
- *Monetary donations* (checks made out to Tyngsborough High School, memo: Adopt A Family Program) can be sent to Tyngsborough Public Schools, 36 Norris Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879, ATTN: Sharon Fairbanks
- *Any questions* please email one of the committee members.

We always look forward to establishing new partnerships within our community. Your contribution, along with the combined efforts and generosity of many, will ensure another successful season of giving for our neighbors in need.

Warm regards,

Sarah Lewenczuk, 978-649-8914, Adopt-A-Family Secretary & Treasurer, Sarah.lewenczuk@tyngsboroughps.org

Melissa Mallous, 978-649-3115, Family Liaison, Melissa.mallous@tyngsboroughps.org

Sharon Fairbanks, 978-649-7488, Adopt-A-Family Community Liaison, Sharon.fairbanks@tyngsboroughps.org



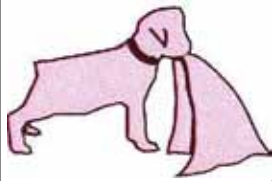
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ADULT PICKUP BASKETBALL

1x a week. See Tyngsborough Recreation Facebook page for schedule. New faces always welcome. \$10pp at the court.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have many opportunities at our various events and programs.

WINSLOW WONDERLAND

Passing under the twinkling archway and winding through the town common, the Winslow Wonderland walking path is a town favorite attraction. Prepare to see uniquely, and locally, decorated wooden tree and snowman displays that will be sure to put a smile on your face. This path is self-guided and open daily in the center of Tyngsborough, MA.

Want to decorate a Tree or Snowman? It's easy to adopt one for the season! Businesses, organizations or families can sign up here to adopt your undecorated 4ft or 8ft wooden snowman and/or tree from the Tyngsborough Town Hall/Recreation Department (25 Bryant Lane). Use your crafty side and paint, decorate, embellish your snowman or tree into a work of art and return to Old Town Hall (10 Kendall Rd.) to be displayed for all to see! All snowmen/trees will be set-up on the common along Winslow Rd.

Beginning at 5:00PM on November 24th, the community is invited to participate by going to "Winslow Wonderland" at your leisure, for strolling and picture taking. Our unique snowman and trees are perfect for pictures of the season!

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR TREE ENTRY!!

Yes, time to start brainstorming! What kind of tree will you bring to the Festival this year? Judges award ribbons for the winning entries. People's choice award ribbons awarded each day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE

14TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES!



NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26, 30 AND DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2023

Celebrate the season by visiting a country town whose energy and spirit captures the holidays with true New England charm. The Tyngsborough Festival of Trees is a community celebration featuring 2 spectacular buildings of uniquely decorated holiday trees, and seasonable displays, set in Tyngsborough's historic "Old Town Hall", built in 1834. you will delight in the live holiday entertainment, workshops and events.

Raffle tickets will be available for your chance to win any one of these beautiful trees plus, across the footbridge at "216 Meeting House", originally built in 1755, more trees, over 100 other raffle items generously donated by local businesses & families, and the Gift & Craft Boutique will be sure to complete your shopping list. Find your "happy place" this season at the Tyngsborough Festival of Trees!

General Admission: Free

Optional items are available for purchase throughout!

Address: 10 Kendall Rd., Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Parking: Free Handicap Accessible: Yes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE FESTIVAL OF TREES!

Every good event has many enthusiastic people who chip in to help make everything happen. We need you to help make this Festival of Trees the best ever! Please consider helping with set-up, general running during the Festival hours, activities and breakdown. Email at HolidayFestivalofTrees@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. Join us and get into the holiday spirit!

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Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday & Friday, Nov 23rd & 24th

• **WELLNESS CLINIC** Tyngsborough Council on Aging, 169 Westford Rd 978-649-9211. Charlene Muscato RN will be here **Wednesday, November 15, 9:30** doing blood pressure readings, weight checks and medication reviews. **Sign in sheet at the front desk.** First come, first served.

