

## **MARCH**, 2021



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#### **STOP BY TODAY!**

Lancaster Community Center 701 Main Street, Suite 7 (behind the War Memorials)

#### **RECEPTION**

978-733-4076

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON**

978-733-1249 ext 4

#### DIRECTOR

978-733-1249 ext 3

#### **VAN RESERVATION**

978-733-4076 or Email: coaadmin@lancasterma.net

#### **VAN HOURS**

Mon -Thurs 8:30am -3pm \*
Office: Mon -Thurs 8:30am -1pm

### **CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Pickleball | Ballroom dancing | Yoga

Tai Chi | Walking Group | Bingo

Lunch Club | Meals | Trips | Veteran

Benefits | Well Clinics | Transporta-

tion | SHINE | Agency Referrals |

Bridge | Gardening | Mahjong | more!

Check us out on social media!





### THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

Spring is a season of hope, marked by holidays celebrating life and by the greening of trees and the glory of spring flowers. This year our celebration is even more poignant. Spring 2021 will be remembered as the rebirth of our world, after a long and dark 2020. We have all been touched by sadness and adversity, but that is what makes our time, and actions now so much more critical and our appreciation for the glory of spring even sweeter.

We are not completely done with the dark days of Covid. Vigilance is key. I cringe as I see numbers of new infections reported; each number is someone who almost made it, someone who was almost over the finish line-but in a cruel twist did not get their vaccine in time or took off their mask too soon. Please keep up the good work!, don't be that statistic. Double down on all those great hygiene habits that have been drummed into us—they help! We put a major dent in the flu and common cold too. Fingers crossed this is the first year I have not had a cold in a long time! Keep your mask on, and for goodness sake let us help you get a Covid shot if you have not already. We will teach you our tricks, and help book if needed. Soon more residents will join those currently eligible for vaccines. Systems have improved for booking vaccines but can still be tricky. We are still bruised from our hard earned lessons. Let us teach you the easy to avoid the school of hard knocks. Join us on Zoom oror look to our page for links to help you help us. We are all in this together, we are almost there- now let's get out of this together too! Stay well, Alix

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## The Lancaster Community Center (LCC)

The all-ages hub for community events.

Nurturing the Body, the Mind, and the Soul

#### www.ci.lancaster.ma.us

And on Facebook <u>www.tinyurl.com/lancastercc</u> Or call—978-733-4076 Business Office hours 8:30-12:00 M-TH & by event

<u>Where:</u> The Community Center is located behind the Town Green, directly behind the Prescott Building. Enter on the upper level, for handicapped access use the lower level-elevator at end.

**What:** The Center is home to many special events open to **all ages.** A full schedule is on the town website, under Community Center. The LCC is home to Lancaster Social Services offices. Each office keeps their own office hours; Veterans Affairs, Commission on Disability, Council on Aging . The LCC is home to Senior Center, and offers meeting space for town boards, commissions, and non-profits.

IN ADDITION, THE CENTER OFFERS:

- ♦ Year Round Fitness Classes as well as special fitness series. Tai Chi, Yoga, Aerobics, Ballroom Dancing, The Backstage Gym, Pickleball as well as summer and winter sporting events.
  - ♦ Healthy Cooking Class Series and Nutrition classes and ongoing meals
    - ♦ Arts and Crafts Classes and drop in Art Group
      - ♦ Community Garden Beds and Lessons
  - ♦ Community BBQ's, Holiday events, Concerts, Fairs etc.
  - ♦ Social Services support for all ages including SNAP, Fuel Assistance, Referrals etc.
    - ♦ Wellness Clinics, first and third Tuesday of the month
    - ♦ Information series by guest speakers on topics relating to Lancaster
      - ♦ Field Trips and more!



#### Rentals:

We rent our facility for reasonable fees! The Center is popular for Birthday Parties, Cookouts, Reunions, Meetings and more! We have hosted weddings and funerals too. Check the calendar for availability, and the website for our rental forms (call to be sure). There are a variety of spaces including kitchen facilities, meeting rooms, a gym and a lovely shaded patio. The Center is a great space for birthday parties, family gatherings, club meetings and more! Let us show you our space.

