



Your Community Connection

Fall 2012 Issue with Holiday Guide

Highlights and Insights About Reading's Community Services Website: www.readingma.gov

The "Cycle of Life" in this small community



We are nearing the completion of 2012, and as you can see from the material contained in this issue of YCC, it is again a busy time in Reading. **The civic life of this community is alive and well, and thriving.**

There are a large number of community events planned surrounding the many holidays that fall in the last 3 months of the year. Halloween is always a community favorite with its parade, and there is a new program offering a Veterans Day breakfast (Sunday, November 11) for our veterans. The usual favorite of Thanksgiving and the annual Thanksgiving Day football game against Stoneham is followed by the Sunday after Thanksgiving Tree lighting. Mixed in are many church holiday fairs and events, the Reading Community Singers holiday concert, the Garden Club's memory tree lighting, and more. And then it will be 2013!

All of these events demonstrate the amazing civic and community life of this small Town, and I know we all take pride in living in and being part of Reading.

There are other significant events in this last quarter of the year. An important national election on November 6 will bring most voting aged adults to the Hawkes Field house to vote. Passions run high around elections, and when this happens it is probably well to remember the community we live in and the community spirit we demonstrate, so that after the election we can all come back together for the good of Reading and our nation. Following that demonstration of our democratic participation, later in November (starting November 13) is Reading's fall Town Meeting. While Reading has a Representative Town Meeting, the entire community is welcome to attend or to watch from home.

While all of these events are taking place, many other changes are afoot in Reading. As many of you saw at a wonderful Reading Fall Street Faire in September, Downtown revitalization now has a face in the new mixed use building on lower Haven Street, a number of new downtown businesses opened and on the verge, an approved plan for the renovations and reuse of the former M.F. Charles building at Haven and Main Streets, and many other exciting changes. The Reading Woods development on south Main Street and South Street is well into construction, a new Calereso's is open and thriving, and Reading is the "place to be" - something that we already knew.

In the meantime, the volunteers and employees of all Departments continue to be dedicated to serving our residents, keeping the community safe, the lights on, the streets plowed, the kids in school, and the books flying off of the Library shelves. Coming up are some major initiatives - renovation and expansion of the Library (subject to a State grant), consideration of full day kindergarten, an ongoing aggressive program of road improvements, improvements to utilities, and many other things that make Reading "the 4th most perfect suburb in the nation" On behalf of your local government, please accept our best wishes for a very happy holiday season, and a Happy and Healthy 2013!

Defending Liberty and Freedom

VETERANS DAY

Honoring all who served...

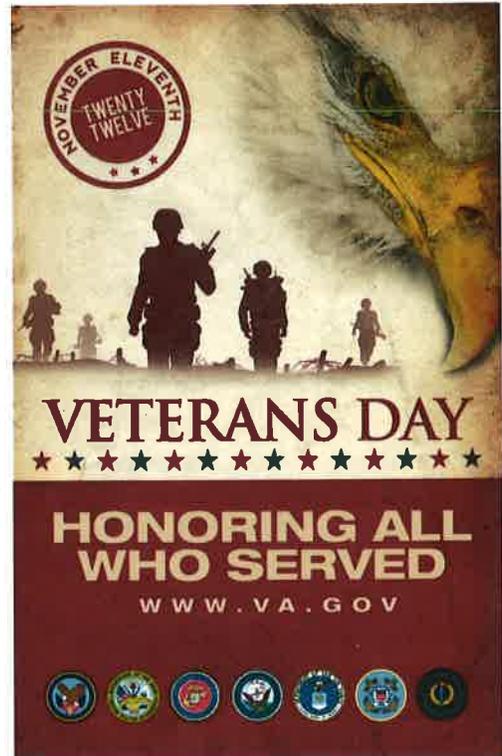
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11:00 AM ~ On the Common

Veterans Breakfast

9:00 AM ~ Senior Center

All are welcome!



Town Meeting

RMHS Performing Arts Center

November 13, 15, 19, 26 ~ 7:30 PM

READING MATTERS...

The Reading Board of Selectmen

You can contact the Board by phone, email at selectmen@ci.reading.ma.us, attendance at meetings, and the monthly office hours held at 6:30 PM on the first Meeting of the month.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE HOURS:

October 9 – November 20 – December 4

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM - Town Hall Conference Room



Ask the Town Manager

October 22

December 3

Comcast Channel 22 at 7:00 PM

Verizon Channel 33 at 7:00 PM

Do you have a question for Peter Hechenbleikner, Reading's Town Manager? Call **781-944-8888** during the live show and speak directly to him!

Town of Reading



State Election ~ Tuesday, November 6

All precincts vote at the Hawkes Field House at Reading Memorial High School. The last day to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, October 17. The Town Clerk's Office will be open that day until 8:00 PM.



Real Estate Taxes Water/Sewer/Storm Water Bills Electronic Payments



Water/Sewer/Storm Water bills were mailed on September 10 and must be paid by 5:30 PM on October 15 in order to receive the 10% discount. Payments not received by October 31 accrue interest daily at an annual rate of 14% until payment is received. Postmarks are not accepted. The white mail box in the parking lot will be emptied at 5:30 PM on October 15 with no exceptions allowed so please plan ahead. The next bills will be mailed on December 10.

