2020 EES PTO scholarship
Franklin County Technical School

The Erving Elementary PTO will be awarding (1) $200.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of the Franklin County Technical School. The scholarship is available to any June 2020 graduating senior, residing in Erving, who has attended a minimum of one year at the Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic and trade performance, citizenship, school/community involvement, and how they will use the money awarded to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.

Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at the FCTS guidance office or may be downloaded from the EES.com website

Completed application forms must be returned to the Erving Elementary School office by Friday April 27th, 2020.

Scholarship Opportunities
Erving Teachers’ Association
Erving PTO

The Erving Teachers’ Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards.

Winners of an ETA scholarship of $300 and a PTO scholarship of $200 will be chosen after the receipt of a complete application. The scholarship is available to any June 2019 or 2020 high school graduate who has attended Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic performance, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office or can be downloaded from the erving.com website.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 27, 2020.
Join us and be a part of visioning the future improvements of Erving Center. Meet the UMass Architecture Students! They can share their research and knowledge to help accentuate your ideas. This opportunity will benefit all and potentially lead to some fantastic results. Be motivated and inspired to create the town’s future.

**Wednesday March 4th 1:45 - 3:00 Erving Senior Center**
All are invited to meet UMass Architecture Students and share thoughts and ideas for the future of Erving Center

**Wednesday March 11th 1:45 - 3:00 Erving Town Hall**
All are invited to meet with Bryan Smith- *Town Administrator*, Mariah Kurtz- *Town Planner*, UMass Architecture Students, and other Town Officials to share thoughts and ideas for the future of Erving Center

There will be many more opportunities to get involved with Erving Center’s future! The students will be presenting the findings of their research to the Board of Selectmen in May.
THE FOLLOWING ELECTED POSITIONS WILL BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS ON MAY 11, 2020

Selectman for 3 years
Assessor for 3 years
Treasurer for 3 years
Library Trustee for 3 years
Moderator for 1 year
School Committee for 3 years – 2 Positions
School Committee for 1 year
Tree Warden for 1 year
Constable for 3 years
Planning Board for 3 years – 2 Positions
Recreation Commission for 3 years – 2 Positions
Board of Health for 3 years

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Nomination papers can be picked up in the Town Clerk’s Office anytime, but must be returned to the Town Clerk’s Office no later than March 18, 2020. There must be 20 valid signatures of registered voters in the Town of Erving to place your name on the ballot. It is recommended that you obtain extra signatures in the event that someone signs that is not a registered voter, which is a very common occurrence.

The Annual Town Meeting will be Wednesday May 6th, 2020 at the Erving Elementary School with the starting time to be set by the Board of Selectmen. The Annual Town Elections will be Monday May 11th with the polling hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Erving Town Hall, 12 East Main Street.
Cabin fever? Come out and enjoy the irresistible sounds of Southwest Louisiana. Wear your dancing shoes!
Show starts at 7:30 PM with Open Mic, 8:00 Zydeco Connection
Decadently Delicious Dessert-o-rama
Special Blend Fresh Brewed Coffee by Dean’s Beans

March 14 • Saturday • 7:30 PM

WENDELL TOWN HALL
NON-SMOKING
ALCOHOL FREE
UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS’ SERVICES DISTRICT
Veteran Resource and Referral Center located in Greenfield, satellite locations throughout the district

VETERANS’ SERVICES EFFECTIVE March 1 2020

YOUR VETERANS’ SERVICES are provided by: Tim Niejadlik Director, Chris Demars Deputy Director, Laura Thorne Veterans’ Services Assistant, and Brian Brooks Veterans’ Service Officer.

LOCATED AT: 294 Main Street Greenfield

OFFICE HOURS ARE: Mondays – Fridays 8:30am to 5pm

FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE DURING REGULAR HOURS DUE TO SCHEDULING OR TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, YOUR AGENT CAN MEET WITH YOU: By appointment, in your home or mutually agreeable location.