For more information contact Alexandra Turner, director at ext. 1103 or aturner@lancasterma.net or visit website.

#### COVID-19 UPDATES and RESOURCES

We are always here to help you with information or referrals.

Just leave Alix a message 978-733-1249 ext 3

Here are some good on line information below
Link to MA Information updated Daily: Included town specific Information
<a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting</a>
Lancaster Town Announcments
<a href="https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/news">https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/news</a>



#### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATES**

- We are **OPEN!** For fitness, pickleball and distanced Counseling.
- We are REMOTE for crafts online, some classes, delivering meals and offering SHINE and Counseling assistance!
- MEALS and TRANSPORTATION are up and running
   off site of course.

Stay tuned for updates—join our mailing list on line. 978-733-4076 or aturner@lancasterma.net



We are now Accepting Electronic Payments through UniPay!

On the town website:

https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/

Click on ONLINE PAYMENTS in the lower left corner and look for the LCC/COA link.

### **HEALTH AND HOME**



## **Recycling Center**

Schedule for March, 2021

March 20 and 21, 10am-noon

ALL DATES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING

When in doubt check the Town Website or Call Nashoba Dispatch 978-368-1380

### **AARP FREE -COVID SAFE TAX PREP!**

Reservations required.

TAX PREP IS FULL, CALL US

With questions!

**Don't forget to take the Circuit Breaker** 

For Appointments after Feb. 15th
Call 978-733-4747 or us!



# **We Habitat for Humanity**®

Are YOU a homeowner who can't afford home repairs?

Habitat's Critical Home Repair program provides assistance to eligible homeowners by offering repairs on a sliding scale, based on income. Check out their website <a href="https://ncmhabitat.org/critical-repair/">https://ncmhabitat.org/critical-repair/</a> for more information on how families can apply for this program.



## Stay at Home Try something new!

## COVID Health Series

For improved Mind and Body

Julianna Record of Wachusett Wellness and the Com-

munity Center invite you to a

limited trial of a COVID Health Series.

### FREE! To Lancaster residents.

- 1. Click this link: <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> to access our 10 videos. Or go to our website at <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com">www.wachusettwellness.com</a> and click on the <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com">www.wachusettwellness.com</a> and click on the <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga/">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga/</a> <a href="https://www.wachusettwellness.com/chair-yoga/">https://www.wachusettwellness.com/</a> <a href="https://www.wachu
- 2. You will be prompted to enter a password. The password for this limited trial series is **Inbesthealth**
- 3. You will see and have access to click on the links and watch our videos!
- 4. Know that trying new things is part of keeping our spunk and making us smart. Stuck in the routine isn't always great for new growth and ways to develop yourself.;-)
- 5. If you have any friends who are interested in this FREE trial, please have them email me at:

info@wachusettwellness.com and we can add them to our list!

- Chair Yoga
- Senior Strength Stretch and Stamina
  - Yoga 101-Mat Gentle Classes
    - Gentle Mat Yoga Classes
    - "How to Basic Breathe"
       Guided Relaxation Script!

# Getting Vax Appointments: \_Tips and Tricks from us pro's

March 18th at 6 Zoom ID 833 4777 3836

We will share our screen- watch booking! We will join the state reservation list. You will be able to ask people who have gone to sites about their experiences, you will hear from volunteers that have had success. We will talk about transportation and answer your questions.

Can't make it? We will post it afterwards.

## **Tune Up Your Credit!**

## **Scams Awareness**

- The Covid Testing Scam
  - Social Security Scam
    - Tax filing Scam.

