



# *Your Community Connection*

## Fall 2013 Issue with Holiday Guide

*Highlights and Insights About Reading's Community Services* Website: [www.readingma.gov](http://www.readingma.gov)

## New Gardens for Reading Town Hall



After almost a year of planning, Reading Town Hall has an updated look with some new gardens thanks to the many people involved. The project got underway last fall when several Reading Garden Club Civic Beautification Committee members met with then Town Manager, Peter Hechenbleikner. The project's goal was to update the plantings around the building which would first require a drainage issue to be fixed.

Meeting to move the project forward were Jeff Zager, Director of Public Works; George Zambouras, Town Engineer; Bob Keating, Parks Supervisor; Peter Hechenbleikner, former Town Manager; Camille Anthony and Leslie Marsh, Co-Chairs of the Civic Beautification Committee; as well as Donnan Barnes, also a Civic committee member; and Evie Pyle, President of the Reading Garden Club. The Town approved the plans and the DPW was ready to begin.

As the project start date drew nearer, the Town Manager position changed guards. Bob LeLacheur, the new Town Manager as of June 2013, became involved. The DPW cleared out all the old vegetation and the surface was re-graded to allow for the new drainage system. All new cement walkways and sidewalks were installed. Lastly, good soil was added for all of the new plantings. Joe Huggins, Director of Facilities, had the railing painted, added a new spigot, painted the door, moved a bike rack to a more accessible location, and added fencing.

The garden design was donated by Lauri Johnson of Lauri Johnson Landscape Design, a local design/planting/maintenance company. Lauri is also a Reading Garden Club member. Aiding in the planting were her employees Andy Slezak, Tiffany Keyes, and Katie Linke. Some members of the Reading Garden Club also donated their time to plant, including Debbie Collins, Michele Occhiuti, Ania Knap, Camille Anthony, and Donnan Barnes.

Thank you to the Reading Garden Club for all their hard work and support with this project. It has added a welcoming view as you approach the Town Hall from the parking lot area and added life and color to an area that was dull and plain before!

*Valor... Courage... Sacrifice*

## **VETERANS DAY**

*Honoring all who served...*

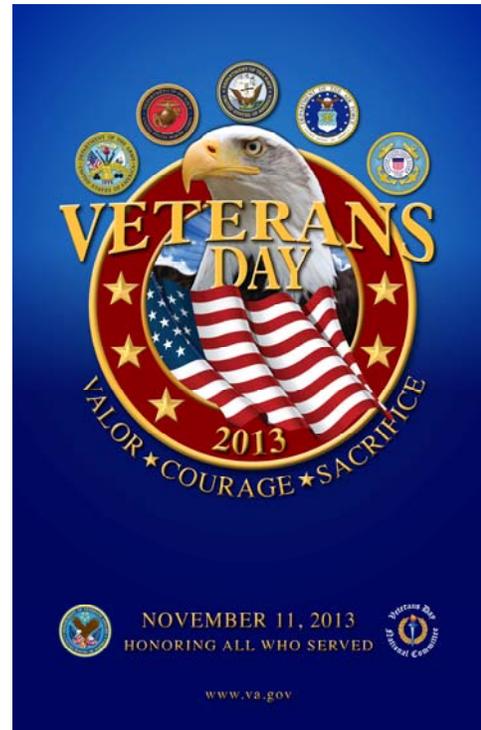
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**11:00 AM ~ On the Common**

**Veterans Breakfast**

**9:00 AM ~ Pleasant Street Center**

**All are welcome!**



## **Town Meeting**

**RMHS Performing Arts Center**

**November 12, 14, 18 ~ 7:30 PM**

### **READING MATTERS...**

#### ***The Reading Board of Selectmen***

You can contact the Board by phone, email at [selectmen@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto: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 8 – November 5 – December 10**

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



**Ask the Town Manager**

**COMING SOON!**

**Comcast Channel 22 at 7:00 PM**

**Verizon Channel 33 at 7:00 PM**

Do you have a question for **Bob LeLacheur**, Reading's new Town Manager? Soon you will be able to call **781-944-8888** during the **live** show and speak directly to him!

**Starting in January 2014**  
**Your Community Connection**  
**will be issued every other month!**

The news will be fresher...crisper...newer!



*What could be better than...*  
*giving a gift that keeps on growing?*

Would you like your gift to be a lasting one for generations to come? The answer is Reading's Commemorative Shade Tree Planting Program. With a donation of \$300, a shade tree will be planted with the recipient's name engraved on the Tree Plaque located in Town Hall. Since the inception of the program in 2012, twelve trees have been planted throughout town. What a wonderful way to pay tribute to those you care about while enhancing the community! If interested in the program, go to the Town of Reading website at [www.readingma.gov](http://www.readingma.gov). You will find the Tree Donation Form under the DPW Parks and Forestry Department listing.

## 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.

**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 7:00 PM on October 15 in order to receive the 10% discount. Payments not received by October 31 will 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 7:00 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 FY14 Preliminary Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills will be mailed by September 30. Payment is due by November 4. 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 the 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 FY14 actual bills will be mailed in December. Payments not received by the due dates are subject to interest and demand fees.

The demand fee was increased to \$25.00 as of January 1, 2009 by vote of Town Meeting.

**Effective January 1, 2014, we will no longer be mailing payment reminders before imposing the demand fees on unpaid bills.**

**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.

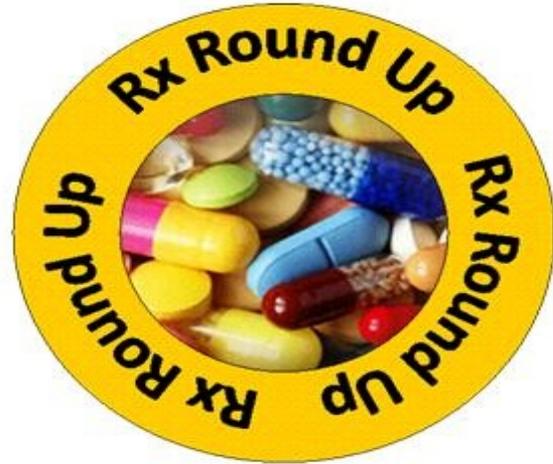


Reading  
Coalition  
Against  
Substance  
Abuse

# 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](mailto: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

New Message Cancel

To: 847-411

Example

READINGPD I think there might be some drug activity near the train station on Tuesday afternoons! Send

or submit a web tip at [www.ci.reading.ma.us](http://www.ci.reading.ma.us)

## The Reading Police Department says

Follow us on 

# twitter

**@ReadingPolice**

# 2013 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 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, MassHealth, Cigna, Aetna, United Healthcare, Celticare, Network Health, 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.

For More Information call the Flu Hotline (781) 979-4127

## Clinic Dates & Locations

**Tuesday, October 1st, 10-11AM**

West Side Social Club  
4 Harrington Court, Wakefield

**Wednesday, October 9th, 12-1PM**

Memorial Hall  
590 Main Street, Melrose

**Wednesday, October 9th, 2:30-4PM**

Coolidge Middle School  
89 Birch Meadow Drive, Reading

**Thursday, October 17th, 10AM-11AM**

McCarthy Senior Center  
30 Converse Street, Wakefield

**Saturday, October 19th, 9:30-11AM**

Coolidge Middle School  
89 Birch Meadow Drive, Reading

**Wednesday, October 23rd, 3-4PM**

Milano Senior Center  
201 West Foster Street, Melrose

**Wednesday, October 23rd, 7-8PM**

Galvin Middle School  
525 Main Street, Wakefield

**Tuesday, October 29th, 7-8PM**

Knights of Columbus  
23 West Foster Street, Melrose

## Flu Fighting Tips from the Reading Health Division



**The Reading Health Division would like to remind residents to take the following steps to protect themselves from seasonal Influenza:**

**Wash your hands!** Just rinsing your hands isn't washing them, it's wetting them. To get them clean you need to use soap. A quick rub, even with soap, won't get your hands clean, and the few seconds you save could cost you days if you get sick later. To make sure your hands are really clean, scrub your palms, between your fingers, the backs of your hands and under your fingernails for at least 20 seconds. Use regular soap. Antibacterial soap isn't necessary. These soaps do kill bacteria, but antibacterial soaps may contribute to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. After rinsing, dry your hands with a paper towel. Use the same paper towel to turn off the water and open the restroom door.