Satellite locations and hours in and around the Erving area:

Montague Senior Center : 1st & 3rd Wed. of every month 9am-11am
Erving Senior Center : 1st Wednesday of every month 1pm-3pm
Northfield Town Hall : 4th Tuesday of every month 9am-11am
Wendell Town Hall Drop In Visit 2nd Tuesday of every month 11:30 am

We now have a trained SHINE counselor on staff (Laura Thorne) She will begin meeting with any veteran or dependent of a veteran in our district to review health care programs. This will begin April 1st. Call for pre-screening and to make appointments with her

New Federal law allows "Blue Water Navy Veterans" who served within 12 miles of Vietnam to file or re-file for Agent Orange related diseases.

WE CAN BE CALLED AT: 413-772-1571 Leave a message on the answering machine if no answer or if you are calling after hours.
Town Wide Tag Sale 2020
Saturday April 25th 9:00a.m-3:00p.m.
Sunday April 26th Rain Date

The time for spring cleaning is fast approaching and the Friends are here to help advertise your hidden treasures. This annual event has become a staple of the Friends’ fundraising activities. By registering your tag sale for this annual event, you are making it possible for the Friends to provide prizes for the summer reading program or sponsor an event or program for the community.

The registration fee remains at a reasonable $15.00. By registering your tag sale, you will receive the following benefits: advertising signage through town along Route 2, advertising in 2 local newspapers for 2 days (4/24 & 4/25); listing on map, on the library and town’s website, Facebook page and tag sale websites, and maps at your tag sale site and at local businesses. In keeping with the ‘green community’ mission, the quantity of paper maps will be limited but maps will be posted on local business announcement boards for patrons to use as a reference or for patrons to photograph using their cell phones.

If you want your tag sale location to appear on the map with the list of tag sale addresses, please mail to or drop off your registration fee and form by 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 to the Erving Public Library, 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344. If you have questions or concerns, you can e-mail the Friends at ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com or call the library at (413)423-3348.

The Friends will accept donations of books/media starting April 1 at the library. Plants to be donated can be left at the library starting April 20. We are asking that you hold to this schedule as having the new library ready for the Grand Opening on March 29 is a priority right now.

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Tag Sale 2020
Make check/money order payable to Friends of the Library

Name__________________________________________ Phone___________________________

Tag Sale Address_________________________________________________________________
I would like: _____10 maps     _____20maps     _______(fill in number) maps at my site
ALMOST ANYTHING GOES
Erving’s Annual Bulky-waste Curbside Collection Program

The Erving Highway Department will begin collection on Monday, May 04, 2020 at approximately 7:00 AM.

The program is only for residential bulky waste items that cannot otherwise be collected in with household trash or that can be disposed of at the Highway Department. The Department will begin collection on the Erving-side of town and move eastwardly until complete.

You may place items curbside for collection starting on Saturday, April 25, 2020 only. Items placed out earlier will be considered illegal dumping.

Important: items can NOT be placed on the street, on the sidewalk, or blocking a fire hydrant. Once the Department has passed your house they will not return for collection.

HIGHWAY GARAGE DROP-OFF
Items that cannot be collected curbside, but that can be collected at the Highway Department include:

*Tires * Televisions * Appliances *
*Mattresses * Box Springs *
*Motor Oil * Brush*

These items can be brought to the
Highway Department
16 Public Works Blvd

The Town will be able to accept these items on:
Saturday, May 16, 2020
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

NOTE: Some items require a fee. For the convenience of residents, payments by cash or check will be accepted on site for this one (1) day.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM
The Town of Erving provides this service to the residents to achieve the following goals:

• Reduce illegal dumping
• Improve the health and safety of residents

WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED?

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Please separate wood, metal and general debris into neat piles. Items must originate from households in Erving.

ILLEGAL DUMPING
Items left by someone other than the homeowner will be considered illegal dumping and will result in a fine of up to $3,000.00.

If you believe that illegal dumping has occurred, please call the Erving Police Department at (413) 423-3310.

