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## TYNGSBOROUGH TOWN CLERK NEWS

• **The Town Hall is open by appointment only.** Most services can be provided through the mail including birth, death, marriage and business certificates. Voter registration and party changes can be completed on-line at [Mass.gov](http://Mass.gov) and searching for voter registration. *Applying for a marriage license is one of the few things that still requires the applicants to appear in person. Please call the office to set up an appointment.*

• **2021 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Based on the current restrictions on residents entering the building, you are encouraged to renew your dog licenses 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 send to Tyngsborough Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped envelope for the license.**

• **Offices to be elected in 2021 Three Year Term:** Board of Selectmen (2), Assessor, Board of Health (2), Cemetery Commission, Constable (2), Finance Committee (2), Library Trustee (2), School Committee (3), Sewer Commission, Town Clerk

**Two Year Term:** Cemetery Commission

**Five Year Term:** Housing Authority, Planning Board

• **Census Forms** were sent early in January. Please make changes, sign and return. The census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your political party.

Stay safe!

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to [jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov) with any questions.

## NOTICE

### TYNGSBOROUGH WATER DISTRICT

Nomination papers are available for one (1), 3 year term for Water Commissioner. **Nomination papers need to be returned by February 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM** and can be obtained at the Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Avenue, Unit 2.

**The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 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.

**The Annual/Special Meetings of the District** will be held on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at the District Office. Warrants and additional information will be available at the Water District Office.

**Signed: Board of Water Commissioners**

Tyngsborough Water District, 87 Progress Ave, Unit 2,  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-4577

## IN MEMORY OF

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## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

As of this writing, the Scouts of Troop 46 are preparing for their annual Scouting for Food drive to help fulfill one part of the scout oath, "to help other people". The drive in Tyngsboro is held in February in conjunction with the annual celebration of the founding of the boy scout movement in America on February 8, 1910. **There is a great need to restock the shelves after the holidays so Troop 46 will continue this tradition to help the local food pantry.**

Many, many thanks to all residents who donated food to last year's drive. **The food pantry at St. Mary Magdalen parish in Tyngsboro was extremely grateful to be able to restock their shelves.** All food collected this year will again be delivered to this food pantry.

The scouts delivered bags generously donated by Trader Joe's, on the weekend of January 30/31. Suggested food/paper/toiletries items are listed along with a contact number. Bags are scheduled to be picked up on February 6th. If they were not picked up please call the number that was listed on the bag, unless you made other arrangements.

**Since there are not enough scouts to canvass the entire town, if you did not receive a bag on January 30/31 and would like to make a donation, please call (978) 649-6745. A scout will be assigned to call you and arrange for a pick up date/time.**

Buy local!  
Invest in your community!

## TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING



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

**Mailing Address: 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879**

Email: Broche@tyngsboroughma.gov

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

### **Snow Cancellation Policy: IF SCHOOL has CANCELLED**

The Center will still be **OPEN**. If Town Hall offices are closed in Tyngsborough due to a snow storm the Tyngsborough COA will be closed. *When in doubt call 978-649-9211 and see if we're open.*

**From Barbara** We are still in this pandemic and closed to the general public. This pandemic has hit all of us in so many ways. Stay tuned for any new developments regarding the reopening of the senior center for activities and programs. As of now, we have nothing planned. We are still providing Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors, van service for medical and shopping and outreach for those in need. Please feel free to call the center and we will do whatever we can to help!! I want to give a big **Thank You** to Rick Gill, the Highway Department, AMVETS, Tyngsboro Sportsmen's Club, Sherburne Lumber, Provencher Insurance and others for their generous donations towards reduced price bus rides for our senior citizens. This has been an ongoing tradition in our community. Our homebound seniors are on a fixed income, this allows them to continue to go shopping, medical appointments and other rides at a reduced rate. Due to the generosity of all of you, they have been able to continue reduced rate rides all year! We have also received other private donations from citizens to benefit our seniors.