**To help stop the spread of germs, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Put your used tissue in the waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing by wash with soap and water with alcohol-based hand cleaner.

**Please stay home from work if you are sick, and keep sick children home from school.** Stay at home until you/your child have been free from fever for at least 24 hours after the last dose of fever-reducing medication (like Tylenol, Advil or Motrin).

**Get vaccinated against seasonal influenza when vaccinations are available.** This applies to both healthy individuals and those with chronic illnesses.

## SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

With winter weather here, the Department of Public Works would like to remind residents that their cooperation is needed to keep our streets clear and safe.

The Town of Reading's General Bylaws prohibit depositing snow or ice on a portion of any street or sidewalk that has been plowed or cleared for travel. Violation of this General Bylaw is punishable by a fine of up to \$300.

The owner of the property is responsible for the violation, even if it was done by a contractor hired by the owner or tenant of the property.

The Town appreciates your cooperation in our efforts to clear all the streets and the sidewalks in the school and business districts.





## AT THE COMPOST AREA

### Schedule for October & November

#### OPEN DURING OCTOBER:

**Monday:** Oct. 7, 21, 28 ~ 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**Friday:** Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Saturday:** Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### OPEN DURING NOVEMBER:

**Sunday:** Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ 12 Noon – 4:00 PM

**Monday:** Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 8:00 AM- 2:30 PM

**Friday:** Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ 8:00 AM- 2:30 PM

**Saturday:** Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### OPEN DURING DECEMBER:

**Sunday:** Dec. 1 ~ 12 Noon – 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 2013 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:

**November 4 - 8**

**November 18 – 22**

**December 2 – 6**

**The Compost Center will be open  
through December 1, 2013**

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.

## RECYCLING CARDBOARD

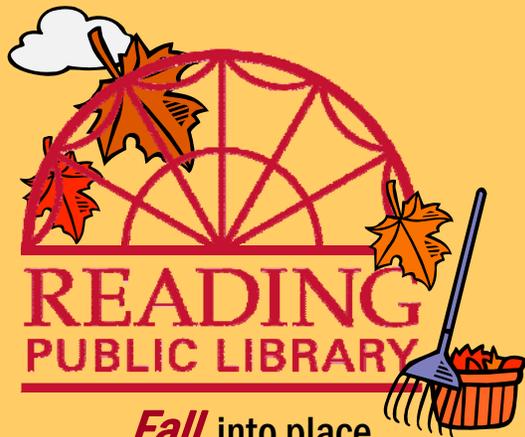


Please recycle all of your cardboard boxes. Flatten and either fold or cut to a size not larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. You may bundle cardboard, put it in a paper bag, place it under your recycling bin, or place it standing in or between recycling bins.

## RECYCLING STYROFOAM



The Town offers a permanent drop off container for Styrofoam. This is free to all residents and is located at the DPW Facility located at 75 New crossing Road. Drop off is available Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



***Fall*** into place  
at the  
Reading Public Library.  
Check our online calendar  
for all upcoming events -  
[www.readingpl.org](http://www.readingpl.org)  
***Open Sundays***  
**2-5**

**Reading Art Association, Inc.**  
Rt. 114  
READING, MASSACHUSETTS 01867



## Fall Schedule

October 9 ~ Painting Demonstration  
Observational Painting in Oils  
By Mary Taggart

November 8, 9, 10  
Fall Exhibit & Sale

December 11 – Painting Demonstration  
Floral in Oils by Kathy Cooper

Web Page [www.readingart.org](http://www.readingart.org)

**In Reading, culture counts.**

**The RCC can help shine the  
spotlight on your project.**

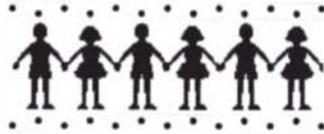
Contact the Reading Cultural Council to learn more about applying for  
a grant at [mass-culture.org/reading](http://mass-culture.org/reading) or [readingculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:readingculturalcouncil@gmail.com)

Deadline for applications is October 15, 2013



# READING BAPTIST DAY SCHOOL

*Celebrating 50 Years of Serving the Community*



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TRANSITIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN



*Professionally  
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& Caring Staff*



*Licensed by the  
Massachusetts Department of  
Early Education and Care*

*Enrolling Now!*

Contact Connie Lacorazza, Director, at 781-944-3876, ext. 2  
45 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867 • [dayschool@fbcreading.org](mailto:dayschool@fbcreading.org)



## Sawyer Nursery School

*Serving students aged 2.9 through 5 years old*

*Providing happy experiences for children . . . for more than 50  
years!*

**For enrollment information please contact:**

**Debra Harvey, Director**  
**(781) 944-9581**

***[www.SawyerNurserySchool.com](http://www.SawyerNurserySchool.com)***

*243 Woburn Street  
Reading, MA 01867*





# 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 5th - November 2nd**

(Cost of Session 1 pro-rated for those who start mid-session)

**Session II, November 7th - January 30th**

(Sessions III & IV to follow)

<b>Don't miss our:</b>	<b>Holiday Exhibition</b>	<b>December 8, 2013</b>
	<b>Ice Spectacular Skating Show</b>	<b>April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>
	<b>North Shore Open Competition</b>	<b>May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> &amp; June 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>Basic Skills Competition</b>	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>

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

Email: [nsscjc@nsskating.org](mailto:nsscjc@nsskating.org)

Website: [www.nsskating.net](http://www.nsskating.net)

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## **Advanced TV Production for Ages 13-16**

Instructors: Angela Merrill & Laura Davis

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 PM

October 1 - December 3

10 weeks

Cost: \$200\*

Go beyond the basics of television production in this 10 week course. Improve your shot composition, lighting skills, script development, editing techniques and much more.

## **TV Acting for Ages 10-13**

Instructor: Angela Merrill

Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 PM

October 2 - December 11 (No class November 27th)

10 weeks

Cost: \$125\*

Write, direct, produce and STAR in your own television show! In this 10 week course you will learn how to write a script, use professional television equipment and editing software, as well as, be the star in your original television program to be aired on RCTV.

## **Independent Video Production for Ages 12-17**

Prerequisite-Must have attended two or more RCTV classes and/or summer workshops

Instructors: Philip Rushworth & Angela Merrill

Thursdays, 3:15-4:45 PM

October 3 - December 12 (No class October 31 or November 28)

9 weeks

Cost: \$150\*

This class is individually assigned during the first week. Each student is allowed to develop, create, produce, shoot and edit video that interests them. Instructors are there to guide and assist but the student is allowed full creative access.

## **Music Video Mania for Ages 8-12**

Instructor: Laura Davis

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 PM

October 4 December 13 (No class November 29th)

10 weeks

Cost: \$125\*

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!)



# Connect The Tots

bringing together families in the Reading area

## Parents & Kids...

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

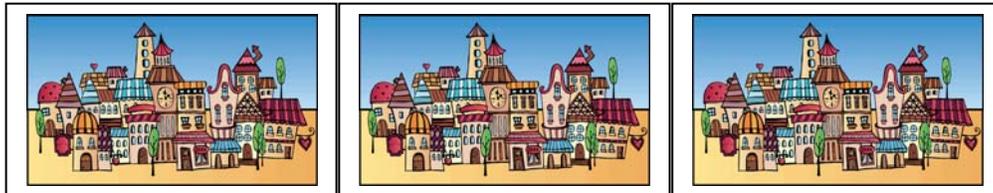
**Check out Connect the Tots!**

Playgroups... Fall Kickoff Party... Apple Picking  
Preschool Information Night... Park Outings... Fire House Trip  
Museum Trips... Art Classes... Mom's Night Out... and more!

**Join for only \$25 per year!**

**For more information: [www.ConnectTheTots.org](http://www.ConnectTheTots.org)  
Or email [CTTReading@gmail.com](mailto: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 a "Neighbor" who has been here for years, the club offers great opportunities to have fun while making new friends and becoming involved in the community.

We hold monthly get-togethers including ladies night, men only, family fun, couple's socials, and book reviews.