Please DO NOT call the Erving Highway Department.
Toileting Tips Workshop for Families

When to start? · Are they ready?
What to do? · When to worry?
Bring your questions, concerns & ideas about what’s worked or not worked for you. Appropriate for those who are just beginning or those still ‘working on it’!
Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at the Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Rd., Erving
Free dinner and child care for those who register!
5:30–6:00 Dinner (with pre-registration)
6:00–7:30 Discussion facilitated by Sarah Patton, LICSW
Register by contacting the CNC Program at budine@erving.com or (978) 544-5157
This program is funded in part by the CFCE grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and donations from our community.

Weekend Family Playtime

March 15, 2020
April 5, 2020
May 17, 2020
Erving Elementary School Gym, 28 Northfield Road, Erving
10:00–11:30am.
(Please enter through the front door and meet in the gymnasium)
• Most appropriate for ages 5 and younger, but all are welcome.
• This is a parent/caregiver and child program. Adults will need to supervise their children at all times and participate in the fun!
Just show up! No pre-registration required.
QUESTIONS: Contact the Community Network for Children program at (978) 544-5157 or budine@erving.com.

Erving Free Weekly Playgroup

Come and enjoy time with your child(ren) and other families and caregivers from your community at the Erving Elementary School gym. For the 2019–2020 school year, playgroup will continue on Wednesdays, from 10:00–11:30am. This Playgroup is facilitated by Emily Joseph and is intended for children 0–5 years of age.

Playgroup is sponsored by the Erving Elementary School and Union #28 Community Network for Children Program. Playgroup is not held during school closures.

For more information please contact Gillian Budine, (978) 544-5157 or email budine@erving.com.

Welcome New Baby Free Gift Bag

from Union #28 Community Network for Children.
A special offer for new babies (ages birth to 6 months) and their families in the communities of Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury and Wendell...

The first days and weeks at home with a new baby are among the most joyful-and overwhelming- you’ll experience as a parent. Welcome Baby visits are a comfortable and comforting way for parents to connect with an early childhood expert and get information that you can use with your new baby and his or her siblings. Welcome New Baby Gift Bags are free and made possible by funding from the Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant serving our five communities. For more information and to schedule a visit for you and your baby, please contact us. Budine@erving.com or call 978-544-5157.
Erving will be having a bus trip
Thursday March 12th, 2020
7:45am The coach departs Erving Senior Center 1 Care Drive
10:00 am We arrive at The Seaport World Trade Center
You will have 2.5 hrs. to discover new ideas and get inspired for your own successful garden.
12:30 pm We depart the show for lunch
At the Venezia Restaurant
Your meal choices: Boston Baked Haddock
Chicken Parmigiana, Steak Tips, Pasta Primavera
Enjoy lunch on the Boston Harbor. We depart 3:00 pm for our ride home. Arrive Erving 5:00 pm
Cost $99.00 all inclusive. Checks can be made out to:
Friends of the Erving Senior Ctr. Mail to: 1 Care Drive Erving MA, 01344
Trip must be paid in full by March 4th. No refunds after this date.
For information or to book the trip Call: Hilda: 413-423-3518 or Paula
413-423-3649. Please provide your meal choice when booking the trip.
A Great Day Trip to Cure the Winter Blues

Coming Soon Erving Coach Bus Trips scheduled for 2020.
It is not just for Seniors

Erving will be traveling to Lake Pearl
To experience the groovy sights & sounds of the 60’s
Tuesday October 20th 2020
9:00am The coach departs Erving Senior Center 1 Care Drive
11:00am We arrive at Lake Pearl Wrentham MA
Better be ready to grove to the music of some of the most iconic British groups and legendary artists
The Zombies, Dave Clark Five, Rolling Stones, The Hollies, Herman’s Hermits, Gerry & the Pacemakers,
The Monkees, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys, The Monkees and Papa, The Turtles, Paul Revere & the
Goddess just to name a few. The bands will feature the groups who started it all, The Beatles

Cost $115 all Inclusive
Trip must be paid in full by October 9th, 2020
No refunds after this date.
Lunch will be served. Baked stuffed breast of Chicken or Baked Scrod
The show will begin following lunch
3:00pm We will board the coach and depart for Erving estimated arrival time 5:00 pm
For information or to book the trip Call Paula 413-423-3649 or Hilda 413-423-3518

