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TYNGSBOROUGH'S TOWN MANAGER REPORT

*From Colin Loiselle, Tyngsborough Town Manager
April 2024*

•The Tyngsborough Sewer Commission was notified last month that it was awarded a federal grant of \$480,000 for a capacity project in Town. This comes the same year that the Commission received nearly \$900,000 in a congressional earmark for design of the next phase.

•The Residential Yard-Waste Drop Off site formally re-opened for the season on April 2nd. You can learn more about using the site by visiting tyngsboroughma.gov and selecting "Trash and Recycling" under the "Residents" tab.

•The 17th Annual Town-Wide Clean Up takes place during the month of April in Tyngsborough. Residents are encouraged to grab a friend or friends and clean up their favorite area in Town! This could be your street, your favorite park, or sport field! Materials are available at the Town Hall and Highway Garage. Simply fill up the bright yellow bags with trash and leave them on the curb. The program is sponsored by the Tyngsborough Highway Department, Board of Health, and Sustainability Committee.

•Hazardous material abatement at the Winslow School was completed last month. This was funded by two separate Town Meeting appropriations and included the removal of two underground storage tanks, abatement of asbestos containing materials throughout the building, and limited lead abatement.

•Design work on the partial demolition, exterior restoration of the original school house, and relocation of the Winslow School is in full swing. The direction of this project comes from the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting vote where voters voted to fund \$1.5M to demolish the additions on the Winslow School, restore the exterior envelope of the original school house, relocate the school house closer to Winslow and regrade the site so that the school becomes at grade for accessibility benefits. Once design is final, assuming cost-estimates are within then project, the construction portion of the project will go out to bid.

•Work on the Police Department parking lot project will commence this month. The project will see the repaving of the entire parking lot and accessibility improvements. This project was funded by the Capital Asset Management Committee as a part of their FY24 Capital Plan.

•The FY2025 budget is available for review at tyngsboroughma.gov under the Town Manager tab on the website.

A reminder that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7 PM at Tyngsborough Elementary School and the Town Election will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

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 Manager's Office can be reached by phone 978-649-2300 x100 or by emailing administration@tyngsboroughma.gov.

IN MEMORY OF

Rita Perrault Ramalho

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Georgette R. (Laurent) Letendre

Margaret E. "Peggy" (Boyle) Perrin

Anthony F. "Frank" Dimodana

Margaret F. "Peg" (Schwartz) Joncas

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **2024 Dog Licenses** are available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. The license is now late and payment must include a \$25.00 late fee. 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 envelope for the license.**

• **TOWN ELECTION:** The Town Election is May 21st. Voting hours 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

• **TOWN MEETING:** Town Meeting is scheduled for May 3rd and will be held at Tyngsborough Elementary Cafetorium at 7:00 pm. Stay safe! Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions.

NOTICE

TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

The Annual/Special Meetings of the District will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM** at the District Office. Warrants and additional information will be available at the Water District Office.

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

NOTICE TO TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT USERS

The Tyngsborough Water District will be flushing water mains beginning April 17, 2024. The flushing program will be in effect for approximately 6 weeks. Flushing will be **conducted between the hours of 8am and 3pm, Monday through Friday.**

During these times, water pressure may be low and the water discolored. Let the water run awhile and it should clear up quickly.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thank you for your assistance!

Tyngsborough Water District

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

Please note Trash/Recycling will be delayed a day on **Patriots' Day, Monday, April 15th, 2024**



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SUSTAINABLE TYNSGBOROUGH UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Tyngsborough Town-wide clean up:** During the month of April. Adopt a sidewalk near you by picking up a cleanup kit at Town Hall (25 Bryant Lane) or the Highway Dept (89 Kendall Rd). Leave filled yellow bags at the curbside and the Highway Dept will collect them.
2. **Repair Cafe - Sat April 13th (11AM-2PM) at the Beehive** (2 Bridgeview Circle, Tyngsborough). Repair cafe is a neighborhood initiative that promotes repair as an alternative to adding items to the landfill. Bring your broken item to the event and with the help of volunteers, fix it up to be used again! Residents of all communities are welcome.
3. **Spring 2024 Zero Waste Day - Saturday May 11 (9AM-Noon)** - Zero Waste Day is an opportunity for residents to keep usable goods out of the waste stream. By partnering with local reuse organizations, durable goods can be used again and again, reducing the amount of trash we generate and the natural resources required to produce new goods. Accepting gently used furniture, electronics & small appliances, scrap metal, textiles, books, bikes and more!

Visit <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/372/Waste-Wise> for more details on these events or connect with members of the Sustainable Tyngsborough community on Facebook.

