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**Lancaster Winter Festival**

**Saturday, February 20th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**



**Family Fun for All Ages**

**FREE Admission!**



**Food, Drinks, Bake Sale**

**Chili Contest**

**Kids Art Show**

**Snow Games**

**Ice Skating (Free Lessons)**

**X-C Skiing**

**Ice Sculpting**

**Broom Ball**

**Snow Shoeing**

**Photography Contest**

**Sledding**

**Snowman Contest**

**AND MORE !!**



**KEY**



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns

**Winter Clothes Donation**

Lancaster EMS will be collecting new or gently used coats, gloves, and hats as donations to our local WHEAT.

*Hosted by the Thayer Field Foundation in support of the Revitalization of Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Park*

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Remember, you can unsubscribe at any time by emailing "unsubscribe" to "townclerk@lanasterma.net"



## Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative Events in February

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

**6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DEXTER THAYER ROOM**

Dale Peterson, author of "Where Have All the Animals Gone? My Travels with Karl Ammann", writes about highly intelligent animal species such as primates. In this new memoir, he describes his travels through Africa with the brilliant, provocative, and irritating Swiss wild-life photographer. Join us as he reads from his book and answers questions from the audience.

Sponsored by the Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative

[7bridgewriters.blogspot.com](http://7bridgewriters.blogspot.com)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

**10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DEXTER THAYER ROOM**

**Look Who's Talking: Exploring Point of View in Fiction, with Hollis Shore**

**FREE and Open to the Public**

What if Boo Radley had narrated *To Kill A Mockingbird*? Could Bilbo have told the epic story of *The Lord of the Rings*? How would Harry Potter's story have changed had it from the megalomaniacal mind of Lord Voldemort.

*Who tells the story* is the most important choice a writer makes, affecting character, language, plot, mood and atmosphere, theme and meaning, and influences the reader. A fictional narrator is a story's lens, and the conscience and consistent application of that lens is one of the most complex craft skills for the writer to master.

In this class we will define fictional point of view, look at some masterful (and not so masterful) examples of point of view in fiction, and explore, through readings and exercises, the way fictional perspective works in our own short stories and novels.

**Hollis Shore** is a co-founder of the Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative, a workshop leader, and a writing mentor, and is a graduate of the Vermont College MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults program. She was the 2012-2014 Boston Public Library Children's Writer in Residence, and a winner of the PEN New England Discovery Award for her novel, *The Curve of the World*, out for submission shortly. Contact her at [Hollisplus@gmail.com](mailto:Hollisplus@gmail.com)



## Lenten Teaching Series at Evangelical Congregational Church



The Evangelical Congregational Church will hold a Lenten Teaching Series produced by Ligonier ministries entitled "The Sermon on the Mount" with Sinclair Ferguson.

On Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a potluck supper followed by the first teaching. Bring your favorite dish and join us at 6:00 for supper, or come to the study beginning at 7:00.

The remaining five lessons will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. *All are welcome.*



## **Lancaster Sewer District Rate Increase Consideration**

The Lancaster Sewer District is reviewing our mid-year budget and is considering a rate increase to offset increased operating costs.

We will be dedicating the second half of our meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> to have this discussion.

The discussion will take place on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at our office at 18 Prescott Street, next to the Trolley Stop.





## Sunday Worship at First Church of Christ Unitarian at 10AM

February 7: "Cultivating Compassion." Spiritual practices that can help us become more compassionate. Communion Sunday.

February 14: Guest speaker to be announced.

**A Woman's  
Heart Speaks  
Women's  
Breakfast Series**  
Saturday,  
February 13th  
9-11am.



**Mindfulness Based Stress  
Reduction Program (MBSR)  
Continues!**

**Tuesdays at 6pm in the  
Church Parlor**

For more information visit:  
[www.firstchurchlancasterma.org](http://www.firstchurchlancasterma.org)





## News from the Town Clerk's Office

**A Special Town Meeting has been called for Tuesday, February 9th.**

Please contact our Office at 978-365-3326 ext 1013 if you wish to inquire regarding your voter status or have further questions regarding this.

A copy of the Warrant may be obtained here:

[http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA\\_News/02306593-000F8513.0/STM%20Warrant%202-9-16.pdf](http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_News/02306593-000F8513.0/STM%20Warrant%202-9-16.pdf)

The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 1st. Our Office recommends voters become familiar with the available ballots by going to:

[http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA\\_News/022F0260-000F8513](http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_News/022F0260-000F8513)

Please remember that during a Primary, voters who are enrolled in a party (Democratic; Republican; Green-Rainbow; United Independent Party) **MUST** vote their ballot. Unenrolled voters (commonly referred to as "independent") may choose one of these ballots, but will remain "unenrolled" after voting. It is no longer required to change your party affiliation back after casting your vote.

Not sure how you're registered or would like to check your registration status?

*Contact us at 978-365-3326 ext. 1013 or at*

*[townclerk@lancasterma.net](mailto:townclerk@lancasterma.net).*

## Absentee Ballots are Now Available in the Clerk's Office!

If you will be away during the March 1st Presidential Primary election, you may request an absentee ballot to be sent to you. In order to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, a voter must be prevented from voting due to: Absence from the Voter's Town on Election Day; or Physical Disability; or Religious Belief.

***If you would like to receive an application for the ballot, please email the Town Clerk's Office at***

***[townclerk@lancasterma.net](mailto:townclerk@lancasterma.net) or call 978-365-3326 ext 1013.***

Looking Ahead - The Annual Town Election will take place Monday, May 9th. If you are interested in running for local Office, nomination paperwork must be obtained at the Clerk's Office by Monday March 21st. Contact the Clerk's Office for more information!



## Ballroom Dancing Lessons at Lancaster Community Center

Join Jim Cole, an award winning dance instructor\* and his wife Amie from the Poise, Style and Motion Studio of Worcester, now here at the Community Center.

*Good for all abilities*

No partner-no problem. We switch and learn from each other.  
So much fun! Try it!



Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30  
Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016\*

6 week class is only \$60 per person, or \$13 per class p.p.

**RESERVATIONS STRONGLY SUGGESTED 978-733-4076**

or [aturner@lancasterma.net](mailto:aturner@lancasterma.net)

Wear comfortable shoes (bring a fresh pair please we are trying to take care of our gym floor).

Since then has won top teacher at 2014, 2015 Dancing A la Carte and 2014 Commonwealth Classic. Jim's studio, Poise Style and Motion has won Top Studio at 2014 and 2015 Dancing A la Carte. \*Jim will be on vacation the *second* week, so we will skip a week.