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• **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

*Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year!*

IN MEMORY OF

Edward Delmer Sears, II
Shirley G. (Temple) Hoare
David Sargent deMoulied
William M. Bacon Sr.

Nora (Thibodeau) (Wright) Wojtowicz
Charles "Papa" Goss 1/27/10-1/27/25
15 Years of missing you.



A SINCERE THANK YOU

Publishing the Neighbor to Neighbor has been an incredible journey. Not only for me but for all in my family. They have been so supportive of this endeavor. I certainly could not have done this for so long without them.

Forty-one years ago we needed a way to keep everyone informed. It seemed the way to go was to publish a newsletter that would do just that.

How do I begin to thank all who have supported this idea? So many wrote articles, poems, or news of their organizations. There are so many non-profit clubs that help people in incredible ways. I couldn't help but share that information.

What I tried to do was to get as much information as possible, so people could pick up the paper and find what would help them in their everyday life. By doing this I have gotten acquainted with many wonderful people who have a passion for their work, their non-profit organization, their church, families, and gardens.

The professionals who penned articles over the years have been amazing. They so generously shared their thoughts on so many topics. Which leads me to the businesses who advertised. Whether they have been advertising with me for over 35 years or they just started to advertise, I am so grateful for their trust in me. Over the years it has been a pleasure meeting in person, getting the info by mail, fax, and email.

To all of you who let me know that you enjoyed receiving and reading the Neighbor to Neighbor, I thank you for that. I was always so pleased to know that the Neighbor to Neighbor served its purpose.

Recently a Meet & Greet was held at McLoon Barn. It was a wonderful day! I want to thank Kap, Patti and Jean, David and all the bakers for their delicious treats. It was so touching to see so many people that I had not seen in a while and to meet long-time residents as well as new ones. On another note I thank Pete for his efforts to keep the website running.

Thank you, Anne



DUNSTABLE COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS

Dunstable Council on Aging: Barbara Martin Chair; Mary Dow Secretary, Joan Simmons, Jean Haight. *This month we welcomed Ron Mayer to the board.*

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
NEW! Sign up for Council on Aging E-Alerts at www.dunstable-ma.gov

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:

CHAIR YOGA – Offered by Dunstable Recreation, this class, while open to all, has proved very popular with our more mature adults. Thursdays 4:00-5:00 P.M. through December 12th at Dunstable Public Library. \$10.00 payable in the class. Please arrive a few minutes early

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. The class is led by Brian O'Donnell and Linda Gill. Class is one hour. Wednesdays 10:30AM & Fridays 11:15AM

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. No Appointment is Necessary. **There will be no December Visit due to Christmas.**

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

BOOK CLUB- FREE OF CHARGE. Join with other adult residents on the 3rd Saturday of the month to discuss the featured book of the month with your facilitator Sue Tully. 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Next Session: December 20th. The book is: Memphis by Tara Stringellow.

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

December 18th – Holiday Meal catered by Greater Lowell Vocational Tech

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AT A GLANCE:

Chuck Raffoni- Council on Aging 978-649-4514 X223

Non-Emergency Police 978-649-7445

Non- Emergency Fire Dept. 978-649-6661

Nashoba Nursing 978-425-6675

PACH- Food and Support Referrals. 978-925-9770

SHINE- Health Insurance Information and Counseling.

1-978-964-1374

Elder Abuse Hotline – 1-800-922-2275

DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST

NEW MCLOON BARN SIGN & 2025 CALENDARS

The Dunstable Rural Land Trust is proud to unveil our brand new sign at the McLoon Barn! Many thanks to local Dunstable resident and woodworker, Mike Lauf, of Mike Lauf Woodworks, for his meticulous craftsmanship and effort in helping us mark one of the DRLT's notable structures and properties.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to DS Graphics | Universal Wilde for printing our 2025 DRLT calendars. 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, and make great holiday gifts!

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**DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST
WINTERFEST 2024**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2025

11am to 2pm at The McLoon Barn

Winterfest 2022 will be held at the McLoon Barn, located at Main St. and Thorndike St. Join us for Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Eyes on Owls Presentation, Free refreshments.

Dress for the weather! If we have snow, bring your own snowshoes, x-country skis and sleds. Come out and enjoy Winter!