### **• COA BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30**

**• MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED:** The Center is looking for **Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers**. You will be compensated for your gas with a stipend. Doesn't need to be claimed on taxes. Call 978-649-9211. Once or twice a week. We really need your help.

**• PROJECT LINUS PROGRAM** The Center is in need of some 2 ply yarn for our Project Linus Program which provides blankets for children who have experienced some kind of trauma. Volunteers make blankets from home and donate them.

**• HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION MEALS (Meals on Wheels Program)** Tyngsborough residents 60+ can call the **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890 to see if you qualify**. The Tyngsborough Council on Aging distributes meals from our facility on behalf of ESMV. We deliver to homebound and clients who are on homecare short term.

**• 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 **Laura Marsan 978-946-1303**, Applications also available at the Senior Center stop by or call 978-649-9211.

**• Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills? Help is available!** The Fuel Assistance Program run by Community Team Work, helps income-eligible households pay part of their winter heating bills and a small % of your electric bill. If your gross household income falls within the limits, you may qualify for fuel assistance. To set up an appointment with Charlene Muscato call the Senior Center 978-649-9211, appointments are from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. No walk ins! Don't suffer from the cold. Put your pride aside and stay warm.

**• SENIOR CARE PANTRY AT THE TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING, 169 Westford Rd, Tyngsborough Mass, 978-649-9211** Our Senior Pantry is getting low we are always accepting donations of non-perishable food items that are easy for seniors to open, easy to chew, and require little preparation. With COVID - 19 we would like to make sure our senior have enough food through the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the Tyngsborough Council on Aging, Monday-Friday 9-3. Items Needed: Hearty Soups, Canned Baked Beans, Canned Fruits, Snacks, Canned Vegetables, Desserts, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Ravioli, Mac & Cheese Box, Canned Coffee & Tea, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Peanut Butter Jam or Jelly, also shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap. Thank you.



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## Tyler's Timely Technical Tips

By Tyler Denommee

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!

**Got a question? Drop me a note!**

[tyler.d@denommeep plumbing.com](mailto:tyler.d@denommeep plumbing.com)

*Tyler*

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## TYNGSBOROUGH VETERAN'S AGENT

As a result of legislative changes benefits available to our Veterans have substantially increased in the last few years. Most recently, Congress passed H.R. 6395, the *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)* which adds certain conditions to the list of Agent Orange conditions eligible for benefits. **The list added the following conditions:** Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroidism, Parkinsonism

If you put in a claim for these conditions in the past and were denied then contact me about more information.

If you are a Veteran who was exposed to Agent Orange or the family member of a Veteran who died of one of these conditions or other conditions resulting from exposure to Agent Orange you may be entitled to benefits through the V.A.

Those affected by the Vietnam "Blue Water" rule as well as amendments to V.A. laws have opened the door for Veterans to receive more of what they deserve. The "Blue Water" court ruling has allowed Navy and Veterans who served in the waters surrounding Vietnam to apply for Agent Orange presumptive conditions. If you think you were exposed and have health conditions due to the exposure then call me for more information.

Do you know a neighbor or friend who may be a Veteran, Veteran widower, widow or dependents of a Veteran that may be eligible for financial assistance from my office? I may be able to help them with basic living expenses, rent or mortgage heating cost, prescriptions, monthly healthcare premiums and hospital/doctor bills not covered by your Medicare or other insurance.

I can also help with filing or questions about V.A. disability and pension claims.

The Veteran's Office is a confidential office where your identity is completely confidential. Please call or email the office to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely, Christopher W. Dery, Tyngsborough Veteran's Agent,  
25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879  
978-649-2300 X131 [veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:veteransagent@tyngsboroughma.gov)

## THE FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBORO ELDERLY, INC.

We welcome all who support the Tyngsboro Senior Center activities and fundraisers through your membership in the Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. It is through your yearly (\$10) membership that we are able to provide special dinners and lunches, speakers, and entertainment throughout the year.