Please contact us at sustainabletyngsboro@gmail.com with your ideas or questions. Or join one of our meetings - the 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

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TYNSGBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Join the Conservation Commission & Tyngsborough Land Trust in hosting the **Commission's 5th Annual Trail Day on May 4th!** This year, the Commission's goal is to improve and maintain Hunter Norton Property. The Commission and Tyngsborough Land Trust will be partnering to do a variety of different improvements throughout the property which will include installing fences along River Rd and around the existing parking area, installing brand NEW kiosks with signage and invasive species removal. Of course, cleaning of the trails from trash and natural debris will be on the schedule. Come out and support in the efforts to freshen up our conservation lands and help in preserving them.

The only way we can keep up with land management is with your help. Tell your family, friends, even your neighbors. All are welcome! We ask any volunteers to bring their own tools (i.e working gloves, water bottle, rakes, loppers, shovels, tarps, etc) if they can. Extra water, tools, and trash bags will be available.

Flyers will be posted around Town Hall and within other Town buildings. For more information visit the Conservation Dept. website. **Date:** Saturday May 4th, 2024 **Location:** Hunter Norton Property - Off River Rd across the railroad tracks **Time:** 8:00am - 2:00pm **RVSP:** Email Conservation Director at ebush@tyngsboroughma.gov

TYNSGBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

Veterans, Veteran widower, widow or dependents of a Veteran, you may be eligible for financial assistance from my office. I may be able to help with basic living expenses, rent or mortgage heating cost, prescriptions, hearing aids, monthly healthcare premiums and hospital/doctor bills not covered by your Medicare or other insurance. The Veteran's Office is a confidential office where your identity is completely confidential. Call or email to schedule an appointment. Sincerely, Christopher W. Dery, Tyngsborough Veteran's Agent, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879 978-649-2300 X131 veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov

TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



169 Westford Rd, Tyngsborough, MA
978-649-9211

Mailing Address: 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879
Email: Broche@tyngsboroughma.gov

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

• **CLOSED Monday, April 15th for Patriot's Day**

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

• **WELLNESS CLINIC** Tyngsborough Council on Aging, 169 Westford Rd 978-649-9211. Charlene Muscato RN will be here **Wednesday, April 10th, 9:30** doing blood pressure readings, weight checks and medication reviews. **Sign in sheet at the front desk.** First come, first served.

• **FREE COMPUTER and CELL PHONE HELP** on **2nd Wednesday of the month, April 10th, at the Senior Center, 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

• **COA Board Meeting** Tuesday, April 16th 3:30 PM

• **BOOK CLUB** (Monthly) **Wednesday, April 17th, 10:00** Come join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. With Carol Sides hosting. Discover and read the best new books each month.

• **SENIOR/VETERAN BREAKFAST** **Thursday, April 18th, 8:30-9:00** Start your day off with a **FREE ALL YOU CAN EAT**, healthy breakfast. **Breakfast sponsored by Tyngsborough / Dunstable Rotary Club.**

• **MOTHER'S DAY "Wine tasting" CELEBRATION, Friday, May 10th, 11:30 AM** Come celebrate motherhood at our first wine tasting event. There will be several different wines to taste. The Traveling Chef will be here at 11:30 with a "Carving Station" - Turkey or Roast Beef and all the fixings followed by a wine tasting.

• **BONE STRENGTH... FREE Wednesdays 10:00 / Fridays 9:00** Doctor's note **NOT** required. (Similar to Bone Builders-exercises for building bones) **Class has openings.**

• **YOGA and Holistic Health** **Every other Wednesday 9:00, see calendar for the dates.** Lynda Gamble...Yoga. Laurie Schmalz... Holistic Health **Reducing stress and increasing relaxation.** Reducing pain and muscle sore ness and tension. Improving circulation, energy and alertness. Lowering heart rate and blood pressure.

• **BRIDGE** **Every Thursday 10:00 FREE** Each player in rotation must follow suit to the card led (play a card of the same suit). A player unable to follow suit may play any card, including a trump, if desired. A trick is won by the highest card of the suit led or by the highest trump, if it contains any

• **CANASTA, Every Thursday 1:00 FREE** Canasta is played with two full decks of cards, including two Jokers from each deck totaling 108 cards. The main object of the game is to outscore the opposing team, or players.

• **MAHJONG, FREE NO COST! Every Friday, 10:00 ... BEGINNERS** "Studies have shown that mahjong is a great game for keeping the mind sharp" and it is recommended among the elderly as a means of keeping their brains in good health. Room available

• **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.

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

• **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.

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Deadline for the May issue is April 10th

CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND INHERITANCES

By Edward H. Adamsky

Whenever you earn money such as by selling an item for a profit, or wages at a job, you have to pay income-tax. The tax is based on your profit. Wages are all "profit" as your time cannot be deducted as an expense. When you sell an item for more than you paid for it, the taxable profit is the difference between your purchase price and the sale price. Another name for your purchase price is your "basis." Basis can be different though. For instance, if you bought a house for \$200,000, but then put another \$100,000 into an addition, your total basis in the house is \$300,000.

