



TOWN OF LANCASTER EVENTS

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Information for Local Election Candidates—Lancaster

Last Day to Register to Vote in Town Meeting/Annual Town Election	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Town Clerk's Office Open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to process registrations
Annual Town Meeting	Monday, May 4, 2020	7:00 PM, Mary Rowlandson Elementary School Auditorium
Annual Town Election	Monday, May 11, 2020	Polls Open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Position	Term	Position(s) Available
Board of Selectmen	Three Years	One Position
Town Moderator	Three Years	One Position
Board of Public Works	Three Years	One Position
Board of Library Trustees	Three Years	Two Positions
Board of Library Trustees	Two years	One Position
Board of Health	Three Years	One Position
Board of Health	One Year	One Position
Finance Committee	Three Years	Two Positions
Housing Authority	Five Years	Three Positions
Planning Board	Five Years	One Position
Regional School Committee	Three years	Two Positions

Interested in running for Local Office? Nomination paperwork may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office. Signature forms are due back to the Office by Monday, March 23, 2020.

Call ahead and we'll have the paperwork ready for you!

Campaign Finance Report Timeline

First filing date (8 days prior Election): **Friday, May 1st** for all expenses and contributions through April 24, 2020

Second filing date (30 days post Election) due **Thursday, June 11th** for all expenses and contributions through June 1st. If no funds have been raised or expended, this can also be considered the "year end" report.

Funds Raised/Expended? Year-End report – **due January 20th, 2021** for all expenses from June 2nd through December 31st.



**TOWN OF LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT**



Michael J. Hanson, Fire Chief

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Lancaster, MA 01523*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 17, 2020

Lancaster, MA- Lancaster residents, as you are aware the COVID-19 virus has been fluid in its development, and the Town has been working with local and state agencies to understand and prevent the spread of the virus.

The following directive effective Tuesday March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020:

All public buildings, including Town Hall, DPW, Library, and Senior Center will be closed to the public. The public will be able to utilize the Town's web site, www.ci.lancaster.ma.us to collect phone numbers and email addresses or contact information necessary to reach out to individual departments. A drop box for payments is located by the back entrance of the Town Hall or at the main door of the central Fire Station 1055 Main St.

Lancaster Fire Department

The lobby will be closed to the public. Please use the web site to obtain burning permits. www.lancasterfd.net. Burning permits will not be done on site. There is a drop box outside the door for anyone needing to drop off paper work. You can call the main number at 978-368-4003 for information and forms can be emailed to you.

All inspectional services are suspended-

Lancaster Police Department

The public vestibule will remain open. Forms for accident reports, and License to carry will be available in this area. There is a two way phone where officers can speak to you directly.

License to carry applications will still be processed. For these and any no emergency issues please call ahead before going to the station. We may be able to assist you over the phone or have reports ready for you when you arrive.

978-368-1380

Town Clerks Office

For all services call 978-365-3326 extension 1013 or email townclerk@lancasterma.net to make arrangements or for advice. Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates, as well as dog licenses, can be purchased online: <https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/home/pages/online-payments> PLEASE NOTE THAT DOG LICENSING DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO April 30, 2020.

Marriage license (intentions), for those looking to get married within the next 30 days, can contact the Town Clerk's Office, as both parties need to complete the forms in our presence.

Nomination papers for the Local Town Election (5/11/2020) or the State Primary (9/1/2020) will be accepted OUTSIDE of the Prescott Building. The Town Clerk's Office must be contacted by phone or email before showing up at the Prescott Building with papers.

There will be NO Notary Services until the municipal building is open to the public.

Public Records Request can be submitted to me by mail or email and will be responded to in the required time if at all possible.

For up-to-date information regarding this office, please check our page on the website: <https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/town-clerk-records-access-officer>.