**Members of the Board met recently to decide on the next activity, when allowed.** Board members include: Joe Jacoppi, President; Elaine Rivard, Clerk; Carol Sides, Treasurer; and Leon Poirier, Elaine Franks, Mary Basiliere, and Joanne Jean.

**The Friends of the Tyngsboro Elderly, Inc. is a 5013C NonProfit Organization of over one hundred members. Please call Elaine Rivard (978-649-7689) for a membership form to be mailed to you. Again, thank you for your support.**

## TYNGSBOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

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Be on the lookout for (virtual) Trivia Night in March, along with the Business Drive.

A reminder to the 2020 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 first or second payment. Please contact Bonnie McGrath Treasurer, at [thebend2@comcast.net](mailto:thebend2@comcast.net) with any questions regarding payment.

Calling all (High School Parents or anyone else interested). The TST meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7pm. **(For the time being, we will continue to meet via Zoom).** For 58 years volunteers from the 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 join us!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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## THE STITCHERS

The Stitchers are still continuing to make items for those in need. Afghans, shawls, lap robes, baby Layettes, mittens, hats, and scarfs. All Stitchers are working from home at this time.

If you are interested in helping out with these projects, if you have yarn you would like to donate or have questions or comments, please contact **Jean Jacoppi, Coordinator (978-649-9076)**.



## FRIENDS OF THE TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**\*\* Although we don't have a book sale in the near future, jigsaw puzzles for kids and adults are available at the entrance to the Children's Library.** Puzzles are being donated and can be viewed and selected without entering the Library. The Library staff will help and accepts cash (or check) donations, and we are suggesting \$1 per puzzle. This is a small fundraiser and will help with funding programs and passes.

**\*\* Whether or not the Library is open to the public, you can help youth in need by paying for a young adult book at book sale prices, and donating the book to the Mass. Department of Youth Services.** The books go to incarcerated youth who are in need of books to read. The prices are \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperback, which helps two good causes, for the youth who receive the books and the Friends who will pay for library programs. You can select books and pay in the Library if the Library is open to the public, otherwise, go to the Children's Library entrance to inform a staff member and pay.

**\*\* Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm on Zoom.** Join us on **March 1** (annual membership meeting and elections for Vice-President and Treasurer), April 5, May 3, and June 7. Let us know by email at [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com) if you will attend so we can send you an invitation.

**\*\* Scholarship applications** are once again available to high school seniors who will be graduating this year. See the Library website, Friends tab, for the application which is **due by Friday, March 19, 2021.**

**\*\* The Friends will fund a presentation on Thursday, March 11, 7-8pm of a memoir, The Call of Kilimanjaro: Finding Hope Above the Clouds, with a multimedia tour of Tanzania and Kilimanjaro.** Contact the Library for more information.

**\*\* The Friends still have museum, park and zoo passes for venues that are open.** Check the Library website for availability.

**\*\* Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FOTPL>.**

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## **DRIVE-UP FOOD PANTRY AVAILABLE**

**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.*





## TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 978-649-7361 [www.tynglib.org](http://www.tynglib.org)

**COVID-19 update: the Library is currently not open to visitors. Curbside pickup** of materials is offered. Please see the TPL web-site for safety protocols and guidelines for these services.

**CLOSED Monday, February 15, in observance of Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day**

• **50+ Jobseekers Networking Group via Zoom** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, January-June. Professional career coach will present on relevant topics and guide hands-on skills workshops. Meetings will also feature guest speakers and access to hiring managers. See the TPL calendar for topics and registration information.

• **Basics of Home Networking via Zoom, Wednesday, February 17, 7-8:30 p.m.** John Carlson will present on how to make home networking work for you. Learn how to identify and understand your network, speed test Wi-Fi, manage the local home router and conduct effective troubleshooting. **Register** via the TPL calendar.

