



# *Your Community Connection*

**January-February 2014**

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

## **New Year Greetings from Town Manager Bob LeLacheur**



A short six months ago I took my first steps along the path forged by the Town's legendary first Town Manager, Peter Hechenbleikner. Of course, I knew I had plenty of help because of the very strong organization walking by my side. In early July our Selectmen established a series of 31 goals for the next year, and the first one was to examine that organization built over Peter's twenty six years and re-direct it as needed into the future. We began to look introspectively within and prospectively ahead, and a plan was formed to shift the focus over time to a more proactive than reactive stance in the delivery of services within the community.

The recent conclusion of November Town Meeting has rearranged some of your Town government to begin to achieve this goal. First, Recreation has moved from the Public Works department to the Community Services department where serving the community through their programming will benefit residents of all ages. Recreation facilities, the envy of most area cities and towns, will continue to be maintained by the DPW. The Community Services department will be led by one of the two Assistant Town Managers who will serve as a liaison to the community, especially in our important community and economic development efforts.

Second, Town Meeting combined and reorganized three departments into two, as seen below:

<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
Accounting	Finance (new)
Finance (old)	Administrative Services
Town Manager	

The old Finance department began as a small office handling Payroll and Human Resources, but over time had grown significantly. The new Finance department retains the pure finance divisions of assessing property, collecting taxes and other payments, and serving as the Treasury function for the Town, Schools, and Light Department, and combines them with the Accounting function. The new Finance department will be led by the Town Accountant who will also serve as Finance Director.

A new Administrative Services department (ASD) has been created to serve the entire organization. ASD includes the Town Manager's Office as well as the remaining old Finance divisions of Technology, Human Resources, and the Town Clerk's Office. This department will be led by a soon to

be filled Assistant Town Manager position, established to promote internal efficiency and an improved effort to communicate with our customers through enhanced technology.

Police, Fire, Public Works, and the Public Library will all have strengthened and integrated management teams, and each will continue to do their outstanding work in the community. An architect is currently fine tuning the Library building project and next spring we'll share those exciting updated designs!

The past six months have been very busy as we designed and planned for these changes. You should all be very proud, as I am, that we have an organization dedicated to providing the most cost-effective and top-notch customer service of any governmental organization. From all of your employees in Reading's Town government, we wish you a happy holiday season and a healthy and enjoyable new year!

- The Annual Town Census will be mailed to every household in January.



- Nomination papers for the Town's Annual Election must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 18.



- 2014 Dog Licenses are available. Must show current rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate. \$10 for spayed/neutered. \$20 for unaltered. Residents 70 and over may license dogs for free. Must show ID!



Congratulations to Cemetaryian of the Year Bob Keating who is the Town's Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Supervisor! In the photo above, MCA President David Boyle and MCA Legislative liaison Thomas Daly present the award to Bob who then proceeded to entertain the crowd with his hilarious dead-panned remarks.

## 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.

#### **BOS OFFICE HOURS:**

**January 14 – February 11**

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



**Starting with this edition  
Your Community Connection  
will be issued every other month!**

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



## **Real Estate Taxes... Water/Sewer... Storm Water Bills... Electronic Payments...**



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

The first installment of the FY14 Actual Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills will be in the mail by December 31. Payment is due by February 4. The tax rate approved by the Dept. of Revenue for FY14 is \$14.74. These bills reflect all payments made on the preliminary bills & any exemptions/abatement that were granted by December 15, 2013. The deadline to apply for abatements is February 4, the same as the bill due date. The deadline to apply for an exemption is 90 days from the date of mailing. The state mandated interest rate is 14% for late payments. Payments not received by the due date are subject to interest and demand fees.

Excise bills for vehicles registered or garaged in Reading as of December 31 will be mailed in late January or early February. These bills are due 30 days from the date they are mailed. The state mandated interest rate is 12% for late payments. Payments not received by the due date are subject to interest and demand fees.

**The demand fee increased from \$5 to \$25 as of January 1, 2009 by vote of Town Meeting. Please note that effective January 1, 2014 we are no longer mailing reminder notices about late payments before imposing the demand fee on unpaid bills.** Phone, email and text reminders are available to those that sign up for Reading Community Alerts. **Please watch for your bills and contact our office if you do not receive them.**

If you're using an on-line bill payment service through your bank please be sure 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 check 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.

The Town of Reading, the Reading Public Schools  
and the Human Relations Advisory Committee  
proudly invite community members to our annual

## **Martin Luther King Day Celebration**

# *After The Dream*



**January 20, 2014**

Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center

9:30 AM Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Martin Luther King Day Program

**Featuring Guest Speaker**

# **Jason Cross**

Reading Public School's METCO Director

This year's celebration will feature students from Reading Memorial High School's World of Difference club and musical performances by the RMHS Singers, the Reading Community Singers, and the Korean Church Choir.

**For more information contact Lori Hodin, HRAC, 781.942.7544**

## Reading Response Program



The Reading Response Program provides assistance to Reading residents with medically related services including 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 or Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer/Collector.



## Reading Police Department launches TEXT A TIP Android & iPhone app



The Reading Police Department is launching a new TEXT A TIP app for Android and iPhone devices that enable the public to send anonymous tips to the police and allows the police to respond back, creating a two way anonymous “chat.”

