



Your Community Connection

March-April 2015

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

Snow... snow... everywhere snow!

The winter of 2015 may end up as the snowiest winter on record for Reading! For a period of five weeks the snow has pounded the region. Over time, the annoyances that the weather caused to local daily life was put in perspective by the real danger and substantial disruptions.

We would like to thank our residents and local businesses for their remarkable display of patience and support. During the past few weeks I have received about 5% concerns and 95% compliments about the Town's response to the difficult circumstances. For those that showed their appreciation, please know that quite often compliments have a way of appearing on the wall at the Public Works garage, and they serve as an inspiration to an exhausted staff, and a reminder of the type of community Reading is – underneath all that snow.

A big round of applause goes to all of our 'essential workers' - especially to the tireless Public Works department and our contracted plow drivers. The same DPW staff of about 40 juggled water main bursts, sewer backups, and snow plowing – often working for 24 hour days with very little rest. Sure, the occasional mailbox bit the dust, but on balance they did a great job!



To borrow from Tennyson, in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of – potholes. Please make sure you read about the 'seedclickfix' software in this publication to learn the best way to report these to us. Meanwhile – pitchers & catchers are here 😊. Go Sox! 

Robert W. LeLacheur, Jr. CFA

Town Manager

781-942-9043

townmanager@ci.reading.ma.us



Annual Town Meeting

April 27 & 30 and May 4 & 7

7:30 PM - RMHS

William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center

READING MATTERS...

The Reading Board of Selectmen

You can contact the Board by 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.

BOS OFFICE HOURS:

March 24 – April 14

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

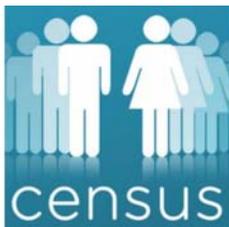
Town Hall Conference Room



Don't forget!

**Your Community Connection
is now issued every other month!**

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



TOWN CENSUS

Residents should return their completed Census Forms to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible.

DOG LICENSES

2015 Dog Licenses are available. Dogs six months and older must be licensed by March 31. Residents 70 and older should contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-942-9050 as they may get a free dog tag. Must provide a copy of the dog's current rabies certificate.



NOMINATION PAPERS

Town Local Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7. Deadline to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, March 18. Town Hall will open that evening until 8:00 PM for voter registration.



We have some seats
that need filling...



- Have you always wanted to participate in your Town more?
- But you just didn't know how to get started?
- Volunteer to be on a Board, Commission, or Committee!
- Your commitment to your community will be appreciated!

Current Openings

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Conservation Commission
- Community Planning and Development Commission
- Council on Aging
- Human Relations Advisory Committee
- Town Forest Committee
- Trails Committee

**Please apply at the Town Clerk's Office to be considered for any of these positions.
If you have any questions please call Paula Schena at 781-942-6643.**

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



Motor Vehicle Excise bills were mailed on February 9, 2015 and are due on March 11, 2015. If you have received a bill for every vehicle that was registered to you as of January 1, 2015. If you did not receive your bill(s), please contact the Collector's Office at 781-942-9033 so that a duplicate bill can be sent to you. Failure to receive the bill in the mail does not relieve you of the obligation to pay the bill on time. Demand fees will be assessed on delinquent bills.

The demand fee increased to \$25.00 as of January 1, 2009 by vote of Town Meeting. Effective January 1, 2014 we are no longer mailing payment reminders before imposing the demand fees on unpaid bills.

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

The final installment of the FY15 Actual bills will be mailed in March with payment due by May 4. The tax rate approved by the Department of Revenue for FY15 is \$14.70. These bills will reflect all payments received and any exemptions/abatement that are granted by March 15, 2015. The deadline to apply for abatements was February 2. The deadline to apply for an exemption is March 31, 2015.

We can only accept debit and credit card payments through our online payment service. The link is available on the home page of the Town's website.

