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DUNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

• **The annual street listing for 2021 was mailed in early January** and we respectfully requested that you verify your form for accuracy, noting any corrections, and return it to the Office of the Town Clerk no later than January 31, 2021. If you have misplaced your copy please email or call to have a copy sent to you. If you have recently moved to Massachusetts, you may not be familiar with this document. This a legal document required annually by the Commonwealth to ensure that your name remains on the active voting list; failure to respond will result in your name being placed on the inactive voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

• **Dog license applications were enclosed with the annual street listing**, we request the transactions be done by mail to lower the number of people coming into Town Hall. Please call or email me if you're not sure your dog's rabies certificate is current. **Remember to enclose a self-addressed stamp envelope.**

• **Town Clerk Office Hours** - I will have appointments available on Mondays and Thursdays (sometimes this will change) and working remotely on Tuesday and Wednesday as the Town Hall as to stagger employees to comply with Governor Baker' orders. Please call or email to schedule appointments. Town Hall has reopened partially to the public, but it will continue to be staggered hours by departments until further notice. It is highly recommended you contact the office you want before coming in to be sure they are here to help you. Please see the notice from the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator under News and Announcements on the home page of the town website.

• **Following the certification of the November 3, 2020 State Election, Green-Rainbow and Libertarian no longer qualify as political parties in Massachusetts** and will be removed from our voter registration forms. We will provide these revised forms for free to all cities and towns which request them.

• **Nomination papers for town elected office will be available soon.** If you're interested in papers, keep an eye on the town website for information!

Carol A. Skerrett, Town Clerk CMMC 978-649-4514 x222
CSkerrett@dunstable-ma.gov

THE DUNSTABLE RURAL LAND TRUST 2021 CALENDAR IS HERE!

This year's calendar is devoted to wonderful photos of the McLoon Barn and Property. The Calendar is available for \$12 a piece. **There are a few 2021 calendars still available at:** The Dunstable General Store, Rose of Sharon at Blossom Hill, The Farmhouse Café and Tully Farm Dairy Store. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars go directly to the Dunstable Rural Land Trust to help preserve the rural character of our town. **Call Elaine at 978-649-9236 for more information.**

Due to Covid-19 there are no scheduled events for the DRLT at this time. Which means no Winterfest this year. www.drllt.org

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COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS Dunstable, MA

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 to the Commissioners of Trust Funds at www.dunstable-ma.gov/user/53/contact. **All inquiries are confidential.**

DO YOU NEED HELP KEEPING WARM THIS WINTER?

Would you like a discount on your monthly National Grid utility bill? If your household meets the income guidelines for 2019-2020, you may be eligible for heating assistance benefits.

Number of Household Members and Maximum Income: 1 person \$37,360; 2 people \$48,855; 3 people \$60,351; 4 people \$71,846; 5 people \$83,341; and 6 people \$94,837.

If you qualify for Heating Assistance, you may also be eligible to receive: Free Energy Audit, Free LED Light Bulbs, Free Replacement Refrigerator, Free Replacement Air Conditioner, Free Air Sealing and Insulation and Free Replacement Heating System.

Call 978-459-6161 for an application. **Applications are accepted through April 30.** Sponsored thru Community Team Work. 45 Kirk St. 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA. You may also schedule an appointment online: <https://tinyurl.com/CTIHeat>. **If you received your 2019-2020 Heating Assistance application in the mail, please complete and return to CTI today. Have you received Heating Assistance before? Call CTI to have an application mailed to you.**

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!

A Meals on Wheels volunteer driver may be the only person a homebound senior sees in a day, or sometimes a week. Volunteers offer a daily dose of human connection and a nutritious meal that helps keep senior happy and healthy. Become a volunteer driver today. **Contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore at nutrition@esmv.org or call 978-686-1422.**

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The Groton Dunstable Education Foundation (GDEF) is looking for a Treasurer. We are a local, non-profit, volunteer organization that supports GDRSD with grants above and beyond the school budget, directly benefiting our students! A job description is on our website www.gdefinc.org. Email President Emily Davis at info@gdefinc.org for more information.

For more information about what we have done thus far this year visit our website www.gdefinc.org. See what wonderful programs and equipment have been funded.

If you shop on amazon, Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your purchases, at no cost to you, to the Groton Dunstable Education Foundation (GDEFinc), when you designate us as your charity of choice and make all of your purchases through smile.amazon.com (same products and prices as the regular amazon.com) While the shopping experience is the same, you **MUST** shop via smile.amazon.com in order for GDEFinc to receive a donation.

Like us on Facebook [Groton Dunstable Education Foundation] and follow us on Twitter [@GDEFinc]. *Thank you for your ongoing support.*



Hi Neighbors,

If you haven't **downloaded the new Box Top for Education app** yet, you'll be pleasantly surprised how truly easy it is. You just scan your receipt and the app does all the work for you! You can even send your receipt from certain stores. Many are in our area. This is a direct, simple way to help Swallow Union and we really appreciate all your continued efforts. We hope to remain at the top.

