

Lancaster Events this Month

Town of Lancaster

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Monday, May 2nd, 2016 Special Town Meeting (7:00 PM) and Annual Town Meeting (7:15 PM)

Mary Rowlandson School Auditorium

MONDAY, MAY 9TH - ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM

If you will be away during the election, please consider voting via absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be requested until NOON, Friday May 6th. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information at 978-365-3326 ext 1013 or townclerk@lancasterma.net



KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns



Moderator - One for one year

Selectman - One for three years

Board of Public Works - One for three years

Board of Health - One for three years

Housing Authority - One for five years

Finance Committee - One for three years

Finance Committee - One for one year
(to fill unexpired term)

Planning Board - One for five years

Nashoba Regional District School Committee - One for three years

Nashoba Regional District School Committee - One for one year
(to fill unexpired term)

Library Trustee - Two for three years



QUESTION 1:

Shall the Town of Lancaster be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District in order to finance renovating, constructing, and equipping the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District including the design costs thereof and all costs incidental thereto?

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



The Lancaster Firefighters Association & Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner

**Annual Spaghetti &
Meatball Dinner**

Sunday May, 15th, 2016

from 1pm – 6pm

Fire Department Headquarters at
1055 Main Street

Ticket Prices will be \$6.00 for adults,
\$4.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and
children 4 and under eat for FREE.



Tickets can be obtained by calling
the Lancaster Fire Association

(978) 368-4003



Memorial Hall

A Civil War Footprint on Lancaster's Town Green



Join us at

Thayer Memorial Library on Lancaster's Town Green



For more information phone 978-368-8928 ext. 4

Built in 1868, Memorial Hall was funded by the residents of Lancaster.

The two-fold design of the building:

- As a memorial to those Lancastrians who died during the Civil War
- As a Town Library for the citizens of Lancaster

Special Guided Tours of
Lancaster's Civil War Memorial

Saturday, May 14 @ 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Visit Thayer Memorial Library's Museum after the tour.

717 Main Street, Lancaster

PRESS RELEASE: Freedom's Way National Heritage Area together with over sixty partners from the 45 towns and cities within its bounds announce Hidden Treasures 2016, a nine-day regional celebration. Beginning **Saturday, May 14th through Sunday, May 22nd**, communities across the 994 square mile Freedom's Way area, home to over 750,000 people, will offer free public programs featuring one or more "hidden treasures" in their town.

From nature hikes and museum open houses to urban walking tours and art events, **Hidden Treasures 2016** offers a diversity of activities that highlight the many cultural, historical and natural treasures of our region. This year's website, www.discoverhiddentreasures.org, is a great resource to plan your regional adventure from the more than 100 activities offered.

Go to http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_Events/S02383F5D-023B9583.1/Hidden%20Treasures%20Press%20Release%20Template%20for%20Memorial%20Hall%20F.pdf for the full text of this press release.



First Church of Christ Unitarian

May 1: "Celebrating Community." As we welcome new members into the church, a reflection on what it means to "be church" in this time and place.

May 8: Guest Speaker Rev. Cynthia Maybeck

May 15: A Special "Coming of Age" service led by our Senior Youth.



Stay tuned for information about the 200th Anniversary Celebration
Coming Up later this Month!

Mindfulness Meditation Group continues on Tuesdays at 10am in the Church Parlor. Practitioners of all levels welcome.

A free will offering will be taken

Nashoba Valley Young Life

Since 1988 Nashoba Valley Young Life has been working in concert with local churches of all denominations to reach kids in our high schools who are more at risk today than ever before. In a safe, fun, wholesome environment we offer a biblically based message that God has a better plan for their lives. Nashoba Valley Young Life works with high school kids in Lancaster, Bolton, Stow, and Harvard. Each year we minister to over 300 kids, an average of 35 kids attended weekly club, and over 50 kids attend one of Young Life's premier camps for the best week of their lives.



CLUB: Monday evenings, 7:45 pm.

