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## TYNGSBOROUGH'S TOWN MANAGER REPORT

*From Colin Loiselle, Tyngsborough Town Manager  
March 2024*

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](http://tyngsboroughma.gov).

- Last month, we launched our revamped Town website at [www.tyngsboroughma.gov](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov). The focus of this project was to provide residents and local businesses the information they need in a clear, concise, and easy-to-find manner. As we continue to work the new website to be the best version it can be, please feel free to send your comments/suggestions/complaints to [tech@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:tech@tyngsboroughma.gov).

- At the Select Board's last meeting in January, I presented my initial recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The budget represents a 3.7% increase over Fiscal Year 2024 and delivers the same level of service that residents have come to expect without drastic cuts or overrides. In the coming weeks, some of the numbers will shake out and I look forward to continuing to engage with elected & appointed officials, staff, and residents alike to finalize this budget ahead of Town Meeting. You can view the entire budget and budget presentation on the Town website.

- The new Middle School project is moving along on schedule. I joined members of School Administration, the Select Board, School Committee, and Middle School Building Committee for a walk through of the site. We were also notified that the relief funding that the Town is getting through the Commonwealth will be \$4.6 million instead of the original \$4.1 million we were told in October which is great news.

- The Town's new residential compost drop off program has been off to a great start. As a reminder, the compost bins are available 24/7 at the Highway Department. Please review posted signage and information on our website to ensure you are composting properly.

- **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](http://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](mailto:administration@tyngsboroughma.gov).

**TOWN HALL HOURS:** Monday & Tuesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM  
Wednesday: 8:30AM to 7:00PM • Thursday: 8:30AM to 4:00PM  
**Friday: Closed** [www.tyngsboroughma.gov](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov)

## IN MEMORY OF

Nancy Ann (Burke) MA	Katherine J. "Nina" Heonakos
Eugene "Geno" Bewig	Doris K. (Shanahan) Cropper
Hans Gerhard Otto Buchholz	Karen Marie Laforge
Christine (Chiklis) Stamas	Grace Mae Heckley
Ruby (Reyes) Aiken	Alani Stella Jacobs
Marcia (Kostka) Kelleher	Paulette L. Grout

Gerald H. "Jerry" Roth

## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

- **2024 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. You may renew your dog licenses 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 envelope for the license.**

- **Census Forms** were mailed. Please make changes, sign and return. **The census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your political party.**

- **THE TOWN ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21, 2024.**  
**You still have time to pull papers to run in the Town Election.**  
**Papers are due back to me by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The following are the positions up for election: **Three Year Terms:** Select Board - 2, Board of Assessors, Board of Health - 2, Constables - 2, Cemetery Commissioner, Finance Committee, Library Trustees - 2, School Committee - 2, Sewer Commission, and Town Clerk **Five Year Terms:** Housing Authority, Planning Board **Two Year Term:** Housing Authority

Stay safe! Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to [jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov) with any questions.

## PROPERTY RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM MARCH 2024

The Tyngsborough Board of Assessor's is currently undergoing a property re-inspection program to satisfy the requirements of the Massachusetts Division of Local Services. The program includes a full exterior re-measure and list of improved property. Inspectors have photo identification and are registered with the Police Department. If you are not home at the time of the inspector's visit, a card will be left asking you to contact the office to verify the interior information. The inspections are scheduled to begin the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Assessor's Office if you have questions, 978-649-2300 x 121.

**The majority of the inspections will be taking place in the following areas:** Bay State Rd, Belfair Ln, Centre Crest Dr, Dickens Ln, Flint Rd, Kendall Rd, Lands End Rd, Lovers Ln, Lynne Av, Merrimac Wy, Riverbend Rd, Steinbeck St, Thoreau Ln, Upton Dr, Willowdale Av, Windemere Cr.

## NOTICE

### TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

The Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office. All registered voters residing in the District are welcome to vote at this time.

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.

### 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.

**For those interested in running for a local election, guidance on nomination papers will be provided.**

**Contact Chair Elizabeth Coughlin** [lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com) text/phone 978-758-2680.

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## REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

You may be eligible to receive a property tax exemption if you fall into any of these categories: Legally blind person; Veteran with a service-connected disability; Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran or veteran who died from active-duty injury or illness; Senior citizen age 65 and older, who meets income and asset requirements. You must have owned and occupied your property as of 7/1/2023. Supporting documentation is required for all exemption applications. Applications are available at the Assessors Office in Town Hall, or at [www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/assessors](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/assessors). Applications for FY2024 are due to the Assessors Office by April 1, 2024. If you have questions, please call 978-649-2300 x 121.

### TYNGSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### *The Rain Barrel Program is back!*

Become part of the solution by ordering your own rain barrel. Climate crisis is intensifying the water cycle, making wet periods wetter and dry periods drier. Severe droughts can make both rainfall and flash flooding more severe, creating weather whiplash events. When heavy rain falls over drought-stricken soils - which is often hard and cracked - it cannot soak into the ground, and becomes runoff. Rain barrels can collect that runoff and repurpose the collected water. Tyngsborough, Dunstable and Pepperell are collaborating again to provide residents the opportunity to buy their own rain barrels through The Great American Rain Barrel Company.