There is accessible parking. Sorry, no dogs are allowed at Winterfest. For more information about the Land Trust visit drtl.org.



**FALL/WINTER FREE HERBAL CLASSES
AT THE DUNSTABLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

588 Main St., Dunstable, MA

Instructor Bio - Denyne Sanville is an herbalist, wife, mother and resident of Dunstable. Her philosophy on health and well being centers around a holistic lifestyle of mind, body and spirit with herbalism at its core. Denyne is currently pursuing studies in Clinical Herbalism; she is a Feng Shui master and a lifelong learner of yogic philosophy and its practices.

Hopefully you were able to attend the Intro to Herbs for Health & Wellbeing – Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:00pm. The next presentation will be:

• **Herbal Remedies for Winter Wellness – Tuesday, January 7 @ 6:00 pm** Winter is here . . . Now is the time to get your body and home prepared for the cold and flu season! What if there was a way to treat those nasty symptoms naturally AND make yourself less susceptible to illness in the first place? Join local herbalist Denyne Sanville as she shares herbal remedies you can make at home to keep you and your family healthy this winter. In this class you will have the opportunity to try herbal remedies and learn about:

- The power of Elderberry Syrup to prevent and treat illness
- Natural herbal remedies to loosen congestion and give relief
- A cough syrup that you can make at home that is better than any thing you could purchase in a store
- How to break a fever & how to treat a sore throat

• **Herbal Teas for Health and Healing – Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:00 pm** Are you a tea lover? Do you have multiple boxes of store-bought tea in your cupboard? What if you could blend your own teas, using fresh organic herbs that cater to your own personal health needs and preferences? Join local herbalist Denyne Sanville as she shares how herbal teas can be a great ally in your overall health and wellbeing. In this class you will have the opportunity to try several herbal tea blends and learn about:

- A simple three step method to crafting delicious and nutritious brews
- The do's and don'ts of tea brewing
- Resources on where you can purchase organic herbs for your tea blends
- Recipes for nutrition, gut health, stress reduction, heart health, and sleep

Trouble Sleeping? Herbal Remedies for Better Sleep – Tuesday,

• **March 4 @ 6:00 pm** Do you have trouble sleeping? Well, you are not alone. Millions of Americans report having trouble falling asleep and staying asleep. A good night's sleep is the foundation of good health! Join local herbalist Denyne Sanville as she shares practical tips to improve sleep quality. In this class you will have the opportunity to try herbal remedies and learn about:

- Common obstacles to achieving quality sleep
- How insufficient sleep can harm our health
- Easy ways to improve the quality of your sleep
- Favorite herbal remedies to support a sound night's sleep

YOUR HOME – TRANSFER DURING LIFE OR AFTER DEATH?

By Edward H. Adamsky

For many people, their home is their biggest and most important asset. Deciding how and when to pass it to the next generation is tough. You could transfer ownership during your life or leave it to your heirs in a Will or through a Trust. Each option has benefits and challenges, plus tax implications for you and your heirs.

If you were to transfer your home to your children now, they would gain immediate control over the property, and thus would avoid probate. Plus, the value of the property would be removed from your taxable estate for Estate-Tax purposes. You will be assured that the right person or people are receiving this valuable asset. But a transfer during your life means you will lose control over your home, you might owe gift taxes or at least have to file a gift-tax return, your home will be at risk to the problems of your children (including divorce and lawsuits) and your children might have a large capital-gains tax bill to pay when they eventually sell the house.

If, instead of a lifetime gift, you leave your home to your heirs in your Will, you will retain control over the property and can change your mind later if you wish. Your children will benefit from the Step-Up in basis when you die and avoid capital gains taxes on the sale of your home, and you won't have to file any gift-tax returns while you are alive.

But your heirs will have to go through the Probate process which could mean delays in the sale of your home and some additional costs to your children. Plus, if you had entered a nursing home during your life and needed Medicaid benefits, the Medicaid agency might have an estate-recovery claim against some or all of the value of your home which will reduce what your children receive in the end.