<u>RULE ONE</u>: When in doubt call us! Never give out ANY personal information

Call us for help. 978-733-4076

### Vaccine Help! We are here

 Waiting list. Availability, News, Waiting List etc. We are creating a list to notify you of updates in this tumultuous, rapidly changing environment. We will notify you



- by email or phone call when we get vaccination updates, as the state shares news about new clinics opening, or supplies being released. If you like you can join our waiting list notification list, we will call you if we are notified of openings locally. Email aturner@lancasterma.net or call 978-733-4076
- <u>Computer/IT/ Help to Sign Up</u> If you have attempted to sign up online, you know how tough it can be. Imagine if you were not connected, or had other obstacles- language, sight, hearing? With the help of great volunteers and staff we are committed to helping those who do not have reliable computer access get through the sign up and look for appointments. I understand there maybe a phone number to sign up with soon. <u>Let us help</u> you book an appointment Refer a friend! Just call or email us. If you would like to join us to help we will be training next week.
- <u>Transportation:</u> We will get you to your appointment by reservation if you need a ride. We have a spacious van built for 11 passengers, but just for you, a private/semi-private limo (as we are restricted to two people on the van at a time. Drivers are fabulous, and drive behind a plexi shield. We will travel out of our normal area, within limits. We would be honored to escort you, so again be in touch and get on our list. *Reservation required.*



#### **HUNGRY? DON"T WANT TO COOK?**

The Lancaster Senior Center supports the MOC Meals on Wheels program. If you are home-bound and need meals delivered, Call 978-733-1249 ext 4 and ask to be signed up for home delivered meals. See what else we have to offer too! You might be happily surprised.



Worcester Elder Services and WLEN Invite you to the Rainbow Lunch Club

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Noon
Unitarian Church, 90 Holden St. Worces-

## **HEALTH & FITNESS**

#### **CALL FOR PASSWORDS**



# Get into Shape for Fall! **ZOOM ONLY!**

## **Strength & Weight Training**

SATURDAYS— 9 AM Zooming! Check in 10 minutes early. ZOOM Meeting ID: 907734542

Get in shape—avoid the Covid 15! (yup, that is in pounds). Strengthen your core, improve your flexibility, work on your balance with resistance training and weights. All ages and abilities will benefit, especially seniors (50 and over).

Via ZOOM!

## **Fall Prevention Series**

Meeting ID: 819 3366 6287
INTRO SERIES: 5 WEEKS TO BETTER BALANCE \$25

### TRY IT! FIRST CLASS IS FREE-

#### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Learn how to improve:

- muscular strength, endurance and flexibility
- agility, balance, coordination, reaction time and power
  - functional fitness to prepare for daily tasks
    - home safety
    - confidence in stability

This class is appropriate for those new to exercise or managing chronic conditions. We will discuss for 5 minutes a topic regarding fall prevention, then, we get to work.

## Tai Chi and Quigong

Now <u>TUESDAY</u> at 9am— in person or Zoom! ZOOM Meeting ID: 255384123

Tai Chi uses gentle movements to **reduce stress and improve health.** "Tai Chi strengthens the weak, raises the sick, *invigorates the debilitated, and encourages the timid*"

-Tai Chi Grandmaster Cheng Man-Ching 1947
Studies prove Tai Chi improves balance , and reduces your risk of fall! Try it—FREE for the first virtual lesson.

Instructor: Jeff Cote

\$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25 (Buy a card, no penalty for missed classes!)



# **Keep Moving Walking Club**

LOOKING FOR NEW TIMES AND DAYS/-INTERESTED PLEASE BE IN TOUCH!

## Still only Zoom!

# Chair Yoga

Seniors \$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25 General public \$6 per class or 6 for \$30

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 433492564** 

No matter your capability or restriction, you will learn tools and techniques to help with discomfort, lubricate the joints, calm the mind, <u>AND get a good work-out!</u> We start with seated poses, core work, twists, balance, spine lengthening, and strengthening and grounding work off the chair (with modifications if needed), and end with a guided relaxation, leaving you feeling peaceful, energized, and uplifted.

Please let Julianna know prior to class if you have any specific restrictions. **BONUS! Attend Tuesday and get access to a FREE Wednesday 45 Minute Class-via Zoom.** 

## **Zoom Only - Hatha Yoga**

Mon. @ 11:15 a.m.