Some of our past events include: Children's Concert ~ Holiday Party ~ Murder Mystery  
Scavenger Hunt ~ Men's Poker ~ Recipe Swap ~ Game Night ~ Apple Picking

**Sign up at [www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com](http://www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com).**



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

## **Old South Church in Reading Center**

Please check [www.oldsouthumc.org](http://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](http://www.goodshepherd-reading.org)



## **First Baptist Church of Reading**

*Join our Fall & Holiday Activities*

**45 Woburn Street ~ Reading**

**781.944.3876**

[www.fbcreading.org](http://www.fbcreading.org) ~ [office@fbcreading.org](mailto:office@fbcreading.org)





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**Holiday Guide 2013**  
Events in Reading from October through New Year's Day



## OCTOBER

### October Activities at the Pleasant Street Center!



**Pleasant Street Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA**

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

**Blood Pressure** – First Friday of every month - 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Fourth Thursday of every month – 11:00 – 12:00 Noon

#### **Zumba Gold with Kelli**

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Hoyt Great Room. \$5 session (Minimum of 8), no registration required. Zumba is fun...it's the type of exercise you'll want to do every day and feel good about it! So grab some friends and come take a class!

#### **“Forever 49”- Tai Chi and more**

Fit for Life Fitness Program - Mondays - 1:30 - 2:30 PM. \$5 per Session

- Chi Gong – for spinal alignment
- Tai Chi - for balance and relaxation
- Weight lifting for bone density, muscle and tendon strength
- Silk reeling exercises – for the joints of your body
- A bit of line dance and a head full of health tips

#### **Motion to Music**

Low impact aerobics on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Hoyt Great Room. \$20 per month. NOTE: \$15 per month - any 5 classes during the calendar month.

### **B.E.S.T.**

Balance, Energy, Strength, Training: Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Lounge. \$3 per Session.

### **Yoga**

Mondays – 11:00 – 12:00 Noon, 3 weeks for \$30 or \$11 for drop-in.

### **Wednesday Computers**

9:00 - 10:00 AM - with Dick Svirsky

10:00 - 11:00 AM – with John Walsh

2:30 - 3:30 PM – with Curtis Anderson

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.

### **S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)**

Computer Room - October 4, 11, 25, and 28 - 10:00 - 3:00 by appointment. Call 781-942-6794.

### **Brain Yoga Class**

6 week series on Tuesdays, first 6 week series ends October 15; next 6 week series runs from October 22 to November 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. 6 weeks for \$20 - due at first class. Or \$4 for drop-in. Brain Yoga uses different activities to stretch your brain.

### **A Matter of Balance Workshop**

An 8 week session meets every Tuesday - October 1 thru November 18 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Designed to reduce the fear of falling and to view falls as controllable. It also helps you increase activity levels. Each session includes a discussion and exercises to improve your balance, flexibility and overall strength. A minimum of 6 people is required to hold the class. Please register by Wednesday September 25.

### **Lunch & Learn Reading Fire Department**

October 8 - 12:00 Noon lunch, speaker at 12:30 with Lieutenant Paul Jackson. Learn some important fire safety tips for the home and more.

### **Oktoberfest Lunch**

Wednesday, October 9, 12:00 Noon - 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.

### **Parkinson's Disease Support**

Wednesday, October 9, the group will meet from 1:30 – 3:00 PM and will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Michelle Caron, RN, from the Greater Medford Visiting Nurse Association will lead the group meetings. The group is open to anyone in the community coping with Parkinson's disease or its impact. This includes people indirectly affected by Parkinson's such as friends and family members. No ongoing commitment is necessary - participants may attend meetings at their convenience.

### **Don't put anything bigger than your elbow in your ear!**

Thursday, October 10 – 10:15 AM. Rose Kilbride of Hallmark Health will come to discuss basic ear care: how to properly clean your ears, medical problems, and how aging affects hearing loss.

### **Ham & Bean Supper**

Tuesday, October 15 - 5:00 PM - Hoyt Great Room. The Police Department will again sponsor their annual Ham and Bean Supper at the Pleasant Street Center. Please note that this event is for **Reading residents only**.

### **Find Out What's New in Medicare for 2014**

Thursday, October 17, 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.

### **Join us for Bingo and then stay for an Apple Pie Social**

October 17 – Bingo at 1:00 PM and then an Apple Pie Social at 2:30PM, sponsored by Sunrise of Lynnfield.

### **Birthday Lunch**

October 21 - 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.

### **Lunch & Learn Veteran's Agent**

October 22 - lunch at 12:00 Noon, speaker at 12:30 PM. Reading Veterans Services Officer Frank Driscoll will talk about the Aid and Attendance Benefit for seniors. For this benefit you must be 65 years or older or totally disabled.

### **Movie Day: "42"**

October 23 1:15 PM. 2013 PG-13 128 minutes. This biopic focuses on the relationship between baseball icon Jackie Robinson and Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey who signed Robinson in 1947 making him the first black Major League Baseball player of the modern era.

### **Lunch Time World Series Trivia**

Thursday, October 24 – 12 Noon with prizes!

### **Domestic Violence Awareness**

Thursday, October 24 – 9:35 AM. Breakfast & Discussion. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Did you know that 1 out of 2 families have been affected by Domestic Violence at some time? Learn the different types of abuse that occur most often among seniors. Get resources on whom to call or what to do if someone you care about is in abusive relationship. Presented by Tiffany Melendez, Program Director at RESPOND Inc., a community organization that provides lifesaving shelter, support services, and education to stop domestic violence. A continental breakfast with muffins, oatmeal, and smoothies will be served. A presentation immediately following at 10:15 AM. Please call 781-942-6794 to reserve your spot.

### **Halloween Party**

Monday, October 28 – 3:00 – 5:00. Please join us because this year's Halloween bash is sure to be the best one ever! Entertainment from 3:00 - 4:00 PM with the Uptown Girls "Happy Halloween Show." Then enjoy some frightful finger sandwiches and scary snacks/drinks. Start planning your costume now: scary, funny, or just downright outrageous! We will have some great prizes for various costume categories! Partially sponsored by Longwood Place at Reading.

# Fall Courses at CREATIVE ARTS are here!



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](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org)

Here are a few of the great courses!

**Moms & Tots:** ages 18 month - 4 years

**Let's Explore:** Ages 5-7

**Pottery Studio:** Ages 7-12

**The Voice...Explore It!** Ages 7-13

**Musical Theatre:** Ages 8-12

**Fashion Illustration:** Ages 10-15

**FACE OFF - Special Effects:** Ages 10-16

**Art Sampler Workshops:** Adults

To register, contact: Education Director Kelly Walsh at [info@weteachcreativearts.org](mailto:info@weteachcreativearts.org) or call the office 781.942.9600. Registration forms can also be found on our website.

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## **Attention Adults ... You can explore your creativity too!**

CREATIVE ARTS has many opportunities for you to learn something new or improve one of your current talents! Life gets hectic, but making time to take care of yourself will help it feel as if it all can fade away as well as energize you for the next day!

Here are a few of the great courses:

**Art Sampler Workshops – Monday Mornings**

**Painting: Exploring Color – Monday Evenings**

**Stained Glass: Add Color to Your Life! – Tuesday Evenings**

**Intermediate/Advanced Painting Portfolio & Critique – Friday Mornings**

**Private Music Lessons – Days/times Open**

Or check out one of our great Thursday or Saturday workshops!

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**Saturday, October 5 - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Ages 7-10**

Kids, come on down to work on your drawing and painting skills in this 3-hour intensive (yet FUN) workshop with Artist Dennis Hart. This studio experience will help your drawing come to life with color!

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**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:30pm**

Get outside and PAINT! Professional Artist and CREATIVE ARTS Instructor Dennis Hart will guide you through the process of painting outdoors. A fun afternoon out doors for both adults and kids. Space is limited; registration is required.

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## Painting on Stemware

Thursday, October 17 - 6:30-8:30 PM

Create one-of-a-kind stemware. These will make the perfect gift or keep for yourself and use as the subject of conversation at your next gathering! All supplies are included.

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## Burbank YMCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Portraits at Lake Quannapowitt



**Saturday ~ October 5 ~ 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Jennifer from JBug Images will be capturing photographs amongst the beautiful fall foliage around Lake Quannapowitt. 100% of the session fee will go towards the Burbank Annual Fund. Open to members and non-members!