The use of a Trust is another option. If you want to retain flexibility and you are not worried about future Medicaid eligibility, then a revocable trust can make the transfer simple after your death by avoiding probate, and your children will benefit from the Step-Up in basis too. But if you might have to apply for Medicaid sometime in the future (to pay for your nursing home care) then the use of an Irrevocable Trust might work better. You will give up some flexibility, but your home will be protected as an inheritance for your children (as long as you don't need Medicaid for at least five years after setting up the trust). A properly written Irrevocable Trust will also give your children the benefit of the Step-Up in Basis, and allow for dealing with possible future changes in your family situation.

You should consult with an experienced Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney before you do anything like deeding your home to your children, or adding their names to your deed. You should thoroughly understand what you are doing and how it will affect your choices in the future.

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 Thursday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm



For more library information go to

www.dunstable-ma.gov and click on library

Maureen Strauss - Director – mstrauss@dunstablepl.org

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

- **Decorate your own gingerbread house! Tuesday 12/17 at 6:00pm!** Please bring a bag of candy to share! Please make sure you sign up at the library or with kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org.
- **FREE ADULT CLASSES:** On the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm, Deryne Sanville will teach herb classes including Intro to Herbs and Wellbeing, Herbal Remedies for Winter Wellness, Herbal Teas for Health and Healing & Trouble Sleeping? Herbal Remedies for Better Sleep. Please sign up at the library or with kdebreceni@dunstablepl.org.
- **TEEN ART CLUB** will take place every first and third Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Teens can come to their own special space in the library and create art and poetry.
- **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.
- **CHAPTER BOOK READING:** Mrs. D will continue reading from a chapter book each Tuesday night at 6:00 pm on dpl facebook live.

DUNSTABLE PARKS AND RECREATION DUNSTABLE RESIDENT BOOK CLUB

• 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".



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221 Town Accountant 222 Town Clerk 223 Council on Aging
224 Select Board (handles many depts.) Also for Animal Control Officer.

After hours call Police at 978-649-8891. If emergency call 911

226 Building Inspector 227 Road Commission
 228 Tax Collector/Treasurer 229 Board of Health
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Happy Holiday season everyone! The West Family and our team of employees at West Auto Repair located at 30 Pleasant St. (a/k/a Route 113) in Dunstable, MA, were again honored to be chosen as a Toys for Tots drop off location. As we write this article here in mid-November we are happy to report that the Toys for Tots collection bin is overflowing. We truly appreciate all of the unwrapped toy donations brought in by December 11th. **This was an earlier end date to the program compared to years past.** We thank you for your generous support of this program. We were able to collect hundreds of toys that were distributed to families to help make their holidays more merry and bright. We are just a drop location and we couldn't have a successful collection campaign if it wasn't for all of you who year in and year out stop by, sometimes multiples times, to drop off toys. Together we all make such a great team.

Wishing you all peace, joy and blessings this holiday season. The team at West Auto Repair

**DUNSTABLE BOARD OF HEALTH
TRASH & RECYCLING SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM**

The fee is \$360.00 for one year beginning July 1st of every year and ending June 30th the following year. The fee is prorated monthly if you join in the middle of the year. Overflow bag prices are sold at \$3.00 each in rolls of five for \$15.00. You may purchase those at the Town Hall Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00 pm. You may sign up on line at www.dunstable-ma.gov and go to online payments or you may pay by mail or drop off at the town hall. 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 name, 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.



Thank you to all of our generous customers who donated to the paper turkey campaign to help fund the Thanksgiving basket drive. With one holiday behind us we still have another holiday ahead of us that makes the PACH food pantry an extremely busy place over the next few weeks.

At this time the food pantry is in need of canned goods (vegetables, soups etc), bread mixes, boxes of stuffing along with coffee and tea and related condiments.

The food pantry could always use household cleaning products, laundry detergent and personal care items (shampoo, conditioners, toothpaste, soap etc.)

Donations for PACH are accepted in the blue bins located outside and inside the front door at West Auto Repair located at 30 Pleasant St. in Dunstable, MA. Feel free to drop off donations at any time of the day or night and we will make sure that they get over to the food pantry.

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

The team here at West Auto Repair could not do all of this without the communities support of these great organizations and we thank you all for being part of our team.

Wishing you peace, joy and blessings this holiday season and always.

OUR TOWN MONUMENTS

The next time you're driving by Town Hall, make sure to check out the Monuments on the lawn. They were cleaned last week and look amazing. Thank you to Joe Dean, our Veterans Services Officer, for funding the work by Hudson Monuments!