Also through the app you will be notified when there are **special promotions** going on to help make some bonus points for the school.

While traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, **YOU CAN STILL CLIP AND TURN IN BOX TOPS!** You'll continue to find them on many products throughout the store for the next few years, including Hefty, Green Giant, Reynolds, Scott, Ziploc, Kleenex, and Finish (look for old logo). Just check the expiration date on them before you turn them in. Thanks again for your support! *Chrissy McLane* (mclane.chrissy@gmail.com) & *Amy Wilson* (amywilson825@gmail.com) Box Tops for Education co-chairs for Swallow Union Elementary School swallowunionapt.org aptswallowunion@gmail.com facebook.com/APTSwallowUnion

TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM

New subscribers can pay on line on the town webpage www.dunstable-ma.gov but will have to come to the Town Hall to pick up their containers. You can mail a \$300.00 check made payable to the Town of Dunstable to P.O. Box 268, Dunstable, MA 01827, or you can drop off a check or cash at the Town Hall Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00p.m. in the mail slot in the door.

We also sell overflow bags for those times you may have extra trash that will not fit into the trash container. The cost is \$3.00 each sold in rolls of 5 for \$15.00. Those can be purchased on line. **You will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up of containers or overflow bags at Town Hall.**



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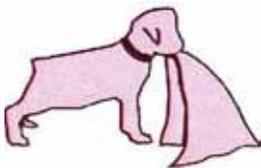
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**ATTENTION
2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE**

Congratulations on your pending graduation!

We are delighted to announce the availability of the Helene Morgan Babcock and Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship, and 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. A number of additional \$2,000 scholarships are granted to other students on a one-time basis.

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 (the main scholarship for 4 year full time only).

Starting February 2, 2021, 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 PO Box listed below no later than **March 18, 2021**.

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

Babcock Scholarship Trustees, P.O. Box 24, Dunstable, MA 01827

**THE RUSSELL G. AND SHIRLEY L. TOBEY
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A scholarship is available to a graduating Dunstable student through the generosity of Russell G. and Shirley L. Tobey. A one-time award of \$1000.00 may be applied to expenses incurred in the pursuit of advanced education at either a two, or four, year institution of higher learning.

The Tobey Scholarship will be administered by the Babcock Committee using the same guidelines as the Babcock scholarship. Applications will be available at the town hall, library, your school guidance office or by emailing babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com

We hope you take advantage of this added opportunity.

PACH PEPPERELL FOOD PANTRY

66 Hollis St., Pepperell, MA Tues 5-7pm, Thurs 2-4 & 5-7pm. PACH provides food, paper goods and personal care items to residents in need of assistance. If interested in this service, or you want to help by making a donation of food or supplies, call the Office at **978-925-9770** or visit their web site at www.pachoutreach.org. Until further notice ALL Clients are to call 978-743-6776 upon arrival. *Those dropping off donations* should call 978-925-9770 to check in upon arrival. There should be a table under canopy to place your donations on. If someone else is there please stay in your car until they leave.

Or better yet, you may drop off items at West Auto Repair, 30 Pleasant St, in Dunstable, MA. They are again accepting donations for PACH. There is a blue plastic tote outside the office for donations. Donations will be brought inside until they are delivered to the Pepperell food pantry on Tuesday & Thursday. *Jen West was told that in addition to food, personal care items, and pet food donations, they also accept Gift Card Donations to local grocery stores. They are then given to neighbors in need or used by pantry volunteers to purchase items to stock the shelves. Gift cards in the amount of \$25 would be helpful.*



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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran will continue to meet remotely until it is deemed safe to meet at our building space in Ayer, MA.

Please join in our service via online ZOOM. Sunday worship at 10am and Wednesday prayer service at 7pm. If you visit our Facebook page or website you will be able to see how you can join in on our service. We hope to 'see' you there!

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DUNSTABLE
 BOARD OF HEALTH**

The following is a reminder that the area at the end of Main and Mill Street is not an area designated for free items to be placed in hopes that someone might take them. Please respect your neighbors who live there.

If you have a bulky item you want to get rid of please contact the Board of Health at jferrari@dunstable-ma.gov and I will be glad to give you information on how to dispose it properly. Thank you.

PLAN FOR AGING WITH YOUR SPOUSE

By Edward H. Adamsky

You and your spouse probably have made many plans over the years: vacations, big purchases, investments, retirement. But have you planned for getting old? This really is something that needs to be thought out. Where are you going to live in the future, especially if you cannot manage stairs and steps? How are you going to pay for help if you need it? What kind of help might you need and how would you get it, at home or in a facility? Is a retirement community right for you and how soon should you consider moving there? These are some of the questions you should consider.

