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TYNGSBOROUGH'S TOWN MANAGER REPORT

*From Colin Loiselle, Tyngsborough Town Manager
December 2024*

I am pleased to report the following information from Town over the last month. You can find a full version of the Town Manager's report online at tyngsboroughma.gov.

Thank you to our Town Clerk's Office and the dedicated residents who step up to serve as poll workers on Election Day. They put so much work into making sure that everyone's voices are heard and they do it under stressful and fast paced conditions. Their service is greatly appreciated.

The Town is pleased to have the new digital message board in the Town Center up and running. This sign is not just a great look for our Town Center but will allow us to get important announcements and messages out to residents.

The FY26 budget process kicked off late last month. Residents can learn about the process and all of the ways to get engaged with the budget by visiting www.tyngsboroughma.gov.

Congratulations to our Engineering Division for being awarded a \$370,000 grant from the Commonwealth to get the Town to final design on two culverts that are failing on Dunstable Road and Red Gate Road. To date, the Town has obtained more than \$1M in external grant funding to help address these serious flooding issues.

Holiday Hours: Please note that the Town Offices will close at 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve (December 24).

A big thank you to Anne Paquin who has diligently and professionally worked so tirelessly since 1983 to bring important messages like this to the residents of Dunstable and Tyngsborough. Anne has always been willing to make room for us in the Neighbor to Neighbor and has been more accommodating than we could expect. There are few services like that delivered. We are eternally grateful to her for keeping us informed about what is happening in our area for all these years. We wish her the very best in retirement.

Be sure to visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov to stay up to date on all things happening in Tyngsborough. You can sign up for alerts & view all recent news articles. You can also follow Tyngsborough MA on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn so that you'll never miss a beat. The Town Manager's Office can be reached by phone 978-649-2300 x100 or by emailing administration@tyngsboroughma.gov.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The Adopt A Family Committee would like to graciously thank everyone in the community who donated to this year's campaign. The Tyngsborough community was once again very supportive this year. This program is successful thanks to all of you. Happy and Healthy 2025!

*Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year!*

IN MEMORY OF

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Colleen Irene (McDermott) Reynolds
William M. Bacon Sr.



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.

Thank you,

Anne



REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

You may be eligible to receive a property tax exemption if you fall into any of these categories: Legally blind person; Veteran with a service-connected disability; Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran or veteran who died from active-duty injury or illness; Senior citizen age 65 and older, who meets income and asset requirements. You must have owned and occupied your property as of 7/1/2024. Supporting documentation is required for all exemption applications.

Applications are available at the Assessors Office in Town Hall, or at <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/188/Assessors>. Applications for FY2025 are due to the Assessors Office by April 1, 2025. If you have questions, please call 978-649-2300 x 121.

TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

- **2024 Dog Licenses** are available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Male/female licenses are \$11.00 and spayed/neutered licenses are \$7.00. Current rabies vaccination is required. **If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license.**
- **Late Fee is waived for all NEW dog registrations.**
- **BUSINESS OWNERS:** Friendly reminder. Please check the date on your Business Certificate to ensure it has not expired. Business Certificates expire every 4 years and are required by State Law.
- **Census Forms** will be mailed out starting on December 27th. Please make changes, sign and return them. *The census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your political party.*

Thank you and stay safe! Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to jbrunelle@tyngsboroughma.gov with any questions.

NOTICE

TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

Nomination papers are available for two (2), 3 year term for Water Commissioner. **Nomination papers need to be returned by February 12, 2025 (2:00 PM)** and can be obtained at the Tyngsborough Water District office at 87 Progress Avenue, Unit 2, Tyngsborough, MA

The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the District office. All registered voters residing in the District are welcome to vote at this time.

Signed: Board of Water Commissioners, Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Ave, Unit 2, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-4577

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Town Collector	Ext. 128	Town Administrator	Ext. 100
Conservation Office	Ext. 116	Recreation & Parks	Ext. 150
Capital Asset Mgmt Com	Ext. 124	Highway Dept.	978-649-2310

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Happy Holidays!

CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Department of Public Works on Kendall Road or at 180 Lakeview Avenue (old "senior center") parking lot **during the month of January.**

Please make sure that all decorations and all hooks are removed before you drop your tree off.



HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Due to the upcoming Holiday, **trash and recycling will be delayed and picked up on the following day:**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 (Martin Luther King Day)

TYNGSBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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89 Kendall Road, for recycling or safe disposal, year round.

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- **Large flattened cardboard**
- **Scrap metal:** NO full-size appliances. For a list of accepted metals, please visit: www.scrapit.us/metals-we-take
- **Textiles:** In any condition - Clothing and fashion accessories, underclothes, coats, footwear, purses, wallets, backpacks, towels, all linens, curtains, throw rugs, stuffed animals.
- **Mercury-containing items** - Fluorescent and CFL bulbs, thermometers, rechargeable batteries, elemental mercury.
- **Food Waste for Composting**

For more information go to the town website www.tyngsboroughma.gov and search for Recycling Center.

Here you will find what items are accepted and what items are prohibited.

Please help maintain the Recycling by following these guidelines:

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• **CENTER CLOSED** Wednesday, January 1st, New Year's Day, Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day
• **EFFECTIVE December 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, all bus rides will be FREE. Same rules apply for scheduling rides.**

• **Tuesday, December 17th** at 3:30 COA Board Meeting
• **HULA HOOP YOGA - FREE** Every Thursday, held from 9:00 to 10:00. Instructor Shelly Toomey, we will be using a hula hoop, flow into yoga poses, and incorporate dance movements. The exercise program is open to everyone. We will also be using the hoop for stretching. It's a lot of fun!

• **Thursday December 19th at 10:00** Open House. **YANKEE SWAP** Exchange after entertainment. Christmas Jeopardy 4 teams
Wednesday, December 18, 10:00, Book Club (Monthly) Come join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with Carol Sides hosting. Meeting fellow book enthusiasts and discovering and reading the best new books each month is a great opportunity.

• **BRIDGE Every Thursday at 10:00 A.M.**, there's a free Bridge event. During the game, players must follow suit if possible, but can play any card, including a trump, if unable to do so. A trick is won by the highest card of the suit led or by the highest trump, if played.
• **CANASTA, Every Thursday 1:00 FREE** Canasta is played with two full decks of cards, including two Jokers from each deck totaling 108 cards. The main object of the game is to outscore the opposing team, or players.

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

• **SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY** If Town Hall offices are closed in Tyngsborough due to a snow storm, the Tyngsborough COA will be closed. **Before heading to the Center give us a call to see if we're open. BUS Transportation:** If there is no school in Tyngsborough the elder bus **WILL NOT RUN**. If the schools have a 2-hour delay the bus will not start till 10:00 AM. If you have a morning appointment **before 10:00** you will have to reschedule it. **Cancellations will be announced on WCAP Radio 98.5 & TV News on 4, 5, 7.**

• **OUTREACH -Home Visits, Must call for an appointment 11:00-1:00 978-649-9211** There are situations that prevent Tyngsborough Senior residents from coming to the Center, we are more than happy to make a visit to provide information for services. If you or someone you know would like a visit to discuss senior referrals such as, Fuel Assistance, Transportation, Housing Assistance, File of Life, Meals on Wheels, Brown Bag, Podiatrist, Faith Works, Notary Public, Health Care, Proxy, Referrals, Medical Equip (loan), Food, Stamp (Snap).

• **Mobile Market/Brown Bag FOOD PROGRAM-** offers a FREE bag of groceries on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Each bag contains a variety of basic healthy foods: soup to cereal, meat to veggies, there may be a treat or two.. To see if you qualify call Ruth Ortiz (978-946-1303), Applications are also available at the Center for Active Living, stop by or call 978-649-9211

• **Meals on Wheels** Monday thru Friday Call AgeSpan for services: 1-800-892-0890

UPCOMING PROGRAMS in January.

These dates and times are subject to change. Some things come up from time to time that cannot be avoided. Thank you for your understanding. • **Birthday Celebration, Friday, January 17th, 11:30** Entertainment Kathy Rodger
• **On Friday, January 31st** We will be celebrating Chinese New Year.



