



## TOWN OF LANCASTER EVENTS

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## Save time! Pay Online

**Don't have time to wait in line?  
View and/or pay your bills online.**

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## Announcing a new, **easy** way to view and pay your bills online!

***It's easy, safe and secure!***



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## ***Join the Lancaster 4-H this Holiday Season***



### **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA'S VISIT**

**November 30, 6:30 pm**

**Lancaster Town Green**

Join us for a holiday sing-a-long, tree lighting and a visit from Santa Claus! Held rain (inside) or shine.  
Then enjoy our beautiful indoor forest of decorated trees!

**November 30, Sneak Peek 2-4**

**Festival of Trees Open for viewing and bidding during the Tree Lighting celebration**

**December 1-2, 10 AM to 2:00 pm &**

**Bidding Stops Dec.2 at 1:45 and winners notified, packing and picking up of trees at 2:00 PM**

### **Some of the trees you will see:**

**Tree #1.**

**"A Classical Christmas"**

Sponsored by 4-H Leaders  
Peggy Corbett and Karin Farrow

**Tree #2.**

**"Monopoly"**

Sponsored by 4-H teen leaders:

**Tree #3**

**"A Gradient Rainbow Christmas Tree"**

Sponsored by: The Rehnert Family

**Tree #4**

**"The Gingerbread Man"**

Sponsored By: Elchorn Family

**Tree #5**

**"A Camping Christmas"**

Sponsored by Pegs Preserves  
39 Brockelman Rd Lancaster

**Tree #6**

**"Crafty Christmas"**

Sponsored by: The Adams family

**Tree #7**

**"A Christmas Surprise"**

Sponsored by: Karin Farrow

**Tree #8**

**"to be announced"**

Sponsored by: The office of Dr. Garofoli, Dr. Heffeman, and  
Dr. Bruneau Family Dentistry.

**Tree #9**

**"The Grinch"**

Sponsored by the Cloverbud Troops

**Tree #10**

**"Hollywood/Netflix"**

Sponsored by: The Town Hall Employees

**Tree #11**

**"PJ Keating"**

Sponsored by PJ Keating Company  
998 Reservoir Rd Lunenburg Ma.

**Tree #12**

**"Gingerbread"**

Sponsored by: Guaranty Auto  
115 Chestnut St., Clinton MA

**Tree #13**

**"A Day at the Farm"**

Sponsored by: Bolton Fair

**Tree #14**

**"Handmade Christmas"**

Sponsored by  
The Moms Club of Lancaster & Sterling

**Tree #15**

**"Woodland Christmas"**

Sponsored by: First Church of Christ

Help us to award to Most Popular Tree trophy by bringing a nonperishable food item, all food will go to the Angel Tree at the police Station. Turn your item in to a 4H member and receive a ticket to vote for your favorite tree. The tree that received the highest total wins! You can also place a bid to try and win one of your favorite trees. All winning bids must be picked up on December 2nd at 2pm.



***Parents please remind your child not to run around in the Town Hall.***

***The trees have many delicate ornaments.***

***Please allow younger children under 5 to sit with Santa first. And kids bring your letter to Santa and put it in his special mailbox.***

Contact Peggy for more information on entering a tree. [lancaster4h@comcast.net](mailto:lancaster4h@comcast.net)



*The Evangelical Congregational Church of Lancaster invites you to attend its  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Christmas Concert, presented by the Youth Ensemble of New England.*

*Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. with refreshments following.*

*Baskets will be available for free will offerings to support the orchestra.*

*793 Main Street / 978-365-5782 / [www.ecclancaster.org](http://www.ecclancaster.org)*

## Community Housing Production Presentations

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*Resident volunteers have been working on a 2019-2023 Housing Production Plan for Lancaster with support from the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC). This group is offering a series of presentations to encourage conversation and input about affordable housing and housing supply.*



### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

*In order to make these discussions available to everyone, the group has scheduled them to take place in the Dexter Room at the Thayer Memorial Library on the following dates:*

*Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am*

*Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm*

*Friday, November 30 @ 10:30 am*

*Saturday, December 1 @ 10:30 AM*

*The presentation and discussion are expected to last one to one-and-a-half hours. All are welcome.*

*For more information, please contact Victoria Petracca at [Victoria.marquis@calistagroup.com](mailto:Victoria.marquis@calistagroup.com)*



## The Rosemary Davis Nature Series 2018-19 Program Schedule

**Wednesday, Aug. 15 @ 6:00 p.m.**

*Learning Anti-bullying Lessons from Our Animal Friends*

**Presented by:** Animal Adventures

**LIVE ANIMALS**—including a KANGAROO, will help teach children & teens that bullying is not acceptable and how you can present yourself to keep others from bullying you.

*Recommended for Children & Teens.*

**Tuesday, Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Wild Heroes*

**Presented by:** Animal World Experience

**LIVE ANIMALS**—Many famous superheroes have animal powers and every animal has the power to be a superhero. Learn what special abilities these animals have so that you too can be a superhero in your own way.

*Recommended for Children & Families.*

**Tuesday, Oct. 16 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Discover the Birds of Costa Rica*

**Presented by:** Photographer Peter Christoph

This photo journey will help us develop a deeper appreciation for the birds, animals, and plants that inhabit this fragile tropical paradise where the rainforest meets the sea.

*Recommended for Young Adults & Adults.*

**Tuesday, Nov. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Puffins and Auks and Muirs ... Oh, My ...*

**Presented by:** Photographer John Rockwood,  
**The Loon Man**

This photo journey will include seals, eagles, ospreys, moose, fox, and swans too.

*Recommended for Young Adults & Adults.*

**Tuesday, Mar. 19 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Discover the Owls of New England*

**Presented by:** Photographer Peter Christoph

This photo journey will take us exploring all over New England while tracking these magnificent birds that rule the night.

*Recommended for Young Adults & Adults.*

**Monday, Apr. 8 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*The World of Owls*

**Presented by:** Wingmasters

**LIVE OWLS**—A wealth of fact and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls.

*Recommended for Ages 5—Adults.*

**Tuesday, Apr. 23 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Wiggles & Waggles!*

**Presented by:** Photographer John Rockwood,  
**The Loon Man**

Follow these comical twin loons from the day they were born until they migrate to the ocean 6 months later. See videos of adult loons and chicks swimming under water.

*Recommended for Young Adults & Adults.*

**Monday, Apr. 29 @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Ani-Motion!*

**Presented by:** Animal World Experience

**LIVE ANIMALS**—Walk on the wild side and learn how animals stay fit & healthy.

*Recommended for Children & Families.*

**Tuesday, June 4 @ 6:00 p.m.**

*Edible Landscaping: The Latest Garden Design*

**Presented by:** Chef Liz Barbour

Learn how to utilize your limited garden space so that it can be productive and beautiful at the same time. Slide show, cooking demonstration, and tasting.

*Recommended for Adults.*

**LIMITED SEATING—REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Tuesday, June 18 @ 6:30 p.m.**

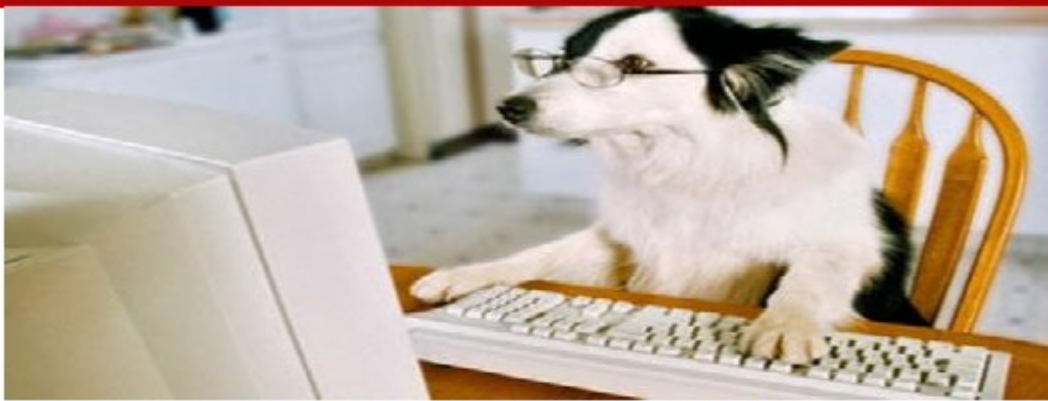
*In the Groves: World Stories and Songs that Celebrate Trees*