Consider asking for help with your plans. There are professionals called Aging Life Care Managers who can provide assistance in determining and meeting your needs, now and in the future. They can give advice on area facilities and service agencies, and what they might offer. You will pay for this person's services, but they will work for you alone and give the best advice for you. There are some agencies that take commissions to help people find placements. This isn't necessarily bad, but they have a financial incentive for placement in a commission-paying facility. A private advisor working only for you may be best.

Think out the implications of various choices. Should you stay in your own home? How will you get the care you need there? Is there room for a live-in aide? What if things change in the future; what if one of you dies, can the other stay alone? Do you really want to sell your home and move into a retirement community? Will you like it there? A lot of people decide to move closer to family. Talk this out with your family members. Make sure they aren't contemplating a move themselves.

You must work on your financial planning too. Elder care is expensive. Consult with your advisor or find a good financial advisor if you don't have one. You can probably afford good care if you plan properly.

You should consult with your family members. If they live near you, they might be willing to help, but you should not count on them unless you are sure they will help. Don't make any plans that involve your family members without their buy-in to your plan. Consider "in-laws" too and what they might think (even if they don't say it out loud).

Do your research. Look online, get brochures, consult with your local area agency on aging or Council on Aging. Speak to professional advisors where appropriate to get their opinions.

Be prepared to change your plans, as necessary. We never know what life may throw at us. Be flexible and ready to change if the world changes around you. Planning ahead for aging is a good idea. Don't wait until it is too late. Start today!

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Matt's Monthly Mechanical Memo

By Matt Manning

Whether renovating, constructing a new home, or finding a traditional tank water heater unable to meet hot water demand, a tankless water heater may be the solution. Rinnai units present a reliable, more energy efficient, space-saving option. What should homeowners consider when purchasing?

Demand: Are multiple showers, laundry or dishes done at the same time? Does the home often wait for, or run out of hot water?

Fuel Supply: These units are designed to provide maximum efficiency using a minimum ¾" natural gas or propane piping.

Location: Rinnai units offer flexibility to install on virtually any wall—inside or outside a home—not just the utility room.

Venting: Vertically through a roof or horizontally through a wall both offer optimum safety and performance.

Installer: Tankless water heater installation should be performed by a licensed, trained contractor. DIY and amateur installation can lead to operational and warranty issues.

Until next month, stay comfortable!

Matt

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

Like us on FACEBOOK to receive program updates!

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The Library is open for curbside pickup on Tuesday

3-8pm, Wednesday and Thursday 10-3pm.

We are open for Curbside Service Saturdays 10am-2pm.

PAINTING WITH RAQUEL VIA ZOOM!

- A Painting Party for children will be held on Tuesday, February 16th at 4:00pm.
- A Painting Party for adults will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30pm.

All information about sign up and pick up of supplies will be on the Dunstable Public Library facebook page the week before the class. Pick up all supplies curbside at the library and meet with artist Raquel via zoom for step by step instruction!

You are now able to put your books on hold through the MVLIC catalog.

Go to www.mvlc.org to order books from the entire consortium. You can also request by phone or email. Call 978-649-7830 or email dunstablerequest@dunstablepl.org.

When you receive the email that your material is ready, please call the library to let us know when you want to pick it up. We also offer home delivery for seniors on Thursdays.

We quarantine all returned books and then spray and wipe each one down.

Every Tuesday night at 6:00pm, Mrs. D will read from a chapter book for school aged children on the library facebook page. Please join her for this fun read-out-loud!

Craft times: Please check the facebook page because some weeks we have guided craft times on facebook live and other times we offer take and make craft bags to be picked up curbside!

Virtual story time is every Thursday at 10:30am on DPL facebook live. We have stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays for young children! Join in on the fun!!

What's new for materials? We are posting on DPL facebook page new titles and materials.

For all updates on these programs and other library news, please go to the Dunstable-Public-Library facebook page! Stay well!!!

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY, INC.

Visit our website at <https://loavesfishespantry.org> All Dunstable families are invited to visit the Pantry and receive nutritious food and personal care products. There are no income requirements – only a proof of residency (a utility bill or a rental receipt, for example, with your name, current address and date) is required. Now Drive Thru Pantry Pick up. Every Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

To learn more about what to expect when you visit the Pantry for groceries, take a virtual tour at <https://loavesfishespantry.org/need-services/> or call us at (978)772-4627 x312. If you are interested in volunteering please email us at volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org or call us at (978)772-4627 x317. The gift of food and personal care items as well as monetary support is always welcome. <https://loavesfishespantry.org/donate-now> For Weather Related Closings please check for news posts on the website or call us at 978-772-4627 to listen to a recorded message.