Erving will be traveling to Danversport Yacht Club
Tuesday December 1st 2020
A Christmas tribute featuring a
Three-Man Tribute to Michael Bublé
9:00am The Coach departs Erving Senior Center 1 Care Drive 11:15 am we arrive at The Yacht Club Danvers MA

Cost $124.00
All-inclusive
Trip must be paid in full by November 18th, 2020
No refunds after this date.
Lunch will be served at 11:30 Show follows immediately after lunch.
Meal choice: Baked Stuffed Breast of chicken or Baked Scrod
3:00pm We will board the coach. Estimated arrival to Erving 5:00 pm For information or to book the trip call: Paula
413-423-3649 or Hilda 413-423-3518
The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—their cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.
Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than $675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

Your census responses are safe and secure.
The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you.
By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.

The law is clear—no personal information can be shared.
Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years. All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to $250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.
There are no exceptions.
The law requires the Census Bureau to keep everyone’s information confidential. By law, your responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The Census Bureau will not share an individual’s responses with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow that information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. Title 13 makes it very clear that the data we collect can only be used for statistical purposes—we cannot allow it to be used for anything else, including law enforcement.

It’s your choice: you can respond securely online, by mail, or by phone.
You will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Households that don’t respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats.
The Census Bureau takes strong precautions to keep online responses secure. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and our cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data are received, they are no longer online. From the moment the Census Bureau collects responses, our focus and legal obligation is to keep them safe.

We are committed to confidentiality.
At the U.S. Census Bureau, we are absolutely committed to keeping your responses confidential. This commitment means it is safe to provide your answers and know that they will only be used to paint a statistical portrait of our nation and communities.

Learn more about the Census Bureau’s data protection and privacy program at www.census.gov/privacy.
ERVING LIBRARY MOVES TO TWO CARE DRIVE

Library opens at 2 Care Drive on Sunday, March 1st at 1 pm
Senator Comerford visits at 2 pm

Grand Opening of New Library on March 29, 2020 at 1 pm
Tours & Musical Entertainment! 2 pm Speeches! 3 pm Dessert Buffet

Hours will remain the same in the new Library
Sunday through Thursday 1 to 7 pm

Join the Senator at our new library!
Senator Comerford will visit a public library in each of the 24 cities and towns of the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester Senate district: “We’re celebrating the central role that libraries play as democracy engines.” This tour will ensure that constituents learn more about the work Senator Comerford is doing in the legislature, as well as provide residents an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and join in on the conversation about issues affecting our communities.
THE NEW LIBRARY GIVES MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IN THE ERVING COMMUNITY

Music * Book Discussions * Children’s Programs * Friends Events

Wonderful things are being planned for the 2020

Sunday, March 1st 1:30 pm - Craft Day with Maggie in the new Erving Public Library Makerspace Room at 2 Care Drive. Decorate with decoupage and create a colorful plate.

Sunday, March 1st 2 pm. Senator Jo Comerford at new library Sen. Comerford will be at the new library to meet with members of the Erving community. Come by and say hi, let her know your thoughts about the needs of the community. Friends of the Library will be hosting with coffee and refreshments.

March 1st 4 pm. Sunday Board of Library Trustees meet. Please note that this will be the first Trustee meeting held at 2 Care Drive. Trustee meetings are open meetings.

March 5th Thursday at 7 pm Friends of the Library Meeting. This is the Friends 1st meeting in the new library! If you have haven’t attended a Friends Meeting before, this is the time to join. This is a great way to meet people in the community whether you are a newcomer or have lived in Erving since birth. The Friends plan great programs and support the Library in many ways.

Saturday, March 14th at 7 pm the Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse on the Common in Wendell Center. This is a fundraiser for the new Erving Public Library with help from the Fundraising Committee and the Friends of the Library, delicious refreshments will be sold for during this musical event. Come hungry! Zydeco Connection performs. Proceeds from refreshments sold will be given to the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, March 29-Grand Opening of the new Library. Share in the good fortune of the Erving Community with music provided by the Farley String Band and Clinical Notes and dedication speeches by local and state officials. It’s been 60 years since Erving had a new Library!