**For more information call 781-944-9622**

# Reading Fire Department



## OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday ~ October 5 ~ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Main Street Fire Station**

Tour the Fire Station! Visit the firehouse and firefighters! Live firefighting demonstrations!  
Jaws of Life demonstrations! Try on fire fighting gear! Pizza and snacks will be served!  
Learn fire safety tips! See the fire trucks! Crawl through a smoke filled room!  
**Call 781-944-3132 for more information**



## Church of the Good Shepherd

### Blessing of the Pets

**Sunday ~ October 6**  
**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**



# Walkable Reading

## Franklin Street & Kurchian Woods Walk

Saturday, October 5 (rain date October 6) Walkable Reading will be leading the third in a series of *Neighborhood Walks in Reading*. The walk, which is approximately 3 miles long, will begin at the corner of Franklin Street and Kurchian Lane at 1 PM. We'll walk west along Franklin, to Covey Hill, Spruce, and Forest Street, returning to the starting point via the trail through the Kurchian Woods Conservation Area. (An alternative route follows Main Street). For those who live along the route, just join us as we pass by your house. You can see a map of the route on the Walkable Reading page on the Town Website: <http://www.readingma.gov/WalkableReading>.

Walkable Reading has designed seven Neighborhood Walks to encourage local walking. All the routes use sidewalks, and many have optional links through Conservation Area trails. On the webpage you will find links to: Walkable Reading's Facebook page; the Neighborhood Walks map; route descriptions; audio tours of some of Reading's Revolutionary Era homes; and Reading Trail Maps (maps of all of the Conservation Areas in Town). October is a great time to get outside and enjoy the early fall foliage and cooler weather! If you have questions you can contact us at [walkablereading@comcast.net](mailto:wakablereading@comcast.net),



# Auction!



## Reading Rotary 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction "OKTOBERFEST"

**Saturday ~ October 5 ~ Hillview Country Club ~ 6:00 PM**

The Event will feature Live and Silent Auctions, Cash Bar, Beer Garden, German Fare, Drawings, and a DJ. The support from this auction helps us support many local organizations in order to help them fulfill their missions.

For more information contact David Traniello at [dtraniello@traniellolaw.com](mailto:dtraniello@traniellolaw.com)

saturday, october 5, 2013 • 8 pm • \$20/\$18

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## **Burbank YMCA Pink Challenge** **Monday ~ October 7 ~ All Day**

Run, walk, or spin in pink to show your support for breast cancer survivors and those that lost the battle to breast cancer. Proceeds will support the Annual Fund and the Burbank YMCA Pink Program.



## ***Celebrate National Public Power Week with us.***

- We put safety first.
- We are proudly driven by public service, not profit. Loyalty to our customers, not stockholders.
- We serve you, our fellow citizens, friends and neighbors, and we are accountable to you.
- We provide Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield reliable power and prompt service.
- We are committed to educating our communities on sustainable energy, electric safety and the benefits of local ownership and governance.



## **Public Power Open House**

A fun learning experience for all ages.

**Thursday, October 10, 2-5 p.m.**

   
 Enter for a free raffle  
 to retrofit your home  
 with up to \$500 worth  
 of LED bulbs from  
 RMLD and Home  
 Depot.



RMLD Garage and Tent

226 Ash St., Reading.

*Prices, free snacks  
and drinks!*

- Bucket Truck Rides
- Lineman Dress-up and Demos
- Face Painting and Crafts
- Decorate Hard Hats
- Learn about Transmission and Wires
- Safety and Conservation Tips
- Learn about Electric Meters
- Meet Volta the Light Bulb



**Reading Recreation  
Fun Youth Workshops  
On Holidays and Teacher In-Service Days!**

**Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Science Meets Magic ~ October 14<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day)

Crazy Motion with Science ~ October 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Teacher in-service day)

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Mattera Cabin

Fee: \$30

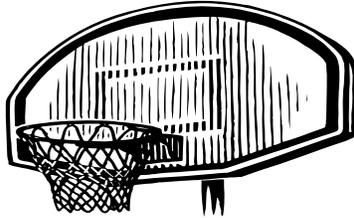
For more information call 781-942-9075

**The RMHS Band & Color Guard  
will be marching in the  
NORTH END COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**



**Sunday ~ October 13**

**Come out and cheer on your home town students!**  
Parade winds from Columbus Park through the North End.



# Travel Basketball League

## Girls Evaluation Days

October 15 & October 17 @ RMHS

6th grade 5:30 – 6:30

7th Grade 6:30 – 7:30

8th Grade 7:30 – 8:30

## Boys Evaluation Days

October 22 & October 23 @ RMHS

6th grade 5:30 – 6:30

7th Grade 6:30 – 7:30

8th Grade 7:30 – 8:30

Evaluation Fee: \$5

For more information call 781-942-9075

# Reading Memorial High School **Band & Color Guard Competition**

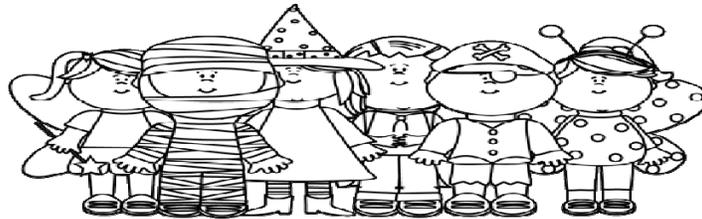


**SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 19**

RMHS proudly sponsors one of this seasons Band Competitions. Come to RMHS and enjoy being entertained by high school band and guard units from around the region. RMHS always has lots of schools participate because we're known for our best concessions (it's true)! This is a fundraiser for the RMHS Band and Color Guard so come, be entertained by the terrific Band and Guard units, and treat yourself to some of the favorites... Chicken Pie, Apple Crisp or Patty D's Mac N Cheese.

## Reading Recreation Halloween Fun

# **ZOMBIE WORKSHOP!**

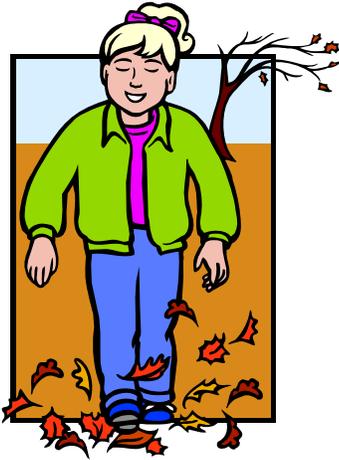


**October 19 ~ 9:00AM to 11:00 AM**  
**Mattera Cabin ~ 1481 Main Street ~ Fee: \$15**

Join us for this fun Halloween Workshop that shows recycling and conservation can allow us to produce new and exciting treasures! This workshop will take kids through a world of imagination and get them into the spirit of the holiday. Children will be given cute, recycled beanie babies and will construct them into a monstrous creation! They will use cool tools like mis-matched toy parts, Velcro, yarn, paint, scissors, and more to design their masterpiece! Lots of imagination and hands-on learning is sure to make each Zom-Beanie extra unique and SPoOkY!

## TRAILS COMMITTEE NEWS

### Town Forest Hike Saturday, October 19



The Trails Committee invites everyone to come walk the newest entrance trail into the Town Forest. We will meet October 19th at 2 PM. The walk will start at the new trailhead where Sunset Rock Road meets the Wood End School driveway and will go to the Overlook Trail in the Town Forest. The walk is about 2 miles round trip and will take 1 to 1 ½ hours. Hopefully the foliage will be at its peak.

The new Town Forest entrance trail was built by Grace Stroman as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award. Thanks Grace! And thanks to DPW for grading and the curb cut.

Check out the Town Forest entrance off Lynn Village Way as well. These are good alternatives to the busy Strout Avenue entrance.

