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## IN MEMORY OF

Robert Jacobson  
Rachel Brandt Jacobson

## DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Greetings fellow Veterans. Would you like to know, more about how the VA can help you, like on things like Health, Education, housing assistance and many other things? All you have to do is to go to VA.Gov and make a selection on just about anything you might think of. If you still have any other questions, please feel free to get in touch with me. All of my contact is below.

I would like to give recognition to those vets I have in the Dunstable database who were born each month but have since passed away. This month I like to honor the following:

Leon E. Belley – 25 June 1926 – 29 Aug 2011 – USN – WWII/Korea  
Calvin C. Chase – 21 June 1943 – 1 Dec 2019 – USA – 10 Jan 1966 – 9 Jan 1968 – Vietnam  
Fred A. Chote – 15 June 1918 – 31 Jan 2018 – USA – 15 Jul 1944 – 16 Dec 1945 – WWII  
Frank G. Cover – 28 June 1946 – 26 Dec 2016 – USA – 21 Nov 1971 – 8 June 1974 – Vietnam  
Richard L. Holt – 11 June 1943 – 1 Dec 2018 – USA – 9 Jul 1964 – 8 July 1966

***Our many thanks to those who took the extra step to serve our country.***

As always, if you know of any Veteran or family member of any veteran who might need assistance please contact me. I am normally available from 10:00AM to 2:00PM on Mondays almost every week. You can call or text on my cell and leave a message 978-496-0985 or send me an email anytime at [VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov). God Bless.

Dunstable Veteran Services Office  
Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)  
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## Dunstable Parks & Recreation Presents

### FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

At Larter Family Memorial Field in Dunstable from 4-7PM on the 2nd and 4th Friday from June to August, Larter field will play host to a different food truck.

Look out for the first Food Truck supplied by Groton Publick House on Friday, June 14th from 4-7 pm. To add a little fun to the evening, bring your pooch and enter him or her, in Dunstable's first ever Dog Show. Dogs will be judged on appearance, and 4 commands; sit, stay down and heel. All dogs must be leashed. Please bring your own chairs or blankets. Volunteers are needed. Email: [dlttheberge@duck.com](mailto:dlttheberge@duck.com). In case you are new to Town, Larter Field is located at 80 Groton St. right here in Dunstable.

Upcoming dates are June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## 2024 DUNSTABLE SUMMER CONCERTS

Every Wednesday night

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

on the Town Common  
Main St., across from Town  
Hall, Dunstable Center  
**(Rain date is Thursday)**

## DUNSTABLE SUMMER CONCERTS SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesdays, June 19 - July 31

We hope to see you there for our 26th season!

June 19 - Catfish Howl

June 26 - The Shakerz

July 3 - No Concert (Happy 4th!)

July 10 - The Delta Generators

July 17 - Bush League

July 24 - Dirty Water Brass Band

July 31 - Monadnock Bluegrass

August 7 - Band From Uncle

*Bands are subject to change - keep up-to-date with the latest schedule and rain delays on our Facebook and Instagram pages!*

## 3RD ANNUAL

### ART AND MUSIC AT THE BARN

Saturday, June 22, 2024 10-2

The beautifully restored McLoon Barn at 370 Thorndike Street will again be the location for an art exhibit, with a background of live music. All types of art are welcomed to be exhibited; including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, pottery and fiber art, such as quilts. Local musicians will play a variety of music.

It was another successful event last year, and all who attended enjoyed the day! If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please contact Jean Haight at [jtjlhaight@aol.com](mailto:jtjlhaight@aol.com).

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the show!

This event is supported by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust, Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Dunstable Cultural Council.





## Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

National Grid, along with Mass Save, are offering commercial customers special financial incentives in the form of rebates up to \$3,500/ton to help drastically lower the cost of replacing inefficient heating equipment with highly energy-efficient heat pump systems for heating to supplement, or replace existing oil, propane, natural gas, or electric resistance systems.

Mass Save Heat Pump Installer Network commercial contractors are able to secure rebate commitment letters for customers installing ductless heat pumps, variable refrigerant flow (VRF), as well as replacing traditional gas rooftop units (RTUs) with dual-fuel heat pump RTUs.

The National Energy Improvement Fund offers fast, easy, low monthly financing options for commercial, non-profit, and municipal projects with up to 7 years terms and interest rates as low as 4%, through their approved contractor network.

Until next month, stay comfortable. *Matt*

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

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## STONE WALLS AND SCENIC ROADS

Refer to Massachusetts General Laws, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 15C: Scenic road designations; improvements; fines: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter40/Section15C>

The stone walls lining many roads and tracing through the woods and fields of Dunstable date mostly from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. They were built to get rid of stones from our glacier-impacted soils and were used for controlling livestock and, increasingly, as boundary markers. (A split rail fence – one rail set upon crossed fence posts – might be added, supplemented, or replaced by barbed wire after the 1870s.)

Although at first glance the stone walls may appear to some people to be just a pile of rocks, in keeping with a single theme throughout the town, it is important that we maintain their appearance.

