## Lancaster Senior Citizen's Newsletter Please visit our Senior Center in the Lancaster Community Center: Lower Level behind the Town Green

# Senior Moments

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### **Breaking News!**

### Myth Busters Confirms There is a Free Lunch!

Summer is BBQ time. Lancaster Seniors, and residents of all ages are invited to many sumptuous feasts!

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It's back!

Our Annual Chicken BBQ

Free! For all Seniors! July 27th

Noon! On the Senior Center Patio Sponsored by

### The Lancaster Firefighters Association

Please RSVP to the COA (978 733-1249) by 7/20 The COA wishes to thank the Firefighters Association!



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### Thoughts From the Chair

The COA Board is very pleased to introduce Alexandra "Alix" Turner as the new COA Director! Alix is well-known to the folks here in Lancaster, having served as a Selectman and on many town boards. She brings a new energy to the COA and the Senior Center, and a wealth of new ideas. We look forward to working with her as we make the Senior Center "the place to be" in Lancaster!

Claire Griffiths, long time member of the COA, has decided not to be on the board for another term. She will be spearheading a new Friends group. We thank her for her faithful service. The COA is now looking for a volunteer to fill her spot. If you are interested, please contact me at 978-263-7962. Thank you!

David R. James, Chair

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	Please complete thi	s survey (Mail it back	or drop it off, please!)
	It will help determin	e our programming, a	and funding allocations.
Have	you used COA resource		
	, would you like to use		
	No		
What	t type of programs wor	ıld you find interesti	ng or helpful? Choose as many
as you	u like.		
Meals	<u>s</u> : (Feel free to add com	ments)	
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<b>Trips</b>	(Feel free to add comm	ents)	
Local	Overnight	SelfGuided	include transportation
	Other Suggestions		
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a.	Garden Related		
b.	Museums		
e.	Shopping		
f.	Vacation Destinations		
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b.	Fitness, What type		
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More BBQs

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July 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm-1:00pm

Rain date July 19th

By ~ Life Care Center of Leominster, Free!

Hamburger, or Hotdogs, Cold Salad, Watermelon, Brownies and Drinks

RSVP to Karen or Crystal at (978) 537-0771

August 18th

11:00am-3:00pm

Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic

Sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis SAC Park, 348 Lake Street Shrews bury, MA

Free! Table service, games etc.

RSVPs preferred to COA by 7/18th

MART bus service must be reserved early, first come-first serve!



### **Tuesday is Pancake Day**

Everyone is invited!
Senior Center Tuesday mornings 8:30 AM on
\$1 suggested donation

Special Breakfast Guests:

July 10<sup>th</sup> Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator July 24<sup>th</sup> Sue Thompson, Town Clerk July 31<sup>st</sup> Cheryl Gariepy, Chief Financial Officer

Chef/Chair Extraordinaire David James breaks out the griddle flips fresh pancakes. Included for the \$1 donation is sausage, juice and coffee. Look out Dunkin Donuts!

### Thoughts from the Director

I am honored to join the Council on Aging as Director. I am deeply vested in Lancaster, having lived here for years, with my husband John and the world's most spoiled dog, Dewey. I come to the Council with a goal to improve services for our seniors.

It is both an exciting, and difficult time for many seniors. The Council, and the town has made a real commitment to seniors by opening a Senior Center in the Community Center, and providing the tools for us to use it. I hope that this newsletter piques your interest and you visit the Center, either to volunteer, take classes, and visit our wellness clinics, financial counseling or take advantage of some of the other offerings.

Lancaster boasts over 1,500 Seniors, with varied needs. It is my job to help make sure you have the services you want, or need. So please stop by, don't be shy. My office door is always open, bring a dog treat!

Alexandra Turner, 'Alix'



### **Rainbow Lunch**

Worcester Elder Services and WLEN
Invite you to the Rainbow Lunch Club
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Noon
At the Unitarian Church, 90 Holden St. Worcesters
Ouestions or to RSVP 508-756-1545

### **Health and Fitness**

### Now we have had all that great BBQ, time to get active!





### It's Lyme Time (or Lyme 101)



Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in North America. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium, Borrelia burgdorferi. Deer ticks, which feed on the blood of animals and humans, can harbor the bacteria and spread it when feeding.

You're more likely to get Lyme disease spending time outdoors where ticks thrive. Take precautions in areas where Lyme disease is prevalent as it is in this area; -wear light colors, use spray and check for ticks when you get inside. Gardeners see below!

