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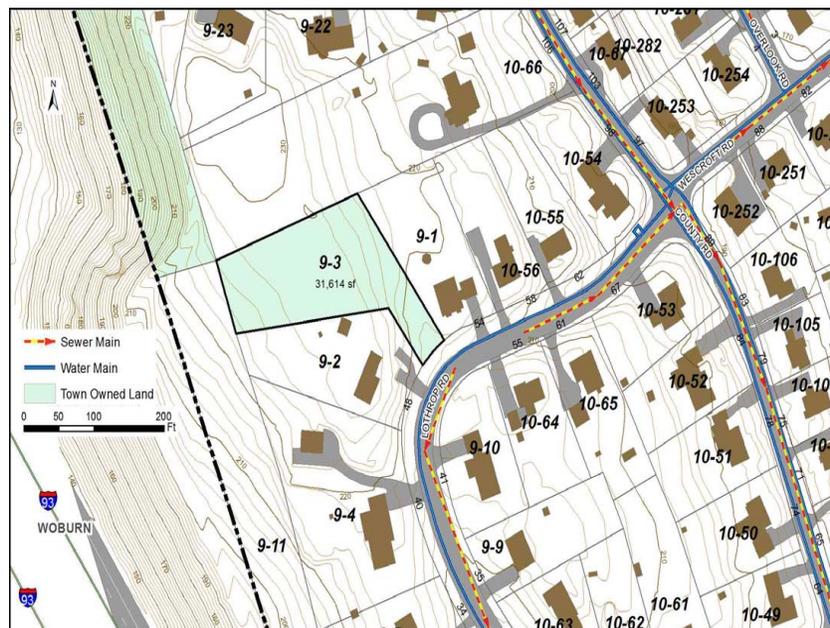
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PRESS RELEASE

Single Family House Lot for Sale

The Town of Reading is advertising the availability, through public bid, of a single family house lot for sale on Lothrop Road in Reading.

The property in question has 31,814 square feet of land, or approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. The lot is not subdividable, and can only be used for purposes of a single family house lot. The lot is heavily wooded and has all utilities available to it. It is located in an established and very desirable residential neighborhood of Reading.



The site has a variance for lot width (it has only 40 feet of frontage on Lothrop Road), and the bid packet includes the 21E environmental study for the property, which shows no environmental issues. A Title review has also been done and is included in the packet.

The minimum bid price is \$250,000. Bids are due on April 10 at 10 am in Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street. The Town intends to award the sale within 30 days of the bid, to the highest qualified bidder. Closing is anticipated within 90 days of the bid award.

For details of this offering, and a copy of the bid package, please email pschena@ci.reading.ma.us. Bid packets can be emailed or picked up in the office of the Town Manager.

For further information contact:

Peter I. Hechenbleikner

Town Manager

16 Lowell Street, Reading MA 01867

781-942-9043

townmanager@ci.reading.ma.us



Election Dates

Local Election ~ Tuesday, April 2. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, March 13. Town Hall will be open until 8:00 PM.

State Primary ~ Tuesday, April 30. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, April 10. Town Hall will be open until 8:00 PM.

State Election ~ Tuesday, June 25. Deadline to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, June 5. Town Hall will be open until 8:00 PM.

Annual Town Meeting

April 22, April 25, April 29, May 2

RMHS Performing Arts Center



READING MATTERS...

The Reading Board of Selectmen

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE HOURS:

April 9 – May 7 – June 4

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Town Hall Conference Room

Ask the Town Manager

April 10 ~ May 6

Comcast Channel 22

Verizon Channel 33

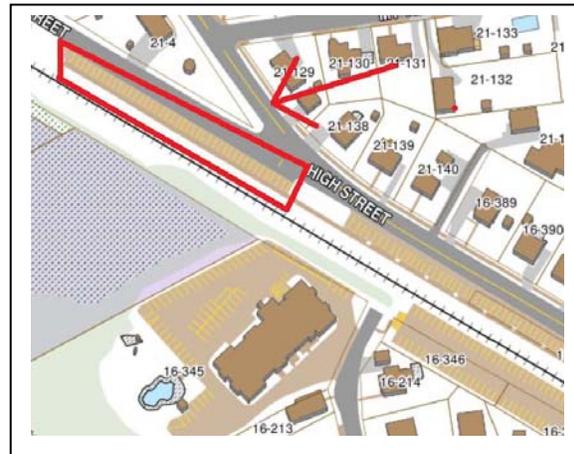
7:00 PM

Do you have a question for Peter Hechenbleikner, Reading's Town Manager?

Call **781-944-8888** during the **live** show and speak directly to him!



Depot Parking Expanded for Residents!



Vine Street Pay Lot Converted to “Resident Permit Required”

Good news for our commuters... the Town recently expanded the supply of “resident permit” parking at the Train Depot by 42 spaces! Through a special arrangement with the MBTA, the Town was able to convert the pay station lot located on Vine Street from \$4.00 per day to “Resident Permit Required.”

What this means is that during the work week, these 42 spaces are reserved for Reading residents between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Residents who park in the Vine Street lot between these hours must display a valid Community Access Sticker. These stickers are available for sale 24/7 at the Police Department for a cost of \$25.00. After 10:30AM, anyone can park in these spaces. This arrangement will help increase the convenience of parking for our residents who commute into the Boston area every morning.

The Police Department and the DPW are in the process of changing the signage, which should be completed over the next several weeks. For now, the MBTA has posted the following: “Parking Lot Managed by City of Reading.” Rest assured we are still a Town despite the sign!

Please note that there was no change to the lot off of Woburn Street near the Greenbriar Apartment Complex. This lot continues to be managed by the MBTA as a pay station lot requiring a cost of \$4.00 per day.



Electronic Payments

Water/Sewer/Storm Water Bills Real Estate/Personal Property Taxes

Water/Sewer/Storm Water bills were mailed on March 8 and must be paid by 7:00 PM on April 16 in order to receive the 10% discount. Payments not received by April 30 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 April 16 with no exceptions allowed so please plan ahead. The next bills will be mailed on June 10.

The final installment of the FY13 Actual Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills will be in the mail by March 31. Payment is due by May 1. The state mandated interest rate is 14% for late payments. Payments not received by the due dates 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.

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 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.



WE WANT YOU!

Vacancies ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING
Boards, Committees & Commissions:

Bylaw Committee
Conservation Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals

Call the Town Manager's office at 781-942-6643 for more information.

NPDES Clean Stormwater Tip:

YARD AND LAWN WORK



*Here are some ways
home owners
can help keep our
stormwater clean
during your
yard and lawn work*

- Remove debris such as trash, leaves and grass clipping away from catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.

- Whenever possible use environmentally friendly, biodegradable products when cleaning outside.

- Do not dump household waste such as paint, cleaning products, motor oils, antifreeze, pet excrement, yard waste or any other hazardous material into catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.

- Dispose of hazardous waste properly with the town's Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program.

- Minimize the use of fertilizers near catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.

- Dispose of pet waste in the trash.

- Do not dump yard debris such as grass clippings and leaves near wetlands, drainage ditches or streams. If necessary use the Town's compost center.

If you identify any pollution in a catch basin, drainage ditch, stream or wetland, such as unusual colors, odors or pollutants, please call the Stormwater Hotline:

1-781-942-NOW1

The information and the design was compiled by The Town of Reading Engineering Division to raise public awareness for the EPA's NPDES Phase II Storm Water Program. Any further questions Call 1-781-942-9082.





COMPOST CENTER OPENS APRIL 1

Schedule for April ~ May ~ June

OPEN DURING APRIL:

Monday: April 1, 8, 22, 29 ~ 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Friday: April 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

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

OPEN DURING MAY:

Monday: May 6, 13, 20 ~ 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Friday: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ~ 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Saturday: May 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

OPEN DURING JUNE:

Monday: June 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Saturday: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

There will be 2 curbside collection weeks for leaves. The contractor will pick up leaves in large paper bags the weeks of April 8 and April 22 on your trash day.

You will need a 2013 Community Access Sticker for access to the Compost Center. Available at the Reading Police Department 24/7.

