

Lancaster Events this Month

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Take Our Planning Survey!

The Lancaster Planning Board is about to embark on a very exciting exploration. We are considering the creation of a Center Village District along Main Street in the heart of Lancaster.

Our attention was drawn to the Town Center area as a result of the Master Plan being updated in 2007. The Master Plan includes a chapter on "The Town We Want" and it expressly encourages the creation of a Town Center that encompasses many different cultural, recreational, civic and historical uses.

The Planning Board would like to get your views on shaping a Center Village District. The following link will take you to a survey that asks you to tell us how you envision your Town Center. It will take less than ten minutes, and will provide us with an enormous amount of information and feedback. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZXRVJ>

Hurry! Survey closes on Monday, November 30th.

And we'll let you know when a date is chosen for a public forum to review the survey results and discuss the potential for the creation of a Center Village District.

Questions? Contact the Community Development and Planning office at 978-365-3326 x1311, or write to npiazza@lancasterma.net. Thank you for your participation!

The Office of the Town Clerk has begun a new initiative, in cooperation with Principal Sean O'Shea and the Staff of the Mary Rowlandson School, to offer students in grades 1 through 5 the chance to "vote" for their favorite dog tag shape for the 2016 year. Students will cast ballots to choose their favorite tag shape from three (3) different choices (shield, rosette, heart), and the winning tag will be proudly worn by the dogs of Lancaster during the 2016 calendar year. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd during homeroom, and ballots will be carefully counted by the Town Clerk's Staff at Town Hall. The election results of the winning tag will be posted on the Town Website after the official count is complete. Susan Mello Conroy, Children's Librarian, has arranged to host a separate voting box at the Thayer Memorial Library, in the Children's Room, for students that are home/private schooled from October 23rd through November 3rd.



Thank you to all who supported Boy Scout Troop 1 Lancaster in our recent Popcorn fundraiser. Whether answering a door to a scout and making a purchase or donation or stopping by a "Show and Sell" event at Harper's Farm, Kalon Farm, or Kimball's, Troop 1 "The Rainmakers" thank you. The support of this singular fundraiser by local businesses and families is crucial to the troop and provides equipment for camping and various outdoor events throughout the year. Thank you!!

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

Community Heating Oil Buying Group

For the past couple of years, an informal heating oil buying group has coordinated the purchase of discounted home heating oil for greater Lancaster area residents. Heating oil is delivered much as customers receive their heating oil today (through automatic fill or as requested by the homeowner). The heating oil supplier is one of the largest and best known companies in the area. Over the two-year operation of the program we have compared the delivered cost of the oil to the competition and found the buying group prices are consistently lower. If you would like more information about the "Tellert Group Buy," please contact Larry Shoer (LarryShoer@comcast.net).

Upcoming Events at Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street

BRUSH YOUR FINES AWAY!! A candy drive for veterans 11/2/2015 through 11/6/2015

Pay your overdue library fines with donations of NEW, WRAPPED, NONPERISHABLE candy. 'Brush Your Fines Away' does *not* include Lost or Damaged materials.

For all residents young or old - candy drop off is Monday, November 2nd through Saturday, November 6th. Donors will be given a tooth brush and dental supplies and have their library fines waived!

We are collecting candy for Veterans Inc., local shelter for homeless veterans, and Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital, Bedford MA. Candy will be distributed to needy vets. Please bring a card with you to go in the candy care package to be given out on Veterans Day Nov 11.

Do you know of someone or have a family member in the service overseas who would like a candy care package? Let us know, provide a name and address and a candy care package will be sent to them.

Sponsored by: Drs. Peter A Garofoli, Myles Heffernan, Jr, and Lindsay Bruneau. 131 Main Street , Lancaster. 978 - 365-5643



Harvest of Tales

Featuring Folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond

Free family program for Thanksgiving. Mr. Van Egmond will perform tales & songs of the harvest season going from rib-tickling to the heartwarming and will accompany himself on Appalachian Instruments.

Van Egmond has been delighting and captivating audiences throughout the country for over 30 years, appearing at hundreds of schools, libraries, and festivals.

No registration required

For more information on programs, please call the library at 978-368-8928, x.2



GRACE TONIGHT

Sundays at 5:00 PM

Evangelical Congregational Church—793 Main Street, Lancaster

“Did you miss church on Sunday morning? Grace Tonight is open for you!” Grace Tonight is for busy people, who, because of employment, family responsibilities, or kids’ sports schedules, miss the opportunity to worship on Sunday morning. Meetings will feature contemporary music, discussion, refreshments, and meaningful messages and song.

Come as you are, beginning on November 1st. All are welcome.



Feeding the Community

The Lancaster 4H members are once again very busy helping our community. We are holding our annual food drive to help local families. If you want to give us a hand we would really appreciate it. Food can be dropped off on Peggy's porch at 39 Brockelman Rd in Lancaster, the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, or brought to Francine at the Lancaster Police Station by November 16. All food will be sorted and shared out by the Lancaster 4-H members then distributed through the Lancaster Police. If you have any questions you can email Peggy at lancaster4h@comcast.net



Coming Up at First Church of Christ Unitarian this November

Sunday Morning Worship at 10 AM:

Nov. 1: “A Celebration of All Saints and All Souls” as we toll our Paul Revere bell in memory of departed loved ones.