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Open Burning season will run through May 1st.. The fee is \$10 for the season and the fee is exempt for property owners 65 years of age and older. You can do online Permit and Payment or Or obtain a Fire Permit at the Fire Station, 28 Pleasant St., Mon-Sun 8am-4pm. Due to the COVID Pandemic we have set up permit applications and a dropbox at the front and rear doors of the fire station to allow you to obtain a permit. We are limiting the amount of outside visitors to the station.

You must follow all the rules and regulations that are listed below.

Rules and Regulations

1. You can only burn brush and garden trimmings only.
2. Burning is allowed only between 10am and 4pm. No fire shall be started after 12 noon and all fires must be extinguished by 4pm.
3. The permit holder must call the Fire Department @ 978-649-6661 each day after 9am for permission to burn that day.
4. The fire must not be left unattended and must be at least 75 feet from any structure.
5. Have available water supply, rakes, shovels, etc. for controlling the fire.

Under all Circumstances the following are prohibited

1. The burning of Grass, Hay, Leaves, Stumps, tires and/or building materials.
2. Burning of brush, trees, cane and/or driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations.
3. Burning at landfills or refuse disposal facilities other than approved incinerators.
4. Large piles that will not readily burn or are of such size that they will not be totally out by 4pm.

If you have other questions regarding burning, please call the Dunstable fire station at 978-649-6661. Or follow the link www.dunstable-ma.gov/dunstable-fire-rescue/pages

DUNSTABLE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Have you ever wondered if there is any organization for Veterans that I could relate to? The link below will give you a list of every Military and Veteran organization in the United States with contacts and identification information.

<https://www.va.gov/vso/VSO-Directory.pdf>

At this time, the Bedford VA is only giving the Vaccine for Covid 19 to Veterans who currently use the VA for their medical needs. More information is available at the VA website www.Bedford.va.gov

As always if you know of any veteran, widow or family member in need of assistance of any kind, even if it is just information, please send me an email at VSO@Dunstable-ma.gov. I am here to help you.

Joe Dean (Former USMC Sgt, Retired USAF Capt.)
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Please go to the website to watch our reopening video for instructions prior to selecting your seats. Online Videos: Weekly on-line 9:30 am Sunday Live Streaming Services, Morning Minutes of Grace, Evening Prayers, Afternoon Bible Study & Grace Kids. **Visit our channel [GraceLutheran.TV on \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/channel/GraceLutheran.TV)**

DRIVE-UP FOOD PANTRY AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

We have a free, drive-up, food pantry for any of our neighbors who may be in need of food during this difficult time. It is our sincere prayer that we can be a blessing to our community as we get through this pandemic together.

We do require that you make an appointment by calling the church at 603-888-7579 and ask for our Secretary, Dianna, who manages the schedule. We do have to space out our client visits. If you do not need help but know someone who does, please pass on this information. The church is located between World Academy and the Fire Station at 130 Spit Brook Rd., Nashua, NH.

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If you are interested in membership, please call Bob Guernsey at (508)380-4351 or Ron Keohane at (508)517-3895.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thursday, February 11th - Chinese New Year's Eve**
- **Sunday, February 14th ~ Valentine's Day**
- **Monday, February 15th ~ Presidents Day**
- **Wednesday, February 17th ~ Ash Wednesday**
- **Thursday, February 25th ~ Purim Begins at Sundown**



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Please join our growing network of neighborhood volunteers – it is fun & rewarding for the whole family! On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GrotonFoodProject/>

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Growing Towards Dependence

by Nathan Combs

Independence is an important mark of physical development. When children are born, they are completely dependent on their parents for everything. But as months and years progress, children become increasingly self-reliant as their minds and bodies develop at a rapid rate. They take great delight in taking actions themselves, because growing abilities are accompanied by a growing sense of control over their own lives. Growing independence in children is also valued by their parents, who enjoy their diminishing physical workload: fewer diapers to change, less spoon-feeding at meal-times, fewer occasions to buckle a carseat, etc. Eventually, fully-mature adults are able to perform complicated actions like driving a car, taking on the demands of a career, and establishing a separate household from their parents.

As much as physical development grows towards independence, spiritual maturity grows in the opposite direction. The entire story arc of Scripture teaches us to deeply distrust our own personal abilities to navigate life, beginning from Adam and Eve's disastrous decision to eat the forbidden garden fruit. The necessity of complete reliance on God is also explicitly taught in both Old and New Testaments. For example, as the prophet Jeremiah rebuked his generation for their idolatry and the "stupid" shepherds of the people who did not inquire of the Lord, he prayed this: "I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10.23). In Matthew we are encouraged by Jesus to ask for our "daily bread" (Matthew 6.11). In 1 Peter 2.2, the apostle Peter instructs us to consider ourselves as helpless newborn infants, screaming urgently to obtain the satisfying milk they require. Later in the same letter, Peter commands us to "humble" ourselves under God's mighty hand, "casting all your anxieties on him" (1 Peter 5.6-7).