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



Taking Root for the Future



A Commemorative Shade Tree Planting Program

The Town of Reading is proud to announce its “Taking Root for the Future” shade tree planting program. The tree planting program offers an opportunity for you to help beautify Reading and recognize a person or event with the planting of a shade tree.

Any person, business, group or organization may sponsor a tree and be recognized on the Town’s commemorative plaque located in the Town Hall and on the Town of Reading website. You may be celebrating a birth, a graduation or wedding, or donate in memory of a loved one, or acknowledge your businesses, group or organization.

Reading’s publicly owned trees are a capital asset and are as important as our streets, sidewalk, public building and recreational facilities. In addition to the advantage of sponsorship, our community will enjoy the numerous benefits of the trees for generations to come.

Your sponsorship contribution of \$300 will pay for the tree, it’s planting and care, as well as a plate on the commemorative plaque displayed in the Town Hall. Please note that the planting location for an individual tree cannot be specified. Acknowledgement of sponsorship will be through the town plaque and the website.

For more information or to sponsor a tree contact the Public Works Department at 781-942-9077.

Street Sweeping Program



What the Department of Public Works puts down for snow and ice control in the winter, the Department of Public Works has to pick up in the spring.

Residents are asked to sweep their sidewalks and tree lawns (the grass strip that often exists between the walk and the roadway) into the street. Please don't sweep the sand into a pile since that makes it more difficult for the sweepers to pick up the material. Instead, sweep it into a row along the curb. We hope to start sweeping the week of March 25, 2013 weather permitting.

Permanent Drop-Off Location for



STYROFAOM

DPW Facility
75 New Crossing Road

Monday – Friday
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Have questions? DPW 781-942-9077

The Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund Needs Your Support!



In Reading there are approximately 2,000 veterans' graves, four cemeteries, and eleven war memorials that are decorated yearly on Memorial Day with markers, flags and geraniums. The funds for the geraniums come from the Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund created in 2001 to "ensure the tradition of placing a flower on every grave will continue and that these veterans will be *Forever Remembered*."

Your tax deductible contribution ensures that those who have served to preserve our freedom will be *Forever Remembered*. This is also the perfect opportunity to honor a present or former family member or friend who was in the military, be it a memorial tribute, birthday, Fathers/Mothers Day, or any time you want to show gratitude for their service to our country.

Checks are to be made out to the Veterans Memorial Trust Fund. If it is a tribute, include the name and address of the honoree so we can send them and you an acknowledgement of your gracious gift. Contributions should be sent to the: Veterans Memorial Trust Fund, C/O Veterans Service Officer, Reading Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Reading MA 01867.

Breaking News! Electronics Recycling Drop Off!



**Starting April 1 the Town
will offer a permanent
drop-off for electronics!**

We will be partnering with All American Recyclers to offer this program. We will accept anything with a plug! (Please note, TV's, CRT's and appliances will not be accepted. As always, please call JRM to dispose of these items properly.)

**For more information
call DPW at 781-942-9077**

Charitable Giving Options



“The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other”

...Sir Walter Scott

We all try to be responsible residents of this town and of the earth and to reach out and help others whenever we can. One of the many ways we do this is by donating clothing, furniture, household goods, and other items so that those who are in need can use these recycled items to make a better life. The Town has compiled the list below to make it easier for residents to know where, what, and how to make these donations so they would have the most effect and reach the people in need.

Organizations that pick up donations of clothing and textiles (and often many other household items – if you have questions call the phone number listed for that charity):

- **Big Brother Big Sister Foundation**
 - 800-483-5503
 - Schedule pick up online: www.bbbsfoundation.org .
 - Accepts clothing, house hold items.
 - They do not accept furniture.

- **Epilepsy Foundation**
 - 888-322-8209
 - Pick ups must be scheduled 24 hours in advance of pick up date.
 - Accepts clothing and furniture.
 - Also offer drop-off bins: closest location Lucci’s Market Plaza.

- **Mass Coalition for the Homeless**
 - Their Furniture Bank accepts furniture, household items, and linens.
 - To arrange a pick-up, email albenny@mahomeless.org or call 781-595-7570 x13.

- **Mission of Deeds**
 - 781-944-9797
 - Call to schedule pick up or drop off of items.
 - Accepts furniture and household items.

- **Salvation Army**
 - Call 800-728-7825 or go online at www.satruck.com to schedule pick up.

- Accepts clothing, furniture, and household items.
- Also offer drop off at Salvation Army Store locations: closest location at 625 Main St. Wilmington, 978-988-9488, store hours Monday – Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

➤ **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

- 800-675-2882 to schedule pick up of furniture.
- 978-463-7750 to reach closest drop off location for clothing and household items at their Thrift Store located at 701 Merrimack Street, Lowell.

➤ **Vietnam Veterans of America**

- Call 800-775-8387 go to website www.vva.org to schedule pickup.

Organizations that offer drop off locations only:

➤ **American Red Cross**

- 617-274-5200
- Accepts clothing and household items.
- Closest donation bin: China Cuisine, 235 Main Street, North Reading.

➤ **Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries**

- 888-828-4483
- Accepts clothing, household items.
- Closest donation center: Whole Foods Market, 400 Cambridge Road, Woburn.

➤ **New England Center for Homeless Veterans**

- 617-371-1882
- Accepts food (canned, pasta, staples, etc.), clothing, new underwear and socks, toiletries, and linens (no furniture). There is an urgent need for shoes, sneakers, and boots. All donations are utilized with NECHV or are provided to veterans when they complete the program and move to permanent housing.
- Donations may be dropped off at 17 Court Street, Boston 24 hours a day, 7 days a week..

➤ **Rosie's Place**

- Accepts clothing, toiletries, non-perishable foods, towels and facecloths, new twin size sheets and blankets, coffee mugs, children's books, buttons and jewelry, and playing cards.
- You can drop off donations at 889 Harrison Avenue, Boston on Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. They no longer accept donations on Saturday or Sundays.

➤ **St. Francis House**

- 617-542-4211
- Accepts clothing.
- To donate pull up in front of St. Francis House at 39 Boylston Street, Boston and turn your hazard lights on. A staff member will assist you in unloading your vehicle. Donations times are Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday and Sundays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

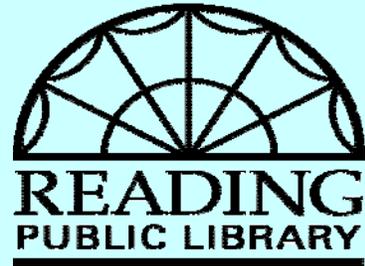
➤ **Tailored for Success**

- 781-324-0499
- Call for information on how to donate.
- Accepts business attire for men, women, and teens: suits, slacks, ties, blouses, blazers, dress pants, skirts, dress shirts, khaki pants, jackets, purses, belts, backpacks, scarves, briefcases, daily planners, jewelry, make up, pumps, personal care items, shaving kits, unopened pantyhose, trouser socks.

Things are buzzing ...

at the Reading Public Library.
Check our online calendar for
upcoming spring events.

www.readingpl.org



Creative Arts is pleased to announce
the arrival of their new community cookbook:

“Creatively Cooking for 35 Years!”

The cookbook features a delicious collection of local and family recipes and all proceeds from the sale will benefit CREATIVE ARTS’ scholarship and financial aid programs, community events, and our building fund.

This beautiful spiral-bound cookbook contains 300 recipes divided into seven recipe categories—from appetizers to desserts and everything in between. Each recipe is labeled with the contributor’s name, so it’s easy to find the recipes of friends and neighbors.

Special thanks to The Hitching Post for organizing this great fundraiser for CREATIVE ARTS!

The cookbooks are available at The Hitching Post, Aine’s Boutique, The Chocolate Truffle, and CREATIVE ARTS for only \$15.

