

MAY 2023



thursday; may 11th 11:00am-1:00pm lancaster community center

> \$6.00 per person



Space is limited and registration is required. Please contact Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@Lancasterma.gov•

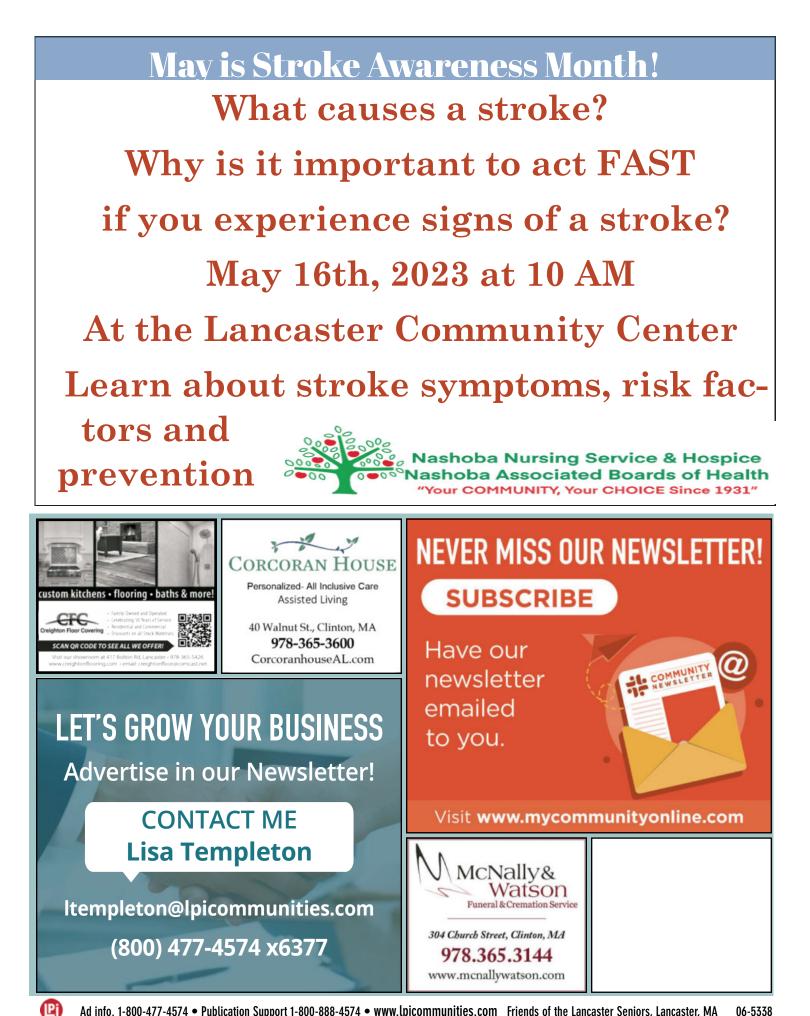
CENTER UPDATES NASHOBA NEIGHBORS LCC INFORMATION HEALTH AND FITNESS EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR OUTREACH

Center hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm Friday-8am-5pm

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 | Trans-





Community Concerts in the Main Concert Hall

May 24th @ 12:00PM Laurel Martin & Friends

Traditional Irish Music

We have 12 free tickets available. If you are interested in attending this concert, please contact: Kevin Mitrano (978) 733-1249 option 3 kmitrano@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.

To learn more contact us at 978-226-8844 or *and more*.

info@nashobaneighbors.org

Well-Being Total Home Care 978-877-3748 or

info@wbtotalhomecare.com

Well-Being Total Home Care services seniors and disabled individuals that choose to live independently in their homes.

We provide property services such as handyman odd jobs, air conditioner installation, grab bar installation, gutter cleaning, lawn care, pressure washing and more.

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 <u>Where:</u> The Community Center is behind the Town Green (behind Prescott Building). The lower level has handicapped access. <u>What:</u> The Center is home to many special events and open to <u>all ages.</u> 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.

<u>Rentals</u>:

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.**





To All Members and Friends,

It is Plant Sale Time and our major activity to fund and keep our club and programs available for the community. Our hope is to keep it as simple as possible.

Our major request is to ask each of you to check your gardens and pick out for potting any plants you need to thin or remove. We are asking that you pot those plants up as soon as possible and care for them until they can be delivered to the home of Sue Billings, 120 Whitcomb Drive, Lancaster for pricing and organizing for the sale the last week. You may drop them off starting on Saturday May 13th at her home.