Developed by CitizenObserver, a St. Paul MN company, TEXT A TIP puts a powerful new crime fighting tool into the hands of our community for all ages and demographics. According to Chief James Cormier, this capability is a new paradigm for creating safer communities – especially in reaching out to a younger age demographic. “We’re proud to make this technology available to our citizens free of charge. This tool, along with our existing tip411 program, will help our citizens play an active role in keeping neighborhoods safer, and it will engage people of all ages in the process and save our agency time and resources.”

The TEXT A TIP app can be downloaded online at the Google Play store or iTunes by searching READINGPD TIPS.

Citizens can also send an anonymous tip to the Reading Police Department by texting the word READINGPD and their tip to 847411.

Since the tip411 program came to Reading in 2011, it has been an overwhelming success. Numerous tips have prevented crimes from occurring and helped solve many others. The Reading Police Department would like to thank everyone who has submitted tips in the past and encourage more in the future.

This process is 100% anonymous. CitizenObserver’s technology removes all identifying information before the police department can see it so there is no way to identify the sender.

CitizenObserver is a St. Paul, MN company founded in 2000 that provides web-based alerting tools to law enforcement, education, and public safety agencies in over 40 states.



**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**

## 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.



## Christmas Tree Recycling



This January the Town is providing two options for recycling Christmas trees. On Saturday, January 18 residents may take their trees to the Compost Area on Strout Avenue from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM (leaves and branches will also be accepted at this time).

In addition, the contractor will collect Christmas trees curbside on your regular rubbish collection day the week of January 13 to 17. All decorations, including tinsel, must be removed from the trees. Trees in plastic bags or not completely cleaned of this material will not be picked up or accepted at the Compost Area.

Please note that in order to use the Compost Area you will need a 2014 Community Access Sticker. For further information regarding the Community Access Sticker contact the Reading Police department at 781-944-1212.



# School Fabric Collection

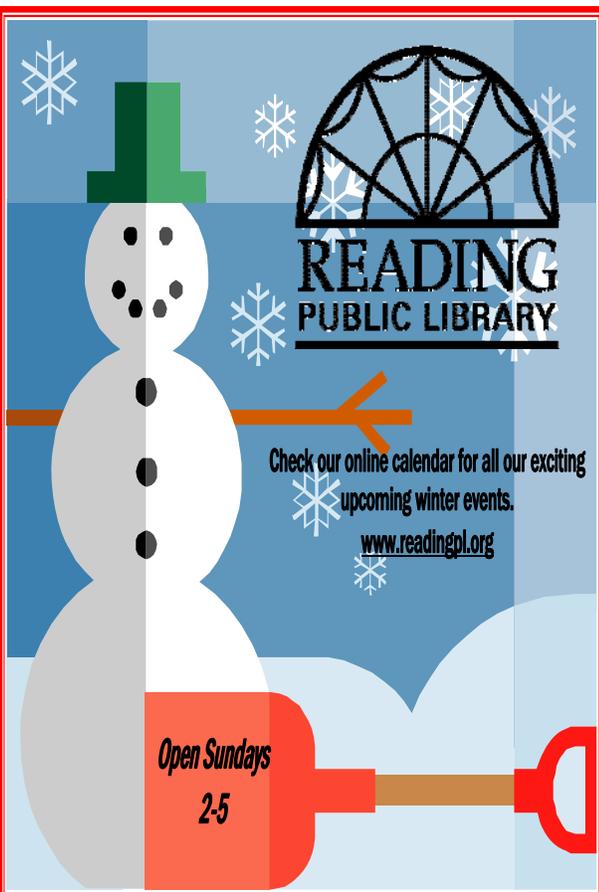


## Have you wondered what those white bins at the school are?

These white bins are at every school in Reading. Residents can donate clothing and other textiles and Baystate Textiles pays the school department \$100 per ton. Baystate picks up the textiles three times a week and the school department not only gains the funds but it also saves the town money by not having to pay for disposal of items that would end up in the trash.

Recyclers will take the good, the bad, and the ugly. The only used textiles that can't be reused are those that are wet, mildewed, or loaded with hazardous waste. And the useful items include not only clothing but also old stuffed animals, faded curtains, and ratty towels and sheets. The program is ongoing and anyone can drop off textiles in the bins at any of the schools.

For more information on the program <http://baystatetextiles.com>



## RISE Preschool Informational Night



**Tuesday ~ January 14  
6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Evening is designed for parents interested in learning more about RISE Preschool.

**62 Oakland Road**  
(RISE entrance is in the back of the RMHS next to the administrative office entrance.)

For more information:  
Debbie Butts, Director  
781-942-9179 x835

# Reading Recreation Division



## January Programs

### Wicked Cool Lego Engineering Programs

#### **Lego Engineering Jr. (Grades K-1)**

New this year, Lego Engineering Jr. is a six-week program designed especially for kids in Kindergarten and Grades 1-2. The activities promote teamwork and critical thinking skills as kids investigate basic engineering concepts. Perfect for the young builder with tiny hands!

**3:15-4:15 Thursdays Jan 30 to March 13 ~ No class February 21 ~ Fee \$98.**

#### **Lego Engineering - Concepts (Grades 2-5)**

This class will cover the basic simple machines and is the foundation for other topics. We investigate gears, pulleys, cans, levers, ratchets and many other geek-chic topics by building street sweepers, hammers, fishing rods and scales.

**3:15-4:30 Thursdays Jan 30 – March 13 ~ No class February 21 ~ Fee \$110.**

### Intro to Boxing – Grades K – 8

Reading Recreation is excited to be teaming up with MK Boxing and Fitness Club located in Woburn, MA. Just 2.7 miles away from Reading's town center, MK Boxing has a superior 7,500 sq foot facility boasting over 30 boxing bags, speed-bags, conditioning mats, a professional boxing ring, locker rooms, cardio machines, and weight training equipment.