**Presented by:** Master Storyteller Diane

Edgecomb & Celtic Harper Margot Chamberlain

Learn how various cultures have imagined the living world of plants and trees. Travel around the world and celebrate this garden of delights. Stories include music and songs from many lands.

*Recommended for Ages 8—Adult.*



**BE SMART!!**

**License Your Dog  
ONLINE!**

**Dog Licenses for 2019 go on  
sale Monday, November 26th**

Neutered/spayed dogs \$10.00

Unaltered \$20.00

Dog owners over 70 years of age, FREE

## *Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative*



[7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com](mailto:7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com)

<https://sevenbridge.org/>

**Saturday, November 24th through Saturday, December 8, 2018**

***GIVE THE GIFT OF WRITING ADVICE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!***

We have the perfect holiday gift for the writers in your lives (including you)! For a contribution of \$50 or more to our annual Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative holiday campaign, you can secure a full hour of editing or writing advice – provided by an SBWC writer, mentor or associate – for friends, family, co-workers, colleagues . . . anyone who writes or wants to write. Send your gift between Saturday, November 24th, 2018, and Saturday, December 8th, 2018, and SBWC will prepare a certificate for your recipient in time for holiday giving. Certificates will be honored through June 25, 2019. Gifts can be made through the Pay Pal link at <https://sevenbridge.org/support-us/> or mailed to P.O. Box 111, Lancaster, MA 01523, with a check payable to "Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative". To receive gift certificates, fill out the form at <https://sevenbridge.org/support-us/give-the-gift-of-writing-advice/>

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**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

**8:30 AM**

***REGISTRATION OPENS FOR WINTER WRITING GROUPS AND CLASSES***

Register for one of five writing groups meeting in Lancaster or Littleton to spur the muses and connect writers with one another. Information about the groups and their facilitators can be found at <https://sevenbridge.org/writing-groups-2/>. Groups are free to the public but registration is first come, first served. Online registration opens Wednesday, December 5th, 2018, and is at <https://sevenbridge.org/writing-groups-2/writing-group-registration/>

Register for Turning Memories into Memoir (<https://sevenbridge.org/seven-bridge-sessions/classes/turning-memories-into-memoir/>), a six week course in the Spring, exploring how to get at truth in a story and make it come alive. Class has a size limit and is fee-based.



### Lancaster Group Launches Bridge Replacement Project

The Lancaster Friends of the Nashua River (LFNR) are replacing two pedestrian trail bridges in the Cook Conservation Area off Route 70 in Lancaster. The project involves constructing two 32 foot steel supported bridges over streams along the Farnsworth Trail. Current bridges are simple wooden bridges in need of significant repair and slated for removal.

While the steel frames will be in place in the next few weeks, the work on the bridge decks and side rails will need to wait until spring. Portions of the Farnsworth trail in the Cook Area will be closed until the bridges are completed.

The group encourages volunteers to join their effort and always appreciate contributions to support additional work planned for the Cook Area. To volunteer or contribute to the Cook Area projects please contact Peter Stanton [prs942@gmail.com](mailto:prs942@gmail.com)