• **Donations Needed:** Coffee (ground and k-cups), 12oz Cups, Paper Plates-Small and Large, Plastic Spoons, Forks, Knives, Sugar Packets and small coffee creamers

• **BONE STRENGTH FREE, Weds. 10:00 / Fri. 9:00** Doctor's note **NOT** required. Class has opening, No cost.

• **YOGA AND HOLISTIC HEALTH** Every other Weds. 9:00, see calendar for the dates. Lynda Gamble...Yoga. Laurie Schmaltz... Holistic Health

• **NEW GAME "CANASTA"** on Thursdays at 1pm.

• **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT** Mark your calendar to review your Medicare plan (even if you have the BEST plan right now) during Open Enrollment: October 15 – December 7 SHINE will be available to you. **Call 978-946-1374** they will answer all your questions. *The Tyngsborough Council on Aging doesn't have a Shine Counselor on site.*

• **COA Board Meeting Tuesday, November 21st 3:30PM**

• **Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills? Help is available!** The Fuel Assistance Program run by Community Team Work, helps 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. To set up an appointment with Charlene Muscato call the Senior Center 978-649-9211, appointments are from 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM. No walk in's! Don't suffer from the cold. Put your pride aside and stay warm.

• **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. **CRAFTS WITH LAURA** Beautiful Holiday Cards, Wed., November 8th, 11:30am

• **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION** When: **Friday, November 17th, Time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM** Place: The Tyngsborough Council on Aging, 169 Westford Rd. (see greeter) \$7.00pp. Sign up began Monday, October 23rd

Come in as soon as possible and put your name on the list or call 978-649-9211.

• **FREE COMPUTER and CELL PHONE HELP** at the Senior Center. **This month only it will be on Thursday, November 9th (usually held the 2nd Wednesday each month) 9:30-12:00** Dean Lotito, will be available to help fix issues with your cell phones and computers. Take advantage of this free service.

• **MURDER MYSTERY Thursday, November 9th at 11:00** "A Christmas Murder"

• **BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Wednesday, November 15th, 10:00** Come join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Discover and read the best new books each month.

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Friday: Closed

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**TYNGSBOROUGH REPUBLICAN
TOWN COMMITTEE (TRTC)**



The TRTC serve as our community's official representation within the Massachusetts Republican Party. In addition to promoting the principles of the Republican Party, we also assist local, state, and national Republican candidates in their bid for public office. While not everyone agrees on all issues, the TRTC focuses on issues we all share: **less government, budgetary restraint, and lower taxes.**

LOCALLY: We help promote fiscal responsibility; present Town Meeting Warrant Articles; oversee voter registration and elections; and organize signature drives for candidates and important issues.

STATE & NATIONALLY: We promote and support candidates that share our values; provide delegates to our State Convention to vote on our nominees for elected office; and coordinate with other Republican Town and City Committees. **Please get involved and make your voices heard!!**

ELECTION OFFICIALS NEEDED: We're looking for Republicans to help preserve integrity in the 2024 election. Please let us know if you're interested in serving as an Election Official, Poll Worker, or even as an Election Observer at one of our town precincts. Reach out to TyngsboroughRTC@gmail.com for more Information.

COME JOIN US!!: E-mail TyngsboroughRTC@gmail.com to get on our mailing list and follow us on Facebook ([TyngsboroughRTC](https://www.facebook.com/TyngsboroughRTC)) for meeting updates and other important information.

DONATE: If you'd like to make a donation, please send to: TRTC, PO BOX 614, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 or directly via <https://secure.winred.com/tyngsborough-rtc/donate>

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

**TYNGSBOROUGH
HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS
DONATIONS NEEDED**

WOW! Where did that year go? We are planning the **November & December Holiday food baskets** in collaboration with the Tyngsborough Council on Aging and need your help to make this happen! Full details on the signup below.

If you prefer not to use the QR code to sign up online, donations of these food types are still gratefully accepted.