These walls have historical and aesthetic value and are legally protected in some locations. One may not alter a "bound wall" – one that forms a boundary between two separately owned properties. In Dunstable and many other towns, walls bordering roads designated as "scenic" by Town Meeting may not be breached, significantly altered, or demolished without permission from the Planning Board after a public hearing. (Refer to the Town's General Bylaws, and subsection "SCENIC ROAD BYLAW" for a listing of designated scenic roads.) Breaching a wall – most often to accommodate a new driveway – is rather straightforward but does require a permit. Repairing or reconstructing a wall involves several considerations.

Stone walls have two natural enemies: vegetation and gravity. Dunstable farmers created stone walls and had to maintain them (sometimes called "mending walls.") This typically simply meant restoring to their place stones which had fallen or rebuilding a collapsed portion. Such repair is certainly permitted by the Town's Scenic Roads Bylaw. (Note: Dunstable's historic walls were always "dry" – NO mortar should ever be used in repairing them.) Adding new stones to a wall is another matter. Stones exposed to the elements or "weathered" are gray and often covered with various

species of moss and lichens, a process that takes decades. "Raw" stone (i.e., covered by earth until now) stands out for years and should be used sparingly or not at all. On the other hand, some roadside walls get partly buried; it's OK to re-expose the stones. Sometimes one can use nearby stretches of a wall as a guide for height and style, whether mending an existing wall or building a new one where none exists.

**When in doubt, feel free to contact the Dunstable Planning Board via [mailto:Crock@Dunstable-MA.GOV](mailto:mailto:Crock@Dunstable-MA.GOV) or call to (978)649-4514 X230.**

## A SINCERE THANK YOU!

Hi Everyone,

I just want to say thank you to everyone who supported the lemonade stand for Cystic Fibrosis! Each year I am blown away at how much community support I get for this. What use to be a small little fundraiser has turned into a day long event that raises so much money for Cystic Fibrosis.

This year we reached a new record high at the lemonade stand raising more than \$2200!! I am so grateful for every single person who supported me this year and in the past. I truly couldn't have hit these fundraising numbers without all of your support and help throughout the years!

*Thank you again, Sophia West*

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**DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
health@dunstable-ma.gov

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL FOR TRASH RECYCLING**  
**ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2024**

The Board of Health just renewed their contract with F. W. Shaw & Son for another 3 years. Their bid prices are very so it will allow the Board of Health to again offer a reasonable subscription price for this year. The fee will remain at \$360.00. Overflow bag prices also remain the same at \$3.00 each in rolls of five for \$15.00.

Bulky item prices have increased (please see attached) however, the Board is excited to announce a new program available beginning July 1st to all Dunstable residents for the disposal of mattresses. **We have partnered with UTEC (United Team Equality Center) a nonprofit entity, to offer the disposal of mattresses for \$40.00 each.** Mattresses will be picked up curbside monthly on a Tuesday by appointment. Part of the proceeds will go to helping youth at risk. To reserve a pickup please use one of these options. A.) visit [www.utecinc.org/mattress-recycling](http://www.utecinc.org/mattress-recycling). Select Dunstable from the drop-down menu, select service date, schedule, and pay. B.) Email us at: [mattress@utecinc.org](mailto:mattress@utecinc.org) and provide a call-back number C.) Call us at (978) 856-3997

The Board would also like to thank all who continue to use the recycling boxes located on Pleasant Street. These boxes have allowed hundreds of tons of recycling materials to be diverted from the waste stream and converted into reusable items.

**The Board of Health has adopted a new regulation to impose a one-month late fee (\$30.00) to all existing subscribers whose payment is not received by June 30<sup>th</sup>**

***Beginning May 1, three renewal options are available.***

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

Overflow bags can also be purchased online or at the town hall for those times you may have extra trash that will not fit into the trash container. The cost is \$3.00 each, sold in rolls of five for \$15.00. Bags may be picked up at the town hall Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Bring a copy of your receipt if you pay online.

***If you need to reach us for any reason, please email us at [jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov). You may also leave a message at 978-649-4514, Ext. 229.***

**DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH -  
RECYCLING**

The Town of Dunstable Board of Health and Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation and CMRK has created a partnership to allow residents to easily **donate their clothing, textiles and small household items.** CMRK has been collecting these items across Massachusetts for over 35 years. **Bins are located on Pleasant Street next to the Dunstable post office. Please drop off bagged clothing, sneakers, etc. and textiles only.** CMRK also accepts non-usable clothing and textiles. Please be sure they are bagged and not wet, moldy or soiled. **Do not leave any items, large or small, outside the bins.** Donating clothing helps the environment, helps save taxpayers money and helps clean out your closets. Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation will pick up bagged clothing and textiles but also will accept boxed small household items such as pots, pans, small decor and more! **If you have small items, many items or large items, PLEASE CALL 508-466-4590 to arrange a pick up** or schedule online at [BBBSFoundation.org](http://BBBSFoundation.org).

**THE DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH  
& NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH  
WELL ADULT CLINIC**

The clinic will be held on Wednesday, June 26th in the Dunstable Library, 588 Main St. from 11:00–noon. The 'Town Nurse' will be on hand for Well Checks, no appointment necessary.