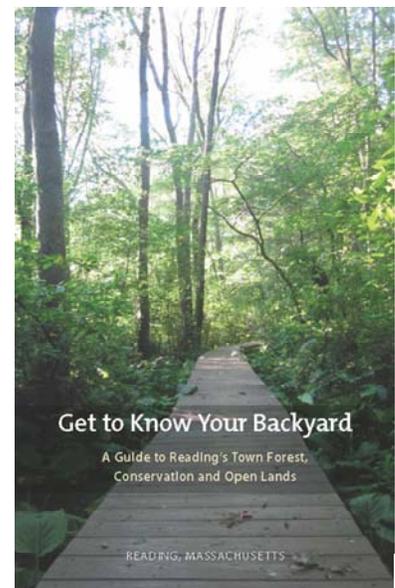
### New Trail Connects Sledge Woods to Kurchian Woods

The Trails Committee is nearing completion of a trail connecting Sledge Woods and Kurchian Woods. The trail passes through the Nichols Wood Lot owned by the Reading Open Land Trust (ROLT). It also crosses a bridge built by the Trails Committee and funded by ROLT. Check it out later this fall when blazing is complete. The trailhead is at the end of Pasture Road off a private driveway. Public access is allowed and there are 2 parking spaces at the trailhead. Thanks to ROLT for their continued partnership.

### Reading Trail Guide Coming Soon

Coming this fall is a trail guide put together by Grace Stroman (mentioned above). *Get to Know Your Backyard: A Guide to Reading's Town Forest, Conservation and Open Lands* will be published this fall. Watch for it at local outlets and at Town Hall.

Trail maps can also be found on the Town's website at [www.readingma.gov/TrailMapLibrary](http://www.readingma.gov/TrailMapLibrary). Maps are updated as new trails or structures are built.





# Friends of the Reading Library



There's a lot going on at the library this fall. The Friends will be celebrating **National Friends of the Library Week (10/20-10/26)** with a big membership drive. Stop by and find out about becoming a Friend, or renew your current membership. For as little as \$15, you can help support library programs, speakers, events and museum passes.

The week-long celebration will kick off on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> with a Friends Music Series concert by the Merrimack Valley Chorus. The week will end on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a final "blow out sale" of the contents of the Book Sale Room. The sale will be held on the main floor of the library and will mark the closing of the Book Sale Room until the rebuilt and renovated library opens in approximately two years. Public donations of books for the Book Sale Room will be cut off on October 1st

Stop by the library to see what other surprises we have in store this fall.

The Friends of the Library raise \$ 40,000 each year to help support popular library programs such as concerts, summer reading programs, Live Wires, museum passes, and toddler sing a longs.



## Reading Antiquarian Society

### What is Mourning Jewelry and what does it look like?

October 23 ~ 7:00 PM ~ Great Room at the Pleasant Street Center



**A brooch from our collection with woven hair of a deceased person**

There will be a special program showcasing the Parker Tavern collection of 19th century mourning jewelry. We will have a presentation about and description of mourning jewelry by Sarah Nehama, a jewelry artist for the past 18 years, who also collects and studies mourning jewelry. Ms. Nehama cooperated with the Massachusetts Historical Society last year on an exhibition entitled *In Death Lamented: The Tradition of Anglo-American Mourning Jewelry*, which featured museum collections plus her own collection. She is also the author of the companion volume by the same name.

## Austin Preparatory School

### Art Show Exhibit & Reception



**Thursday ~ October 24 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**Murphy Art Gallery and the Gathering Room**  
**Free and open to the public!**



# Reading Firefighters MDA Masquerade Soiree

Halloween is coming soon, so grab your mask or your broom

Reading Fire Fighters will be your host  
Come dressed as yourself, a witch or a ghost  
There will be food, drink and a witch's brew  
Now all we need is you!

Join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MDA Fundraiser

Friday - October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Where: Hillview Country Club  
149 North Street, N. Reading, MA

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Ticket cost: \$40.00 per person, includes:**

*(All proceeds go directly to local children to attend MDA Summer Camp)*

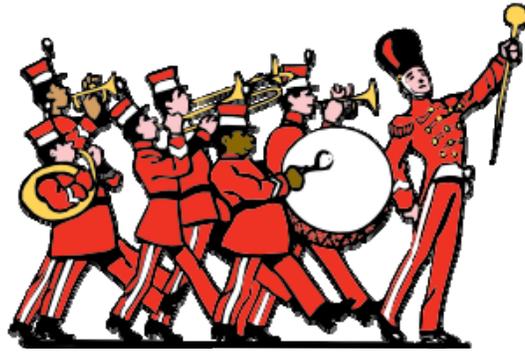
- Dinner Buffet
- Dance with DJ Anthony Arone
- Prizes Awarded to:
  - Most Unique Individual Costume
  - Best Couple Costume
  - Best Group Costume
- Raffles
- Silent and live auction
- Lots of spooktacular fun!



For tickets call Firefighter Scott Myette @ 978-836-7417,  
or the Reading Fire Dept. Business Line @ 781-944-3132

For more information on how your donation will help visit: <http://www.mda.org/summercamp/>

## Are you ready for some Football & Music?



Friday October 25 is Band Day at RMHS. Each year, during a home football game, the RMHS Band invites the middle school bands to participate in Band Day. This is an opportunity for the middle school students to see firsthand what it's like to be part of the RMHS Marching Band and have the thrill of playing at a football game. This year's home game is vs. Woburn. Come cheer on the football team and enjoy watching the combined sounds of the High School and Middle School Band students as they perform together during half time!

## The Reading Society of Craftsmen

# *Craft Sale & Exhibit*

**Saturday, October 26 ~ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Unitarian Universalist Church

239 Woburn Street (corner of Woburn and Summer Streets)

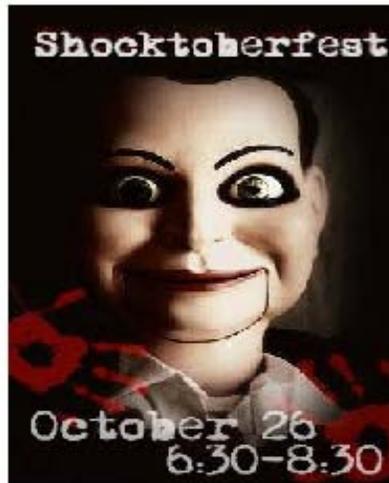
**Free Admission! Free Parking! Free Door Prizes!**

Unique, handcrafted items ~ Quilts ~ Jewelry ~ Decorative Painting ~ Dolls  
Scarves ~ Purses ~ Holiday Decorations and more ~ Start your holiday shopping early!

**For more information call Jean at 978-486-4043**



READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:



Reading's Scariest Haunted House!!

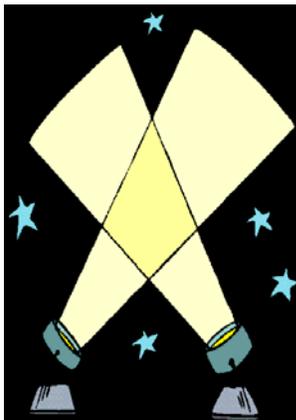
WILLIAM E. ENDSLOW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

\$5.00 Admission

**WARNING:** This event is not suitable for young children. Parental guidance is strongly suggested.

Old South United Methodist Church  
Invites you and your children to participate...

## Children's Christmas Musical



Children ages 4 to 12

Are invited to

**\* SING \* ACT \* DANCE \***

in an original production of  
the Christmas Story.

Everyone gets a part!

Rehearsals:

Sunday mornings October 27 – December 8

Performance Sunday: December 15 at 5:00 PM

For more information contact [PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org](mailto:PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org)

## Reading Recreation Division

# 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Sunday, October 27**  
**Coolidge Middle School**



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

**Performance immediately following the parade by the**  
**Toe Jam Puppet Band!**

## Austin Prep Homecoming Music

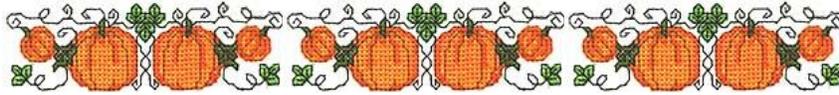


**Saturday ~ October 29**  
**11:00 – 12:30 PM**  
**Football Field ~ Soccer Field**  
**Volleyball Field**



# NOVEMBER

## November Activities at the Pleasant Street Center



**Pleasant Street Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA**

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

**Blood Pressure** – First Friday of every month - 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month – 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

### **S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)**

Meeting in the Computer Room Friday, November 1, 8, 15, and 22 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794

### **Wednesday Computers**

9:00 - 10:00 AM - with Dick Svirsky  
10:00 - 11:00 AM – with John Walsh  
2:30 - 3:30 PM – with Curtis Anderson

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.