Many children are getting into the sport of boxing. Training in boxing will not only improve your body, it will improve your mind. The sport of boxing can and will be safe if done properly. Please read below for specific goals and benefits of this class. Each student will receive a top of the line boxing glove. There will also be a graduation ceremony for all students.

Children and Boxing- Goals and Benefits of this Class:

- **Self-Confidence** – Boxing enables children to become more self-confident because it is an individual sport that allows them to progress at their own pace and are not compared to others.

- **Coordination** – Our youth program challenges the entire body, developing coordination, balance, agility and poise.
- **Discipline & Activeness** – Boxing training will help your child to discover that through self-discipline and perseverance he or she can accomplish almost anything. Regular active training improves reflexes and teaches the child professionalism.
- **Self-Defense** – teaches children to think instead of panic in potentially serious situations.
- **Cardio** – Boxing is a great cardiovascular workout. Regular boxing training can help your child maintain a balanced heart rate and reduce his or his stress
- **Strength** – Boxing enhances the development of stronger bones and muscles and improves flexibility.
- **Weight Loss/Control** – Boxing training sessions help prevent obesity. A single workout can burn as many as 500 calories. Regular practice will help your child maintain a consistent and healthy body weight.
- **Attitude** – Boxing is a great way to release stress that otherwise may be stored up inside the body until it bursts. In turn, your child will be more relaxed in home-life and develop a positive outlook.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Tuesdays, January 14 to February 18 ~ 3:30PM - 4:15PM**

**K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Wednesdays January 15 to February 19 ~ 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Fee: \$129**

**Location: MK Boxing Facility, 116 Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801**

## **Zumba for Kids ~ Ages 3 to 12**

A high-energy workout party! A Zumba class designed specifically for children with easy to follow routines, kid friendly music, and interactive games to help boost your child's metabolism and develop coordination.

**Wednesdays, January 29 to March 12 ~ No class February 19 ~ Core Barre, Reading**

Zumba Kids JR (3-5) 3:00 to 3:45 PM ~ Fee \$90

Zumba Kids (6-12) 4:00 to 4:45 PM ~ Fee \$96

About the Instructor:

Stefanie Indiciani Sweeney grew up in the Boston area and lives here in Reading with her husband Chris and their two-year-old son, James. She began dancing at the age of five and hasn't stopped since! She became AFAA certified after graduating college in 2006, and in 2007, received her Zumba® license - thereby discovering her true passion! Zumba® is the perfect fit for her, combining her love of both dance and fitness into one sweaty, exhilarating hour. By day, Stefanie is an elementary school teacher, therefore bringing a lot of experience and knowledge about how to motivate kids to move and groove in Zumba Kids®! Stefanie is also licensed in barre, Pilates, and personal training. She brings energy, zest, and a positive, welcoming attitude to each of her classes!



## Christian Cooperative Preschool

6 Salem Street, Reading  
781-944-0612

Tuesday, January 28  
Open House and  
Registration for next year

### Discover the CCP Difference:

- \* Low child-to-adult ratio
- \* Learning through play
- \* Supportive parent community
- \* Infants through age 5

Visit us at [ChristianCooperativePreschool.org](http://ChristianCooperativePreschool.org)

## READING BAPTIST DAY SCHOOL

*Celebrating 50 Years of Serving the Community*



PRESCHOOL AND  
TRANSITIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN



Professionally  
Educated, Experienced,  
& Caring Staff



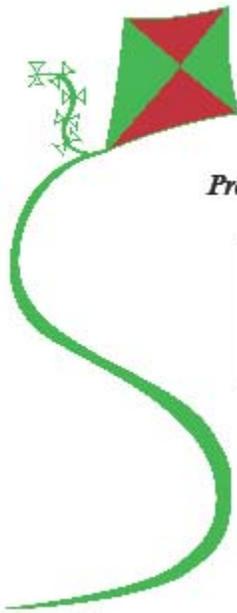
Licensed by the  
Massachusetts Department of  
Early Education and Care

## *Enrolling Now for 2014*

Contact Connie Lacorazza, Director, at 781-944-3876, ext. 2

45 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867 • [dayschool@fbcreading.org](mailto:dayschool@fbcreading.org)

Reading Baptist Day School does not discriminate on the basis of religion, cultural heritage, political beliefs, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.



## SAWYER NURSERY SCHOOL

*Serving students aged 2.9 through 5 years old*

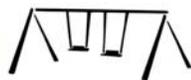
*Providing happy experiences for children . . . for more than 50 years!*

**For enrollment information please contact:**

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

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

*243 Woburn Street*  
*Reading, MA 01867*



## 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)**



# Ice Skating Lessons

Burbank Ice Arena, Reading

Group Lessons  
Freestyle Sessions

Private Lessons  
Theatre on Ice

**\*Register for Classes Now\***

Children, Teen & Adult Classes

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

**Session Dates:** **Session II, Now through January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
(Limited openings. Cost is pro-rated)

**Session III, January 25<sup>th</sup> - April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Session IV, April 19<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Summer Session, Tuesday Evenings TBD**

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

**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)

# Winter 2014 Course Descriptions



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

Instructors: Angela Merrill & Laura Davis

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00

February 4<sup>th</sup>-May 6<sup>th</sup> (No class February 18<sup>th</sup> or April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

12 weeks

Cost: \$225\*

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.

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

Instructor: Angela Merrill

Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15

February 5<sup>th</sup>-April 16<sup>th</sup> (No class February 19<sup>th</sup>)

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.

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## **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, 3:15-5:15

February 6<sup>th</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup> (No class February 20<sup>th</sup> or April 24<sup>th</sup>)

12 weeks

Cost: \$225\*

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.

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

Instructor: Laura Davis

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30

February 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (No class February 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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!).

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\* The cost includes a one year membership to RCTV Studios.

# Winter Courses at CREATIVE ARTS are here!



Join us this January 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 just a few of the great courses:

**Movin' & Groovin'** – ages 6months-3yrs

**Pint-Sized Picasso's** – ages 3-6

**Music, Movement & Imagination** – ages 4-6

**Pottery Studio** – ages 7-12

**The Voice...Explore It!** – ages 7-13

**Who's Line is it Anyway?** – ages 7-10 or 10+

**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

**Drop By Art Nights**- Wednesday Evenings

**Painting: Exploring Color** – Monday Evenings

**Intermediate/Advanced Painting Studio**-Friday Morning

**Just Draw**- Wednesday Mornings

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

**Private Music/Theatre & Art Lessons**- Days/times Open

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

All abilities welcomed! For questions or to register, contact: Education Director Kelly Walsh at [info@weteachcreativearts.org](mailto:info@weteachcreativearts.org) or call the office 781.942.9600. View a full course catalog on our website: [www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org)

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## Fun & Creative Saturday Workshops in January

### **Creative Adventures for 3-6 year olds: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:00pm**

An adventurous morning of creativity, education, and entertainment! The workshop will consist of reading a classic children's book, playing theatre games, movement actives, and creating original art pieces including your child's favorite characters from the book.

### **Fashion Accessories for 8-16 year olds: Jan 18 or Jan 25, 1-4pm**

Create cool accessories and learn about fashion design from Artist Natalie Busby, former Visual Stylist for Neiman Marcus, Boston. Projects may include: purses/wallets, jewelry, scarves & more.

### ▪ **Art at Bertucci's for ages 6+: Jan 18; 10:30am-noon**

Spend an enjoyable Saturday morning creating your own unique work of art and end the workshop with a great slice of pizza!

For more information or to register, call CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 or email us at [info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org](mailto:info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org)

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## Table Top Theatre & Puppetry

**Session 1: 4 Wednesdays, Jan 15- Feb 5**

**Session 2: 4 Wednesdays, Feb 26-Mar 19**

**6:00-8:00pm, Ages 10-13**

Work with local Puppeteer Judy O'Hare to create objects, characters, pop up scenery and scrolling sets that are animated and brought to life in small table top theaters using a variety of lighting such as Black Light. Experiment with table top puppetry and theater. There will be a unique performance at the end for family and friends. Area puppeteers will be invited.

For more information or to register, call CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 or email us at [info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org](mailto:info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org)



## **“Graffiti Art” for TEENS!**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 29th; 6:30-9:30, Ages 12-18**

Get your friends together to work on large scale mural project with Professional Artist Nedret Andre!

Call CREATIVE ARTS today to reserve your seat! - 781.942.9600 or [info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org](mailto:info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org)

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## **Wine and Beer Tasting with Food Pairings**

**Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Taste fine wine and craft beers while enjoying dishes from local restaurants, listening to live music, and viewing artwork. A great night out with friends and an opportunity to meet new ones!

Call CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 to get tickets to this Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> fundraiser.



*Our family invites your family to participate  
in Winter activities at*

**Old South Church  
in Reading Center**

Please check [www.oldsouthumc.org](http://www.oldsouthumc.org) for  
worship, youth, mission & holiday activities  
or call 781.944.AMEN (2636) for details

**First Congregational Church of Reading,  
United Church of Christ**

*Come and join us.  
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*

**Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

**95 Woburn Street ~ Reading ~ 781.944.1572**

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



**First Baptist Church of Reading**

**45 Woburn Street ~ Reading**

**781.944.3876**

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



# JANUARY



## January Fun at the Pleasant Street Center

**Pleasant Street Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading**

To make reservations call 781.942.6794 between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

### **Blood Pressure**

January 10, Friday 10:15 – 11:15 AM

4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of every month – 11:00 – 12:00

**Computer Classes** - 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.

**Wednesdays with Dick Svirsky 9:00 – 10:00 am, John Walsh 10:00 – 11:00 am, Sophia 2:30 – 3:30pm and Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00pm with Ethan**

**Winter Special Lunch** - Wednesday, January 8 **12:00** Entertainer Tommy Smith singer pianist 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

**Art Lessons with Steve Greco** Tuesdays – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2 ½ hours for \$10.00 minimum of five students for the class; Steve will teach any medium.

**January 13 noon - Birthday Lunch** – 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

**S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)** Meeting in the Computer Room January 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794

**January 16 – Movie Day - The Rosa Parks Story** 2002 90 minutes

Angela Bassett stars in the story that sparked the birth of the modern civil rights movement in the late 1950s. Parks took the only available seat in the first row of the "colored" section on a city bus. But when a white woman boarded and the driver demanded that the black riders in her row move, everyone complied except Parks. This singular event threw Parks and her family into the Ku Klux Klan's ring of hatred -- and into the NAACP's limelight.

**Monday, January 27, 12:00 Sundaes on Monday** – Let's think summer join us for Lunch then make your own mouthwatering hot fudge sundae with whipped cream, nuts and a cherry on top.

**January 28 10:15 – 11:15 –Chinese Cultural Program from Peabody Essex Museum** coming to the center presenting a program on “A Chinese House”

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**Mah Jongg** - Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30

## Mix-it up Thursdays

January 9 1:00 - 3:00 **Games**, Scrabble, Rummikub... Come play a game with your friends!

January 23 1:00 **Craft Day** Learn how to make a crocheted or knotted ruffled scarf quick and easy. 10 maximum \$4.00 For materials.

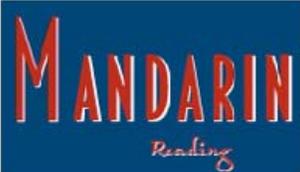
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 **Mark your calendars!**

 **January: Dine for a Cause at Mandarin Reading at 296 Salem Street in Reading**  
Dine in at the Mandarin Reading in January to help raise funds for EMARC! Be sure to check our Facebook page or website ([www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org)) for more details.

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**February: Beat the Winter Blues Wine Tasting**  
Don't let the harsh winter get you blue! EMARC's annual wine tasting will go a long way toward warming you up. Be sure to check our Facebook page or website ([www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org)) for more details.

**For more information please contact:** Amy O'Brien, Director of Development at (781) 587-2272 or [aobrien@theemarc.org](mailto:aobrien@theemarc.org)

For almost 60 years, EMARC has been supporting, serving, and advocating for people with developmental disabilities across Massachusetts. For more information about EMARC and EMARC's mission, visit [www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org)

## Reading Art Association

January 8 ~ Painting Demonstration  
Layered Oil Paint on Paper  
By Debra Claffey

February 12 ~ Industrial Landscape  
Demonstration by Karen Nastuk

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



## Walkable Reading Holds 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year's Resolution Walk – January 11<sup>th</sup>

Thinking about your New Year's Resolutions for 2014? Start the New Year off right with some fresh air and exercise by joining Walkable Reading on a Winter Walk at the Town Forest on January 11 at 1 PM. Yes, we know that it's wintertime, but Reading has some wonderful places that are fun to explore in the winter. So join us for a jaunt into the beautiful woods!

The walk is suitable for both children and adults. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Sunset Rock Lane, at the driveway to the Wood End School. If you haven't had a chance to use the new trail entering into the Town Forest this can be your chance.

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for walking in the winter woods. If there is enough snow on the ground, then strap on your snowshoes. We might even find tracks of some of the critters that frequent the area. Check for any updates on Walkable Reading's Facebook page. If you have questions, you can email us at [walkablereading@comcast.net](mailto:walkablereading@comcast.net). Walkable Reading's mission is to encourage and enhance increased pedestrian and non-motorized access to the community for all, through education, promotion and advocacy.





## Open House!



Join us & bring a friend to our Open House! All guests can enjoy group exercise classes & pick the brains of our staff at our "Ask the Trainer" table. We will also be hosting a full day Cycle-thon where staff members will take turns on a bike during all operating hours. **Saturday, January 11, 2014.**



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

RCS will begin rehearsals for our 2014 spring concert on Tuesday evening, *January 14th*. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Old South United Methodist Church. January rehearsals are open to all. RCS is a *non-audition*, multi-generation chorus with over 75 members. All interested singers who can match pitch and carry a tune are welcome.

Our Spring Concert will be on Saturday evening, *May 17th at 7:30 PM*.

RCS will also be participating in the Annual Martin Luther King event at the Reading Memorial High School on Monday January 20. Watch our website and the local papers for directions and details.

Austin Prep Presents...

## Austin Talent Show



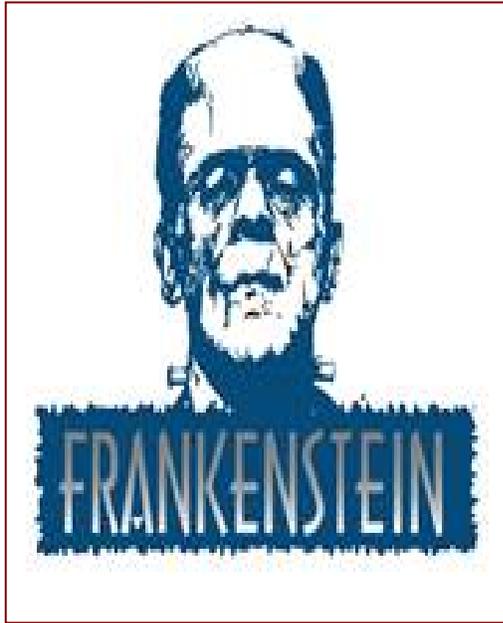
**Thursday ~ January 16**

7:00 PM ~ Multipurpose Facility

**Free and open to the public!**

Features performances from both middle school and upper school!