Meeting ID: 742183799

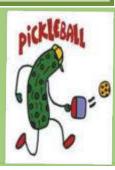
After a Tai Chi class your yoga will be better than ever! At least try one. Get the week started with gentle **Hatha yoga**. All ages and abilities will benefit from this yoga class. Yoga is widely recognized as a way to improve balance, improve posture, keep your range of motion, improve clarity of mind and reduce stress.

In THE GYM! We provide mats and water! Monday and Saturday: \$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25

# It's BACK! Indoor/Gym Pickleball

Many Slots available! \$3 per session https://tinyurl.com/LCC-pickleball

Or, call for Sign Up Genius times and link. 978-733-4076



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# Friends of Lancaster Seniors-Thanks you! And Asks for your help.

End of Year Giving in your budget? Like to honor someone? The Friends of Lancaster Seniors do great work, feeding our neighbors, helping with Fuel, providing gym equipment, garden supplies and so much more! All with the help of your donations. What better way to leverage your dollars to directly help your neighbors!

#### To support the Friends,

fill out the information below, and send it and your check (payable to Friends of the Lancaster Seniors, Inc.) to:

Friends of the Lancaster Seniors, Inc.

PO Box 173

Lancaster, MA 01523

For more information about the Friends, contact Jay Moody at 978-833-8429

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Enclosed is my TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (you will re-

## Get Dirty Gardening Project

Join us! Open Reservations NOW

Pick your bed, and lie in it!\*
First come, first serve.
Beds are going quickly

Interested in joining a great group of gardeners?
All ages and abilities welcome.

Grow in our organic soil with support of trained gardeners, and grow some good friends too. We share friends, seeds and plants and of course produce. We will be sharing the bounty of our produce as well.

It is almost time to plant those peas! 978-733-4076 or aturner@lancasterma.net

\*at least plant it!



# You're invited to get healthy with us! STRETCH YOUR GROCERY DOLLAR\$

A Humana presentation by Luke Anderson\*

Wednesday, March 31st, 1-2pm ZOOM ID: 869 8158 8952

Eating healthy does not have to be expensive. Learn easy ways to get the biggest bang for your buck on healthy foods at the grocery store.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, so bring a friend and ZOOM in!

\* Educational presentation has been prepared by Humana's clinical education team and will be presented by a licensed Humana sales agent or a healthcare professional.



# The Community Center SWAP SHOP Is OPEN!

Out front of the Center. Contactless.

Check out our CART in the Bins.

Please take what you need.

Examples of items available

Fabric for Masks, Magazines, Puzzles! Let us know what you need— we may just have it.

GOT NEWS? Let us know! We will share it for you . aturner@lancasterma.net

## **MARCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

# March 2021

### ALL MEETINGS ON HTTP://ZOOM.US

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
1	2	3	4	5	6					
Pickleball 9-11am Pickleball 12:30-2:30  Yoga 11:15 Mtng ID: 742183799	Tai Chi 9-10am  Chair Yoga 10:30  Mtng ID: 433492564  BINGO! 1pm	Pickleball 9-11am Pickleball 1-3pm	Crazy Crafternoon 2-4pm Mtg ID: 862 8069 5141 Passcode: 01523 Pickleball 9-11am	Pickleball 9-11am	Strength Class 9:00 Mtng ID: 907734542 Pickleball 10am-12pm Pickleball 12-3pm					
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## CRAZY CRAFTERNOONS!

Join us! A small group of crafters (space is limited to give you attention) and create wonderful homemade cards-so pretty you won't want to give them away!

Instruction, Materials, laughs just \$5

Spring Holiday Cards!
Thinking of you

Easter

Thursday, April 8, 2pm-4pm

#### **ZOOM.US**

Meeting ID: 862 8069 5141 Passcode: 01523 Register: 978-733-4076 or coaadmin@lancasterma.net

## VIRTUAL BINGO TUESDAYS 1-3

Everyone is welcome!

Prizes! Cards may be picked up outside the Center or delivered to you.