Unlike a human parent-child relationship, God does not only carry us, feed us, and clothe us at the beginning of our connection with Him. There is no expectation that we will progress past a point of total dependence on His power and wisdom. Yes, mature Christians are expected to have their "powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5.14), but this in no way suggests a lessening of our need for God and His further training. After all, Job was a giant of righteousness *before* his trials pushed him even closer to God (Job 1.8, 2.3). Yes, mature Christians are expected to possess strength within them, but that strength entirely originates "in the Lord" and "in the strength of his might" (Ephesians 6.10).

An "I can do it myself" attitude is cute in a one year old who is learning how to walk by himself. But just as Moses told the Israelites: "you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son..." (Deuteronomy 1.31), so it is that God invites us to trust Him to completely carry us.

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

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.... There will be **NO MEETINGS** at the Dunstable Library until further notice

WELCOME 2021

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating this month!

Senior Services

• **VALENTINE BRUNCH - Reminder if you signed up** by February 3 for **Drive-Thru EVENT Just GRAB & GO** Sponsored by RiverCourt Residences in West Groton, Wednesday **Feb 10, 2021 10:00 -11:30am**, Stop by, say HELLO, and **pick up** your complimentary meal. RiverCourt Residences • 8 West Main Street, Groton, MA 01450 RiverCourt Residence has been very supportive to our local seniors. We hope many of you took advantage of this FREE offer.

• **Sand Delivery** It's not too late. We want all our seniors to stay safe. The Dunstable Highway Dept. will once again deliver a bucket of sand to any senior so they can keep their sidewalk & steps safe. Just let us know.

• **Book Delivery** is available through the Dunstable Library on Thursdays. Just let Anne know if you or someone you know needs books or audio material. Call 978-649-7830

• **Book Group** Our meeting will be held in the community room of the Dunstable Church on **Saturday, February 20 at 10:30am**. We will be reading **The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. Summary: Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.** On **March 20** we will be discussing **The Baker's Secret by Stephen Kiernan. Summary: A dazzling novel of World War II—a shimmering tale of courage, determination, optimism, and the resilience of the human spirit, set in a small Normandy village on the eve of D-Day. Everyone is responsible for getting their own copy of these books. There are many copies available thru MVLC/ Dunstable Library.**

• **Bone Builders Program** A balance and strength training exercise program can be viewed thru a video on you tube provided by the Tyngsboro Senior Center. Jean Jacoppi will lead the class. Search **Crystal Lake Rv Bone Builders**

• **Van Service** is available for medical appointments and grocery shopping. Cost is \$5.00 for local trips, Lowell, Chelmsford, Nashua, Tyngsboro, Westford, Ayer, Groton & Pepperell. \$10.00 for any other. Check with Anne Fenochetti as soon as you know when your appointment is to make sure a ride is available.

• **Meals on Wheels** Do you or someone you know need the services of Meals on Wheels? This service is now being merged with Tyngsboro's MOW. For more information contact Merrimack Valley Elder Services 1-800-892-0890

• **Medicare** Remember if you are turning 65 you should contact Social Security to enroll in Medicare. Medicare has no connection to your eligibility for social security benefits. If you have questions call Elder Services at 1-800-892-0890.

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ANNUAL

COMMUNITY PIE BAKE-OFF

Once again, this year we are unable to hold this popular event. So many yummy pies to taste. So, we thought you might like to try making one of the past winners yourself. We all seem to have enough time on our hands this year. ENJOY!

PEACH PIE

• **Filling:** 1 (1lb 13oz) can sliced peaches drained, ½ C sugar, 2T cornstarch, 2T corn syrup, 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice (1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp nutmeg, ½ tsp ginger), 2 tsp vanilla
• **You will need pie crust for a 2 crust pie.** Combine all of the above ingredients and pour into an unbaked pie crust.
• **Topping:** 2 eggs slightly beaten, 1/3 c sugar, 3oz cream cheese softened, ½ c sour cream, 1T lemon juice and 2T peach juice
Cook eggs, sugar & peach juice over low heat till thickened. Blend cream cheese, sour cream & lemon juice. Gradually add hot mixture, stir till completely smooth. Pour over peach filling, apply top crust. Brush with peach juice. Bake 425° for 10 min. then 350° for 30 - 35 min. or until golden brown.

BANANA CREAM PIE

• **Filling:** 2 ¼ cups milk, ½ C sugar, Dash salt, ¼ C cornstarch, 3 egg yolks, 2T butter, 4 ripe bananas, 1 ½ C heavy cream, 4T sugar, 1 tsp vanilla.
• **Scald** 2 C milk, sugar & salt. **In another bowl** mix cornstarch, ¼ c milk & egg yolks. Whisk this mixture with scalded milk. Cook over low heat till thick, 4-5 min. stirring constantly. Stir in butter & vanilla. Cool at room temp for ½ hour whisking occasionally. Then chill in refrigerator for another ½ hour. Beat whipped cream adding 4T sugar & 1 tsp vanilla. Cut the bananas into thin slices.
• **You will need 1 baked pie crust.** Fill pie crust alternating a layer of custard with a layer of bananas 2 - 3 times. Finish with a layer of bananas, then cover with whipped cream.