The second installment of the FY13 Preliminary Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills will be in the mail by September 30. Payment is due by November 1. The preliminary bills do not show either the valuation of the property or the tax rate; this information will be included on the actual tax bills after they are approved by the Department of Revenue in late fall.

The preliminary bills are based on last year's actual bills, plus liens and betterments, less abatements and exemptions, as adjusted to reflect the annual 2.5% tax increase allowed under Proposition 2 1/2. The state mandated interest rate is 14% for late payments. The first installment of the FY13 Actual bills will be mailed in December.

Payments not received by the due dates are subject to interest and demand fees. The demand fee increased from \$5.00 to \$25.00 as of January 1, 2009 by vote of Town Meeting.

Please be sure that if you're using an on-line bill payment service through your bank that you allow plenty of time for your bank to mail a check to our office. Most banks require 7 – 10 business days to guarantee on-time payment. Also, please verify that you have the proper bill number or account number referenced on your payment. Bill numbers change each cycle and are often not updated on your on-line bill payment checks. We do not receive electronic payments from your bank unless you use the link from our website. If you choose to use this link, you may pay up until the due date and your payment will be considered timely.

READING RESPONSE PROGRAM



The Reading Response Program provides assistance to Reading residents with Home Health Services, transportation to medical appointments and paying for hospital services. The program is funded by the investment income on the Hospital Trust Funds. Financial guidelines do apply, with a sliding scale of co-pays for varying income levels. This is intended to be a supplemental program providing medically necessary assistance that is not covered under Medicare or private health insurance. For more information please contact Elder/Human Services at 781-942-6659 or Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer/Collector at 781-942-6634.



**Reading
Coalition
Against
Substance
Abuse**

Reduce Access to Unwanted Rx Meds

What You Can Do: Prescription (Rx) drugs are legal and can be easily accessible for misuse. RCASA invites you to play a role in reducing Rx drug abuse.

Dispose Rx Drugs Safely: Turn in unwanted medications at the Reading Police Dept "Rx Round Up" drop box at 15 Union St, Reading MA. Open 24/7.



For more info, contact emcnamara@ci.reading.ma.us

tip411 sponsored by Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse

TEXT A TIP

How to send
an anonymous tip to
Reading Police...

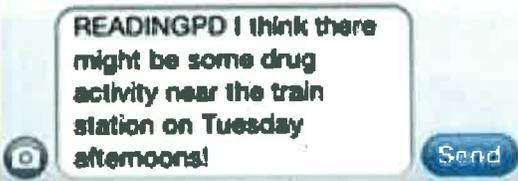


Open a new text message
Address to 847411
Type READINGPD in
message box
Add your tip & send



To: 847-411

Example



or submit a web tip at
www.ci.reading.ma.us

The Reading
Police Department
says

Follow us on

twitter

@ReadingPolice



Want to stay informed?

Please visit www.readingma.gov and
select the RCA link to learn how.

2012 SEASONAL FLU CLINICS

Sponsored by the Wakefield, Melrose & Reading Health Departments



Seasonal Flu Shots For Adults 18 years and older — FREE with Most Insurances

The Wakefield, Melrose & Reading Health Departments will be hosting several clinics to administer the seasonal flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is free for those 18+ with the following insurances: Tufts, Harvard Pilgrim, Blue Cross of Massachusetts, Unicare, Fallon, Health New England, Neighborhood Health Plan, BMC Healthnet, MassHealth and Medicare Part B.

Residents of all communities are welcome at any of the listed dates and locations. Please be sure to bring your insurance card. The vaccine is \$10 for those without one of the accepted insurances.

Questions? Call the Flu Hotline at (781) 979-4127

Clinic Dates & Locations

Tuesday, October 2nd, 10-11AM
Americal Civic Center
467 Main Street, Wakefield

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2:30-4:30PM
Killam Elementary School
333 Charles Street, Reading

Wednesday, October 10th, 12-1PM
Memorial Hall
590 Main Street, Melrose

Monday, October 22nd, 6-7:30PM
Reading Town Hall
16 Lowell Street, Reading

Wednesday, October 24th, 7-8PM
Galvin Middle School
525 Main Street, Wakefield

Saturday, October 27th, 9-11AM
Coolidge Middle School
89 Birch Meadow Drive, Reading

Wednesday, November 7th, 7-8PM
Knights of Columbus
23 West Foster Street, Melrose

Wednesday, November 14th, 3-4PM
Milano Senior Center
201 West Foster Street, Melrose



AT THE COMPOST AREA

Schedule for October & November

OPEN DURING OCTOBER:

Monday: Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29 ~ 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Friday: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Saturday: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 ~ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OPEN DURING NOVEMBER:

Sunday: Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 12 Noon – 4:00 PM

Monday: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ 8:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Friday: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 8:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Saturday: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The following materials will be accepted at the Compost Area: leaves, grass clippings and yard waste. Tree trimmings may be a maximum of 8' in length and 8" in diameter. The Compost Area is open to Reading residents only. Commercial vehicles are excluded.