One component of the income-tax is that you pay a lower rate on some gains. Wages are considered "ordinary" income, and you pay the regular tax rate. But, if you bought real estate or stock, and held it for more than one year, when you sell it, your profit is taxed at a lower "capital-gains" rate. This is an incentive to get people to invest and hold for a longer term. It may not be fair to working folks, but it is believed that this is good for the economy overall.

One of the exceptions to having to pay income tax on money you receive is when you receive it as a gift or inheritance. This is not counted as income, and you don't have to pay any tax when you inherit assets. If you inherited \$100,000 from your parents, you just get to keep it all without paying any tax. This is a rare rule that we should all be happy about.

But say you inherited a house from your parents, and your parents only paid \$100,000 for it. If you sell it for \$500,000, do you have to pay income tax on the \$400,000 of profit? In most cases the answer is "no" because of something in the Tax code called the "adjustment in basis" (commonly called the "step-up" in basis). When you inherit an asset, instead of using the basis of the person you got it from, you get to use the fair-market value on their date of death. So, you won't pay any tax on the sale of your parents house, if the sale price is the same as the value when they died.

This is a concept you should know and understand when planning for yourself or your family. You can make mistakes that cost your family money. You only get the step-up in basis through an inheritance. You don't get it with an outright gift. If your parents gave you their house while they were still alive, you would have to use their basis to calculate your gain and the tax due when you sell the house. The step-up only comes through an inheritance at death.

There are reasons to do lifetime gifts, so the decision is not simple, but you need to think through the ramifications of lifetime gifts and inheritances before you make a mistake. You should consult with your financial advisor and your estate-planning attorney before making any large lifetime gifts and to determine the best tax consequences for your estate planning.

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Meeting schedules are posted at the front entrance of the Town Hall

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Board of Health	Ext. 118	Veteran's Agent	Ext. 131
Building Office	Ext. 112	Sewer Dept.	Ext. 134
Town Clerk	Ext. 129	Board of Selectmen	Ext. 100
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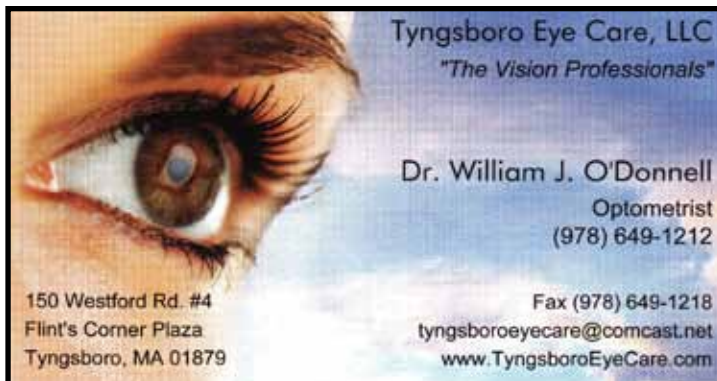
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• SWIM LESSONS!! AT THE TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN

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Teen & Adult Lessons: Open to learners of all ages, with small group and private lesson options.

Summer 2024 Group Lesson Pricing: \$150 for a package of 6 classes over the session, \$60 per private lesson, \$80 per semi-private lesson. **All Registrations will be available on line through www.DiscoverH2O.com**

• Tentative Lesson Schedule (July 11th - August 18th):

Thursday: Beginner: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm, Intermediate: 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm, Advanced: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Sunday: Beginner: 9:00 am - 9:45 am, Intermediate: 9:45 am - 10:30 am, Advanced: 10:30 am - 11:15 am, Beginner: 11:15 am - 12:00 pm, Intermediate: 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm. *Private lessons and Waterfront Lifeguard Training will be scheduled based on request and availability.*

• ADULT PICKUP BASKETBALL Drop-in program open to all. \$10pp at the court. 1x a week game schedule posted on Tyngsborough Recreation Facebook page. New faces welcome!
• Community Service Hours Available for Students Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have opportunities. We are very grateful to all our student volunteers.



TYNGSBORO HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NIGHT

Our main event will be held overnight on June 7th at the Tyngsboro Sports Center. We will bring the graduating seniors, immediately following graduation and pictures, to TSC for an all-night, substance free event with lots of activities, food and great prizes to be won. **We will keep them safe and have been doing so with a 100% success rate since 1996!**

How can you get involved?

Senior Parents: We are looking for help on the day of graduation...senior parents help decorate because the underclassmen parents will be staying up all night to keep your seniors safe. We would also welcome any gift cards you would be willing to donate for prizes on that night...\$10 or \$15 is fine! Last year parents really came through and it made a big difference in the prizes we were able to give away.

Underclassmen Parents: Anyone who would be willing to help overnight, please contact us at contact@thsgradnight.org.

Underclassmen parents and middle school parents who would be interested in helping out with the committee and seeing what we do, please also reach out at the above email. The time commitment is minimal and we can always use an extra pair of hands a couple times of year. Thank you in advance for any help or support you are willing to offer us!

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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
proudly announces Claire Shambley, Ashley Gauthier, Kaylie Cashman, and Christos Panagakis as
March Students of the Month.