Please be sure that if you're using an on-line bill payment service through your bank that you allow plenty of time for your bank to **mail** a check to our office. Most banks require 7 – 10 business days to guarantee on-time payment. Also, please verify that you have the proper bill number or account number referenced on your payment. Bill numbers change each cycle and are often not updated on your on-line bill payment checks.

We do not receive electronic payments from your bank unless you use the link from our website. If you choose to use this link, you may pay up until the due date and your payment will be considered timely.

Reading Response Program



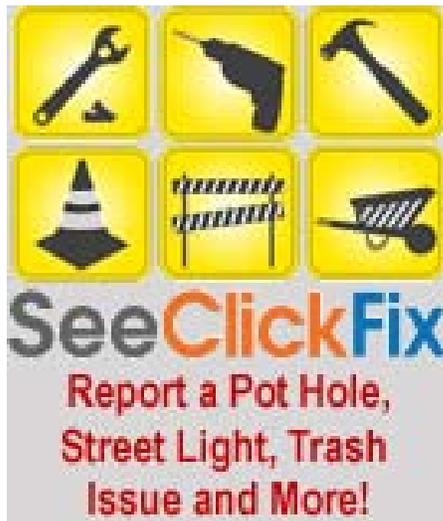
The Reading Response Program provides assistance to Reading residents with medically related services including transportation to medical appointments and paying for hospital services. The program is funded by the investment income on the Hospital Trust Funds. Financial guidelines do apply, with a sliding 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 at 781-942-6608 or Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer / Collector at 781-942-9005.

You never know what will spring up at
Reading Public Library.



Check online for upcoming Spring events.
www.readingpl.org
Visit us at our temporary location.
80 General Way





SeeClickFix

Report Pot Holes!

Street Light Problems!

Trash Issues!

And more!

Commonwealth Connect – Reading

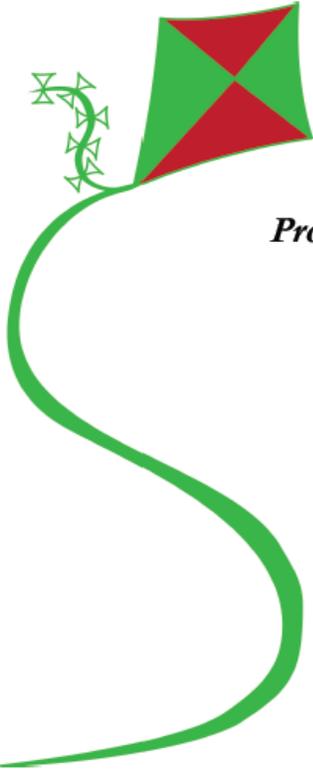
The Town of Reading has received an innovation grant from the City of Boston to partner with SeeClickFix to bring you Commonwealth Connect - an application that empowers you to see a problem, report it, and be notified when the issue is closed!

Residents report non-emergency, quality of life problems, such as potholes and street repairs, directly to those responsible for resolving the issue.

How it works

1. Residents can send notifications via an App on their iPhone, Android device, or on the Town website. Enter the address or use the map marker to navigate to the area where the issue you want to report is located on the map. (Use the controls in the upper left corner to move the map around the window or zoom in and out.).
2. Once you have mapped the location of your issue, click next to start step 2.
3. Enter a summary of your issue, such as "Pothole" or "Street Repair". Once you've entered a summary, you can then fill out a more detailed description of the issue and even attach a photograph. After this is complete, enter a display name as well as a valid email address. After you've completed all the fields, press submit to create a public report of your issue!
4. Download at the App Store, Google Play, Windows Phone, and Blackberry App.

Visit the application website or watch the informational video for more information about SeeClickFix and how it works.



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(781) 944-9581

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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

Or email: info@connectthetots.org



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

Looking for something to do this winter? We have Open Houses, a monthly MOMS Night Out, weekly playgroups and many other fun events planned by our members happening all the time!

Regardless of your child's age, we are likely to have children in your child's age group and have more joining every month, from newborns to grade schoolers.