1. For November - **Bring items to the Tyngsborough Senior Center at 169 Westford Rd on Saturday, November 11th from 10 AM to Noon** or drop items off during their normal hours of operation. Please label your bag or box "Thanksgiving"
 2. Through **Friday night, November 10th**, drop items on the **east side of town at 46 Beverlee Road** on the small farmers porch on the right side of the house (yellow house, black shutters, blue doors, mailbox with number is across from driveway); or
 3. Through **Friday night, November 10th**, drop items on the **west side of town at 8 Nevada Road**. Bins will be by the driveway weather permitting, or you can drop on the porch if weather is poor.
- Missed those dates but want to help? We are doing it again in December**, so feel free to drop the exact same food items at any of those places up to **December 16th!**
4. Want to donate to the effort? Drop a check off to the Tyngsborough COA and mark it "Senior Food Baskets"
 5. Contact kpuleo@yahoo.com or Karyn Puleo on Facebook with any questions or if you need items or donations picked up! Thank you!
- Typical Food Items:** Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Boxed Rice, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Stuffing, Soup, Chili, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies, Tuna, Canned chicken, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Coffee/Tea.



**Tim's Timely
Technical Tips**

By Tim Hulings

Can a heat pump system perform reliably at sub-freezing temperatures? Yes! Contrary to myth, cold climate heat pump HVAC systems are efficient, cost effective, environmentally sound AND practical in climates like ours.

Using the same process as air conditioners, but in reverse, these A/C systems move heat from outside to air handlers inside via compressed refrigerant. Below a certain temperature, systems become less efficient. That doesn't mean that heat pumps are unsuitable for below-freezing temperatures. Cold climate heat pumps have innovative features allowing them to provide dependable heat down to -20°F, with many models seeing 100% efficiency in sub-freezing temperatures. As they consume less power in moderate weather, yearly operating costs are much lower than combustion furnaces, boilers, and traditional air conditioners, which can amount to big savings over time.

Until next month, stay comfortable. *Tim*

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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY



**** Many thanks** to all who helped with the Fall Used Book and Bake Sale. The Library staff, student and adult volunteers (including bakers) are always a great help before, during, and after the sale. Special thanks to all of you who generously donated your used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles. We appreciate your waiting until September to make donations. 25% of the proceeds from this sale will go to the purchase of new items for the Children's Library such as books, movies, music, and electronic games. Other funds raised go toward purchasing passes, items for the "Library of Things", and library programs throughout the year.

**** Giving Tuesday** on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 28) is an international day of charitable giving, a day to be generous and do good. Donating your time is one of the best ways you can give. The Friends are still **seeking new board members**. Please consider devoting your time to this nonprofit organization. You may contact us at tynglibfriends@gmail.com. Come to our meetings on Mondays, shown below.

**** Another way to participate is to donate** to the Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library. Our donate button on <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library/> is available 24/7, or you can mail or bring a check to the Library. You can donate to become a new or renewed member or donate any amount above your membership dues. Please ask your employer to match your donation. Thanks for all your support. Remember, this benefits the library and does not go into the town coffers. We welcome donations from local businesses as well.

**** Did you miss the book sale?** There are still **books to purchase** at book sale prices at the library. We keep a collection of fiction, nonfiction and children's books available at book sale prices. Jigsaw puzzles are there as well. Of course, the Friends will always accept financial donations.

**** With cold weather coming, think of the museum and visitor passes** you can reserve at the Library, funded by the Friends. Great places to go are the Boston Children's Museum, Museum of Fine Arts or Museum of Science, New England Aquarium. Outside Boston, try the Mass. DCR Parks Pass for outdoor fun, or the Salem Witch Museum after the busy Halloween season. There are many more passes available, so check the website and reserve, or call the Library.

**** Upcoming Meetings:** Join us on Mondays, 6:30pm, in the Library: November 6 – Book sale review, and planning for next calendar year **December - no meeting**
In 2024: January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1

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

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Residents Guide to Addressing Beavers and Potential Conflicts
 Beavers are very common and abundant throughout most of Massachusetts. By damming streams and forming shallow ponds, beavers create wetlands. These wetlands provide habitat for many diverse plants, invertebrates, and wildlife. Humans as well benefit too. Wetlands improve water quality by removing and transforming excess nutrients, trapping silt, and removing toxic chemicals, and filtering out sediment. Beavers are North America's largest native rodents. They have dark brown to reddish brown fur with large, webbed hind feet and a flat, wide leathery tail to help them move swiftly in water. Adult beavers have few predators and may live up to 20 years or more. Beavers breed during winter (January through March) and females give birth between April and June. Beavers are strict vegetarians and feed on a variety of aquatic plants and the shoots, twigs, leaves, roots, and bark of woody plants. These mammals favor habitat containing shrubs and softwood trees, flat terrain, and perennial streams that can be dammed to create ponds. Compared to other mammals, beavers are considered unique because they alter their habitat to meet their needs.