Wednesday April 1st – Book Café: Come and discuss the book selected as the 2020 Libraries in the Woods book selection: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Held at the Erving Public Library @ 2 Care Drive.

Friday, April 3 Sheryl Faye performs as Laura Ingalls Wilder at Erving Elementary School at 1:30p.m.

Sheryl transforms into Susan B. Anthony at the new Erving Public Library (2 Care Drive) at 7:00p.m.
Friends of the Library News-March 2020

The Friends of the Library are busy getting settled into their new space at the library. We are so excited to be planning events and programs for this wonderful new library. The library will have a spacious Makerspace room for craft day and a meeting room where we will host Sheryl Faye’s performance as Susan B. Anthony and host the annual book sale. The Friends are looking forward to holding their monthly meetings in the Collaboration Room.

March 1 at 1:30p.m. Craft Day: A decoupage plate to hold trinkets or to use as a decorative accent in your home. Join Maggie and Arlene as they demonstrate how to use decoupage to make your own unique decorative plate using colorful, decorative paper. Materials are provided by the Friends but attendees are welcome to bring paper for their own project. To register, call the library at (413) 423-3348. Attendance is limited to 15. If the class is full your name will be added to the waiting list.

Senator Jo Comerford-March 1: 2:00p.m-3:00p.m. Senator Comerford will tour the new library then meet with members of the community to learn more about the needs and concerns of the Erving community. Come out to tour the library and meet with Senator Comerford. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

April 3, Sheryl Faye Presents...Historical Female Performer returns to Erving for Two Performances! Free Donations to the Library Friends will be accepted.

Friday, April 3 at 1:30p.m. at Erving Elementary School-Laura Ingalls Wilder Open to all members of the community and the elementary school. Sheryl will perform as author, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Mrs. Wilder will tell about her life as one of the first pioneering families to settle in DeSmet, a town in what is now known as South Dakota. Born on February 7, 1867, Laura and her family moved nine times between 1874 and 1879. Learn about life in Plum Creek, Minnesota, her marriage to Almanzo, and her career as a writer which began at the age of 44.

Friday, April 3 at 7:00p.m at Erving Public Library-Meeting Room-Susan B. Anthony Sheryl will perform at the Erving Library as Susan B. Anthony. Take a trip back in time to learn how Susan B. Anthony became a teacher at Canajohaire Academy earning $110 a year and later an agent for American Anti-Slavery Society. Discover how she developed her interest in the women’s suffrage movement and why she and 14 other women were arrested in 1872!

Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Friends Annual Book and Plant Sale: Erving Public Library The Friends will hold their annual book/media sale at the Erving Public Library in the meeting room. Plants will be available for sale outside the library.

April 26 through May 8-Book Sale continues during library open hours
Help Make Sure Everyone Counts in Our Community
Coming Soon! The 2020 U.S. Census is safe, easy and important.

Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts every person living in the United States. In mid-March every household in town will get an invitation to complete the 2020 U.S. Census. Most households will receive the invitation by mail, some households will have it hand-delivered. If no one from the household has responded by mid-April, you will be mailed a paper copy of the questionnaire to complete and mail back. If there is no response by late April, an official Census-taker may visit the household to complete the questionnaire in person.

The questionnaire is short and it takes just a few minutes to complete. The information gathered in the U.S. Census is safe and confidential. Only names and birth dates are collected, no one will be asked for Social Security numbers or bank or credit card information.

The U.S. Census impacts our community in two main ways: representation and money. The population count will be used to determine political representation at the state and national level. The count also helps determine how much federal and state money comes to our community to help pay for education, roads, transportation, housing, health care, and more. If we don’t get an accurate count, our community will not receive the money needed to pay for crucial services each year for the next ten years!

Want to learn more? Visit https://2020census.gov/

Need help getting online to complete the 2020 Census? Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be set up in March at locations across the county. The list of Centers will be posted online at https://frcog.org/publication/view/census-2020-preparation/ and shared with your local library, senior center, or town hall in March.