We're a 501(C) (3) nonprofit registered with the IRS. We donate the Ecotarium pass to the library and raise money for radKIDS®!

Can't make it to an open house? That's ok! You can sign up online at our Meet-up page: www.meetup.com/readingmomsclub and immediately be informed of our events. We also are on Facebook, offering our moms the ability to chat and share tips, etc. in a private social media forum.

For more information email us at meghan.carnahan@gmail.com or visit our Meetup page: www.meetup.com/readingmomsclub. We look forward to meeting you!

Your Community Connection is for YOU!



Non-profit organizations that are from the Town of Reading can advertise their events, fundraisers, concerts, plays, music events, and most other events at no cost in
Your Community Connection!



*Our family invites your family to participate
in all our activities at*

**Old South Church
in Reading Center**

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

**First Congregational Church of Reading,
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All are welcome.

Sunday Services 10:00 AM

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First Baptist Church of Reading

45 Woburn Street ~ Reading

781.944.3876

www.fbcreading.org ~ office@fbcreading.org



March

Snowmen aren't forever



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Reading Pleasant Street Center

49 Pleasant Street - Reading, MA

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

Blood Pressure

March 2, Monday - 10:15 - 10:45 AM

March 20, Friday – 10:15 - 10:45 AM

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: John Walsh 10:00 – 11:00 AM; Tuesday and Thursdays: 1:00 – 2:00 PM with Ethan.

Art Lessons with Steve Greco

Tuesdays from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 2 ½ hour class for \$10.00. Minimum of five students for the class; Steve will teach any medium.

Lunch is Served

Noon. Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a terrific meal, good conversation, and occasional live entertainment. Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, cost is \$3.50).

Fuel Assistance

Tuesday, March 10 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Help with applying for Fuel Assistance located at Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Lower Level Conference Room. This assistance will continue until May, 2015. Fifteen minute appointments may be made by calling (781) 942-6608. Sorry, no drop-ins.

Low Vision Group

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 AM. Speaker: Lt. Mark Dwyer, Coordinator “SENIOR SAFE”, Reading Fire Department.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meet every 2nd Wednesday - March 11

1:30 to 3:00 PM. Led by Greater Medford VNA

Podiatry Clinic

Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 – 4:30 PM. Call for an appointment with our new podiatrist: Dr. Carl Conui. Call 617-629-2806 and please say this is an appointment at the Pleasant Street Center. Bring your insurance card or cost is \$40. Most insurance covers this service every 9 weeks.

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

Meeting in the Computer Room on March 20 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call 781-942-6794 for an appointment.

Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser - Monday, **March 16** from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM by appointment. Call 781-245-6605.

Chair Massage - Thursday, March 5, 19, & 26- 9:00 – 12:00 receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8. For Chair Massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service).

FITNESS

Yoga

Mondays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, 5 weeks for \$50 or \$11 for drop-in. Yoga will increase your strength, flexibility and balance. It energizes the body and calms the mind.

Zumba Gold

Mondays with Kelli and Wednesdays with Cindy. 9:15 - 10:15 AM - \$5 per session. Zumba is fun... So grab some friends and come take a class! Drop-ins welcome

Tai Chi

“FOREVER 49” Fit for Life Fitness Program - Tai Chi, Chi Gong, weight lifting, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM, \$40/month or \$10/Session. Drop-ins welcome. **FIRST CLASS FREE!** March 2, come try this class and see how to stay fit for life.

Motion to Music

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM. \$20/month. NOTE: \$15/month - any **5** classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session.

Body & Brain Flexibility

Tuesdays - March 3, 10:30 – 11:30 AM; 5 week Session. Come join us for Body & Brain Flexibility, learn skills to enhance memory and coordination and have fun! Our classes are gentle and effective, designed for people of all abilities and especially for those who are new to yoga. \$5 drop-in.

B.E.S.T.

