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• **Special Town Meeting is November 18th, 7:00PM at the Swallow Union School.** The warrant for the Special Town Meeting will be available at Town Hall, Library, Post Office and the Police Department. dunstable-ma.gov/stm2024 for all information related to the Special Town Meeting.

• **DOG LICENSES** All dogs, 6 months and older must be licensed. **FEES:** Female spayed \$10, Male neutered \$10; Female intact \$15 and Male intact \$15. Seniors age 70 and older have the fee waived pursuant to a town meeting vote, but the dogs must still be licensed. **Please note that you are now able to license your dog online too!** Remember: A copy of a current rabies certificate must be on file with the town Clerk. Vital records and dog tags can be purchased online at this link, <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customer-info.aspx> Dog Licenses registration/renewal forms will be mailed out with the Annual Census/Street Listing in December.

Brynn Durno Email: townclerk@dunstable-ma.gov

Website: dunstable-ma.gov/town-clerk (978) 649-4514 x222

• Town Clerk Office - Assistant Town Clerk, Sue Fayne, Services Available Mon -Thurs 9am-4pm: Business Certificates, Certified copies of Marriage, Birth & Death records, Raffle Permits, Voter Registration, and Dog Licenses.

Dunstable

Volunteer Firefighters Association

We do hope to see

you out along the parade route!

SANTA PARADE

Sunday, December 15, 2024

(Rain date of December 22)



The Parade starts at 11:45AM. Parade Route: Starting at Dunstable Fire Dept., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Pond St., R. on Parkhurst St., L. on Pond St., L. on Pleasant St., L. on Cross St., L. Groton St., L. on Hall St., R. on School St., L. on Groton St., R. on Kemp St., R. on Adam St., L. on Route 113 in Pepperell, R. on East St., in Pepperell, Continue onto river St., R. on Hollis St., L. on Fletcher St., L. on Main St., R. on Century Way, Back to Main St., L. on Main St., L. on Mill St., Cross Main St. to Oak St., L. on Depot St., R. on Main St., L. on High St., R. on Thorndike St., R. on Forest St., across Route 113 to middle section of Forest St. across Lowell St. to Forest St.(up the hill), at the end of Forest St., Turn around at Valley St., L. on Lowell St., Merge onto Main St., L. on Pleasant St. and L. into Dunstable Fire Department.

A Note from Chief Farrell: We are actively seeking town residents to **join as on call/per diem firefighters.**

If you are interested please email wfarrell@dunstable-ma.gov

IN MEMORY OF

Theresa Ann English

Carol Driscoll

Hyacinth Elizabeth (MacLean) McKenna

Sylvia Lowe

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Dunstable Cub Scout Pack 28 will be doing Scouting for Food again this year and *will be distributing door tags on the weekend of November 9th.*

They will be **collecting food** that is left out at the end of the driveway or another visible location on **November 16th**. We ask that any food be left out by 9am on the 16th and scouts will do their routes between 9 and noon to pick it up.

If you did not receive a tag or if you prefer to drop off your donations, **they will also be accepted at the Dunstable church between 9 and 12 on Saturday, November 16th.** *Thank you*

DUNSTABLE TROOP 28 WREATH FUNDRAISER



Troop 28 Dunstable has officially kicked off its 2024 Wreath Fundraiser. Proceeds for the fundraiser go directly to support the Troop and its activities throughout the year. This year, there are two options for purchasing wreaths. **1)** Scouts will be selling plain small (22") and large (36") wreaths to their local neighbors, family, and friends. Also, there will be in-person sales days at the Dunstable Evangelical Church (518 Main St.) at the Dunstable Journey/Jinglefest on December 7th and at the Dunstable Church until supplies last. **2)** Decorated wreaths and a variety of other arrangements can be purchased online: <https://threeriversfundraising.com/fundraiser/bs28ma-w24>.

Please use code FD9688 when checking out.

Thank you for supporting Troop 28 Dunstable!

GROTON DUNSTABLE ARTS BOOSTERS

We're excited to announce our latest fundraiser! Our mission is to provide essential grants to GD high school arts programs and scholarships for graduating seniors pursuing the arts in college. By participating in our candy sale, you're not just treating yourself—you're investing in the future of our young artists. Every purchase goes directly toward enriching our arts programs and helping students achieve their dreams. **Check out our selection and order today:** <https://bit.ly/GDSees>

Thank you for your continued support in making the arts a vital part of our students' education!



Happy Thanksgiving!



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www.dunstable-ma.gov and click on library

Maureen Strauss - Director – mstrauss@dunstablepl.org

Karen Debreceni - Children's Librarian – kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org

ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER:

Thanksgiving Day Crafts Tuesday November 19th at 4:00pm! The children will create art activities that will encourage them to think about being thankful. We will also make a fun turkey craft! **Please make sure you sign up at the library or with kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org.**

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:

- **Parent – Infant Group:** Please join our Parent Group for New Moms and Dads with your infants to connect, socialize and share parenting resources & tips. The group meets on Thursdays @ 10am. Enjoy the comfy chairs, and tea, coffee and cookies will be provided!
- **Preschool Story Hour:** Please come in with your 3, 4 or 5 year old for story hour. The children will enjoy stories, crafts, songs and instruments! This program is held on Thursdays & Fridays from 10:00am to 11:00am.
- **Book Club:** This reading group will meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30am. More information is at the circulation desk. The DPL can put a book on hold for you!
- **Homework Help:** The library has homework help on Tuesday night from 5:30pm – 6:30pm for the school year. This is a free service for children from Kindergarten to High School. EVEN if they don't have homework, students can help them in any subject. If your child is attending, please call between 3 and 5pm.
- **Bone Builders:** A free, low impact balance and strength training exercise program will take place on Wednesday's from 10:30am -11:30am and Fridays from 11:15am -12:15pm
- **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.
- **Looking for Legos:** We would like to set up a Lego table in the children's section. Please consider donating any extra Legos you have at home.