Claire Shambley, daughter of Mary Mt. Pleasant and Will Shambley, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has also received the Academic Excellence Award, Principal's Award, the Commitment to Learning Award, and National Honor Society Award and has been on the high honor roll for four consecutive years. Claire also served as the treasurer of the National Honor Society during her senior year. She has also been a four-year member of the varsity lacrosse team where she was named captain for her senior season. She also received the USA Lacrosse All-American Academic Award and the Midland Wachusett All-Star Award. Claire has also participated in several community services such as organizing the National Honor Society as an officer; volunteering at the Tyngsborough Block Party, Festival of Trees, other events for the Tyngsborough Parks and Recreation, and volunteering at youth lacrosse clinics. Her hobbies include playing lacrosse and basketball, hanging out with her friends, hiking, sewing, and biking. Claire's favorite subjects are math with Mrs. Rich and English with Mr. Raras. She plans to attend college and major in industrial engineering and business and eventually pursue a career in product design. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I love the sense of community at THS, and the confidence and friends I've gained, both in the classroom and on the field. I'm grateful for the freedom I've had here to become who I am. My favorite memories are homecoming and winning the Division Championship in lacrosse during my freshman and sophomore years".

Ashley Gauthier, daughter of Jennifer and Ed Gauthier, has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She also has received the Academic Excellence Award award each year, the National Honor Society Award, the Core Value Award and the Commitment to Learning Award. Ashley has also been a member of the Book Club during her senior year. She has participated in community service such as the Tyngsborough Block Party, National Honor Society events, and assisting dance classes. Her hobbies include dance and baking and her favorite subjects are biology, chemistry, and anatomy. Ashley's future goals include attending college and looking for research opportunities. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have gained beautiful friendships that I wouldn't have otherwise gained".

Kaylie Cashman, daughter of Kristen Cashman, has been on Honor Roll for three consecutive years and a recipient of the Principal's Award. She has also been a member of the varsity softball team for all four years at THS. Kaylie has also volunteered her time at youth softball clinics for several years. Her hobbies include walking her dog, going to the beach, and vacationing. Kaylie's favorite subjects are anatomy and math and her future goals are to attend college, major in nursing, and travel the world. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "Looking back on my days at THS, I have learned how to maintain a schedule and manage my time, it has guided me to be successful in my future. A memory will be me going through my school years with my friends.

Christos Panagakis, son of Ted and Maria Panagakis, has been the vice president of DECA for the last four years. He also is a member of the student council. Christos has been a four-year member of the football and baseball team. He has also participated in community service such as the Tyngsborough Block Party and Holy Trinity Church events. Christos's hobbies include fishing, cooking, and hanging with friends and his favorite subject is math. He plans on attending college and becoming an accountant. Looking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "I have gained so many connections and resources at THS. I truly feel that I will keep lifelong connections with most of these people on a personal and professional basis. My favorite memory at THS was getting to experience homecoming with my older sister during my sophomore year".

Congratulations to these four amazing students!



**FRIENDS OF THE
TYNGSBOROUGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



•• **March was Membership Month!** Please support the Friends by renewing your membership, or join us with a new membership as we start a new year of the Friends. Why join? If you have benefited from a special event, enjoyed our local book sale or used the library museum passes, you have used a Friends program! It is never too late to join to help us support our neighbors.

•• Members are welcome to attend the meetings and share new ideas, but this is never required! We only ask for your donation as membership in this worthwhile, nonprofit volunteer organization. Your employer may match your donation. Applications were mailed to all Tyngsboro households in March.

•• Please complete the application and return it to the Library with your dues or donate online at <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library-application/> or scan the QR code at the top of this article. It only takes a minute to donate and has so much local impact!

•• **May Book Sale: Save the date Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Room at Town Hall** The Friends will be selling books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, and puzzles. Mark your calendars, and come early to pick out the books and other items you like!

•• **You can donate used books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and jewelry at the Library (in the Children's Program Room) beginning on Monday, April 22nd!** Please ensure that all items are clean and in good condition, no magazines please.

Volunteers are needed to sort books, help set-up and clean-up!

•• The Friends continue to fund several passes for museums and other venues for adults and families, indoors and out. Visit the Library's website to reserve a pass and click on the link to the venue for information on visitor information.

•• **Our upcoming meetings are Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library on May 6 and June 3.** The Friends do not meet during the summer months. Please contact us at tynglibfriends@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions!

**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.

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TYNGSBOROUGH DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

... is an official body, recognized both by the Massachusetts Democratic Party and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ongoing initiatives include civic education/engagement, implementation of nature-based solutions for climate change and information outreach on student loan reduction and other government programs. The committee welcomes participation and collaboration with everyone without exception.

Identification and protection of vernal pools is ongoing- anyone who hears the spring peepers, please let us know. Contact Chair Elizabeth Coughlin lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com text/phone 978-758-2680.

TYNGSBOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

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The Door to Door Scholarship Drive began on April

1st. High school seniors participating in the Door to Door drive will canvas neighborhoods in Tyngsborough raising money for scholarships. If you work for a company that matches donations, you can double your donation to scholarship drive. BAE Systems, Digital Credit Union, Fidelity, JC Penney, and Raytheon are just a few of the companies that participate in the matching gift program.

All profits from the 2023-2024 fundraising events will go towards scholarships for the Class of 2024. For over 60 years volunteers from our community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough.

We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition; we meet the second Thursday of the month at the THS at 6:30. Please contact scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com with any questions.

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Explore and connect

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Library Hours: • **Mon. & Wed.** 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

• **Tues. & Thurs.**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • **Sat.**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

• **Fri. & Sun. Closed**

CLOSED Monday, April 15th for Patriot's Day

• **Genealogy Club: April 10th at 6:00 p.m.** Join us for a meeting of the Genealogy Club. Details TBA. Check our website for more details.

• **Finding & Sharing Stories: A Workshop for Adults, Teens & Tweens with Davis Bates: April 27th at 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (ages 11+)** This program will involve the audience in a variety of storytelling traditions. It will provide a number of tools and examples to help participants find, learn and share stories from a variety of sources, as well as information about how to use storytelling at home, school and at work. Exercises will include storytelling games, vocal techniques and guided imagery. Hand-outs, including follow-up activities and a resource guide, will be provided.

• **Total Solar Eclipse: Monday, April 8th from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** We've got eclipse fever at Tyngsborough Public Library! Join us as we safely view the eclipse! Location to be announced on our website and social media.

• **Quilts & Blooms Reception: April 22nd from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

• **Tab the Library Turtle's First Birthday Bash: Wednesday, May 8th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** We will celebrate the first birthday of Tab the Library turtle at the library! More details to come.

• **An Evening of Celtic Music with Áine Minogue: May 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Join us for an evening of Celtic music performed by world-renowned musician Áine Minogue! This event will be held at the Old Town Hall building at 10 Kendall Road.

• **Writers' Group: Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.**

• **Adult Coloring Club: Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

• **Tech Help: Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** 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 Clubs: Book Chat** April 3rd and May 1st at 6:30pm ; **Cookbook Club** April 8th at 6:30pm ; **Romance Club** April 10th at 6:30pm ; **Mystery Monday** April 22nd at 6:30pm ; **Fiction Club** April 24th at 6:30pm.

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

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

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

Kids & Teens

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

I Love My Library Because... Activity, April 1st-13th, All Day (All Ages) Visit the Children's Room and tell us what you love about TPL in honor of National Library Week! Patrons will be able to write on a heart what they love most about the library and it will be put on display. No registration required.

Drop-In Make Your Own Pinhole Projector, Saturday, April 6th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12) Save those old shoeboxes, cereal boxes and toilet paper rolls! Visit the Children's Room to make your very own Pinhole Projector in time for the eclipse on Monday, April 8th. Materials and directions will be provided for children to work at their own pace. Cereal boxes, shoeboxes, and/or paper towel rolls will NOT be provided, so please come prepared with your own! Recommended for ages 3-12 (with adult accompaniment). No registration required.

Music & More with Miss Bernadette, Saturday, April 6th at 9:30 a.m. (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. **Registration is required.**

Guessing Jar, April 8th-18th, All Day (ages 3-12) Visit the Children's Room and guess how many "bookworms" are in the jar in honor of National Library Week! Whoever guesses will win a prize. No registration required.

Drop-In Dr. Book Craft, Wednesday, April 10th from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. (ages 3-12)

Read with Rabbits, Tuesday, April 16th from 2:30 p.m.-3:15p.m. (Grades Pre-K-Second Grade) Learn about the rabbits that we raise at Land's Sake. This program includes a rabbit-themed story time, learning about rabbit behavior and anatomy, and an additional program of our choice: a bunny themed craft, game, or movement activity. The highlight of the program is the Bunny Circle, where youth are able to touch and interact with live rabbits. This program is for grades Pre-K to Second Grade. **Registration is required and spots are limited.**

Henry the Juggler, Wednesday, April 17th at 6 p.m. (General Audience) Henry the Juggler (AKA Henry Lappen) is wanted! He is wanted by audiences everywhere for his zany attempts to defy the laws of gravity. He juggles any number of balls, clubs, rings, members of the audience . . . He balances strange items on the tip of his nose. Everything is accomplished wordlessly as Henry uses body language (and road signs!) to express himself. **Registration is Required.**

Drop-In Mother's Day Craft, Saturday, May 11th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12) Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and female guardians can visit the Children's Room with their little ones for a fun book themed craft in honor of Mother's Day! 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 2-5) **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.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Club Pokemon, April 1 and May 6 at 4 p.m. (grades 3+) 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.**

Readers Theatre Club, April 3rd and May 1st at 5 p.m. (ages 7-12) Have you always had a flare for dramatics? This club is for you! Join Miss Lizzie in becoming a part of Tyngsborough Library's very own Reader's Theatre Club! Kids will learn different acting games/exercises, theatre terminology, confidence skills, as well as different techniques in various elements of acting. This program will take place on the first Wednesday of every month and is for ages 7-12. Kids are encouraged to meet consistently, but new members can join anytime. **Registration is required.**

Babytime - April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-23 mos.) **Registration is required.**

LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, April 20th at 11 a.m. (all ages with a grownup) All ages are welcome to join our LEGO Challenge. See our Instagram [@tyngsboroughpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/tyngsboroughpubliclibrary) for examples of past LEGO Challenge creations. No registration required.