Five main options to resolving conflicts with beavers

- 1. Tolerance:** Humans who learn to tolerate a certain amount of beaver influence on their land generally find that co-existing with beavers provide more benefits than perceived harm.
- 2. Enclosures:** Fencing can provide a long-term solution, while preserving the beneficial aspects of beavers. The most effective way to protect specific trees or shrubs is to construct enclosures around them. Enclosures should be constructed of heavy-gauge fencing and be flush with the ground. Beavers are poor climbers and rarely burrow under fences, and generally do not chew fencing unless it is wrapped tightly around trees or shrubs.

The following three options require permits and/or a trapping license. Town of Tyngsborough and Tyngsborough Board of Health (BOH) have the authority to determine whether a complaint is caused by a beaver and whether the situation constitutes a threat to public health and/or safety. You can contact Tyngsborough Board of Health to apply for a 10-day Emergency Permit. Visit the Tyngsborough Conservation Commission web page for more information regarding permitting and the Commission's authority.

- 3. Breaching and Removing the Dam:** Dam breaching is an immediate, but short-term solution to flooding problems. If beavers remain on site during a dam breach, they will be cued by the sound of escaping water and will want to rebuild the dam ASAP.
- 4. Water Level Control Devices (WLCD):** Sometimes referred to as "beaver pipes" or "beaver deceivers," WLCDs can regulate water at desirable levels behind dams. WLCDs require regular maintenance and may not be effective in all situations.
- 5. Lethal Removal:** Beavers are classified as a furbearer species, for which a regulated trapping season and management program has been established. Removal of problem beavers can be a quick way to alleviate beaver problems when done by an experienced trapper. Beavers can be trapped during the open season (Nov. 1 - April 15) by a license trapper. An Emergency Permit is needed to trap beavers with restricted traps and to trap beavers outside the regulated trapping season. It is against state law to capture and release beavers into another area.

If you are experiencing problems with beavers or have questions, visit <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/division-of-fisheries-and-wildlife> or contact Northeast Wildlife District, Ayer at (978)772-2145

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• **Fri. & Sun. Closed**

CLOSED Saturday, November 11th for Veteran's Day

CLOSED Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving

• All **food donations** received from Nov 1st to Dec 8th will be going to the **Adopt a Family program** that is run by the Tyngsborough High School.

• **Genealogy Club: Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00p.m.** Join us for a meeting of the TPL Genealogy Club!

We will discuss genealogy research, resources available through the library, and share tips.

• **Writers' Group: Every Monday 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.

• **Writers' Group—Children's Literature: Wednesday, November 15th and December 6th 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. Contact Karen Johnson (978-649-7132) for more information.

• **Adult Coloring Club: Wednesday, December 6th 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!

• **Tech Help: Tuesdays 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.** Get technology help at the library. Book an appointment for an individual lesson or consultation on topics such as: Computer basics; Android tablets and phones; Microsoft Word. Call the library (978-649-7361) or email circdesk@tynglib.org to register for a timeslot. **Registration required.**

• **Book Club: Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m.** For the November meeting, we will be discussing *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. 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.

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Kids & Teens SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Family Sing-A-Long with James Lepler, November 1st at 11 a.m.