THANK YOU, Anne!
Our Sincere Best Wishes and Heartfelt Thanks to Anne Paquin, Publisher of *Neighbor to Neighbor*, for her 40 Years of Service and Dedication to Our Community, From All of Us at Badger Funeral Homes

Share the Warmth, December 1 – 15

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DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Last month was Veterans Day and Thanksgiving and this month is Christmas. Each one of those days we give thanks for so many different things. This month I would like to recognize and thank a group of Veterans and friends that helped several families here in Dunstable last month. The group's name is the Associated Builders and Contractors, Massachusetts Chapter, Veteran's Committee (ABC Ma. Veteran's Committee). **Last month, just before Veterans Day, this group, led by Pete Eberhart, who lives here in Dunstable, helped six families by volunteering to clean up their yard of all the leaves and other stuff.** That is Veterans giving thanks and helping Veterans which is what we all do as much as we can, and especially around Veterans Day. I hope that each of you have a very Merry Christmas.

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 like to honor the following: Many thanks to those who took the extra step to serve their country. Clifton Davis – 5 Dec – Navy – Korea
Howard Day – 22 Dec – Navy – WWII
Peter Georges – 17 Dec – Army – Other
Clifton Laporte – 26 Dec – Army – WWII
Norman Lambordi – 23 Dec – Air Force – Korea

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.

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)
Dunstable Veteran Services Officer
Proudly serving those who have served

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://blackearthcompost.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. 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/>

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ATTENTION 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE

Congratulations on your pending graduation!

We are delighted to announce the availability of the Helene Morgan Babcock and Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship, and we invite you to apply for these generous funds as you continue your education.

During the winter of 1923, the home of the Morgan family here in town caught fire and was largely destroyed. The citizens of our community responded to the crisis by taking in the children (all 17 of them!), keeping the family together and aiding in the reconstruction of their home. One of the children, Helene Morgan Babcock, remembered the words of her mother, "Never forget the kindness of the people of Dunstable," and so established a scholarship fund to be made available to the graduating students of Dunstable as they continue their education.

The amounts of these grants are substantial, with one of the Babcock Scholars receiving \$4,000 each year for up to four years of full-time study. A number of additional \$3,000 scholarships are granted to other students on a one-time basis (the main scholarship is for 4 year full-time studies only).

Additionally, Dunstable's Commissioners of Trust Funds authorized the Babcock Scholarship Committee to award the Russell G. and Shirley L. Tobey Scholarship, which is a one-time award of \$2,000. Applicants applying for the Babcock Scholarship will be automatically considered for the Tobey Scholarship; there is no additional application required. The Tobey Scholarship recipient will be chosen using the Babcock Scholarship selection criteria.

Scholarships may be applied to expenses incurred in the pursuit of advanced education beyond the secondary level in two or four year institutions, vocational education institutions, or formalized apprenticeship programs.

Starting January 17, 2025, applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office, or by emailing babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com

Completed applications can be submitted electronically to the above email, or to the following address **no later than Monday, March 3, 2025 Babcock Scholarship Trustees, P.O. Box 24 Dunstable, MA 01827**

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

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

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

The clinic will be held on **Wednesday, January 22nd** in the Dunstable Library, 588 Main St. from 11:00–noon. The ‘Town Nurse’ will be on hand for Well Checks, no appointment necessary.

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

www.nashoba.org

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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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.

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.

DUNSTABLE TOWN SURVEY

Hi everyone:

As you may know, the Town of Dunstable is conducting a resident survey to better understand the needs and priorities of our community. Your feedback will play an important role in guiding future decisions and initiatives for our town.

The survey is quick, anonymous, and designed to capture what matters most to you – whether it’s improving infrastructure, enhancing community services, or preserving our town’s character.

Take the survey [here!](#) To download a copy to print and fill out with pen/paper, click [here](#), or use the survey attached to this email. Completed surveys can be returned to Town Hall, upper level.

Printed copies are also available at Town Hall, upper level! We encourage every resident to participate and share their insights. The survey will remain open until the end of December, so please don’t miss this opportunity to make your voice heard.

Thank you for helping shape a brighter future for Dunstable! Please share with friends, neighbors, and family!

Jason Silva, Town Administrator, Town of Dunstable, (978) 743-6340,

www.dunstable-ma.gov



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.