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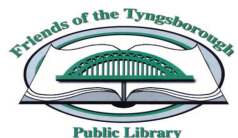
The Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust would like to thank all of our vendors, shoppers, and volunteers who attended our annual **Holiday Marketplace** on November 2nd. The crisp fall weather and your festive attitude made this a wonderful community event.

Our annual **Trivia Night is scheduled for March 7th, 2025.** Save the date and check our webpage for more details to come. All funds raised from these events go directly to the Class of 2025!

A reminder to the 2024 scholarship recipients, please be sure to submit proof of school enrollment to the TST at P.O. Box 547 Tyngsborough MA 01879, so you can receive your scholarship payment.

Donations are welcomed in memory of a loved one. All profits from the 2024–2025 fundraising events will benefit scholarships for the Class of 2025.

For 61 years volunteers from our community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please contact info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org with any questions. The TST is actively recruiting new members. Do you have an idea for an event? **Please come share your ideas at TST meetings at 6:30pm, the 2nd Thursday of the month in the THS teacher's room.**



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

• **NEW! Tiny Art Show: The week of January 27 – February 1, 2025.** The Friends will supply a tiny art canvas (4"x4") and easel for a family art show! You decide your medium, one canvas per person or group. Open to all ages. Artwork meeting the rules will be displayed at the library during the art show. Full rules will be available at the library when the event is closer.

• **Our meetings are the first Monday of the month** at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please join us! The Friends do not meet during the summer months or in December. Please contact us at tynglibfriends@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions!

Please join our Facebook Page for updates!

TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

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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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TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

proudly announces Olivia Balkan, Kaitlyn Guilmette, Sudar Meyyappan, & Addison Strong as November students of the month.

Olivia Balkan, daughter of Wendi and Mike Balkan is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as the AP Scholar Award, the Academic Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies, Outstanding Achievements in Theatre Arts, the Commitment to Learning Award, and National First-Generation Recognition. Olivia is a member of the theater program and has been for seven years where she is the head student costume designer. Olivia has earned numerous awards through theater including, Best Supporting Actress, Excellence in Costume Design Award, and Excellence in Hair and Makeup Design Award. She is a member of the yearbook club and student government where she has served two years as the class treasurer. Olivia has served her community by volunteering at Lowell General Hospital. Her hobbies include singing, drawing, playing guitar, and sewing and her favorite subjects are English and anatomy. Olivia's future goals are to become a nurse, raise a family, and be surrounded by people who love her. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "THS has allowed me to take initiative and push myself to do my best in the school setting. I have been able to learn myself enough to go to college and expand my education in a field I want to pursue. At THS I made friends who taught me how to better myself, not only as a friend but as a person. I will take with me the memories I made with these people, both in school and after school during theatre, homecoming, and many other good times".

Kaitlyn Guilmette, daughter of Kim and John Guilmette is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as the Academic Excellence Award, the Principal's Award, and the Core Values Award. Katie is also a member of the yearbook club, the Student Council vice president, the BioBuilders Club, a Morgan's Message Ambassador, and a HOBY Ambassador. She has been a member of the varsity field hockey team for three years and the varsity lacrosse team since 8th grade and was named captain her senior year. She also has been playing club lacrosse for the New Hampshire Tomahawks for five years. Katie has participated in community service such as the Tyngsborough Block Party, the Give Kid the World service trip, Tyngsborough Festival of Trees, and Catie's Closet. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, shopping, and traveling. Katie's favorite subjects are AP Biology and calculus and she plans to attend college to study biology and then go to medical school to pursue a career in medicine. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says "Throughout my time at THS I've gained many long-lasting friendships and mentors. THS has provided me with the skills I need to succeed. I have many fond memories of laughing with my friends in class and on Pierce Field".