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

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Shrek Jr. - the musical! Friday, November 22nd - 7pm
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Shrek Jr. the Musical is a fun, family-friendly show based on the DreamWorks Animation film and Broadway musical Shrek. The musical is about an ogre named Shrek who sets off on an adventure to rescue a princess and save his swamp from banished fairy tale misfits.

DUNSTABLE THEATER COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS...

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap. Thurs, Dec 5th - 7pm (Free Dress Rehearsal) Fri, Dec 6th - 7pm & Sat, Dec 7th - 2pm (part of Dunstable's JingleFest) & then Sun, December 8th - 2pm

Strap yourselves in for The Mousetrap - a wintery murder mystery! As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guest-house. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover - to their horror - that a killer is in their midst! One by one, the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts.

Town Hall is closed on Fridays

DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

Town Hall (978) 649-4514. *The departmental extensions are as follows*

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 224 Select Board (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer.

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Happy Holiday season everyone! Again this year, West Auto Repair is honored to be a toys for tots collection site. **The collection period this year will run from November 1st - December 11th. PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW DATES This is an earlier start date and end date to the program compared to years past.**

West Auto Repair is located at 30 Pleasant St. (a/k/a Route 113) in Dunstable, MA. The office to the repair shop is open Monday - Friday 8AM til 5PM. No appointment is needed, please just stop by and leave any **UNWRAPPED** toys in the collection box. Historically there has been a shortage of donations for children in their pre-teen years so please keep that in mind when considering what toys/gifts you might donate to this program.

We look forward to seeing you all during this upcoming holiday season and again we thank you for your support of this program. *Should you have any questions relating to the Toys for Tots program please feel free to contact our local Toys for Tots representative, Anne at 978-376-6542 and she can answer any questions you might have. Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays. The team at West Auto Repair*

DRLT CALENDARS FOR SALE!

The 2025 DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST CALENDARS are now on sale for \$15 each. They can be purchased at the Rose of Sharon at Blossom Hill, Tully Dairy Store, Farmhouse Cafe, Dunstable Library, Wickham & Willoughby and the General Store for \$15 each. The DRLT is a non-profit organization depending on volunteers and donations to carry out conservation efforts to preserve our quaint, rural town. Please visit our website at drlt.org for more information.

A belated, but sincere thank you, goes out to Melissa at Rose of Sharon at Blossom Hill (Florist & Gift Shop). Melissa donated fresh flowers each week that we sold at our DRLT farm stand. Thank you for your support!

DUNSTABLE PARKS AND RECREATION DUNSTABLE RESIDENT BOOK CLUB

Free Book Club open to all adults who would like to participate. Refreshments served. Join with others to discuss the book. **This is held the 3rd Saturday of the month** to discuss the featured book of the month with your facilitator Susan Tully. 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

• **November 16, *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett**

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love and the lives they have led before and after children. The book relates the story of three daughters who yearn to know about their mother's youthful relationship with a famous actor.

• **December 14, *Memphis* by Tara Stringfellow**

The story of three generations of Southern Black women who have lived, some have left and then returned to Memphis. *Memphis* covers over 70 years. The story is told from four Black women of the same family based in Memphis. We meet Joan as a 10-year-old who has just fled her home with her mother, Miriam, and younger sister,

• **January 18, *Divorce Colony* by April White**

A non-fiction book how women revolutionized marriage and found freedom on the American frontier. In the late 19th century, South Dakota with its residency requirement of 90 days was a popular destination for those seeking divorce. Sioux Falls was convenient for railroad travelers, and its Cataract House Hotel housed many members of Sioux Falls' "divorce colony".

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

By Edward H. Adamsky

Medicare open enrollment is here. From October 15 through December 7, you can make any changes you want to your coverage. Those changes will take effect on the first of next year. There are new laws governing health insurance, so you should investigate carefully to see if you want to make any changes.

You can switch between Medicare Advantage plans. Or if you are in an Advantage plan and don't like it, you can switch back to traditional Medicare. If you are in traditional Medicare you can move to an Advantage Plan, or if you are staying with traditional Medicare, you can switch your Part D (prescription) plan. If you are in an Advantage plan now, you also have an additional period of January 1 to March 31 of next year when you can switch or drop your plan. With the new laws some Advantage plans are changing significantly, or may even be dropped, so you may have to make a change.

Be sure to contact your doctors to make sure they take your plan and if you are going to change, make sure they take the one you are planning to go to. Many Advantage plans have no premium which can seem tempting (along with the extra benefits they provide) but you may want to review all of the plans carefully, even if they have a premium, to see what is best for you.

The Inflation Reduction Act may mean that you will see lower prices for your prescription drugs in the coming years. But this might mean that some Part D plans will increase their premiums. The Government plans to take steps to stop this and has capped the price increase that carriers can charge to \$35 for next year. Still, this may mean changes in the future, so your plan might go away or change. Keep an eye out for any mailings from your insurance company.