Join your Bingo Buddies or make some new friends.

Try this new approach to BINGO on Zoom!

http://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 807642080 Sorry, gotta get your own snacks!

Forget your quarters! Call or email us for your cards.

Call us to help you join Zoom!



Questions? Call the Lancaster Community Center at 978-733-4076 for more information.



## **MUNICIPAL NEWS, UPDATES**

#### **VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### Richard Voutour 1st

SGT USMC RET—Veteran Services Officer

#### Contact:

rvoutour@leominsterma.gov

Lancaster Community Center, 695 Main St, Lancaster,

MA 01523 (behind the Library and War Memorials)

#### **CALL THE**

**Leominster Office**: Leominster Veterans Center,100 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453. 978-534-7538

Lancaster Veteran Services provides the following: VA Healthcare applications, VA Disability Claim

Library Services
Thayer Memorial Library is OPEN!
By appointment or Curbside

### **Thayer Library IS OPEN**

By appointment and Curbside! Get your movies, magazines and books Now curbside!

Members can request as many as 20 titles to be found in any library in the CW MARS network.

#### Curbside Pickup appointments

Mon: 10-4:30Wed: 10-6:30Thur: 1-4:30Fri: 10-4:30Sat: 10-1:30



## **Open Air Burning Season**

January 15th - May 1st, 2021.

Burning permits can be obtained at the Lancaster Fire Department at 1055 Main Street during normal business hours or can be obtained online by clicking http://www.massfire.net/busin/

by clicking <a href="http://www.massfire.net/brush/">http://www.massfire.net/brush/</a> lancaster.php

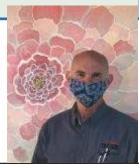


Lancaster offers those over 60 and the disabled transportation services in conjunction with MART. In addition we run trips with private carriers and partner volunteers with those in need of transportation. Don't see what you need or want?

Let us know and we will work on it.

# SHOPPING & DINING WEEKLY TRIPS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

David James, Transportation Coordinator
Administrative Assistant
978-733-4076
Or 978-733- 1249 ext 1103
Or coaadmin@lancasterma.net



#### LANCASTER MART VAN POLICIES

Lancaster and MART provides transportation services for Lancaster residents for those (60+) and disabled residents.

#### **FEES & POLICIES**

Office hours are Mon -Thurs 8:30am to 1pm. Reservations: Call 978 733 4076
Please leave your request on our voicemail. Messages will be returned next business day by noon. At least 48 business hours' notice to reserve a

- \*We will try to honor your emergency but often can not.
- \*Requests will be accepted in the order received.
- \*Preference given to medical appointments.
- \*Our Service Area: Lancaster, Clinton, Sterling, Bolton, Leominster, Fitchburg, Ayer.
- \*FEES: Lancaster 50¢ per stop.

Clinton, \$1 plus 50c per additional stop Fitchburg, Ayer \$3 plus 50c per additional stop All others \$2 plus 50c per additional stop

\*Special Events will be priced according to the trip.

WE ARE
RUNNING FOR
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AND
ERRANDS! NEED A
RIDE?
CALL US!

Happy Birthday!

Turning 65?

Join us for a FREE Blue Cross

Planning for Medicare

April 15, 2021, 6:30PM

Planning for Medicare is a presentation and discussion led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative. This meeting is geared towards individuals approaching Medicare Eligibility. Topics covered include health insurance information outside of employer sponsored coverage, such as an explanation of Medicare, the Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and programs available to early retirees, and COBRA.

Meeting information will be in the Community Center calendar and in the April "Crier"!

## **OUTREACH AND HELPFUL TIPS**

### **Local Food Resources**

#### **Wheat Community Connections**

Location: 272 High St., Clinton, MA 01510 Phone: 508-370-4943 WHEAT Community Cupboard (Food Pantry) = provides monthly groceries Hours: Monday & Thursday evenings from 4:30pm -6:00pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am - 1:00pm.