• **The Call of Kilimanjaro via Zoom, Thursday, March 11, 7-8 p.m.** Jeff Belanger, author, TV producer and expert on legends will discuss his new memoir, *The Call of Kilimanjaro: Finding Hope above the Clouds*. Take a multimedia tour of Tanzania and the great mountain that has inspired so many. Spiritual, motivational, and uplifting, this program will take you up 19,341 feet to Africa's highest peak and back home again. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

• **Reading Stories in Animal Tracks! Thursday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. via Zoom. Ages 4-12. Registration required.** Discover the tracks of our local mammals, along with their other signs, such as fur traces, scat and scratch marks! Learn all about who lives in our woods and how to make some track rubbings! *Each attendee will receive a copy of the book Track, Scats & Signs TO KEEP!*

• **Sew a Bookbag! Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m. via Zoom. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Take It & Make It!** Learn to hand sew your very own bookbag! Complete kits for project will be available for pickup at TPL on Wed, Feb 24.

**Storytime with Ms. Sam! Ages 3-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom.** Check the TPL calendar for more details.

• **Take & Make It Crafts! Ages 5-10. Thursdays.** Easy craft kits for kids available for pick-up every Thursday afternoon. A new craft every week with supplies included. Call to reserve or pick one up at the Children's Room entrance, for as long as supplies last.

• **Take a look at these at these NEW e-resources available to you 24/7 through the TPL website!**

Go to Reference>e-Resources & Databases for:

**TumbleBook Library** for e-books for kids with over 1100 titles, for grades K-6

**Scholastic Teachables** for printable worksheets, lesson plans, learning games and more for any subject, for grades pre-K to 6

**Hoopla** to stream or download movies, music, audiobooks, e-books, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, phone or TV

**SPORTDiscus with Full Text** for sports and sports medicine research; with hundreds of sports medicine journals, an essential tool for those interested in fitness, health and sports

• TPL staff are available for assistance via email ([circdesk@tynglib.org](mailto:circdesk@tynglib.org)) or phone with any aspect of using the online resources.

• **Board of Library Trustees** Meetings are generally held monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Check the TPL or Town websites for scheduled meetings.

• **Register for TPL programs by calling the Library or using the contact form on the website.**

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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!



### TYNGSBOROUGH RECREATION

**Call 978-649-2300 Ext. 150**

The Recreation Committee meets at the Old Town Hall 10 Kendall Road. **Meeting dates and additional information may be found on our website at [TyngsboroughRec.com](http://TyngsboroughRec.com)** Friend us on Facebook. Seeking new members. Join us!

• **SHAMROCK BALL** For Daughters of all ages and their Dads (or Grandfather, Uncle, etc.) A Father-Daughter Dance with DJ, light refreshments, and a corsage for each girl. A photographer will be on site, offering packages to capture your special evening. **Sat, March 13, 2021 at Tyngsborough Elementary School** Advanced registration required ~

• **SHAMROCK PRINCESS** The Grad Night Committee in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, will again offer the title of "Shamrock Princess". Included in the title will be a princess tiara and sash, a photo package, special father-daughter dance and special gift. To enter the raffle on the package please visit the ticket website and select it as an option. **Drawn Thursday, March 11, 2021** Proceeds benefit The Class of 2021 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.

**Please watch for announcements concerning this event as the date approaches. [www.TyngsboroughRec.com](http://www.TyngsboroughRec.com) Check info on Facebook.**



## TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

*... is proud to announce Abigail Cornellier, Jared DeBruin, Brian Garner and Mariana Jennings as the January Students of the Month.*

**Abigail Cornellier**, daughter of Andy and Lisa Cornellier, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and a three-year recipient of the Principal's Award. She is also a member of the senior sidekicks, PALS, and student council. In addition, Abigail is a member of the THS varsity soccer and varsity alpine ski teams. She volunteers as a babysitter for town meetings and at many NHS events. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, enjoying the outdoors especially at the beach and in the mountains. Her favorite subjects are biology and Advanced Placement Language and Composition. Abigail's future goals include becoming a nurse practitioner, raising a family and being happy. "At THS I have gained many friends that I hope will last a lifetime. THS has allowed me to form relationships with teachers where I can always go to them for advice." She adds, "I try to be positive while doing it all."