Email lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com text or call 978-758-2680

Anyone seeking an internship or civic engagement project is invited to contact us for discussion of available opportunities.





Altrusa: Leading to a Better Community

The Altrusa Club of Merrimack Valley conducted a very successful Food Drive to benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS) at the Market Basket in Hudson, NH on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Altrusa is very grateful to Market Basket for allowing us to solicit its patrons and was overwhelmed by the generosity of the customers. More than 2800 pounds of non perishable food items, assorted paper products and \$150.00 in cash were collected to help fill the shelves at NSKS.

On Veterans' Day, Altrusans delivered a Dunkin Surprise (coffee and donuts) to the thirty (30) veterans from various wars, who live in Princeton House, a residential facility in Lowell, associated with the Bedford VA. The modest gesture for their service to our country, raised their spirits and brightened their day.

Altrusa Club is prepping for three birthday parties in December for the little ones living with their teen Moms at Brigid's Crossing in Lowell and also a Christmas celebration.

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.

DUNSTABLE - TYNGSBOROUGH LIONS CLUB



"We Serve" The Lions Club is a non-profit organization of men and women dedicated to serving communities locally and globally giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and raising donations to support areas of need. Our Regular Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm at Princeton Station 147 Princeton St., in N. Chelmsford, MA.

Our Facebook Page is

<https://www.facebook.com/DunstableTyngsboroLionsClub>

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

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AFTERNOON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our organization is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community. We are most in need of afternoon shift (12-3pm) volunteers who have a passion for helping those in need. (Anytime, within that time frame, would be really helpful.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you!

To volunteer, people just need to fill out our online application, found on our website at www.thewishproject.org/volunteer.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

Are you a compassionate person looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? Pathways Hospice is recruiting volunteers to support hospice patients and their caregivers in private homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. Volunteers provide companionship to patients and may read, watch TV, listen to music or may just provide a presence as respite for the patient's caregiver.

Volunteers visit patients once a week for approximately 1 to 2 hours per visit. Visit times are flexible and scheduled according to the volunteer's preference and availability.

No experience is required. Online hospice training is provided. For more information, please contact Linda Trust, Volunteer Coordinator at 603-696-5195 or LTrust@pathwaysllc.com.

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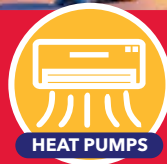
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Current list of officers for the American Legion Auxiliary

Linda May Small, President; LeeAnn Houle, Senior Vice; Joyce Ferreira, Junior Vice; Michele Lambert, Secretary; Annette Coles, Treasurer; Sergeant At Arms – Vacant; Chaplain – Vacant.

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.

AMVETS POST #247 ROBERT D. PELLETIER

90 Pawtucket Blvd. Tyngsborough, MA

Officers: Robert Golas, Commander; Rod Wood, Secretary / Chaplain; Dave Coles, Finance Officer; Ron Russell, Sergeant At Arms; Senior Vice - Vacant; Junior Vice - Vacant;

The AMVETS meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post 247 in Tyngsboro at 2:00 p.m. The AMVETS are always looking for new members. If you are a veteran and served more than 180 days, you can join the AMVETS provided you submit a DD214 or equivalent with your application. Applications can be obtained at the Post.

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.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Massachusetts Detachment, Squadron 247 Robert D. Pelletier Post 247, 90 Pawtucket Blvd, Tyngsboro

• SAL Detachment 247 now meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Post 247.

• We are always welcoming new members. Drop in or call 978-649-7540. **Anyone interested** in becoming a member of the Sons of the American Legion is welcome to attend our monthly meeting. Applications are available at the Post at any time.

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

ROBERT D. PELLETIER AMERICAN LEGION POST #247, INC.

90 Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsborough, MA 01879

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

The new facility has multiple areas capable of hosting events of varying sizes. Room available packed with modern technology to facilitate corporate meetings or sport draft events. Member Lounge atmosphere is that of Sports Bar meets Martini Lounge. **Too many features to mention. You should stop by and see for yourself!**



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MY PC IS STILL RUNNING WINDOWS 10. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

By Dean Lotito

Windows 10 reaches its End of Support date in October of 2025. This means that Microsoft will no longer provide security fixes for Windows 10 PCs. If a Security defect is found, hackers could exploit it to compromise the data in your PC. Third party virus and anti-malware programs will most likely NOT protect you from these issues. Maintaining security updates is most critical for all computers.

