

TYNGSBOROUGH'S TOWN MANAGER REPORT From Colin Loiselle, Tyngsborough Town Manager June 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 <u>tyngsboroughma.gov</u>.

Thank you to the residents who attended the 2024 Annual & Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. You can find a recap of what was passed at the Town Meeting by visiting tyngsboroughma.gov. and navigating to the Town Meeting page under "Residents".

Congratulations to all of the candidates who were elected at the May 21st Annual Town Election for various boards & committees. I also want to thank anyone who put their name on the ballot for their willingness to serve. There are vacancies on some of the appointed boards & committees and residents who are interested can reach out to the Town Manager's Office to learn more. You can do so by calling 978-649-2300 x100 or emailing administration@ tyngsboroughma.gov.

Work on the Town Center Footbridge project resumed this month. The project took a temporary pause to redesign footings for the pedestrian bridge after the original design was determined to be not effective. Work on the bridge installation will be completed ahead of the 2024 Party by the Bridge.

At the end of May, the Town formally kicked off the Housing Production Plan Update. This is a plan that the Town has to renew every five years. Maintaining a current Housing Production Plan (HPP) makes the Town eligible for various grant programs and helps shape future planning discussions. Tyngsborough was awarded a \$30,000 technical assistance grant to utilize the services of the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments to lead this work with input from the Select Board, Planning Board, and Affordable Housing Trust as well as residents at large.

Congratulations to Town Engineer Jacob Zwicker who was promoted last month to serve as the Town's first Superintendent of Public Works. Jake has served the Town of Tyngsborough since 2018 as the Town's first Town Engineer. Since his hiring, Jake has brought innovative paving techniques to Town and with the support of the Select Board has increased our road maintenance spending from less than \$500,000 annually to nearly \$1.5M annually. He has also overseen most of our Town Center construction projects and many other infrastructure projects. The Department of Public Works was established by a 2022 Town Meeting vote and combines the Sewer Department, Highway Department, Cemetery Commission, Facilities, and Tree Warden into one department with central oversight.

Finally, the Media Department has launched a new podcast series entitled "Entering Tyngsborough". These are short podcasts focused on various things happening across Town and are intended to further connect residents with the happenings of local government. You can find them anywhere you get your podcasts.

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TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

2024 Dog Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. If you are new to town or have a new dog, there is no late fee. If you have previously licensed, the license is now late and payment must include a \$25.00 late fee. Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license. Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129, if you have any questions.

By the time you read this, I will be retired. Thank you for the kindness and support you have shown me for the past twenty-one years. Stop by and introduce yourself to the newly elected Town Clerk. Stay safe, Joanne

TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

87 Progress Avenue, Unit #2 Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-4577

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tyngsborough Water District Consumer Confidence Report is available for review at the District Office, 87 Progress Ave, Unit #2 or at the Town Hall and Library. You can also read and download a copy at: <u>https://bit.ly/3Jn5YHi</u>

Daniel Duchesne, Superintendent

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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 <u>administration@tyngsboroughma.gov</u>.

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The TST wishes all the best to our graduating seniors as they pursue their future academic goals and achievements. Thank you to our community members who supported our seniors through the Door-to-Door Drive. We also would like to thank the local businesses and generous donors who contributed to our business drive and to our Named Scholarship fund. Through the generosity of our entire community, we were able to award almost \$35,000 in scholarships to 32 of our graduating seniors from Tyngsborough.

The TST has been awarding scholarships for 61 years! The work is rewarding and our fundraising events are just as fun to work on as they are to attend. If you have been thinking of getting involved, we welcome new participants.

We typically meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, from September through June, with most meetings in the Tyngsborough High School teacher's room at 6:30 p.m.

For more information see our Facebook page or contact us at scholarshiptrusttyngsborough@gmail.com

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.

Nature-based solutions projects for mosquito control are ongoing...anyone looking for bird or bat houses, just let us know. Contact Chair Elizabeth Coughlin lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com text/phone 978-758-2680.

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

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

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

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

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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.



FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

•• It is never too late to join the Friends! Please support the Friends by renewing your membership/making a donation, or join us with a new membership/donation as we start a new year of the Friends.

•• Why join? If you have benefited from a special event, enjoyed our local book sale or used the library museum passes, you have enjoyed a Friends supported program! It is never too late to join to help us support our neighbors.