**You will need a 2012 Community Access Sticker.
Available at the Reading Police Department 24/7**

Questions? Call DPW at 781-942-9077 (Mon-Thurs)

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTIONS



The Town has set up three weeks this Fall that leaves will be picked up curbside. Leaves must be placed in paper bags and be put curbside on your regular trash day. Leaves will be collected on the following weeks:

October 29 – November 2

November 13 – 17

November 26 – 30

The Compost Center will be open through November 30, 2012.

For further information regarding the Compost Area, collection of trash or recyclables please call the DPW at 781-942-9092 (until 3:00 PM) Monday - Friday or 781- 942-9077 Monday - Thursday.

Picture was taken in The Town of Reading, MA



**MAKE A SPLASH
PICK UP YOUR TRASH**

Town of Reading, MA - NPDES Stormwater Management Program



This fall the Trails Committee will be taking a walk in the woods and everyone is welcome to come along. The location will be Kurchian Woods off Franklin Street so we can show off the new boardwalk. Watch our web site for further details:

www.readingma.gov/Pages/ReadingMA_bComm/trails.

You are also encouraged to walk the many and varied trails in Reading. A few suggestions would be Pinevale Conservation Area in the southern part of town or the Lynn Village Way entrance to the Town Forest in the north. If you would rather sit and listen to the quiet try the Lobs Pound Mill Site, there is a picnic area next to the Ipswich River. Trail maps can be found here:

www.readingma.gov/Pages/ReadingMA_GIS/trailmaplibrary.

Happy Trails
The Reading Trails Committee



**Would you or your organization like to rent the
Mattera Cabin for an event?**

Call John Feudo, Recreation Administrator
At 781-942-9075

Fall 2012 Youth Course Descriptions

NEW to RCTV...Stage Acting for Ages 13 -17

Instructor: Angela Merrill

Fridays, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

October 12th - February 8th (No class October 19th,
November 2nd, 23rd & December 28th)

Cost: \$200*

The Play is the Thing at RCTV Studios! In this 15 week course you will learn theatrical acting skills from character development to improv. The class will culminate in a live stage performance on the last day of class for family and friends.

NEW to RCTV...Middle School Variety!

For students in grades 6-8 who attend either Parker or Coolidge Middle School

Instructor: Philip Rushworth

Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:45 PM

October 4th - December 20th (No class November 1st & 22nd)

Cost: \$15* or FREE to current RCTV members

Reading wants to know what's going on and it's up to you tell them! In this 10 week program you choose the topic for a segment of "Middle School Variety Hour", learn how to be an ace reporter, tape segments such as; Movie Reviews, Interviews, Talent Shows, the News and more using RCTV's professional television and green screen equipment.

* Includes a one year student membership to RCTV Studios.

TV Acting for Ages 11-14

Instructor: Angela Merrill

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

October 2nd - December 18th

Cost: \$150*

Write, direct, produce and STAR in your own television show! In this 12 week course you will learn how to write a script, use professional television equipment and editing software, as well as be the star of your original television program to be aired on RCTV.

Music Video Mania for Ages 8 -12

Instructor: Laura Davis

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:40 PM

October 3rd - December 12th (No class November 21st)

Cost: \$110*

Produce your own Music Video! In this 10 week course you will learn what it takes to choreograph, direct, tape and edit your own Music Video using RCTV's state of the art chroma-key room (Green Screen!).

RCTV

STUDIOS

For more information, or to sign up, contact Angela Merrill at angela@rctv.org

www.rctv.org 781-944-8888

Fall Courses at CREATIVE ARTS are here!



Courses begin October 9! Join us this October for fun and creative play with one of our theatre, art or music classes. Return for old favorites or try one of our NEW classes! View a full course catalog on our website

www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org

Here are a few of the great courses: **Songwriting** – ages 15+ ~ **NEW! Special Effects** – ages 7-10 & 10-13. **NEW! Digital Photography** – ages 8-12 ~ **NEW! Elements of Graphic Design** – ages 12+ ~ **Stained Glass: Add Color to your Life** – ages 15-Adult.

To register, contact: Jenny Walker, Office Manager at jwalker@weteachcreativearts.org or call the office 781.942.9600. Registration forms can also be found on our website.

Fall 2012 RCTV Course Descriptions



Studio A Production Series (Free with Membership)

Learn basic camera & audio skills while using the equipment in Studio A. We will give you plenty of hands-on time to test your newly-acquired skills & gain the confidence to produce or crew a program using Studio A.

Studio A Lighting (\$10.00)

Learn the proper way to light people and objects for television. Studio A Production is a prerequisite.

Studio B Chroma Key & Virtual Sets (Free with Membership)

Learn the Tricaster studio system in our new green screen studio. We will give you plenty of hands-on time to practice and become the one of the first producers to have green screen incorporated into your production.

Portable Camera (Free with Membership)

This class will teach you everything you need to know to begin recording your program in the field. Students will shoot a 2-5 minute short video, which can then be edited at the end of the Final Cut Pro Basics class.