Bedtime Storytime - April 29th at 6:30 p.m. (ages 2-5) **Registration is required** and pajamas are encouraged!

TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

MORE NEWS

- **Monthly Scavenger Hunt, All Day, All Month Long (ages 3-12)**
- **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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As a senior citizen (65 or older), you may be eligible to claim a refundable credit on your Massachusetts personal income tax return. The Circuit Breaker tax credit is based on the actual real estate taxes or rent paid on residential property you own or rent and occupy as your principal residence. **This credit is available even if your income level does not require you to file a Massachusetts income tax return.**

The maximum credit amount for tax year 2023 is \$2,590.

- Applicants must meet income guidelines.
- Homeowners: Property value limit is \$1,025,000 and your property taxes together with half of your water and sewer expense, must exceed 10% of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year.
- Renters: 25% of your annual rent must exceed 10% of your total income for the tax year.

For more information, contact the Assessor's Office 978-649-2300 x 121.

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.

FREE CURBSIDE TEXTILE PICK UP

The Town of Tyngsborough partnered with **HELPSY** to offer **free curbside pick-up** of clothing and household textiles to residents. Pickups will happen weekly. **Schedule curbside pick-up at [helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma](https://www.helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma) or 800-244-6350. Questions? <https://www.helpsy.co/home-pickup-faq>** Only clothing and other textiles, should be bagged and left on the curb by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick up. HELPSY accepts clean, dry, and bagged clothing and fashion accessories (stained, worn, and torn is fine). This includes dresses, shirts, pants, suits, coats, gloves, hats, belts, ties, scarves, wallets, purses, backpacks, totes, shoes, towels, bedding, costumes, curtains, placemats, tablecloths, and throw rugs. For more information about other recycling programs available to Tyngsborough residents, please contact the Board of Health by phone at 978-649-2300 x118 or visit them on the web at <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspectional-services/health/trash-and-recycling/>

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The **Dunstable Concert Committee** has plans for six summer concerts on the Dunstable town common this year: **Wednesday evenings June 19th through July 31st (with a rain date on Thursdays (and no concert the week of July 4th))**

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 2024 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 22nd, 2024.

What's in it for the winner?

The winner will receive one free ice cream of their choice at each of the 2024 summer concerts!



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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. *Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.*



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Do you have a fundraiser, meetings, or events coming up in May or in early June?

The news is placed FREE of charge on a first come first served basis. *If you have an event in early June it is best to have it in the upcoming May issue.*

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. There are 6,674 issues of Neighbor to Neighbor sent out directly to homes and business each month in the towns of Dunstable and Tyngsborough.

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I look forward to hearing from you soon. Anne

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By Tim Hulings

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Reputable Reputation. Responsible firms have verifiable locations, proudly stand behind their work, and online reviews that reflect it.

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A Repair Café is a neighborhood initiative that promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. Residents can bring their broken items in and, with the help of volunteer repairers, fix them. At this event, everything centers on making repairs. Volunteers with a variety of areas of expertise will be available to help, free of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand. People visiting the Repair Café will bring their broken items from home. Toasters, lamps, hair dryers, PCs/Macs, clothes, bikes, toys, jewelry, crockery... anything that is broken is welcome, and can more than likely be repaired. Many of the tools we use will then be available to borrow from the Tyngsborough Public Library's "Library of Things" so that residents can perform the same types of fixes at home without having to purchase these tools.

By repairing things together, we are fostering a "repair mindset" to reduce waste and promoting a community spirit. Want to know more about the Repair Café? Look at the international website repaircafe.org/en. **See you on April 13 at the Repair Café!**

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Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable meets at the Dream Diner, 384 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsborough, MA. We meet the second Thursday for lunch at 12:00 and the fourth Thursday for breakfast at 8:00 am.

All are welcome! We even treat our guests on their first visit. We're a super friendly and informal group with a huge community impact! Our facebook page is www.facebook.com/tyngsborodunstable Rotary/

THE FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

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Currently, plans are underway for the Spring Fling Luncheon. This event will host a One Of A Kind entertainment that will be sure to please. Popular 50/50 Raffle, Raffle Baskets, and Door Prizes are always fun.