To order go to <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/> then select your state and town. **Purchasing deadline is March 31, 2024 at midnight.** Pickup will take place at the Tyngsborough Highway Department on April 13, 2024 between 10am-12pm. **For more information**, you can visit the Tyngsborough Conservation Commission webpage off the Town of Tyngsborough website. Flyers will be available in Inspectional Services at Town Hall.



### Tim's Timely Technical Tips

By Tim Hulings

The sponsors of the Mass Save program have made major changes to the rebates offered for completing energy efficiency upgrades in homes.

The \$10,000 rebate for installing whole home electric heat pumps in homes with preexisting gas-fired heating systems comes with the requirement that homeowners have those legacy systems permanently disabled or removed.

This differs dramatically from previous years where homeowners could elect to keep a furnace or boiler functional as an emergency back up source should their heat pump breakdown or lose power.

Further, rebates for most homeowners electing to upgrade failing boilers or furnaces to modern, high-efficiency models have been reduced to insignificant amounts and will be discontinued altogether in August of this year.

Until next month, stay comfortable.

*Tim*

**Got a question? Drop me a note!**

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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**

**• Teen Cozy Craft - Secret Garden, March 23 at 12:30 p.m.**

(ages 12+) Create a secret garden you can keep in your pocket! Craft moss, miniature plants and animals, cozy images, and more will be provided. You are welcome to bring anything else you want to add to your garden. We will be using a hot glue gun.

**• Genealogy Club: Irish Genealogy 101: March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a meeting of Tyngsborough Public Library's Genealogy Club, where genealogist Tom Toohey will discuss "Irish Genealogy 101." Irish Genealogy 101 is a presentation for beginning and intermediate Irish genealogy researchers. This program offers a step-by-step method for finding the home places of Irish ancestors. It shows techniques that are quick, cheap and easy -- research that anyone can do in their PJs in their kitchen. This lecture contains music, animation and video and is designed to be entertaining as well as informative.

**• AARP Tax-Aide services are available by appointment at Tyngsborough Public Library!** For more information and to request an appointment with tax-aides, call 978-496-8578.

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

**• Writers' Group—Children's Literature: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**• Adult Coloring Club: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:circdesk@tynglib.org) to register for a timeslot. **Registration required.**

**• Fiction Book Club: Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** For the March meeting, we will be discussing *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Visit [tynglib.org/book-club/](http://tynglib.org/book-club/) for more information. \*5 new book clubs start this Month! Cookbook Club, Romance Book Club, Non-Fiction Book Club, Mystery Book Club, and Just Chatting Book Club. Check our website for more details and selected titles.

**• Visit [Tynglib.org/events](http://Tynglib.org/events) to check out all of the upcoming virtual events!**

**Register for TPL programs by calling or emailing ([circdesk@tynglib.org](mailto: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](http://tynglib.org/newsletter)**

**KIDS & TEENS SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**• Book Guessing Jar, March 1st-9th, All Day (ages 3-12)**

Visit the Children's Room and guess what book has been shredded into a jar in honor of Read Across America Week! Whoever guesses will win a prize. No registration required.

**• Read Across America Day, Saturday, March 2nd from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (all ages)** Come into the Children's Room on Saturday and celebrate Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday! Stop in the Children's Room anytime between 10-12 and ask Miss Lizzie to read you a story. No registration required.

**• Dr. Seuss Storytime, Monday, March 4th at 3 p.m. (ages 3-7)** **Registration is required.**

**• Drop-In Dr. Seuss Craft, Tuesday, March 5th from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (ages 3-12)** Visit the Children's Room for a fun Dr. Seuss themed craft in honor of Read Across America Week! 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.

**• Edible Bird Feeders, Monday, March 11th at 4 p.m. (ages 5-12)** Join us and Hands on Nature as we make outdoor simple natural feeders for our local wildlife, using a variety of different materials and fresh foods! These are simple feeders such as fruit wreaths, and sunflower seed stars, that can be repeated easily at home after the program. This program is intended for ages 5-12. **Registration is required.** This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Tyngsborough Public Library.

**• Jelly Bean STEM Activity, Wednesday, March 20th at 5 p.m. (ages 6-12)** Join us for a fun jelly bean STEM activity! Kids will hypothesize what liquid they believe will dissolve a jelly bean the fastest and then test their hypothesis. This program is intended for ages 6-12. **Registration is required** to ensure we have enough materials for everyone.

**• Drop-In Spring Crafts, Saturday, March 23rd from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12)** Visit the Children's Room for some fun spring themed crafts! 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.