WHEAT Community Café=provides homemade lunches and dinners

Hours: Monday through Friday from 1:00pm - 2:00pm and 4:45pm - 6:00pm

#### Stow Food Panty provides groceries

Location: Pompo Community Center, 509 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775 Phone: 978-897-4230

Stow Food Panty would prefer that you call (978-897-4230) or email them (stowfoodpmail.com) for an ap-

pointment, but walk-ins are welcome. Please note LCC does monthly pickups from Stow Food pantry, but you must sign up ahead of time, please call or email us for more information or to be put on the list.

The Little Free Pantry at Lancaster First Church. = Provides non perishable goods for anyone in need.

Hours: Always open

Location: Front left hand side of Lancaster First Church, Thayer Memorial Drive,

Sharing is Caring-7 days! Hours vary Location: 63 Plain Street, Clinton, MA 01510



ooking for a

career to help

others? Part



- **Transportation**
- Housing
- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- **Fuel Assistance**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Budget and Taxes**
- **Fitness**
- Caregiving
- **Visits**

In-office hours subject to change: please call or email for an appointment.

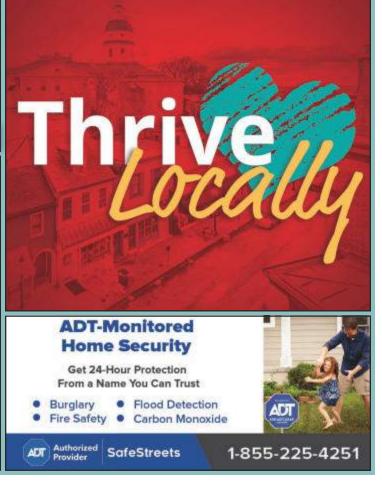
> Looking for job? Want to help Your neighbors?

We are hiring for a Part **Time Community Services** Liasion

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## AROUND TOWN

All ages forum

Ask the Nurse!
March 26th at 3 p.m.



# Got questions about the COVID-19 vaccines?

COVID-19 is preventable and treatable, but only if we ensure people are informed and protected. Now that there are vaccines available, you may have questions and concerns about their safety and effectiveness, so join us via Zoom for a session of "Ask the Nurse,"

**Ann Mazzola**, BS, RN, is the Clinical Nurse Health Educator for Home Instead and a member of the Lancaster



## For all residents- Join us! Join us for a Lancaster Listen and Learn Series

You decided to settle in this great town. *Now what?* Do you know how what your town does, how it works? What can you do for your town? What changes would you like to see, or not?

Learn about the structure of town government: What boards do, how laws are made, how your taxes are spent, how YOU can participate. We will answer all your questions!

Meet Department heads, Civics pros, non-profit leaders, experts and special guests in municipal, local and state wide governance. You will learn what your taxes are buying and how to have a voice.

Beginning 6:30 in April Via Zoom. BYO snacks, questions, and note pad!

### DATES IN APRIL TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Zoom Meeting ID: 819 0308 6684 Passcode: 845502





## **CONNECTIONS**





## Learn to use new tools—March 24th at 9

## Zoom-Social Media etc. (FREE! NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED)

A cooperative venture with the Lancaster Community Center, Nashoba Valley Rotary, Fallon Health & Friends of Lancaster Seniors

## Free Tablets, Training, Internet and More. Zoom, Zoom!

We guarantee you will be a computer whiz or your money back! :)

These days we are all missing connecting, none miss it more than those with no computer, or computer access. <a href="We can help!">We can help!</a> Thanks to the generosity of Nashoba Rotary and the Friends of Lancaster Seniors. You don't need to be from Lancaster—we help everyone. Internet service is income based. Our talented and non-judgmental band of volunteers are prepared to teach you, or your loved one to use technology. Right from turning it on. They will help get you internet services and best yet get you connected! Want to see your grandkids? Play BINGO with your friends? Take a class with us? It is all right at your finger tips. At this point there is NO cost for starting—what do you have to lose? Trust me, you will be hooked. This is not just a 'pandemic' approach, snow days, not feeling well, distance issues. You will be thanking us!

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