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Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns

Sunday, November 20th 1:00 PM Thanksgiving with Friends!

Lancaster Community Center - All Ages Welcome!



for a Thanksgiving feast

#### Sample Menu Includes

Light appetizers, Fresh Roasted Turkey,
Curried Squash/Pumpkin or Carrot Ginger Soup,

Apple/Cranberry/Pecan Stuffing, Wild Rice Citrus Salad, Green Beans Almondine, Homemade Smashed Potatoes,

Cranberry Orange Sauce, Assorted Breads and Herbed Corn Bread and more!

Dessert and Pie Contest

Awards for Best Apple, Best Pumpkin, Best Cream Pie, and of course Best of the Rest!

Bring a recipe for us to copy, and one pie! Be prepared to share.

Entertainment Provided - FREE Van Trips

\$10 general \$8 Seniors +under 12

RSVP by 11/16 to: 978-733-4076 or: mpelletier@lancasterma.net

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



The Evangelical Congregational Church of
Lancaster invites you to attend its

4th Annual Christmas Concert, presented by
the Youth Ensemble of New England.
Sunday, December 11th at 3 p.m.
with refreshments following.

There is no charge but a free will offering will
be taken to support the orchestra.

www.ecclancaster.org

# Coming Up In November at First Church of Christ Unitarian



**November 27:** The First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our preparations for Christmas. Special guest speaker Amy Hunter.

#### **Mindfulness Meditation**

First Church's Meditation Group welcomes new members at all levels of experience. Learn the essential methods of mindfulness meditation; study the core teachings of the Buddha; enjoy interesting related discussions with the group.

Get more information about the First Church meditation group and for mindfulness meditation resources. The meditation group meets on Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm in the church parlor.

A free will offering will be taken.

# LANCASTER GARDE

### LANCASTER GARDEN CLUB EVENT - November 20th

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 7 PM at First Church Unitarian, 725 Main St, Lancaster The Lancaster Garden Club will present a program on Beekeeping. 15-year beekeeping veteran and club member Erin DeCoste will discuss the life cycle and jobs of honeybees, the bees' role in pollination, caring for bees and their hives, and issues surrounding honeybees.

Come for our social hour from 6-7PM to visit with friends; program begins at 7pm. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

\$5 for club members, \$10 for non-members. Not a member? Consider a family membership for only \$20 per year that will give you access to fantastic programs and discounts to some local garden centers.

For additional details, visit our website at <a href="https://www.lancastergardenclub.net">www.lancastergardenclub.net</a>. Or, contact Meghan Whitcomb at 857-222-1855.





#### LANCASTER COOK CONSERVATION AREA WALK SUNDAY NOV. 20TH

Join Lancaster Recreation Chair Johnna Doyle Sunday November 20th for a guided tour of Cook Conservation area.

Discover our local history through stories of days gone by.

Imagine it's the year 1642.

The Nashaway Algonquin Native Americans invite you to settle here, along the Nashua .....

Choose to take a shorter (roughly 1 hour) or longer walk (roughly 2.5 - 3 hours).

Meet 10 am on Rte 70 in Lancaster 1.6 miles north of Rte 117 on the left or 1.6 miles south of Rte 2 on the right (parking on the west side of Rte 70 in small parking area).

Bring water and snacks

Rain Date: Sunday Nov. 27th (work off that Thanksgiving Dinner J)

Questions? Contact Jeanne Blauner; jablauner@comcast.net; 978-202-5606



Organized and Presented by Lancaster Recreation Committee and Lancaster Trails

# Help Local Families Keep Their Babies Dry!



Lancaster's Jr. Girl Scout Troop 30737 (Chrissy Hantzis, Troop Leader) is partnering with Church of the Good Shepherd and the Presbyterian Church to help fill their Diaper-A-Day Pantry for WIC clients and others who live in Lancaster, Clinton, Bolton, Sterling, Berlin, and Boylston. Thirty free diapers per month are available for qualified children.