Treasurer-Collector

Real Estate, personal Property, and water bills will be mailed by March 27, 2020. Payments can be dropped in the drop box at the back of the Town Hall or at the Main Fire Station drop box. (NO CASH)

We also offer payments through Invoice Cloud or they can be mailed to the Lockbox in Woburn (Town Of Lancaster P.O. Box 4172 Woburn, MA 01888-4172) or 701 Main St, Suite 5 Lancaster, MA 01523

If Municipal liens are needed- Attorney's offices and/or banks can email us to request and mail the check to 701 Main St, Suite 5, Lancaster, MA 01523.

Library

Will check out materials to the public by appointment only from 9-5. After an appointment is established, materials will be left outside of the library to pick up. Please call 978-368-8928 Ext. 2 and someone will be in touch with you.

Senior Center (978) 733-1249

The Center is closed. All activities are canceled.

Meals on Wheels is running

Limited van service will be available

*The Friends of the Council on Aging is offering assistance to pick up food and medical supplies for homebound seniors

Building Inspector

Inspections will be conducted on empty homes only. Any additional assistance should be coordinated directly with the Department at (978) 365-3326 x 1310

Board of Health

The Nashoba Board of Health agent is available by phone during working hours at 978-772-3335.

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health in Ayer, MA.

All Municipal Departments are functioning and the Main phone line at (978) 365-3326 will direct you to the Town.

We want to encourage everyone to practice good hygiene and social distancing. It is important to remember, this is not a snow day or a time to meet with friends. Our future actions, particularly this week, is crucial in helping to reduce the spread of the virus. Please understand your decisions and interactions have an impact on our community and will help to minimize the number of cases in our area.

In times like this our residents need to pull together. How can you help? I want to encourage everyone to reach out to a senior that you know, a neighbor with disabilities, or people with medical challenges- by phone, text, or email. Ask how they are doing; see if they need anything, and if they do please drop any packages off in a safe manner, while continuing to practice social distancing.

If you are feeling sick or experience symptoms please call your doctor. If you have to call 911 please give the dispatcher as much information as you can to help your local responders to protect them and you.



The census counts every generation.

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone who lives in the country, from newborn babies to the oldest among us. It is important for everyone to complete the 2020 Census so that communities like yours can be accurately funded and represented.

Responding is important.

The 2020 Census will influence community funding and congressional representation for the next decade. Information collected in the census will inform the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funds for states and communities each year. That includes money for things like:

- › First responders
- › Medicare Part B
- › Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program
- › Libraries and community centers
- › Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- › Senior Community Service Employment Program

Responding is easy.

Beginning in mid-March 2020, you can respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are available upon request. From May – July 2020, census takers will visit households that have not yet responded. A census taker can assist if you need help completing your form.

Responding is safe.

Your personal information is kept confidential by law. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies or used against you by any government agency or court in any way.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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your future
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**United States
Census
2020**

2020 Sweeping List

Here is the proposed sweeping list for the 2020 season. Sweeping usually begins late in March or early April. Because of the mild winter you may see the sweeper out sooner, cleaning up some of the heavy sand, trying to keep it out of our streams and waterways. We will start sweeping row 1 first and then once row 1 is complete move over to row 2 and so on. It generally takes 4 to 6 weeks to sweep the entire town depending on weather.

*Residents that want to rake sand from their property edge are encouraged to do so. Please **DO NOT** place any Sticks, trash or rocks at the edge of road that could damage the sweeper. Sweeping the sand into a long line 6 to 8 inches from the edge will assist the operator in finding the edge.*

Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4
Main St.	Sawyer St.	Old County Rd.	Connor Ln.
Center Bridge Rd.	Goss Ln.	Highfield Dr.	Kelly Dr.
Neck Rd.	Oatman Way	Highland St.	Old Hickory Rd.
Harvard Rd.	Maple Ave.	Lunenburg Rd.	Buttrick Rd.
Burbank Ln.	Bartol Dr.	Old Turnpike Rd. (east)	Sterling St.
Pine Hill Rd.	Carlton Place	Stagecoach Rd.	White Tail Ln.
Shasta Dr.	Barnes Ct.	Meditation Ln.	Farm Land Ln.
Creamery Rd.	High St. Ext.	N. Shirley Rd.	Redstone Hill Rd.
Brazoa Ln.	Old Common Rd.	Grant Way	Chace Hill Rd.
Shirley Rd.	Bolton Station Rd.	Evelyn Place	Woodland Meadows Dr.
Otis St.	Mill St. Ext.	Chisholm Trail	Runaway Brook
Buttonwood Ln.	Gorham Ave.	Fort Pond Rd.	Moffett St.
Ponakin Rd.	Woodruff Rd.	Fort Pond Inn Rd.	South Meadow Rd.
Schumacher Rd.	Settlers Path	Old Lunenburg Rd. (9A)	Hemlock Ln.
Rte 117	Farnsworth Way	Kaleva Rd.	Beach Point Rd.
N. Main St.	Garrison Grove	Perry Rd.	Fitch Rd.
Colony Ln.	Squire Shaler Ln.	Donelle Way	Rigby Rd.
Devonshire Way	Houghton St.	Brian Rd.	Public Rd.
Carter St.	Lee St.	Old Turnpike Rd. (west)	Silver St.
Crescent St.	Maynard St.	Harvard St.	Magnolia Dr.
Fairview Hill Rd.	Paine St.	Duval Rd.	Pilgrim Rd.
Mill St.	George Hill Rd.	White Pond Rd.	Myles Standish Rd.
Winslow St.	Hill Top Rd.	Sterling Rd.	Plymouth Dr.
Bolton Rd.	Brockelman Rd.	Mary Catherine Dr.	Mayflower Dr.
Kilbourn Rd.	Bradbury Ln.	Shannon Way	Parker Rd.
Bigelow Rd.	Windsor Rd.	Nicholas Dr.	Ivy Dr.
Whitcomb Dr.	Murphy Rd.	Lindsey Way	Ivy Ct.
Prescott St.	Bull Hill Rd.	Deershorn Rd.	Charlotte St.
Narrow Ln.	Langen Rd.	Poulin Dr.	Sylvan Rd.



The Short Story, with Winona Wendth



Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. April 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21 2020

Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts

This six-week class introduces the short story—what it is and what it isn't—how to find inspiration for and develop one, and how to transform a chapter of a longer piece or a memoir into a self-contained “short form” work of fiction. Writers will practice both reading and writing short stories with the intention of producing at least one work that is “completed, but not finished.”

This class will include weekly reading and writing assignments related to setting, characters, narrative structure and plot, language and tone, and point of view.

By the end of these six sessions, writers should have the tools necessary to make and implement decisions regarding their short-form projects that will be close to ready for submitting for publication.

Writers will have time to devote to their own projects and revisions in class through guided exercises; they should plan to share their work with others, a necessary step in revision.

Class is limited to nine writers. The fee for the six-week course is \$200.00. Preregistration is required. To enroll, please visit sevenbridge.org, or contact us with questions at 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com. Deadline to register: April 1, 2020.

Winona Winkler Wendth holds an MFA from the Bennington Writers' Seminars and has been teaching literature and writing for over twenty years; she is currently an adjunct professor at Quinsigamond Community College where she teaches the short story and writing fiction, among other writing and literature courses. Her fiction and creative non-fiction has appeared in a variety of periodicals. Wendth has been a writing group leader and craft workshop presenter at Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative for seven years.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2019 – 2020

**Lancaster's Statuary Gardens: A
Tour of the Old Settlers Burial
Ground & the Middle Cemetery**
Heather Lennon, Tour Guide

Sunday, October, 20, 2019 2 pm

*Meet at entrance to Middle Cemetery
Main St. S. Lancaster, MA*

**A Tour of Founders' Hall
on the Campus of
Atlantic Union College**
Professor Dean Davis, Tour Guide

Sunday, November 10, 2019 2 pm

*Meet at Founders' Hall on campus at
end of Flagg St. S. Lancaster MA*

**The Life and Times of
Clara Endicott Sears**
Presented by the Fruitlands Museum

Sunday, March 8, 2020 2 pm

*Meet at the First Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
On the Town Green Lancaster MA*

**Annual Meeting
followed by the
Story of the Nashua River**
Presented by the
Nashua River Watershed Association

Sunday, April 26, 2020 2 pm

*Meet at the First Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
On the Town Green Lancaster MA*

Message from the President



As we enter our 31st year, the members of the Executive Board and I are excited to present our four programs for the 2019-2020 season.