**Austin Preparatory School**  
**101 Willow Street**  
**Reading**



 **Quannapowitt Players, Inc.**

**The classic horror story adapted for  
the stage by Fred Carmichael**

**January 24, 25, 31  
February 1, 2, 7, 8**

**Box Office 782.942.2212**

**55 Hopkins Street  
Reading**

**Bellyful**  
**OF LAUGHS**  
*WITH STEPHEN BJORK AND PAUL D'ANGELO*  
**JANUARY 25, 2014**  
A night of comedy at Anthony's in Malden to benefit Meals on Wheels  
Admission \$40. Tickets available now at [mves.org](http://mves.org) or 781-324-7705.  
*Doors open at 6:30pm. Anthony's is located at 106 Canal Street between Charles and Medford Streets in Malden.*

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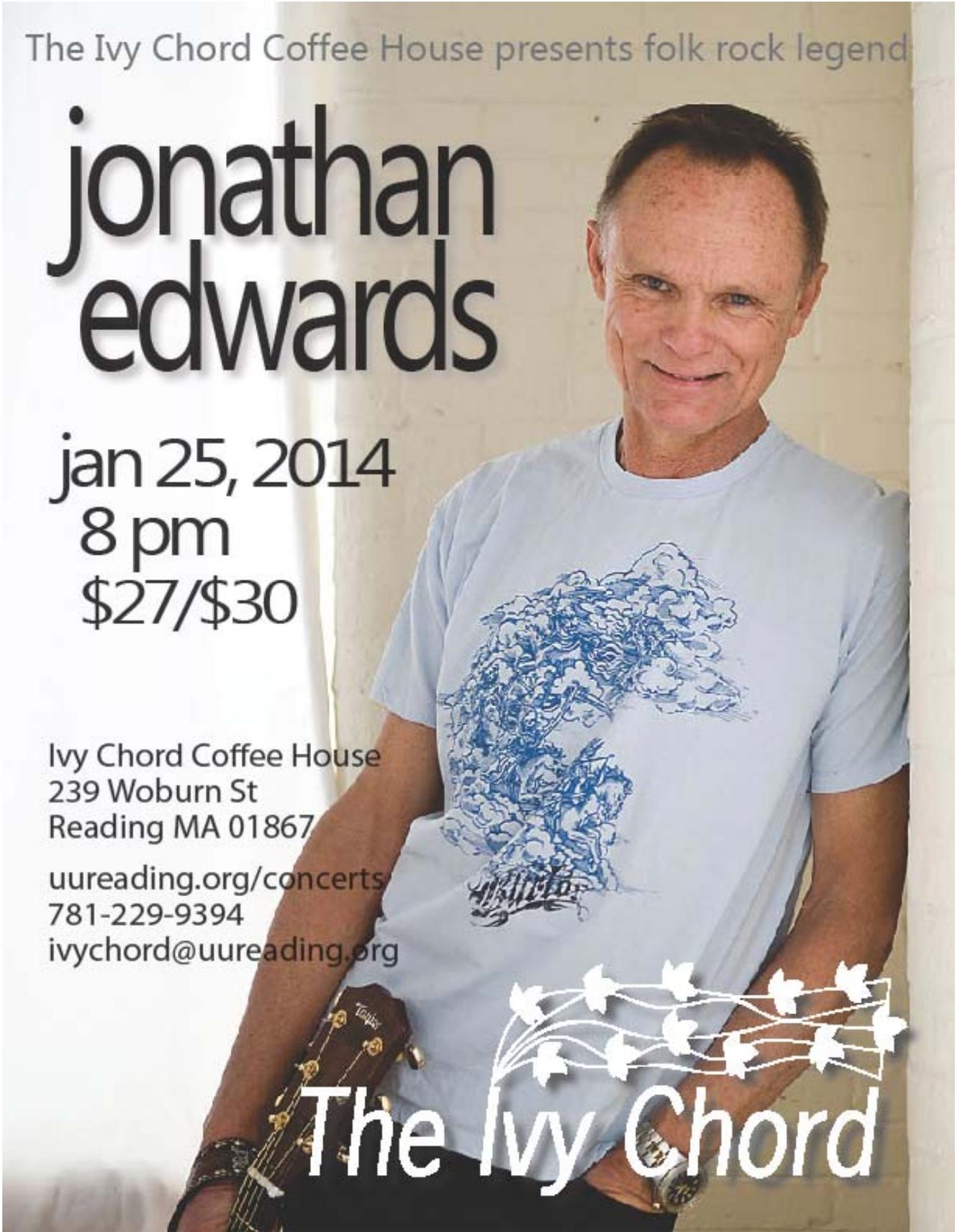
The Ivy Chord Coffee House presents folk rock legend

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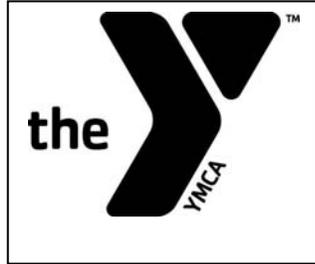
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\$27/\$30

Ivy Chord Coffee House  
239 Woburn St  
Reading MA 01867

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The Ivy Chord



## TREADMILL TROT

Enjoy a 5k run/walk on the treadmill! Come in during the day at your normal time, check in with the race attendant and jump on a treadmill to complete your 5k run or walk.

Suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Burbank YMCA annual fund. **Tuesday, January 28, 2014.**



## F E B R U A R Y



## February Fun 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 - 10:15 – 11:15  
4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday of every month – 11:00 – 12:00

**Computer Classes** - 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.

**Wednesdays with Dick Svirsky 9:00 – 10:00 am, John Walsh 10:00 – 11:00 am, Sophia 2:30 – 3:30pm and Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00pm with Ethan**

**Art Lessons with Steve Greco** Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2 ½ hours for \$10.00 minimum of five students for the class; Steve will teach any medium.



**February 3 – 1:00 Movie Day Lincoln** 2012 PG-13 150 minutes  
Director Steven Spielberg takes on the towering legacy of Abraham Lincoln, focusing on his stewardship of the Union during the Civil War years. The biographical saga also reveals the conflicts within Lincoln's cabinet regarding the war and abolition.

**February 10 - Birthday Lunch** 12:00 noon - 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.

**February 14, Friday, 12:00 Noon - Valentine's Day Lunch** Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

**Hearts of Chocolate** – Thursday February 13 – 1:15 to 2:15, Celebrate Valentine's Day and Heart Health Month (chocolate is good for your heart!) by creating hearts while exploring working with chocolate. We will make lollipops, truffles,, and chocolate. Fee paid to instructor: \$3.00 per student.

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# Reading Recreation Division



## February Programs

### **Empow Learning Video Game Design**

Kids have fun playing video games, but they have even more fun playing games they make themselves! Students learn the fundamentals of object-oriented programming through video game design while creating their own game. All students work at their own pace, making this a great workshop for both new and more experienced game makers. Don't tell the kids, but while creating the games, they will be learning math, geometry, design, logic, and object-oriented programming. Games can be played at home (MS Windows-only), and software used in class is available for download (MAC and PC) for those who want to continue working on their games at home. Our non-violence policy is enforced.

Grades 3-5 Mondays, February 3 – March 31 (no class February 17) 3:30 – 4:30 @ Parker  
Grades 6-8 Mondays, February 3 – March 31 (no class February 17) 4:45 – 5:45 @ Parker

**\$150 for 8 weeks**

## **FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS**

### **Hearts & Flowers Workshop – Ages 5 – 10**

Thursday, February 14 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

This two part workshop will celebrate love while commemorating Valentine's Day in style! Kids will craft a small floral arrangement as well as lovely Linzer cookies. Skills: Cutting, Designing, Measuring, Mixing, Decorating.

**\$20 - Mattera Cabin**

## **FEBRUARY VACATION PROGRAMS**

### **Winter Blues – Cupcake Decorating Workshop – Ages 5 -10**

Let's shake away those winter blues by creating cupcakes! Learn the secrets of mini cupcakes along with just the right amount of frosting and decorations!

Tuesday, February 18- 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

**\$20 – Mattera Cabin**

### **Valentine's Paint Social**

Celebrate Valentines Day with a friend or significant other and create a lovely love bird painting. Each person will paint their own canvas and in the end both pictures will come together to form one beautiful painting. Step-by-step instructions. No experience necessary.

Saturday, February 8- 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**\$55 per pair - Mattera Cabin**

**Reading Recreation presents...**

# **Sports Central Vacation Week!**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>- February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Details will be available online soon!**

# **Burbank YMCA Pregame Superbowl Party for the whole family!**



**Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?**

**Sunday, February 2 ~ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Sign up at the YMCA Welcome Desk or call 781-944-9622**

Austin Preparatory School presents...

## **Upper School Art Show & Exhibit**



**Wednesday ~ February 5 ~ 7:00 PM ~ Murphy Art Gallery**

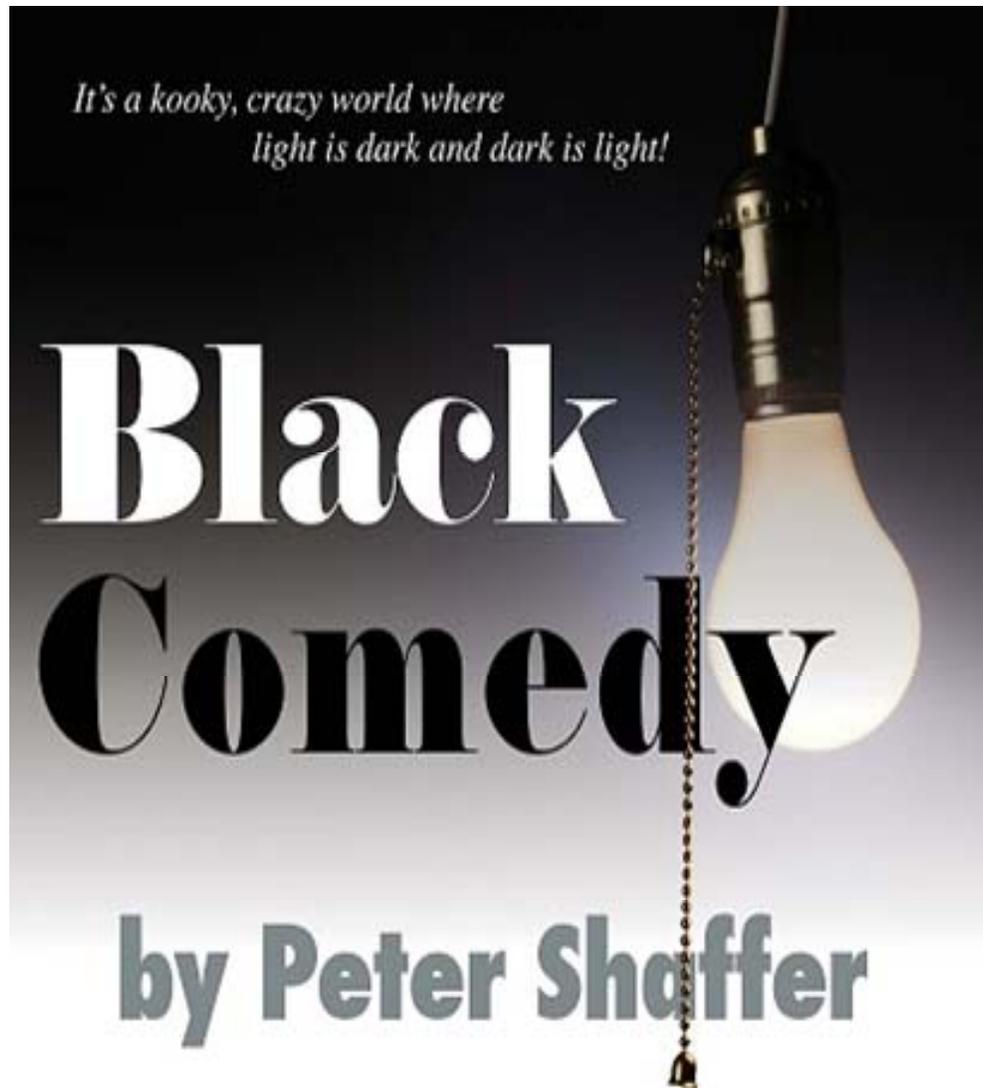
**Light Refreshment Reception in the Gathering Room**