ATTENTION ERVING TAXPAYERS

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for the second half FY2020 have been mailed and taxes are due on Friday, May 1, 2020.

Stop by the town hall to pay by cash or check or go online to pay by Credit Card or ACH. To pay online go to https://unipaygold.unibank.com and search for Erving. If paying by cash, or to receive a stamped receipt of the taxes paid, please be sure to check the hours of the Tax Collector’s office posted on the bills and in the Around Town. The Office will have additional hours, on the due date, Friday May 1st from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Informally, some residents have expressed interest in organizing a farmers market that would occur in Erving Center.

If you would be interested in working on this collaborative effort please notify the Board of Selectmen’s Office.

Erving Farmers Market?

Erving Town Hall
12 East Main Street, Erving, MA 01344
Email: administrator@erving-ma.gov

Updates from the Town Planner

2020 is off to a busy start! My white board is covered in ongoing and upcoming projects and since so much is happening, here is an update on what’s new. Stop in sometime to talk more about what’s cooking at the Planner’s desk  Mariah Kurtz

Erving received a $64,000 grant through the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness Program for replacing 3 culverts on Wheelock Street as well as digitizing Town Hall files and moving them onto a cloud-based server.

I have received a full scholarship to a week-long Green Infrastructure Certification course through the National Recreation and Park Association. This course will cover the many ways we can use nature-inspired stormwater solutions throughout Town.

Erving Elementary School has had the first phase of carpeting replaced! The Principal’s Office, the Main Office, the foyer, and the Computer Lab carpet has all been installed. The carpeting and the adhesive are both low-VOC (the fumes that smell), making it a healthy option for kids and adults alike.
Dry Brook Garden

FROM: MAY TO OCT
105 Old State Rd
Erving Ma 01344
SEASONAL ROADSIDE STAND

FRESH CUT FLOWERS
grown by TERESA FOSTER

WE FOCUS ON PROVIDING A LARGE VARIETY OF COLORFUL BLOOMS

Buy a CSA Flower Share
Treat yourself every week
or give as a gift
"BE A LOCAL HERO"

EMAIL: drybrookgarden@gmail.com FOR A PRICE LIST
Shares available for pickup at the Great Falls Farmers Market,
Northfield Farmers Market or The Petersham Friday Market.

LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM "DRY BROOK GARDEN"

See you there!

Have a BUSINESS/COMMUNITY Event in Erving?
We will put in the Around Town for Free! Please send your ad photo ready
by the 10th of the month before publication to
ervingaroundtown@comcast.net
Email us with questions!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE AROUND TOWN NEWSLETTER!
ESTABLISHED IN MARCH OF 1984!

Dan’s Veggies
OPEN JUNE - NOVEMBER
151 Northfield Road
Erving MA 01344
413-423-3242

Warren & Jacquelyn Boyden
OWNERS AND GROWERS SINCE 2007

Facebook: Dan’s Veggies and Poplar Mountain Maple
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ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Erving PTO has voted to sponsor one $200.00 Scholarship this year to a graduating Franklin County Technical School senior. We have enclosed the requirements and application for your review. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, please forward your application to the PTO Scholarship chairperson, c/o Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Road, Erving, MA 01344.

*Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 27th 2020.*

**Scholarship Requirements**

1. The applicant must reside in the town of Erving.
2. The applicant must have attended Erving Elementary School
3. The applicant must be a Franklin County Technical School Senior who will graduate in June.
4. The applicant must be going to work after graduation in the related field/trade that they graduated in.

**Further conditions of the Scholarship Application and Award are as follows:**

1. The application must be returned no later than Friday April 27th, 2020.
2. A copy of the student's grades from his/her two most recent terms/semesters are required to be submitted with the application.
3. The Scholarship recipient will be given the award in the form of a check at graduation to purchase tools/materials for their trade/field.
4. The scholarship recipients will be voted on at the May PTO meeting and they will be notified by mid-May 2020.