(ages 0-6) Join James Lepler for an interactive performance for children 0-6. Sing and dance along to a high energy mix of original and traditional songs. This program is sponsored by CTI's Family Resource Network. The Family Resource Network is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. **Registration is required.**

Music & More with Miss Bernadette, November 4th at 9:30am

(ages 0-4) Join Early Childhood Educator Bernadette Baird for singing, dancing, instrument play and storytime in this fun and relaxing family event! Bernadette is a local music educator and preschool teacher with 16 years of experience teaching Kindermusik to families in Middlesex County. This program intended for ages 0-4 with an adult. Registration required. This program is sponsored by CTI's Family Resource Network. The Family Resource Network is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Registration is required **and spots are limited.**

Disguise a Gingerbread Man Challenge, December 2nd-December 14th (ages 6-12) Kids can pick up a blank gingerbread man template from the Children's Room starting on December 2nd. They will have until December 14th to decorate their gingerbread man into a book character of their choosing. Once they've finished, they'll return it to the Children's Room by the 14th so patrons can vote on their favorite gingerbread man. Voting will end on December 18th, and we will announce the winner and post it on the Tyngsboro Library Kids Facebook Page, as well as display it in the Children's Room for the final two weeks of December. The winner can also come to the Children's Room to receive a prize. This program is intended for ages 6-12. No registration required.

Drop-In Ornament Craft, December 6th from 1-7 p.m. (ages 3-12) Visit the Children's Room for a fun ornament themed craft! Materials and directions will be provided for children to work at their own pace. Recommended for ages 3-12 (with adult accompaniment). No registration required.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Family Storytime, Thursdays at 11 a.m. (ages 3-5)

Join us for stories, songs, and fun! Storytime builds early literacy skills and social skills. This program is intended for ages 3-5.

Registration is required.

Family Resource Network Playgroup - Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

(ages 0-6) Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family! The Family Resource Network is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. No registration required.

Babytime, Every other Monday starting on November 13th at 11 a.m. (ages 0-2) Join Miss Lizzie in singing songs, fingerplays, and activities all geared toward early literacy skills for your little one! This program is intended for ages 0-2. **Registration is required.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Club Pokemon, Monday, November 6 and December 4th at 4 p.m. (grades 3-8) 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. RSVP online.

LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, November 18th 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.

Monthly Scavenger Hunt, All Day, All Month Long (ages 3-12)

Come into the Children's Room each month and participate in a Scavenger Hunt! Each month, there will be twelve numbered pictures hidden throughout the Children's Room. If you find all twelve, you can visit the desk for a sticker! This activity can be done at any time in the Children's Room. No registration required.

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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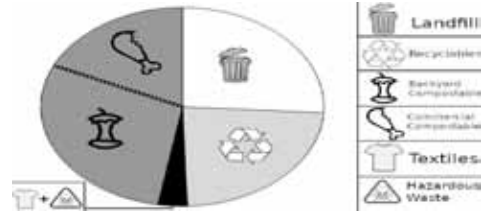
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Read Dunstable and Tyngsborough Neighbor to Neighbor issues, and other articles online at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

SUSTAINABLE TYNGSBOROUGH

Top target for reduction: Food scraps

Last year, Tyngsborough had a waste characterization study done to better understand what we are all throwing in the trash. The picture below summarizes the results:



Almost half (by weight) of what is in our trash is food waste (also known as organics).

A healthy chunk of this food waste (the apple core slice) can be composted in our backyards, either buried under leaves or put in compost bins. The Board of Health has compost bins (\$35) for residents who would like to turn their scrap fruits and vegetables into rich soil.

Reducing meat, bones and dairy scraps from our waste is a bigger challenge. The drumstick slice represents meat, bones and dairy that must be commercially composted because backyard compost piles do not reach temperatures high enough to kill potential pathogens. Some residents subscribe to curbside compost collection service from approved composters (Black Earth Compost, Bootstrap Compost). At this time, the town does not have the budget to provide curbside compost collection.

The Sustainability Committee is working on solutions that will help residents reduce the food waste in their trash. If you have ideas we'd love to hear them! If you would like to start backyard composting but are unsure how, we're here to help. **Please contact us at sustainabletyngsboro@gmail.com with your ideas, questions or requests for help. Or join one of our meetings - always the 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30pm at Town Hall.**



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• Then, on **Saturday, November 18th at 2pm** at the Little Red Schoolhouse, **Hear from Patricia Klee** about when there was a **Dunstable NH** and how that area became known as Nashaway, Nashville, and eventually Nashua, NH. Trish is an Alderman in Nashua with a special interest in the history of her city. She has lots of discoveries to share with us! This should be a fascinating conversation for anyone interested in our local history! All are welcome.