**For more information contact CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600
or email: office@WeTeachCreativeArts.org.**



Ongoing Individual Production Classes

Studio A Production Series (Free with Membership)

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

Studio A Lighting (\$20.00)

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

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

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

Portable Camera (Free with Membership)

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

Final Cut Pro Basics (Free with Membership)

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

Adobe After Effects (\$20.00)

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

Adobe Photoshop for Video (\$20.00)

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

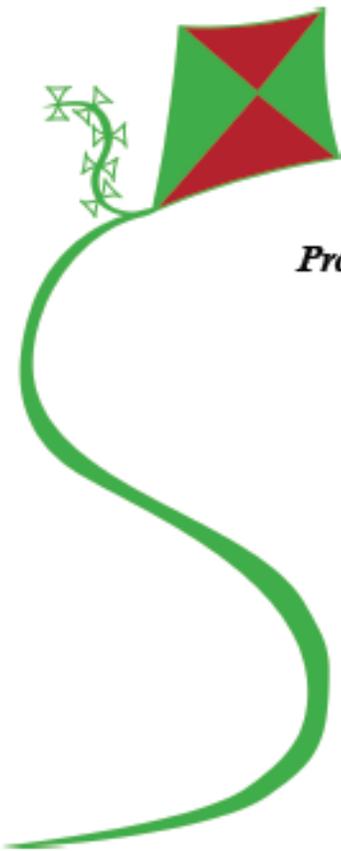
How do I get my video online? (Free with Membership)

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

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

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

For more information call RCTV at 781-944-8888 or www.rctv.org



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www.edline.net/pages/Rise_Preschool/RISEPreschool

RISE Preschool ~ 62 Oakland Road ~ Christina.gentile@reading.k12.ma.us

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51 Symonds Way ~ For more information call 781-942-2271



Our family invites your family to participate at

Old South Church in Reading Center

Check our website www.oldsouthumc.org for
worship schedule and church events
or call 781.944.AMEN (2636).

First Congregational Church of Reading United Church of Christ

Come and join us ~ All are welcome

Check our website www.churchofreading.org for
worship schedule and church events
or call 781.944.0205



Church of the Good Shepherd

A warm and welcoming Episcopal Church

Check our website www.goodshepherd-reading.org
for worship schedule and church events
or call 781.944.1572



First Baptist Church of Reading

All are welcome

Check our website www.fbcreading.org for
worship schedule and church events
or call 781.944.3876



If you're a MOM, live in Reading, and like to have fun... the MOMS Club® of Reading is for you!



If you are a mom living in Reading looking for a great way to meet other moms, while helping your children make new friends they'll go to school with, come join us at the MOMS Club® of Reading, MA!

We're planning some fun new events: Mommy Time Out, Couples Night Out, Family BBQ, Mani/Pedi Excursion & Movie Club!

Our members who are Certified and Licensed radKIDS Instructors are teaching radKIDS this spring! Email us at info@readingmomsclub.org for information on class dates and times.

At last count, we have 18 Babies, 27 Toddlers, 22 Preschoolers, and 30 Grade-schoolers living in Reading!

www.readingmomsclub.com



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... Park Outings... Museum Trips... Art Classes...
Fire House Tours... Mom's Night Out... and more!

Join for only \$25 per year!

For more information: www.ConnectTheTots.org
Or email CTTReading@gmail.com

Summer Registration is now OPEN!



Don't let the lazy days of summer put you in a slump! Explore something new with our Theatre, Music and Art Programs. Jump start Summer with a week of art, theatre & music during our "Out of Africa" immersion week. Design your Summer around our great Art workshops with a new theme every week or check out our ever-popular Summer musicals & plays! For more information on all Summer offerings, including our Music programs and Adult Courses, please visit our website: www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org

Take part in Summer Theatre, NOW with TWO Performances Each!

Musical #1 (ages 6-16) ~ **Disney's The Little Mermaid** (pending authorization) ~ July 8-20

Play Production (ages 6-16) ~ **Seekin Nemo, A Spoof on the Most Famous Clown Fish!** ~ July 29-Aug 3

Musical #2 (ages 6-16) ~ **Shrek the Musical*** ~ Aug 12-24

ART & MUSIC PROGRAMS

Week 1, June 24-28 ~ Out of Africa

Multidiscipline Program: Art, Music & Theatre (age groups 3-6, 7-10, 11-15)

Week 2, July 1-3 (closed 7/4 & 7/5):

Mini Musicians (ages 3-6): Suzuki Music Explorative (a 2-day workshop)

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Crazy Cartooning (a 3-day workshop)

Week 3, July 8-12

Mini Musicians (ages 3-6): Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Things that Fly: At the Art Lab

Week 4, July 15-19

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Under the Sea Fun

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Rock N' Roll: Costumes, Musical Instruments & Style

Week 5, July 22-26

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Ahoy, Treasure Hunters!

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Hammers and Drills: Wood, Tools and Art

Week 6, July 29-Aug 2

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Garden Art

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Masks, Pinatas and Mexico

Week 7, Aug 5-9

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Kings & Queens

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Colored String & More: Soft Sculpture

Week 8, Aug 12-16

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Art Spies

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Indoors-Outdoors: Paint your heART out!

Week 9, Aug 19-23

Mini Art (ages 3-6): Mixing it Up!

Art Adventure (ages 6-12): Mixing it Up!

NEW Training Options for Teens!

Teacher-In-Training (ages 16-18) & Assistants-In-Training (ages 13-15)



APRIL



April Activities at the Senior Center!



Reading Senior Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA
To make reservations call 781-942-6794 between
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday to Friday

Blood Pressure

2nd Friday of every month - 10:15 to 11:15 AM.

Brain Yoga

Tuesdays, April 2 to May 7 – 6 weeks for \$20. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Drop-in's welcome \$4.00 per class. Brain Yoga uses different activities to stretch our brains, and changes stiffness into relaxation. Stretch your brain by participating in some fun brain exercises.

Computer Class with Dick Svirsky

Every Wednesday - 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Learn to use email, send pictures, or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too!

Computer Class with John Walsh

Every Wednesday - 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Learn to use email, send pictures, or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too! We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if you want.

Spring Special Lunch

Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 Noon. Entertainer will be singer/guitar player Bill Foley 12:30 to 1:30 PM.

Simple Ways to Get Your Greens

April 4 at 10:15 AM. Do you walk past all those green vegetables in the grocery store because you are not sure how to use them? Join Candace Quigley, Registered Dietitian, for a discussion on what some of these greens taste like, simple ways to use them and their nutritional value.

Lunch/Opening Day at Fenway

April 8 at 12:00 Noon - Get in the spirit wear your Red Sox gear. Baseball Trivia Game with prizes.



Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of the Probate and Family Court for Middlesex County

April 11, 10:15 AM, will present an informative overview of the new MA Uniform Code, (new procedures for Probate) which took effect on March 31, 2012, and which will have an impact on Reading Seniors and their families now, and in the coming years. The new code offers new options to the public and provides for a faster, less complicated and less expensive procedure to probate a will, or if there is no will, to administer one's estate.

Parkinson's Disease Support

Wednesday, April 10, the group will meet from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Pleasant Street Center.

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

Meeting in the Computer Room on April 19 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Call for an appointment at 781.942.6659.



Trouble with the Curve

Movie (2012), April 22 at 12:45 PM , PG-13, 111 minutes.

Slowed by age and failing eyesight, baseball scout Gus Lobel takes his grown daughter along as he checks out the final prospect of his career. Along the way, the two renew their bond Cast: Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, Justin Timberlake, and John Goodman.

The Aging Eye

Thursday, April 25, 10:15 AM. What's normal for Aging Eyes and what may be signs of disease. The first step in protecting your eyes is to distinguish between vision changes that are normal and changes that may be signs of disease. Dr. Robert Kwon will discuss cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and dry eyes to help you identify the difference - Refreshments served.

Birthday Lunch

April 29 Noon, Come celebrate your birthday! If it is the month of your birthday you will receive a free gift and your lunch is free too. Bring your friends to celebrate with you – suggested donation for lunch if not your birthday month is \$2.00 or \$3.50 fee for those under 60 years old.