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

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

•• The Friends do not meet during the summer months. Please contact us at tynglibfriends@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions!

TYNGSBOROUGH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE (TRTC)



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

LOCALLY: We help promote fiscal responsibility; present Town Meeting Warrant Articles; oversee voter registration and elections; and organize signature drives for candidates and important issues. **STATE & NATIONALLY:** We promote and support candidates that share our values; provide delegates to our State Convention to vote on our nominees for elected office; and coordinate with other Republican Town and City Committees.

Please get involved and make your voices heard!!

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

COME JOIN US!!: E-mail <u>TyngsboroughRTC@gmail.com</u> to get on our mailing list and follow us on Facebook (TyngsboroughPTC) for mosting undates and other importa

(**TyngsboroughRTC**) for meeting updates and other important information.

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

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

We are often contacted to make a donation to different organizations. Want to make sure they are legitimate and the donated monies are well used? You can now look up these charities at <u>www.charitynavigator.org</u>



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 – <u>www.ssa.gov</u> – 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.

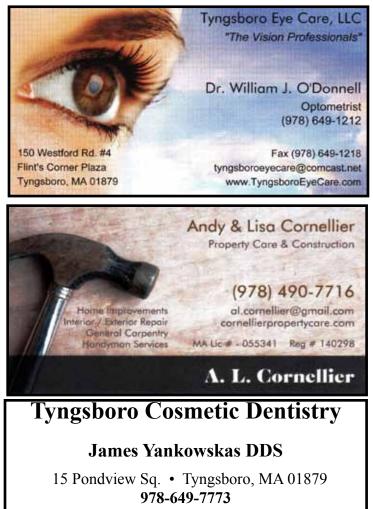
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER LOWELL CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Is your home in need of a critical repair? Did you know that Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell does more than just build homes for local families?

In an ongoing effort to meet the Habitat mission that everyone should have a decent and affordable place to live in dignity and safety, Habitat Lowell also offers a **Critical Home Repair Program** for income qualified seniors and veterans with homes in need of a critical repair. Repairs focus on safety, accessibility, mobility and code enforcement issues so that homeowners can remain safely in their homes. To find out more, please visit https://lowellhabitat.org/what-we-do/critical home-repairs/ or contact **Critical Home Repair Manager, Kim Raymond at 978-692-0927 option 4 or** <u>critical repairs@Jowellhabitat.org</u>.

Do you have some news? Would you like info about advertising in the July.August issue? Deadline is the 10th of June. If you missed the deadline contact me as soon as possible.

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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 Friend us on Facebook. Seeking new members. Join us!

TYNGSBORO TOWN BEACH (located on Mascuppic Trail between Cedar Grove Ave and Maplewood Ave) OPEN FOR SWIMMING - Memorial Day weekend, May 25. It is open to all Tyngsborough Residents. Resident passes are checked by a lot attendant and are available free with proof of residency at the Town Hall. Volunteers are needed to assist in raking the beach each week. Please message your interest on FB or email TyngsboroughRec.com, (978) 649-2300 Ext 150

BLOCK PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking for Volunteers! If you're interested in Volunteering for a program or special event please contact the office at 978-649-2300 ext. 150 or send us an email apage@tyngsboroughma.gov

SWIM LESSONS !! at the Tyngsborough Town Beach With Discover H2O, LLC centered on safety and skill development, they empower individuals to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water through positive and engaging experiences. Led by Founder, Caley Zannoni, their certified swim instructors and lifeguards are passionate and dedicated professionals who undergo rigorous training, ensuring the highest standards in water safety instruction.

Tailored lessons cater to all ages and abilities, from group lessons for children to private lessons for those with special needs. Group Lessons: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels for ages 3-12 years; Private/Semi-Private Lessons: Customized to

individual needs, accommodating traumatic experiences or specific requirements:

Special Needs Lessons: Prioritizing private or semi-private lessons with a personalized teaching plan;

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

Summer 2024 Group Lesson Pricing: \$150 for a package of 6 classes over the session; \$60 per private lesson; \$80 per semiprivate lesson. 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 Lifequard Training will be scheduled based on request and availability.