Membership forms are available at the Greeter Desk at the Tyngsboro Senior Center or by calling President, Joe Jacoppi (978-649-9076).

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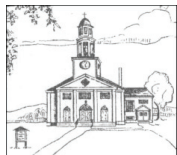
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We are happy to see Jeanne Checchi in our group once again. She brought several hats as well as afghans that she has made through the winter.

Our group will be working on an afghan project that will be raffled off at the Fall Festival. We continue to work on projects for next winter as well. Join us.



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• **The Adult Bible Study Class meets in Fellowship Hall weekly (except the second week of the month) at 9:00am.** The topic is an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. It contains the most thorough and organized presentation of Christ's teaching anywhere in the Bible. Join us.

• **A Transition Team** is nearing the end of its study and preparation to name a search committee to find a new pastor for the Dunstable Church. **The next meetings will be held on April 7th and 21st.** **Anyone is welcome at these meetings.** Check the church website for any updates.

• The four weeks of Lent officially ended with an Easter celebration on March 31st, an early calendar date for Easter. We hope you were able to join us. If you missed it, we gather every Sunday morning at 10:30am at the big white church in the center of Dunstable. We would love to meet you!

We look forward to seeing you at 10:30 AM on Sundays. God bless you.

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• **YOUTH GROUP** will meet: **May 3 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm & June 7 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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• **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**: Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. led by Jim Politi. A new study of 2 Corinthians has begun but you can still join us Tuesday evenings. If interested please call our church office and leave a message.

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Currently, plans are underway for the Spring Fling Luncheon. This event will host a One Of A Kind entertainment that will be sure to please. Popular 50/50 Raffle, Raffle Baskets, and Door Prizes are always fun. **Membership forms are available at the Greeter Desk at the Tyngsboro Senior Center or by calling President, Joe Jacoppi (978-649-9076).**

TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



Join us for our closing reception for Quilts in Bloom at the Tyngsboro Public Library. **Scheduled for Monday, April 22** and co-hosted by the Friends of the Library and assisted by the Library staff, quilts which are currently on display will be paired up with floral arrangements designed by Garden Club members. Light refreshments will be provided, so, come check out the Library, the floral arrangements, and the Garden Club members who will be only too happy to tell you what a great group we are!

We're changing venues this year with a trip to **Weston Nurseries on May 14**. At 6 pm staff will talk to us about shrubs and perennials that grow well in this region and members will be able to buy plants at a discount.

Our major fundraiser for the year is our annual Plant Sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. We're planning to make a bigger splash this year than we have in the past at our two locations—Flint's Corner and 13 Beverlee Rd. If you're going to be in the market for plants this year, make us your first stop because you won't find a better deal anywhere!

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend individual but programs for a nominal fee of \$5. Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Evangelical Congregational Church 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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Public Policy State Committeewoman Elizabeth Coughlin 1st Middlesex Senate District is currently providing outreach information regarding student loan reduction benefits, Green Community, Climate Change and other grants and initiatives.

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WHAT IS A CHROMEBOOK?

By Dean Lotito

Chromebooks are laptops, created by Google to provide a much less expensive alternative to a traditional Windows or Mac computer. As a rule, Chromebooks cost from \$200 to about \$600. (For comparison, Windows laptops range from \$500 to \$1,500, and Apple laptops range from \$800 to \$3,000, without finding something on sale.)

A Chromebook can be a good option for people who use their computer mostly for email and browsing the internet. Any task you can accomplish using an Internet Browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.) can be done on a Chromebook. For many users, this is all you need.

You must have (or create) a Google account (Gmail) to use a Chromebook. These accounts are free. In addition, you can create and edit documents and spreadsheets using either Google Docs or Microsoft Office online. (These browser-based apps are also free.) The programs are run from the Cloud, and all documents that are created are stored on the Cloud. It is important to note that Chromebooks rely on internet access for their functionality. This should not be a problem for most users since Wi-Fi at home is so common these days. You can also use Wi-Fi at other locations such as a library or school, or local coffee shop. There are also Apps which can be downloaded to the Chromebook from the Google Play store. This includes games as well as other productivity Apps.

As a rule, I recommend always buying a new Chromebook. I do not recommend buying a USED Chromebook without first researching the original release date. Google provides software and security updates for 10 years from the release date, which is fine for most people, but buying a used Chromebook that is 6 or more years old would leave you with support and updates for only a few more years.

Chromebooks are a less expensive and very workable option for many people. If you need help selecting or setting up your Chromebook, feel free to contact me.

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SELL FIRST OR BUY FIRST NAVIGATING THE REAL ESTATE SHUFFLE

by Christine McCarron

I'm often asked: "Should I sell my current property before buying a new one?" The truth is, there's no one-size-fits-all answer. The decision of whether to sell first or buy first depends on a blend of personal circumstances and market conditions. Let's explore the advantages and disadvantages of each approach, so you can make an informed decision for your unique situation.