Living Choices in Reading for Adults 55+

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 PM. This presentation is geared towards seniors and adult children of seniors. Is it time for Mom or Dad to down-size? What are their options? Representatives from the various Reading senior living facilities will be talking about options for living in Reading. Learn about aging at home or downsizing. Refreshments will be served



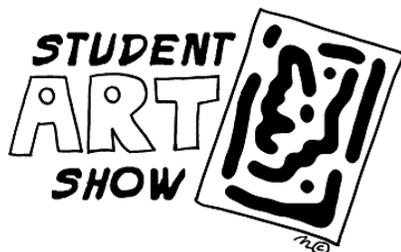
**The Hitching Post is proud
to partner with the
Hagen Gallery to support the
Reading Steeple & Bell Tower
Preservation Fund**

A portion of your purchase of Hagen Gallery Old South prints, boxed note cards & specially designed Swarovski crystal bookmarks will benefit the Reading Steeple & Bell Tower Fund, whose mission is to restore & repair this beloved landmark. For more information on this project or to donate please visit www.readingsteeple.org.

**The Hitching Post Gift Shop, 190 Haven Street,
781.944.9224 Monday - Friday 9-5:30 ~ Saturday 9-5**

www.hitchingpostgifts.com

Austin Preparatory School



**Wednesday ~ April 3 ~ 7:00 PM
Murphy Art Gallery & Gathering Room**



Reading – North Reading Chamber of Commerce

Outstanding Citizens Awards Dinner



Honoring Reading Citizen Domenic Rotondi
& North Reading Citizen John Murphy

And

Reading & North Reading Outstanding
Fire Fighters and Police officers

Wednesday ~ April 3 ~ Hillview Country Club ~ \$65/pp

For more information www.readingreadingchamber.org

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Spring 2013 TV Acting Classes

For ages 11 -14

Wednesdays ~ 3:30 to 5:15 PM ~ Cost \$150

April 3 to June 19 ~ (no classes April 24 & May 29)

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!

Spring at the Burbank YMCA



April

Healthy Eating Seminar

Nourishing Our Children ~ Learn why many traditional foods now considered unhealthy are, in fact vital to growth and intellectual development of our children ~ Thursday April 4 6:30 PM ~ Free for Members, \$5 for Non Members

Learn to Swim Week

Tuesday April 16 – Friday April 19 ~ Check our website for class levels and times available.
www.ymcaboston.org/burbank ~ F:\$32, Y:\$48, N:\$64

Summer Camp Open House

Meet the staff, check out the venue and learn why YMCA camps are the best option for your child this summer! ~ Saturday April 27 10 – 12 Noon

Healthy Kids Day

Celebrate a healthy and active lifestyle with fun, games and activities for all ages. This is a free event Saturday April 27 1:00 – 3:00pm

The Pink Program

Free to Members and Non Members ~ April 8 – July 1 ~ This is a 12-week exercise program for breast cancer survivors designed to increase your range of motion, strength and stamina. Learn how this revolutionary Pink Program helps you exercise safely while enhancing your overall health, whether you are in the midst of treatment or years beyond it. Classes are tailored for different surgeries and adapted for all fitness levels.

The Pink Maintenance Program - sponsored by Hallmark Health Medical Associates & Lumina Salon
Free to Members and Non Members ~ April 28 to June 22 M/W 1:00 – 2:00 PM ~ This program is a follow up from the Pink Program and meets twice a week. It is offered to those recovering from breast cancer or currently going through treatments. Be in a supportive environment while continuing to build strength and stamina.

Spring 2 Program Session starts April 28th through June 22nd

Burbank YMCA Annual Team Training Challenge

April 28 – June 22

Team up with your fellow members, a personal trainer and a nutritional therapist on a journey to health, well-being and weight loss. You and your teammates are guided through 8 weeks of fitness and nutrition programming that is fun, motivating and challenging. If you are completely committed to making lasting changes in your health, we encourage you to participate in this program regardless of your current level of fitness. Whether you are looking to lose weight, improve your muscular and/or cardiovascular fitness or just work out with some old and new friends, this program is for you. ~ Information Session April 9th 7:00 pm ~ Nutritional Session April 23rd 7:00 pm ~ Members \$249 (\$25 discount if register prior to April 14th)

Lifeguard Class 16+

F: \$350 Y: \$375 N: \$415 ~ This program certifies participants as lifeguards. Class teaches all the necessary skills and provides students with all the certifications required to become a YMCA lifeguard. Class includes Pool and Classroom time, CPR for the professional rescuer including AED, First Aid and Emergency Oxygen administration. For more information contact Amy Vendt at 781-909-7409 or avendt@ymcaboston.org

April Vacation Class:

- April 11 6 - 10 pm
- April 13 2 - 8 pm
- April 14 10 - 8 pm
- April 15 9 - 5 pm

May

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May 11 12:00-7:00 pm **Weekend Class**

May 12 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

May 18 12:00 – 7:00 pm

May 19 10:00am – 7:00 pm

Birthday Party at the Y

Have your party at the Burbank Y in May and only pay \$150!

June

Friends and Family Day

Enjoy the sun and a lot of fun at the YMCA. This is a FREE event for members and non-members. ~ Enjoy the outdoor activities, open swim, games, prizes and more! ~ Saturday June 15 11:00 – 2:00pm

Summer Camp Open House

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Evening Classes 6:00 – 10:00 pm

May 28, May 30, June 4, June 6, June 11, June 13, June 18, June 20

Any questions call the Burbank YMCA at 781-944-9622

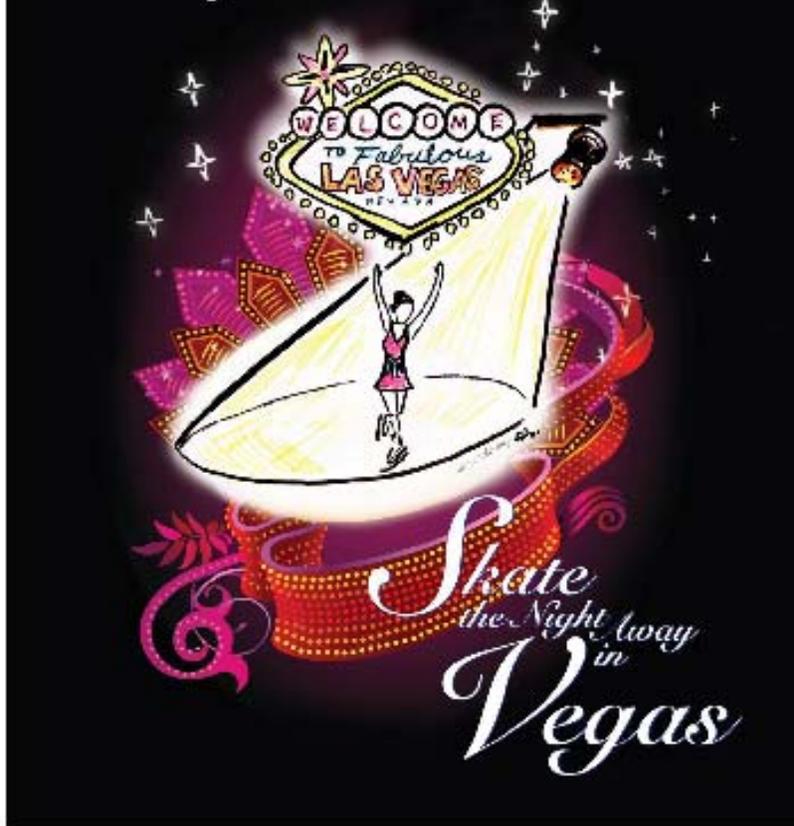


Monday
April 8
4:00 – 9:00 PM

99 Restaurant
10 Main Street
Stoneham

Dine with our DFAC coupon
& 15% is donated to
EMARC! Get coupon at:
www.themarc.org/events

*North Shore Skating Club's
Ice Spectacular 2013*



Friday, April 5, 2013, 7:30pm

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 7:30pm

Sunday, April 7, 2013, 2:00pm

General Admission

Adults \$12.00

Students (Ages 3-18) \$10.00

Seniors (Ages 65 & older) \$10.00

For Ticket information

Call 781-944-5874

Email nsscjc@nsskating.org

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

READING ART ASSOCIATION

April 10, 2013

Oil Landscape Demonstration – Monique Sakellarios

May 3, 4, 5, 2013

Spring Exhibit & Sale – Open to all artists

www.readingart.org



Enjoy a delicious meal &
Give to a great cause!