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

GAMES

Cribbage - Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Billiards - (No van) Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Pool Table - is available Monday - Friday

Bingo - Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM

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

Party Bridge: Friday, 12:45 - 3:15 PM, \$1.00 to play - Maximum 32, (No Van)

Chess: Friday, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, (No van)

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Games on the Big Screen

Thursday, March 5, 1:00. "New" Wii Games – "\$10,000 Pyramid" and "Who wants to be a Millionaire" Refreshments provided.

Games Games Games

Join us on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 3:00 -5:00 PM. The RMHS National Honor Society will be hosting a fun and free game afternoon. Come play some of your favorite board games and enjoy the company of your friends and RMHS volunteers! Games and snacks will be provided!



Learn About the Benefits of Reiki

Thursday, March 12, 10:15 AM. Reiki Teachers Elise Brenner and Judy Bousquin will introduce you to this gentle practice that facilitates healing, promotes mindfulness, and supports personal growth. Reiki complements any form of medical treatment, and is beneficial to people of all ages and backgrounds. You will have the opportunity to experience a sample treatment.

Movie Day

Thursday, March 12, 1:00 **Saving Mr. Banks.**

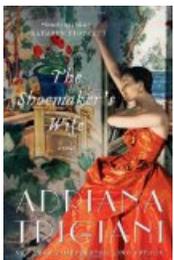
2013 PG-13 When Walt Disney sets his sights on obtaining the rights to the children's classic "Mary Poppins," he reaches out to the book's author, P.L. Travers, only to find that she proves a tough nut to crack.

Attention, Adults with Diabetes!

Monday, March 16, 1:00 – 4:00 PM: Is Medicare your Primary Insurance? If so, you are eligible to receive a pair of diabetic shoes and inserts at little or no cost to you! Sign up for your 10-Minute appointment at the front desk! You will need to pick up a form to bring to your doctor.

St. Patrick's Day Special Lunch

Tuesday, March 17, 12:00 Entertainment by Jim Moses with Irish Music.



The Not Too Stuffy Book Group: *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani

Thursday, March 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

The majestic and haunting beauty of the Italian Alps is the setting of the first meeting of Enza, a practical beauty, and Ciro, a strapping mountain boy, who meet as teenagers, despite growing up in villages just a few miles apart. At the turn of the last century, when Ciro catches the local priest in a scandal, he is banished from his village and sent to hide in America as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Little Italy. Without explanation, he leaves a bereft Enza behind. Soon, Enza's family faces disaster and she, too, is forced to go to America with her father to secure their future. From the stately mansions of Carnegie Hill, to the cobblestone streets of Little Italy, over the perilous cliffs of northern Italy, to the white-capped lakes of northern Minnesota, these star-crossed lovers meet and separate,

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until, finally, the power of their love changes both of their lives forever. You are invited for a friendly discussion; books are available to borrow at the Library or the Center. Not-Too-Stuffsy meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Center Lounge.

March 23, 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

Hearing Tests

Tuesday, March 24, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Are you having difficulties hearing your loved ones? Come have your hearing screened by the Hearing Care Practitioner. Walk-ins welcome, registration preferred.

Lunch 'n Learn

Thursday, March 26, Lunch at 12:00 Noon and Learn at 12:30 PM. **Glaucoma Awareness Presentation** with Dr. Ambika Hoguet. Dr. Hoguet is an attending physician at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (MEEI) and an instructor of ophthalmology for Harvard Medical School. She is a glaucoma specialist and specializes in glaucoma and cataract surgery.



CREATIVE ARTS

25 Woburn Street ~ Reading ~ Inside the Congregational Church
781.942.9600 ~ info@weteachcreativearts.org

Painting on Canvas at Bertucci's Thursday ~ March 5 ~ 6:30 – 9:00 pm



Grab a friend and join us for a fun night out!

Professional Artist, Natalie Busby, will guide you step by step in creating your very own masterpiece based on one of her original paintings! No, you do not need any experience – simply come ready to have some fun, release the work-day tension, and get a paint brush in your hand!

CREATIVE ARTS provides all the painting supplies, Bertucci's supplies some appetizers, and you just show up! (Beverages & additional food may be purchased.) All for only \$35 per person!