As the oldest town in Worcester County, Lancaster holds numerous treasures stretching back to pre-colonial days. This year, I am excited to be involved more directly with program planning that involves not only Lancaster but also our general region and Harvard, one of our daughter towns.

Also, we have also just finished working with Lancaster's Boy Scouts on improving the Rowlandson Rock Historic site up on George Hill and the Town Pound Historic Site along Langen Road. Do stop by and take a look if you happen to be in the vicinity of either one. The Herbert Hosmer display is also coming together nicely in the new Exhibit Room in the Prescott Building.

As always, we look forward to seeing you this fall at our first meeting, and please bring a friend or invite a new resident in your neighborhood so they can learn of Lancaster's deep, rich and colorful history. We truly have much to offer. All are welcome.

Enclosed for your convenience is a form for you to submit your membership dues. Thanks so much for your continued support.

Heather Lennon, President

Lancaster's
Keep Moving Walking Club
STILL OUTDOORS:

WHEN: TUESDAYS 9:00-10:00 A.M.
WHEN: THURSDAYS 9:00-10:00 A.M.



Striders (Speedy) and Strollers (Slower) welcome!
Come join us for pancakes and then work them off!
We provide water, and companionship for a safe walk on Lancaster's
lovely byways.

Get in shape, and get healthy.
Questions? Call us at 978-733-4076!

Sterling-Lancaster Community TV
Broadcast Schedule March 21 - March 27, 2020
Comcast Channel 8

Saturday		Genre
12:00 AM	Behind Green Lights	Entertainment
4:00 AM	Behind Green Lights	Entertainment
7:30 AM	Barbara and You	Interview
8:00 AM	Village Church Service	Religion
10:00 AM	College Church Service	Religion
12:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	Local
1:00 PM	Channel 8 Community Updates	News
1:30 PM	Shift - Forensic Architecture	Documentaries
2:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	Local
3:00 PM	Channel 8 Community Updates	News
3:30 PM	Harmonies - Dave Fitzgibbons	Local Music
4:00 PM	Childrens Corner - Peculiar Paintings	Children
5:00 PM	Harmonies - Dave Fitzgibbons	Local Music
6:00 PM	The Song - Joanne Grumet	Music
7:00 PM	Shift - Forensic Architecture	Documentaries
7:30 PM	Channel 8 Community Updates	News
8:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	Local
9:00 PM	Flora in Winter at Worcester Art Museum	Hobby
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	Interview

Sunday		
12:00 AM	Behind Green Lights	Entertainment
4:00 AM	Behind Green Lights	Entertainment
7:00 AM	Trinity Bolton Church Service	Religion
9:00 AM	ECC Church Service	Religion
11:00 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church Service	Religion
12:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	Local
1:00 PM	Channel 8 Community Updates	News
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2:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	Local
3:00 PM	Channel 8 Community Updates	News
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8:00 PM	Movement as Medicine - Vertigo	<i>Local</i>
9:00 PM	Flora in Winter at Worcester Art Museum	<i>Hobby</i>
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	<i>Interview</i>