So, if support for Windows 10 will end October 2025, what are your options?

UPATE TO WINDOWS 11. If your computer supports Windows 11, then you should upgrade to this version before October 2025. You don't need to rush, but there is also no reason to wait. The Windows 11 upgrade is free and will also include future feature enhancements.

There are millions of PCs in use that will NOT support the upgrade to Windows 11. Microsoft implemented specific hardware requirements for PCs to run Windows 11. Older PCs that run Windows 10 perfectly well, may not be able to upgrade to Windows 11. If you go into settings and Windows Update, Microsoft will let you know if your PC is eligible for the Windows 11 upgrade.

If your PC does not support the Windows 11 upgrade, you have two viable options and one dangerous option.

Buy a new PC. All new PCs sold today support Windows 11. Obviously, this is an expensive option. If your current PC works fine, it is difficult to understand why you must throw it away and buy a new one.

Buy extended Support for one additional year. Microsoft is offering a one-year extended support plan for consumer PC owners. They are currently quoting \$30 for one year of extended support. If you pay \$30, Microsoft will continue to provide critical security upgrades to your PC for one additional year. Microsoft has yet to release details on how to purchase this extended support, but it should be available soon. This is certainly the recommended solution for almost all PCs that can't be upgraded to Windows 11.

Do nothing and continue to use Windows 10. Your Windows 10 computer will continue to work after the October 2025 deadline. However, you will stop receiving all fixes from Microsoft. This includes critical security fixes. Hackers will know that there are a lot of customers that take this route. This gives them a large target audience to attack. If your PC is attached to the internet, this is an extremely dangerous option that I do not recommend!

Now knowing the October 2025 deadline, please plan to act by that date if you are running Windows 10. As always, I'm available to help you decide on a plan and assist you in executing that plan.

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FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc (originally Friends of the COA, established in 1984) is a non profit 501 3(C) organization whose mission is to meet the needs of the senior center as well as the elderly in our community. We are currently making plans for the Spring Fling Luncheon which will take place on June 17, 2025. Complimentary tickets will be available at the senior center the last week in May. **Membership is \$10 per year. Membership forms are available at the Greeter's Desk or by calling President, Joe Jacoppi (978-649-9076). Happy Holidays!**



DUNSTABLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

518 Main St, Dunstable, MA 01827
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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!

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.

The four weeks of Advent began on December 1st. Our outdoor Manger Scene and inside decorations will be on display beginning that day, and will continue through January.

Dunstable 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 will continue to accept food and personal care donations for PACH until December 20th. There is a large basket in the Narthex for your contributions. Financial donations may be made at <https://www.pachoutreach.org/contribute>. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Come to our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24th; it will begin at 7:00pm. All are welcome as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior. **On December 29th, our service will be "Lessons and Carols".**

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 you, every one, and Merry Christmas!**

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Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable meets at the Dream Diner, 384 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsborough, MA. **We meet the first Thursday of the month for breakfast at 8:00AM and the third Thursday for lunch at 12:00.** All are welcome! We even treat our guests on their first visit. We're a super friendly and informal group with a huge community impact! Our facebook page is www.facebook.com/tyngsborodunstable Rotary/

Tyngsboro-Dunstable Rotary members want to thank everybody who attended our Taste of the Town fund raising event. This event helps the club raise money to fund our community service programs. Seven restaurants took part in the event. A great selection of food was brought by the establishments, and a few of them were also able to donate gift cards as door prizes. The occasion was a huge success. The club has made the decision to hold this event annually.

The restaurants that made this event possible and brought all the food for this event were Chateau Merrimack, Olive Garden, Tremonte Pizza, Tavern in the Square, 266 Pizza, Brothers Sport Bar and Grill, and Sullivan's ice cream. We want to also thank our sponsors Enterprise Bank, Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union, and Dream Diner for donating raffle items. Other businesses in town that donated raffle items include Bahama Breeze, Max's Golf, Feng Sui, and Honey Dew Donuts. Mike Gacek, singer and musician, entertained us during the event.