Space is limited, so get registered today by calling CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 or emailing to office@WeTeachCreativeArts.org

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NEW ... Saturday Workshops!

After all the “white” of February, we're determined to make March a month of **COLOR!**

Workshop: “World of Color”

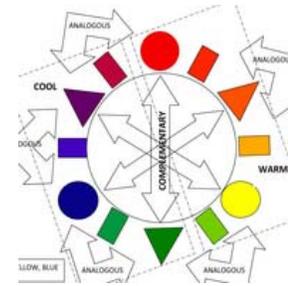
Dates: Saturdays, March 7-28

Times/Ages: 10:00 – 11:00 AM for 6-8 year olds;
11am-noon for 8-12 year olds

Description: Using famous artists as inspiration, students will explore color through painting, pastels, colored pencils and more.

Instructor: Laura Root is a licensed art teacher with her Masters in Teaching Art from Salem State University.

Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Call CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 or email Education Director Kelly Walsh at info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org



THINK SPRING!



Enroll NOW in Spring Courses at CREATIVE ARTS!

Get creativity going, the music playing, actors on stage with one of our theatre, art, or music classes this Spring. Return for old favorites or try one of our NEW classes! View a full course catalog on our website: www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org.

Some New Classes Include:

- Clay Mania – ages 4-7
- Instrument Exploration – ages 4-7
- Superheroes Acting – ages 6-8
- Cartooning – ages 7-12
- Sculpture Thru Time – ages 7-12
- Mother/Daughter Sewing
- Beginning Flute Class
- Broadway Acting &/or Singing – ages 4-6 or 7-12
- Bucket Drumming – ages 7-12
- Minecraft-Claymation – ages 10-16
- Master Painters – ages 10-16
- Acting for Teens – ages 13+

To register, contact: Education Director Kelly Walsh at info@weteachcreativearts.org or call the office 781.942.9600. Registration forms can also be found on our website. Classes begin April 6th.

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Calling all adults ... Treat yourself to some fun & creativity!

CREATIVE ARTS isn't just for kids! We have opportunities for the adults to learn something new or improve one a current talent, too! 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:

Painting Studio – NEW Day: Thursday Evenings

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

Free-Write Class – Friday Late Morning

Private Music, Theatre or Art Lessons- Days/times Open



All abilities welcomed! For questions or to register, contact: Education Director Kelly Walsh at info@weteachcreativearts.org or call the office 781.942.9600.

Theatre for Young Adults Presents...

Sleeping Beauty



Saturday ~ March 21 ~ 10:30 AM ~ Tickets \$5

Reservations: 781-942-9600 or email info@weteachcreativearts.org

Theatre for Young Audiences Series sponsored by Dr. Mickey & Associates

What modern day twists will we add to the classic telling of Sleeping Beauty? You'll have to join us to find out!

Storytime Theatre is a group of talented adults and youth actors who perform classic fairy tales for children aged 1 through 8 who will be delighted with the modern day version of Sleeping Beauty. This production will feature live music from members of our professional music staff as well as dynamic storytelling, jokes and riddles, audience participation and theatre education. We even pull out our costume box at the end of the show for kids to try on their favorite pieces!

Performance will be at Creative Arts ~ 25 Woburn Street ~ inside the First Congregational Church

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Burbank Ice Arena, Reading

ICE SKATING LESSONS

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

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New skaters can join any week*

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Group Lessons Private Lessons Freestyle Sessions Off-Ice Classes

Register for Classes Now

Children, Teen & Adult Classes

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

Session Dates: **Session III, January 29th - April 18th**

(Cost pro-rated after the first class)

Session IV, April 23rd - June 27th

Summer Session, Tuesday Evenings,

July 8th - August 26th

Don't miss our: **Ice Spectacular Skating Show** **April 10th, 11th & 12th**
 North Shore Open Competition **May 29th, 30th & 31st**
 Basic Skills Competition **June 7th**

The Teen Scoop from Brad Agostinelli Burbank YMCA Teen Director

**TEEN
ACTIVITIES**



Teen Night: On Friday nights, March 6 and April 10 the Burbank YMCA in Reading will be open just for teens. There will be food, games, and the gym and wellness area will be open for use. It's free for members and nonmembers ages 12 and up! Please register with Brad beforehand at bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org.