Final Cut Pro Basics (Free with Membership)

Students will receive intimate hands-on training with Final Cut Pro. Focus will be on learning the interface, basic tools, file management and editing tips. Basic computer literacy skills are a prerequisite.

Adobe After Effects (\$20.00)

This is the industry leading solution for creating sophisticated motion graphics and effects by blurring the line between 2-D and 3-D interfaces. This introductory class is designed for students new to the program with an interest in learning the basics of the interface and capabilities of the program in just a few short hours by creating something you can take with you and add to any project! Basic Mac computer literacy is a requirement and some Photoshop experience is recommended.

Adobe Photoshop for Video (\$20.00)

This one session introduction to Adobe Photoshop will teach you how to make your own logo and other graphics for your show, as well as help make your video stand out from the rest.

How do I get my video online? (Free with Membership)

Learn how to export your project from Final Cut Pro to digital formats for use on Youtube, Vimeo or other online pages.

How do I create a video slideshow? (\$20.00)

Bring in your digital photos and learn how to create a slide show with music for your family memories.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Angela Merrill at angela@rctv.org.

**www.rctv.org
781-944-8888**

Reading Community Education Fall 2012 Programs



Be a Lifelong Learner!

**New this Fall
Online Registration!**

[http://www.edline.net/pages/ReadingPublic
Schools/District/Adult_Education](http://www.edline.net/pages/ReadingPublicSchools/District/Adult_Education)

NEW Courses!

- *Just Once Guitar for Busy Adults*
 - *Acupuncture for Your Health*
 - *Stop Sugar Cravings!*
 - *Digital Photography –
Taking More Interesting Pictures*
 - *Paper Mache....for Adults!*
- And many returning favorites!!*

Catalog available in late August.
Classes begin September 18th

Email: sandy.calandrella@reading.k12.ma.us Phone: 781-942-9136

READING RECREATION

FALL NEW PROGRAM ALERTS!



***AMAZING MAGIC**

***BACKYARD SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

***CLAY 101-CURIOUS CREATURES**

***KICKIN' KIDS SOCCER**



***SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS – FLAG FOOTBALL**

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT WWW.READINGREC.COM!!!



Sunday Basketball

November 18th-February 3rd

Fees: \$130 First child, \$105 second child

DIVISIONS:

Boys & Girls	Grades K & 1	12:00PM-1:15PM
Girls	Grades 2 & 3	1:15PM-2:30PM
Boys	Grades 2 & 3	2:30PM-3:45PM
Girls	Grades 4 & 5	4:00PM-5:15PM
Boys	Grades 4 & 5	5:15PM-6:30PM

Interested in coaching? Please call Jenna Fiorente at 781-942-9075



Don't be late!

Burbank YMCA

Fall II Session

October 28 to December 22



October 5: Full Member Registration begins
October 12: Preschool and Youth Member Registration begins
October 16: Non-Member Registration begins

To download a Fall Brochure visit
www.ymcaboston.org/Burbank



NORTH SHORE SKATING CLUB
MEMBER U S FIGURE SKATING

Ice Skating Lessons

Burbank Ice Arena, Reading

- Group Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Freestyle Sessions

Register for Classes Now

Children, Teen & Adult Classes

**Group Classes Offered: Thursday Afternoons
Saturday Mornings**

Session Dates: **Session I, September 6th - November 3rd**
(Cost of Session 1 pro-rated for those who start mid-session)
Session II, November 8th - January 26th
(Sessions III & IV to follow)

Don't miss our:

Holiday Exhibition	December 9, 2012
Ice Spectacular Skating Show	April 5 th , 6 th & 7 th , 2013
North Shore Open Competition	May 31 st , June 1 st & 2nd
Basic Skills Competition	June 9 th

For Information and/or an Application: Call 781-944-5874
781-942-2760

Email: nsscjc@nsskating.org
Website: www.nsskating.net

The Mom's Club of Reading



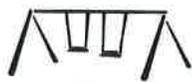
If you are a Reading mom looking for a great way to meet other moms in reading while also helping your children make new friends... come join us at the MOMS CLUB of Reading!

We have a fun monthly MOMS Night Out, Book Club, Apple Picking, Circus and Farm Outings, and many other fun events planned for this Fall and Winter!

We are a warm welcoming group and growing in numbers every month! At last count we have 19 Babies, 19 Toddlers, 23 Pre-schoolers, and 29 grade-schoolers that all live in Reading!

We are a 501(C)(3) non-profit and have donated the Ecotarium pass to the library and raised \$1,612 for radKIDS so far. Come join this laid back, but generous, group of Moms and make some special memories for you and your child.

To find out more, go to www.readingmomsclub.com or www.readingmomsclub.org or email us at info@readingmomsclub.org or call us at 781-872-1203. We look forward to hearing from you!



Connect The Tots

bringing together families in the Reading area

Parents & Kids...

Looking for something to do? Interested in meeting other families?

Check out Connect the Tots!

Playgroups... Park Outings... Museum Trips... Art Classes

Fire House Tours... Mom's Night Out... and more!

Join for only \$25 per year!