• Finally, we wrap up 2023 on **Sunday, December 3 at 6 pm** with our **ANNUAL MEETING AND A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK SUPPER**. Enjoy great food and a good time with old friends and new, by the wood stove. – especially if *you're* there!

If you have questions, please contact Sue Psaladikis at 978-649-6005 or Lynda Justice 978 587-8423 or send an email to tyngsboroughdunstablehs@gmail.com.

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• **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**- Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 am. The study is being led by our interim pastor's wife Diane. The women are currently studying Romans (Life Guide Studies), Becoming New in Christ. If you would like more information or would like to sign up for the study please call our office and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

• **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**: Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. The men are currently studying 1 Corinthians. The study began on September 26th and is being led by Jim Politi. If interested please call our church office and leave a message.

• **PRAYER/PRAISE TIME - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** - Please join us at 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm to pray together, to sing together, to care about each other, to support one another and to Praise God!!!

We were blessed to celebrate 6 adult and one teen baptism on October 8th.. A big thank you to Cornerstone Church in Westford for letting us use their baptismal tank.

Hanging of the Greens will be on **Sunday November 26th 10 am**. Come join us as the Sunday School students lead the congregation in a traditional Christian ceremony of decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

Mark your calendars for special dates in December

Our annual Christmas Fair is on Saturday, December 2nd 9AM to 4PM. Great food, baked goods, craft vendors, kids Grab Bag. Come and ask to ring our church bell
We are still looking for a few craft vendors. Call Jim Politi 203-535-5982. Thrift Store will be open as well.

Be sure to look for our Christmas exhibit at the town **Festival of Trees November 24, 25, 26 & 30, December 1 & 2.** Christmas Services: Regular Sunday morning service on December 24th.

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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, check with the retailer to see if they will recycle your old one.

When you contact a business or organization,
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Neighbor to Neighbor. They would like to know.

Thank you, Anne

TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



Dr. Richard Benfield, Professor Emeritus at Central Connecticut State University, gave a very interesting presentation on October 11 at the Community Room at Town Hall. Sponsored jointly by the Tyngsboro Public Library and the Garden Club, Dr. Benfield spoke about *Thieves, Charlatans and James Bond: the murky history of our top 10 plants*. Subjects covered included tea, tulips, breadfruit and rubber. Little did we know that Captain Bligh of Caine Mutiny fame, was actually on a search for breadfruit. We were even given an opportunity to taste it, as well as other things derived from the plants he discussed. The lecture was well-attended and informative.

On Tuesday, November 7, Make your own Triskele Holiday Ornament. The group will be making Triskele ornaments with a gardening theme for themselves and/or gifts 7-9pm, at the Evangelical Congregational Church Tyngsborough. One of our members will be leading the make your own ornament session.

On Saturday, November 18th Set-Up for Festival of Trees. 10-11am, at the Old Town Hall.

On Tuesday, **November 28th Greens Night from 7-9pm.** We will gather again with clippers and floral wire, to put together decorations for use around town.

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.** The membership year starts in September. **Club dues are \$25 for the membership year, prorated to \$15 for people who join in the second half.** For more information, please visit our new web site at <https://tyngsborogardenclub.org> or email us at tynggardenclub@gmail.com Linda Sheldon, President

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Officers for the 2022-2023 Lions Year

President: Laura Ward, 1st Woman President for this Lions Club which was formed in 1977; 1st Vice President/Treasurer: Kristine DeMonico; 2nd Vice President/Secretary: Meg DeMonico; Membership Chair: Joe Ward; LCIF Chair: Mark Alexander; Media/Marketing: Charline Vigna; Tail Twister- Jorg Skowranek; Lion Tamer- Richard Lowe

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

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We're thrilled to share that **Mark Alexander** from our **Dunstable-Tyngsboro Lions Club** has been honored with the 2022-2023 **District 33 N "Lion of the Year Award"** in recognition of Outstanding Service, Loyalty, and Devotion to Lionism. Our Past District Governor Tony Pecci presented Mark with the award during District 33N's First District Advisory. Our traditional pinning ceremony was conducted by our current 2023-2024 District Governor Liz Pettis. Congratulations, Mark! We're proud to have you as part of our Lions Club family.

