

# Lancaster Events this Month

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## Nomination Papers for Local Election Available until March 19th

If you've ever considered running for local office, nomination papers are available now through **Thursday, March 19, 2015** at the Town Clerk's Office at the Lancaster Town Hall (978-365-3326 ext 1013). The Clerk's office asks that a candidate submit, in writing, a request for nomination papers. The papers will be prepared by the Town Clerk. Candidates for office must gather the signatures of 30 registered Lancaster voters.

| Available Positions                     | Term Requirements         |
|---|---------------------------|
| Town Moderator                          | 1 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Selectmen                               | 3 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Board of Public Works                   | 3 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Board of Health                         | 3 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Housing Authority                       | 5 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Finance Committee                       | 3 Year Term (2 positions) |
| Planning Board                          | 5 Year Term (1 position)  |
| Trustees of the Thayer Memorial Library | 3 Year Term (2 positions) |
| Regional School Committee               | 3 Year Term (1 position)  |

## Reminder - Dogs Must be Licensed by March 31st to Avoid Late Fee

**Dog Licenses are also being sold NOW**—if you haven't already licensed your dog, please come to the Clerk's Office during regular hours to do so. All dogs must be licensed by March 31st to avoid the \$50.00 late fee. You may also license on-line at:

[http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA\\_WebDocs/billpay](http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_WebDocs/billpay)

If your dog needs a new rabies vaccination, please consider coming to our Low Cost Clinic on

Saturday, March 28th. More information can be found at:

[http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA\\_News/01FE80F0-000F8513](http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_News/01FE80F0-000F8513)

## Rain Barrel Program Offered to Lancaster Residents

### Rain Barrel Facts

The rain barrel is repurposed from a 60 gallon shipping drum that is 39" tall by 24" wide, 20 lbs. empty. The shipping drum is made from 3/16" polyethylene which is UV protected and BPA free. The barrel comes complete with overflow fittings, drain plug, screw on cover, and a threaded spigot with a choice of two ports to use with either a watering can or a garden hose. The rain barrel arrives with simple instructions for fast and easy installation. **Available Colors:** Forest Green, Earth Brown or Nantucket Gray. **Special Price for Town Residents:** \$75 versus the retail price of \$119

**To Get Your Rain Barrel:** To take advantage of this community program discount please visit:

<https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/c-164-lancaster.aspx> or



**call (800)251-2352. Barrels will be available for pick up: Thursday July 9th 4:00-6:00pm.** Lancaster Town Green, 695 Main ST, Lancaster **Deadline for purchase: Orders must be received by July 2nd by 5:00pm**

- Rain barrels collect and store rainwater for outdoor water use which means you'll save money on your water bill.
- In New England, rain barrels can save up to 1700 gallons of water during extended summer months.
- Rain barrels reduce pollutants from entering into the water supplies by reducing runoff – which helps towns manage the water supplies and keep costs down.
- Rain barrels are low cost and easy to install.

## KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Join Miss Susan for Story Hour Thursdays (with some exceptions) at 10:30 a.m.

We have stories, a fun craft!! Recommended for ages 3 to 5, but siblings always welcome.

Non-Lancaster patrons also very welcome. No sign-up necessary. For more information, please call Susan Conroy at 978-368-8928, x. 5.

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Every Child Ready to Read with Cyndy Maxfield, early childhood coordinator for Nashoba Regional School District. Workshops offered are parents and caregivers, along with their children from infant to age 5. There will be stories, songs and a craft.

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Germs Make Me Sick!

Rein in a Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship Center spring session begins on March 15<sup>th</sup> but families are welcome to register anytime during the session. We have private and semi-private lessons as well as unmounted programs such as Teaching Kindness. Our Minis & Me program welcomes children as young as 3 years old to come and work with our miniature horses! Lessons are offered 7 days per week, every month of the year. For more information please contact: Cherie Ansin, Program Director; cansin@perkinschool.org; 978/365-7376 978/368-4804

### LESSON/PROGRAMS OFFERED

Therapeutic Riding: Private and semi-private lessons.

Teaching Kindness: Unmounted lesson based on humane education.

Barn Buddies: Group lesson introduces students to the care and management of farm animals.

Mini and Me: Group lesson introducing children (three-five years of age) to our miniature herd of horses.

Recreational Riding: For children and adults who are interested in riding in a non-competitive environment.



The Evangelical Congregational Church is conducting a Lenten Series. It consists of 4 Wednesday evening lessons in March – each one on Wednesday evening at 7:00 for one hour. It is called “The Easter Experience” and consists of a video and a discussion. Each one is a self contained lesson so it is not necessary to have been involved from the beginning to benefit from the study.

All are welcome to join us for coffee and discussion any Wednesday evening.

ECC also holds a Bible Study on Friday mornings at 10:00 led by Frank Mitchell.

### First Church of Christ, Unitarian, Lancaster

All events are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 17: Weekly Tuesday evening Mindfulness Meditation Group resumes in the First Church parlor.

Practitioners of all levels are welcome. No special clothing or equipment needed. A free will offering will be taken.

6pm-7:15pm.

Sunday, March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday observance during 10:30am worship in the sanctuary.

## Save the Date: Green Reel Film Series: “Heist - Who Stole the American Dream?”

This film traces the worldwide economic collapse to a 1971 secret memo entitled “Attack on American Free Enterprise System”. To be held Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 PM. Following the film, Lee Ketelsen from Move to Amend will lead a discussion of the film as well as a discussion on creating change. Community Hall, First Church of Christ, Unitarian, 725 Main Street - Free, and open to the public.

### PTO Rockin' Auction, April 10th, 2015

Mark your calendar for the PTO fundraising event. 100% of the proceeds go back into funding for hands-on learning opportunities. Event to be held at the Sterling Country Club, Sterling, MA. For information on auction items and purchasing tickets (\$20.00 each), go to:

<http://www.lancasterpto.net/>

### Lancaster' 4-H Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Lancaster 4-H will hold its Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM—Town Green

You may wish to plan to arrive 15 min. early, as we are very prompt with the starting time.

You can visit with the Easter Bunny while waiting.

Rain date April 20, 2015



**Please note:** We are looking for two more \$50.00 donors to help with funding our hunt. If you would like to be a sponsor, please email as soon as possible:

[lancaster4h@comcast.net](mailto:lancaster4h@comcast.net) and let me know how you would like your name or business on the advertisements. You may send a check made out to the Lancaster 4-H to 39 Brockelman Rd. Lancaster.