TENNIS CAMP Greg Reardon is offering his tennis camp July 8-11 Monday through Thursday 9 AM till noon Bicentennial Field courts. More details at www.planettennisusa.US

TYNGSBORO BLOCK PARTY-BY-THE-BRIDGE + Craft, Music and Food Truck Event

Saturday, August 24, 2024 11am-Fireworks (Rain or Shine) 11am-6:00pm Craft, Vendor and Game Areas

11am-7:30pm Food Trucks and Booths 11am-8:30pm Live Entertainment and Alcohol Vendors

Fireworks at Dusk General Admission: \$5.00 per person (Children 12 and under - free) Parking: Free! www.PartyByTheBridge.com for all the details!

1ST ANNUAL STEVEN CALANDRELLA KIDS' FISHING DERBY

Thank you to all who attended the 1st Annual Steven Calandrella kids' fishing derby that ws held recently. We had an amazing turnout and loved seeing all the kids doing what they love! We had a great and close competition. Coming in first place in the 10+ category was Jackson Fox with a total weight of 4.11 lbs! First place in the 5-9 category was Brady Lamy and first place in the under 5 was Harper Wayshville!

We already can't wait to see everyone (& new faces as well) again next year. Thank you, The Calandrella girls!



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Sherburne Nature Center trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns. Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver, observe the birds and notice what changes fall has made. Remember to dress for the weather. It's a great place for outdoor exercise and to enjoy nature close to home. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: The tennis court behind the Sherburne Nature Center is not part of the PUBLIC Nature Center property.

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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

...proudly announces Emmanuel Akwaboah,Ava Cesar, Sarah Maltby and Julia Simmons as the May Students of the Month.

Emmanuel Akwaboah, son of Oliver and Gloria Akwaboah, is a recipient of the Core Values Award. Emmanuel is a threeyear member of the varsity football team as well as a two-year member of the basketball team. His hobbies include playing piano, drums, and guitar. He also enjoys playing basketball with friends. Emmanuel's favorite subjects are computer science, world history, and anatomy. He plans on attending UMASS Dartmouth to study business management. Thinking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "I believe it's a helpful environment with the right resources to set and achieve goals. I also feel I've gained an amazing group of friends and trusted people I can talk to whenever there is something I need. Attending this school has given me the ability to advocate for myself as an individual and also make strong connections with others around me. Some of my favorite school memories are senior year homecoming, March Madness activities, and playing football".

Ava Cesar, daughter of Jennifer Cesar & Nuno Cesar, received the Core Values Award during her junior year. She has been an active member of the Medical Professionals club for three years as well as the yearbook club her senior year. Ava's hobbies include reading, camping, and cooking; her favorite subjects are math and anatomy. Her future goals are to finish college and become a nurse anesthetist. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "THS has let me find the best friends I have and gave me great relationships with my teachers. It gave me many opportunities and I'm forever grateful for it".

Sarah Maltby, daughter of Michele and Michael Maltby, is an active member of the chess and ski clubs. She has also been a three-year soccer team member, with two years on varsity. Sarah has also participated in community service such as the Tyngsborough Block Party. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, going shopping, and skiing. Sarah's favorite subject is math and she plans to attend UNH and obtain a degree in finance. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have gained many friends at THS that I have shared many memories with".

Julia Simmons, daughter of Mandy Perrin and Mike Simmons, has been a three-year member of the field hockey team and a four-year member of the varsity softball team. She also received the second-team all-star award for field hockey. Julia has been involved in community service such as volunteering for the Tyngsborough recreation softball program. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and going to the beach; her favorite subject is anatomy. Julia's future goals are to travel, obtain a degree from UNH, and eventually become a speech and language pathologist. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I have gained my best friends during my four years at Tyngsborough High".

Congratulations to these four amazing Class of 2024 students!

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 pickup at 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/inspectionalservices/health/trash-and-recycling/



Monday & Tuesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM Wednesday: 8:30AM to 7:00PM Thursday: 8:30AM to 4:00PM Friday: Closed www.tyngsboroughma.gov



Explore and connect

25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 978-649-7361 <u>www.tynglib.org</u> Library Hours: • Mon. & Wed. 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Fri. & Sun. Closed

CLOSED Wednesday, June 19th for Juneteenth

• Putin's War: A Presentation: Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. Putin's War: His Motives, Claims and Lies -- covering Ukraine, Russia, Putin's war, and more, specifically, Putin's propaganda. You will hear the story of Putin's rise to power, learn interesting facts about Russian propaganda and politics, and will be invited to raise your questions. Register online.