You will have a yearly cap on prescription drugs of \$2000 for 2025, so that should reduce costs for some people. Those with fairly expensive prescriptions now may find that they will save a lot next year. Those on insulin will find their costs capped at \$35 per month. (That cap doesn't include some related items). Again, check the plan options and compare their drug formulary (the ones they cover) to make sure your prescriptions are covered by the plan you choose.

There is a program called Extra Help that can pay for some of your premiums if you qualify. It is a low-income program, but the limit has been increased to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Look into the program and apply if you are eligible.

Contact your insurance broker, if you use one, your Elder Law Attorney, or go online to Medicare.gov to find many handouts and informational articles about open enrollment and choosing a health insurance plan for next year. And do it now!

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I have some GREAT news for all of you Veterans and families. I met with Mass VA Secretary Jon Santiago recently, and he noted some wonderful news for all of us. He is introducing to our State Congress an Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans (The HERO Act) which includes over 30 Spending and policy initiatives, tax credits, and statute changes organized into four buckets: Benefit Expansion, Commitment to Inclusion and greater representation, Modernization of Veteran Services, and Honoring/Recognizing our Veterans. One thing that is very important to you out there who are struggling to make ends meet is the increase in the Chapter 115 funding. In other words, you who have not been able to qualify for this benefit will now be able to receive it, hopefully sometime this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to give recognition to those vets I have in the Dunstable database who were born for each month but have since passed away. This month I would like to honor the following:
Thomas A. Deshler 11/9/1925-12/24/1995 USMC WWII
Jarl R. Ekstrom 11/4/1926-2/11/1915 USA WWII
Ed Fahy 11/13/1945-9/28/2006 USA Vietnam
Wayne C. Gouliaski 11/30/1947-9/22/2012 USA Vietnam
Lloyd L. Grant 11/11/1946 – 12/02/22 USN Vietnam
Ralph J. Sabatino 11/16/1921-4/9/2015 USA WWII
Paul C. Staples 11/30/1926-12/1/2014 USN WWII
Michael A. Udot 11/24/1928-4/5/2017 USA WWII
Many thanks to those who took the extra step to serve their 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. God Bless.

Dunstable Veteran Services Office

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)

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NEW RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO DUNSTABLE

Whether you are new to Town or have been here for many years, you will find the [New Residents' Guide to Dunstable](#) helpful. In this guide you will find information as simple as Town Hall contact numbers, information on Trash/Recycling, Public Schools, Utilities, and other tidbits of useful information. Check it out and [let us know what you think!](#) www.dunstable-ma.gov

CURBSIDE LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Black Earth Compost will be offering a Leaf and Yard Waste Collection this fall to Dunstable residents. If you're interested in this service, here are the details: Residents purchase their own 30 Gallon Paper Leaf Bags (no plastic bags). Leaf and Yard Waste is defined as leaves, weeds, small plants, brush, and sticks smaller than half an inch in diameter. Grass clippings are also accepted, but only if pesticides/herbicides have **not** been used. Sign up directly with Black Earth Compost through their website <https://.blackearth-compost.com/create-account/>. Simply add your address, chose Yard Waste Removal, and complete your order. Leaf and yard waste should be placed in the standard paper leaf bags and on the curb by 6am of pickup date. **Pickup will be the week of November 11, 2024.** There will be more information on your pickup date when you sign up. Pricing: First 3 Bag Pickup = \$18. Each additional set of 3 bags = \$12. Residents who are interested in curbside collection of food waste can preregister at the website. They accept meat, dairy, bones and BPI compostable serviceware. Once there is enough interest, Black Earth can start a route. At this time residents would also have access to year round leaf and yard waste collections. <https://.blackearthcompost.com/create-account/>



Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Let's explore some of the factors behind why we see higher amounts of water heater failures as outside temperatures drop.

Water coming into and exiting the water heater will be affected by the external temperatures, causing the heater to work harder during colder months. Location matters. Often installed in colder areas, such as unfinished basements or a garage, means the unit needs to work overtime to raise and maintain water temperatures.

Age of the unit. Older tanks with large amounts of sediment build-up and corroded anode rods are more likely to fail under heavier stress. Finally, hot water demands go up when it's cold outside. We use more and hotter water for things like showers, baths and dishes when it's chilly outside.

Annual check-ups by a professional plumber can help avoid unexpected breakdowns.

Until next month, stay comfortable. *Matt*

Got a question? Drop me a note!

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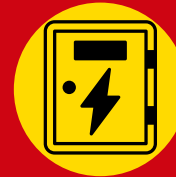
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Senior Services Director: Chuck Raffoni 978-649-4514 X 223
CRaffoni@dunstable-ma.gov Office Hours: Monday 12:30-4:00 P.M. Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 P.M. Thursdays 11:30-2:30 PM

The Mission of the Dunstable Council of 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 older adults (55 Plus) may participate in social, educational, and cultural programs reflective of their needs. **Please Share Any Suggestions.**

ON-GOING PROGRAMS AT DUNSTABLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

BONE-BUILDERS – FREE OF CHARGE. Low-Impact, balance and strength training exercise program. It is recommended you drop-in and observe a class first if you are interested in participating in this program. Class is led by Brian O'Donnell and Linda Gill. Class is one hour. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m.