Sudar Meyyappan, son of Sujatha and Meyyappan Meyyappan is a four-year member of the National Honor Society. He has received numerous awards such as, the Academic Excellence Award for four consecutive years, the Core Values Award, and the Commitment to Learning Award. Sudar is a member of the Student Council, BioBuilders Club, Chess Club, and Robotics Club where he has been the president for the last two years. He has also participated in athletics such as being a four-year member of the soccer and tennis teams. In tennis Sudar was named captain for three years and was a MID-WACH All-Star twice. He is also an Eagle Scout. Sudar's favorite subjects are chemistry, physical education, and computer science. His future goals are to attend college, go to medical school, and eventually become a doctor. Looking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "I have gained great experiences, memories, and friends at THS. THS has provided a great environment for me to grow alongside my peers, to step out of my comfort zone, and to have fun".

Addison Strong, daughter of Susan and Rob Strong is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society where she served as the secretary for two years. She has received numerous awards such as the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Outstanding Achievement in English, Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics, the Commitment

to Learning Award, and has been on the High Honor Roll all four years. Addison is a member of the Yearbook Club, Medical Professionals Club, Senior Sidekicks, and Ski Club. She has had a great career in athletics while at THS. Addison is a member of the varsity girls' soccer team, was named captain her senior year, and was awarded Lowell-Sun All-Star. She also was the TYSA girls soccer captain and participated all four years. She has participated in community service such as volunteering at the Nashua Soup Kitchen with her church, Grace Community Church. Her hobbies include listening to music, going to Boston, and watching hockey. Addison's favorite subjects are math and AP Literature. Her plans include studying mathematics in college and finding work in actuary sciences. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "THS has brought me together with all my friends and allowed us to experience various classes, trips, and experiences together".

Also proudly announces Natalie Landsteiner, Johnathan Mantzoufas, Riley Mitza, & Rebekah Ruiz as December students of the month.

Natalie Landsteiner, daughter of Scott and Jessica Landsteiner, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts, Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Arts, the Academic Excellence Award and the Core Values Award. Natalie is an active member of the Theatre Program receiving Best Actress, Excellence in Acting, and Excellence in Directing. She is the yearbook editor and has given back to her community by tutoring and volunteering at numerous National Honor Society events. Natalie's hobbies include singing, playing guitar, acting, snowmobiling, four wheeling, hiking, shopping, and caring for animals. Natalie's favorite subject is science and her future goals are to get her PhD in veterinary science, start a family, and have many pets. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "Over the years, THS has brought me many friendships and memories I will keep forever. Everyone is so friendly, and I think that's my favorite part - having a connection with all my teachers. Nothing beats homecoming week at THS! Thank you to all of the amazing staff and friendly faces I have got to know over the past four years!"

Johnathan Mantzoufas, son of Olga and Brenden Beckstein, is a one-year member of the National Honor Society. He has received numerous awards such as the Academic Excellence Award, the Commitment to Learning Award, the Principal's Award, and High Honor Roll. Johnathan is a member of the basketball and track and field teams where he was named captain this year. He is also a member of the Chess Club and Esports. Johnathan has given back to his community by completing over forty hours of community service with the National Honor Society. His hobbies include running, drawing, and chess and his favorite subjects are math and physical education. Johnathan's plans include majoring in computer engineering and cybersecurity and running track and field in college. Looking back on his days at Tyngsborough High School he says, "When I transferred, THS was an effortless environment to fit into and I felt welcomed. I've made lifelong friends since transferring and I will take the social skills I've gained going into college and beyond."

Riley Mitza, daughter of Kerry and Eric Mitza, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Wellness Award and the Principal's Award. Riley is an active member of student government where she serves as the vice president and is a member of the Senior Sidekicks. She has been a member of the varsity soccer team for the last four years where she has been the recipient of numerous awards including four time Mid-Wach All-Star, four time team MVP, three time Central Mass All-Star, three time All-State, and two time League MVP. Riley has participated in community service by volunteering at the Tyngsborough Block Party, Festival of Trees, Friends of the Poor Walk, and Wreaths Across America. Her hobbies include playing soccer, hanging out with friends and family, shopping, and watching sports. Riley's favorite subject is American history and her future plans are to play college soccer at UNH, get

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her master's, and work in a crime scene. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "I gained many long-lasting friends, the school has made me a more educated individual and helped me develop life skills, I have many memories on pierce field with my soccer team and the fun moments of homecoming."