**Jared DeBruin**, son of Martin and Joanne DeBruin, is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Business Award, the Outstanding Achievement in Media Studies Award and a three-year recipient of the Principal's Award. He is a member of PALS, and plays hockey for THS, earning him an all conference honorable mention and second team all conference recognition. In addition, he is a member of the THS lacrosse team, earning recognition as first team all conference his freshman season and his sophomore year as second team all conference. When not on the field or the ice, he enjoys working out. In the future, he would like to start a family and give back to the community. When looking back on his days at THS he'll remember, "The teachers greeting you with smiles on their faces every morning, wanting you to succeed, and forming the many friendships with peers and relationships with teachers is something I won't forget."

**Brian Garner**, son of Trish and Ken Garner, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. He is the recipient of the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, three-time recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, and a two-time recipient of both the Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies Award and the Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music Award. Brian is a member of DECA and a band member since elementary school. He is a member of the alpine ski team and a recipient of the Rookie of the Year and Coach's awards. As his Eagle Scout project, Brian spearheaded the Tyngsborough Waterway Awareness Project, installing waterway identification signs throughout the town. His hobbies include hiking, camping, skiing and enjoying the outdoors. His lifetime goal is to live in the moment and enjoy his life. While at THS, "I have made many friends and discovered who I am."

**Mariana Jennings**, daughter of Michelle and Rob Jennings, is a two-year member of both the National Honor Society (NHS) and International Thespian Society (ITS), and elected vice president of ITS. She is a two-time recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Theater Award and a three-time Principal's Award recipient. She has been a member of the Tyngsborough Public School theater program since 2012 and is currently the stage manager. She is involved in many community service events through NHS, including organizing a summer food drive. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, painting, playing guitar and listening to music. Her favorite subjects are science (especially chemistry) and theater. Mariana's goals include moving to New York City to attend college, finding a job as a scientist while continuing to pursue her interests in theater and art. "I will never forget some of the things that I've done here at THS. Memories of running around the school late at night during a show with those friends are some of the fondest ones that I have."

*Congratulations to all four of these students.*

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**\*\* Whether or not the Library is open to the public, you can help youth in need by paying for a young adult book at book sale prices, and donating the book to the Mass. Department of Youth Services.** The books go to incarcerated youth who are in need of books to read. The prices are \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperback, which helps two good causes, for the youth who receive the books and the Friends who will pay for library programs. You can select books and pay in the Library if the Library is open to the public, otherwise, go to the Children's Library entrance to inform a staff member and pay.

**\*\* Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm on Zoom.** Join us on **March 1** (annual membership meeting and elections for Vice-President and Treasurer), April 5, May 3, and June 7. Let us know by email at [tynglibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tynglibfriends@gmail.com) if you will attend so we can send you an invitation.

**\*\* Scholarship applications** are once again available to high school seniors who will be graduating this year. See the Library website, Friends tab, for the application which is **due by Friday, March 19, 2021.**

**\*\* The Friends will fund a presentation on Thursday, March 11, 7-8pm** of a memoir, **The Call of Kilimanjaro: Finding Hope Above the Clouds, with a multimedia tour of Tanzania and Kilimanjaro.** Contact the Library for more information.

**\*\* The Friends still have museum, park and zoo passes for venues that are open.** Check the Library website for availability.