WELLNESS CHECK - FREE OF CHARGE. Visit with a nurse the 4th Wednesday of The Month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 P.M. This month is November 27th. No Appointment is Necessary.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT- FREE OF CHARGE. Dean Lotito offers technical support for your devices the **second Wednesday of the month** from 10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.m. No Appointment is Necessary. Next Visit: **November 13th.**

LUNCHEON AND SOCIAL TIME - Weekly on Wednesdays. Lunch served promptly at Noon. A suggested donation of \$3.00 is kindly accepted but not required. Stay until 2 p.m. with an opportunity to socialize, play board games such as Cribbage, Dominoes, Scrabble or enjoy special programming. Please let us know you plan to attend one week prior to ensure we have enough meals. Let us know at the luncheon or contact CRaffoni@dunstable-ma.gov or 978-649-4514 X223 November 6th- Sausage Peppers & Onions November 13th- Chicken Pot Pie November 20th – Pizza Party **November 27th- No Meal Served – Only Gathering for games due to Thanksgiving**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT A GLANCE:

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OUR TOWN MONUMENTS

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is a local volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our public school district above and beyond the school budget. Over the past 20 years, GDEF has awarded over **\$700,000**, funding hundreds of innovative and inspiring programs and opportunities that improve the quality of our students' education. We believe each child deserves an excellent educational experience and that supported and successful schools are fundamental elements of our special communities.

In the last academic year, GDEF awarded **16** grants across district schools totaling over **\$23,000**. We granted new and different types of requests such as:

Visual Literacy, which provided wordless picture books to Florence Roche and Swallow Union. These books offer opportunities for students to tell stories without the anxiety or frustration of not being able to read yet.

Inclusive Toys, which added new toys, books, and creative materials at Boutwell that are reflective of Boutwell students to support diversity, equity, awareness, and inclusion.

Thermal Cameras, which provided 7th-grade science classrooms with sets of thermal cameras for further investigation and understanding of their heat transfer unit.

Sponsorships, including Robotomies, Chamber Choir, and DECA at the High School.

These grants would not be possible without the generosity and support of our community and donors like you. Your donations are directly returned to the hands and minds of our children in the form of play, science, arts, technology, math, literacy, social-emotional learning, and civics programming. **Your support today, especially during this challenging financial time for our district, will help ensure that our students will receive access to unique, innovative, and meaningful educational experiences that inspire and engage them.**

To donate, please return a **check** or **give online** by visiting www.gdefinc.org/donate. Donations are eligible for **tax deduction**, may be **company-matched**, and are **directly applied** to grants in the current year and beyond. This year, our goal is to raise enough money through donations to exceed the level of support we provided this past school year. **Our community, our schools, and our students are worth it.**

For more information and to keep up with real-time updates, please visit our **website** www.gdefinc.org, and like us on **Facebook** [Groton Dunstable Education Foundation]. Together we can help our children reach for the stars! Thank you for your support,

The GDEF Board of Directors:

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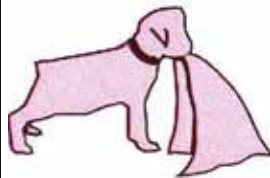
DUNSTABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



*Dunstable Businesses!
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Help shape the future of our town by sharing your thoughts! The Economic Development Committee is conducting a quick survey to gather your invaluable insights. Your voice matters - let's build a brighter, thriving Dunstable together. The survey will be open through the end of 2024. All results will be kept confidential; with anonymous aggregated results available at a later date.

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DUNSTABLE'S ANNUAL JOURNEY AND JINGLEFEST – DECEMBER 7TH

All are invited to celebrate the holidays in Dunstable's town center! You won't want to miss this year's event! Live music throughout the day, kid's midway, Santa Claus, contests, craft fair, book readings by local authors, the official town hall holiday lighting, and of course, 'The Journey' as well as many other great activities! Look us up at www.journeyjinglefest.com for all the details.

Events held in or around town hall: 1-7pm Snowman contest; 1:30-7pm Photo stage; 2-4pm Theater - *The Mousetrap*; 3-4pm Live music-Jimmy Ragtag; 4-6pm Kids' midway; 4-6pm Kid's face painting; 4-7pm Refreshment table; 4-7pm Tully Farm Milk Truck; 4-6pm Chowder & Soup cook off; 4-6pm Local kids' caroling; 3-6:30pm Hidden Grinch contest; 4pm Santa's special arrival; 5pm Town Hall lighting.

Local business events:

All day- **Wickham & Willoughby**; 4-6pm Book readings at W & W; 7am-2pm, 3:30-8 Farmhouse Café

Events at Swallow Union School:

1:30-5:30 Craft fair and Silent auction. **Events on the Town Common:** 4:30-6:30 Journey to Bethlehem and Troop 28 S'mores station.

Events at the Dunstable Church:

4:00pm Live music - Seth Connelly; 5:00pm Live music - damian and the displayers; 6:00pm Live music - Valerie Callahan; 3-6:30pm Children's art gallery; 4-6pm Children's cookie decorating; 3-7pm Gingerbread house contest; 4:30-6pm Kid's crafts; 4:30-6pm Photos with Santa; 7-8pm Dunstable Church Community Choir

The holiday season is almost upon us and that means that our friends at the PACH food pantry in Pepperell, MA will soon begin filling baskets to provide to those in need for the upcoming holidays. The pantry is currently in need of canned goods: vegetables and fruit, *don't forget the cranberry sauce and fruit fillings to make pies*, gravy and soups. In addition bread mixes, boxes of stuffing and coffee and tea and condiments are much appreciated at this time.

In addition to being a drop location for these donated goods West Auto Repair located at 30 Pleasant St. in Dunstable, MA will also be selling paper turkeys. For a \$10 donation, you will put your name on the beautiful tags and they will be on display here. All proceeds from the sale of these paper turkeys will be used to help the pantry fill the baskets for those in need during the holiday season.

