

Lancaster Events this Month

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Lancaster Garden Club presents "Best New Varieties for 2016" with Barbara Pierson of White Flower Farm

Sunday, November 15, 2015, 3 p.m.
Lancaster Community Center,
39 Harvard Rd, Lancaster
(located behind the Library and War Memorials)



Each year plant breeders from around the world bring White Flower Farm new varieties of plants which are tested in their gardens. Barbara will showcase the top performing annuals, perennials, and shrubs from the long list of introductions. Beautiful photographs of the varieties as well as cultural information for each plant. Program is free for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Membership is \$15.00 and available at our meeting. **All are welcome.**



KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns

WANTED

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD



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:

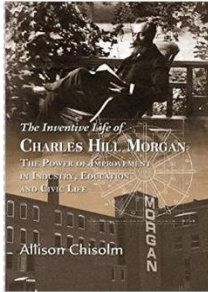
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Remember, you can unsubscribe at any time by emailing "unsubscribe" to "townclerk@lancasterma.net"

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).



Incubator of Invention

How Lancaster Launched 19th Century Entrepreneur Charles Hill Morgan



ASME's (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) 19th president, Charles Hill Morgan (1831 – 1911) was integral in the mill industry. According to the website of Worcester Polytechnic Institute: *"The inventions of Charles Hill Morgan and other Morgan engineers (many WPI graduates) made rolling steel and other metals into bars and wire far more efficient and safer. Morgan mills and innovations like the Morgoil bearing can be found around the world."*

The strength of his ideas and the success of his inventions took him on a path that led from Lancaster's Factory Village (later became the Town of Clinton) in central Massachusetts to the courts of Europe. In the span of 80 years, Charles would go from living hand to mouth in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts to taking tea at Windsor Castle with the Queen of England. Come learn more about this remarkable man who got his start right here in Lancaster.

Thayer Memorial Library

Tuesday, November 17

6:30—8:00 p.m.



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For more information, phone 978-368-8928 or stop by Thayer Memorial Library's Circulation Desk at 717 Main Street, Lancaster

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.

Have any events or news to share? Remember to email us at ["townclerk@lanasterma.net"](mailto:townclerk@lanasterma.net)

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/CZXRZVJ>

Hurry! Survey closes on Monday, November 30th.

And the date has been chosen for a public forum to review the survey results and discuss the potential for the creation of a Center Village District. Please join us Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Community Center

Questions? Contact the Community Development and Planning office at 978-365-3326 x1311, or write to

npiazza@lanasterma.net. Thank you for your participation!



**After Taking the Survey, Please Join Us to Discuss the Issue at the
Center Village District Public Forum**

Monday, November 30, 2015

7:00 PM—Lancaster Community Center

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation and your valuable input. Questions? Contact the Community Development and Planning office at 978-365-3326 x1311, or write to: npiazza@lanasterma.net

Atlantic Union College Toy Drive

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



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



**LANCASTER WINTER PARKING BAN AND
SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS**
IN EFFECT STARTING NOVEMBER 15TH!

Just a reminder to the citizens of Lancaster regarding the Town Bylaws for Snow and Ice Removal:

Please help Lancaster's DPW keep all roadways safe this winter by not plowing or putting snow in or across the roads and streets. We have a big enough task at hand in trying to keep all the roadways safe and passable during snow storms.

If anyone has any questions or concerns pertaining to this, please feel free to contact the DPW Superintendent's Office at 978-365-2412, extension 1101.

Chapter 163: Snow and Ice Removal

Section 163 – 1: Obstruction of Public Ways and Fire Hydrants Prohibited

No person other than an employee in the service of the Town of Lancaster or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Town of Lancaster shall pile, push, plow, blow snow or ice onto or across a public way which is plowed and/or sanded by the Town or deposit snow in such a way as to obstruct the operation of any fire hydrant.

Section 163 – 4: Violations and Penalties

Whoever violates any provision of this bylaw shall be punished by fines under **Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article 1, Noncriminal Disposition**, of the code of the Town of Lancaster, in the amount set for in **Chapter 1, Article 2, Fines**.

STARTING NOVEMBER 15TH – THRU APRIL 15TH, A WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT. This prohibits on-street parking for more than 1 hour from 1am to 5am



JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

You're Invited! Thanksgiving with Friends

November 20th at 1:00 PM

A sit down Thanksgiving Dinner featuring a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings at the Community Center!

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



Coming Up at First Church of Christ Unitarian this November

Sunday Morning Worship at 10 AM:

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"

November 22: Local singer/songwriter Billy Walsh will provide a musical message to get us in the spirit of Thanksgiving.



After worship the children of the Religious Education Program will be having a special craft fundraiser for Heifer International.

November 29: Special guest speaker poet Amy Hunter will lead worship on this first Sunday of Advent. Our worship them this year is.....



Hope

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

Open to practitioners of all levels. Free will offering.

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.