**Sterling-Lancaster Community TV**  
**Broadcast Schedule December 01 - December 07 2018**  
**Comcast Channel 8**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genre</b>
12:00 AM The Amazing Mr. X	Entertainment
4:00 AM The Amazing Mr. X	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 Tina Cooks - Thanksgiving Leftovers	Cooking
1:00 PM Shift - Groundbreaking Startups	Documentaries
1:30 PM Shift - High Tech Gloves	Documentaries
2:00 PM Plymouth MA Thanksgiving Parade	Local
4:00 PM Childrens Corner - Cheesy Chicken Sandwich	Children
5:00 PM Nashoba Symphonic Band - Tales of Dark Magic	Music
6:30 PM The Song - Melanie Sroka-Chaunce and Aztic Marque	Music
7:00 PM Shift - Groundbreaking Startups	Documentaries
7:30 PM Shift - High Tech Gloves	Documentaries
8:00 PM Plymouth MA Thanksgiving Parade	Local
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Genre</b>
12:00 AM The Amazing Mr. X	Entertainment
4:00 AM The Amazing Mr. X	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 Tina Cooks - Thanksgiving Leftovers	Cooking
1:00 PM Shift - Groundbreaking Startups	Documentaries
1:30 PM Shift - High Tech Gloves	Documentaries
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5:00 PM Nashoba Symphonic Band - Tales of Dark Magic	Music
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7:00 PM Shift - Groundbreaking Startups	Documentaries
7:30 PM Shift - High Tech Gloves	Documentaries
8:00 PM Plymouth MA Thanksgiving Parade	Local
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

**Monday - Friday**

12:00 AM Snowbeast	Entertainment
4:00 AM Snowbeast	Entertainment
7:30 AM Barbara and You	Interview
9:00 AM Conscious Living - Sweet Potato Latkes	Cooking
10:00 AM Tai Chi 5 - Opening the Lower Gates	Health
11:00 AM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
1:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
2:00 PM Church Services	Religion
4:00 PM Childrens Corner - Oatmeal and Raisins	Children
5:00 PM Capital Jazzfest - Marbin	Music
6:00 PM The Song - Dorothy Cresswell	Music
7:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
8:00 PM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

Please note this schedule is subject to change.  
Refer to [www.slctv.us](http://www.slctv.us) for any updates.

**Sterling-Lancaster Community TV**  
**Broadcast Schedule December 08 - December 14, 2018**  
**Comcast Channel 8**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genre</b>
12:00 AM Snowbeast	Entertainment
4:00 AM Snowbeast	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 Conscious Living - Sweet Potato Latkes	Cooking
1:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
2:00 PM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
4:00 PM Childrens Corner - Oatmeal and Raisins	Children
5:00 PM Capital Jazzfest - Marbin	Music
6:00 PM The Song - Dorothy Cresswell	Music
7:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
8:00 PM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Genre</b>
12:00 AM Snowbeast	Entertainment
4:00 AM Snowbeast	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 Conscious Living - Sweet Potato Latkes	Cooking
1:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
2:00 PM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
4:00 PM Childrens Corner - Oatmeal and Raisins	Children
5:00 PM Capital Jazzfest - Marbin	Music
6:00 PM The Song - Dorothy Cresswell	Music
7:00 PM Focus on Europe - Brexit & The Troubles Connection	Documentaries
8:00 PM Writing More Than Your Book	Local
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

**Monday - Friday**

12:00 AM Scrooge (1935)	Entertainment
4:00 AM Scrooge (1935)	Entertainment
7:30 AM Barbara and You	Interview
9:00 AM Thyme in the Kitchen - Holiday Buffet Table	Cooking

10:00 AM Tai Chi 6 - Functional Elements of Tai Chi	Health
11:00 AM Wicked Good Food - Holiday Gifts	Cooking
12:00 PM Channel 8 Community Updates	News
12:30 PM Pawdopton	Animals
1:00 PM Euromaxx - Germany's Christmas Lights	Documentaries
2:00 PM Church Services	Religion
4:00 PM Childrens Corner - Happy Holidays Part 1	Children
4:30 PM Childrens Corner - Happy Holidays Part 2	Children
5:00 PM Chapman Holiday Wassail	Music
6:00 PM Youth Ensemble of New England 2018 Xmas Concert	Music
7:00 PM Euromaxx - Germany's Christmas Lights	Documentaries
8:00 PM Channel 8 Community Updates	News
8:30 PM Pawdopton	Animals
9:00 PM Wicked Good Food - Holiday Gifts	Cooking
10:00 PM Barbara and You	Interview

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