**101 Willow Street ~ Free and Open to the Public!**

**Features art work from some of our talented upper school artists!**



THE READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS:



FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup>

WILLIAM E. ENDSLOW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
TICKET INFORMATION: [WWW.TICKETSTAGE.COM](http://WWW.TICKETSTAGE.COM)

*Understanding Disabilities presents*

**Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor**

# **JEFF BAUMAN**

*An uplifting story of Rescue, Recovery, and Personal Growth*



Photo: Today Show

**When:**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

**7:00 pm**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm**

**Where:**

**RMHS Performing  
Arts Center**

**Admission:**

**\$8, \$5 students**

**\$15 per family**

**Presented by:**

**Understanding Disabilities, Inc.  
Learning We're all the Same Inside  
[info@understandingdisabilities.org](mailto:info@understandingdisabilities.org)**



*Jeff Bauman became the face of the Boston Marathon tragedy when the photo of his rescue made headlines around the world. Through his recovery, Jeff has remained a beacon of hope, strength, and resilience.*

**This presentation is supported by a grant  
from the Harpley Foundation.**

**Reading Newcomers & Neighbors  
Annual Children's Concert  
to benefit the library with a  
Museum of Science Pass**



**Tues, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 AM  
RMHS Theater  
\$6 in advance \$8 at the door**

**For more information or to purchase tickets please contact:  
Sue at 917-701-5699 or email [smaudley@yahoo.com](mailto:smaudley@yahoo.com)  
[www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com](http://www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com)**

# *Taste of Metro-North*



The area's finest restaurants will present samplings from their menus.



**Reading Memorial High School**

**62 Oakland Road**

**Wednesday, February 26\***

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: Individual \$25 Family \$50**

Brought to you by the Rotary Clubs of Reading and N. Reading.

All proceeds to benefit the Rotary causes.

Contact Gregg Johnson at 617-719-8551 or [gjohnson@leekimball.com](mailto:gjohnson@leekimball.com)

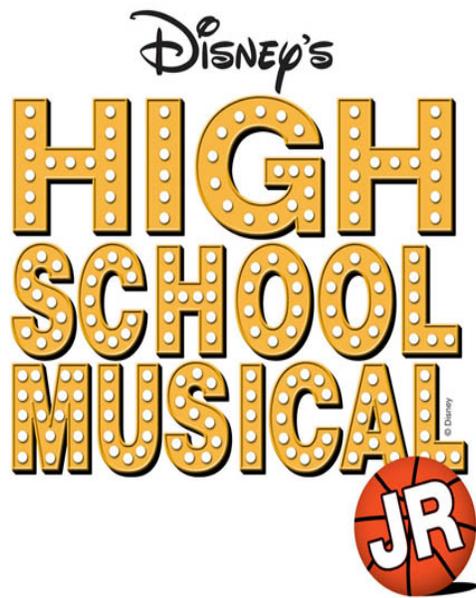
or Priscilla Gottwald at 781-942-6419 or [pgottwald@rmlld.com](mailto:pgottwald@rmlld.com).

Purchase your tickets from any Reading or N. Reading Rotarian

or on line at [www.tasteofmetronorth.com](http://www.tasteofmetronorth.com)



**\*Snow Date Wednesday March 5**



**Thursday ~ February 27 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**Friday ~ February 28 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday ~ March 1 ~ 2:00 PM**

**Parker Middle School**  
**45 Temple Street**

**For more information call**  
**781-944-1236 x101**

## **Save the Date!**

### **Events in March 2014**

- March 1 ~ Team Hoyt's "Beat the Winter Blues \$10K Party ~ Live drawing ~ Tickets are \$100 each (1/300 chance of winning!) ~ Wakefield Elks, 63 Bay State Road, Wakefield ~ to purchase tickets call Tammy at 781.249.7218 or send email to [tstapes@comcast.net](mailto:tstapes@comcast.net).
- March 12 ~ Reading Art Association ~ Pastel Landscapes demonstration by Jean Smith.
- March 23 ~ Reading Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert ~ Wilmington High School ~ Handel: Overture to "Acis and Galatea" ~ Mozart: Symphony #36, C major, "Linz" ~ Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade, Op.35.
- Auditions Soon ~ Colonial Chorus Players ~ Young Frankenstein the Musical ~ performances will be held June 27, 28, & 29 at RMHS. Check website for more information: [www.colonialchorus.com](http://www.colonialchorus.com).