The public Health Nursing Team (AKA "Town Nurse") is available for consultation, home visits for assessments and coordination of care, health programs, clinics and disease investigations Hours Mon-Friday 8-4:30. Call 978-772-3335 or go to their website.

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## DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS

**Dunstable Council on Aging** Barbara Martin chairman; Mary Dow secretary; Donald Pottle, Joan Simmons, and Jean Haight.

**The Mission of the Dunstable Council on Aging** is to serve as a supportive family resource as emerging needs of Dunstable residents become more complex; and to advocate for and provide, in a cost-effective manner, a safe, congenial environment where seniors may participate in social, educational, and cultural programs reflective of their needs. *Feel free to give us your ideas.*

**Congratulations to Anne Fenochetti on her retirement.**

We will let you know as soon as a new Assistant to the Elderly is chosen. In the mean time please call the town hall at **978-649-4514 ext. 224** to speak with Sue Fayne.

**June 2024 Meals/Programs for Dunstable Seniors at the Dunstable Public Library, lunch is served on Wednesdays promptly at noon.**

- **Wednesday, June 5th** – The Traveling Chef  
*Dean Lotito will be available from 10-noon for your tech needs, no appointment needed.*
- **Wednesday, June 12th** - Bring Your Own Lunch
- **Wednesday, June 19th** - Bring Your own Lunch
- **Wednesday, June 26th** - Pizza/ tossed salad  
*The Nurse will be in for well checks today from 11-noon. No appointment necessary.*
- **Wednesday, July 3rd** No Lunch

Come and take part in cribbage, dominos, and scrabble groups that are on hand each week.

• **BONE BUILDERS** Led by Brian O'Donnell and Linda Gill, is held on **Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 and Fridays from 11:00 – 12:00** at the Dunstable library. Bone Builders is a FREE, low impact, balance and strength training exercise program. Please drop in if you are interested in joining.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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PACH	978-925-9770
SHINE	1-800-243-4636
Elder Abuse Hotline	1-800-922-2275

## PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY

PACH provides food, paper goods and personal care items. **Anyone in need of this service, please do not hesitate to call 978-925-9770** or go online to [www.pachoutreach.org](http://www.pachoutreach.org) **This is open to Dunstable residents.** PACH is located at **66 Hollis St., Pepperell.** Hours of operation Tues 5-7pm, and Thurs. 2-4 & 5-7pm.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### THE IMPACTS OF PET WASTE AND FERTILIZER TO DUNSTABLE'S STORMWATER

The Town of Dunstable provides outreach and educational materials to support municipal compliance with the Town's MS4 Stormwater Permit. The permit and its requirements aim to reduce polluted runoff keeping our Town's waterways clean and healthy.

To learn more about how pet waste and the use of fertilizer can impact stormwater runoff, please review educational materials <https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/stormwater-ms4/pages/fertilizer-and-dog-waste-notice-reminders>.

You are also encouraged to visit the Town's website, <https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/stormwater-ms4> for more stormwater related information and the following webpages with additional materials: [www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org](http://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org) <https://www.nmstormwater.org/for-municipalities-stormwater-collaborative...> <https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/index.html>





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Maureen Strauss - Director – [mstrauss@dunstablepl.org](mailto:mstrauss@dunstablepl.org)

Karen Debreceni - Children's Librarian – [kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org](mailto:kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org)

**CURBSIDE ONLY SATURDAYS**

Now through Labor Day Weekend from 10-2. Please call 978-649-7830 an hour ahead of time, to pick up holds and/or make a request.

**Children's Activities for June**

- **Sheryl Faye presents her one woman show of Laura Ingalls Wilder on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** This is a show that will be great for families with school aged children and adults. Sheryl has been to the library before and puts on a not to missed performance! Sign up at the library or email Mrs. D. at [kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org](mailto:kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org). This program is funded by the Dunstable Cultural Council.
- **Fiber Web! Rachel Benson will be here to teach a felting class on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** This is for teens and adults. We will learn to make a beautiful piece of art using felt. It is a fun and creative program! Sign up at [kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org](mailto:kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org). This program is sponsored by Jenepher Spencer – Coldwell Banker Realty.

**Children's drop in crafts will be out during the month.** Look for a project or two to do while hanging out in the kid's section!

**Teen Activities**

- Teens, come in to check out your new and improved space to study, play games or just hang out!
- **Teen Art Club will take place** every first and third Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Teens can come to their own special space in the library and create art and poetry.

**Ongoing Features**

- **Preschool Story Hour:** Please come in with your 3, 4 or 5 year old for story hour. This program is held on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 11:00am.
- **Book Club:** This reading group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:30am, **June 15<sup>th</sup>, Sold on a Monday by Kristina Mc-Morris.** This is the last meeting for the summer. More information is at the circulation desk. The DPL can put a book on hold for you!
- **Chapter Book Reading:** Mrs. D will continue reading from a chapter book each Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. Please join her on dpl facebook live to listen to the story.
- **Margaret Abeyta Reading Room:** We offer free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies for adults to enjoy while they sit to look through a book or read a magazine! We currently have over 30 magazine subscriptions!
- **Meeting Room Artist:** Check out the outstanding artwork done by Alice Snizek.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS

By Edward H. Adamsky

Even before the first Social Security check was issued in 1940, Congress was making changes to the program. They created benefits for the widow of a retired worker so she would continue to get benefits for the rest of her lifetime. The eligibility rules for survivors have improved over time; they are gender neutral; they include same-sex relationships; and the age requirement is lower.