#### Symptoms of Lyme disease are variable, often involving more than one

**Rash.** A few days/month before other symptoms, a small, red bump may appear at the site of the bite. Then redness may expand, forming a rash in a bull's-eye pattern, (a red outer ring). Some people have multiple bulls eyes, a few have none.

Flu-like symptoms. Fever, chills, fatigue, aches and headache may signal Lyme.

**Migratory joint pain.** If infection isn't treated, you may develop joint pain and swelling long after the bite. Knees are likely to be affected, but the pain may shift.

**Neurological problems.** Long after infection, inflammation of membranes surrounding the brain (meningitis), temporary paralysis of your face (Bell's palsy), numbraness or weakness in your limbs, and impaired muscle movement may occur.

**Less common signs and symptoms.** Some experience heart problems (ex irregular heartbeat) after infection, this rarely lasts. Possibly eye inflammation, hepatitis and fatigue.

#### When to see a doctor?

If you know you've been bitten, and experience symptoms of Lyme contact your doctor <u>immediately</u>. *Treatment for Lyme (antibiotics) is most effective if begun early*, typically people fully recover if caught early. Only a minority of bites leads to Lyme disease. The longer the tick remains attached, the greater your risk.

### Lyme resources

<u>www.cdc.gov</u>, <u>www.state.ma.us/dph</u>, <u>www.lymenet.org</u>, <u>www.medlineplus.gov,www.lymediseaseassociation.org</u>, <u>www.ilads.org,www.aldf.com</u>, www.lyme.org,



#### **Lyme support group:**



<u>Nashoba Valley Medical Center</u>, 978-784-9000 Donna Castle: <u>dcastlemom@yahoo.com</u> <u>LymeLITE</u> is a local organization focused on Lyme disease education and legislation. Contact person: Kurt Hayes at <u>lymelite@verizon.net</u> OR <u>lymelite.org@gmail.com</u>



# Come to the Well Adult Clinic~ It is FREE! With our town nurse, Tamara Bedard 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 11AM-12PM

### **Got Time? Help Wanted.**

Would you consider volunteering with the Council on Aging?

We need help! Below are just a few ideas.

**Good cooks: Artists, Crafters, Fitness Teachers** 

To run classes or help with them, to cook for community meals or run events participate in events.

**Administrative:** To help with the newsletter, data entry, research. In short to help organize our mess!

**Imaginative, traveling types:** To help facilitate trips and workshops.

<u>Organizers/Fundraisers</u> To help with the 'Friends of Council on Aging' Flea Market and other fund raising activities.

**Welcoming/Hosts and Hostesses:** To greet visitors to the Center, our ambassador's!

**Drivers:** To deliver Meals on Wheels, or help those who can't drive with trips to Dr's etc. "Angel Drivers

Thank you!

Anytime you can give is appreciated! See office for more information.

### Outdoor lovers should consider deer resistant plants to combat Lyme

Deer are a critical component of the deer tick's reproductive cycle. Deer transport the engorged female who will then lay thousands of eggs which feed on the White Footed Mouse, and other mammals. Over 90% of white-footed mice will be infected in many areas. No plant is completely resistant from deer damage, but generally, deer do not like aromatic plants such as lavender or other plants with a strong fragrance (exp sage). Deer also avoid plants that are thorny, poisonous, have thorns or stickers, or milky sap

To Combat Lyme plant deer resistant plants, for a list of suggestions contact the COA office Courtesy of Tamara Bedard, Town Nurse and Nashoba Nursing



# LANCASTER COMMUNITY CENTER LANCASTER SENIOR CENTER JULY 3, 2012

Web: http://www.lancastercommunitycenter.org

Email: lancastercommunitycenter@gmail.com

#### On-going Activities in the Senior Center

SENIOR LUNCH - Mon. thru Thurs. at 12 FREE BREADS/CAKES - Tues., 8:30AM BINGO - Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 (note new time) CRIBBAGE - Tues and Thurs, 8AM-10AM PANCAKES - Tuesdays, 8:30-9:15AM COMPUTER CLASS - By Appointment\*

\*Call 978-263-7962 to arrange a computer session.

#### Phone Numbers

Congregate Meal Site -	978-706-1958
Community Center General Line	978-706-1527
Commission on Disability	978-706-1527
Council on Aging -	978-733-1249
COA Transportation Line -	978-733-4076
Veterans' Representative -	978-706-1754

### Tuesday Pancakes!

This is really becoming popular!
Tuesdays, from 8:30 to 9:15AM, I (David James)
will be serving pancakes, orange juice, coffee,
and sausage! Donation (\$1) to defray the cost
of food is appreciated, but not required. Note
that I've extended the opening to 8:30 to
accommodate the increased attendance.