For more information: www.ConnectTheTots.org

Or email CTTReading@gmail.com



Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Reading

Where neighbors become friends

Whether you are a "Newcomer" who has recently moved to Reading or are "Neighbor" who has been here for a while, the Club offers great opportunities to have fun while making new friends and becoming involved in the town.

We offer monthly interest groups including Tea and Toddlers, Family Fun, Ladies Only, Men only, and Book Review. Event highlights throughout the year include Shopping Night, Children's Holiday Party, Children's Entertainer, and Children's Spring Party, and Couples Socials.

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For more information and to learn how to join, log on to www.newcomersandneighbors.com.

Do you like to knit & crochet... Or want to learn how?



Join the group that meets on the fourth Monday of the month at First Congregational Church of Reading, corner of Woburn and Sanborn Streets. The group began years ago producing prayer shawls for those in the church or wider community, but has since expanded its "repertoire" to include baby blankets (white for baptisms, colored blankets for local hospitals, Emmaus House, Project Linus), nine inch squares for the Pine Street Inn Knit-a-thon in November from which blankets are created, and most recently Peace Pals (for children around the world, www.knitting4peace.org). We welcome all comers! If you need instruction, contact ggwill@aol.com in advance so we are sure to have the proper teacher on hand when you come – or call the church office at 781.944.0205.



*Our family invites your family to participate
in Fall & Holiday activities at*

Old South Church in Reading Center

Please check www.oldsouthumc.org for
worship, youth, mission & other activities
or call 781.944.AMEN (2636) for details

First Congregational Church of Reading, United Church of Christ

*Come and join us for Fall & Holiday Activities
All are welcome.*

Sunday Services 10:00 AM

25 Woburn Street - Reading, MA – 781.944.0205



Church of the Good Shepherd

*A warm and welcoming Episcopal Church
All are welcome at our Fall & Holiday Activities*

Sunday Services: 10:00 AM

95 Woburn Street ~ Reading ~ 781.944.1572

www.goodshepherd-reading.org

First Baptist Church of Reading

Join our Fall & Holiday Activities

45 Woburn Street ~ Reading

781.944.3876

www.fbcreading.org ~ office@fbcreading.org





Your Community Connection **Holiday Guide 2012**



Events in Reading from October through New Year's Day

OCTOBER

October Activities at the Senior Center!



Reading Senior Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA

To make reservations 781-942-6794 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

Blood Pressure – 2nd Friday of every month - 10:15 – 11:15 AM
4th – Thursday of every month – 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Open Bereavement Support Group Wednesday, October 3 & 17 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Lounge. The program will be sponsored by the VNA of Middlesex East; facilitated by Irma Meuse, SP, and L.I.C.S.W. *Registration is required* – Call: Suzie Yoffe, Bereavement Coordinator, VNA of Middlesex East, 781-224-3399

Brain Yoga Tuesday, October 2, 9, & 16 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Drop-in's welcome \$4.00 per class. Brain Yoga uses different activities to stretch our brains, and changes stiffness into relaxation. Stretch your brain by participating in some fun brain exercises.

Computers with Dick Svirsky

Every Tuesday 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Learn to use email, send pictures, or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too!

Computer Class - John Walsh is back on Wednesdays, starting October 3, 10:00 – 11:00 am - Learn to use email, send pictures, or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too! We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if you want.

Ham & Bean Supper Thursday, October 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - The Police Department will again sponsor their annual Ham & Bean Supper. Signup procedure: Due to the popularity of Senior Center special events, many

folks have been unable to get on the list. In an effort to make participation in our most popular events fair, we are asking those that attended the Lion's Club Dinner or Lobster Roll Dinner to wait to call in their reservation until Friday September 28. Everyone else may call starting Sept. 25. Thank you for your cooperation. The supper is for *Reading residents only*.

Find Out What's New in Medicare for 2013 Thursday, October 4, 10:15 am

A representative from the SHINE program at Mystic Valley Elder Services will update us on changes in Medicare. You'll hear about the preventive benefits that Medicare now covers as well as cost savings programs available to those who qualify. You'll be able to schedule an appointment with a SHINE counselor for an individual counseling session at a later date. The annual Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15 and ends on December 7.

Digital Camera Basics Game Room Thursday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Learn how to use all those buttons on your camera and get ready for the upcoming holidays. Bring your camera and manual. Registration required - maximum of 10 students.

Movie Day – The Iron Lady - Monday, October 15, 12:45 p.m.

2011 PG-13 105 minutes - Meryl Streep provides a subtle and nuanced portrait of Margaret Thatcher; the first female prime minister of Britain, whose political career and determination changed the rules that had limited women's opportunities for leadership.

Special Lunch Entertainment - Tuesday, October 16 - Entertainment 1:15 -2:15 p.m. by Delvena Theatre Company presenting *Salem Witch Hysteria*. Watch history come alive with these fascinating dramatizations of the true stories of the Salem Witch Hysteria. The audience members become the jury. Let us know if you are coming to lunch or just the entertainment.

S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Meeting in the Computer Room Thursday, October 18 - 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Friday, October 19 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment at 781.942.6659.