Monday - Friday

12:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	<i>Entertainment</i>
4:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	<i>Entertainment</i>
7:30 AM	Barbara and You	<i>Interview</i>
9:00 AM	Cathy Neptune's Kitchen - Spring Salmon	<i>Cooking</i>
10:00 AM	Talk Me Healthy - My Hungry Head	<i>Health</i>
11:00 AM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P1	<i>Hobby</i>
11:30 AM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P2	<i>Hobby</i>
12:00 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	<i>Local</i>
1:30 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	<i>Documentaries</i>
2:00 PM	Church Services	<i>Religion</i>
4:00 PM	Childrens Corner - Chainsaw Spectacular	<i>Children</i>
5:00 PM	Nashoba Symphonic Band - Heart of America	<i>Music</i>
6:30 PM	Baby Blue Arts - Galactic Cowboy Orchestra	<i>Music</i>
7:00 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	<i>Documentaries</i>
7:30 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	<i>Local</i>
9:00 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P1	<i>Hobby</i>
9:30 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P2	<i>Hobby</i>
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	<i>Interview</i>

Please note this schedule is subject to change.
Refer to www.slctv.us for any updates.

Sterling-Lancaster Community TV
Broadcast Schedule March 28 - April 03 2020
Comcast Channel 8

Saturday		Genre
12:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	Entertainment
4:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	Entertainment
6:30 AM	Barbara and You	Interview
8:00 AM	Village Church Service	Religion
10:00 AM	College Church Service	Religion
12:00 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
1:30 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	Documentaries
2:00 PM	Cathy Neptune's Kitchen - Spring Salmon	Cooking
2:30 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
4:00 PM	Childrens Corner - Chainsaw Spectacular	Children
5:00 PM	Nashoba Symphonic Band - Heart of America	Music
6:30 PM	Baby Blue Arts - Galactic Cowboy Orchestra	Music
7:00 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	Documentaries
7:30 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
9:00 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P1	Hobby
9:30 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P2	Hobby
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	Interview

Sunday		
12:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	Entertainment
4:00 AM	The Basketball Fix	Entertainment
7:00 AM	Trinity Bolton Church Service	Religion
9:00 AM	ECC Church Service	Religion
11:00 AM	Trinity Lutheran Church Service	Religion
12:00 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
1:30 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	Documentaries
2:00 PM	Cathy Neptune's Kitchen - Spring Salmon	Cooking
2:30 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
4:00 PM	Childrens Corner - Chainsaw Spectacular	Children
5:00 PM	Nashoba Symphonic Band - Heart of America	Music
6:30 PM	Baby Blue Arts - Galactic Cowboy Orchestra	Music
7:00 PM	Tomorrow Today - Humans in Space	Documentaries
7:30 PM	The Scene Workshop - Seven Bridge Writers' Collab	Local
9:00 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P1	Hobby
9:30 PM	Out and About - Vista Viking Festival P2	Hobby
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	Interview

Monday - Friday		
12:00 AM	The Amazing Mr. X	<i>Entertainment</i>
4:00 AM	The Amazing Mr. X	<i>Entertainment</i>
7:30 AM	Barbara and You	<i>Interview</i>
9:00 AM	Eat Well Be Happy - Korean Hot Pot	<i>Cooking</i>
10:00 AM	In Good Shape - Healthy Digestion	<i>Health</i>
11:00 AM	Out and About - Tall Ship Festival	<i>Hobby</i>
11:30 AM	Out and About - Aquaponics	<i>Hobby</i>
12:00 PM	Treasure Island - Sterling Community Theatre	<i>Local</i>
1:00 PM	Euromaxx - Iceland	<i>Documentaries</i>
2:00 PM	Church Services	<i>Religion</i>
4:00 PM	Childrens Corner - Weaving is Believing	<i>Children</i>
5:00 PM	La Rondinella - The Healing Garden	<i>Music</i>
6:00 PM	Music of Mark Marquis P1	<i>Music</i>
7:00 PM	Euromaxx - Iceland	<i>Documentaries</i>
8:00 PM	Treasure Island - Sterling Community Theatre	<i>Local</i>
9:00 PM	Out and About - Tall Ship Festival	<i>Hobby</i>
9:30 PM	Out and About - Aquaponics	<i>Hobby</i>
10:00 PM	Barbara and You	<i>Interview</i>

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