Taste of the Town event helps the club raise money to fund our community service programs which include Fishing day for the Disabled, Repair Cafe, Zero Waste Day, Cookies for Seniors, Adopt a family, festival of trees, Rotary Youth Leadership and senior breakfasts.

Rotary International established sustainability as a priority. The Rotary Club believed that hosting a celebration that exemplifies sustainability was an essential way for us to give back to the community. Rotary used compostable tableware, filling three compostable bags with leftover food, plates, utensils, napkins, cups, etc. These bags were brought to the compost bins at the Town Recycling Center and will become rich soil when composted.

Also the Tyngsboro-Dunstable Rotary wants to thank Anne Paquin for her 41 years of support for the Rotary Club and our community. Thanks Anne!

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• **WELCOME to our new Pastor Nyakio Kamau** and her beautiful family! Pastor Nyakio is from Kenya and previously led a congregation of 4,000. She brings a new excitement to our church and comes with many gifts. We are dedicated to help her in her new position to grow our church and spread the Word of God. Her official start date was November 10th when Pastor Bernie passed the torch over to her and we celebrated with a wonderful Pot Luck Luncheon. Thank you to our Search Team who spent tireless hours, days and evenings for 2 years dedicated to the mission to hire our new Pastor. Thank you to our Hospitality Team for planning the luncheon and all those who participated by providing delicious dishes for this event! Please come visit our church services on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and meet Pastor Nyakio.

• **ECCT CHRISTMAS CONCERT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 7:00 pm.** Come for this FREE CONCERT featuring gospel singers Barry & Debbie Shirk for "The Shirk's and Friends" Christmas Concert! Enjoy an evening of singing and fellowship with our church and community then join us in our Fellowship Hall for delicious desserts and coffee. Come to enjoy this event bring a friend!!! You'll be glad you did!!!

• **THRIFT STORE - Thank you Thrift Store Committee members** for the wonderful luncheon to honor ALL our volunteers on November 16th in our Fellowship Hall!!!! The meal and fellowship was amazing!!!! **Thank you to our Manager, Charlotte Tyson-Williams; Assistant Manager, Mary Donaher; Laurie Chizook and Lisa Lorman!!! Thank you to ALL our dedicated volunteers!!!!** Our Thrift Store could not survive without all your dedicated and faithful service. *Thank you also to ALL our donors and shoppers who continue to support this wonderful mission!!! You are ALL a Blessing to our church!!!*

• **CONGRATULATIONS to June Persons** who took her Citizenship Exam on Tuesday, November 19th and became an official citizen to this GREAT NATION.....the USA!!!!!!

Poinsetta's adorn our Altar, each in memory of those we have loved and lost. May wonderful memories be with each family as loved ones are remembered fondly this Christmas Season.

• **Please join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE on DECEMBER 24th at 7:00 pm.**

• **A huge THANK YOU** to Anne Paquin for the many years of serving our communities with the monthly Neighbor to Neighbor newsletter! May God Bless You!

***We wish everyone a Happy, Safe & Merry Christmas!
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WHAT HAPPENS AT BEEHIVE COWORKING COMMUNITY?

Christine McCarron of Tyngsboro's Beehive Brokerage

In the city, the term coworking is pretty common. Here in Tyngsboro & Dunstable, many people wonder what the heck goes on at the Beehive. Read on and all will be revealed...

Remember when having a desk job involved getting up early, getting dressed up, and driving to an office? This could definitely be a drag at times but there were some good parts, too: meeting people (remember the term "office romance"?), forming friendships, socializing, laughing, people to ask how your weekend was or to get a referral to a great restaurant. Some of the best parts of working have nothing to do with the job. People who miss the office vibe, the camaraderie and connection, come to the Beehive to get those feelings back. Although most Beehive members work for different companies, they can collaborate and commiserate together, just like they did when they were in the office.

Community is a big part of life at the Beehive. Events like Repair Café, networking, CPR certification, and Toastmasters meetings and more take place there, not to mention birthday parties, fundraisers, and Lunch and Learns. There are a bunch of different-sized meeting rooms plus the large common area where people can get together. Some events include live music.

Even hybrid meetings are more fun at the Beehive. There are some great tech tools that make attendees feel more connected as well as making it easier for everyone to see and hear each other. Located right off 3A, just 6 miles from downtown Lowell and 3 miles from the NH border, it's a great meeting point for groups coming together from other parts of New England.