Birthday Lunch – October 22 - Come celebrate your birthday – if it is the month of your birthday you will receive a free gift and your lunch is free. Bring your friends to celebrate with you – suggested donation for lunch if not your birthday month is \$2.00

Heart Attack and Stroke - Know the Warning Signs! Tuesday, October 23 - 10:15 a.m. Lounge - An informative and interactive discussion - why does it happen to some people and not others? How can you recognize a stroke occurring? Also, do you know the signs and symptoms of someone experiencing a heart attack? Learn what happens to the heart. Join Michele Caron, Nurse Educator of Greater Medford VNA in discussion along with light refreshments.

Oktoberfest Lunch - Wednesday, October 24, 12:00 Noon - sponsored by Fallon Community Health Plan - with OOMPAH Band for entertainment – 12:30 - 1:30 pm - German and Bavarian Festive Songs that inspire you to lift a glass and dance the Polka.

Open Bereavement Support Group Wednesday, November 7 & 21 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Lounge. The program will be sponsored by the VNA of Middlesex East; facilitated by Irma Meuse, SP, and L.I.C.S.W. *Registration is required* – Call: Suzie Yoffe, Bereavement Coordinator, VNA of Middlesex East, 781-224-3399

Burbank YMCA Halloween Costume Swap



Friday ~ October 5 ~ 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Save money on costumes this Halloween! Cost to enter the swap is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Annual Fund.

**Priscilla Chapter No. 52 of the
Order of the Eastern Star**



Craft Work Day!

Saturday ~ October 6

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

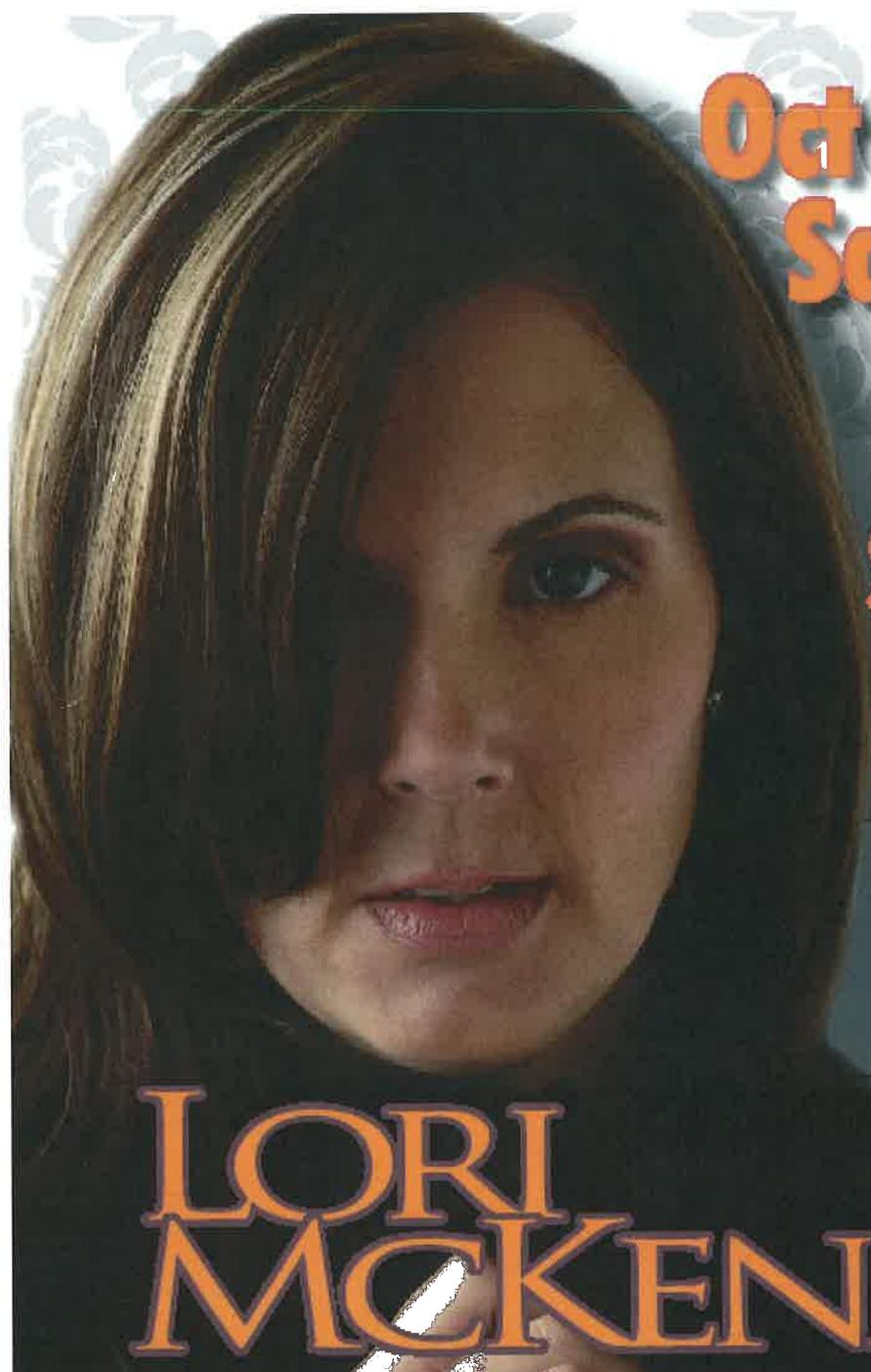
Masonic Hall ~ 110 Haven Street

Come and work on your favorite craft!