**\*\* Like us on Facebook at** <https://www.facebook.com/FOTPL>.



### NEW HELP TO QUIT MENTHOL TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking and vaping may put people at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, especially because they can weaken the immune system and damage the lungs. With menthol tobacco products unavailable and COVID-19 risks continuing, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has found a new way to help people quit. The Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline is offering up to three gift cards totaling \$50 to people who use menthol tobacco products and the Helpline's free coaching services. Call the Helpline 1-800-QUIT NOW ([1-800-784-8669](tel:1-800-784-8669)) about the program and for free coaching and support 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Or enroll online at [makesmokinghistory.org](https://makesmokinghistory.org). Helping people who use menthol products quit is especially important because the tobacco industry has strategically and successfully targeted Black, Latinx and LGBTQ+ people with menthol products. As a result of aggressive marketing practices and pressures related to discrimination and daily stressors, menthol tobacco use is high in these communities.

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**Deadline for the March issue is February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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## TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB



We are hoping to resume our meetings and activities sometime this year as we hopefully get back to normal. Please stay safe and try to enjoy the beauty in nature all around us.

The Garden Club usually meets the first Tuesday of the month September-November and February-April. **Meetings will be on hold until further notice.**

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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.

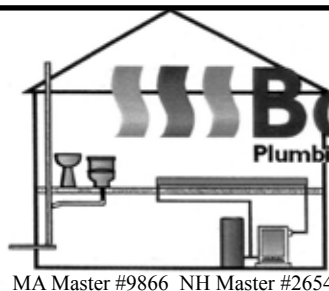


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## TYNGSBOROUGH MAKES SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

*by Sustainable Tyngsborough*

Many households are taking a new look at their waste habits and have made little to big changes that make our town more sustainable. Let's keep improving!

**Contamination in our Recyclables is WAY down!** In 2019, Waste Management audited Tyngsborough's recyclables. They found that 14.8% of our recycling tonnage was contamination (not a recyclable commodity they can sell). An audit was again performed after we wrapped up the Recycling IQ program. The result: only 5.7% contamination! Residents have learned that plastic bags and film, styrofoam, and construction debris like scrap metal and wood waste is not accepted for recycling curbside. Other problem materials considered contaminants are milk/juice cartons, single use straws, napkins, paper plates, and tangles (hangers, hoses). Our contamination rate is now the lowest in the area (ahead of Westford, which had a 7% contamination rate when last audited). *Stay vigilant - when in doubt, keep it out or check [www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org)*

**Composting is increasing!** Food waste can be more than 30% of our waste tonnage. Composting turns your food waste into nutritious soil. Several residents have begun or expanded backyard composting and a growing number are using private curbside food waste collection service. **Black Earth Compost** has committed to providing the BRIDGES Food Garden at TMS with one yard of finished garden soil for every household that signs up for their new curbside route in Tyngsborough. *To pre-register with **Black Earth**, or for more information about composting, visit the Town Trash & Recycling page.*

**1,000 Pounds of Plastic Bags and Film Have Been Collected at Town Hall!** The Sustainability Committee began this collection program to raise community awareness that plastic bags and film should NEVER be placed in your recycling cart and that you should NEVER bag your recycling. We partnered with Trex as a participant in their NexTrex recycling challenge. They have awarded the Town two composite benches, which will be used as part of the Long Pond Shores Trails project. Residents are encouraged to bring their plastic bags and film to their grocery store, where a recycling receptacle can be found in the entry ways. *To find additional drop off locations to recycle plastic bags and film, visit [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)*

*The Sustainability Committee is a sub-committee of the Tyngsborough Board of Selectmen. **We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Town Hall Community Room, or by Zoom when Town Hall is closed. The public is always welcome.***



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This year will be our 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**Here's what to know:**

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## RMV UPDATES

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is pleased to announce it will continue to offer **designated Wednesday appointment hours for customers 75 years of age or older through March 2021**. Individuals in this age group are required by state law to renew their Massachusetts driver's license in-person. Beginning in February, the RMV will also be expanding the license renewal appointments available for these customers to include registration and title services and transactions.