One thing that hasn't changed is confusion over survivor's benefits and how to claim them. If your spouse has died, you may be eligible to receive Social Security Benefits on your late spouse's record. How much you get depends on your age, your own Social Security benefits record, and whether there are dependent children. Your own record might be better though, so you have to consider your options.

You can receive survivor benefits if you are 50 and have a disability, are 60 (although at a reduced benefit amount), or at any age if you have children under 16 (this list isn't exhaustive). If you are eligible for benefits but haven't applied yet, you can apply for either retirement or survivors benefits first and later you can switch to a higher benefit, if that later applies.

You need to know your Full Retirement Age (FRA) for any benefits decision. For most people today that is something over age 66. You have to look up the chart at the Social Security Website to find out for sure. If you have not reached your FRA then your benefits will be reduced, generally for as long as you get them, so it is often better to wait until you reach your FRA. The best way to find out which benefit is higher and better is to contact the Social Security Administration. The system is very complicated, and you want the best advice possible.

The first place to start is on the Social Security Website – [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) – you can find out a lot of good information there. Then you will probably have to call the SSA to schedule an appointment to apply in person. There are some document requirements so you will want to know those and get everything you need in advance. You can sometimes go to a local SSA office in person with or without an appointment, but it's better to schedule an appointment in advance.

One great new benefit of technological advances is that now the SSA is offering video appointments that you can do from home or wherever you have an internet connection. This is especially valuable for people who have trouble traveling to an appointment (which includes many seniors). You will need a computer or smartphone with internet access, a camera function, and an email account. Then you can call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 from 8 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday and schedule a video appointment. If video won't work for you, you can still have a telephone or in-person appointment, if necessary.

## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

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You may also drop off your donations for the **PACH food pantry** which is located in Pepperell, MA and serves our Dunstable and Pepperell neighbors.

The volunteers at the food pantry have stated that they are in need of **coffee, tea and condiments such as ketchup, mustard and relish.** The pantry is always in need of **personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, feminine supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste as well as laundry detergents and household cleaning supplies.**

Donations can be dropped off inside the waiting area at West Auto Repair Monday- Friday between the hours of 8AM and 5PM. After hours there is a blue bin to the left side of the front door where you can also leave your donations outside.

We could never do this without you, our neighbors, who graciously continue to support these organizations with your donations. Thank you and wishing you a happy spring season! The West Family and our employees at West Auto Repair, Inc.

(GDEF)

## GROTON DUNSTABLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Dear Community Members,

This year has been a remarkable journey for the Groton Dunstable Education Foundation (GDEF) as we've had the privilege of contributing over \$22,000 back into the Groton Dunstable Regional School District.

In our major grant cycles, we were thrilled to support six innovative and inspiring projects benefiting our school community, including initiatives like ATNME Conference for Math Teachers and Thermal Cameras for 7th Grade Science. Alongside these, our mini-grant awards encompassed diverse sponsorships and enriching programs, such as the sponsorship for DECA International Career Development Conference and Literacy Game Based Learning.


Throughout the year, we've actively engaged with our community, participating in events like Grotonfest, leveraging social media platforms, and spotlighting our endeavors in local news.

One of the highlights of the year was the return of GDEF's Annual Trivia Night, held in-person at the Groton Country Club. With the incredible support of our community and the enthusiastic hosting by COVEN for Good (Charitable Organization of Very Enthusiastic Nerds), we not only raised nearly \$2,000 for our schools but also enjoyed a sold-out event filled with laughter and camaraderie. A heartfelt thank you to all the trivia participants and a special congratulations to team 'Rock, Paper, Scissors,' our 2024 champions! As we reflect on the year, we bid farewell to some of our esteemed members from the GDEF Board. Their departure leaves opportunities for new voices and fresh perspectives to join us in our mission. Positions such as Communications Director, Events Coordinator, and Local Business Liaison await passionate individuals eager to make a difference in our community.

Looking ahead, we are hopeful that the hard work and successes of GDEF will continue to positively impact the GDRSD community for years to come. *If you'd like to learn more about GDEF or would like to consider joining us, please visit our website, [www.gdef.org](http://www.gdef.org), follow us on Facebook at Groton Dunstable Education Foundation, or email us at [info@gdefinc.org](mailto:info@gdefinc.org). If you would like to donate to GDEF, you can do so on our website or mail a check to GDEF, Post Office Box 322, Groton, MA 01450.*

**Our annual public meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30 pm at Prescott Community Center room 108. We look forward to sharing an overview of our year.**

Warm regards,  
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
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Sean Murphy is retiring from teaching Physical Education, in the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, this June, 2024. When he leaves at the end of this school year, he will have completed 35 years teaching Physical Education to countless numbers of children in Kindergarten up through 8th grade. In addition, Sean is one of the few employees, if not the only one in the Groton Dunstable Regional School District, who has taught at all but one school in the district! Over his career, Sean Murphy has taught PE at the Boutwell School, Prescott School, and Florence Roche School in Groton, Tarbell School in West Groton, the Groton Dunstable Middle School, and Swallow Union Elementary School in Dunstable, where he spent the majority of his career.

