

APRIL, 2023



Thursday, April 6th at 9:00AM \$1.00 upon entry

Lancaster Community Center, 39 Harvard Road

Registration for this event is required as space is limited.
Please contact Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov



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Center hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm Friday-8am-5pm Saturday 8am-1pm Closed Sundays

CENTER ACTIVITIES

Pickleball | Ballroom dancing | Tai Chi | Stitch & Sew | Bingo

Chair and Standing Yoga | Cribbage | Zumba | Open Mic Nights

Lunch Club | Meals | Trips | Veteran Benefits | Well Clinics | Transportation | SHINE | Agency Referrals | Bridge | Gardening | Mahjong | Book club | Open Mic nights | cake decorating

Greetings,

Happy SPRING to you all!

This month we welcome the sun, warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and all the programming and smiling faces you can imagine down here at the Community Center!

We would like to especially highlight our Peep and Pancakes breakfast on the 6th of April at 9am. Please register with Caitlin Roy at 978.733.1249 x2 or <u>Croy@lancasterma.org</u> as space is limited. This breakfast is graciously being provided by the Sunshine Café, so we extend a special shoutout to them!

Please remember to mark your calendars as we celebrate the 53rd Earth Day on April 22! Though some would say earth day is every day, let's give special thanks and appreciation to the ground beneath us to the skies above us to everything in between!

I'd love to end with an April fool's day joke but that would just not be bunny...get it?! Funny but bunny...Easter joke...

Anyway, Happy Easter to all!!!

We hope to see you all in the month of April and are honored to continue to serve you!

As always, be happy, stay healthy and laugh often, Kelly





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CONTACT ME Lisa Templeton

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Join us for Yoga at the Lancaster Community Center!



Our Thursday evening, 4 session program starts April 6th and runs until May 4th (no class on 4/20). Each class starts at 5 PM and runs for 45 minutes.

Certified yoga instructor, Liz Garreffi, RYT, will emphasize refreshing and strengthening movement, including; sun salutations, stretches, balancing poses, and end with a feel good restorative pose, Savasana.





7 DOCUMENTS EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE

SET YOUR PRIORITIES ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR PROPERTY

In a 1 hour illustrated talk, Attorney Philip Arcidiacono, who specializes in elder law, will show you how to state your priorities about your health and your property. A few steps now will help your family follow the course you set.

Learn About:

- 1. Homestead Declaration
- 2. Joint Ownership Bank Account
- 3. Durable Power of Attorney
- 4. Health Care Proxy
- 5. Health Care Directive
- 6. HIPAA Release
- 7. Wil

Archdeacon Law Associates Philip Arcidiacono MA, MFA, MArch, JD Attorney at Law

Lancaster Community Center April 26, 2023 at 11:00AM

Please contact Caitlin Roy to register: 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov



NASHOBA NEIGHBORS, the non-profit volunteer organization offering services to help seniors in Bolton, Berlin, and Lancaster remain in their own homes as long as possible, is actively seeking to enroll new members. For information on the services NASHOBA NEIGHBORS offers, or to apply for membership for yourself, a friend, or a family member, please call us at 978-226-8844, or email info@nashobaneighbors.org.

We are NOW enrolling members!

Please have a look at our website, www. nashobaneighbors.org.

To learn more contact us at 978-226-8844 or info@nashobaneighbors.org

Well-Being Total Home Care * 978-877-3748 or info@wbtotalhomecare.com

Well Being Total Home Care provides the non-medical personal care and property care services most needed by seniors and disabled people that choose to live in their homes.

We provide services for the property such as; handyman odd jobs, grab bar installations, gutter cleaning, lawn care, snow removal, pressure washing and more. Serving the North Central Massachusetts area, Well Being Total Home Care offers the personal care our senior community needs.

The Lancaster Community Center (LCC)

An <u>all-ages</u> center for community events

www.ci.lancaster.ma.us Or call—978-733-1249

The LCC is open from 8am-7pm M-TH, 8am-5pm Friday and 8am-1pm on Saturdays Where: The Community Center is behind the Town Green (behind Prescott Building). The lower level has handicapped access. What: The Center is home to many special events and open to all ages. A full schedule is on the town website, under Community Center. The LCC is home to Lancaster Social Services offices. Each office keeps their own office hours; Veterans Affairs, Council on Aging, Recreation and Board of Health. The LCC is home to the Senior Center, and offers meeting space for boards, commissions, and non-profits.

IN ADDITION, THE CENTER OFFERS:

- ◆Year Round Fitness Classes as well as special fitness series. Tai Chi, Yoga, Aerobics, Ballroom Dancing, Line dancing, cards, basketball, Pickleball, personal training and more. We also host special summer and winter sporting events.
 - •Arts and Crafts Classes, Group Community Garden Beds and more
 - ◆Community BBQ's, Holiday events, Concerts, Open Min nights, Fairs
 - ◆Social Services support for all ages including SNAP, SHINE, Fuel Assistance, Referrals etc.
 - ◆Wellness Clinics, the fourth Tuesday of the month
 - ◆Information series by guest speakers on topics relating to Lancaster and more
 - ◆Field Trips to some of our New England treasures

Rentals:

We rent our facility for reasonable fees! The Center is popular for Parties, Cookouts, Reunions, meetings and more! Check the calendar for availability, and the website for our rental forms (call to be sure). There are a variety of spaces including game and meeting rooms, a gym and a lovely shaded patio. The Center is a great space for birthday parties, family gatherings, club meetings and more! Let us show you our space!

Contact: kmitrano@lancasterma.gov or 978-733-1249 x3



The Meals on Wheels program is offered through Making Opportunity Count (MOC), helping older adults to eat nutritiously and stay safe in their homes. Each meal meets one-third of the USDA's daily recommended dietary allowances for adults. Questions for yourself or a loved one? **Give us a call at 978-733-1249 x2.**

Worcester Elder Services and WLEN Invite you to the Rainbow Lunch Club Every 2n and 4th Wed. at Noon

UNITARIAN CHURCH, 90 HOLDEN ST. WORCESTER QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP CALL 508-756-1545 OR EMAIL WLEN@ESWA.ORG

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AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

Even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills, so the Lancaster Community Center is offering a Driver Safety program through AARP on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM including a break for lunch.

This <u>updated</u> AARP Smart Driver Course offered by AARP Driver Safety is the nation's largest driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. By taking the new AARP Smart Driver Course, attendees will be taught:

*The current rules of the road *How to understand new traffic control devices on our ever-changing roadways* About defensive driving techniques *About some of the new *technical* features in vehicles like *lane departure warnings, blind spot indicators* and *adaptive cruise control* and *How to operate a vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment.

You may be eligible to receive a multi-year auto insurance discount upon completing the course (consult your insurance agent for details). AARP membership is <u>not</u> required to take the course and there are <u>no</u> road tests to pass.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Time: 9:30AM-3:00PM with a break for lunch. Space is limited to 20 individuals. Checks payable to AARP. To register for the course, contact Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov.



HEALTH & FITNESS





TUESDAYS

10:45AM-11:45AM

Lancaster Community Center Gym

\$5.00 PER CLASS To register, please contact Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@lancasterma.gov

Ball Room Dancing Lessons With Jim Cole of Sunstrike

Welcome Amy, our VNA nurse who hosts our Keep Well Clinics!!

Please stop by for a blood pressure check, blood sugar check, or to ask any health related questions you may have and she will be happy to help. She will be here on March 30th at 11:30—stop by and chat with Amy!

7ai Chi and Quigong

EVERY TUESDAY AT 9:30AM!!

In person in the gym

Tai Chi uses gentle movements to **reduce stress and improve health.** "Tai Chi strengthens the weak, raises the sick, *invigorates the debilitated, and encourages the timid*"

-Tai Chi Grandmaster Cheng Man-Ching 1947

In-person (LCC Meeting Rm) or Zoom (ID: 742 183 799)

Hatha Yoga (CHAIR& STANDING) Monday at 11:15

Try it! First class is free. Get the week started with gentle **Hatha yoga.** All ages and abilities will benefit from this yoga class. Yoga is widely recognized as a way to improve balance, improve posture, keep your range of motion, improve clarity of mind and reduce stress.

We provide mats and water! \$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25

Your FREE Health Resource

The Backstage Gym is Open!

Join us to use the best, **professional grade exercise equipment** in a low stress, no crowding, NO FEE environment! All you need to do is come on down!

Open MON-Thurs 8am-7pm. Friday 8-5pm Sat 8am-1pm

Join us for a <u>new fitness class</u>, come get in shape and feel good!

Strength and Cardio!

Fridays and Saturdays at <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Community Center Gym *no more Zoom class*

\$5 per class or \$25 for 6 weeks

Join us for a 45 minute class combining aerobic conditioning, strength training, core and flexibility. Designed for max results! Appropriate for all fitness abilities. This class will strengthen and tone your entire body, using body weight, weights and other fitness equipment. We provide the equipment. Bring your will and determination!