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](http://aaa.com/appointments) to schedule your visit.
- If you are not a AAA member, visit [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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**If you wish to stay home, simply click on the Facebook "f" on our home page on Sunday morning at 10:30 and we'll bring the service to you. Please join us!**

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**Go to our website [www.dunstablechurch.org](http://www.dunstablechurch.org) to learn how to sign up!** In-person, on Zoom, or a combination.

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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 ([dunstable-church.org](http://dunstable-church.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. ([maximiliocardoso@gmail.com](mailto:maximiliocardoso@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](mailto: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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## COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM

Coming Home to Catholicism is a program offered by St Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH as a two Session Retreat on consecutive Saturdays, March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. The program is for those who have left the Catholic Church, for any reason, and might be feeling the calling to return.

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](http://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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Information for the course listings and the link to register will be at [www.rivier.edu/riase](http://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](http://www.rivier.edu/riase) and/or [www.facebook.com/RISE1997](http://www.facebook.com/RISE1997). Additional information is available by calling (603) 897-8623.

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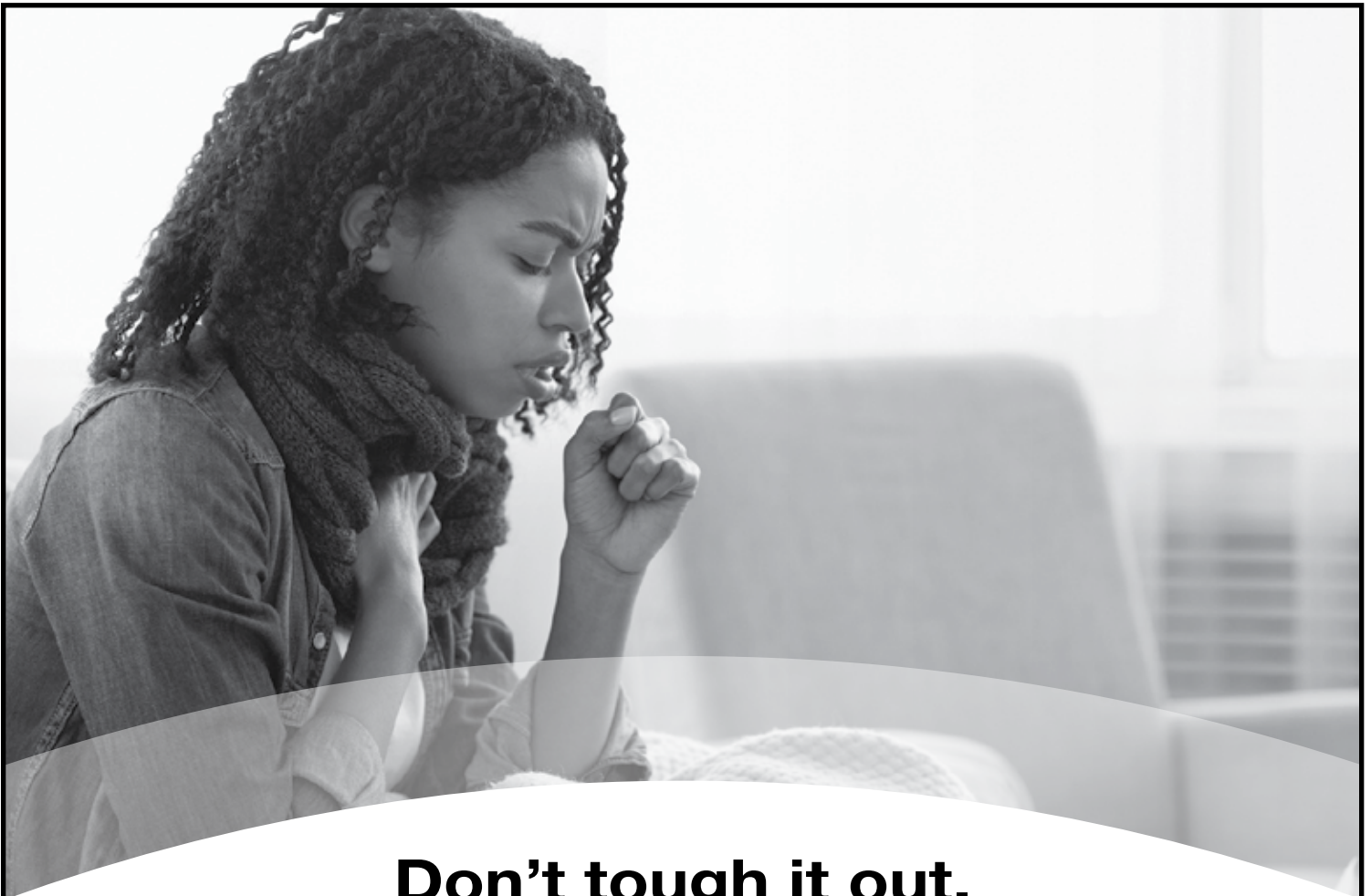
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Please call (866) 947-4360 before you drive to the warehouse to drop off donations. If the road conditions prevent us from opening there will be a message on the answering machine saying that we are closed. This will be our weather related closure policy. If you aren't sure about whether we are open please call first or check on our Facebook page where we will post if we are closed. Stay safe.