• **Theorem Painting Class: Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m.** Linda Sheldon returns with a summer-themed theorem painting class. Learn about painting with stencils to create lovely designs in the style of early American decorative art. Limit 15 adult participants. Registration required.

Felted Turtle Craft: Wednesday, June 26th at 6:15 p.m. Rachel Benson returns for a fun felted turtle class! Learn how to make your own freshwater turtle like Tab the Tyngsborough Public Library turtle. All materials provided. Limit 15 people. This class is great for adults and anyone 8+ who is attending with a parent/ guardian who is also registered and participating in the class. Please reach out to us with any guestions! Registration required.

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

• Adult Coloring Club: Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m.

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

• Book Clubs: Book Chat July 3rd at 6:30pm (come discuss any book you're reading!) ; Cookbook Club June 10th & July 8th at 6:30pm ; Romance Club June 12th at 6:30pm ; Non-Fiction Club June 17th at 6:30pm ; Mystery Monday June 24th at 6:30pm ; Fiction Club June 26th at 6:30pm.

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

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

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

Kids & Teens SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Teen Cozy Craft, Saturday, July 6th at 12:30-1:30 PM Create a hedgehog from a gently used book! Teen Cozy Craft welcomes ages 11+. Register online.

Game On! (Nintendo Switch Free Play), Wednesday, June 5th from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. (ages 10+)

Join us for Nintendo Switch Free Play! Controllers provided. Register to secure yours! This program may be divided into thirtyminute time slots depending on demand. Games available: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Everybody 1-2 Switch, and more. This event is restricted to ages 10+. Younger players are welcome to join with parental accompaniment.

Drop-In Father's Day Craft, Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12)

Readers Theatre Auditions, Monday, June 10th from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. (ages 6-12) Have you always had a flare for the dramatics? Well now is your chance to really shine! Kids ages 6-12 will put on a play version of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm and our one-night-only performance will be on August 14th @6pm. Email ecormier@tynglib.org if you have any questions!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Saturday, June 15th from

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (all ages) You're invited to a party at TPL in honor of Summer Reading starting! Join us for lawn games, a mini children's book sale (thanks to the Friends of TPL), as well as a fun and interactive time to register for our Summer Reading challenge! This program is open to all ages and families.

Princess Tea Party, Saturday, June 29th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12) You are royally invited to a tea party! Join us and a very special royal guest for a magical tea party! This program is intended for ages 3-12. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND SPOTS ARE LIMITED. DRESS UP IS ENCOURAGED! Thank you to Alyssa's Happily Ever Afters for joining us to put on this special event! We will have a photographer there taking photos for TPL's publicity and promotional purposes, as well as an opportunity for your little one to have a magical portrait taken with our princess. If you do not consent to having your child's photo taken, please email ecormier@ tynglib.org after registering for this program.

Bubble Snake Science, Monday, July 8th at 5 p.m. (ages 4-10) Join us for a fun STEM activity! We will make our very own "bubble snakes" by using a plastic water bottle, a cloth, a rubber band, and some bubble solution. Kids will be able to make their own, play with it, and take it home with them where the fun can continue! This program is intended for ages 4-10. Registration is required to ensure we have enough materials for everyone.

Let's Play Music: Kidzrock!, Wednesday, July 10th at 5 p.m. (ages 4-7) Join Let's Play Music in this fun and interactive music program! Calling young rockers ages 4 through 7! Our Kidzrock program will have your child playing guitar, piano and drums while making new friends! No musical experience necessary to play in this band! Join us for a fun and informative workshop at the Derry Public Library. This workshop is facilitated free of charge by Let's Play Music as part of their outreach initiative to build music appreciation and literacy in the community. Let's Play Music offers a full array of programming including private lessons, rock bands, choral groups and community performances in Derry, Manchester, and Hudson.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop-Off, Saturday, July 13th from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (ages 3-12) Registration is required and spots are limited.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Family Storytime, Thursdays at 11 a.m. (ages 2-5) Family Resource Network Playgroup - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (ages 0-6)

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Babytime, Monday, June 17th and July 1st at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-23 mos.) Registration is required.

LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, June 22nd at 11 a.m. (all ages with a grownup) All ages are welcome to join our LEGO Challenge. See our Instagram @tyngsboroughpubliclibrary for examples of past LEGO Challenge creations. No registration required.