All high school students welcome!

Join us at ECC Lancaster, 793 Main St Lancaster!



UPCOMING SPRING BIRD WALKS—THIS WEEKEND!



Lancaster Recreation Committee and North County Land Trust (NCLT) Present Audubon Certified Birder, NCLT Board Member, and local resident, Clay Hobart to join us on the 7 AM Early Riser “Warbler Walk” on Saturday April 30th (7:00 AM to 9:00 AM) at Lancaster Cook Conservation Area, and the “Spring Bird Walk” on Sunday, May 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lancaster Town Forest. Complete information and flyer may be found at:

http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_Events/S0237D031-0237D039?formid=161



Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative - Upcoming Events in May

Monday, May 2, 2016

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Thayer Room, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Mary Fuhrer: Crisis of Community: The Trials and Transformation of a New England Town, 1815-1848

Mary Fuhrer is a public historian with a Ph.D. in American History. Her professional experience has focused on recovering the everyday life of New England's folk and helping others use primary source evidence such as letters, diaries, public records, and material culture to tell stories from the past. She provides research and programs as a historian for historical and humanities associations. In 2014, Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities awarded her the Massachusetts History Commendation for “extensive work in Massachusetts history over the past two decades, [which] has improved the interpretation of history for numerous organizations and countless individuals.” Mary is an elected Fellow of the American Antiquarian Society and of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Thayer Room, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Writing and the Spiritual Life with Reverend Robert Johansen

In this workshop we will sample contemporary spiritual writing drawn from several genres, explore qualities that make writing spiritual, and compare and contrast spiritual writing with other types of writing. The workshop will also include writing exercises to help each participant explore his or her own spiritual experience and how it might be incorporated into other types of writing. Bob Johansen currently serves as Minister of First Church of Christ Unitarian in Lancaster. He describes writing as spiritual practice—paying attention to the movement of the Spirit within us, between us and around us. Bob has worked for over twenty years as an ecumenical spiritual director in the contemplative tradition of the Shalem Institute, has twice been chosen to participate in the Collegeville Ecumenical Writing Workshops at St. Johns University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and was awarded a Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal in 2010. He is the author of over 60 articles on faith and spirituality published in *The Gardener News*; his work is included in Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen's *Words That Sing: Composing Lyrical Prose* (Zion Press, 2012).

For more information, send an email to 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com or



Guided Walk of Pine Hill Area



Join Lancaster Recreation & Lancaster Land Trust for a guided walk of the Pine Hill area in Lancaster, led by Bob Lidstone of the Land Trust.

The walk is scheduled for **Saturday May 14th 10 AM to Noon**. We will park at the end of Pine Hill Road where there is a gate. Our walk follows the cart road over Town-owned property and into the Mass. Fish & Wildlife land in the Bolton Flats area. You will see unique vegetation (pitch pine, scrub oak) and even perhaps the infamous endangered moth habitat and Blanding's turtles.

CAMP CRAFT LANCASTER IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ACTIVITIES FOR CAMPERS AGES 5-13.

THE PROGRAM SERVES LANCASTER RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

9:00AM-4:00PM

- LOW CAMPER TO COUNSELOR RATIOS.
- STAFFING THAT IS MINIMALLY 18 YEARS OLD.
- A WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES.



JUN 27-JUL 1

JUL 4-JUL 10

JUL 11-JUL 15

JUL 18-JUL 22

JUL 25-JUL 29

AUG 1-AUG 5

AUG 8-AUG 12

AUG 15-AUG 18

AUG 22-AUG 26

\$265/CAMPER/WEEK

EXTENDED DAY

\$60/WEEK OR \$15/DAY FROM 7:30-9:00AM

\$80/WEEK OR \$20/DAY FROM 4:00-6:00PM

\$125/WEEK OR \$35/DAY FOR BOTH



CAMP
CRAFT
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WWW.COMMUNITYRECREATION.ORG/LANCASTER/LANCASTER.HTML

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