Food donations are accepted in the blue donation bins located outside and inside the front door of West Auto Repair. Feel free to drop off donations at any time of the day or night.

Also don't forget in our community cares corner in the waiting area at West Auto **we are also collecting pop tabs from aluminum beverage cans and pet food.** These pop tabs are then donated to the local Shriner's chapter here in our area.

We cannot thank you all enough for your partnership in helping out these two organizations. Neighbors helping neighbors that's what it's all about.

THE GROTON COMMUNITY HOME TOUR IS BACK FOR 2024!



The 20th Anniversary Groton Community Home Tour is a self-guided, adults-only tour of distinctive and historic properties. This beloved event is back to celebrate its 20th anniversary! Groton Community School is a nonprofit, nationally accredited children's center with community at its core. The Home Tour is a highly anticipated community event and important fundraiser for the school, giving attendees the opportunity to tour beautiful and unique area homes and enjoy shopping with amazing artisans and vendors.

The Groton Community Home Tour is Saturday, November 23, 2024. Tour details can be found, and tickets purchased, on the school website: www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour. Advance tickets for the Home Tour are \$45 per person or \$60 per person with a boxed lunch with Salt & Light fare (\$62 GF). Tickets purchased on the day of the tour are \$50 (admittance only).

The 2024 Home Tour will showcase homes in Groton, including two antiques with historically significant ties to Groton, a sprawling farm estate and two gorgeous modern residences! Details will be shared in the Program Guide on the day of the tour, but "teasers" will be released online in the week prior to the Tour to pique the interest of attendees.

The Tour begins at Groton Community School, where attendees check in, and can then enjoy Dunkin refreshments (generously provided by the Catalano Companies) and peruse the artisans and vendors on site at the school. Boxed lunches can be ordered in advance, and picked up at the school midday. Attendees also have the opportunity to take a chance to win prizes from a Chance Drawing, with a wide variety of exciting items and creative Classroom Baskets. The school is open from 9 AM to 2 PM, and homes are open from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Groton Community School is very grateful for generous event sponsors, including Enterprise Bank and Exit Realty, the welcoming homeowners, fantastic artisans and vendors, appealing Chance Drawing donations, and the volunteers and GCS families who make this event a success!



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 Green Community, Climate Leader, Hero Act for Veterans and other grants and initiatives.

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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 **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.

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH

TRASH & RECYCLING SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Board of Health just renewed their contract with F. W. Shaw & Son for another 3 years. Their bid prices were so very affordable that it allowed the Board of Health to again offer a reasonable subscription price for this year.

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. 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. You may sign up on line at www.dunstable-ma.gov and go to online payments or you may pay by mail to Board of Health, Town of Dunstable, P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827. Or drop off at the town hall, 511 Main Street. There is a drop off box outside the side door of the town hall. Put the payment in an envelope marked "Joan-Trash Payment". Please include your address, email address and phone number. You may purchase overflow bags by this method as well. If you pay online be sure to bring a copy of your receipt when picking up your bags.

A new bulky item price list is available on the town website www.dunstable-ma.gov on the Board of Health web page. 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 youths at risk. To reserve a pickup please use one of these options.

A.) visit 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 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 now located at 589 Pleasant Street. These boxes have allowed hundreds of tons of recycling materials to be diverted from the waste stream and converted into reusable items. Please try to remember to be mindful of the fact that there are resident's homes in the area if you are dropping off items at a late hour.

If you need to reach us for any reason, please email us at iferrari@dunstable-ma.gov. You may also leave a message at 978-649-4514, Ext. 229. Thank you, Joan Ferrari, BOH Admin. Asst.

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 <https://www.nmstormwater.org/for-municipalities-stormwater-collaborative...> <https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/index.html>

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 18th and 19th 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> or call to (978)649-4514 X230.



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If you would like to make a monetary donation you may make it online at the website <http://catiescloset.org> Host a Drive, Volunteer, or Shop Amazon Wish Lists.

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

For Those In Need

Are you a Dunstable resident who is experiencing financial hardship? We may be able to help. A century ago, various residents of Dunstable willed funds to the town to help those in need. Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for disbursing funds from the interest on these accounts each year. If you, or someone you know, is a resident of Dunstable and could use some one-time help with medical, pharmacy, grocery, or fuel bills, let us know. Requests can be submitted by emailing the Commissioners of Trust Funds www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/53/contact. All inquiries are confidential.



American Red Cross

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Want to turn your compassion into action? Volunteer with your local American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team! People are displaced every day due to home fires, storms, and other disasters. Disaster Relief Volunteers respond to these emergencies to provide those affected with food, clothing, shelter, and hope. Join your local Disaster Relief Team and provide much needed support to your neighbors in their greatest time of need.

You can also support your community by teaching safety programs to children, installing free smoke alarms in high-risk neighborhoods, dispatching Disaster Relief Volunteers to emergencies, and more! We have something for everyone! No experience is necessary – we'll provide all the training you need.

To learn more, contact Michele Cruz

Email: michele.cruz@redcross.org Phone: (617)913-6381

Scan to learn more!

Can't volunteer right now?

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A Time to Give Thanks



DUNSTABLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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 Pastoral Search Committee** continues working to find a new pastor for the Dunstable Church. Applications are being accepted at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, 518 Main St, PO Box 190, Dunstable MA 01827 or at DECC_PSC@dunstablechurch.org.