**• 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.

**• 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.** 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.

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

**• Book Bingo, Monday, April 8th at 4 p.m. (ages 5-12)** Join us for some fun book-themed BINGO in honor of National Library Week! Kids will have a chance to win a book for a prize. This program is intended for ages 5-12. **Registration is required.**

**• Drop-in Book Crafts, Wednesday, April 10th from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. (ages 3-12)** Visit the Children's Room for some fun book themed crafts in honor of National Library Week! 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.

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

**• Club Pokemon, Monday, March 4th and April 1st 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.**

**• Readers Theatre Club, March 6th and April 3rd 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 - March 25th at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-23 mos.)** **Registration is required.**

**• LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, March 16th 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.

## TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

### MORE NEWS

- **Bedtime Storytime - March 18th at 6:30 p.m. (ages 2-5)**  
Registration is required.
  - **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.
- Like us on **Facebook**, follow us on **Instagram** @tyngsboroughpubliclibrary and **Twitter** @tyngsboroughlib

### SUSTAINABLE TYNGSBOROUGH

Great job Tyngsborough - **you brought 600 pounds** of holiday string lights to town hall to be recycled! There are several opportunities coming up for residents to contribute to the sustainability efforts of our town and our planet.

- **Food Waste Drop-off** bins are available at the Highway Department. Several residents have begun bringing their food waste to these bins. As more residents participate in this program, we can reduce even more the amount of food waste in our curbside trash (measured as 40% of our curbside trash in October, 2022), saving the town on trash disposal fees and turning food waste into rich compost for healthier soil.

- **Rain barrels** are a great solution for collecting roof runoff to reduce the amount of water that flows from your property, holding it for later use such as on lawns, gardens or indoor plants. It's a great way to conserve water and aid in stormwater management. Rain barrels are available for purchase by residents at the discounted price of \$89.00. Order online (<https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>) - Select your state and town) by March 31st, 2024 at Midnight. Pickup will be on Saturday, April 13th from 10am-12pm (noon) at Tyngsborough Highway Department, 89 Kendall Rd, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

- **Town-wide Cleanup runs the entire month of April.** In honor of Earth Day, we encourage all residents to share in the cleaning up of trash along the streets in town. **Clean-up Kits will be available by April 1 at the Highway Department, Public Library, Schools, and Town Hall.** Many thanks to the Highway Department and Board of Health for preparing these kits for residents.

- **Repair Café** is returning **April 13**, at The Beehive Co-working Community (see separate article). **11am - 2pm. This time, in addition to clothing, jewelry, household electronics and appliances, and lamps, we will have volunteers ready to help you with your computer issues.**

- **Zero Waste Day is returning on Saturday, May 11, from 9am-noon** at the Tyngsborough Elementary School. Vendors will be collecting working bikes, small appliances, household goods, furniture, eyeglasses, books, clothing, shoes and other textiles for reuse, as well as broken small appliances, A/C's, electronics and more for recycling. See what we collected last year at <http://tinyurl.com/jkxeyk47>. We are working with vendors now so watch for next month's article to see an updated list of what we will be collecting.

Please contact us at [sustainabletyngsboro@gmail.com](mailto: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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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.**

## AVOID STRESS WHEN DEALING WITH YOUR MEDICAL NEEDS

*By Edward H. Adamsky*

Most people are dissatisfied with the health care system in America. Figuring out how to get the services you need and how to get your insurance to pay for it are agonizing. There isn't a coordinated system anyway, and what we have is very complex. This is especially true for older folks who have trouble dealing with computers and other modern procedures. And, it's even more stressful when you are diagnosed with a medical condition and are worried about that. Getting the help that you need should be easier.

What you need is a Health Care Advocate. You need help coordinating care with multiple providers and insurance companies. You need lists of your medications and health conditions, and you need to schedule appointments and fill out all of the required paperwork for each provider. You can work on this yourself, but having someone to help you can make it much easier.

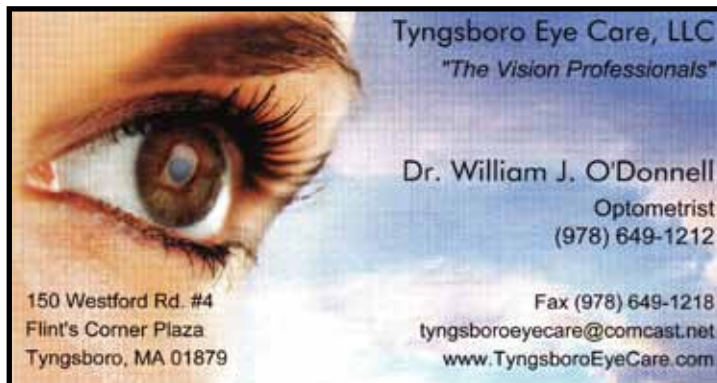
Your Health Care Advocate can be a family member who goes with you to appointments and helps you fill out forms and keeps records for you. It can also be a paid professional if you don't have a family member handy to do it. Some facilities have on-site patient advocates and there are professionals who offer these services. There doesn't seem to be any licensing requirement for such a job, but those who handle it are usually medical or social work professionals.

An advocate can be your eyes and ears at medical appointments. They can take notes, ask questions, and provide answers to your medical providers that you might not remember. The advocate can also help explain the doctor's instructions and manage the at-home treatments that might follow in-patient services.

If you don't have a close friend or family member who is available to work as your advocate, then you should hire a professional. Ask the hospital if there is one on staff or if they have a referral for you. Or consider finding one by asking your local Senior Center. There is even a website and an organization for this. The Patient Advocate Foundation ([www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)) is a not-for-profit organization that can help you find case management services.

As usual, you need to be careful and be on the lookout for scams. If you search online for a Patient Advocate, make sure you use only reputable sites and avoid anything that looks suspicious. Do not take phone calls from strangers offering to help you. If someone tries to pressure you or makes unrealistic promises regarding your health care, then they are probably not looking out for your best interests.

Your local Elder Law Attorney can also provide some help in this area. Your attorney can provide a referral to a qualified person, or provide you with some direct help and advice on dealing with doctors and insurance companies.



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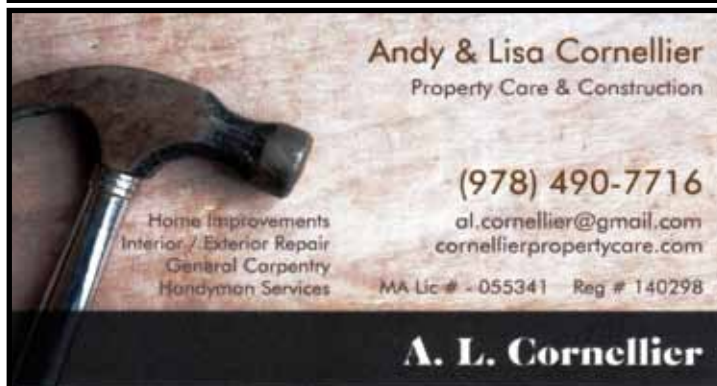
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## TYNGSBORO HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NIGHT

The Tyngsboro High School Grad Night Committee is looking forward to our **annual COMEDY NIGHT AT THE PRINCETON STATION ON MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**. Our main event will be held **overnight on June 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## TYNGSBORO FOUNDATION FOR THE AGING

The Tyngsborough Foundation for the Aging is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, organized to support local senior citizens and the Tyngsborough Senior Center in coordination with the Tyngsborough Council on Aging. Its sole purpose is to lend volunteer and financial assistance to the Council on Aging in providing fellowship and a diversity of activities and programs and to enrich the lives of area seniors. P.O Box 534, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 Email Address [tffa@yahoo.com](mailto:tffa@yahoo.com) The Annual membership fee is \$5.00.

## 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](http://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](http://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/>

**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.**

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## FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY



**\*\* March is Membership Month.** It's time to renew your membership, or join anew as we start a new year of The Friends. We are not asking you to donate your old car nor leave a charitable legacy for the Friends in your estate plan (But that is not a bad idea!) We only ask for your donation as membership in this worthwhile, nonprofit volunteer organization. Your employer can match your donation! Watch for an application to be mailed to you at home. Complete that and return it to the Library with your dues. Easy! Even easier is to donate online at <https://www.tynglib.org/about/friends-of-the-library-application/>

**\*\* When you join, be sure to attend the meetings.** We welcome new members and are always looking for new ideas. There are vacancies for officers so if you are interested in any positions on the board as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact us at [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com).

**\*\* Our upcoming meetings will be monthly, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. We hope to see you then.** • **March 4** - Elections for President and Co-Treasurer • **April 1** – The first meeting in the membership year • **May 6 and June 3**

**\*\* FOTPL Scholarship.** Once again, the Friends plan on awarding a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a Tyngsborough resident. Find the application on the website at <http://www.tynglib.org/index.php/friends-of-library>. **The completed application is due by Thursday, March 28, to the Library or to [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com).**

**\*\* Edible Bird Feeders.** Monday, March 11th at 4 p.m. \*(ages 5-12) Join us and Hands on Nature as we make outdoor simple natural feeders for our local wildlife, using a variety of different materials and fresh foods! These are simple feeders such as fruit wreaths, and sunflower seed stars, that can be repeated easily at home after the program. This program is intended for ages 5-12. \*Registration is required\*.

**\*\* Join the Tyngsboro Teen Advisory Board (TyngTAB) and give your ideas and feedback for what you would like to see at the library! TyngTAB is open to teens in 6th grade and up. Learn how to work as part of a group, manage a budget, schedule events, and build community. TyngTAB meeting dates and times are decided by the board. Please see our online calendar of events for dates and registration.**

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

**\*\* Book donations are no longer accepted due to lack of storage space. Please keep any books until requested. **We are still glad to accept puzzles and jewelry.****

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The TST Business Drive began March 1<sup>st</sup>: If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to our business drive, please mail your donation to P.O. Box 547 Tyngsborough, MA 01879. Any donation of \$500 or more will qualify for a "Named Scholarship" which will allow us to offer a scholarship in your name or in honor of a loved one.