Rebekah Ruiz, daughter of Magali and Nelson Ruiz, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and a three-year member of the Spanish National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards such as Academic Excellence Award, Core Values Award, Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies, the Saint Michael's College Book Award for Scholarship and Service, Tiger Pride Award, High Honor Roll, and Excellence in Dramaturg. Rebekah is a member of the Yearbook Club, theater program, the varsity tennis team, and has participated in the Book Club, DEI Club and the Baking Club. She is also a member of the Student Council where she has served as treasure for the past two years. Rebekah has volunteered at numerous organizations including the Nashua Soup Kitchen, Lowell Transitional Living, Living Waters, The Wish Project, Tyngsboro Public Library, Festival of Trees, Tyngsborough Block Party, Camp Caribe, Operation Christmas Child, VBS Program at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Give Kids the World, Thanksgiving's Food Drive at Dracut House of Pizza & Seafood and Jacob's Well, and as a Sunday school assistant teacher at Northeastern Christian Church & Harbor of Hope Christian Church. Her hobbies include reading, writing, shopping, and watching TV and her favorite subjects are math and AP Language. Rebekah's future goals are to attend a four-year college, gain an MBA, work at an event planning service, establish her own event planning business, hold a side career in creative writing, become a published author and make a lot of money. Looking back on her days at Tyngsborough High School she says, "Going through high school may seem like a journey and it is but it showed me the kind of person I thrive to be. I have learned life lessons that I will hold on to always and have found myself as a person and grown to be proud of. As I move on, I will take homecoming memories of high school and all the friendships I have gained along the way."

Congratulations to these eight Class of 2025 students!

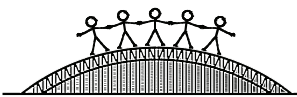


The Tyngsborough Land Trust held its first Annual Meeting on Nov 3rd on the grounds of the Sherburne Nature Center. Chair, Ed Derby opened the meeting with a discussion of goals and ambitions for the coming year, which include completing work to install perimeter fencing at the Hunter Property as well beginning the process of transferring legal responsibility of certain parcels of land from the Town of Tyngsborough to the Tyngsborough Land Trust.

Our next agenda will include a visioning session to lay the ground work for any future grant applications and land acquisition.

The group also discussed finding a land trust attorney knowledgeable in drafting land trust agreements, transferring legal titles and navigating conservation restrictions. **If you are or know of a local attorney interested in land conservation, please contact us at TLTadmin@tyngsboroughlandtrust.org.**

Trustees voted to appoint Rose Mitchell to work with our current Treasurer, Tom Fitzpatrick, as Associate Treasurer. They will work together until June when Rose will assume the role of Treasurer. It is expected that this will leave a Trustee vacancy. Applications for trustee are welcome. **To apply or for more information, please email TLTadmin@tyngsboroughlandtrust.org. Trustees plan to vote and fill this vacancy at the July 2025 meeting.**



**TYNGSBOROUGH
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The Recreation Committee meets at 80 Pawtucket Blvd. Meeting dates and additional information on our programs may be found on our website at TyngsboroughRec.com Friend us on Facebook. Seeking new members. Join this fun committee!

ADULT PICKUP BASKETBALL Back by popular demand. Median age is 41. Walk-in program with weekly games (when school gym is available). \$10 cash at the court. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/TyngsboroughRec for weekly schedule.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have many opportunities at our various events and programs.

THANK YOU! FROM THE 15TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES AND MORE!! Thank you to all who attended, supported and helped create and run our 15th Annual Festival of Trees. Please visit our FB page and Tyngsboroughrec.com for great photos and a full list of all our sponsors. Please patronize the businesses and support the groups that generously donated and sponsored displays and activities at the Festival. <https://festivaloftreestyngsborough.com>

SOFTBALL WINTER CLINIC Starts Sunday Feb. 2nd 2:30-3:30 New Sports Center location, Potash Hill Road, 7 weeks \$60 per player with \$100 family cap ages 5-15, 2 week FREE TRIAL. Any questions contact Mike Knight psknight1@yahoo.com NO CLINIC SCHOOL VAC. WEEK Register at tyngsboroughrec.com

SHAMROCK BALL DAUGHTER DANCE Saturday, March 15, 2025, 6 – 8pm TYNGSBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFÉ, \$45 per couple, \$5 for each additional child. ~ Advanced registration required~ Tyngsborough Recreation's Shamrock Ball for Daughters of all ages and their Parent (or other adult figure, etc.)A Dance with our DJ Steve, light refreshments, and a corsage for each girl. A photographer will be on site, offering packages to capture your special evening.

