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Fun Things to Do in Groton Sunday, May 31st

Attend the Keynote Presentation and select from the activities listed below to explore the rivers, wetlands, eskers, kames, drumlins, and kettle holes left behind by the glaciers, and learn about the history of Groton, both pre- and post-settlement. Unless otherwise indicated, activities are suitable for families with children. All activities are free except the canoeing/kayaking.

1. Morning Mountain Bike (Advanced) – 7:45-12:00. Challenging ride past outcrops, wetlands and many geologic features.

2. Morning Hike (Intermediate) – 9:00-12:00. Experience many glacial remnants hiking from Town Forest to Town Hall.

3. Canoeing/Kayaking – 9:30-6:30. Discounted rentals. Self-guided tours of the Nashua River.

4. Lunchtime – 12:00-12:30. Have a bite to eat at any of the several establishments on Main St. (Rte. 119).

5. Groton Greenway Video – Two showings:

12:00-12:30 and 1:30-2:00. The story of the Nashua River from its clean-up to the present.

6. Groton Historical Society Open House – 12:00-4:00. See artifacts and memorabilia that tell the story of Groton's history.

7. "Gifts of the Glaciers" Keynote Presentation – 12:30-1:30. The story of Groton's unique geology, ecology, and human history.

8. Geology Bus Tour – 1:45-4:00. Presentation targeted for 4th-8th graders followed by bus tour with hands-on activities.

9. Afternoon Hikes (Intermediate) – 1:45-5:00. Long hike: Gibbet Hill to Williams Barn.

1:45-3:00. Short hike: Town Hall to Gibbet Hill.

10. Afternoon Mountain Bike (Beginner) – 2:00-4:00. Easy ride along forest trails around Williams Barn.

Full Schedule and more information can be found at: <http://www.freedomsway.org/>



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Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns

The Youth Ensemble of New England Joins
The Evangelical Congregational Church, 793 Main Street,
For Sunday Worship, June 14, 2015, @ 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

The Youth Ensemble of New England is a youth orchestra composed of around 35 talented young musicians from the age of 9 to 20. Based in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, the orchestra draws its children from around New England. Under the direction of Dr. Connie Rittenhouse Drexler the orchestra has toured Iceland, Canada, England, Scotland, New York, Maine and southern California. Lively, varied and exciting, the concerts feature gifted young soloists. Their repertoire is taken from a variety of great classical and sacred music spanning from the baroque period to the present time.



5th Annual Lancaster Nashua River Festival
Saturday, June 20th
9:00 AM—4:00 PM



The festival will take place on Kalon Field, Route 117, (opposite the Lancaster Fairgrounds) - Come for Canoe and Kayak Rides, RE/Max Hot Air Balloon, Hay Rides, Bouncy Houses, Face Painting, Food & Drink, Ice Cream, Birding & Educational Programs.

Visit lanasterfriendsoftheNashua.org for more information.

FREE ADMISSION



Tide Pool Open House - Wednesday, June 24th 3:00—6:00 PM



Visitors will get up close & personal with **live** sea stars, hermit crabs, snails, clams, mussels, spider crabs, moon snails & rock crabs in their own habitat trays as they learn about tide pool formations and animal adaptations! Children will have an opportunity to ask questions; this program is suitable for all ages.

Sponsored by the George K. Progin Fund.

3-5 pm Sign up for the Summer Reading Program

3-7 pm CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE—Stock up for summer!

No registration but patrons will need to be staggered between 3:00pm and 6:00pm; please feel free to come a bit later.

For more information, contact Susan Conroy at

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Have any events or news to share? Remember to email us at "townclerk@lanasterma.net"

**June Worship at First Church of Christ, Unitarian
"Blessing": An Ancient Tradition for Modern Times
Sunday Worship Begins at 10:30 AM**



June 7	"Bless the Food We Are About to Eat" As we gather to share a communion meal some reflections on the ancient tradition of table blessings.
June 14	"Blessing Our Pets and Animal Companions" With special guest speakers from Twin City Paws, who offer an emergency pet food pantry, assistance funding emergency pet care and animal companion visiting in area schools, hospitals and adult day care programs. Well behaved animals will be welcome in the sanctuary. At 12 noon we will be blessing pets and animal companions on the Town Green.
June 21	"Bless Us While We Are Separated One From Another" As we prepare to break for the summer, some words of blessing on our vacations, leisure and rest.
June 28	Summer Worship begins in the First Church parlor, each week at 9am.



Also Coming Up: **"Fixing Our Broken Democracy" The Need for a Constitutional Amendment**
Most Americans agree that our democracy is broken. Many want to do something! Learn why and how you can help...

Wednesday, June 17, at 7pm—First Church of Christ Unitarian, Community Hall
Free and open to all!

"Fixing Our Broken Democracy" traces the evolution of corporate power and the loss of our democracy through multimedia presentations and small group discussions. We end by discussing legislation pending in MA that would make the state a leader in promoting a US Constitutional Amendment to help reestablish a government of, by and for the people, not just big corporations, unions or the super rich.



CRAFT
Community Recreation Association For Towns

For the third year, Community Recreation Association For Towns (CRAFT) will be running their multi-recreational summer day camp, Camp CRAFT Lancaster for residents and surrounding communities. The camp offers a multitude of great activities for kids between the ages of 5-13: Archery, tennis, arts & crafts, red cross swim lessons, basketball, fishing, mad science, legomania...the list goes on and on! Activities take place at the Lancaster Community Center where there is an indoor gym, classrooms, ball fields and tennis courts. Campers are shuttled to the town beach and Mirror Lake for their red cross swim lessons and water activities. The program runs for nine weeks between June 29th - Aug 28th from 9AM-4PM with extended day available as well. You may register your child for one week at a time. You may see all of the details by visiting <http://communityrecreation.org/>

The Farmers Market will open on 7/9 and last day is 10/8. 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM.