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Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns

HALLOWEEN ON THE GREEN

Nashoba Symphonic
Band will be performing
"Danse Macabre" on
October 30, 2016 at 3:00
PM at NRHS, 12 Green
Road, Bolton.

All are welcome. This is
a FREE event, but donations are always
welcome.



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

A message from the Lancaster Town Clerk's Office:

For the first time, Massachusetts voters now have the opportunity to VOTE EARLY during the November 8 Presidential Election



Lancaster Town Hall, 695 Main Street

Monday, October 24, 2016	9:00 am	to	5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 25, 2016	9:00 am	to	4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 26, 2016	9:00 am	to	4:00 pm
Thursday, October 27, 2016	9:00 am	to	4:00 pm
Friday, October 28, 2016	7:00 am	to	3:00 pm
Monday, October 31, 2016	9:00 am	to	5:00 pm

Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street

Tuesday, October 25, 2016	6:00 pm	to	8:00 pm
Saturday, October 29, 2016	10:00 am	to	2:00 pm

Lancaster Community Center, 39 Harvard Road

Tuesday, November 1, 2016	7:00 am	to	9:00 am
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For more information, or to check your voter registration status, contact the Town Clerk's Office at "townclerk@lancasterma.net" 978-365-3326 ext 1013



All Early Voting locations are accessible to voters with disabilities

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NCM is looking for applicants for a new home!

We are building a house on Henry Street in Fitchburg in 2016 and 2017.

You may be eligible to buy a Habitat house:

Are you currently living in inadequate or unsafe housing?

Do you have a steady income, but not enough to qualify for a standard mortgage?

(Example: Income for a family of 4 is approximately \$24,950—\$49,900)

Do you pay your bills on time? Is your debt paid regularly?

Are you willing to work hard with Habitat volunteers to help build a home?

(200 hours/ one adult; 350 hours/ two adults)

apply@ncmhabitat.org, www.ncmhabitat.org

978-348-2749

To obtain an application for a Habitat house, please attend an informational meeting.



All applicants in a household need to attend.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Saturday, Oct. 22 10:00 am Tuesday, Oct 25 7:00 pm

Fitchburg Fire Station, 33 North Street, Fitchburg

LANCASTER 4H 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

Brockleman Road.

THANK YOU!



Bridging Writers Author Series Presents

Howard Mansfield

Dwelling in Possibility: Searching for the Soul of Shelter Monday, November 7, 2016
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thayer Memorial Library





The mystery that attracts Howard Mansfield's attention is that some houses have life—are home, are dwellings, and others aren't. Dwelling, he says, is an old-fashioned word that we've misplaced. When we live heart and soul, we dwell. When we belong to a place, we dwell. Possession, they say, is nine-tenths of the law, but it is also what too many houses and towns lack. This lost quality of dwelling—the soul of buildings—haunts most of our houses and our landscape. Dwelling in Possibility is a search for the ordinary qualities that make some houses a home, and some public places welcoming.

Howard Mansfield sifts through the commonplace and the forgotten to discover stories that tell us about ourselves and our place in the world. He writes about history, architecture, and preservation. He is the author of seven books, including *In the Memory House, The Bones of the Earth,* and most recently, *Dwelling in Possibility: Searching for the Soul of Shelter* which *The Boston Globe* called "a wholly original meditation ... that's part observation of the contemporary built environment, part cultural history, part philosophical account, and at times something like a Whitmanian poetic survey." His newest book, *Sheds*, with photographer Joanna Eldredge Morrissey, will be published in June.

For more information on this program, or to preregister, please visit sevenbridgewriters.blogspot.com.

For questions, contact us at 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com.



FREEDOM'SWAY

National Heritage Area | Nature · Culture · History

















An Exploration of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Landscape

Saturday, October 22, 2016 | 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Join us in a daylong exploration and conversation investigating the landscape of Freedom's Way to understand how, as a mosaic of natural beauty, the area has evolved throughout time, inspiring multiple generations to live on, care for and preserve the land.

The cost for the day, including transportation, continental breakfast, lunch and a light supper is \$15.00 for members; \$40.00 for non-members.

TO REGISTER and for ADDITIONAL INFORMATION visit: www.freedomsway.org

Fall Fitspiration Boot Camp!

Sponsored By the Lancaster Community Center

Pam's Fall Fitspiration Bootcamp is a cardio-base workout, that combines cardio, bodyweight strength abs/core & flexibility. You will work at your own pace and level, making this class suitable for all fitness levels.



Special for the month of October!

Bring a Buddy to Class – You & Your Buddy
get into class for just \$5 each!

Wednesday 7PM
Lancaster Community Center
39 Harvard Rd, Lancaster MA

For more information Contact Pam Weir pamaweir@msn.com or 978-430-6753



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.

Bartlett Pond Dam Talk Saturday, October 15th, 10:30-11:30 AM

Join the Lancaster Recreation Committee and the Lancaster

Conservation Commission for a talk showcasing the Bartlett Pond dam
removal project and the rejuvenation of the Wekepeke Brook into a cold

water brook trout fishery



Join us at Robert Frommer Park on Route 117 in
Lancaster, next to Murph's Hot Dogs. Peter Farmer of
the Lancaster Conservation Commission will speak on
the history of the Bartlett Pond dam, of its removal in
2014, and the new cold water fishery and park renovation.