Congratulations to **Mark Alexander, Dunstable-Tyngsboro Lions Club**, and **Katie Sirois, North Shore Lions Club**, who were presented Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships during District 33N's First District Advisory for their service in 2022-2023 by Past District Governor Tony Pecci.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship was created in 1973 and takes its name from the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones. It is an honor--not an award. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was established as the Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service.

Great turn out at the Dunstable 350th Saturday night! We were excited to serve the town and have some fun. We cooked up some delicious hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken fingers. We appreciate all the additional support in this event!



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REPAIR CAFE WILL RETURN!

Wow! We had no idea how our first Repair Cafe would go and are blown away by how successful it was. 33 items were brought in by residents. Volunteers were able to repair 29 of those items! Lamps, watches, necklaces, clothing, sheets, curtains, a printer, a music box, record, DVD and cassette players, and several other items were successfully repaired.

Many thanks to the repair volunteers. Who knew Tyngsboro had such talented folks ready to help their fellow residents?

A big thank you to Christine McCarron, Rotary Club member, who generously offered The Beehive Co-Working Facility to host our first Repair Cafe.

Much applause to Keith Morse, Sustainability Committee Secretary and Rotary Club member, who imagined and led this into being. Well done, Keith!

And finally, thank you to our library director, Kathy Growney for her support and for working with library staff to create a "Library of Things," many items of which were used for several of our repairs and are **now available to the public to borrow for their own repairs.**

We don't know when we will offer our next Repair Cafe but we do know our volunteers and customers had fun and want another one so stay tuned!

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If you are thinking about advertising your business, please contact me by email, I will send you a rate sheet which should answer most questions. **Issues are available to read online at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com. You will also find more news and articles posted there.** I look forward to hearing from you soon. E-mail: anne@neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com or call (978) 419-1914. *Thank you, to all who advertise, submit news & articles and to those who read the issues. I hope you enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving with family and or friends. Sincerely, Anne*

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Your contacts can be exported out of AOL and then imported to your new email App. This is a bit more complicated but can be done. Some people converted to yahoo email addresses because of an earlier Verizon notice. Yahoo.com email addresses can also be accessed on your phone. **Feel free to contact me if you are interested in making this change.**



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- **The fall Adult Bible Study Class continues weekly (except the second week of the month) beginning at 9:00am and will continue to the end of the year.** The Dunstable Church will hold an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. This book was written to demonstrate to the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Christ, the fulfillment of their Scriptures. It contains the most thorough and organized presentation of Christ's teaching anywhere in the Bible. Like the ancient Jews, people today are looking for an understanding of why - or if - these long-ago prophecies matter. Join us to find out! Details and schedule will be posted under "Events" on our website: www.Dunstablechurch.org.
- **Our Intentional Interim Pastor**, Dr. Doug Walker, and his wife, Marsi, are continuing to get to know you all. Doug is available to meet and perhaps share a meal together on Sundays or Monday morning thru lunch time. Doug is usually in the church office on Monday mornings, so call the office (978-649-6251) to set up a time to get together or have a phone chat.
- **A Transition Team** is continuing to meet on the **first and third Sundays of the month** to study our church and its people, to prepare a church and pastor profile, and to establish a Search Committee. Anyone is welcome at these meetings. Check the church website for any updates.
- **Our special Thanksgiving Sunday service will be held on November 19th** and will offer another opportunity to donate dry & canned goods and personal care items for PACH, serving the needs of Pepperell and Dunstable. Please check the website for more information as time comes nearer. There will be more activities at DECC as part of the Jinglefest/Journey events on December 2nd and on December 24th, Christmas Eve. Stay tuned!
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Bone Building, for those afflicted with the disease of Osteopenia or Osteoporosis, is held at the Tyngsboro Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00AM. The Model used is taken from Tufts University Research on Aging and has proven effective.