In addition to teaching Physical Education K-8, Sean has coached Middle School and High School athletes in the Baseball, Soccer, Hockey, and Ski Team programs at GDRSD, as well as serving as a longtime chaperone for the GD Middle School week-long Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, DC and Williamsburg, VA. In his 'spare time', Sean is a well-known NCAA Lacrosse and Soccer Official for over 30 years.

Another interesting point about Sean's retirement is that in true "Mr. Murphy" fashion, Sean has declined any gifts from his colleagues to commemorate his tenure at GD. Instead, in recognition of his 35 years of commitment to the children of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District we will be making donations in his name to both the Groton and Dunstable Police Departments for the purchase of Comfort in Crisis items for children. These are items police officers carry with them in their cruisers to offer reassurance, support, compassion and comfort to children in times of distress. He also recently received a special visit from State Rep. Margaret Scarsdale who presented Sean with a commendation from the state recognizing him and his 35 year teaching and coaching career.



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For a day of celebration, under the winter sun.  
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**DECEMBER 7, 2024; 1:30 PM - 8 PM**

We've got lots of new events this year! Be sure to join us and bring your children for our new carnival midway, walk with Santa, and hidden Grinch contest. And, show off your singing talents at our Karaoke stage! We've also extended the craft fair hours, have a new presentation by the Dunstable Theater Collaborative and added additional musical venues. And of course, the Journey to Bethlehem will return.

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## BOOK GROUP MEETINGS

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• **June 15 Sold on a Monday** by Kristina McMorris 1931. It's an era of breadlines, bank runs, and impossible choices. For struggling reporter Ellis Reed, the gut-wrenching scene evokes memories of his family's dark past. He snaps a photograph of the children, not meant for publication. But when the image leads to his big break, the consequences are devastating in ways he never imagined. Haunted by secrets of her own, secretary Lillian Palmer sees more in the picture than a good story and is soon drawn into the fray. Together, the two set out to right a wrongdoing and mend a fractured family, at the risk of everything they value.

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## CHARITY NAVIGATOR

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### Westford's Parish Center for the Arts presents The Artist Circle of Groton

#### "THE NATURE OF ALL THINGS"

The exhibition will run through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Gallery is open to visitors each Sunday from noon-2pm. For more information, visit [www.pcawestford.org](http://www.pcawestford.org).

The Artist Circle of Groton members Dana Haigh, Claudia Owens, Michelle Ward, and Beth A. Smith proudly present "The Nature of All Things" as a joint exhibition during the month of June. Through the vibrant mediums of watercolor, alcohol inks, and acrylics, these four talented artists have crafted an extraordinary collection of works that pays homage to the boundless beauty of nature's tapestry.

**Michelle Ward** is a lifelong artist, commercial interior designer and member of the Artist Circle, Michelle Ward received her art degree from the University of Lowell (now UMass Lowell). Working in acrylic, using various tools and methods her paintings explore our natural world in layered color, texture and expressive composition.

**Claudia Owens**, a watercolor artist, finds inspiration in the enchanting wonders of nature, travels, and the timeless charm of children's books. With a whimsical touch, she harnesses watercolor's transparent effects to breathe life into vibrant scenes, each infused with a touch of fantasy. Claudia is a member of the Artist Circle, an elementary art teacher and teaches art to both adults and children at Groton's Prescott Community Center.

**Dana Haigh** lives and works out of Groton. She has been obsessed with alcohol inks for the last four years. Instilling some control into this very fluid medium has been a lovely challenge that Dana has enjoyed. Dana is a member NVAG, HAS and teaches classes through the Prescott Community Center.

**Beth Smith** is a Groton-based self-taught watercolor artist. Her work is inspired by the shapes, light and shadows in natural landscapes. She is drawn to the beauty of nature, its calmness and solitude and wants to impart those feelings to her audience. Beth has co-chaired the Westford Regional Art Event and co-founded the PCA's Gallery. She teaches watercolor classes at Prescott Community Center in Groton.

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## M. LILLIAN LUND FILES DONATION

Tyngsborough Public Library is pleased to accept the personal notebooks of M. Lillian Lund Files [died 2016] from her Estate and son, Steve Files. The donation comprises twelve binders that document Files's bluebird conservation efforts. A former resident of Tyngsborough, MA, Files was passionate about the recovery of the bluebird population. She loved educating children and the public on how they could help. From her obituary, "Lillian's knowledge and commitment to the blue birds earned her the title of the Blue Bird Lady." Her collection is available for online viewing through the Internet Archive.

*Editor's note: I am sure many of you in town remember Lil's passion for the bluebirds. She was determined to see them return to the area. I can say that we certainly enjoy watching them. They may not have as many fence posts to live in, in our area. However, they certainly will move into a bluebird box. I haven't looked into the archive yet but I think there just might be plans to construct the box and probably notes as to the best placement. Thank you Steve, for sharing your mom's passion with all of us. Anne*

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**Our Spring Fling - Tuesday, June 11, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM** at the TYNGSBORO SPORTMENS CLUB on Westford Road in Tyngsboro. Luncheon, Entertainment, Raffles, 50/50, and Door Prizes. Tickets for this event were complimentary.