Nov. 8: “Forgive Us Our Debts”—The last of our four part sermon series on the Lord's Prayer.

Nov. 15: Our special guest speaker during worship will be Cheryl Amari, founder of *GriefTeach*, speaking on "Packing for the Grief Journey: Six Essential Items"

Other Events:

Men's Breakfast. Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8am in the Community Hall, with special guest Lancaster Police Chief Ed Burgwinkle. All are welcome.

Choral Evensong, “O God, Beyond All Praising”— Sacred Readings and Music, featuring *Nashaway Chorus*, directed by Kristjon Imperio. Nov. 13 at 7pm in the First Church sanctuary.

ONGOING: *Meditation Group*, Tues. 6-7:30pm in Church parlor.

Open to practitioners of all levels. Free will offering.

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



Community Center Events



Tuesday November 10th 7:30-9:00 AM

VETERANS, PLEASE JOIN US!

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO HONOR AND THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Need a nice gift for the holidays? There are a few Lancaster Commemorative Ornaments (2013) available for sale. Featuring the Thayer Memorial Library, and completely hand-painted, they are a terrific value at \$15.00 each. Sale proceeds benefit the Item Appeal. Cash or check made payable to the "Item Appeal".

Available at the Community Center Office or during breakfast.

You're Invited!

Thanksgiving with Friends

November 20th at 1:00 PM

Back by popular demand, a sit down Thanksgiving Dinner featuring a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Reserve at 978-733-4076

Door Prizes all the fixings. \$7 per senior


Dessert contest with Celebrity judges, and prizes.

See our newsletter or the town website for full dessert details on our website.

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



Upcoming Events at Atlantic Union College

Atlantic Union College - November 1-November 30: Toy Drive for children from the community. Toys can be left at Haskell Hall, 338 Main Street 



November 7 Free HealthFair 1:00-3:30. Come by for health assessments (vital signs), nutritional demonstrations and food samples, and learn more about AUC.

Atlantic Union College Offers Career Changing Certificate Programs! Career Day Exploration:

November 12th 2015, 6:00-8:00pm

Chan Shun Dining Commons 53 Prescott Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Thursday's Bread of Life Ministry at the Village Church has a dinner for those in need - Help is needed to serve 4:00-7:00 pm. Questions regarding any programs? Contact Barbara Fuller (978) 368-2110. Or via email: barbara.fuller@auc.edu



Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

Connecting Communities: Along Our Trails in Winchendon - Outside & In!

Fern Glenn Conservation Area Hike - Saturday, November 13, 2015

9:00 am - Noon *Rain or Shine* Free and Open to the Public

Registration required.

Come discover Mount Grace Land Conservation's 130-acre Fern Glenn Conservation Area donated in 1996 by Nathan J. Olson. We will explore the trail that skirts a boreal swamp and a woodland on steep talus slopes with huge old sugar maples, ash trees and red oaks. Registration required.

A Holiday Preview Murdock-Whitney Mansion

Saturday, November 13, 2015 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

Spend time with us visiting the historical Murdock-Whitney Mansion, home of the Winchendon Historical Society. Owned by the Whitney-Murdock family since it was built in 1834, this perfectly preserved 20-room mansion will preview this year's holiday decorations. Learn about the family that influenced the history of "Toy Town".

Connecting Communities is offered by the **Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition** and **Freedom's Way National Heritage Area** in collaboration with trail stewards, land trusts, community leaders, historical organizations, naturalists and volunteers, and provides free, trail-inspired events.

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area 94 Jackson Road, Suite 311 | Devens, MA 01434
mail@freedomsway.org | www.freedomsway.org

Lancaster 4-H Festival of Trees 2015

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 2015 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! Deadline for registration is: November 20

Set-up dates: Wednesday, December 2, 2:00 - 6:00 PM & Thursday, December 3, 10:00-12:00PM

Annual Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit will be December 3, 6:00-8:00

Festival of Trees Open for viewing and bidding during the Tree Lighting celebration

December 4 and 5: 10 AM to 5:00 pm

Dec. 6. Viewing and bidding 10:00-2:00pm with packing up of trees at 2:00 PM.

We provide: electricity and a 6-foot artificial tree to decorate (limited quantity of trees or you may choose to bring your own artificial table top tree)

Media coverage (local newspapers, cable vision, etc)

Sponsor acknowledgement next to your entry and in publicity

You provide: Your creative decorating skills, the Lights and decorations

Together we provide a fun event for the community to enjoy

To register, contact Peggy Corbett, 39 Brockelman Rd, Lancaster, MA 01523 or Lancaster4h@comcast.net Guidelines will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration form.



The Lancaster Recreation Committee is offering discounted passes at Wachusett Mountain for the 2015/2016 ski season. You can save \$100 on any Century Pass by purchasing now through November 18. Go to www.wachusett.com under group sales to order online. Type in "Lancaster Rec" as the group name and order the pass of your choice. If you can't log on or have any questions, contact Recreation Committee member Joe Kennedy at kennedy2004@comcast.net.