This project is headed up by Lancaster's Jr. Girl Scout Emily Schexnaydre

Your donation helps provide diapers to area families. Clean, dry diapers help families to be successful. Babies with clean, dry bottoms are not crying due to diaper rash. Calm, happy babies help foster calm, happy homes.

Any size, any brand, even open packages of diapers are welcome.

Thank you for your donation!



DROP OFF
DIAPER DONATIONS:
Thayer Memorial Library

717 Main Street, Lancaster

# Pajama Storytime at the Thayer Memorial Library



Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main St. Lancaster MA Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:30pm

Admission is free!
Every Child Ready to Read! Children will enjoy bedtime stories, songs, crafts and a bedtime snack.

Wear your jammies and bring a favorite stuffed animal!
The Community Partnership for Children Council is a collaborative of parents, community members, childcare programs, preschools, public schools and all those that have an interest in and/or providing services related to the care and education of children between the age of birth- and 8 years old.





## Last Week for 4H Canned Food Drive!



The need is great this year, please contribute what you can!

Collection has already begun, and will continue until the week before Thanksgiving.



Donations may be dropped off at the Police Station, the Town Clerk's Office, or Peggy Corbett's house at:

39 Brockelman Road

# **Events at the Community Center This Month**



Scams and Skimmers.

Be scared, be *very* scared.

Free Presentation.

November 16th, Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Shawn McKenna of the Worcester County Sheriffs
Office is back by popular demand to teach us how
to spot scams and those infamous card skimmers
popping up in businesses. Knowledge is power,
so come

learn how to spot scams and help yourself and others. Free and informative speaking engagement.

Free coffee, cider and treats



Squoosh, Squish, Squash!

Winter squash, three delicious ways:

November 17th 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

We are saving the best for last.

The long lasting winter squash is delicious so many ways. We will tackle three easy recipes that would be delicious for your Thanksgiving table. Before we roast, boil and season the squash we will learn how to identify them and save the seeds for our spring planting. Tasty and fun!

Squash from Rota Farms

Free! Come cook, clean and taste. You will want the recipes for your own Thanksgiving Feast. We will prepare a soup for our Thanksgiving with Friends banquet to be held on Sunday, so you will be doing good while you feast.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There is a vacancy on the Animal Control Commission in Lancaster. The commission meets once a month with the animal control officer to evaluate animal control problems for the public health and safety of residents. A resident should submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, 695 Main St., Suite 1, Lancaster 01523. For additional information, please call Maribeth Eugene at 978-365-5672.

# Town Forest Closed for Harvest

The harvest in the town forest will begin in early November and last through mid-December. During that time the forest will be closed for recreational purposes. I would encourage folks to explore some of the other recreation areas in town during this time. Please see the trails and bikeway committee page for ideas.

http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/.../ Lancaster%20Tr.../trailbikeway Lancaster 4-H will be sponsoring the fourth annual Town Festival of Trees.

This event is open to local businesses, organizations, and citizens interested in creating holiday spirit. Come join in on the fun, sponsor a tree and participate in an exciting event that is fun for children, families, and the entire community.

We are looking for interested sponsors to decorate a tree for the 2016 Festival of Trees to be held in the Lancaster Town Hall. Not only will your decorated tree be seen and voted on by hundreds of visitors and Town Hall employees, visitors will also be able to bid for the chance to take them home.

Your tree should reflect a theme or one that reflects your business or personal interest. Each sponsor will be prominently displayed at the Festival of Trees providing an excellent opportunity for promoting your business, organization, or your family's commitment to our community.

All trees and decorations are tax-deductible. Proceeds will benefit Lancaster 4-H.

THERE IS NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE but HURRY: Deadline for registration is: November 25th!!

Decorating times: Thursday, December 1, 3:00 - 6:00 PM & Friday, December 2, 10:00-12:00PM

Festival of Trees Open for viewing and bidding during the Tree Lighting celebration (information below)

December 3, 10 AM to 4:00 pm & Dec. 4.

Viewing and bidding 10:00-2:00pm with packing up of trees at 2:00 PM

FESTIVAL OF TREES

For more information contact Peggy Corbett lancaster4h@com

Save the Date for the Annual Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit - December 2nd, 600 PM