Selling First: The Cash Advantage

- **Financial Security:** Selling first eliminates the potential burden of two mortgages, providing financial breathing room during the house hunt.
- **Stronger Offer:** Buyers whose purchase is contingent on selling their existing home, often face an uphill battle. By selling your home first, you can present an offer free from these conditions, which strengthens your position in a competitive market.
- **Defined Budget:** Once you accept an offer on your home, you'll know exactly how much money you have for your next purchase.
- **Potential for Rent Back:** You may be able to negotiate a rent-back agreement with the buyer of your current home, allowing you to stay put for a predetermined period while searching for your new place.

However, selling first isn't without its challenges:

- **Market Uncertainty:** If the market is going up, you might find that your next home is more expensive than you've budgeted. It's important to understand where we are in the market cycle before deciding to sell first.
- **Temporary Housing:** You may need to arrange temporary housing between closing on the sale and finding a new place, which can be inconvenient and costly.
- **Dream Home Risk:** The perfect home might appear while your current property is still on the market when you're not yet ready to buy.

Buying First: Convenience and Flexibility

- **Stay Put Until You Find the Perfect Place:** You won't have to rush into buying a new home just because you are, or soon will be, homeless. Buying first allows you to take your time and find a house that truly ticks all the boxes.
- **Use a Bridge Loan:** Some financial institutions offer bridge loans that cover the gap between selling your existing home and buying a new one.
- **Worst-case Budget:** When you buy first, it's wise to factor in the lowest expected sale price of your existing property. Most likely, your post-sale situation will be even better than budgeted.

While convenient,

buying first comes with its own set of considerations:

- **Contingent Offers:** Your offer on a new home might be less attractive if it's contingent on selling your current property, especially if you haven't yet started marketing it.
- **Carrying Two Mortgages:** If you don't make your new offer contingent on selling your current home, you'll be responsible for two mortgages simultaneously, which can strain your finances. See Bridge Loan above for one alternative.
- **Market Uncertainty:** Similar to selling first, if market conditions are changing, it could take longer than expected to sell your home, causing stress to you and your budget.

Ultimately, the decision of whether to sell first or buy first is a personal one. Consulting with a trusted real estate professional familiar with your local market and financial situation is crucial. They can guide you through the pros and cons of each approach, helping you navigate this critical crossroads of your move with confidence.

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One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

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However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

• **Life expectancy** – For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: *How long will we live?* Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.

• **Employment** – You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit of \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above \$59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits. Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

• **Spouse** – Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50% of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100% of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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TYNGSBOROUGH DUNSTABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Little Red Schoolhouse
64 Main St, Dunstable, MA (Route 113).

Not far from the Dunstable/Tyngsborough town line near Route 3

- **April 27 - Saturday starting at 9 a.m.**
- **April 28 Sunday at 2 p.m.**
Spring Cleanup at the Little Red Schoolhouse
Inside Cleanup on Saturday, outside on Sunday.
Help make the place shine for our events.
- **May 5 - Sunday from daybreak until noon.**
47th Annual Steam & Gas Engine Meet
At the Little Red Schoolhouse. Come explore the "power of the past" machinery. Refreshments are available for this first event of the year!
- **May 18 - Saturday SCHOOLHOUSE DAYS**

The Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society is pleased to sponsor a program specifically designed for children (or grandchildren) in grades 3 and up to experience a school day in the life of a child in 1798. The event will take place on **Saturday, May 18th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Route 113 in Dunstable.** The day will start at 11:00 sharp and it is strongly recommended you NOT be late for school!

You should plan to arrive at the field by 10:30 where the children will register and then either go directly into the Sarah Tyng Winslow Schoolhouse or stay outside to participate in a variety of learning stations in round robin fashion. Here they will learn and practice their penmanship on slates so that they can write their name in a "fair hand" in cursive. They may make butter, lemonade, pomander balls, or sachet bags of fragrant herbs or learn why the original settlers made such a long and dangerous trip to come, of all places, here! After lunch, we will switch places and the "outside children" will have their turn to meet the greatly "respected/feared" Schoolmaster.

The presenters will be in period costumes and students are encouraged to see what they might have in their homes that would be appropriate to join in the spirit of the day. You can gather ideas via the internet.

Parents are welcome to attend with their children, but this is perhaps not the right event for children who have not yet been in the 3rd grade. If you would like to join the Historical Society and/or contribute to help defray the expenses, you can do so at the event.

We hope you will seriously consider this unique event as a part of your child's education, none of which will show up on MCAS tests, but will become a fond childhood memory for years to come.

For more information or answers to burning questions, please e-mail kimpton576@gmail.com. To Register for the event please fill use the link provided: <https://forms.gle/vVfPwntxQfv2sXul8>

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Swing Into Spring Health Fair

May 4th, 2024 from 11 am to 2 pm
Tyngsborough Old Town Hall
10 Kendall Road

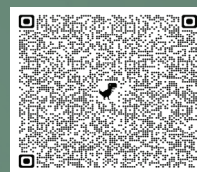
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