**The Door to Door Scholarship Drive begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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](mailto:scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com) with any questions.



## TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

... proudly announces Alysa Beaulieu, Charles MacFadgen, Melanie Colliton, and Jillian Pare as the February Students of the Month.

**Alysa Beaulieu**, daughter of Sarah Beaulieu, has received the Academic Excellence Award, the Commitment to Learning Award, and the award for Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts. Alysa is also a member of the yearbook club where she serves as an editor. Her hobbies include art and playing video games; her favorite subjects are computer science and English. Alysa's future goals include working in a career in cyber security. Reflecting on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "School has allowed me to gain lifelong friendships. The best memories I've gained through THS has to be my memories of AP Lang and AP Computer Science".

**Charles MacFadgen**, son of Sheryl and Stuart MacFadgen, is a recipient of the Principal's Award. He was also a member of the soccer team his freshman year and a member of the swim team his junior year where he received the Coach's Award. Charles is also a member of the Senior Sidekicks Club and has participated in community service activities. His hobbies include going out with friends, working, traveling, and hanging out with his family. Charles's favorite subjects are math and science and his future goals are to go to college to pursue a career in either finance or accounting and travel around the world. Thinking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "THS has helped me learn how to manage my time well. Memories I'll take with me are being with my friends".

**Melanie Colliton**, daughter of dad and stepmom, Robert and Andrea Colliton, and mom Paola Valente, has received the Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts Award and the Tyngsborough High School Core Values Award. She is a member of the Model United Nations Club and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Club. Melanie's hobbies include reading, hiking in the summer, and skiing in the winter. Her favorite subjects are history and foreign language; she plans to attend college, major in international relations, and travel to new places. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I've gained so many new connections at THS among both peers and my teachers. The school has allowed me to meet new friends and find my passion in different classes and the various activities and clubs available".

**Jillian Pare**, daughter of Holly and Roger Pare, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received the Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts Award and Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Award and is a two-time winner of the Principal's Award. Jillian is also a four-year member of the theater program and the Book Club co-president. She was also a member of the softball team during her junior year. Jillian has completed community service by volunteering at the Tyngsborough Block Party and on the Give Kids the World service trip. Her hobbies include singing and reading and her favorite subjects are anatomy and AP Language. Jillian's future goals are to major in speech-language pathology. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I've made many valuable friendships and grown as both a person and as a student".

**Congratulations to these four amazing Tyngsborough High School Students!**

## TYNGSBOROUGH 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](mailto:veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov)*

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

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**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](http://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!

**• Shamrock Ball Daughter Dance** Saturday, March 16, 2024, 6 - 8pm TYNGSBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFÉ \$45 per couple, \$5 for each additional child. ~ **Advanced registration required**~ Tyngsborough Recreation's Shamrock Ball for Daughters of all ages and their Parent (or other adult figure, etc.) A Dance with our DJ Steve, light refreshments, and a corsage for each girl. A photographer will be on site, offering packages to capture your special evening.

**• Shamrock Princess (optional add-on raffle)** The Grad Night Committee, in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, will again offer the title of "Shamrock Princess". One lucky raffle winner will be crowned 2024 Shamrock Princess. Includes a public announcement during the Ball, a princess tiara and sash, photo package, dedicated parent-daughter dance and special gift. **To enter the raffle on the package select option at checkout.** Drawn (quietly) Thursday, March 14, 2024. All proceeds benefit The Class of 2024 Grad Night activities.

**• 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.

## TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



**169 Westford Rd, Tyngsborough, MA  
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- Donations Needed:** Coffee (ground and k-cups), 12oz Cups, Paper Plates-Small and Large, Plastic Spoons, Forks, Knives, Sugar Packets and small coffee creamers
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION, Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.** Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. \$7.00 pp. **You must have signed up by February 28<sup>th</sup>.** Entertainment: Roger Tincknell
- WELLNESS CLINIC** Tyngsborough Council on Aging, 169 Westford Rd, Tyngsborough 978-649-9211 Charlene Muscato RN will be here **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am** 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 (2nd Wednesday of the Month) Wednesday (March 13<sup>th</sup>) 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 MEETING Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm**
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT "THANK YOU LUNCHEON" Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30am.** Come and join us for lunch to thank the Tyngsborough Highway DPW for all they do for our Town and the Seniors. \$3.00 pp Jersey Mike's sub sandwich.
- BOOK CLUB (Monthly) Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am.** Come join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. With Carol Sides hosting. Discover and read the best new books each month.

**• Coming in APRIL. APRIL FOOLS-TACO BAR** Traveling Chef! "Ed the Wizard" Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>



**• 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.**

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**• BRIDGE Every Thursday 10:00 FREE Each player in rotation must follow suit to the card led (play a card of the same suit).**

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**• 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.