### **Zumba Gold with Kelli**

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Hoyt Great Room. \$5 session (Minimum of 8), no registration required. Zumba is fun...it's the type of exercise you'll want to do every day and feel good about it! So grab some friends and come take a class!

### **“FOREVER 49”- Tai Chi and more**

Fit for Life Fitness Program - Mondays - 1:30 - 2:30 PM - \$5/Session

- Chi Gong – for spinal alignment
- Tai Chi - for balance and relaxation
- Weight lifting for bone density, muscle and tendon strength
- Silk reeling exercises – for the joints of your body
- A bit of line dance and a head full of health tips

### **Motion to Music**

Low impact aerobics - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM - Hoyt Great Room. \$20/month. NOTE: \$15/month - any 5 classes during the calendar month.

### **B.E.S.T.**

Balance, Energy, Strength, Training - Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM - Lounge. \$3/Session.

### **Yoga**

Mondays – 11:00 – 12:00 Noon, 3 weeks for \$30 or \$11 for drop-in.

### **“Food for your Brain”**

Thursday, November 7 - 12:30 to 1:00 PM – Lunch and Learn - lunch at 12:00 Noon – speaker Candace Quigley from Mystic Valley Elder Services from 12:30 -1:00 PM.

### **Veteran’s Day Breakfast**

Monday, November 11, 9:00 - 10:30 AM at the Pleasant Street Center. A FREE Pancake Breakfast - Please join us at the Pleasant Street Center for this free event. Doors will open at 9:00 AM and we will continue serving until 10:30 AM. Veterans, families, friends and neighbors are all welcome to stop by for some refreshments as part of their Sunday routine. Van transportation is available to the breakfast as well as the ceremony which takes place on the Common at 11:00 AM. Hope to see you all there!

### **Senator Katherine Clark’s Apple Crisp**

Tuesday, November 12, 12:30 PM. The Senator plans to serve homemade apple crisp to those in attendance as well as engage them about any topics that may be on their minds.

### **Parkinson’s Disease Support**

Wednesday, November 13, the group will meet from 1:30 – 3:00 PM and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Michelle Caron, RN with the Greater Medford Visiting Nurse Association will lead the group meetings. The group is open to anyone in community coping with Parkinson's disease or its impact. This includes people indirectly affected by Parkinson's such as friends and family members. No ongoing commitment is necessary - participants may attend meetings at their convenience.

### **Learn tips on how to manage Dementia at home**

November 14 10:15 AM

### **Lunch & Learn - MOLST Form**

November 14, 12:00 Noon - lunch, speaker at 12:30 PM. Joe Lapolla, EMS Coordinator and Paramedic from the Reading Fire Department will talk about the new MOLST form – (Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), which is based on the right of individuals to accept or refuse medical treatments.

### **Birthday Lunch**

November 18 – 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.

### **Fuel Assistance**

Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Assistance with applying for Fuel Assistance will begin at the Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Lower Level Conference Room. This assistance will continue the third Tuesday of each month until May 2013. Twenty minute appointments may be made by calling 781.942.6608.

### **Movie – November 20 – 1:15: “The Lucky One”**

2012 - 101 minutes – Rated PG13

Marine veteran Logan credits his good-luck charm -- a photo of an unknown woman -- for saving his skin in Iraq. Back in the States, he sets out to find the woman behind the smile that steered his fate.

### **Thanksgiving Special Lunch**

November 21 at 12 Noon – entertainer Jim Barrineau – singer/guitar player will entertain from 12:30 – 1:15 PM.

### **Black Friday - FREE Breakfast**

November 29, 10:00 AM. Do you need to refuel? Stop by the Pleasant Street Center for some muffins, oatmeal, smoothies, coffee and tea.

# The Reading Lions and Operation Troop Support



## Gift Wrapping Day

Saturday ~ November 2

9:00 AM to Noon ~ Pleasant Street Center



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

**For more information call Bruce Austen 781-944-3867**

## Fall Courses at CREATIVE ARTS are here!



### Painting On Canvas – A Night Out at Bertucci's!

Thursday, November 7 ~ 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Create your own piece of art in a social and supportive setting. No experience necessary! Painting supplies are included. This fun night out for the adults (for only \$35) will be held at Bertucci's of Reading. Call CREATIVE ARTS today to reserve your seat! - 781.942.9600 or [info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org](mailto:info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org)

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## “Artful Gifts” for the Holidays

**Saturday, November 23 or December 14**

**Adults: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Ages 7-12: 1:00 -4:00 PM**

Personalize your holiday gift giving with your creative touch. Projects include printmaking, photo transfers, collaging, and painting for creating individualized cards, tags, wrapping paper and more! These fun (and customizable!) workshops will be led by professional Artist Nedret Andre.

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# INNOVATIVE YOUTH WORKSHOPS



## Creative Hair Design



Grades 3 to 5 ~ Fee: \$35 ~ Saturday November 2  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Mattera Cabin

## Just Like Gram’s Cookies

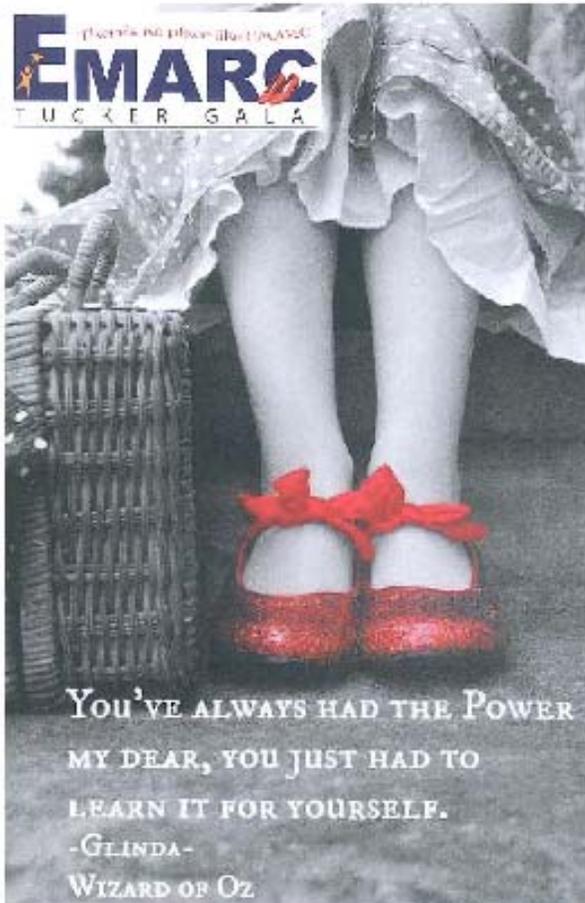


Grades 3 to 5 ~ Fee: \$20 ~ Saturday November 9  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM at the Mattera Cabin

## American Girl Doll Slumber Party



Ages 5 – 12 ~ Fee: \$49 ~ Saturday November 16  
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Mattera Cabin



**You are cordially invited to  
EMARC's 19th Annual Tucker Gala**

**DATE:** Monday, November 4th, 2013  
**TIME:** 5pm *\*Please note earlier start time\**  
**VENUE:** Boston Peabody Marriott  
 8 Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960  
**PRICE:** \$75 per person, Table of 10 \$700  
*This year's Gala theme is the Wizard of Oz!*

**To purchase tickets:**

1. Online: <http://2013tucker.webs.com>
2. Return RSVP card and mail check to: EMARC Development office  
 26 Princess St. Wakefield, MA 01880
3. Contact Amy O'Brien email: [aobrien@thecemarc.org](mailto:aobrien@thecemarc.org)  
 phone: 781.587.2272

**\*\*Please RSVP by: October 25th.** Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Last year's Gala sold-out early.

**Celebrity-studded line-up featuring Lenny Clarke,  
 Steve Sweeney, Tony V, Hank Morre,  
 Phantom Gourmet's Andelman Brothers.**

**Tasting stations. Entertainment. Amazing Auction items!**  
 For more info, please go to:  
<http://2013tucker.webs.com>

*Click your heels together and remember,  
 there is no place like the EMARC Tucker Gala!*



**READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA  
 CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS:**



**November 8-17, 2013**

Tickets will be available at <http://ticketstage.com/> and at the RMHS box office

**Colonial Chorus Players**

*Present...*

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**



November 8, 9, 16, 17, 22, 23

Performances held at the Old Hose House, 1249 Main Street

For more information: [www.colonialchorus.com](http://www.colonialchorus.com)



**A devious and delightful romp down a road not taken by Steven Dietz**

Directed by J. Mark Baumhardt

**November 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 2013**

For more information contact

**The Quannapowitt Playhouse**

**781-944-4949**

## Church of the Good Shepherd's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Fall-iday Fair



Friday November 15 ~ 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Saturday November 16 ~ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

95 Woburn Street ~ Near the train depot

Outstanding variety of craft items! Live Music! Unique gifts, raffles baked goods, toys, books, Christmas items, gift baskets, bargain box, jewelry, and Vendors

Something for everyone!