Scrapbooking, Stamping, Jewelry, Sewing, or anything you want!

Cost is \$25 per person and includes coffee, tea, breakfast breads, Lunch and Dinner! Soda, Water, Coffee, and Tea available all day!

For more information or to make reservations, email PriscillaNo52@gmail.com



**Oct 6, 2012
Saturday
8 pm**

\$22/\$20

Tickets

uureading.org/concerts

ivychoord@uureading.org

781-229-9394

**LORI
MCKENNA**

The Ivy Chord Coffee House
239 Woburn Street
Reading, MA 01867
uureading.org/concerts



The Ivy Chord
sponsored by the UU Church of Reading



Church of the Good Shepherd

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday ~ October 7

10:00 AM Service

Bring your pets, a picture of an animal companion, or a stuffed animal for a special blessing!

Corner of Woburn & Chute Streets

Reading Art Association INC.
Box 114
READING, MASSACHUSETTS 01867



October 10 ~ Oil Landscape Demonstration ~ By Arnie Casavant

November 9, 10 & 11 ~ 2012 RAA Fall Exhibit & Sale

December 12 ~ Acrylic Products Information Lecture ~ By Adria Arch

More info: www.readingart.org

Student Performance Night at CREATIVE ARTS

Friday, October 12

Concert begins at 7:00 PM

Join us in a free musical celebration for the whole family! Student Performance Nights show off the talents of the hardworking music, art and theatre students. Bring family, friends and neighbors to enjoy a night of local talent and stay for a light reception to follow. Performance takes place at CREATIVE ARTS, 25 Woburn Street, Reading, MA. www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org



The Burbank YMCA Presents...

Antique Road Show Style Event



Sunday ~ October 14 ~ 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Learn the techniques, importance and uses of appraisals, and discover what is hot in today's market. Hear from Peter Yvanovich, Senior Professional Appraiser, with over 25 years of expertise, on how to sell, donate, consign, & bequeath. Proceeds will benefit the Annual Fund.

**For more information, contact Rob Greer
rgreer@ymcaboston.org or 781-909-7408.**

St. Agnes Fall Gala

Under the Harvest Moon

Friday, October 19 ~ 6:30 – 11:30 PM

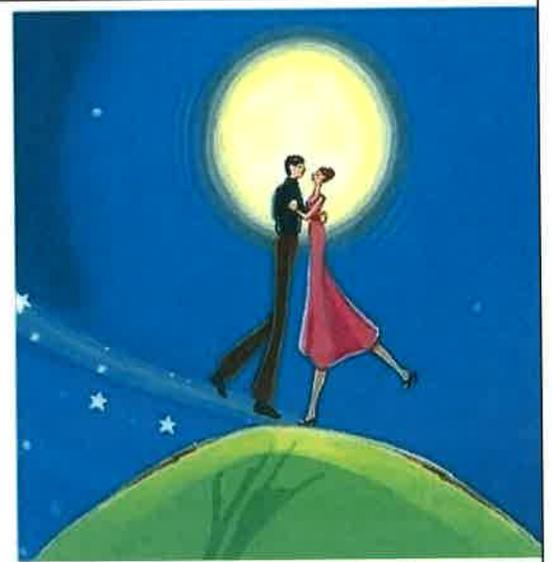
Hilton Boston/Woburn ~ 2 Forbes Road ~ Woburn

\$35.00/pp or \$350 for table of 10

Tickets available until October 14 after all Masses
And anytime during Parish Office hours at the rectory

Ticket questions contact Erin: 978-423-1200

Or: fallgala@stagnesreading.org



Shocktoberfest 2012

A Haunted House Tradition

- ~ Friday, October 19th
- ~ RMHS Performing Arts Center
- ~ Price: \$5
- ~ 6:30 - 8:30

Strobe light used
Not suitable for very young children

Reading Fire Department

OPEN HOUSE



Saturday ~ October 20 ~ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Main Street Fire Station

Visit the firehouse and firefighters ~ Live firefighting demonstrations
Jaws of Life demonstrations ~ Try on fire fighting gear
See the fire trucks ~ Refreshments will be served
Call 781-944-3132 for information

The Reading Lions and Operation Troop Support



Will again be holding a
Gift Wrapping Day

Saturday ~ October 20
9:00 AM to Noon ~ Reading Senior Center



**Show your support for our troops
and help out with this event!**



FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**INCLUDES PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
BACON, SAUSAGE, TOAST, COFFEE, TEA & JUICES**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**



**READING MASONIC BUILDING
110 HAVEN STREET, READING**



**ADULTS: \$7.00, SENIORS: \$6.00
CHILDREN 6 - 12: \$5.00, UNDER 6: FREE
FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 3 or more CHILDREN UNDER 12): \$14.00**



**ALL ARE WELCOME
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY**

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Town Forest Public Meeting

The Town Forest Committee is seeking Community input on a Natural Resource Inventory and Conservation Vision for the Town Forest. A public meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 PM at the Senior Center. Liz Newlands of the Massachusetts Audubon Ecological Extension will present preliminary findings of field work, interviews and research completed during the spring and summer months.