On **Wednesday, April 10th** from 10am to 11pm, eat at **Bertucci's** in Reading and 15% of your bill will be donated to REF!

Dine in—Carry out! Just don't forget to mention **REF** when you order!



Supporting REF and Reading Public Schools has never been easier!

INDOOR



Saturday ~ April 13 ~ 9:00 to 2:00 PM

110 Haven Street (enter on side) ~ No Early Birds Please!

Sponsored by the Reading Masonic Building Association



Leslie and Lolly

The Boston Area Guild of Puppetry presents

Sesame Street Puppeteer

Leslie Carrara-Rudolph

In a Family Comedy Concert

“Leslie and Lolly Make Stuff Up!”

Saturday April 13 ~ 2:00 PM

Parker Middle School

Tickets purchased in advance at Creative Arts are only \$10 each (a \$2 savings) and a portion of the ticket sales benefit Creative Arts. Call 781-942-9600 for ticket information.



The Ivy Chord
sponsored by the UU Church of Reading

The Ivy Chord Coffee House
239 Woburn Street
Reading, MA 01867

April 13, 2013
Saturday
8 PM
\$16/\$14



**Matt & Shannon
Heaton**



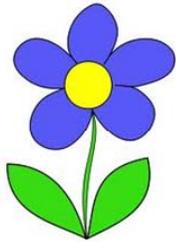
Learn more and buy tickets: UUreading.org/concerts
ivychoord@uureading.org • 781-229-9394



FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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



SUNDAY, APRIL 14
8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.



READING MASONIC BUILDING
110 HAVEN STREET, READING



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



ALL ARE WELCOME

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

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A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION





April Vacation Workshops at **Creative Arts**

April 15 - April 19 (ages 6 – 12)

Half-Day Session: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM or 1:30 – 5:30 PM

Full Day Session: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Make the most out of your April vacation with creative play at CREATIVE ARTS! Each day of the week offers a new theme to explore. Pick and choose your favorite themes or try them all by registering for the full week! View a full listing of workshops and prices: www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org

Monday, Apr 15 – Invent Your Own Characters!

Morning: Manga Mania

Afternoon: Story Book Characters come to life!

Tuesday, Apr 16 – Express Yourself!

Morning: Style Em' UP

Afternoon: Wire Sculptures

Wednesday, Apr 17 – Crazy Printmaking!

Morning: Personalized Cards, Stationary and More

Afternoon: Street Art

Thursday, Apr 18 – Weave, Stitch and Knit

Morning: Weave Whatever!

Afternoon: Stitching and Mixed Media

Friday, Apr 19 – Earth, Land and Sky in Honor of Earth Day

Morning: Sketch it up!

Afternoon: Recycle, Reuse, Re-invent

NEW! Teacher-In-Training During April Vacation, Ages 15-17

M-F 8:15am-1:00pm or 1:00-5:45pm: \$85

To register, contact: office@weteachcreativearts.org or call the office 781.942.9600

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NEW! NEW! NEW! Two Day April Vacation Workshop!!

Two Day Video Production Workshop ~ Ages 10-16

Instructors: Angela Merrill, Laura Davis, Phil Rushworth

Session 1: Tuesday & Wednesday, April 16th & 17th

Session 2: Thursday & Friday, April 18th & 19th

8:30am-5:30pm ~ Cost \$100 each session*

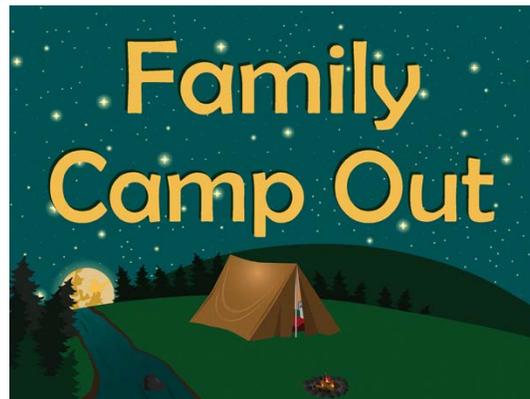
Sign up two or more siblings and save 10% for each additional sibling

Sign up for both sessions and save 10%

*** The cost includes a one year membership to RCTV Studios!**

Town Forest Family Camp Out

April 20 & April 27



Join the Friends of Reading Recreation (FORR) and REI for a campout in Reading's Town Forest!

Bring your kids, a tent and sleeping bags and join us for a night of fun and adventure!

If you do not have a tent, FORR will loan you an REI tent at no charge (there is a limited supply).

This event is for families with children ages 4 and older.

Space is limited and this event fills up very quickly!

To register, email: camping@forr01867.org. Send the date you would like to attend, number of adults, number of kids, and your phone number.



**“Spring into the Arts”
Creative Arts’ 35th Anniversary Reunion & Party**

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Join us in celebrating our 35th Anniversary!! More details to come at www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org.

Calling all Creative Arts Alumni!! Have you or someone you know taken an art, music or theatre class at Creative Arts? We want to hear from you!! Call: 781.942.9600

Email: office@WeTeachCreativeArts.org
Facebook: [facebook.com/CreativeArtsSchool](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeArtsSchool)

A graphic for Earth Day 2013. It features a green background with a sun rising over a grassy hill with a small plant. The text 'FOR ALL AGES' is written in white. To the right, there is a list of activities: Nature Walks, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Gardening and Composting, Energy Conservation, Water Conservation, Reading Land Conservation and Trails, and Recycling. Below the list is a yellow banner with the text 'Kids Activities'. At the bottom left, there is a logo for the Reading Climate Advisory Committee.

FOR ALL AGES

Nature Walks
Trails Committee
11:00 am - Noon - 1:00 pm

Nature Scavenger Hunt
Gardening and Composting
Energy Conservation
Water Conservation
Reading Land Conservation and Trails
Recycling

Kids Activities

**Saturday,
April 27, 2013
10 am to 2 pm**

EARTH DAY 2013
Kids Celebrate Nature

**At the Mattera Cabin
1481 Main Street**

Reading Climate Committee

SPRING 2013 APRIL BIRD WALKS IN READING!



Spring is finally here and it's a wonderful time to get out and explore open spaces in Reading. Local birder Dave Williams will be conducting Sunday morning bird walks at different locations in Reading beginning Sunday morning, April 28 and continuing through Sunday, June 2. Walks are free and open to all - young and old, regardless of bird watching experience. Please join us for a special **"Birds Before Breakfast" Walk** sponsored by the Reading Trails Committee on May 19!

These bird walks will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 AM. This early morning time will allow us to see and hear a large number and variety of birds, enjoy these wild areas of Reading undisturbed, and still have the rest of the day to enjoy! Some of the birds we hope to see include Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Virginia Rail, members of the Warbler family, Wood Thrush, and many more!

Besides looking for birds we'll have the opportunity to see many different wildflowers, flowering trees and shrubs, and discuss the natural history of Reading. The first walk is listed below... others to take place in May. If you have any questions call Dave Williams at 781-944-8118.

Sunday ~ April 28 ~ Town Forest ~ Meet at the end of Strout Avenue ~ Park on Grove Street

100th Anniversary Rededication of Old South's Steeple after the Fire of 1911



Reading Steeple & Bell Tower Preservation Fund invites you to show your Reading pride by joining with the entire community on **Sunday, April 28 at 11:15 AM** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the rededication of Old South's steeple after the fire of 1911. For information about the Centennial Celebration & Steeple Stroll (sponsored by Durkee-Mower (Fluff), the Leavitt Corporation (Teddie Peanut Butter), Market Basket, and Stop & Shop), go to readingsteeple.org.

Donations for the current restoration project and for the Steeple Stroll are tax-deductible, and checks should be made out to **Reading Steeple & Bell Tower Preservation Fund** and mailed to or dropped off at 6 Salem Street. You may also donate or register for the Steeple Stroll online at readingsteeple.org.



MAY



May Activities at the Senior Center!



Reading Senior Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA

To make reservations call 781-942-6794 between 9 and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Blood Pressure

2nd Friday of every month - 10:15 – 11:15

4th – Thursday of every month – 11:00 – 12:00

Computer Class with Dick Svirsky

Every Wednesday - 9:00 - 10:00 am.~ Learn to use email, send pictures, or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too!