Sometimes a day out of the office is what you need. Beehive often hosts groups looking to brainstorm or learn something new. A local CPA brings her team in every January to update them on tax code changes. Another group comes periodically to use our smart whiteboard to brainstorm new product ideas. Getting out of your usual office – even if it's your home office – can reduce distractions and make you more productive.

Working from home can be the worst of both worlds. When you work from home, you're always at work. Sometimes it's hard to switch off and put down the laptop to relax and recharge. When you work from home, you're also always at home. Sometimes it's easy to be distracted with the dog, the TV or the laundry. The great things about having someplace else to work, is that you get to go home at the end of the day, giving you a nice work/home balance that is great for your mental health and focus.

So it turns out that the Beehive is like an office simulator – but without that grouchy boss. We hope that this helps you understand a bit about what happens at the Beehive Coworking Community. Magic happens!

TYNGSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB



On Nov. 26th we gathered again at 7:00 pm at the Evangelical Congregational church for our greens night. Equipped with gloves, clippers, and wire cutters we made arrangements to deck the halls of buildings around town for the holidays.

As we go into winter, club members are also preparing for spring. They planted many bulbs at the Parish Meeting House so that we can all enjoy a beautiful display of color in the spring.

New Garden Club members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend our programs for a nominal fee of \$5. Please check 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 is \$25 for yearly membership and 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

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In the popular imagination, receiving an inheritance always sounds like a good thing — after all, who doesn't want a financial windfall? And inheritances can certainly be life-altering events. But they can cause challenges, so you'll want to help your heirs be prepared.

To assist in this preparation, try to address some key questions affecting your heirs:

- *Do they know what's in your estate plans?* Your family and other heirs will be much better prepared to deal with an inheritance if they know what to expect. That's why it's so important that you share your estate plans with everyone involved. You need to let them know the wishes and decisions you've expressed in your will and other legal arrangements, such as a living trust. Of course, sharing this information doesn't necessarily mean that all your heirs will be completely satisfied with your choices — but at least they won't be surprised, and perhaps will be less likely to cause disputes when the time comes to settle your estate.

- *Will they know what to do with the money or other assets?* You may be planning to leave your grown children a sizable amount of assets, possibly including cash, stocks, real estate, IRAs, 401Ks or other types of valuable personal property. But this inheritance brings with it several possible questions: Do your heirs already have an investment platform ready to accept inherited stocks? If you do leave behind rental property or a vacation home, can it be easily sold? These types of issues are generally not hard to resolve, but the more prepared your heirs are for their inheritance, the quicker they can take whatever actions are needed.

- *Are they prepared to handle any taxes that may result from the inheritance?* Unless you have a very large estate, your heirs likely won't face federal estate taxes. (In 2024, the first \$13.61 million of an estate is exempt from federal estate taxes.) However, other types of taxes may apply. A few states assess state inheritance taxes, and your heirs could incur federal and/or state income taxes when they withdraw money from inherited assets funded with pre-tax dollars, such as some retirement accounts. They could also face capital gains taxes when they sell inherited assets, such as stocks, for more than they were worth at the time of the inheritance. In any case, inheritance-related taxes can be complex, so you and your family and other heirs should discuss these issues with your tax advisor.

- *Will they be liable for any outstanding expenses?* If you have developed a comprehensive estate plan, it's unlikely your heirs will be on the hook for any outstanding expenses, such as credit card balances or funeral costs. If you do still carry a mortgage, though, and you are planning on leaving your house to your heirs, they may want to be prepared to act quickly to sell it.

When leaving an inheritance, there's a lot involved — emotionally, financially and legally. So, do whatever you can to make the entire process as easy as possible for your loved ones. By communicating your wishes regarding the inheritance, and by considering all the issues that may arise, you can go a long way toward achieving the outcomes you desire.

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THIS DECEMBER 2024 NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR ISSUE IS MY LAST ISSUE

However, www.neighbortoneighbornewsletter.com will still be available for you to read the published issues. This will allow you to find the local businesses that you are familiar with. It can be your resource for other information and organizations as well. **If you are not a fan of the computer, please keep this last issue for future reference.** I am hoping to post info from time to time. Maybe some of the old stories from past issues.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year! Sincerely, Anne M Paquin

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