And of course, we will need volunteers for pricing, delivery and set and break down on May 20th. The more people who volunteer, especially the night before and day of the sale, the less work for anyone person.

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS that Support our Community!

HEALTH & FITNESS



TUESDAYS

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 May 25 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 <u>and</u> 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.

UNIPAY

Lancaster Recreation Pickleball Instructional					
	New Sessions Session starting May 9th				
	Novice Session 5 Tuesdays May 9 - June 6 5:00-6:00 PM				
This ses	ice/Intermediate Session 1 sion is designed for those who have cipated in a instructional Novice session Tuesdays May 9 - June 6 6:15 - 7:15 PM				

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING JOIN US FOR A NO-COST Seminar

Need help understanding your Medicare health insurance options?

Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65 seminar Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. To sign up: Contact Lancaster Community Center at 978-733-1249 x2 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is an Independent Licensee

of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

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 problemsolving and quality of life issues. Let's work together to understand law enforcement's role in making today's Lancas-

CRAZY CRAFTERNOONS! CARD MAKING CLASS Instruction, Materials, laughs just \$10 Class begins at 10 a.m.

COME PLAY BRIDGE! Tuesdays 6PM Thursday, 12:30-3:30 Friday, 1:00 –4:00 Location: the Community Center



TUESDAYS 1-3

Everyone is welcome! Join your Bingo Buddies or make some new friends. Community Center—meeting room

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

Bring your projects: Knitting • Crochet Quilting • Needlepoint • Cross Stitch

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

NEWS FROM SHINE: May 2023

Starting April 1, 2023, MassHealth has returned to its standard annual eligibility renewal process. All 2.3 million members will be reviewed over the following 12 months. Members who need to provide information to MassHealth will receive a redetermination package in a large blue envelope.

In preparation for this, it is important that you:

- Report any address changes or status updates to MassHealth as soon as possible.
 - Update MassHealth by calling the Customer Service number at 800-841-2900
 - Open and read any communications from MassHealth as soon as it arrives in the mail
 - Follow the instructions in the letter and return any forms and required documentation
 - Make sure you reply well in advance of the deadline

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Every-

questions about Medicare. Our services are free and unbiased: we are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage, and we do not sell any plans. The program is federally funded and state administered.

To make an appointment, call your local senior center or call the Central Mass Regional SHINE Office at 508-422-9931. A certified SHINE counselor will return your call. Counselors assist clients through in-person appointments, phone, video conferencing (such as Zoom), email, or postal mail. We also offer excellent resources online through our website at www.shinema.org, our Medicare 101 webinars, and our Facebook page: SHINE Central MA.

Get Dirty Gardening Is Open!

Join us to learn and garden

Thursday Mornings, 9a.m. **Growing Season 2023**

Join our award winning, organic, all ages gardening program! Come learn & grow with us!

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 Deehur-

ley@hotmail.com. Also, can you change web site to www.friendsofthelancasterseniors.com

Name:

Address:

Email:

one) has certified counselors available to assist you with 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 May 5th 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!

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.

