



Town of Lancaster

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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

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 remain "unenrolled" after voting. It is no longer required to change your party affiliation back after casting your vote.

Absentee Ballots are Now Available in the Clerk's Office for the March 1st Presidential Primary!

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.

KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns



Looking Ahead - The Annual Town Election will take place

Monday, May 9th.

If you are interested in running for local Office, nomination paperwork may be obtained at the Clerk's Office.

Deadline to obtain papers is Monday March 21st.

Contact the Clerk's Office for more information!

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



Lancaster Winter Festival - COMING THIS WEEKEND!!

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

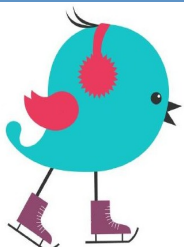
Snow Shoeing

Photography Contest

Sledding

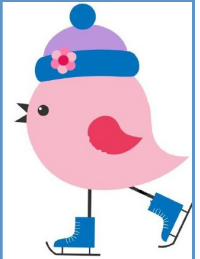
Snowman Contest

AND MORE !!



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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Lancaster Historical Society Meeting

The Lancaster Historical Society is scheduled to meet

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Place: First Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall side entrances, 725 Main Street, Lancaster MA

Speaker: Robert Adam, Preservationist will present his program, Divulging its Secrets: A fascinating presentation on the restoration of the Houghton Sprague Garrison House.

Robert Adam Preservation Services operates out of Shirley, MA. Robert retired from North Bennett Street School after 30 years. He was hired to work as a carpentry instructor to teach contemporary construction methods and subsequently became head of the department. During his tenure he proposed the school offer preservation training that would be unique in the field. Instead of a single site, Mr. Adam foresaw the opportunity to work on historic sites throughout New England and the Northeast.

Mr. Adam bought, moved and restored the Shaker Infirmary, which was removed from its location on the Old Union Turnpike in Lancaster. It is presently located off of Parker Road in Shirley.

Perkins Child Development Center

Where your child is the center of our attention.



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 + SATURDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

MEET THE TEACHERS

TOUR THE FACILITY

LEARN ABOUT OUR QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE



Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship at First Church of Christ Unitarian at 10AM

February 21: "Thru My Lens: Palestine-Israel." Distinguished photographer and peace activist Skip Schiel offers a photo reflection based on recent visits to the area.

February 28: "Who's Missing?" A reflection on some of the voices not included in the Bible.

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program (MBSR) Continues!

Tuesdays at 6pm in the Church Parlor

For more information visit:

www.firstchurchlancasterma.org

Evangelical Congregational Church

LENTEN STUDY SERIES 2016



Starts

Wednesday

February

10th at

7:00pm

SERMON ON THE MOUNT WITH SINCLAIR FERGUSON

Christ's exhortations to live counter-culturally, and to rest in the knowledge of God as Father for the cure of all our anxieties.

The series runs at 7PM for 6 weeks

(Feb 10, 17, 24 and Mar 2, 9, and 16)



UPCOMING RABIES CLINIC IN MARCH!!

A Rabies Clinic will be held March 26, 2016

Clinic located in

Highway Garage 435
Centerbridge Rd from

10:30 AM to

12:30 PM

Cost is \$15.00 per
pet



Cats in Carriers - Dogs on Leashes

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 23rd
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

PERKINS SCHOOL

971 Main St. - Lancaster

To schedule an appointment,
please call **800 733-2767**
or visit **RedCrossBlood.org**

WALK-INS WELCOME!
APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED!

Luther Burbank Middle School Drama Presents

an ORIGINAL MUSICAL

A Fairy Tale Life?

A Musical©

Story© by: Paula Castner

Music© by: Nancy Beaudette

Lyrics© by: Nancy Beaudette and Paula Castner

Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

At the Mary Rowlandson and Luther Burbank auditorium

103 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523

Tickets available at the door: \$4 students and seniors and \$6 for adults

Advance ticket sales available. Email lbmsdramclub@gmail.com

Award winning Canadian singer and songwriter, Nancy Beaudette, and writer and playwright, Paula Castner, have combined their talents to produce a whimsical play about teenage angst and the role of choices. Ebullient, thoughtful songs and embellished, realistic characters make for an entertaining amalgamation.

Four high school students – Josh, Marissa, Brian, and Kelly – wrestle with dating, making friends, desires versus limitations, and self-esteem. All the while, the Fairy Godmother has brought the Evil Queen to watch the teenage dramas unfold as part of the Evil Queen's rehabilitation for putting Snow White to sleep. Josh, Marissa, Brian, and Kelly wish their lives could match the fairy tales they grew up listening to, and the Evil Queen blames Snow White for all her problems. How all five come to learn lessons about living will regale audiences of all ages.

A Fairy Tale Life? A Musical©2015 Paula Castner / All Rights Reserved. All Music by Nancy Beaudette ©2015 Moonlit Pond Records (SOCAN)/ All Rights Reserved. All Lyrics by Nancy Beaudette & Paula Castner (SOCAN), except *Slay The Dragon: Lyrics by Nancy Beaudette, Paula Castner & Molly Owen, and *Change Your Point Of View: Lyrics by Nancy Beaudette, Paula Castner & Gabby Brummer. ©2015 Moonlit Pond Records / All Rights Reserved.



CAST: 3rd row standing: Emma Gould, Nolan Stocker, Lauren Thier, Sada Libby-Grantham, Brendan Quinn, Isabelle Sonia

2nd row kneeling: Samantha Felt, Zoe Chappell, Natasha Ramos, Margot Sonia, Allison Routhier, Tahmi Johnston, Leo Lukaszewicz, Tyler Hanson

1st rowing sitting: Mary Paro, Gabrielle Brummer, Emma Leone, Maliha Khan, Isabel DeLucia, Elizabeth Brummer, Chloe Hall, Linnea Johnson, Bodie Aurin, Jonathan Castner

**Seven Bridge
Writers'
Collaborative**
Connecting and
Supporting
Writers and



Seven Bridge Sessions

Classes and Workshops for Writers
2015-2016

Writing With Your Whole Self With Leaf Seligman



Saturday, April 30, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Hall, First Church of Christ, Unitarian,
725 Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts

Course Fee \$75.00

Craft and revision matter. That's why so many writing workshops focus on them. But there's more to great writing. When the energy, voice, imagery, and purpose of the writing reflects the essence and authenticity of the writer, readers engage more fully. Writing becomes more authentic and alive. This workshop builds on a series of prompts designed to engage you with what matters. When your writing reflects what matters to you and captures the essence of that in form and content, it will matter more to readers, as well.

Prerequisites: Both new and seasoned writers welcome. Pen or pencil and paper or notebook needed.

Leaf Seligman began writing as a child in Tennessee. She graduated from the writing program at the University of New Hampshire, where she taught for thirteen years before pursuing pastoral ministry. A decade later, she happily returned to a writing-centered life in rural New Hampshire. In college, work, community, and prison settings, Seligman engages people with writing as a way to foster authenticity, deepen connection, and explore what matters. In 2011, Bauhan Publishing brought out her collection of Sabbath Meditations, *Opening the Window*. Leaf blogs at www.leafseligman.net and offers writing guidance at www.writingthatmatters.net

For more information on this program, or on SBWC, please contact us at 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com, or visit us at sevenbridgewriters.blogspot.com for the latest information and events.

**To preregister for this program, please mail form (available at
sevenbridgewriters.blogspot.com) with course fee (check only please, made
payable to Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative) to: Paula Castner, 55 Fire Road
10, Lancaster, MA, 01523.
*Registration deadline April 17th.***