Computer Class with John Walsh

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May 2nd 12:00 Noon Kentucky Derby/May Day Lunch Party

Great Room. And We're Off! Put on your fancy hat and race on over to the Reading Pleasant Street Center. We will be serving Mint Julep Punch and a special dessert. There will be a Horse Race Game with prizes. You won't want to miss the fun.

Wednesday, May 8th Parkinson's Disease Support

The group will run from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm and will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Pleasant Street Center.

May 9th 12:00 Mother's Day Special Lunch

A sing-along with singer/pianist Tommy Smith.

May 9th 10:15 - "Are you getting the most out of your AAA membership?"

A representative from AAA will come to the Pleasant Street Center. Come join AAA Southern New England to learn about all the discounts available to AAA members. All are welcome. With summer travel season right around the corner, AAA will also share some of the more popular Summer "drive-vacations" and talk about using your membership to the fullest and New England trips. Bring your AAA membership card to get your tour books and maps.



Movie – May 13 12:45 - Buck

2011 PG89 minutes

Buck Brannaman, inspiration for "The Horse Whisperer," is revealed as a complex figure in this Sundance Audience Award winner for Best Documentary by Cindy Meehl. The master horseman reveals details of his troubled childhood and his dawning awareness of new ways that humans and horses might work with one another. As Buck learns more about horses, he finds that the ways we communicate with our animal companions offer lessons on how we relate to fellow human beings. Cast: Buck Brannaman, Robert Redford

May 14th 10:15- "Joint Pain, Prevention and Treatment"

Do you have aches and pains? Stop by and listen to Tracy Rochester, a Physical Therapist from Hallmark Health Rehabilitation Department. She will present a look at joint pain, why you have it, and how to treat and prevent it.

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

Meeting in the Computer Room Friday, May 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Call for an appointment at 781.942.6659

May 20th - 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 or \$3.50 fee for under 60 years old.

Thurs May 23rd 10:15 - Memory Loss What's Normal, What's Not

What's the difference between normal and abnormal memory loss? Warning signs of abnormal memory loss are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. We'll separate myth from reality and address commonly held fears about memory loss. Presented by Lisa Orgettas Executive Director Spectrum Adult Day Health in Beverly



Austin Preparatory School presents....

Spring Dance Concert & Middle School Art Show

Friday ~ May 3

Art Exhibit: 6:30 PM ~ Concert: 7:00 PM
Gym Stage in the Multi-purpose Facility



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Music Video Mania for Ages 8-12

Instructor: Laura Davis

Fridays, 3:30-5:00

May 3rd-June 21st (No class May 31st)

Cost: \$110*

Produce your own Music Video! In this 7 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!).

Middle School Variety!

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

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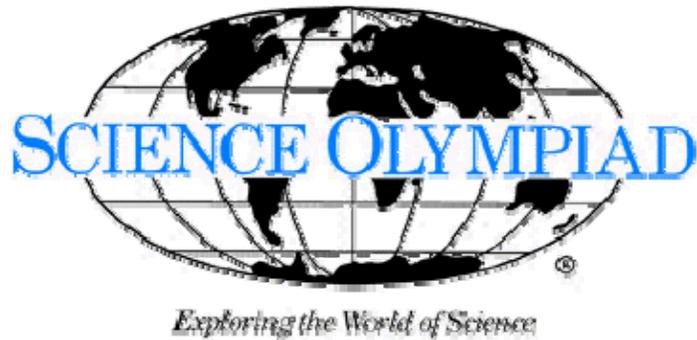
FABULOUS GIANT YARD SALE!



Spring Fling at the Unitarian Universalist Church!
Saturday ~ May 4 ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

A.W. COOLIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM



HUGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 4, 2013

DONATIONS NEEDED

Coolidge Middle School

89 Birch Meadow Drive, Reading

Donations of goods are appreciated and are tax deductible.

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT COOLIDGE

Saturday's dates are 4/13, 4/20 and 4/27 from 9-12 a.m.

Thurs. May 2nd, 5:30-8:30 pm & Fri. May 3rd 5-8 pm. No early drop off permitted.

~No clothing, TVs, large appliances, monitors, mattresses, sofas, or propane tanks~

Visit <http://www.CoolidgeYardSale.org> for info on donations and early birds.

SAVE THE DATE....

*Expand your imagination and
celebrate what our community can
accomplish for our children!*

READING EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S



Tickets: \$30 each/\$50 couple
www.readingef.org

Saturday, May 4th

7-11 PM

Northeast Youth Ballet School
(former Christian Science Church)
32 Lowell Street, Reading MA

*An evening of friends, food, drink, fabulous silent
auction items, raffles and more!*

All proceeds benefit **Reading Education Foundation** and go
directly to teacher grants awarded annually across the district.



www.readingcommunitysingers.org

**Our Spring Concert, *On the Road with
RCS*, will be presented on Saturday
evening, May 4th at 7:30 PM at the
Parker Middle School, Temple Street in
Reading.**

Watch our website and the local papers for
directions and details.

Parker Tavern Opening Day!



Parker Tavern at 102 Washington Street will have its
Opening Day for the season on Sunday, May 5th,
from 2 to 5pm. The tavern will be open every
Sunday afternoon through October for guided tours
of our historical house museum, the oldest standing
home in Reading.

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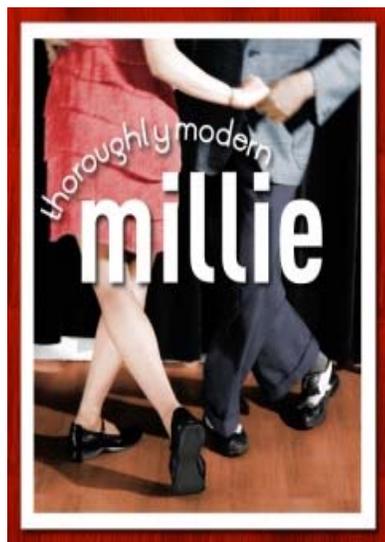


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- **Sunday May 19** “**Birds Before Breakfast**” walk. Sponsored by the Reading Trails Committee. *Special starting time: 7:00AM*. We will bird the Bare Meadow Conservation Land looking for migrating spring birds. We will enjoy all of the trail improvements made in this beautiful area by the Trails Committee over the past three years. After the walk, at 9:00, please join us for breakfast to be held in the Mattera Cabin. Please RSVP one week in advance via email to dave.williams6@gmail.com if you'd like to join us for this special bird walk. Meet at the Mattera Cabin located at 1481 N Main St. at 7:00 AM.
- **Sunday May 26** Town Forest. Meet at the end of Strout Avenue. Park on Grove Street.



Lights! Camera! EMARC!

A Spring Fundraiser to benefit EMARC at the Stoneham Theater featuring...

Thoroughly Modern Millie

- Preshow reception 6 – 7 PM, show time at 7:30 PM
- Awards ceremony shortly before show time
- EMARC's 2013 “Community Service Award” Honoree: Dick Haggerty
- Tickets are \$55/individual, \$100/per couple.