This class is currently on a wait list and requires a doctor's note to participate two times a week for a minimum of six months to be effective. For more information, please call Jean Jacoppi, Leader (978-649-9076).

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AT TYNGSBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER

Stitchers meets on Mondays from 10AM to 11:30AM in the dining room at the Tyngsboro Senior Center.

Recently, a sale of knitwear was held at The Fall Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly.

A big thank you to those who contributed to the sale. They were: Yolanda Carmona, Carol Sides, Lucy Foley, Mary Teixeira, Shirley Birchfield, Jackie Dawson, Sandra Price, Brenda Price, Maureen Baril, Ritva Ojanan, Beverly O'Leary, Mary Joy Gasda, and Jean Jacoppi.

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The Fall Festival and Knitwear Sale was recently held at the American Legion Hall where members of the Friends and guests were invited to a dinner served by Bianco Catering. Raffle Baskets, donated by some of the groups that use the senior center, Door Prizes from Dream Diner, Market Basket, and Sullivan Farms, along with the 50/50 Raffle and the Grand Prize Winners of the Grocery Give Away, were enjoyed by all.

Laura and Terry from Big Smile Entertainment Company, sang Broadway Hits that we all recognized as we sang along. Needless to say, yet another fun time enjoyed by our seniors.

We welcome all who wish to support our efforts by becoming a member. To Renew or become a new member, just fill out the Membership Form found on the Greeter Desk at the Tyngsboro Senior Center and mail it to us or place it in our mailbox in the coatroom at the center. For further questions, please call Joe Jacoppi (978-649-9076)

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It's not as well-known as Halloween, but National Retirement Security week happens every October – the third week, to be precise — and while it doesn't involve ghosts and goblins, it does deal with something even more frightening: the risk of not being able to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Through various events, this occasion highlights ideas about building retirement security. What steps can you take?

Here are some suggestions:

- Don't underestimate your longevity. Consider this: 65-year-old men can expect to live another 20 years, while 65-year-old women can anticipate almost 22 more years, according to the Society of Actuaries. And these figures are just averages, meaning you could well exceed these ages, perhaps by many years. So, in thinking about how much money you'll need as a retiree, be aware that you could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement.

- Don't underestimate health care costs. When you retire, some of your expenses — such as transportation, wardrobe and other costs associated with your career — will drop. Others will not and may even increase. Health care is a prime example: Many people assume that Medicare or their Medicare Advantage plan will take care of virtually all their health care costs in retirement, but that's not the case. Generally speaking, you could plan on spending \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year on health care costs during retirement, excluding the large expenses connected with long-term care. Your actual costs could be higher or lower, depending on your health, prescription drugs and supplemental insurance coverage, but make sure you plan for sizable health care costs in your projected retirement budget.

- Contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plans. Try to put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan and try to increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You may also be eligible to contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA, which offers tax benefits and a wide variety of investment options. (Contributions to a Roth IRA may be limited based on your income.) Once you reach retirement, you can still make some moves that could help boost your financial security:

- *Maintain an appropriate investment mix.* When you retire, you might be tempted to shift most of your portfolio into highly conservative investments to "lock in" gains and avoid being over-exposed to market volatility that could cause short-term losses. Yet, even in retirement, you should still own some growth-oriented investments that can potentially help keep you ahead of inflation. In fact, it's important to periodically rebalance your investments back to your preferred mix to avoid taking too much or too little risk, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor.

- *Identify a suitable withdrawal rate.* You don't want to take out so much from your portfolio each year that you run the risk of outliving your money. So, you'll want to determine an annual withdrawal rate that can reduce this danger. A common withdrawal rate to start retirement is 4%, but your own rate should be based on several factors: your age, size of portfolio, other sources of income and so on. It can be challenging to make all the moves necessary to help achieve retirement security — but it's worth the effort.

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