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**• 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.

## MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024 YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY IS OPEN

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian is pleased to announce registration for the 2024 Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) is now open.

Now in its 24th year, YPSA is an educational and affordable summer program that is open to all children living in Middlesex County ages 8-12. Older children have the opportunity to become a Counselor-in-Training. The program is comprised of five, one-week camps and is held at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy in Chelmsford.

Registration for each week is \$100 per child and includes transportation to and from designated bus stops; daily breakfast and lunch; and a graduation ceremony held each Friday.

"YPSA is a proud tradition here at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "This is an opportunity for our kids to take some time away from screens and schools to learn lessons regarding healthy habits, fire safety, personal wellness and more. Most importantly, they can do this alongside their friends and public safety role models from their community, helping build lifelong and positive connections."

Participants are not required to reside in communities with a designated bus stop, but they will be picked up and dropped off at these locations. Cadets from Billerica and Chelmsford will be dropped off and picked up at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy.

Currently, spots remain open for cadets at the following bus stop locations: July 8-12 – Bedford & Lexington  
July 15-19 – Arlington, Billerica, Burlington & Tyngsborough  
July 22-26 – Acton/Maynard, Framingham/Natick & Marlborough  
July 29-Aug 2 – Belmont/Watertown, Hudson, Wakefield & Waltham/Newton

Aug 5-9 – Chelmsford, Lowell, Tewksbury & Wilmington

*Buses for Malden, Medford and Woburn have reached capacity, however individuals may still add their names to the waiting lists for Medford and Woburn.*

To register, please visit [www.middlesexsheriff.org/2024-YPSA-application](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org/2024-YPSA-application).

## 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](mailto:TyngsboroughRTC@gmail.com) for more information.

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**GIVE YOUR BEST**

*By Eric Paquette*

God expects our best to be offered to Him and not our leftovers. God is asking the Jews in Malachi 1:8, "And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick is it not evil?" It is also evil and sinful when we don't give our best to God. In the Old Testament, God commanded the Jews to give to Him "the first fruits of your harvest" (Lev 23:10). God demands our best be given to Him today. We are to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice" to the Lord (Rom 12:1). We are to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matt 6:33), and "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col 3:2).

But when we have given our best to the Lord, we haven't earned our salvation. Jesus says, "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded say, 'we are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:10). We can never do too much for the Lord, but we can do too little. Jesus gives us a parable of the one talent man to warn us that we must give God our best according to our ability. Jesus says, "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord's money... But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant.' Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt 25:18, 26, and 30). We see the tragic end of one who did not give his best to the Lord.

In living the Christian life, so we can be pleasing to God, Jesus says, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Let's make our "calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10), by giving our best to the Lord, by putting Him first in all that we do. Let's "show the same diligence to the full assurance of the hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Heb 6:11-12). Let's make sure we inherit the promise of eternal life.

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**To order go to [https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/](https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/) then select your state and town. Purchasing deadline is March 31, 2024 at midnight. Pickup will take place at the Tyngsborough Highway Department on April 13, 2024 between 10am-12pm. For more information, you can visit the Tyngsborough Conservation Commission webpage off the Town of Tyngsborough website. Flyers will be available in Inspectional Services at Town Hall.**



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### REPAIR CAFÉ RETURNS TO

#### TYNGSBOROUGH - SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Back by popular demand, the Sustainability Committee, Tyngsborough/Dunstable Rotary Club, Tyngsborough Public Library and community volunteers are working together to offer a second Repair Café at **The Beehive Coworking Community** (2 Bridgeview Circle) on **Saturday, April 13th from 11:00AM - 2:00PM.**

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](http://repaircafe.org/en).

Do you have a specific skill or passion for fixing things? We welcome residents with different skills who can be present as repair experts during the Repair Café meetings. Want to sign up as a volunteer? Send an email to [sustainabletyngsboro@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabletyngsboro@gmail.com). See you on April 13 at the Repair Café!



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

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## CONCERT FLYER CONTEST

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

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.

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#### Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

• **Improve your vision.** Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the winter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned? The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

• **De-clutter.** As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clutter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

• **Plant seeds of opportunity.** Whether they're planting camellias and crocuses or carrots and cilantro, gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals. So, you may want to review your portfolio to ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

• **Reduce dangers.** You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if something were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

**Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.**

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If you would like to stay updated with new information about Post #247, please use this link

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## PLUNGE FOR A CURE

We are writing to you today once again looking for your support. I thought perhaps last year was our last Relay for Life event. However, in 2023-24 so many friends and family have been afflicted with cancer that we cannot turn away. This year "we" (my sisters Beth, Carol and myself, with hopefully our husbands???) will be plunging into the ocean in our Plunge for a Cure! Although many people do their Polar Plunge in January (apparently the average water temperature is 41 then), we will be plunging in April when the average water temperature is 37!!!! ***We hope in this silly yet important Plunge for a Cure, we will once again bring attention to CANCER and the devastating toll it takes on those we love.***

**How can you help? There are 3 ways:**

1. Give us the name of someone who is fighting or has fought cancer and we will put it on our banner at the beach to let them know people care and support them!
2. Donate if you would like to the link below. Donations desperately help support patients and research. So many cutting-edge treatments have helped those we love, but money is what is needed to support and develop those and other new treatments.
3. Make sure you are not the next patient. You can make sure you aren't the next patient by doing all preventive exams and being knowledgeable about family history. Be aware of your own possible symptoms and don't wait to get checked out!