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This year will be our 9th annual raffle (Commonwealth of MA #36). Our fundraiser will be a Calendar Raffle with daily prizes for the month of April. Mondays through Saturdays, \$50 will be awarded daily. Sundays, a prize of \$100 and the Grand Prize of \$550 awarded on April 30th. 30 Cash prizes will total \$2,200.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Cara Taylor (603-714-0135). Drawing results will be on our website. Winners will also be contacted by phone. All entries must have been received by March 31, 2021. We appreciate and thank you for any donation you can provide to the foundation.

For any other information you may need, including access to scholarship applications, please visit the website at www.jamesjacoppisolarshipfund.com or Facebook Page.

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If you prefer to stay home, Services are available on line.

• **TO WATCH LIVE SERVICES,**

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• **SERMONS ON-LINE:** Weekly sermons by Pastor Frediani: 1. Log onto the church website <http://www.tyngsborocongregational.org> 2. Click once on the word "SERMONS" 3. Sermons listed by date, passage, sermon title. You may click on "Jump to the Current Sermon. To find the most recent.

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Here's what to know:

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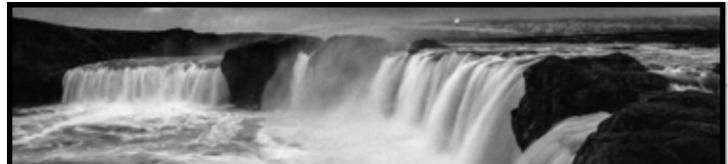
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Senior appointment hours for license renewals, and registration and title services appointments effective in February, will continue to be offered on Wednesdays **at the following 17 RMV Service Center locations (hours vary by location)**: Brockton, Danvers, Fall River, Greenfield, Lawrence, Leominster, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, New Bedford, North Adams, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Revere, South Yarmouth, Springfield, Watertown, and Worcester.

Below are the options for seniors to schedule in-person appointments during designated service hours:

- If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ID or conduct certain other transactions at a AAA location. Visit aaa.com/appointments to schedule your visit.
- If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to renew or conduct most other transactions at an RMV Service Center. Visit the Make/Cancel a Reservation transaction tab in the MyRMV Service Center and select "Senior Transaction" for all available RMV transactions. Reservations can be booked two weeks in advance.
- **Email the RMV for assistance:** MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma.us.
- **Call the RMV at 857-368-8005.**

General appointments for license and ID renewals or registration and title transactions, as well as other essential in-person needs including drop-off registration and title services, are available to all customers at select locations throughout the business week.

Additional information on RMV service offerings and appointments can be found at www.Mass.Gov/RMV, including more than 40 transactions that can be conducted online, by mail, or by phone. The RMV recommends that all customers get ready online before their appointment.

Anyone conducting in-person business at an RMV customer service location must wear a face-covering and will continue to be served by appointment only. Appointments for many RMV transactions can also be made at AAA customer locations if the customer is a member of AAA.

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As we've seen in the past year, global pandemics are not occasions for the Christian to grow stagnant. They're actually opportunities for the Christian, and the Gospel, to thrive! Let's not settle for a Christianity only lived and pursued on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30.

One of the goals we have as the church is to provide supplemental ways to pursue that growth, both individually and communally. The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. In the first quarter of 2021, we have 3 opportunities for you to connect in community and grow in faith. Please find all three listed below, along with a description.

As you consider any of the below offerings, before you think of a reason why you can't do it, because those may be the first thoughts that enter your brain, try to think of a reason why you can and should!

Mark Study Part 2 Sign up on the church website (dunstablechurch.org) for the weekly Bible study of the book of Mark (part 2) on Sundays 9:00-10:15 AM. The class is hybrid in-person and on Zoom. Please contact the group leader, Rodrigo Cardoso, with questions. (maximiliancardoso@gmail.com) Sign up at this link: [Bible Study of Mark Part 2 Sign Up](#) on the website.

Soul Care Group The Soul Care group will meet three times on the last Sunday of the month. This sign up is for the monthly meetings on the Sundays Feb 28, and Mar 29, 7:00-8:30 PM. By signing up, you commit to the best of your ability to attend each of the three meetings. You also commit to the best of your ability to share honestly from your soul and listen carefully to others. Please contact the facilitator, Peggy Drew, with questions. (peggy-j-d@hotmail.com). If there is interest, the group will continue. Sign up at this link on the website: [Soul Care Group Sign up](#)

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All of the Team members have left the Church at one time and have returned, providing a comfortable and understanding atmosphere for others looking to return. The program is designed to answer most of the questions returning Catholics might have and some discussion to address any individual concerns (don't worry; participants can share as little or as much as they'd like).