The Book Worms Picture Book Club, June 17th at 5 p.m. (ages 5-9) Join Miss Brianne for some fun stories, songs and rhymes all before bedtime! This program builds early literacy and social skills and is intended for ages 2-5, but older and younger siblings are welcome. Registration is required.

Monthly Scavenger Hunt, All Day, All Month Long (ages 3-12) Board of Library Trustees Meetings are generally held monthly on the third Tuesday. Check the TPL or Town websites for scheduled meetings.

Friends of the Library – Join in the fun and support your library! Meetings are held 9 Mondays per year at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. See the TPL website for dates. Also, check out the new and easy way that you can join or renew your membership to the Friends of the Library right from the Friends link on our website simply by using the "Join and Pay" or "Donate" buttons.

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SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Is Your Home Energy Efficient?

In the pursuit of sustainable living, every small step towards energy efficiency counts. As residents of Massachusetts, we have a unique opportunity to embrace green initiatives and reduce our carbon footprint right from the comfort of our homes.

Energy efficiency isn't just a buzzword; it's a fundamental aspect of responsible living in today's world. By optimizing our energy usage, we not only reduce our impact on the environment but also save money in the long run. Every kilowatt-hour saved translates to reduced carbon emissions, helping combat climate change and preserve our planet for future generations.

Tyngsborough has a partnership with HomeWorks, offering a range of services tailored to Massachusetts residents. At the heart of their offerings is the Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment⊡a no-cost evaluation that uncovers areas where homes can become more energy efficient.

Participating in a Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment opens the door to a plethora of benefits, including: 75% or more off recommended insulation, ensuring your home stays cozy while reducing energy waste and costs; up to \$10,000 in rebates for heat pump installations, a sustainable alternative to traditional heating and cooling systems; 100% off sealing air leaks in your home, preventing energy loss and keeping your energy bills in check; Qualify for a 0% interest HEAT Loan for upgrades, offering financial support of up to \$50,000 over a period of up to 7 years; Receive no-cost advanced power strips, programmable thermostats, watersaving devices, and more to further enhance your home's efficiency.

In the quest for a greener tomorrow, every action we take today matters. By partnering with HomeWorks Energy and embracing the opportunities provided by programs like Mass Save®, residents can play an active role in creating a more sustainable future. Let's make our homes more energy efficient, save some green in the process, and pave the way for a brighter, cleaner tomorrow! You can book your assessment online at hwe.works/tyng or by calling 781-305-3319. Don't forget to use the referral code "Sustainable Tyngsborough" to ensure your commitment to sustainability is recognized.

What are Rain Gardens and What Purpose do They Serve?

A rain garden is an environmentally friendly way to filter out pollutants such as dirt, bacteria, fertilizers, pesticides, and other debris from a low spot in your yard. Run-off rainwater from a roof, downspout, or driveway can be directed to a depressed area with a flexible pipe and should be able to drain within 6 hours. Rain gardens should be at least 10 feet from the foundation and 25 feet from a well or leach field. By planting grasses, perennials, shrubs, or trees in your rain garden, you will be providing food and shelter for birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other wildlife. You will also be helping preserve the health of your local ponds and brooks while at the same time making your yard more beautiful.

A rain garden can be any size with endless designs, but you should try to plant native species. Sandy soil drains well and can be dry between rain storms, whereas clay soil drains more slowly but holds the moisture which is better for some plants. In the depressed area in your landscape for your rain garden, the deepest part will be the wettest while the edges will be drier. Plant your items accordingly. More complex rain gardens have drainage systems and amended soils and are referred to as bioretention. Most home rain gardens will not be that complex.

There is more info online if you think you might want to try this for a low spot in your yard. Good luck and happy planting!

Thank you to the 142 residents who came to Zero Waste Day with items to donate or recycle. Together we kept over 5 tons out of the waste stream, made sure that so much metal and textiles would get recycled, and helped provide goods to organizations that will put those goods back into use. Great job, Tyngsborough!

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



TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



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

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

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

COA Board Meeting June 18th at 3:30PM. There are no meetings in July & August • CLOSED JUNETEENTH, Wednesday, June 19th • CLOSED Wednesday, July 4th

• FREE COMPUTER and CELL PHONE HELP (Monthly) at the Senior Center. Wednesday, June 12th, 9:30 - 12:00. Dean Lotito will be available to help fix issues with your cell phones and computers. Why not take advantage of this free service.

• The Traveling Chef will be Catering Lunch. Friday, June 14th, Flag Day;

• "What's Juneteenth Day?" Discover the history of Juneteenth, a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free.

• SENIOR BREAKFAST, Thursday, June 20th, 8:30-9:00, Start your day off with a FREE Breakfast sponsored by MOW Volunteers. Speaker Middlesex County District Attorney, Marian Ryan. Sign up by June 14th.

• COFFEE with the CHIEF Tuesday, June 25th at 8:30. Join us for coffee with the Police Chief, Rich Howe. He'll be coming out once a month for updates on scams, etc.

• **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**, **Friday, June 28th**, 11:30, Entertainment; Kathy Rodger, \$5.00 per person

• THE SHINE PROGRAM (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone), Are you confused about Medicare and not sure where to turn? Call 1-800-663-4227 they could help you. We do not have any one on site.

• BONE BUILDERS – FREE Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00. Bone Builders is a free class and requires a doctor's note to participate. Hand and leg weights are available. Questions? Call Jean Jacoppi 978-649-9076.

• BONE STRENGTH... FREE Wednesdays 10:00 / Fridays 9:00, Doctor's note NOT required. (Similar to Bone Builders-exercises for building bones.) Class is full at this time. "Waiting list" You can try Bone Builders Class, hours and dates are above.

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

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

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

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

• FREE... PAINTING CLASS Every Monday, 12:30-3:00 In this class everyone helps each other. If you love painting and don't mind (asking or helping) others, come join us and make new friends. • CRIBBAGE Every Tuesday Morning 10:00 - 12:30 We have openings for cribbage players. We welcome all.

• NO BOOK CLUB closed June 19th.

• NEW OR RENEWAL, Tyngsborough Foundation for the Aging. P.O Box 534, Tyngsborough, MA 01879, Email Addres <u>tffta@yahoo.</u> <u>com</u> The Annual membership fee is \$5.00 The organization is a 501(c) 3, Non-Profit Organization.

• SENIOR/VETERAN BREAKFAST, Thursday, July 18th, 8:30-9:00 Start your day off with a FREE healthy breakfast all you can eat, bring a friend along. Breakfast sponsored by..TBD. Speaker TBD

• Friday, July 26th, 11:30, Midsummer Celebration Traveling Chef—BBQ Chicken \$5.00 per person Entertainment, Fran Heart "The beat generation" - A Cultural Review of the 1950' Through Music. *Please check at the center for more activities.*





The **Tyngsborough Land Trust** is a non-profit land conservation organization. Our mission is to assist in the preservation of the rural character of Tyngsborough through sound conservation practices. This can be done by working with towns and land owners to implement conservation restrictions. These CRs protect a property's natural resources while allowing limited land use. When communities like ours come together to support Land Trusts, local actions can have global impacts.

We have received a grant from the CPC to assist TLT with start-up costs but **We Need You!** There is still time to send in the membership form from the brochure you received in the mail or visit **TyngsboroughLandTrust.org** for more information and a membership link.

A Big Thank You to everyone who has already become a member and to all those who helped our team on Trail Day! We look forward to seeing you at the Tyngsboro Block Party by the Bridge.

Board of Trustees: Liz Antanavica, Ed Derby, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Rae Ann Jacek, Doug Latullip, Rose Mitchell and Susan Morey

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 tffta@yahoo.com The Annual membership fee is \$5.OO.



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!

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



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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

is a non profit 501 C3 which provides funds to the Tyngsboro Senior Center to supliment activities. The Friends Board: President: Joe Jacoppi; Vice Chair: Jim Magri; Clerk: Elaine Rivard: Treasurer: Carol Sides; and Board Members: Joanne Jean, Elaine Franks, Mary Basilliere, and Lee Poirier meet monthly to decide on the next activity that all can attend.

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



Rotary Motto Service Above Self

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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 quests on their first visit. We're a super friendly and informal group with a huge community impact! Our facebook page is www.facebook.com/tyngsborodunstablerotary/

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 25th 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.

DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE BOOK "LIVING WITH OUR WILD NEIGHBORS"

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is offering a copy of the book "Living with our Wild Neighbors" as a free download. It is very informative and covers all wildlife from A-Z.

https://www.animalsheltering.org/page/wild-neighbors-book



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When you contact a business or organization, please tell them you've seen their ad or news in Neighbor to Neighbor. They would like to know. Thank you, Anne

TYNGSBORO CHURCH OF CHRIST



27 Old Tyng Rd. Tyngsboro, MA 01879 (about 1 mile south of Tyngsboro bridge on Rt. 3A) Web Site: www.tyngsborochurchofchrist.org Email: tyngcoc@juno.com Office: (978) 703-4741 Home bible studies in Nashua, Hudson, Tyngsboro, Dracut, Lowell **Sunday:** 9:00 AM Bible studies for all ages

10:00 AM Worship service Wednesday: 7:00 PM Bible studies for all ages

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 make 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.

"Your mountain may be a shaky marriage or a bad habit or some serious sin. The good news of the gospel is that you can become bigger than your mountain. You can become more of whatever God wants you to be. More faithful. More forgiving. More generous. More patient. More prayerful. Following Jesus always results in us becoming more than we could be by following the ways of the world.



The Massachusetts Democratic State Committee is the governing body of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. The Public Policy subcommittee acts to facilitate stakeholders understanding and engagement with federal, state, and local programs and initiatives for their benefit and for the general good.

Public Policy State Committeewoman Elizabeth Coughlin 1st Middlesex Senate District is currently providing outreach information regarding student loan reduction benefits, Green Community, Climate Change and other grants and initiatives.

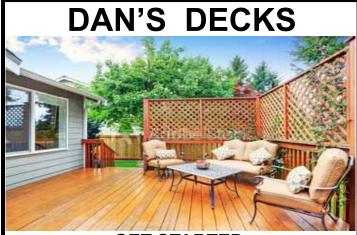
Email <u>lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com</u> text or call 978-758-2680 Anyone seeking an internship or civic engagement project is

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Post Executive Committee: Commander Ray Hamelin, Sr. Vice Commander Pete St. Peters, Finance Officer Jim Lawler Jr., Adjutant Jim Lawler Sr., Executive Board Members Joe Conlin and Fred Carroll. **Hello everyone, my name is John Taylor;** I am the point of contact for the American Legion Post #247 and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). You may email me at johntaylor1777@ gmail.com, with your inquiries for the American Legion or the Sons of the American Legion.

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

ROBERT D. PELLETIER AMERICAN LEGION POST #247 TYNGSBOROUGH, MA A NONPROFIT VETERANS ORGANIZATION FELL VICTIM TO A DEVASTATING FIRE IN 2022

After much anticipation this state of the art Community facility has an anticipated opening for this Fall (2024).

Who we are; a wartime Veterans Service Organization that spans all eras of our Nations conflicts to preserve the freedoms we enjoy, and our Nations needs, comprised of brave men and women who have served with pride, integrity, and honor. We are a family with a place for everyone; Veterans (Legionnaires), military service members (AMVETS), military spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, (Auxiliary), and all male descendants of those who served (S.A.L). In other words, a home for everyone.

What do we do, we are committed to our community with the same dedication we served our Nation by providing essential services. The Legion provides mentorship to the youth, wholesome programs, supporting seniors, feeding those in need, sponsoring athletic teams, offering scholarships, raising funds, and providing a place to gather for fun and celebrations.

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.

Why we need your generosity; to eagerly continue to provide support to our community as well as offering a safe place for the community to gather and enjoy our new facility.

We thank you for your consideration and any contribution you are able to make to support our purpose and cause. *American legion Post 247 Community Veterans Organization.* gofund.me/97392e5d.https://gofund.me/148ace82 Or Scan the QR Code

> Sincerely and with gratitude, The Membership of American Legion Post 247.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 247

90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Officers of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #247 President, Linda Small; Sr. Vice President-Ann Thellen; Jr. Vice President-Michelle Lambert; Secretary/Treasurer-Diane DiLeo; Chaplain-LeeAnn Houle; Sgt at Arm: Jeanette Milsci. <u>E-Board</u>: Kathy Oljey, Josephine Beauregard, and Annette Coles If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, contact Diane DiLeo at 978-204-9329 or email: <u>ddileo1956@hotmail.com</u>



DUNSTABLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

518 Main St, Dunstable, MA 01827 www.dunstablechurch.org 978-649-6251

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

• Sunday Morning worship service begins at 10:30 AM with Interim Pastor Doug Walker leading. We welcome you to join us anytime!