We understand we all have our causes and places to put our energy. This does not have to be your passion! Every one of you is an amazing individual who makes this world a better place by just being in it! My email is [bhopke1840@aol.com](mailto:bhopke1840@aol.com) if you have questions or care to join us in our Plunge for a Cure! Maybe...just maybe this year some truly amazing treatments will be developed and end the awful toll it takes on those we love!

Our Plunge for a Cure is tentatively planned for the first weekend in April at Hampton Beach in New Hampshire.

Once again, THANK YOU for all your love and support throughout the years. It has been almost 15 years since my first cancer and I am blessed to have all of you in my life! And to those of you **WAR-RIORS** that are fighting, we have your **BACK!!!!** Love, Mae Bob, Beth, Carol and the rest of the Wee Bit of Hope team!

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Currently the class is on wait list. **Please feel free to come and view a class by calling Leader, Jean Jacoppi (978-649-9076).** A doctor's note and a commitment of attending class two times a week for the first six months is required for this class which is sponsored by Community Teamwork Inc. in Lowell. There is no cost.

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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.

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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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#### **Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are at 10:00 AM**

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#### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER SERVICES:**

**March 24 - 10:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service**

**March 29 - 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service** with the office of the Tenebrae observed.

**March 31 - 6:00 a.m. - The Rev. Tim McAndrew** will be leading the **Sunrise Service** (on the hill between the Thrift Shop and Church)

**7:00 a.m. - Please join us for Breakfast** in the Church Fellowship Hall, **9:15 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt** for children and **10:00 a.m. -**

**Easter Sunday Service** led by Interim Pastor Bernie Michaud. Christ is Risen!

• **NEW PARKING LOT** - Please enter and exit across from the Tyngsboro Fire Station. A walkway has been paved for easy access to our church.

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is available for Pre-School through High School from September until the beginning of June. Nursery care is available for toddlers. All toddlers and students are dismissed from church at 10:15am to go to their assigned area/class. We are blessed to have great teachers and many children of all ages to teach. If interested in more information call our office and leave a message or come join us some Sunday morning for church and see what our Sunday School has to offer.

• **YOUTH GROUP** will meet: **April 5 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm,**

**May 3 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm & June 7 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

• **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**- Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 am. The study is being led by our interim pastor's wife Diane. 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. led by Jim Politi. If interested please call our church office and leave a message.

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## TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



Our first meeting of the New Year took place on Tuesday, February 6 at the Evangelical Congregation Church, 23 Kendall Rd. at 7 pm. The program featured Winnie Pead, owner and principal of Garden of Eden LLC, who gave a presentation on ways to increase vegetable garden yields. She touched on all aspects of successful gardening and provided tips on soil composition, water needs, and sunlight, as well as the benefits of pinching back and companion plantings. Her presentation was timely because those of us who grow vegetables all complained of a diminished harvest last year from all the rain.

**We have rescheduled our March meeting from March 5 to Tuesday, March 12.** The primary elections are on March 5 and several of our members will be working the polls. So, on March 12 Linda Sheldon will present a program on the 2024 herb of the Year—yarrow. "What's that?" you say. It's a common field and garden plant and, in addition to being pretty, it's been used for all sorts of things and has been around for millennia. If you want to learn more about yarrow, join us on February 6.

**Our April 2 meeting** will feature Willa Coronka, owner/principal of the Magpie's Apprentice. Willa has a Master's degree in Environmental Education and her business is devoted to helping people enjoy nature and its bounty in a sustainable way.

Our major fundraiser for the year is our annual **Plant Sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 18.** While that seems far away, that Saturday will be upon us before we know it. 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 d 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](mailto:tynggardenclub@gmail.com). *Linda Sheldon, President*

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## ALTERNATIVES TO PAYING FOR WORD, EXCEL, AND POWERPOINT

By Dean Lotito

Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint are certainly the most popular office tools in use on computers today. Microsoft has several licensing packages available to provide these tools at a reasonable cost. A popular package is \$99/year for up to 5 computers/phones in your home. This includes 6 terabytes of storage in the cloud. This is the package I use.