#### Venetian Blinds!

Next time you are in the Senior Center, you will notice venetian blinds on the large windows! This will help keep the place cooler in the summer. In addition, we have a portable (rolling) room air conditioner on the way!

#### **Tribal Belly Dance Class**

Current session: Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30PM, through August 7. 6 sessions for \$60. Check web site for updates and specific dates.

http://www.julyanadances.webs.com

### First Lancaster Old Fashion Community Day...WOW!

What a FANTASTIC event this was! The weather was perfect, the food was great (and cheap!), and there was lot's to do. Our sincere appreciation to the Firefighters' Association for the donation of their time and the hot dogs and hamburgers!

The entertainment was funded through grants from the Lancaster and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, and was arranged by Jean Syria and Denise Hurley. It was fantastic!

Several local businesses donated gift baskets which were raffled off to many lucky winners.

Plans have already begun for the Second Annual Lancaster Old Fashion Community Day! Stay tuned!

Check out the new Community Gardens behind the LCC. Thanks to Growing Places for their donation, and to Greg Stirk for all the maintenance and watering.



### **Classes and Workshops**

To insure a space please pre-register at 978 733 1249 or aturner@lancasterma.net

### **July Classes**

# Beading with Bev

Bev McCarthy is a talented teacher and designer and owner of The Bead Shoppe in Sterling.

Participants do not need any beading experience, just a willingness to create.
Students will quickly learn the basics of beading. Bev uses elegant beads, crystal and Czech glass among others 'no junk' allowed.
Students will take home three finished pieces, including a necklace and bracelet.

July 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm Seniors \$5, General public \$10

### Drawing with Sandy

**Workshop**: Learn the basics of drawing, or just refresh those dormant creative skills with our Artist in Residence, Sandy McMinn.

### Thursdays July 19th and July 26th.

Free! **Registration required**, call 978 733 1249 and leave your name, space is limited.

Brought to you in part thanks to Project ABLE and Thanks to Sandy McMinn

### **Coming in August**

#### **Batik Workshop**

Dates to Be Announced (TBA)

Keep your eye out for 100% Cotton T-Shirt or a table cloth

We will turn it into a work of art with the help of our Artist in Residence Sandy McMinn Watch the Website for details and dates.

### **Mosaic Flowerpots**

Dates to Be Announced (TBA)

Get ready to bring your plants inside in these bejeweled

works of art, they also make great gifts. More fun with our Artist in Residence, Sandy McMinn. Watch the Website for details and dates.

### Introduction to Zentangle August 17th, Friday 2 pm-4pm

Bev McCarthy, CZT will teach us the basics of the creative art of Zentangle, a beautiful art form from repetitive patterns. Fun, easy to leave and very relaxing. Zentangle combines relaxation and a sense of meditation through pen and paper.

Materials provided \$5 Seniors, \$8 general public.

Reservations Required.

Watch for our survey. We want to hold classes you are interested in... please fill it out!

### **Trips and Events**



### The Race of the Century

At the Collings Foundation, Stow MA August 18th

rain date August 19th



What was the Golden Age of Transportation? Were cars, air, or horses better? This is an absolutely fantastic event where horses, high wheelers, early automobiles and aircraft all "race" against each other. A truly entertaining event!

During the early 1900's the thought of a "horseless carriage" rumbling down the path - or better yet - a "flying machine" moving through the air seemed unbelievable. The traditional horse and buggy quickly became history with the emergence of auto carriages like the 1905 Franklin and aircraft such as the 1909 Bleriot Type XI.

### Which technologies will win? There is only one way to find out:

Horse/Carriage Vs. 1905 Franklin Type A Roadster: No competition here... silly motorized carriage. We all know where the real "horse power" lies.

Horse/Buggy Vs. 1908 Stanley Steamer: This will be a close race. An automobile that runs on water? Incredible! Can it be the horse and buggy has met its match?

1914 Stutz Bearcat Vs. 1909 Bleriot Type XI Flying Machine: The most incredible race ever! - One of the fastest cars of the time racing against this amazing flying machine.

1937 Offy Sprint Car Vs. 1942 Stearman: Fresh from the 1937 New England race circuit our driver "Blazing Bob" will go all out to prove a true race machine is faster than any aircraft in a 1/8 mile "nose to prop" race.