• Our **Adult Sunday School Class** is back in session, and you are invited to be part of it. At **9:00am on the first and third Sundays** of each month, we will be discussing together how to live as mature Christians – in our church community and among our neighbors, with lots of questions and lively interaction.

• At **9:00am on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays**, we will view a portion of Timothy Keller's teaching on "The Reason for God", a beautifully crafted presentation on the profound difference a relationship with God makes in our lives. This is followed by questions & answers, and open discussion. We think you will find these classes a beneficial and enjoyable opportunity to engage with others as together we learn more and more about putting our faith into action.

• **Dunstable's church** is delighted to be partnering with our Dunstable neighbors in this year's Jinglefest activities on December 7th. Our "Journey to Bethlehem" presentation on the Town Common is a major part of the program for that day, as is the Community Chorale Concert. We also gladly open our facility to be used by several other Jinglefest activities. To volunteer or see when things are happening, check out the events listing on the website, www.journeyjinglefest.com; there are lots of opportunities to get involved and have some fun!

• We would like to thank Anne Paquin for her 41 years of dedication to this publication and to the towns it serves. Her devotion to her readers, contributors and advertisers is beyond faithfulness. Her love of these towns and their residents is obvious. We will miss you. **Thank you Anne.**

• **We welcome everyone every Sunday morning at 10:30am at the big white church in the center of Dunstable.** We would love to meet you! Please join us. God bless.

BONE BUILDERS

AT TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

Bone Builders meets every Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 10AM in the Activity Room of the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Participants must be cleared by their doctor and present a signed doctor's note to attend the class. Our exercises are slow and deliberate using hand and leg weights which are provided. All instructors are certified. We are currently on wait list but suggest that you come in and view a class before filling out all the paper work. **For further questions, please call Leader Jean Jacoppi (978-649-9076).**

STITCHERS AT

TYNGSBORO SENIOR CENTER

Stitchers Group meet every Monday from 10AM to 11:30 AM in the dining room of the center. Plans are underway for our season of giving. Knitwear, lap robes, and afghans will be distributed to those seniors who receive Meal On Wheels, to those who participate in Adopt a Family, to children at our elementary school, and the Lowell General Hospital Cancer Center.

The Stitchers have combined their talents and crocheted a wonderful Poinsettia afghan and pillow. They are holding a raffle on Dec. 13 at the center Christmas Party. You need not attend to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15, or at the Christmas Party. For further information, please call Jean Jacoppi, Coordinator (978-649-9076).

We are accepting monetary donations and new yarn. If you are donating, please leave your name and contact with the Greeter. We thank you.



TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

On Wed Oct 16th, we enjoyed a co-sponsored event with the Tyngsborough Public Library in the community room at town hall. The presenter was *Erik Sechler, an ecologist with the Native Plant Trust, who spoke about ecology and the management of invasive plants.* Following his very informative and interesting presentation, there were refreshments and time for socializing.

Our Nov 12th meeting will be at the Evangelical Congregational Church at 7:00 pm. *We will have a discussion of library resources with Kathryn Grown, Director of the Tyngsborough Public Library.*

On Nov. 26th, we will gather again at 7:00 pm at the Evangelical Congregational Church for our greens night. *We will be equipped with gloves, clippers, and wire cutters to make greens arrangements to decorate buildings around the town for the holidays.*

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend our programs for a nominal fee of \$5. Please check our website for times and locations of meetings. We usually meet at The Evangelical Congregational Church at 23 Kendall Rd at 7:00 pm. Club dues are \$20 for yearly memberships and are prorated to \$15 for second half of the year.

For more information, please visit our new web site at: <https://tyngsborogardenclub.org> or email us at tynggardenclub@gmail.com. Sue Bowden, Ellen O'Neill, co-presidents



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Interim Pastor Bernie Michaud



Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are at 10:00 AM
If you prefer to stay home, Services are available on line.

- **TO WATCH LIVE SERVICES** Log on to facebook and go to Ecct Church. Log in at any time to watch the recorded services.
- **EXECUTIVE BOARDS** - Have resumed their monthly meeting schedules. Our Search Team is still meeting regularly and interviewing Pastor applicants as they continue to search for our new settled Pastor. This is not an easy task and we appreciate all their time and efforts.
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesday mornings at 9:30 - 11:00 am. This is a continuation of Ephesians which began last year. If you would like to attend, please come to our CLC (Christian Learning Center) located in the building next to the church, or call our Office for more information. It is never too late to come to this study. We welcome ALL!
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesday evenings, at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. at our newly renovated CLC (Christian Learning Center) located in the building next to the church, or call our Office for more information. This is a 12 week study of the Book of Daniel. Again, it is not too late to attend this study! ALL are welcome!!
- **DAYCARE DURING CHURCH SERVICES** - Daycare is provided every Sunday morning when the children are dismissed. All daycare staff are cleared through a State Mandated CORI check if working with minor children so you can be assured your child is safe. They will have fun meeting new friends and learning about Jesus. We are always looking for helpers for Sunday mornings. Our goal is to have enough staff member volunteers so you would only have to help one Sunday a month. Please sign up or speak to a Deacon, Joan Politi, our Sunday School Superintendent or Patti Ann Reekie, Secretary and Sunday School Assistant.
- **WORSHIP/MUSIC TEAM PRACTICE** - Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Led by our own professional gospel singer, Barry Shirk.
- **JUNIOR WORSHIP/MUSIC TEAM** - A NEW addition to our church body is our Junior Worship/Music Team for 5th grade students and up. We are so excited to have so much interest in this newly created group!!! We have found that we have many talented students who love to worship through their singing. Brief practice sessions will be held twice per month on Sunday mornings right after church services. Joan Politi will be assisting our Worship Team Leader, Barry Shirk. Practice dates are as follows: **Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.** Our goal will be to learn new songs to sing in church and on special occasions.
- **YOUTH GROUP** - Our Sunday School leaders will begin a new year with Youth Group meetings. Dates and times will be forthcoming soon. Consider signing up your young teen for fun yet spiritual, supportive and sharing time group meetings. This time is a great and safe place for them to share and care. The world is a very turbulent place for us as adults as well as our children, Let's support them and give them positive survival tools any way we can! **Please call our office for more information 978-649-2262.**
- **PRAYER & PRAISE MEETINGS** - Meets on **Wednesday evenings in our Sanctuary from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.** Please join us for prayers, praise, singing and spiritual support. We all need uplifting often in our lives. This will help give you strength for daily struggles. Led by Pastor Nyakio Kamau.