However, there are reasonable alternatives that are free. Google released "Google Docs" in 2006. These are web-based applications that support the equivalent of Word (called Docs), Excel (called Sheets), and PowerPoint (called Slides). These websites provide 95% of the features of the Microsoft programs and satisfy all but the most complex power users. Most importantly, these programs save the files in a format that Microsoft programs can usually open. This allows you to create files that you can send to friends who are using Microsoft 365.

The only downside of Google Docs is that you must have an internet connection to access your documents. The documents actually run in your browser (Edge, Firefox, Chrome Safari, etc.) This should not be an issue for most users, but it is important to be aware of it. Google stores these documents in the Google Cloud by default. Having a Google account is free, and all people with a Google Account get some free storage. (And if you have a Gmail address you already have a Google account.) Just open your browser and go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). In the upper right-hand corner are nine dots in a square, which is the menu button to open these programs.

In response to Google Docs, Microsoft also created an online free version of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. As in the case of Google Docs, these are web-based applications that you can access with a free Microsoft account. If you are currently using a Windows PC, you likely have such a Microsoft account. Just open your browser and go to [www.office.com](http://www.office.com). Click on the link for the free version of Microsoft 365.

If you are only an occasional PC user, these free alternatives may be a good option. Give them a try! If you have any questions or would like help converting to either of these options, I am available to help.



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Public Policy State Committeewoman Elizabeth Coughlin 1<sup>st</sup> 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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- **Sunday Morning worship service begins at 10:30 AM.** with Interim Pastor Doug Walker leading. We welcome you to join us anytime!
- **The Adult Bible Study Class meets in (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 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. The next meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone is welcome at these meetings. Check the church website for any updates.
- The four weeks of Lent officially began on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. **Palm Sunday** will be observed on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an evening service on **Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** **Easter** will be celebrated on **March 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning with a Sunrise Service at 6:15am, followed by a Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:00am.** Weather permitting, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt for children at 9:45am, and Praise Team music will begin at 10:00am, before our 10:30am Easter Worship Service.** Please join us.

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



## FUN AND PRODUCTIVITY AT BEEHIVE COMMUNITY!

As Beehive Community approaches its 1-year anniversary, its alignment with the community is gaining traction. In addition to drop-ins, members, private office, and conference room rentals, Beehive is now home to various public events:

- Mill City toastmasters hosts a hybrid meeting at Beehive the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.
- Two different groups offer CPR training. BLS has certification training twice monthly and Curantis Private Nursing offers a free Family and Friends CPR course once a month.
- Speed Networking with trivia, tunes and snacks is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. It's a great way to connect with potential referral partners.
- Each month, a local business person offers a Lunch and Learn. February's topic was Artificial Intelligence, March is Personal Finance and April will be Estate Planning.
- Beehive Community houses the Repair Café, organized by Tyngsboro Sustainability Committee, Tyngsboro/Dunstable Rotary, Tyngsboro Public Library and other local sponsors.
- In March, a photographer and videographer will use the space to create publicity material for professionals.
- Every Monday is pizza day, Wednesdays, we make you breakfast, and there's a Friday happy hour.

Many people are surprised by the size and design of the space. There are areas that feel very professional and other areas, like the Living Room and Healthy Room, feel like home. Member, KellyAnne Johnson, says she is twice as productive at the Beehive than when she works from home. "Working from home has some advantages for sure," says Johnson, "but I'm much more proactive and focused at the Beehive. My mini monthly membership is only \$75/month. I get more than my money's worth just in the complimentary drinks and snacks!"

"In naming the Beehive, the word Community was very intentional. We always meant for it to be a gathering place", says Beehive owner and visionary, Christine McCarron, "a resource for Tyngsboro and Dunstable residents, whether they come to work, play, or just to connect with neighbors and friends. We're so happy and grateful to see the vision coming into reality." Curious about the Beehive? Join us at a monthly event, or just drop by to enjoy a free day. Check out [ThriveAtTheBeehive.com](http://ThriveAtTheBeehive.com) for events and to book a tour.



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**OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-2024 LIONS YEAR:** President: Laura Ward; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Treasurer: Kristine DeMonico; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Secretary: Meg DeMonico; Membership Chair: Joe Ward; LCIF Chair: Mark Alexander; Media/Marketing: Kristine DeMonico; 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>

**FREE Easter Pancake Breakfast  
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**PROJECTS THE CLUB HAS COMPLETED OVER THE PAST YEAR:** Annual Thanksgiving baskets; Diabetic Rescue kits for the town schools; Free annual Easter Breakfast with the Easter Bunny; Free senior/community Pancake Breakfasts; Eye glass collections and screenings; Sock and Clothing drives for Veterans and Homeless; Earth Day Clean up.

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This year will be our 12<sup>th</sup> annual raffle (Commonwealth of MA #36) Our fundraiser will be a Calendar Raffle with daily prizes for the month of April. Mondays through Saturdays, \$50 will be awarded daily. Sundays, a prize of \$125 and the Grand Prize of \$700 awarded on April 30<sup>th</sup>. In total there will be 30 Cash prizes worth \$2,450.

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