Anyone interested can contact the parish office at 603-882-7793, or visit our website www.stkathryns.org/chc. Registration is required.

CLOTHING SHED AT DUNSTABLE CHURCH IS OPEN!



The clothing donation shed at the Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church, 518 Main St, Dunstable MA, which was temporarily closed due to global effects of the pandemic, is now open to the public.

If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with a network of businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. The Dunstable Church additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau. Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.

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Fortunately, building equity can be easy. Every month you increase your home equity by making your mortgage payment. If you want to build your equity even further, there are several ways to do it, including:

- **Buying in an up-and-coming market.** If home values in your neighborhood start to rise, so will your property value. That can mean more equity, too.
- **Increasing your down payment.** The more you put down, the less your lender will need to loan you, and the larger your equity stake will be.
- **Paying more on your mortgage.** Putting extra toward your mortgage loan — either each month or a few times a year — can help you pay down your balance and increase your share. Consider putting your annual tax refund toward your loan to really make a dent.
- **Renovating your home.** Anything that improves your home's value also increases your equity. Choose your projects wisely, and reach out if you need some help getting started.
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Seniors can choose from more than 30 courses. There are no learning prerequisites, no tests and no credits earned. Membership fee is \$50.00 for one or more courses.

Course topics include literature, history, music, fine arts, technology, philosophy, personal safety, personal growth, writing, politics and the world, health, arts and crafts, enrichment, and yoga.

Zoom is easy to use, and RISE will provide support for individuals who might be hesitant to participate using this format. Zoom allows a continuation of lifelong learning and provides a way to connect while RISE is off campus.

Information for the course listings and the link to register will be at www.rivier.edu/riase. The registration period is from February 1 to February 14. Deadline to register is end of the day on February 14.

The RISE program, tailored for “learning in retirement,” is in its twenty-fourth year. Individuals over age 55 are welcome to learn more about RISE from the RISE website www.rivier.edu/riase and/or www.facebook.com/RISE1997. Additional information is available by calling (603) 897-8623.

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highly recommend that you thoroughly read the guidelines—set forth by both Governor Baker and the Archdiocese—that need to be strictly followed for both registering for and attending Mass. **(Go to our website for details.)** Being well-versed in what is expected, you can make better make a decision as to whether or not Mass attendance at this time is right for you. **No reservations needed for Daily Mass just weekend Mass.**

Phone-In Reservations we ask only those who **DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE** use this option. Call the parish

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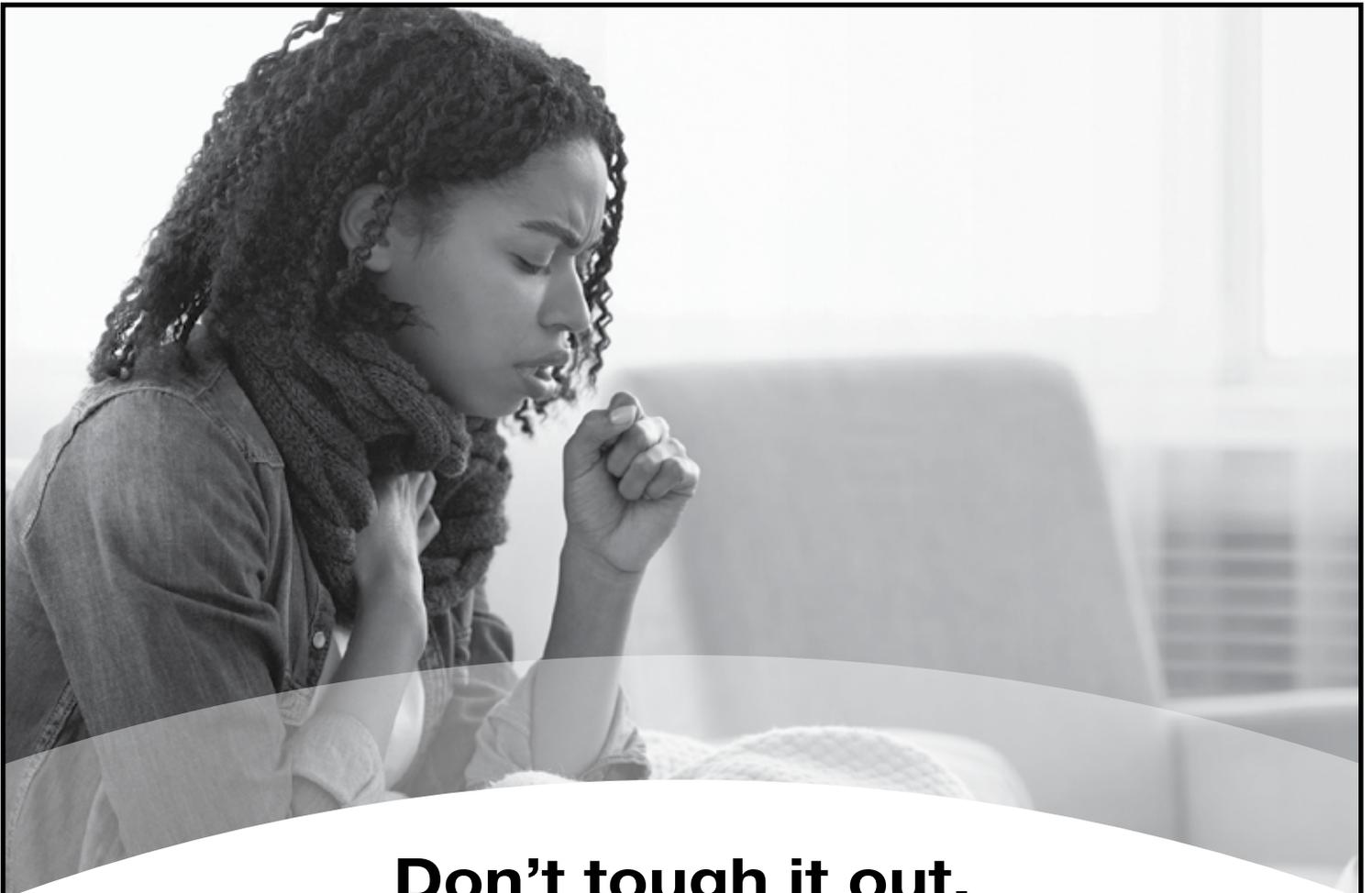
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We have updated our clothing donation drop off process in order to streamline it. We have made the following changes - if you are donating **only clothing** we are open to those donations Tuesday-Friday 9-2:45pm and Saturday 9-12:45pm, no appointment necessary. **If you are donating other goods such as housewares and furniture** we will continue to schedule those drop offs through our email donategoods@thewishproject.org. We are hopeful that this will make it easier for our donors to drop off their donations at their convenience.