### RMHS Band & Color Guard

## Mattress Sale Fundraiser

**Saturday ~ November 16**  
**RMHS Showroom**

The Mattresses are 100% made in the USA and top quality! Stop by the showroom to try out a variety of mattresses and place an order!

For more information contact RMHS



**Burbank  
YMCA**



## **24<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Classic**

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>



Race begins at 9:00 AM from the Wakefield Common  
Proceeds benefit the Annual Fund Campaign

## **Burbank YMCA LAP-A-THON**



**How many laps can you swim continuously?  
Proceeds will benefit the Annual Fund**

For more information contact the Y at 781-944-9622



**Reading Recreation**

# **Sunday Basketball League**

**SUNDAY ~ November 17 – February 2**

Fee: Kindergarten & 1st Grade \$120

Fee: 2nd through 5th Grade \$130

Grades K – 5

RMHS Field House

## DIVISIONS:

K & 1 <sup>st</sup> (Clinic)	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
(choose time)	12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

2nd & 3rd Boys	1:15 PM – 2:30 PM
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2nd & 3rd Girls	2:30 PM – 3:45 PM
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4th & 5th Girls	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM
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4th & 5th Boys	5:15 PM – 6:30 PM
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For more information call 781-942-9075



**Reading Symphony Orchestra**

**FALL CONCERT**



**Sunday ~ November 17 ~ 3:30 PM ~ Parker Middle School**  
**\$15 adults ~ \$10 students and seniors ~ children 12 & under 12 free**

Grieg – “Varen,” from Two Elegiac Melodies  
Tchaikovsky – Violin Concerto, Yuki Beppu, violin  
Dvorak – Symphony #9, E-minor, Op. 95  
“From the New World”

**Austin Preparatory School**  
**Presents...**

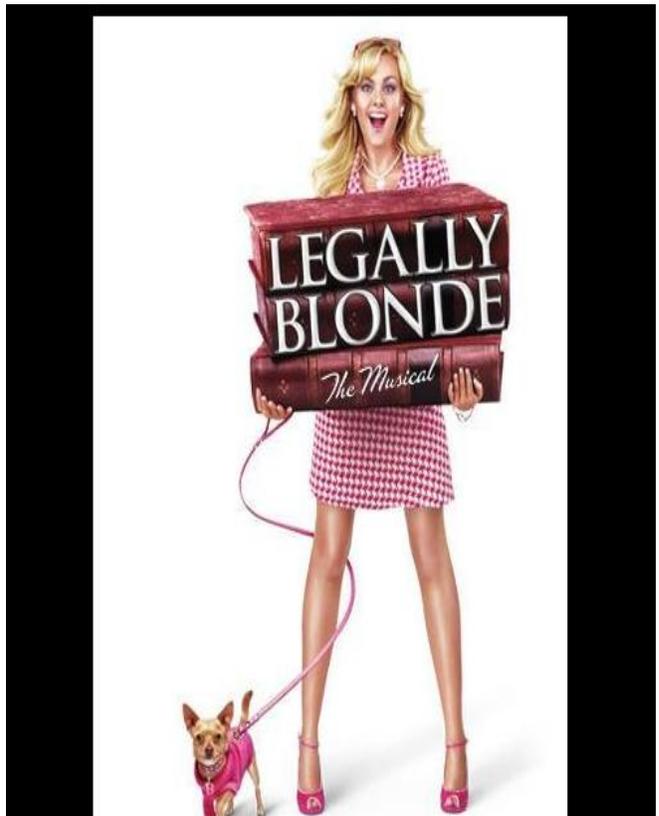
***“Legally Blonde”***  
***The Musical***

Friday ~ November 22  
Saturday ~ November 23

7:00 PM

Gym Stage in the  
Multi-Purpose Room

**Free and Open to the Public!**



Wood End Elementary School

# Polar Bear Fair



**Saturday ~ November 23 ~ 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**85 Sunset Rock Lane**

Get your holiday shopping done in one convenient location... numerous vendors and crafters will be on site for a “fantastic shopternoon!”

Reading Civic Concert Band

*Come and Hear*

## *Your Town Band*

*Concert Theme ~ “Back to the Front”*



Sunday ~ November 24 ~ 3:00 PM

Parker Middle School

Admission \$12 (Students & Seniors \$10)

[www.ReadingCivicBand.org](http://www.ReadingCivicBand.org)

## **Annual Reading vs. Stoneham Thanksgiving Day Football Game**



**with the RMHS Marching Band & Color Guard!**

**Thursday ~ November 28 ~ in Reading!**

It's a great tradition to come out and support the Rockets Football Team on Thanksgiving Day! As always the RMHS Band & Color Guard will be performing. Please stop by the BPO "Band Booth" and make a purchase or a donation to support the students in the Band & Color Guard programs!

## **RMHS Band & Color Guard Christmas Tree Sale**



**Starts Friday ~ November 29 ~ New Location!**

Our new site will be located on Main Street this year. As we get closer we will confirm the exact address with articles on the Edline, the local papers, and RCTV. Thank you to everyone who year after year supports the Band & Color Guard by buying Christmas Trees or wreaths from our students. We look forward to seeing you and selling you another beautiful Christmas tree for your family to enjoy!

# Reading Lions Club

## **ANNUAL WREATH SALE**



**Free Home Delivery on Saturday, November 30!**

Wreaths in sizes 12" 18" 24" 36"  
Plus Balsam & Boxwood Kissing Balls

For Prices and more information contact:  
Bruce Austin at [bruceaustin01@aol.com](mailto:bruceaustin01@aol.com)

All proceeds benefit local charities. Since 1999 the Reading Lions Club has donated over \$16,000 in wreath sale profits to the Reading Food Pantry.



# DECEMBER

## December Activities at the Pleasant Street Center!



**Pleasant Street Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA**

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

**Blood Pressure** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month - 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of every month – 11:00 – 12:00 Noon

### **S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)**

Meeting in the Computer Room Friday, December 6 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794

### **Wednesday Computers**

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - with Dick Svirsky

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. – with John Walsh

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – with Curtis Anderson

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.

### **Zumba Gold with Kelli**

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Hoyt Great Room. \$5 session (Minimum of 8), no registration required Zumba is fun...it's the type of exercise you'll want to do every day and feel good about it! So grab some friends and come take a class!

### **“FOREVER 49”- Tai Chi and more**

Fit for Life Fitness Program - Mondays - 1:30 - 2:30 PM. \$5/Session

- Chi Gong – for spinal alignment
- Tai Chi - for balance and relaxation
- Weight lifting for bone density, muscle and tendon strength
- Silk reeling exercises – for the joints of your body
- A bit of line dance and a head full of health tips

### **Motion to Music**

Low impact aerobics - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Hoyt Great Room. \$20/month; NOTE: \$15/month - any 5 classes during the calendar month.

### **B.E.S.T.**

Balance, Energy, Strength, Training - Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Lounge. \$3/Session.

### **Birthday Lunch**

December 9 - 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

### **Parkinson's Disease Support**

Wednesday, December 11, the group will meet from 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Michelle Caron, RN with the Greater Medford Visiting Nurse Association will lead the group meetings. The group is open to anyone in the community coping with Parkinson's disease or its impact. This includes people indirectly affected by Parkinson's such as friends and family members. No ongoing commitment is necessary - participants may attend meetings at their convenience.

### **Coolidge and Parker Middle School Hand Chime Choir and the Select Chorus**

Don't miss this annual event! Call or check our newsletter for more information. Join Cheryl Webster and Jenny DiMuzio as they present holiday music from the Coolidge and Parker Middle Schools.