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](mailto: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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Staff and volunteers are busy putting together cleaning kits that will go out to clients. Each kit contains all the necessary items to keep their living spaces clean, and to keep their families healthy, such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, laundry detergent pods, and disinfectant cleaner. These kits are in high demand right now and are going out to clients just as fast as they are made up. Because of this, we are relying heavily on our generous donors. You are what makes our mission possible. If you have items that you would like to donate, please stop by the warehouse during our normal operating hours Tuesday - Saturday 9-2:45.

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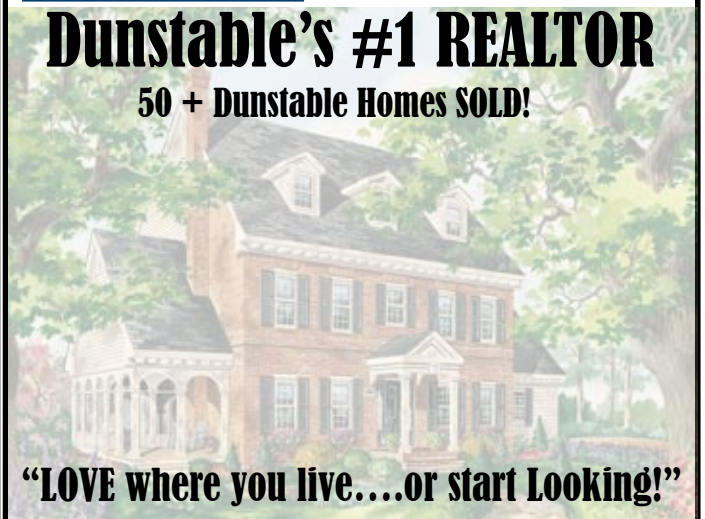


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This website contains a wealth of information about the Post.

Please remember to be safe & keep our troops in your prayers.



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Auxiliary Unit 247 Officers for 2019-2021:

President: Josephine Beauregard; Jr. Vice: Sarah O'Callaghan; Secretary: Patricia Modrich; Treasurer: Diane Dileo; Chaplain: Debbie Dion; Unit Sgt-At-Arms: Debra St. Peters. Executive Committee: Kathleen Oljey.

For information on the Auxiliary Unit contact Unit President Josephine Beauregard at 978-458-7015.



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President: Mark Alexander, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair: Joseph Ward, Treasurer: Bob Reich, Secretary: Laura Ward, Tail Twister: Meghan DeMonico.

Because of COVID-19 meetings are canceled at this time. **Anyone interested in joining the lions is asked to contact Joseph Ward at 978-930-1153.** Once we can meet again, we will let you know where, and when meetings will take place.

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**BRUSH GALLERY AND STUDIOS AND  
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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>.**

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