Membership to the Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. is \$10 per year. There are over 100 members who support our efforts. *If you wish to become a member, please contact Elaine Rivard at (978-649-7689) for a membership form. As always thank you for your continued support.*

## TYNGSBORO-DUNSTABLE

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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/](http://www.facebook.com/tyngsborodunstable Rotary/)

Hopefully you saw this in last month's issue and made it to this great event.

**ROTARY CLUBS OF TYNGSBORO/DUNSTABLE, NASHUA, DRACUT AND LOWELL 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISHING DAY** *For individuals with Disabilities of All Ages, Family Members Welcome Sunday, June 9, 10am-2pm (rain or shine) Tyngsboro Sportsmen's Club, 90 Westford Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 FREE* – Join us for a Fun Day and we provide: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fishing Gear, and Bait Take home fish for Dinner! **More Info: Call Brian Day-Lewis at 978-399-4952.**

Maybe we can post some of the results in next month's issue.

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Altrusa members feel strongly about supporting our veterans and thanking them for all that they did for our country. **To celebrate Patriots' Day, Altrusa members, Laura Sievert and Kathy Muldoon, delivered coffee and donuts to the thirty (30) veterans from various wars, who live in Princeton House, a residential facility associated with the Bedford VA.**

At the District One Spring Conference on April 28, 2024, Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley placed first for the **Nina Faye Calhoun International Award for its involvement with the Days for Girls International Program (DFG)**. Club members not only created the hand-sewn kits for young girls, but received donations of facecloths and panties from other clubs in the District and worked with the Nashua DFG Team to increase the shipments scheduled to be delivered to Cameroon.

**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 [altrusamy@gmail.com](mailto:altrusamy@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining other volunteers in making a difference in the lives of others in our communities.

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*Thank you, Anne*

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### Follow Jesus by Eric Paquette

A sign in a restaurant reads, "If our food, drinks and services aren't up to your standards, please lower your standards." That sign, humorous or not, reminds me why the world needs Jesus so much. He refuses to allow us to become content with low living. He calls us to follow Him and by so doing become all God can make us to be. Mark 1: 17, records Jesus' challenge to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Some of the best news in the gospel is found in the simple words of that call given so long ago, "Follow Me, and I will make you become." These are hopeful words, for they assure us of the possibility of change. If my life is not what it should be or what I know God wants it to be, I can, with God's power and grace, become more like He wants me to be! Peter and Andrew were fishing for fish but God wanted them to fish for the souls of men!

In the 1920's, a man by the name of Mallory repeatedly sought to scale Mt. Everest. The first attempt failed, as did the second. A third attempt was made with a team of the best quality and ability. In spite of careful planning and extensive safety precautions, on the third attempt an avalanche hit and Mallory and most of his party were killed. When the few who survived returned to England, a great banquet was held to honor the adventurous souls of Mallory's final expedition. As the leader of the survivors stood to acknowledge the applause, he looked around the banquet hall at framed pictures of those who had died. Then he turned his back to the crowd to face a huge picture of Mt. Everest which loomed like a silent, unconquerable giant behind the head banquet table. With tears streaming down his face, he addressed the mountain on behalf of Mallory and his dead comrades. "I speak to you, Mt. Everest, in the name of all brave men living and those yet unborn. Mt. Everest, you defeated us once; you defeated us twice; you defeated us three times. But Mt. Everest, we shall someday defeat you, because you can't get any bigger, and we can.

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If you would like to stay updated with new information about Post #247, please use this link <https://sites.google.com/view/american-legion-site/home> or the facebook page American Legion Post 247 – Tyngsborough MA

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What we need; with hat in hand, we are asking the community to consider assisting our Legion to bridge the financial gap and burden between insurance funding and some already received generous donations.

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- **The Adult Bible Study Class has been suspended until fall.**
- **The Transition Team** has completed its study and preparation and has handed over to the Search Committee tools for their process of finding a new pastor for the Dunstable Church. Included within those tools is a church profile (which tells a prospective candidate about our church), and a candidate questionnaire for the committee to learn about a candidate. Check the church website for any updates.
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**Meals for Kids** is working to end childhood hunger by providing three meals a day to children who would otherwise go hungry. More than 43 percent of public school children in Nashua are receiving free or reduced priced lunches, and at some city schools more than 80 percent of children are eligible. To combat these numbers the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter (NSKS) creates, packages, and delivers free meals to area schools and other locations across the city. Since the start of the program in the summer of 2017, the program has distributed over 12,000 meals to local children in need. **On March 20, 2024, Altrusa members, Arlene Miele, Kathy Muldoon, Laura Sievert, and Claire and Steve Behrle, volunteered at NSKS and prepared more than 300 meals for the Program.**

Altrusa members feel strongly about supporting our veterans and thanking them for all that they did for our country. **To celebrate Patriots' Day, Altrusa members, Laura Sievert and Kathy Muldoon, delivered coffee and donuts to the thirty (30) veterans from various wars, who live in Princeton House, a residential facility associated with the Bedford VA.**

At the District One Spring Conference on April 28, 2024, Altrusa **Club of Merrimack Valley placed first for the Nina Faye Calhoun International Award for its involvement with the Days for Girls International Program (DFG).** Club members not only created the hand-sewn kits for young girls, but received donations of facecloths and panties from other clubs in the District and worked with the Nashua DFG Team to increase the shipments scheduled to be delivered to Cameroon.