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Organized in January 1976, the Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley is a non-profit volunteer association, with the mission to promote literacy and to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our communities.

The Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley has been very busy this fall preparing for several upcoming projects: A Food Drive to benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter on November 2, 2024 at the Hudson, NH Market Basket; Birthday parties for the little ones living with their teen Moms at Brigid's Crossing in Lowell; Prepping Meals for Kids at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, a program initiated to end childhood hunger by providing three meals a day to children who would otherwise go hungry; and Support of the thirty (30) veterans from various wars, who live in Princeton House, a residential facility associated with the Bedford VA on Veterans Day.

The Altrusa Club recently initiated a \$500.00 scholarship to be awarded to a student enrolled in the Nursing Program at Middlesex Community College. The Scholarship is offered in memory of Past President of Altrusa, Charlene Muscato, whose passion for nursing spanned more than 50 years of service in the Greater Lowell Community. Altrusa appreciates the cooperation of Susan Lavallee, Director of Nursing at Middlesex for her assistance.

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 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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On Wed Oct 16th, we enjoyed a co-sponsored event with the Tyngsborough Public Library in the community room at town hall. The presenter was Erik Sechler, an ecologist with the Native Plant Trust, who spoke about ecology and the management of invasive plants. Following his very informative and interesting presentation, there were refreshments and time for socializing.

Our Nov 12th meeting will be at the Evangelical Congregational Church at 7:00 pm. We will have a discussion of library resources with Kathryn Grown, Director of the Tyngsborough Public Library.

On Nov. 26th, we will gather again at 7:00 pm at the Evangelical Congregational Church for our greens night. We will be equipped with gloves, clippers, and wire cutters to make greens arrangements to decorate buildings around the town for the holidays.

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend our programs for a nominal fee of \$5. Please check our website for times and locations of meetings. We usually meet at The Evangelical Congregational Church at 23 Kendall Rd at 7:00 pm. Club dues are \$20 for yearly memberships and are prorated to \$15 for second half of the year.

For more information, please visit our new web site at: <https://tyngsborogardenclub.org> or email us at tynggardenclub@gmail.com. Sue Bowden, Ellen O'Neill, co-presidents

COZY UP AND SAVE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS FOR FALL

Christine McCarron of Tyngsboro's Beehive Brokerage

Fall is in the air, and with it comes crisp temperatures and shorter days. You may love the beautiful leaves – but not the higher energy bills that cold weather often brings. Here are some tips to help you stay cozy and save on energy costs this fall:

1. Weatherize Your Home (MassSave.com can help with this):

Seal up drafts: Check windows and doors for air leaks and seal them with weatherstripping or caulk. **Insulate properly:** Ensure your home has adequate insulation, especially in attics, basements, and crawl spaces. **Install storm windows or covers:** These can significantly reduce heat loss through your windows.

2. Adjust Your Thermostat: Lower nighttime temperatures: Set your thermostat to a lower temperature at night when you're sleeping. **Utilize programmable thermostats:** These allow you to set different temperatures for various times of the day. **Consider a smart thermostat:** Smart thermostats can learn your habits and adjust temperatures accordingly.

3. Optimize Heating Systems: Regular maintenance: Ensure your heating system is properly maintained to operate efficiently. **Clean or replace filters:** Dirty filters can reduce airflow and increase energy consumption. **Consider a programmable thermostat:** These can help you control your heating system more efficiently.

4. Harness Natural Light: Open curtains and blinds: During the day, let natural light warm your home. **Close them at night:** Prevent heat loss through windows by closing curtains and blinds when it's dark.

5. Be Mindful of Appliances: Unplug electronics: Even when turned off, many electronics consume energy. Unplug them when not in use. **Use energy-efficient appliances:** When replacing appliances, opt for energy-star certified models. **Cook efficiently:** Use lids on pots and pans to retain heat and reduce cooking time.

6. Embrace Energy-Saving Habits: Layer up: Wear warm clothing instead of cranking up the heat. **Use energy-efficient light bulbs:** LED bulbs use less energy and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. **Take shorter showers:** Reducing shower time can save water and energy (but I personally love a long hot shower when it's cold outside)

Give these tips a try and enjoy a cozy and comfortable fall while reducing your carbon footprint and saving money.

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• **Sunday, December 1st** Our annual Business Meeting is at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck supper. Bring your favorite dish to share with old friends and new, by the wood stove. It's always a fun evening, and nicely spaced between the holidays.