PICKLEBALL at the Community Center



Signup for a session online:

http://playtimescheduler.com

Lancaster is listed under "Central Worcester County"

\$3 per session. Prepay and get one FREE session for every five you purchase.

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

The Lancaster Community Gardening Program for 2023 is beginning now!

If you were not able to attend our open house on March 23 to register for a raised bed, there is still time. Registration cost is \$25.00 and you must have a working email address. To be eligible for a raised bed, you must be available to garden with us for at least half of our Thursday morning sessions from 10:00-11:30. There are usually 20-24 sessions throughout the growing season. You'd need to attend at least 10-12 sessions.

This is a fun way to get exercise outdoors while you make great gardening friends.

There's always something new to learn when it comes to gardening. Join us!

To get more details, see our Outreach Coordinator, Caitlin Roy in her office across from the activity room.

The Lancaster Police Department's Community Policing initiative is happy to announce the opening of our new satellite office at the Community Center. Come on down, check us out, Wednesdays 8:30 - noon. Help us to achieve our goal of creating strong community partnerships that provide free-flowing bidirectional communication, while enjoying community-based activities that focus on problem-solving and quality of life issues. Let's work together to understand law enforcement's role in making today's Lancaster all that it can be. Together we can!

CRAZY CRAFTERNOONS!

CARD MAKING CLASS

Join us in the Community Center meeting room! Join a group of crafters and create wonderful homemade cards—they are so pretty you won't want to give them away! You will take home at least three cards, maybe more!

Instruction, Materials, laughs just \$10
April 14th

Class begins at 10 a.m.

COME PLAY BRIDGE! EVERY Thursday, 12:30-3:30 EVERY Friday, 1:00 –4:00 Location: the Community Center

Meeting Room
Snacks! Fun! Free!



A Note from Barb Blom, your SHINE Counselor!!

As your SHINE counselor, I am happy to work with you. You can leave a message for me with Kelly or Caitlin. I will contact you to set up a phone call or Zoom meeting with you. Remember that I will also work with you if you have questions about your current coverage, eligibility for Mass Health assistance or coverage and billing issues that arise throughout the year. Shine (shinema.org)

AMERICAN MAHJONG LESSONS & PLAY

FREE! WEDNESDAYS 10:00 A.M.

Keep your brain 'fresh and supple', play Mahjong!

A great game played with 152 tiles, dealt in 'hands'. Fun people willing to help teach.

Join fun people willing to help teach.



TUESDAYS 1-3

Everyone is welcome!

Join your Bingo Buddies or make some new friends.

Community Center—meeting room

April Garden Club Meeting

Speaker Neal Sanders is the author of 15 mysteries, many of which use garden club or horticultural settings and all of which feature strong, independent women. This will be a very enjoyable and funny meeting. If you have never been to a Garden Club meeting before this is the night to attend.. Date April - 16th — Time - 7:00 @Lancaster community Center more information and register at Lancastergardenclub.net

STITCH & SEW

FREE

- Thursdays 10:00-11:30
- Come stitch, sew, chat,

and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends! •

• LANCASTER COMMUNITY CENTER •

ACTIVITIES ROOM

39 Harvard Rd, Lancaster, MA 01523

Bring your projects: Knitting • Crochet Quilting • Needlepoint • Cross Stitch Or anything in between!

CANDIDATES NIGHT APRIL 11th 6-8 PM

PRESCOTT BUILDING

NASHAWAY ROOM 701 MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, MA 01523

& SLCTV + ZOOM

ASK, LISTEN & LEARN

- ALL CANDIDATES AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM
- SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO info@LancasterLandTrust.org or call 978-368-7747







OUR THANKS TO JAN GOTTESMAN OF THE ITEM FOR MODERATING & SLCTV FOR AIRING THE FORUM **EVENTS & PROGRAMMING**

To support the Friends during the holidays and all year long Cut and mail this form

Please fill out the information below, and send it and your check (payable to Friends of the Lancaster Seniors, Inc.) to:

Friends of the Lancaster Seniors, Inc.

PO Box 173

Lancaster, MA 01523

For more information about the Friends, contact Denise Hurley...978-257-2849...email <u>Deehurley@hotmail.com</u>. Also, can you change web site to www.friendsofthelancasterseniors.com

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Email:

Enclosed is my TAX DEDUCTIBLE* contribution of \$_____ (you will receive a receipt).