**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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- **LADIES & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our Bible Study classes will end soon for the summer season. Studies will resume mid-September. Watch for more information in the Fall.

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

- **PARSONAGE/ CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER (CLC)**

Some of our Sunday School classes and our Women's and Men's Bible Studies are now being held in our newly renovated Parsonage building next to the church, now known as our Christian Learning Center (CLC). The CLC has a wheelchair accessible handicap ramp, entry door and bathroom as required by ADA regulations. We are very excited to use this renovated space to accommodate our growing church. Come visit us and check it out.

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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.**

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Just to remind you, the July. August issue will be the last one until September. Do you belong to an organization that will be having a fundraiser, meeting, or event coming up in July or August? I would love to help spread the word. Please remember to send in your news as soon as possible. **The deadline is always the 10th of the month, for the upcoming month's issue.** If you need a little more time to get the info together, please contact me so I can save space for you. **The news is placed FREE of charge, on a first come first served basis.**

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### TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

Our Quilts in Bloom event at the Tyngsborough Public Library was well-received. Teams of members picked one to two of the beautiful quilts on exhibit and then interpreted them by creating flower arrangements that captured something unique about that particular quilt. It could have been the color, the shapes, the theme, or a combination. The arrangements, like their inspiration, were quite creative.

Things quiet down for the club for the summer starting in the month of June. We will be celebrating the end of our program year with a potluck supper at the home of Sue Wironen.

After that, several teams maintain flower beds around town during the summer months and members get together for a "field trip" about once a month. **June 26, we will be visiting Tower Hill, and in July we will pay a visit to our own Butterfly Place. Believe it or not, some of us have lived here for 25 years and have never been there. In August, we are tentatively planning to visit Fruitlands Museum in Harvard.** Visit our website for updates. **September marks the start of a new membership year and our program will be a hands on project: creating an herbal wreath.**

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend individual programs for a nominal fee of \$5. Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Evangelical Congregational Church on Kendall Road and begin at 7 pm. 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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The annual Loading Dock Gallery show, **Full Bloom VI**, will be happening **through June 30** at Loading Dock Gallery, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA, Noon-5:30 pm, Wednesday-Saturday, until 4pm Sunday. More at [www.theloadingdockgallery.com](http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com).

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### FINANCIAL TIPS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Losing a spouse is one of the most painful experiences anyone can have. Unfortunately, widows and widowers have to deal with more than just the emotional trauma — they also must consider a range of financial issues. If you've recently been widowed, what financial moves should you consider?

For starters, don't rush into any major decisions. If you're still in the grieving process, you are unlikely to be in the best shape to make significant choices affecting your finances and your life.

But once you feel ready to look at your situation objectively and make appropriate choices, consider the following steps:

• **Review your finances.** Look at your entire financial picture — your assets, investments, debts and income. If you and your spouse had communicated well about your finances, and you shared decisions, you hopefully won't encounter any big surprises. But if your spouse was the partner who mostly handled financial matters, you may need to get up to speed quickly on what you have and what you owe. And if your spouse had provided a large amount of your household income, you will also need to determine what changes you may need to make to your lifestyle.

• **Address insurance issues.** If you will receive a death benefit from your spouse's insurance policy, what will you do with the money? It may prove helpful in funding your own retirement or meeting other financial goals. But you'll also want to be clear about what other beneficiaries, such as your children, might receive. And while you're looking at insurance, you also might want to look at your own policies — do you need to change beneficiaries?

• **Review your Social Security options.** If you are at least 60 and you were married at least nine months, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits. (If you remarry before age 60, you typically cannot receive survivor benefits, but you can reinstate them if this subsequent marriage ends.) The amount of your survivor's benefits depends on your age and the age of your deceased spouse. You can't claim your deceased spouse's benefits along with your own retirement benefits, so if you qualify for survivor and retirement benefits, you'll receive the larger amount. Depending on your situation, you might come out ahead by delaying your retirement benefits, giving them the chance to grow, while you accept survivor benefits. For more details on receiving Social Security benefits, visit the Social Security Administration's website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

• **Review your estate plans.** The death of a spouse can certainly affect your family's estate plans. So, it's a good idea to review these plans to see what changes, if any, need to be made. When conducting this review, you'll benefit from working with an estate-planning professional.

Finally, keep in mind that you don't have to go it alone during this difficult time. If you're already working with a financial professional, they can help. If you aren't currently working with one, now might be the time to start. By looking at your finances and your family situation holistically, a financial professional can provide guidance that can help ease the stress you are naturally feeling.

Few events are as sad as losing a spouse. But when you feel ready, start taking the steps necessary to continue forward on your life's journey.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

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The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, eleven studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park.