Topics will include:

- ✿ A brief history of the Town Forest¹
- ✿ Presentation of the Natural Resources Inventory and Conservation Vision including:
 - Methodology
 - Existing conditions and uses
 - Proposed recommendations and uses
 - Preliminary recommendations
- ✿ Presentation of the Town Forest User Survey
- ✿ Community Response and Discussion



¹ The Town Forest Committee is seeking records and photos of Town Forest activity especially between 1930 and the early 1960s, and from 1999 through 2010. Please email the committee at TownForest@ci.reading.ma.us.



**PLAZA SUITE ~ one of Neil Simon's best comedies,
directed by Joe Stallone**

**PRODUCTION DATES OCTOBER 26, 27, NOVEMBER
2, 3, 4, 9, 10**

There's a lot going on in Suite 719 at New York City's swank Plaza Hotel in this classic Neil Simon comedy. We are treated to three comedies played out in the same suite by three couples in very different situations, each taking a look, and a poke at marriage, morals, and middle-age. It is a hilarious and shrewd situation comedy with witty, sassy and acerbic exchanges and snappy one-liners. In his inimitable way, Simon intertwines the comedy with the pathos and distress that is true to life. Audiences are enjoying the revival on Broadway today as much as they did when it originally opened on Broadway in 1968, winning the Tony for Best Play. Neil Simon's Plaza Suite remains in the hearts of all theatre goers. Make your reservations soon to join in the fun!

Trick or Treat on TV!

**Come to our
Halloween Party
in costume and be
LIVE on TV!**

**Haunted Studio, Games,
Snacks and More!**

DATE: SAT. OCT. 27TH 2012

WHERE: 557 Main Street

RCTV Studios

TIME: 5pm to 9pm





Fifties Dance

**SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 27
7:00 TO 11:00 PM**

**\$20 per person
Ticket Sales Limited to 150**

**Reading Masonic Hall ~ 110 Haven Street
Music by Rick Obey's Entertainment**

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries, Coca Cola

For tickets email: readingrmbadirectors@gmail.com

The Reading Antiquarian Society and the Friends of the Parker Tavern

Join us at our **Biannual Meeting on October 27 at 1:30 PM** in the library meeting room. Ginny Blodgett will present a program about the 22 men whose names are on the Civil War Monument, most of whom died and were buried elsewhere. The program will include photographs of some of the battlefields where they died and stories of some who were captured and imprisoned. Find out what they did for work and where some of them lived with their families before leaving for the war. Also included will be a display of artifacts relating to Reading's involvement in the Great Rebellion.

Refreshments will be served.



Reading Recreation Division

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 28



Reading Residents are invited to attend this wonderful event. Tots and youth, up to the age of 10 are eligible for this event. The Halloween Parade will begin and end at Coolidge Middle School. All participants must wear their Halloween Costumes. All families are welcome! Parents can dress up too!

Additional Information:

- Free Event for Reading Residents!
- Recommended Parking: Birch Meadow School or RMHS Field House Parking Lot
- Parade Line Up begins at 11:45 AM ~ Parade Steps Off at 12:00 Noon
- Live performance following the Parade!

Understanding Disabilities presents
**Dr. EDWARD M.
HALLOWELL**
"Finding the Buried Treasure in ADD"
A Community Event All are Welcome



When:
Monday,
OCTOBER 29, 2012
7:00 PM

Where:
Reading, MA
Location TBA; email us
to be informed of
location
ud@reading.k12.ma.us

Presented by:
Understanding
Disabilities. Inc.

Focusing on the ways
We're all alike inside.



**Edward Hallowell, M.D., is a world-renowned speaker and
leading authority in the field of ADHD**

For more information E-mail UD@reading.k12.ma.us

Open Space & Recreation Plan Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

Senior Center

7:30 PM

Come to a public meeting on the Town's open space and recreation needs. Reading is required to update its Open Space and Recreation Plan every five years to be eligible for certain state grants. Your input is needed to help shape the plan.

- 👉 What should the Town's open space and recreation goals be for the next 5 years?
- 👉 Do we need more playing fields?
- 👉 Are we maintaining our conservation areas as well as we should?
- 👉 Should we acquire more land for recreation or for open space?
- 👉 Find out the results of the Open Space & Recreation survey



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Would you like to have this free newsletter delivered directly to your email address? Just send an email to mknight@ci.reading.ma.us and you will be added to the automatic delivery! We also post the newsletter on the Town website at www.readingma.gov and print a limited number of copies available for pick-up at the library, senior center and Town Hall.

IS SOMETHING MISSING IN THIS NEWSLETTER?



Maybe it's your group or organization's events! If you are holding an event that the general public is invited to, it may be eligible for insertion in *Your Community Connection!* For more information email: mknight@ci.reading.ma.us