### **Holiday Day Special Lunch**

Tuesday, December 17 - 12:00 Noon. Entertainment by Carrtunes Holiday Music. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

### **Fuel Assistance**

Tuesday, December 17, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Assistance with applying for Fuel Assistance will begin at the Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Lower Level. This assistance will continue the third Tuesday of each month until May 2013. Twenty minute appointments may be made by calling 781-942-6608.

### **Christmas Eve Brunch**

Join us at 10:00 am on the 24 for brunch and holiday music \$2.00 suggested donation.

### **Winter Solstice Celebration & Re-Gifting Yankee Swap**

Call or check newsletter for more information. Join us for lunch with a special dessert and some holiday fun. Feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the "Re-gifting Yankee Swap" (value \$3 - \$5). If you received a gift that you can't use, and it's in new condition, wrap it up and bring it along. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.



### **Holiday Performance & Art Exhibit**

**Saturday, December 7**

Concert begins at 3:00 PM

Join CREATIVE ARTS in a special musical, theatrical & artistic celebration for the whole family during the Festival of Trees at Parker Middle School Auditorium! Free performance begins at 3pm. (Festival tickets available at the door.)

### **Arts Party – Childcare, Creative Style!**

**Saturday, December 21**

Let CREATIVE ARTS help relieve some of your holiday stress! Drop the kids off as early as 10:00 AM and pick them up as late as 2:00 PM for only \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. Kids will have a blast playing games, making crafts, eating pizza and having FUN while you're out hustling about or putting your feet up in a quiet house! Kids ages 3-13 are welcomed (no diapers please). Kids over 13 are welcomed as helpers!



# HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 1**

**Downtown Reading  
Activities begin at 1:00 PM  
Tree Lighting begins at 4:30**

**Reading-North Reading  
Chamber of Commerce**

Visit and have your photo taken with Santa Claus... Ride the Hay Wagon... Take a Trolley Rides... Have fun with the Characters... Jump on the Moon Bounce! All the activities take place at the Festival prior to the lighting ceremony. Bring your family down early to enjoy all the activities!

**Check the Chamber's web site for more details:**

**[www.readingnreadingchamber.org](http://www.readingnreadingchamber.org) or call 978-664-5060**

**Please Join Us for Cookies and Cocoa  
After the Tree Lighting on December 1st!**



**First Congregational Church**

Serving hot cocoa, fresh cookies, carol singing and visiting...

**All are welcome!**



The Elves don't want you to miss the  
**Austin Prep Chorus & Band**

Performing at the annual  
Tree Lighting Ceremony

Santa just called and said make sure you also see

**RMHS Band & Color Guard**

Performing at the annual  
Tree Lighting Ceremony



**Recycle your old Christmas lights  
At the Unitarian Universalist Church**



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading will be collecting strings of Christmas lights for recycling. Drop them off on the porch of Loring House, 211 Summer Avenue, any time between Sunday, December 1 and Saturday, January 11. Loring House is the blue house next to the Unitarian Universalist Church parking lot.

**Austin Preparatory School**

# **CHRISTMAS DANCE CONCERT**



**Saturday, December 7**

**6:00 PM**

**Multipurpose Facility Gym Stage**

This is a dazzling Dance Concert featuring choreography from modern to ballet. Students in both our high school and middle school dance program will perform. This popular Dance Concert fills quickly – One Night Only! So bring your friends and family and get into the Holiday Spirit!

**This event is FREE and open to the public!**



## *Festival of Trees*

**December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Sat: 12-6pm & Sun: 10-5pm*

**Parker Middle School  
45 Temple St  
Reading, MA**

[www.readingEF.org](http://www.readingEF.org)

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# INNOVATIVE YOUTH WORKSHOPS



## Baby Sitting Course



Grades 5 to 12 ~ Fee: \$85 ~ Saturday December 7  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Coolidge Middle School

## Adventures in Space – Rocket Building



Grades K to 5 ~ Fee: \$45 ~ Monday December 9 (Teacher in-service day)  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Coolidge Middle School

## Holidays & Chocolate



Ages 5 – 10 ~ Fee: \$20 ~ Monday December 9 (Teacher in-service day)  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the Coolidge Middle School

## Wanted: Gingerbread Men & Women!



Ages 5 – 12 ~ Fee: \$20 ~ Saturday December 14  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM at the Mattera Cabin

For more information call 781-942-9075

Reading Community Singers  
[www.readingcommunitysingers.org](http://www.readingcommunitysingers.org)



## "RCS Presents Holiday Hits"

RCS will present our 2013 holiday concert on Saturday evening, *December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM* and Sunday afternoon, *December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM*. Our special guest artists this year are a father & son team, Chris and Quinn Eastburn. Quinn is a seven year old child prodigy fiddle player and his father Chris is a choral director, composer, arranger, and also a great musician. In addition to their special performance, RCS will be singing one of Chris's arrangements at this year's concert. For more information on Chris and Quinn, check out their respective websites:

Chris Eastburn - <http://www.eastburnmusic.com/>

Quinn Eastburn - <http://fiddlinquinn.com/>

Join us in celebrating the holidays with the 70+ member Reading Community Singers, directed by Beth Mosier and accompanied by Joe Beninati. Once again, our concerts will be at the lovely Old South United Methodist Church.

For concert tickets, please call Kathleen Carlo at 781-249-3444.

For general information about RCS, please call Bob Ward at 781-944-6284.



**Old South United Methodist Church  
Invites you and your children to participate...**

## **ADVENT WORKSHOP**



Sunday ~ December 8

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Christmas crafts for all ages!

For more information contact  
[PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org](mailto:PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org)

## **Reading Police Department**

### **Annual Children's Holiday Party**

Sunday ~ December 8  
1:00 to 3:00 PM

Austin Preparatory School  
101 Willow Street



**North Shore Skating Club  
Senior Club**

**Holiday  
Exhibition**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM Burbank Ice Arena**

**FREE ADMISSION!**



**Reading Garden Club**

**Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM  
Reading Public Library front lawn**

**For details or to purchase “lights”,  
Contact Mary Ann Higgins  
Po Box 434 – Reading 01867  
[www.readinggardenclub.org](http://www.readinggardenclub.org)**



# The Biannual Parker Tavern HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



**Sunday ~ December 8 ~ 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Reading's oldest house, and a museum, showcasing 18th and 19th century life in Reading will be beautifully adorned in period decorations by the Reading Garden Club. We will have Reading's own Amy Imrich entertaining us with her fiddle along with some Girl Scouts singing carols. Refreshments will be served. Parker Tavern is located at 103 Washington Street. For more information: [www.friendsofparkertavern.org](http://www.friendsofparkertavern.org).

## Parker Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert



**Tuesday ~ December 10 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**At the Parker Middle School**

**SUBURBAN  
HOLIDAYS  
NEW  
PLAYS  
FESTIVAL**

 **Quannapowitt Players, Inc.**

**Suburban Holidays Fundraiser**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
One Act Playwright Festival

Directed by  
Patrick Cleary & Donna Corbett

December 12, 13, 14, 15

**Burbank YMCA presents a**

*Holiday*  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Friday ~ December 13 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Get into the holiday spirit with your entire family! Join the Y for holiday crafts, holiday songs, and pictures with Santa! Please bring your own cameras to take pictures with Santa.



*The RMHS Drama Club  
Presents  
the*



*Dickens  
Holiday Marketplace  
& Craft Fair!*

*Shopping, Food, and Entertainment  
For All Ages!*

*Saturday, December 14, 2013  
10:00am - 3:00pm*

*Performances throughout the day on  
Main Street and in the  
William Endslow Performing Arts Center*

*Main Street at RMHS  
62 Oakland Road  
Reading, MA*

*Holiday gift items, ornaments, jewelry, folk art, pottery, handbags, and more!*



**Parker Middle School  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Winter Concert  
Tuesday ~ December 17**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 6:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 7:30 PM**

Reading Memorial High School  
*Winter Band Concert*



**All RMHS Instrumental Bands will perform!**  
**Wednesday ~ December 18 ~ Performing Arts Center**  
**This is a FREE and festive event ~ Come and applaud the music!**

Austin Prep Presents...

*Christmas Art & Music*  
*With Santa*

Thursday ~ December 19  
6:00 PM

St. Augustine Chapel  
Murphy Art Gallery  
The Gathering Room