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## SELLING SUCCESS: 10 TIPS TO GET TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR HOME

by Christine McCarron of Beehive Brokerage

Selling your home can be a bittersweet experience. It's a chance to embark on a new adventure, but letting go of a cherished space can be tough. The good news is, with some strategic planning, you can make the most of this transition. Here are 10 tips to ensure you get the money you deserve when selling your home:

**1. Curb Appeal is King (or Queen)** First impressions matter! Potential buyers often make snap judgments about a home based on its exterior. **Boost your curb appeal** with a well-manicured lawn, pressure-washed siding, and colorful flowers. A welcoming entryway sets the tone for the entire home and entices buyers to step inside.

**2. Declutter and Depersonalize: Create a Blank Canvas** Buyers need to be able to envision themselves creating their own memories in your space. **Declutter** by removing unnecessary furniture and personal belongings. **Depersonalize** by taking down family photos and collections. This allows buyers to focus on the home's layout, features, and potential.

**3. Deep Clean and Stage for Maximum Impact** A sparkling clean home creates a positive impression. Consider hiring a professional cleaning service for a deep clean that shines a spotlight on the home's best features. **Staging** takes it a step further. Arrange furniture to showcase the functionality of each room and create an inviting atmosphere.

**4. Small Fixes, Big Difference: Address Minor Repairs** Don't let minor repairs become deal breakers. Fix leaky faucets, patch up minor drywall imperfections, and replace burnt-out light bulbs. Addressing these issues demonstrates that you've maintained the property and prevents buyers from questioning its overall condition.

**5. Price it Right: Do Your Market Research** Extensive research into your local real estate market is crucial for a successful sale. An **accurately priced** home attracts more buyers. Consider a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) with a qualified real estate agent to determine a competitive and realistic listing price.

**6. High-Quality Photos: Let Your Home Shine Online** In today's digital world, online listings are the first impression for many potential buyers. Invest in **professional photography** that showcases your home's best assets. High-quality images capture the essence of your space and entice buyers to schedule a viewing.

**7. Market Like a Pro: Utilize Multiple Channels** Don't rely solely on online listings. Employ a multi-pronged marketing strategy to reach a wider audience. This could include social media promotion, email campaigns, virtual tours, and even open houses. Consider creating an informative and visually appealing brochure to highlight your home's key features.

**8. Be Flexible: Accommodate Viewing Requests** The more accessible your home is, the quicker it could sell. **Offer a flexible viewing schedule** to accommodate potential buyers with busy lifestyles. This shows willingness to work with their needs and increases your chances of securing a quick sale.

**9. Highlight Eco-Friendly Features: Energy Efficiency Sells** If your home boasts energy-efficient features, don't be shy about promoting them! Eco-conscious buyers are drawn to homes that offer cost savings on utility bills. Highlight energy-efficient features like upgraded appliances, solar panels, or smart thermostats in your marketing materials.

**10. Build Trust with Open Communication** Honesty is key when selling your home. Be upfront and transparent with potential buyers about the property's history and any known issues. Open communication builds trust and fosters a smoother negotiation process, ultimately leading to a successful sale.

By following these tips, you can transform your home sale from a stressful experience to a smooth and rewarding transition. Remember, a well-prepared and well-marketed home attracts top dollar and paves the way for a successful sale. Now go forth and sell your home with confidence!

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**WI-FI VS. MOBILE DATA**  
*By Dean Lotito*

I still get asked the difference between Wi-Fi and Mobile Data (also called cell data). This is important to people that have cell phone plans with a monthly limit for data. If the user exceeds that limit additional charges will be added to your bill. Understanding how to limit those charges is important.

A cell phone signal is broadcast from cell phone towers that were built by the companies you pay for your cell phone. Even if your cell service includes unlimited data each month it is important to understand how Wi-Fi is different than Cell data. The main advantage of cell data is coverage. Cell phone towers cover a huge portion of the US. Another advantage is that it is a secure private connection suitable for bank transactions. These two features are why we all pay for cell phones.

Wi-Fi data is what we have in our homes and public buildings. This signal cannot reach very far, but it is significantly faster than a cell signal. It is also basically free. In your home, the internet service you buy provides a Wi-Fi signal for your use. In public buildings, the town or store owner provides the Wi-Fi service for free. Many airlines often charge a fee for Wi-Fi access during flights, but Wi-Fi at the airport is usually free.

Phone plans with a limit on data are specifically limiting cell or Mobil Data. Wi-Fi data does not affect that limit. You can always use unlimited Wi-Fi data with no additional charge from your cell phone provider.

The security of a Wi-Fi connection is something to be aware of. Your Wi-Fi signal at home is encrypted and password protected. It should be using WPA2 encryption. However public Wi-Fi networks are open and should not be used to communicate with financial institutions unless it is an emergency.

When you are making a phone call, your phone will always try to use the cell phone network. However, there is now a feature on most phones to enable “Wi-Fi Calling.” When enabled, the phone will route the call through your Wi-Fi network. Wi-Fi Calling is useful when you are in a building or home that has poor cell reception, giving you more reliable phone connections. Be aware that if you are in a building with a poor Wi-Fi connection, Wi-Fi Calling may not work well.

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