SHAMROCK PRINCESS (OPTIONAL ADD-ON RAFFLE) The Grad Night Committee, in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, will again offer the title of "Shamrock Princess". One lucky raffle winner will be crowned **2025 Shamrock Princess**. Includes a public announcement during the Ball, a princess tiara and sash, photo package, dedicated parent-daughter dance and special gift. **To enter the raffle on the package select option at checkout. Drawn (quietly) Thursday, March 13, 2025** All proceeds benefit The Class of 2025 Grad Night activities.

Community Service Hours Available for Students Do you need community service hours? Contact us, we have opportunities. We are very grateful to all our student volunteers.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DROP OFF Drop off your unwanted decorations after Christmas at the Town Hall Offices, 25 Bryant Lane. Thank you! <https://festivaloftreestyngsborough.com>



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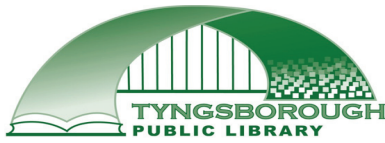
Sherburne Nature Center trails are open daily, dawn to dusk, for the residents of Tyngsboro and neighboring towns. Traverse several woodland streams, go bird-watching, try to catch a glimpse of a beaver, observe the birds and notice what changes fall has made. **Remember to dress for the weather.** Children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

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CLOSED Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas
CLOSED Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day

• **Writers' Group:** Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
• **Adult Coloring Club:** Wednesday, December 4th and February 5th at 6:30 p.m.
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Cookbook Club Dec. 18th at 6:30pm. *Holiday cookies : showstopping recipes to sweeten the season* by Elisabet der Nederlanden. **Registration required.**
Romance Club Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. *Lovelight Farms* by B. K. Borison
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Mystery Monday Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm. *Verity* by Colleen Hoover
Fiction Club Jan. 29th at 6:30pm. *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See
• **Visit Tynglib.org/events to check out all of the upcoming virtual events!**
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Kids & Teens TEENS/TWEENS

- **Game On! (Nintendo Switch Free Play) December 11th at 12:30**
Join us for Nintendo Switch Free Play! Controllers provided. Register to secure yours! This program may be divided into thirty-minute time slots depending on demand. Games available: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Everybody 1-2 Switch, Nintendo World Championships and more. This event is restricted to ages 11+. Younger players welcome to join with parental accompaniment. **RSVP online.**
- **Celebrating Family, Stories, and Songs with Davis Bates: December 14th at 1:30 am** Celebrate the season & learn how to share stories from your family, your community, and your life. Enjoy a storytelling performance at 10:30 and join an exciting participatory workshop at 11:45. You are welcome to join both or pick one! This program is best suited for adults and families with children 11+. **Register online.**

KIDS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- **LEGO Challenge Club, Saturday, December 21st at 11 a.m.** (all ages with a grown-up) All ages are welcome to join our LEGO Challenge. See our Instagram [@tyngsboroughpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/tyngsboroughpubliclibrary) for examples of past LEGO Challenge creations. No registration required.
- **The Book Worms: Picture Book Club: December 30th at 4:30 pm.** Please join Miss Brienne for a new picture book club for children ages 5-9 (siblings welcome)! Each month we will choose a new picture book that will be the theme of the club. We will then do a short/simple writing activity together followed by a craft. Please join us this month for Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner. *Registration is required and appreciated. Hope to see you there!*
- **Monthly Scavenger Hunt, All Day, All Month Long (ages 3-12)**