### Who will win the Race of the Century? You will have to come find out!

(Line up and participating vehicles/airplanes subject to change)

We will leave The Senior Center at 10:30 am (Bus boarding begins at 10:15 am), Prior pick up may be arranged through the reservation line.

We arrive at 11:00 to view the Antique Cars, WWII planes in the hangars and in flight, Tanks, ½ tracks and more. Then we sit for a picnic (indoor) lunch at 11:45 in the hanger, and then off to watch the Race at 1pm. Then back on the bus and home by 2:30pm.

Transportation, lunch, admission to the car show, and race is included \$27 Over 60, or \$30 General public

o insure a space please pre-register at 978-733-1249 or 978-733-1249 or aturner@lancasterma.net deadline August 10

### **Trips and Events**

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August 26th



August 26<sup>th</sup> we will leave the Senior Center at 11:45am destined for 'Pickety Place', a 1786 quaint little red cottage The enchanting cottage inspired Elizabeth Orton Jones for her illustrations in Little Red Riding Hood (Little Golden Books, 1948). Today it is a mecca for gardeners, foodies and anyone looking for inspiration and relaxation.

We will spend the afternoon strolling the gardens (yes- you can smell the herbs), visiting the greenhouses, the gift shop and finishing with a five course lunch. Then back for a leisurely ride home, with

#### August Menu

Vidalia and Cheddar Dip Vegetable Pistou Soup Garden Salad, Fresh Herbs with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Meyer Lemon

Caraway Bread Roast Pork Loin w/Peach, Orange & Díjon Glaze

*- or -*

Perogi with Ripe Tomatoes, Wild Mushrooms and Spinach Spaghetti Squash with Garlic Herb Butter

Blueberry Crisp with Bavarian Creme

a stop at our favorite garden/antique stores if there is time. We will be back for dinner if you have room!

Reserve early (deadline 8/3) space is limited. \$34 Over 60 \$37 General. (9% meals tax/tip inc.)

### **Shopping Trips**

Reserve early! Trips may fill or be cancelled if there are no reservations. (Only two dollars round trip; Home Pick up and Drop off CALL 978 733 4076)

- July 6 Water Tower Plaza
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Searstown/Whitney Field
  - July 20 Wegmans
- July 27<sup>th</sup> No Trip, Free Chicken BBQ, Come on down!

### OUR WISH LIST

We are planning for crafts classes, events, and every day fun. Check your drawers and closets, if you have the following items we will put them to use!

- Nice glossy magazines (for paper mosaics)
- Printer Ink (HP 57, or HP56)
- Large Nice Flower Pots
- Card Stock
- Drawing Pads and Tablets
- Art Supplies of all sorts
- Colored Glass and Clear (small plates, vases etc.)
- Cribbage Boards, Chess Sets, Checkers
- Small Bud Vases
- Costume jewelry, shells, beads
- Glue
- Tile Grout
- Terra Cotta Pots
- Gold, Silver, Copper, or White Spray Paint
- Folding Tables

### Celebrate Independence (July) Birthdays! July 19<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Cake, Ice Cream and lots of jokes.

Come have dessert in the Center and honor

Save the Date

The 1st COA Flea Market

Frustrated by Insurance Paperwork, Don't know what to do?

Call Gretchen our SHINE Counseler

(Financial Counseling for Insurance etc.)
Tuesday and Thursdays 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Or by appointment

Meet at the Senior Center

(private space available)

Join us for our Council on Aging Meetings Open to all

Bring ideas, and suggestions. Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in LCC Meeting Room

Save the Date

The 1<sup>st</sup> COA Flea Market October 6<sup>th,</sup> 10am-2pm Tables available, or donate your treasures To support Friends of the Seniors

### FIREWORKS

PARTY!

July 14th, Rain Date July 15th

Leave Center by 8 pm to Rota Springs Farm for BYOIC (Buy your own ice cream) Then off to the Clinton Fireworks Van Donation \$3 pp, (RSVP by 7/11)The bus will *not* run unless reserved) Voluntary Donations will be collected to support the Fireworks on the bus. Ouestions? 978 733 1249



Myra Omeler, David and Iean James, Michele McDonald.

Claire Griffiths, Steve Piazza and everyone else who help make the center special. It would not be possible with volunteers! Thank you.

