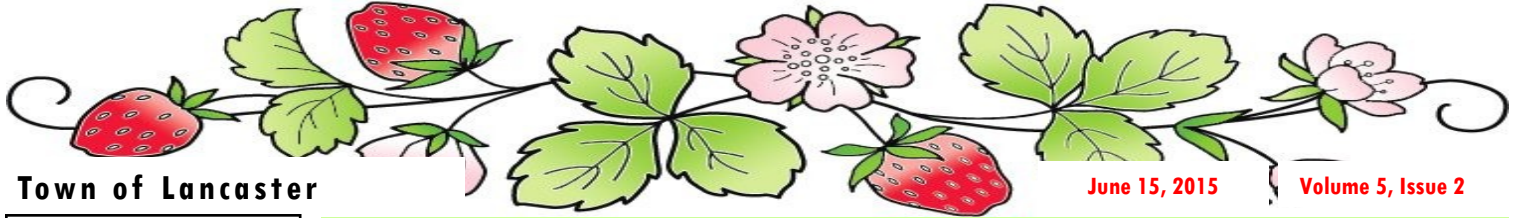


Lancaster Events this Month



Town of Lancaster

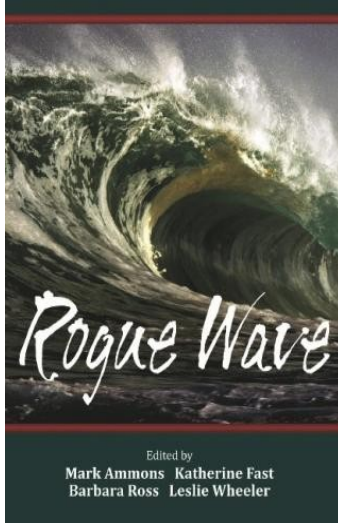
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Best New England Crime Stories



Level Best Books, in conjunction with Seven Bridge Writers Collaborative, will present a "Death in Shorts" mystery short story panel on Saturday, June 20th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01532. The panel will feature local authors, Janet Halpin, Ruth M. McCarty, and Dale T. Phillips, whose stories are among the twenty-nine published in Level Best Books' twelfth annual anthology of crime fiction by New England authors, *Best New England Crime Stories 2015: Rogue Wave*. With Leslie Wheeler, Level Best contributing co-editor, moderating, panelists will discuss how they plot, construct, and populate the mystery short story from light-hearted to noir. Copies of *Rogue Wave* will be available for signing and sale.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING INVITATION —JUNE 14TH

An invitation to attend Lancaster Garden Club's Annual Meeting—Sunday, June 14, 2015 First Church Community Hall 725 Main St., Lancaster starting at 6:00 PM with annual reports and budget presentation, followed at 7:00 PM Keynote speaker Kerry Mendez: "Branch Out in Your Gardening Adventures with Flowering Shrubs – the New Glamour Plants!" Do you want to add drama, winter interest and colorful flowers to your gardens while reducing maintenance time? Then include some spectacular flowering shrubs, many that also contribute dazzling foliage. With passion and humor, Kerry will introduce you to some terrific shrubs and share practical tips for their care. Lancaster and Sterling Garden Club members are free, guests are \$5.00 (or you can join at the door).

Strawberry Festival—June 28th!

First Church of Christ Unitarian Lancaster Town Green

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Homemade Chicken Salad

Homemade Strawberry Shortcakes and more!

Come join us for a day of good eats
and good friends!

Would you like to receive the "Community Crier" newsletter as well? Contact aturner@lancasterma.net to sign up!



KEY

	Helpful Information
	Save the Date!
	News!
	Neighboring Towns

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



- 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.

Educational Walk to Discuss Forest Management

June 17th at 6:00PM
(Rain Date June 23rd at 6:00PM)



Have you been wondering what all the blue paint is in the Arthur W. Blood Town Forest?

The Town of Lancaster's Forest Committee is holding an educational walk with the consulting forester to explain the sustainable forest management practices being implemented and to answer any questions. We will also be discussing the history of the forest and the overall ten-year forest management plan. The management plan is available on the town's website.



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/lanaster.html>. **Don't miss out as space is limited!**

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

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

For more information, contact Susan Conroy at 978-368-8928 x5 or sconroy@cwmar.org

Lancaster Recreation Committee Offers Swim Lessons! Sessions Begin Soon!

Where:	Lancaster Town Beach – Spec Pond Fire Road #4 off Old Union Turnpike Rd
What:	45 minutes - 9 Days per Session –make up on last Friday
When:	2 Sessions: Session I – June 29 th – July 9 th Session II – July 13 th – July 23 rd
Cost:	\$65 per child
Who:	Grades K-5



1&2 - 10:55- 11:40 am – Class size Ratio 5 students:1 instructor

Learn to put head underwater, Learn to float,
Practice kicks and arm movements separately

3&4 – 10:05-10:50 am – Ratio 8:1

Learn kicks and arm motions of strokes, Begin to put strokes together
Learn to tread water

5&6 – 9:15-10:00 am – Ratio 8:1

Learn all strokes

SIGN UP FOR SESSION 1, 2, OR BOTH!

Space is limited – must have 5 students per group to run.

New this year – pay online under the 2015 swim lesson icon!

http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_BComm/recreation

Also, heads up!! Go check out our newly transformed town beach -- we are spiffing things up with a newly painted forest green beach house as well as beach volley ball, and a brand new welcome sign at the entry among other things! Be sure to check the recreation town website for more information!

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

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

5th Annual Lancaster Nashua River Festival

Saturday, June 20th

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 lancasterfriendsoftheNashua.org for more information.

FREE ADMISSION



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, LANCASTER 4-H



On Saturday, June 20, Lancaster 4-H will be conducting a registration at the Nashua River Festival from 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lancaster 4-H is open to Lancaster residents K to grade 5 and from grades 6 -12 is open to the Nashoba district.

This program is perfect for children who are interested in hands-on activities and enjoy meeting new people. This program is available to girls and boys beginning in kindergarten and going through 18 years of age. Group sizes are kept small to ensure the best experience for program members. Children are grouped by grade level for regular group meetings which are scheduled on a bi-weekly basis. Activities involving animals are scheduled on a weekly basis. Program activities include; cooking, hiking, sewing, animal husbandry, public speaking, and camping.

Lancaster 4-H runs the poultry, beef and dairy shows at the Bolton Fair. This civic-minded group is always exploring new ways to help the community. Some of our activities include:

Arranging the Annual Tree Lighting, Repairing the 911 Courtyard at the Mary Rowlandson School, Arranging the annual Easter egg hunt, Planting a garden at the Mary Rowlandson School, and Competing in many local fairs throughout Massachusetts!

This registration is for the 2015-2016 school year. A non-refundable fee of \$125.00 is required at the time of registration. This fee includes: a \$50.00 charge implemented by the University of Massachusetts; a 4-H tee shirt; and \$75.00 dues for group activities and awards/pins earned by group participants during the year. A waiver form is available to cover the charge implemented by the University of Massachusetts. Parents are asked to volunteer in any way they can. A Cori will be required, please bring a copy of your license.

Studies show that 4-H members do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

Please contact me if you would like more information about the Lancaster 4-H Program or if you are interested in becoming a 4-H leader. I look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Lancaster 4-H will be showcasing some programs at the Nashua River Festival. Please stop by and see us!

Peggy Corbett, Lancaster 4-H President

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