• 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.

• We gather every Sunday morning at 10:30am at the big white church in the center of Dunstable. We would love to meet you! May the Lord walk between and among us while we are apart from one another.



AMVETS POST #247 ROBERT D. PELLETIER



90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA

POST OFFICERS: Commander: Robert Golas; Treasurer: David Coles; Secretary Rod Wood

We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM. Currently we meet at the Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club, Westford Road, Tyngsborough.

For more info please call Dave Coles at 978-551-1344. "ALWAYS READY TO SERVE OUR VETERANS" AMVETS National Website: http://www.amvets.org/

BONE BUILDERS AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

Bone Builders takes place at the Tyngsboro Senior Center, 169 Westford Road on *Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00AM to* **10:00AM**. If you suffer from Osteopenia or Osteoporosis, we offer specially designed exercises to help rebuild your bones.

<u>We do have openings for new members.</u> We suggest that you come into class and observe our slow, repetitive, weight bearing exercises before filling out all the paperwork, including a doctor's note. Participating in class twice a week for the first six months is also required.

For further information, please call Jean Jacoppi, Leader 978-649-9076.

STITCHERS AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

Located at 169 Westford Road. This takes place every Monday from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in the dining room. Lessons, patterns,yarn, needles, looms, and more are available to you. Stay for the entire time or just drop in to get your supplies.

Just think of all the people you could be helping by joining our group. Questions? Jean Jacoppi, Coordinator (978-649-9076)



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

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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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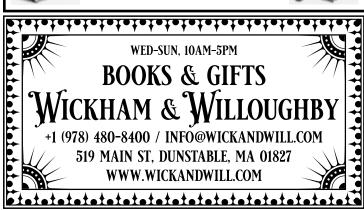
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Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joe Ward 978-930-1153.

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

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Neighbor to Neighbor Published by Anne M. Paquin

Since 1983 64 Hardv St., Dunstable, MA 01827 (978) 419-1914 anne@neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

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.

If you are thinking about advertising your business, please contact me by email, I will send you a rate sheet which should answer most questions.

Each month there are 6,674 issues of Neighbor to Neighbor sent out directly to homes, businesses, town hall and library in Dunstable and Tyngsborough. New issues for both Dunstable & Tyngsborough are available to read online around the first of each month, at www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com. You will also find past issues and new articles posted there.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

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Our group <u>does not meet in June, July or August.</u> We will **resume** our meetings at Saint John the Evangelist Old Parish Center **on Saturday, September 28, 2024** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you would like to speak with someone during this time, please call the collaborative office at (<u>978) 256-2374</u>.

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. Linda Sheldon, President

LOADING DOCK GALLERY

122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA Show: Full Bloom VI Show dates: through June 30, 2024

In June, Loading Dock Gallery presents **Full Bloom VI**, an annual show featuring the artists of Loading Dock Gallery and their inspiring paintings, pottery, wearable art, photography, and other art and crafts.

Immerse yourself in the joy of rebirth on full display at Loading Dock Gallery. **Full Bloom VI** features the artists' celebration and interpretation of Mother Nature's finest creations in their own unique, garden-themed mediums. Discover a special piece that speaks to you so that you may enjoy the wonders of nature all year round.

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 <u>www.theloadingdockgallery.com</u>. Loading Dock Gallery is part of Loading Dock Arts, Inc., a 501c3.



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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. For more details on receiving Social Security benefits, visit the Social Security Administration's website at 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 estateplanning 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



The Brush Art Gallery & Studios 256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852 www.thebrush.org

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.

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 show-cases 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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Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society will be celebrating the day in conjunction with "Art and Music in the Barn", sponsored by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. Both events feature plenty of parking and are held just across the street from each other. Last year, over 400 people enjoyed these events. *Important Info: Date: June 22, 2024 Rain or Shine* Time: 10 AM to 2 PM; setup begins at 8 AM Location: Little Red Schoolhouse, 64 Main Street, Dunstable, MA, *Vendor Fee: \$10 per space Vendor Space: 15 x15 feet, park near your space.* If you are interested, please email deniserainis@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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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