### We Will Move You! THE MART/SENIOR VAN

Reserve at 978-733-4076

At home pick up and drop off is Mon-Thursday. Call for policies. See Friday trip schedule & special events too. \*Currently there is no charge for rides in town\*, or to neighboring towns, however reservations are required. (Must\*\* be reserved at least 24 hours ahead, Medical reservations will be taken well in advance.)\*Less than 24 hour notice cancellation fee may apply\*\*We will try to accommodate emergencies.

### **Lancaster Council on Aging**

**Lancaster Community Center** PO BOX 7. Lancaster Ma 01523 978-733-1249 or www.lancasterma



The Lancaster COA would like to remember Dan McLaughlin He was a special friend and dedicated Van driver. He is missed by all.

June 21 2012 Dan's family has asked contributions in his name be made to the Clinton Hospital Foundation-Building Fund.

#### MOC Elder Services 356B Broad St. Fitchburg, MA 01420

### **July 2012**

All meals include 1% Milk

Your Donations Help Keep the Meals Coming Suggested Voluntary Confidential Contribution \$2.25

PLEASE CALL YOUR MEAL SITE AHEAD TO MAKE RESERVATION
Questions: Please call 1-800-286-3441or 978-345-8501 ext 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Baked Chicken w/ Feriyaki Sauce Brown Rice Oriental Blend Rye Bread Muffin Diet: Graham	3 Special BBQ Burger Cole Slaw Baked Beans Whole Wheat Bun Fruit Crisp Diet Dessert: Dried Fruit HDM: Caramelized Onions and Peppers	4 HOLIDAY	5 Creamy Tomato Soup Fish Wedge Rice Pilaf Whole Wheat Bread Applesauce w/ vit c HDM: Creamy Tomato Soup	6 Meatballs w/Tomato Sauce Broccoli Hot Dog Bun Pineapple HDM: Herbed Elbows
Roast Pork  Nonion Gravy  Mashed Potatoes  Carrots  Multigrain Bread  Furnover  Diet: Animal Crackers	10 Boneless Chicken w/ Apricot Glaze Brown Rice California Blend Rye Bread Peaches	Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Three Bean Salad Hot Dog Roll Fresh Orange HDM: Vegetable Soup	12 Chicken Ala King Mashed Potatoes Winter Blend Vegetables Biscuit Chocolate Pudding Diet: Strawberry Banana Pudding	Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Peas and Carrots Whole Wheat Bread Tropical Fruit
Boneless Chicken Breast W/ Cacciatore Sauce Herbed Penne Italian Blend Rye Bread Fresh Fruit	17 Split Pea Soup Sliced Ham (2.5 oz) and Cheese Tomato Chick Pea Salad ½ Pita Pocket Apple Muffin Diet: Apple Graham HDM: Split Pea Soup **** High Sodium	18 Chicken Fajita w/ Peppers and Onions Black Beans and Corn Rice with Tomato Wrap Vanilla Pudding Diet: SF Van. Pudding	19 Broccoli and Cheese Bake Diced Garlic and Parsely Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Whole Wheat Bread Prunes	20 Salisbury Steak w/ Mushroom Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies (vit A) Rye Bread Pears
Fish Sticks Scalloped Potatoes Scand Potatoes Genoa Blend Veggie Multigrain Bread Banana Pudding Diet: Pistachio Pudding	24 2 Meatballs w/ 1 Whole Wheat Stuffed Shell and Tomato Sauce Spinach Rye Bread Dried Fruit	25 Vegetarian Chili Farmers Salad (Marinated diced chicken (1 oz), cheese (1 oz), lettuce, roasted red peppers and olives) Whole Wheat Bread Orange HDM: Vegetarian Chili	26 Baked Chicken w/ Marsala Sauce Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Whole Wheat Bread Peaches	27 Roast Turkey w/ Rosemary Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots and Peas White Bread Chocolate Graham
Macaroni and Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Rye Bread Fresh Orange	31 Boneless Chicken/Lemon Mustard Sauce Mashed Potatoes Carrots Whole Wheat Bread Turnover Diet: Apple Graham	1 Roast Pork w/ Herb Rub Brown Rice and Peas Peach Chutney Multigrain Bread Applesauce with c	2 Vegetable Gumbo Soup Chicken Salad w/cranberries Pasta Salad (Vinaigrette) ½ Pita Pocket Pineapple HDM: 3 Bean Salad	3 American Chop Suey California Blend Veggie Whole Wheat Bread Rice Pudding Diet: Chocolate Mint Pudding