Noreen Piazza of the Lancaster Trail & Bikeway Coalition will also speak on the trail vision for this area

Bring a picnic lunch or have lunch at Murph's.

Parking is available, as well as picnic benches to enjoy your lunch.



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



10am Worship and Religious Education

October 16 "Angels Among Us".

October 23 "Prophets, Ancient and Modern."

October 30 "Scary Movies: Why We Love Them, What They Teach Us About

Ourselves." Special guest speaker Travis Maruska.

- - - MINDFULNESS PROGRAMS AT FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN THIS FALL - - -

Gentle Mindful Yoga

Classes are offered on Mondays, 6 - 7:30pm running from Sept. 12 - Oct 24, 2016. Join one or all classes. This program introduces the practice of mindful movement, which is gentle and enlivening, to anyone who wishes to explore embodiment with awareness. Taught by Eowyn Ahlstrom.

For more information follow this link to her website: Middle Path Healing Arts.

A free will offering will be taken.

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.

FIRST CHURCH LANCASTER (ON THE TOWN GREEN) PUMPKIN PATCH



OPEN TO ALL GROUPS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS
REGISTER BY OCTOBER 7 BY CONTACTING: OFFICE@FIRSTCHURCHLANCASTERMA.ORG OR CALLING 978-365-2427

\$10 ENTRY FEE WILL COVER FRAME/MOUNTING SUPPORTS AND ZIP TIES AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION! SCARECROWS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 14 AT NOON FOR INSTALLATION BY CHURCH STAFF (If Office isn't open, entries can be left at office door)

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOONTIME ON OCTOBER 15

SCARECROWS WILL REMAIN ON THE LAWN OF FIRST CHURCH UNTIL AFTER HALLOWEEN SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THEM!

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: WWW.FIRSTCHURCHLANCASTERMA.ORG

Pumpkins will be for sale from 12-6pm every day until Oct. 31











Autumn Concert October 23 2pm-4pm

As we continue to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our historic building, First Church is honored to welcome World Class musicians, Aurora Martin, Kelly Harrison, Joshua Collier and Yao Yao from the New England Conservatory of Music.

Spanning decades and miles, the works of Benjamin Britten, Arthur Sullivan, Stephen Foster, and many other notable composers will be joined with American and Irish well-loved standards such as "Shenandoah," "Simple Gifts" and "Danny Boy," to create a quilt of musical patchwork to be enjoyed by all. The lilting melodies and evocative stories that these accomplished musicians from the New England Conservatory will deliver will surely transport you back to a simpler time in this American life, where the "trees, they grow so high", and "Beautiful Dreamer" is sung by the wheat field, blowing in the wind. It is a true musical celebration of American heritage that is not to be missed!



Aurora Martin Soprano



Kelly HarrisonMezzo-Soprano



Joshua Collier Tenor



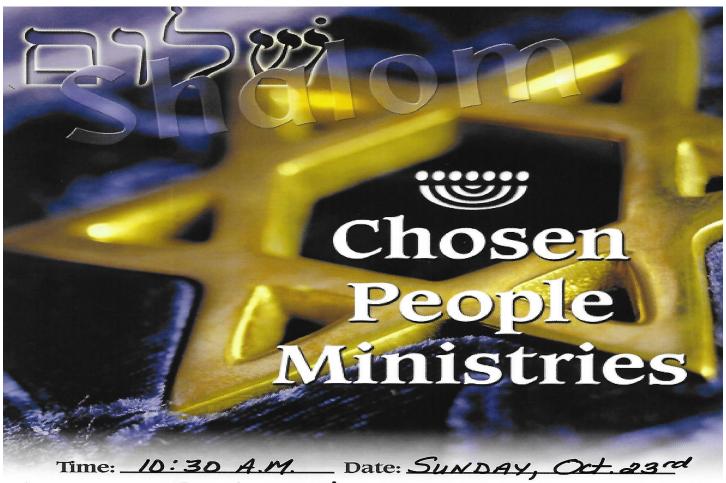
Yao Yao Pianist

After the concert we invite you to share in some hot cider and fresh apple crisp. We will offer free tours of the iconic 5th Meeting House designed by famed architect Charles Bulfinch. Contributions will be accepted at the door to cover the costs for this event.

First Church of Christ Unitarian

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Speaker: Bill Siegler

Topic: God's Appointed Times: The Feasts of Israel
Place: Evangelical Congregational Church, 793 Main St

Lancaster

ALL ARE WELCOME

Paint Night !

On 10/26/16, Positive Change for Animals will be hosting a Paint Night Fundraiser for the Pat Brody Shelter for Cats at the Luxury Box in Leominster, MA. Participants will enjoy socialization and appetizers, and engage in a guided art project, featuring cats, while also helping raise money to benefit this wonderful shelter. All paint materials and canvas are provided, and each participant will make his/her own masterpiece. No prior art experience or talent is required! Pre-defined layout and a step by step process will help participants along the way. Join us for a fun night, and to help this great cause! See the picture of "Cats on the Couch" that we will be painting on this meetup site, and also, our flyer!

To find out more, or RSVP and purchase a ticket, go to:

https://www.meetup.com/Positive-Change-for-Animals-Social-and-Volunteer-Group/events/234069835/