Thank You for supporting Lancaster Seniors

http://FriendsoftheLancasterSeniors.org

Join the Friends Meeting April 7th 10:30am

Are you interested in the Business of the Friends. Are you willing to help, want to learn more? This is a great opportunity. Come have a coffee and meet your neighbors and friends!

SEN. JOHN CRONIN'S
CONSTITUENT HOURS
WITH
BETH WALSH,
CONSTITUENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
11am-12:30pm
April 4th 2023 in the Café

April 2023



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
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	Tai Chi 9:30am			Strength & Cardio 9:00	Learn Bridge-10AM					
		MAHJONG 10am	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	BRIDGE - 1pm	Strength Class 9:00					
	BINGO! 1pm	LPD hours	STITCH & SEW 10am							
	VA Rep 8-12		Dirty Gardening 10am		pickleball 10:30am					
	ZUMBA 10:45		Ballroom Dancing 7p		&1pm					
3	4	5	6	7	8					
	Tai Chi 9:30am	MAHJONG 10am	STITCH & SEW 10am	Strength & Cardio 9:00	Strength Class 9:00					
Yoga - 11:15	Senator Cronin Rep	Cake Decorating 1:00pm	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	Crazy Crafternoon 10am						
	BINGO! 1pm		Dirty Gardening 10am	BRIDGE - 1pm						
Cribbage 12:30	Medicare Plans 10AM	LPD hours	YOGA 5pm	Open MIC night 6:30pm	pickleball 10:30am					
	ZUMBA 10:45		Ballroom Dancing 7p		&1pm					
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	VA Rep 8-12		Ballroom Dancing 7p		&1pm					
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			Ballroom Dancing 7p	BRIDGE - 1pm						
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	BINGO! 1pm	MAHJONG 10am	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	Lunch Club 12pm						
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PICKLEBALL IN THE	GYM!		Man 0:20 44:20 4 2	6 0mm Thu 0.00	44.20 40.0					
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			Wed 8:30-10:30,1:30-3	0-12:30p, 1:00-3:00p						

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING



Come join us in a game of Cribbage!!!

15 - 2,15-4, 15-6 and a pair is 8.

If those numbers make sense to you, come ready to play cribbage.

If the numbers above look like an old locker combination lock, come anyway.

Cribbage!!!!

Cribbage is fun and easy to learn.

Time: 12:30-2:00 Date: Every Monday

Place: Lancaster Community Center



Please kindly register 48 hours in advance with Caitlin Roy, 978-733-1249 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov

MART SERVICES

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON—MARKET BASKET
LUNCHEON CLUB—FOURTH FRIDAY

*APRIL 28—LUNCH WILL BE AT O'CONNORS IN W.BOYLSTON

Attention Veterans/Surviving spouse

Did you know the VA has presumptive conditions that are attributed to Agent Orange exposure for Veterans that served in Vietnam. Conditions covered, Diabetes, Ischemic Heart Condition, Parkinson's, Hypertension, and many types of cancer. A surviving spouse may be entitled to VA Widows benefits if any of these conditions contributed to their death. Please contact VSO Rick Voutour at 978 534 7538 for more information

Richard Voutour 1st SGT USMC RET—Veteran Services Officer

Contact: rvoutour@leominster-ma.gov

Lancaster Office: Lower Level LCC, Tuesday mornings

Leominster Office: Leominster Veterans Center,100 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453. 978-534-7538



Discover



FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM

Flower arrangements crafted by local florists and garden clubs inspired by the works of art on view.

Saturday, April 29th 10:45 Departure from **Lancaster Community** Center

Senior Tickets are \$10 at the door

Transportation space is limited, please contact Caitlin Roy to secure your reservation. 978-733-1249 X2 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov



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This is an educational session on how Medicare plans differ. For information on Blue Cross plan benefits visit our website at **bluecrossma.com/medicare**.

- What's Original Medicare?
- Differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Do I need Prescription Drug Coverage?
- Real life case studies
- Resources to help you in the decision process of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Join the Free Seminar

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

To sign up contact Lancaster

Community Center at

978-733-1249 x2

LANCASTER LAND TRUST

LANCASTER CLEANUP EARTH MONTH 2023

Help clean up all month April 1-29 Grab yellow bags at Thayer Memorial Library

Join volunteers on final day Sat, April 29th 8–10 am bag pick up return for BBQ at 1pm First Church - Town Green

The snow is gone and the trash is... everywhere!



Sponsored by Lancaster Land Trust info@lancasterlandtrust.org or 978-660-8739 Bob Lidstone for questions and bag pickup