May 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Walk and Talk	Tai Chi 9:30am			Strength & Cardio 9:00		
10AM & 5PM	Senator Cronin Rep	MAHJONG 10am	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	BRIDGE - 1pm	Strength Class 9:00	
Yoga - 11:15	BINGO! 1pm	LPD hours	STITCH & SEW 10am	Open MIC night 6:30pm		
Cribbage 12:30	BRIDGE 6pm	CAKE DECORATING 1pm	Dirty Gardening 10am	Walk and Talk 10 & 5	pickleball 10:30am	
	ZUMBA 10:45		Ballroom Dancing 7p		&1pm	
8	9	10	11 YOGA 5PM	12	13	
AAR P Smart Driver	Tai Chi 9:30am	MAHJONG 10am	STITCH & SEW 10am	Strength & Cardio 9:00	Strength Class 9:00	
Course 9:30AM			BRIDGE - 12:30pm	Crazy Crafternoon 10am		
Yoga - 11:15	BINGO! 1pm		Dirty Gardening 10am	BRIDGE - 1pm		
Cribbage 12:30	BRIDGE 6pm	LPD hours	Mothers Day Twinkle	Walk and Talk 10 & 5	pickleball 10:30am	
Walk and Talk 10&5	ZUMBA 10:45		Light Bottle painting		&1pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
COA meeting 10am	ZUMBA 10:45	Tours of Distinction	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	Strength & Cardio 9:00		
Yoga - 11:15	Stroke Awareness-10	Tanglewood Presentation	Dirty Gardening 10am		Strength Class 9:00	
Cribbage 12:30	Tai Chi 9:30am	10-11AM	STITCH & SEW 10am	BRIDGE - 1pm		
Walk and Talk	BRIDGE 6pm	MAHJONG 10am	YOGA 5pm	Walk and Talk 10 & 5	pickleball 10:30am	
10AM & 5PM	BINGO! 1pm	LPD hours	Ballroom Dancing 7p		&1pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Tai Chi 9:30am	Strategies to Pay for	Health clinic 11:30am	Lunch Club 12pm	Strength Class 9:00	
Yoga - 11:15	BINGO! 1pm	Long term Care-11A	STITCH & SEW 10am	Walk and Talk 10 & 5		
Cribbage 12:30	VA Rep 8-12	MAHJONG 10am	BRIDGE - 12:30pm	Strength & Cardio 9:00	pickleball 10:30am	
Walk and Talk	BRIDGE 6pm	LPD hours	Dirty Gardening 10am		&1pm	
10AM & 5PM	ZUMBA 10:45		Ballroom Dancing 7p	BRIDGE - 1pm		
29	30	31	1	2	3	
	Tai Chi 9:30am		STITCH & SEW 10am	Strength & Cardio 9:00	Strength Class 9:00	
CLOSED	BINGO! 1pm	MAHJONG 10am	BRIDGE - 12:30pm			
	ZUMBA 10:45		Dirty Gardening 10am	BRIDGE - 1pm	pickleball 10:30am	
	BRIDGE 6pm		Ballroom Dancing 7p	Walk and Talk 10 & 5	&1pm	
		LPD hours	YOGA 5pm			
PICKLEBALL IN THE GYM! Mon 9:30-11:30, 1-3, 6-9pm Thu 9:30-11:30, 12-2						
Signup: playtimescheduler.com Tues 12-2pm Fri 10:30-12:30;1-3; 3:30-5:3						
Wed 8:30-10:30,1:30-3:30pm Sat 10:30-12:30p, 1:00-3:00p						
6:00-9:00pm						
0.00-9.00pm						

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

Open Mic First Frida all genres of Month welcome 6:30PM 9:00PM Community Sign Up Center PM deehurley@ Coffeehouse hotmail.com 695 Main 978-257-2849 Street ancaster all ages welcome interested in being a feature contact **Denise Hurley**





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. <u>Cribbage!!!!</u> Cribbage is fun and easy to learn. Time: 12:30-2:00 Date: Every Monday Place: Lancaster Community Center

PLANNING AHEAD: Strategies to pay For long term care

You have several options on how to pay for a skilled nursing facility: MassHealth, long term care insurance, an annuity, or a trust.

Attorney Philip Arcidiacono will outline the benefits of planning in advance while you are enjoying good health at home.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 11:00AM Lancaster Community Center

Kindly register by contacting Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@lancasterma.gov Archdeacon Law Associates

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

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 Lancaster Veteran Services provides the following: VA Healthcare applications, VA Disability Claim



VALK & TALK

Step into better health with friends Mondays & Fridays 10:00AM & 5:00PM

A self-led walk with route & destination of your choice.

Departure from Lancaster Community Center Contact Caitlin Roy with any questions 978-733-1249x2 or Croy@lancasterma.gov



Email: JCOSTANZO@JOHNCOSTANZOLAW.COM Website: WWW.JOHNCOSTANZOLAW.COM

- Estate Tax Planning
- Life Care & Elder Care Planning





Elder Education Series at the LCC

May

May 8th 9:30-3:00 AARP Smart Driver Course

May 24th 11:00 Planning Ahead: Strategies to Pay for Long Term Care

June

<u>June 6th</u> 10:00 Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65 <u>June 14th</u> 10:30 How to De-Stress Your Life & Summit ElderCare <u>June 26th</u> 10:30 Alzheimer's Association: Healthy Living for your Brain and Body

June 28th 11:00 There's No Place Like Home: MassHealth and the Veterans Administation Can Help You Stay There

July

July 10th Philips Lifeline Personal Emergency Response Systems and Medication Dispensing Systems

July 17th Generations on the Move- Senior Moving and Downsizing Specialists

Stay tuned for additionally scheduled programs!

Questions? Would you like to register? We are happy to help! Contact Caitlin Roy at 978-733-1249 x2 or CRoy@lancasterma.gov