Purchase tickets at www.theemarc.org or call 781.587.2272

RMHS Choral Department
and the
Terezin Music Foundation
Present:

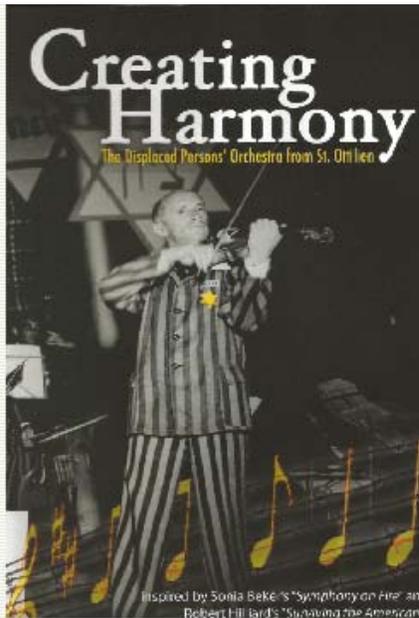
"Musical Healing after the Holocaust"

Thursday,
May 9th, 2013
At 7 PM in the RMHS
Performing Arts Center

Funded by grants from
**The Reading Education
Foundation**
&
The Reading Cultural Council

For more information contact:

Linda Snow Dockser at schoolnotes@verizon.net



This program reinforces the power of
music, featuring local choral
organizations including:

**RMHS Select Chorus:
Fermata Nowhere
The Reading Community Singers
Coolidge Middle School Chorus
&
The Middle School Select Chorus**

This program includes a showing of
the documentary film called:
**"Creating Harmony:
The Displaced Persons' Orchestra at
St. Ottilien."**

This film by John Michalczyk tells the
story of an orchestra of Holocaust
Survivors who through music
buoyed the spirits of those liberated
from Concentration Camps. They
were conducted by the young
Leonard Bernstein in postwar
Germany. The program illuminates
a time in history when 'liberated'
victims were still dealing with
unfathomable loss and prejudice.
For most there were no homes to
return to and no country open to
them.

The film is accompanied by a Panel
Discussion with Mark Ludwig,
Director of Terezin Music
Foundation, Holocaust Survivor
Edgar Krasa, and Dr. Anna
Ornstein, a world reknown
psychotherapist and survivor of
Auschwitz.

Spring Recycling Day at the DPW Facility

May 11 ~ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

75 New Crossing Road

Paper Shredding/Rigid Plastics - One box limit shredding
per household. Bring your rigid plastics: toys, plastic chairs,
containers, Etc.

Goodwill - Donation collection - clothing, shoes, bedding,
home goods.

Got Books? – All books, CDs, DVDs.

Styrofoam – Will be collected at this event.



A background of several large, vibrant pink roses in various stages of bloom, set against a soft-focus green background. The roses are the central visual element of the poster.

TREAT MOM TO BREAKFAST

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12
8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

READING MASONIC BUILDING
110 HAVEN STREET, READING

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

ALL ARE WELCOME
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

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This Mother's Day...

Treat Mom to some
Live music!

Sunday ~ May 12

3:00 PM

Reading Civic
Concert Band
will perform

**Seriously
Funny
Music**

**An afternoon of musical fun
& audience participation**

Admission: - \$12 Students - \$8
Seniors - \$8 8 yrs and under - free

www.ReadingCivicConcertBand.org



Reading – North Reading Chamber of Commerce



Women Celebrating...2013

SHOP... the season's hottest trends
In fashion, beauty, and style!

Friday, May 17, 2013

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Woburn Hilton Hotel
2 Forbes Road, Woburn

\$30 per person

For more information visit

www.readingnorthreadingchamber.org



Reading Lions Club

Journey for Sight



5K Road Race or 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, May 18

FOR THE BENEFIT OF MASS LIONS EYE RESEARCH

9:00 AM ~ Rain or Shine ~ Registration 8:00 AM

The start and finish will be at Burbank Ice Arena

On line registration: baystateevents.com ~ Entry fee: \$25.00 preregistration & \$30 day of race

CASH PRIZES TO TOP RUNNERS!

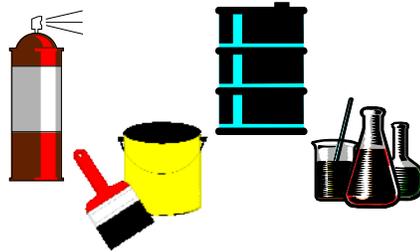
Contact tom_clough@verizon.net or 781-944-8419

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION

Saturday, May 18, 2013

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Reading DPW Garage
75 Newcrossing Road



Reading & Wakefield Residents Only

Bring Driver's License for Identification

NO COMMERCIAL WASTE

LEAVE LATEX PAINT AT HOME

TV's/CRT's will not be collected at this event

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL
READING PUBLIC WORKS (781) 942-9077
WAKEFIELD PUBLIC WORKS (781) 246-6301



Walkable Reading

Saturday, May 18 (rain date May 19) launches the first in a series of neighborhood walks lead by members of Walkable Reading. The walk is suitable for all ages and can be divided to accommodate those who wish to stroll from those who seek a faster pace. The walk will begin at the corner of Birch Meadow Drive and Oakland Road at 1 PM. For those who live along the route, just join us as we pass by your house. Walkable Reading has designed seven neighborhood walking routes to encourage local walking. All the routes use sidewalks, and many have optional links to Conservation Area trails. Maps and routes can be found on the Town website: www.readingma.gov (on the home page choose: Use GIS Maps; GIS Map Library; Neighborhood Walks Map). May is a great time to get outside and put a “spring” into your step! If you have questions you can contact us at walkablereading@comcast.net, and don't forget to look for Walkable Reading on Facebook.

Scrap Metal Pickup



Saturday ~ May 18

- The contractor will pick up scrap metal curbside from residents.
- Place scrap metal curbside by 6:00 AM
- There is no charge for residents.
- For a list, please go to the website at www.readingma.gov.



**Colonial Chorus Players is planning
a Cabaret Dinner!**

Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 pm

A fundraising event.

For further information please visit

www.colonialchorus.com

or call 781.944.9780

Reading Garden Club



**Geraniums and More! ~ Plant and Bake Sale!
Saturday ~ May 18 ~ Reading Public Library
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM ~ Rain or Shine!**

Reading Symphony Orchestra



A Latin-American Pops

**Featuring the Treble Chorus of New England, Valerie Becker, Conductor
Sunday, May 19 at 3:30 PM
RMHS Performing Arts Center**

**Austin Preparatory School
Music Department presents...**

Spring Chorus & Band Concert



Thursday ~ May 23 ~ 7:00 PM

**In the Chapel
Free and Open to the Public!
Austin Preparatory School
101 Willow Street, Reading**

Justin's Journey Walkers Zinga Fundraiser



**Thursday ~ May 23 ~ 3:00 to 8:30 PM
50 Haven Street**

**To raise funds on Justin's behalf for
The Boston Jimmy Fund**

The Friends of Reading Recreation



Friday May 31 ~ Masonic Temple, Haven Street

Donations are \$79 per person ~ to sign up: www.signmeup.com/90196

Help fund the Friends & Family Day Fireworks! Without your support, the Fireworks are not possible. They are not Town funded but instead are made possible by the generosity of residents and businesses!

Complimentary pizza & beverages will be provided as well as Prizes (\$250, \$100, \$75 gift cards) and a 50/50 Raffle

Hall opens at 7:00 PM with an 8:00 PM sharp start time

Have a hand (no pun intended) in bringing the Fireworks to town!



Performance by **The Old South Brass & Organ**

**Friday ~ May 31 ~ 7:30 PM
Free and open to the public!**

The concert will feature pieces for organ and brass from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras, including music by Bach, Mussorgsky, Praetorius, Monteverdi and Gabrielli among others. The Old South Brass and Organ is an enthusiastic and accomplished group who came together out of the sheer joy of playing music composed for a small group and who have now been performing for over five years. The Old South Brass is a quintet consisting of Jim Foltz (trumpet), Laura Lafferty (French horn), Henry Marcy (cornet), Terry Rawlins (trombone) and Richard Smith (tuba). The group is led by Susan Holloway, Music Director and organist for the Old South United Methodist Church. We enjoy playing an eclectic mixture of classical, sacred, secular, and jazz music with an emphasis on early music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The Town of Reading has been supportive. We have played at community events such as the Reading Street Faire and the Town Tree Lighting and at Old South United Methodist Church special events, brass and organ recitals and regular church services.



JUNE



June Activities at the Senior Center!



Reading Senior Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA

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

Blood Pressure

2nd Friday of every month - 10:15 – 11:15 AM

4th – 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, June 21st - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Call for an appointment at 781.942.6659

Learn about Computer Gadgets

June 4 - 10:15 AM - IPAD, IPHONE, KINDLE etc... With John Walsh and Dick Svirsky

Diabetes: The Role of Nutrition

June 6 - 10:15: Get an overview of what diabetes is, how it is diagnosed and how it is managed with food & nutrition. A test will be given to determine risk factors of becoming diabetic and we will then discuss how to manage personal risk factors.