Erving Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization
Franklin County Technical School Scholarship Application

Please provide us with a typed, double spaced, 12 pt font resume (include school and extra curricular activities) and a cover letter which addresses the following 1) why you chose FCTS for your education, 2) what field you are studying and why you chose that field, 3) why we should choose you as our scholarship recipient, and 4) what tools/materials you will purchase with the scholarship monies if you are chosen as the recipient.
Erving Teachers’ Association
   Erving PTO
   Joint Scholarship Application

Joint Erving Teachers’ Association Scholarship Fund & Erving PTO Scholarship Fund
   c/o Erving Elementary School Scholarship Committees
   28 Northfield Road
   Erving, MA 01344

The Erving Teachers’ Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarships in support of the further education of a 2019 or 2020 high school graduate. Any student who attended Erving Elementary School is eligible to apply. We urge you to submit the enclosed application to be considered for the $300 ETA scholarship and the $200 PTO scholarship.

Below are the required components of the application process.

**Application Form:** Please fill out the enclosed Joint Scholarship Application Form.

**Official High School or College Transcript:** This will include all coursework, grades, and grade point averages as of April 2020.

**Essay:** Please submit a short essay that relays your motivations and intentions for furthering your education. Include such information as
   ➢ your chosen field of study and why that field interests you
   ➢ your career objectives, if you have any at this time
   ➢ how this assistance will benefit you
   ➢ why we should choose you to receive a scholarship

Essays should be typed in 12-point font and double-spaced.

**Reference:** Please submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor.

**Criteria:** Each of the two scholarship selection committees will carefully review all applications and will choose one recipient. Consideration will be given to:
   • quality of the essay
   • academic success and the applicant’s commitment to his/her continuing education
   • dedication to school and community

The ETA scholarship will be awarded after the documented successful completion of your first semester for use in your second term.

The PTO scholarship will be awarded in the form of a check, made out to the recipient, at Awards night ceremonies for graduation to be used for first semester expenses.

Please submit your completed application to the address above by April 27, 2020.

The Erving Elementary staff and the Erving PTO members are looking forward to hearing from you. We all send our best wishes as you move into this next wonderful stage of your life.
Erving Teachers’ Association
Erving PTO
Joint Scholarship Application Form 2020

Please address your application to:
Joint Erving Teachers’ Association Scholarship Fund & Erving PTO Scholarship Fund
c/o Erving Elementary School Scholarship Committees
28 Northfield Road
Erving, MA 01344

Deadline: Received by April 27, 2020

Full Name: ____________________________
First __________________________________
Middle __________________________________

Current Address: __________________________________________
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Email address ____________________________________________
Phone/Cell phone __________________________________________
Parents’ Names _____________________________________________
Parent Address _____________________________________________

Name of high school graduating from in 2019 or 2020:
Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend:

Check current status waiting for acceptance received acceptance notification registered to attend

Anticipated Course of Study:

Work, Extracurricular Activities, Additional Education & Community Service 2016-2020 (Your current resumé may be attached instead of this chart.)

Dates
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We recommend reading and following helpful suggestions at the Scholarships.com website:
**Paper & containers are collected on alternating weeks. Containers are collected on weeks highlighted in gray and mixed paper is collected on weeks highlighted in white.**

**Trash & recycling is collected on FRIDAY.**

**Pick-up times may vary from one week to another due to weather, trash volume, traffic, etc. We ask that you have your trash & recycling out by 7:00 AM every week regardless of what time the drivers "usually" come.**

**Holidays that are observed are outlined by squares on the calendar. Collections will shift to SATURDAY on these holiday weeks.**

**NOTICES**

If service is delayed due to a holiday or bad weather, notices go out by email and will be posted on the Town’s website at www.erving-ma.gov and on Facebook. The Town will also notify residents via the Reverse 911 system about changes as soon as we are notified.
# TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

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## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

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Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services: (413) 772-1571
U.S. Post Office- Erving, Ma Branch: (413) 423-3600
ERVING OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Check out the Town of Erving’s website and our Facebook pages for updated news on what is going on in the Town of Erving!

Town of Erving, Erving Senior Center, Erving Recreation Commission, Erving Public Library, Erving Police and Erving Historical Commission

Or on the web @