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**BRUSH GALLERY AND STUDIOS AND
LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ANNOUNCE
INVITATION TO AN
ART EXHIBITION FOR SPRING 2021**

Lowell, MA – Brush Art Gallery & Studios and Lowell National Historical Park announced their call for entries for a juried exhibition on the theme “What does community look like to you?”

Community will showcase artists at any stage in their careers and from across the United States. Those interested in exhibiting are invited to submit up to 3 images for consideration. Six hundred dollars in prizes will be awarded. The exhibition prospectus is <http://www.lowellartshows.com/NPS/>

Entries must be submitted online and received no later than 11:59 pm on Friday, March 26, 2021.

The exhibition will be on view May 1 to June 12, 2021, with the virtual opening reception on Saturday May 8 at 2:00 PM EDT.

Why this theme? Lowell National Historical Park is currently partnering with community members to develop a future exhibit in the Mogan Cultural Center about Lowell’s cultural diversity. As another way to explore cultural expression we would like to see how artists from across the country experience or observe “community” for this juried exhibition at the Brush Art Gallery.

Community connections can be place-based (neighborhoods, businesses), practice-centered (sports, social clubs, virtual), and goal or belief-centered (religion, politics). Share what “community” looks like to you and show us how you represent it.

The panel of exhibition jurors includes:

Ekua Holmes is an artist, illustrator, curator and an active member of Boston’s art community. A native of Roxbury, MA and a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, she has devoted her practice to nurturing contemporary Black Art traditions in Boston.

Beth C. McLaughlin is Artistic Director and Chief Curator of Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Massachusetts. McLaughlin has held leadership and curatorial roles in the arts and museum fields for over 25 years at institutions across the U.S.

Marjorie Rawle is an emerging curator based in Greater Boston and is currently the Terrana Assistant Curator at the Fitchburg Art Museum (FAM) which is nationally recognized for its outstanding service to its community.

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, eleven studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Brush is supported by Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.

For more information, please visit: <http://thebrush.org>.

Lowell National Historical Park is a unique urban national park, founded in 1978, dedicated to preserving and exploring Lowell’s continuing history as the nation’s first large-scale textile manufacturing city. The park works in partnership with community organizations, local residents, and visitors to tell stories of technology, labor, immigration, women’s rights, and the industrial economy in Lowell and beyond. Over 500,000 visitors annually visit Lowell National Historical Park museum sites, participate in interactive canal and trolley tours, view operating mill machinery, participate in hands-on family programs, attend special events, and more. **For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/lowe>.**

Brush Gallery Hours:

April 1 to December 31

Tues—Sat: 11am to 4 pm | Sun: 12 - 4 pm

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Exhibit Dates: May 1 to June 12, 2021

Virtual Reception: Saturday May 8, 2 PM

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