Parkinson's Disease Support

Wednesday, June 12 -The group will run from 1:30 to 3 PM and will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Pleasant Street Center

Father's Day Special Lunch

June 13 - 12:00 Noon with Singer/pianist Diane Dexter

Birthday Lunch

June 13 - 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 or \$3.50 fee for under 60 years old.

Ask the Assistant Town Planner – “What’s going on in Town?”

June 18 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch and Learn Come hear about all the different construction projects, and development happening in Reading.

Disneyland of the East

June 20th 10:15 - Come join us at the Pleasant Street Center and reminisce. Billed as Boston’s answer to Disneyland, Pleasure Island opened on June 22, 1959. Robert McLaughlin a Wakefield resident with an interest in local history has been researching Pleasure Island is cofounder of the Friends of Pleasure Island, which was established to collect images, film, oral history, and artifacts relating to the park. He has selected images from private collections and the Friends of Pleasure Island’s archives to tell the story of Wakefield’s own "Disneyland of the East".



Argo – Won Best Picture

June 24 1:30 on the big screen television in the Great Room ~ 2012 R 120 minutes

In 1979, when Iranian militants seize the American embassy, six Americans slip into the Canadian embassy for protection, prompting the CIA to concoct an elaborate plot to rescue them by pretending that they are filmmakers rather than diplomats. Cast: Ben Affleck, Bryan

Cranston, Alan Arkin, and John Goodman.

SPRING 2012 JUNE BIRD WALKS IN READING!

6:00 – 8:00 AM



Sunday ~ June 3 ~ Meet at Lobs Pound on Mill Street.

We'll bird there for a while and then drive to another near-by location!

MISSION OF DEEDS

16TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Monday ~ June 3 ~ Woburn Country Club ~ 50/50 “From the Sky” Ball Drop

Purchase tickets at Mission of Deeds ~ 6 Chapin Avenue

Or call 781-944-9797 for more information

Parker Middle School Spring Concert

6th & 7th Grades



Tuesday June 4

6:00 PM ~ 6th Grade ~ Instrumental & Choral
7:30 PM ~ 7th Grade ~ Instrumental & Choral

Parker Middle School Spring Concert

8th Grade



Thursday June 6 ~ 7:00 PM
Instrumental & Choral

Colonial Chorus Players



Friday June 14 ~ Saturday June 15
Saturday June 22 ~ Sunday June 23

A Fundraising Event!
www.colonialchorus.com
781-944-9780

8th Annual Kids Fun Run



Saturday ~ June 15
RMHS Track ~ Birch Meadow Drive
Registration Check In Opens at 8:30 AM

Ages PreK to 8th grade as of 09/13
Races divided by grade level and gender
Special 25 yd. Race for 4 and under!

For information and to register:
<http://forr01867.org/funRunSignUp.html>

Reading Lions Club 9th Annual
Reading Friends and Family Day



Saturday June 15 ~ Birch Meadow Complex

Morning ~ FORR Kids Fun Run

Booths, food, crafts, games, entertainment (11:00-3:00)

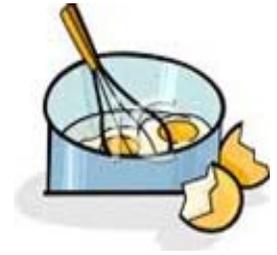
Evening Fireworks!

For more information or to register for a booth
contact Nancy Jenney at 781-942-1059 or rjenney@comcast.net





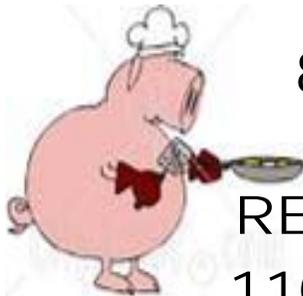
TREAT DAD TO BREAKFAST



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.



READING MASONIC BUILDING
110 HAVEN STREET, READING



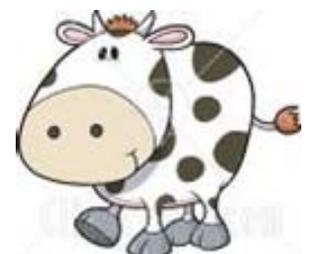
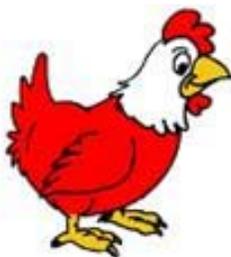
ADULTS: \$7.00, SENIORS: \$6.00
CHILDREN 6 - 12: \$5.00, UNDER 6: FREE
FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 3+ CHILDREN UNDER 12): \$14.00

ALL ARE WELCOME

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

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First Baptist Church invites all children to join us at

Vacation Bible School

We're ready for a vacation bible school your children will never forget. Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and families in our neighborhood. We hope all will join us at our vacation bible school!

Monday July 22 through Friday July 26 at First Baptist Church from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM

For information, email vbs@fbcreading.org , call 781-944-3876
or visit our website www.fbcreading.org

Registration begins on **May 1** (earlier than usual). Now open to 4 yr olds and through those entering the 5th grade. Cost is \$35 per participant or \$90 for families of 3 or more if you register before June 1st. (After June 1 ~ \$40 per participant or \$100 per family of 3 or more.)



Colonial Chorus Players **SHOWKIDZ**

Registration is now open for Colonial Chorus **Players Showkidz**, a Children's Theater Workshop where participants learn all aspects of "putting on a musical production", culminating in an opening night performance! During the two weeks, children will learn about acting, singing, dancing, costuming, make-up, set design building and lots more!

- Children aged 8-13 on July 15 are invited to enroll
- Workshops will take place from Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 26 with the July 26 performance at 7:00 PM. This year's performance will be selected soon.
- Program hours are 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Monday through Friday, plus 5:00 - 9:00 PM on Friday, July 26 at 1249 Main Street.
- Registration fee is \$425.
- Children should bring their own morning snack and lunch.
- **Showkidz 2013** will be held at 1249 Main Street. The July 26 performance venue still to be determined.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis until 30 slots are filled.

Please visit www.colonialchorus.com for important information and the Showkidz 2013 Registration Forms or call 781-944-9780.

COLONIAL SUMMER PLAYERS TEENAGE PROGRAM

Registration is now open for the Colonial Summer Players workshop. We will be performing "Into the Woods Junior"!

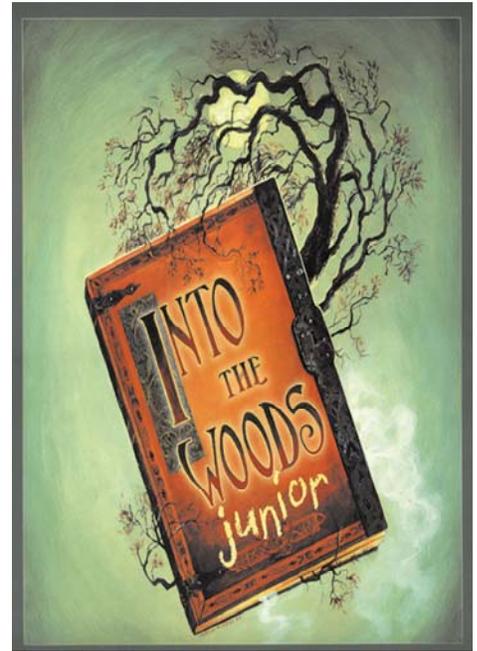
Workshop is for ages 13-18 (We will allow siblings of older students signing up aged 11 and up. We will also allow 12 year olds who are experienced with all day theatre workshops.)

The workshop dates are July 29th-August 18th. Four performances August 16 - 18.

Regular workshop hours are 8:30am-3pm (the last week gets switched up a bit due to shows and dress rehearsals).

The first two weeks are held at 1249 Main Street, Reading. Final week is held at the Stevens Theater at Merrimack College.

The four performances will be held at the Stevens Theater at Merrimack College.



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IS SOMETHING MISSING IN THIS NEWSLETTER?



Maybe it's your group or organization's events! If you are a non-profit organization holding an event that the general public is invited to, it may be eligible for insertion in *Your Community Connection!*

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