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For more information please contact John Taylor, post operations manager at johnntaylor1777@gmail.com

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Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Active Duty Military, Military Retirees and Veterans are encouraged to join and be a part of our Legion Family. Learn how you may qualify to be a member of the American Legion. **For more information please contact John Taylor, post operations manager at johnntaylor1777@gmail.com**

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At our last Board Meeting, plans were put in place for the annual Spring Fling. The date is June 17th, 2025. The entertainment will leave you overwhelmed! Complimentary tickets will be given out the last week in May. More information will be coming your way in the Spring.

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- **Retirement plan** – Depending on your employer, you could change your 401(k) or similar retirement plan at any time of the year, but you might want to use the open enrollment season to review your contribution amounts. If your salary has gone up over the past year, you might want to boost your pre-tax contributions (including catch-up contributions beginning at age 50). At a minimum, try to put in at least enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. At the same time, look over how your contributions are allocated among the various investment options in your plan. You'll want your investment mix to reflect your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Life insurance** – If your employer offers group life insurance at no cost as an employee benefit, you may want to take it – but be aware that it might not be enough to fully protect your family should anything happen to you. You may have heard that you need about seven to 10 times your annual income as a life insurance death benefit, but there's really no one right answer for everyone. Instead, you should evaluate various factors — including your mortgage, your income, your spouse's income (if applicable), your liabilities, the number of years until your retirement, number of children and their future educational needs — to determine how much insurance you need. If your employer's group policy seems insufficient, you may want to consider adding some outside coverage.

- **Disability insurance** – Your employer may offer no-cost group disability insurance, but as is the case with life insurance, it might not be sufficient to adequately protect your income in case you become temporarily or permanently disabled. In fact, many employer-sponsored disability plans only cover a short period, such as five years, so to gain longer coverage up to age 65, you may want to look for a separate personal policy. Disability policies vary widely in premium costs and benefits, so you'll want to do some comparison shopping with several insurance companies.

- **Flexible spending account** – A flexible spending account (FSA) lets you contribute up to \$3,200 pre-tax dollars to pay for some out-of-pocket medical costs, such as prescriptions and insurance copayments and deductibles. You decide how much you want to put into your FSA, up to the 2025 limit. You generally must use up the funds in your FSA by the end of the calendar year, but your employer may grant you an extension of 2½ months or allow you to carry over up to \$640.

- **Health savings account** – Like an FSA, a health savings account (HSA) lets you use pre-tax dollars to pay out-of-pocket medical costs. Unlike an FSA, though, your unused HSA contributions will carry over to the next year. Also, an HSA allows you take withdrawals, though they may be assessed a 10% penalty. To contribute to an HSA, you need to participate in a high-deductible health insurance plan.

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If you can access files from both your computer and cellphone, it is important to you, try this. If you have any issues setting it up, I am available to assist you. I am at the Tyngsborough Senior Center on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:30am-12:00 noon and at the Dunstable Library on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00-12 noon, for free Computer and Cell Phone help.



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The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 247, **meets on the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post 247 at 7:00 p.m.** We are always looking for new members. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families. Please contact the Post if you are interested in joining.

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The **AMVETS will be holding a flag retirement ceremony at the American Legion on November 11th.** All are welcome. Anyone with ripped or frayed flags may drop them off at the Legion either prior to or on the day of the ceremony. All flags should be placed in the white box located outside the Post in the parking lot.

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I would like to thank the advertisers who made this all possible. Many have been offering their services to the communities for several years; others have joined more recently. It has been a pleasure working together with all of them.

I am also so grateful for the contributors who sent in their monthly articles. They took time out of their busy schedules to share important information with us, writing in a way that made it easier for us to understand.

Each month, people from countless organizations, have let me know what was happening with their groups. There are so many organizations and non-profits which contribute to the communities of Dunstable and Tyngsborough. I thank you all for sharing your information with all of us.

I will be keeping www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com active for now, where you can access the current as well as older issues of *Neighbor to Neighbor*

Just one last reminder: November 12th is the deadline for the December issue. I look forward to hearing from you!

Email: anne@neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com

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Dear Dunstable Property Owner/Resident,

The Town has recently adopted the “Right to Farm Bylaw” and, as a result, we are distributing this annual notice, in conformance with the provisions of said bylaw.

NOTICE

In accordance with the Dunstable Right to Farm ByLaw, you are hereby provided this notice in your capacity as a landowner in Dunstable:

The following notification must be presented to the buyer(s) or occupant(s) of property in the Town of Dunstable not later than 21 days after a purchase and sale agreement is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessor interest in real property located in the Town of Dunstable:

“It is the policy of the Town of Dunstable to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust, and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.

Date: _____”

The dated notification shall be delivered, signed by the seller/lessor, and filed with:

Agricultural Commission
Dunstable Town Hall
511 Main St.
Dunstable, MA 01827-1313

A copy shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen prior to the sale or prior to the occupancy under the lease.

A copy of the official notification form is enclosed for your convenience.¹ If you have any questions regarding this notice, please don’t hesitate to contact Joan Simmons, Agricultural Commission at jsim106004@yahoo.com

¹ Official notification form can be found on the reverse side of this notice; Additional copies are available at Town Hall.



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Right to Farm Disclosure Notification

TO: _____

(Check status of person receiving notification):

proposed purchaser proposed lessee or occupant

of _____

(address of property)

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Date: _____

Seller Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Seller Signature: _____

Upon the signature of the Seller (s) return to:

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The foregoing notification has been presented to the perspective buyer(s) or occupant(s) of property in the Town of Dunstable not later than 21 days after a purchase and sale agreement is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessor interest in real property located in the Town of Dunstable.