KIDS WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- **Family Storytime, Thursdays at 11 a.m. (ages 2-5)**
- **Family Resource Network Playgroup - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (ages 0-6)**
- **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly on the third Tuesday. Check the TPL or Town websites for scheduled meetings.
- **Friends of the Library** – Join in the fun and support your library! Meetings are held 9 Mondays per year at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. See the TPL website for dates. Also, check out the new and easy way that you can join or renew your membership to the Friends of the Library right from the Friends link on our website simply by using the “Join and Pay” or “Donate” buttons.
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TYNGSBOROUGH DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

... is an official body, recognized both by the Massachusetts Democratic Party and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ongoing initiatives include civic education/engagement, implementation of nature-based solutions for climate change and information outreach on Green Community, Climate Leader, Hero Act for Veterans and other government programs.. The committee welcomes participation and collaboration with everyone without exception. **Contact Chair Elizabeth Coughlin lizcoughlin2000@yahoo.com text/phone 978-758-2680.**

UN-DECK THE HALLS: A GUIDE TO POST-HOLIDAY CLEANUP *Sustainable Tyngsborough*

COMPOSTING FOOD WASTE The holidays often lead to an abundance of food waste, from leftover meals to peels and scraps. Instead of throwing these organic materials in the trash, consider composting them. The Recycling Center at the DPW (Kendall Road) offers free community food waste drop-off for Tyngsboro residents. Make sure to keep your compost free of non-compostable items, such as plastics and packaging.

HOLIDAY WASTE REDUCTION TIPS **1 Plan Your Meals:** To minimize food waste, create a meal plan and shop with a list. This can help you avoid overbuying and ensure you use up what you have. **2 Gift Responsibly:** Consider giving experiences or homemade gifts rather than items that may not be used or appreciated. **3 Wrap Smartly:** Use reusable fabric or paper wraps instead of traditional gift wrap. This reduces waste and adds a personal touch. **4 Share Leftovers:** Encourage guests to take home leftovers, reducing the amount of food that goes to waste.

RECYCLING STRING LIGHTS String lights can be tricky to dispose of due to their combination of materials. Fortunately, Tyngsboro Town Hall has established a collection program specifically for broken or unwanted string lights. Instead of tossing them in the trash, bring them to the Town Hall for proper recycling. This helps prevent harmful materials from being sent to incineration and allows valuable resources to be reclaimed.

FINAL THOUGHTS As you “un-deck” your halls, remember that responsible disposal can make a significant impact. By composting food waste and recycling string lights, along with adopting holiday waste reduction practices, you contribute to a cleaner environment and a more sustainable community. Let's kick off the New Year with a commitment to eco-friendly practices!

Sustainable Tyngsborough is a subcommittee of the Select Board. We meet at Town Hall the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30pm. You are always welcome to join us and share your sustainability ideas and concerns. Like us on Facebook @SustainableTyngsboro.



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.

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"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

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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.

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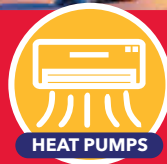
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Current list of officers for the American Legion Auxiliary

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

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• 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

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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

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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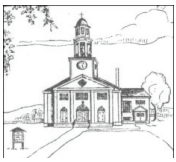
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Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc (originally Friends of the COA, established in 1984) is a non profit 501 3(C) organization whose mission is to meet the needs of the senior center as well as the elderly in our community. We are currently making 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!**



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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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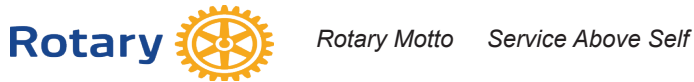
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What is Rotary?

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

Rotary Club of Tyngsboro/Dunstable meets at the Dream Diner, 384 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsborough, MA. **We meet the 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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• **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.**

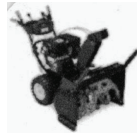
• **A huge THANK YOU** to Anne Paquin for the many years of serving our communities with the monthly Neighbor to Neighbor newsletter! May God Bless You!

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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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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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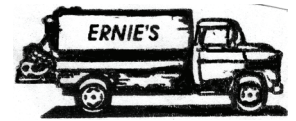
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