YMCA Leaders Club: Leaders is a weekly club for teens who'd like to be a leader in our Y community, help plan and organize teen events and activities, and participate in community service. There is a free membership incentive to anyone who commits to the whole school year and becomes an official Leaders Club member. Middle schoolers meet at 6pm and high schoolers meet at 7pm on Wednesdays at the Burbank YMCA.

Teen fitness classes: Every session the Burbank Y offer fitness classes specifically for teens. For the Spring I session in March and April these classes will include fee-based classes like Teen Weight Lifting, Teen Rowing (NEW!!), Sports Conditioning, and Kids Boot Camp and member-only free teen group exercise classes like Teen Group Cycle. Each is taught by trained YMCA staff.

For more information please contact Burbank YMCA Teen Director Brad Agostinelli at bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org or 781-909-7116.

SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES

Come hear your



Reading Civic Concert Band

Playing LIVE! One engagement only!

Sunday - March 1 - 3:00

At the First Congregational Church

25 Woburn Street, Reading



Admission: - \$12

Students - \$8

Seniors - \$8

8 yo and under - free



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Winter Beer & Wine Tasting

Sponsored by
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at...



the
WineShop
& more

676 Main Street, Reading, MA
781-944-4521

On **Thursday, March 5th**

6 to 9pm

\$10 admission

Includes a chance to win a wine/beer basket

10% of all sales will be donated to REF!

Supporting REF and Reading Public Schools has never been Tastier!



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Outside the box - Inside the classroom.
www.ReadingEF.org



Reading
Scholarship
Foundation INC.

A quick reminder to high school seniors,
college students and their parents:

Applications for the 2015 Reading
Scholarship Foundation awards must be
postmarked by **FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015.**

Questions? Visit our website at
www.readingsf.org or email us at
scholarships@readingsf.org.

ANTIGONE



Reading High School Drama Club
March 6 & 7 at 7:30 PM
March 8 at 2:00 PM

Written by Sophocles and translated by Nicholas Rudall
Directed by Mrs. Natalie Cunha

The Endsloew Performing Arts Center ~ 62 Oakland Road ~ RMHS

Tickets available through Ticketstage.com
Adults \$15 ~ Students & Seniors \$10

You Are Invited To a Murder Mystery Dinner And Costume Party!



After the mysterious disappearance of Cinderella, Prince Charming is throwing a ball to find a new wife. Some of the Kingdom residents question how the prince could move on so fast, while others are jumping at the chance to earn their spot as the new princess in the castle.

*As the evening escalates, an unprecedented killing occurs in the palace ..
with you left to write the final chapter.*

Will you accuse the fairy godmother whose magic cannot give her the outcome she desires? The prince who has used his riches to alienate others? Or perhaps a pouting princess who is plotting to win the heart of Prince Charming.

In a kingdom where jealousy, betrayal and deception are common storylines, it will be up to you to find the felon so that everyone can live happily ever after.

Join us by playing a role or simply enjoy solving the murder along with the other guests!

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The Grand Ball will be held on
Saturday, March 7th, 2015, 6:00pm

The castle is located at:
CREATIVE ARTS, 25 Woburn Street, Reading MA

Advanced Ticket Purchase Required for Character Assignment:
\$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors, \$10 Students, Kids 5 & under free

To purchase tickets call: 781.942.9600 or visit: www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org



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In the **Regional First Robotics Competition...**



Saturday March 7th 9am – 7pm

Sunday March 8th 9am – 6pm

RMHS Field House, 62 Oakland Road

****Free Admission****

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be served

Proceeds benefit the Reading FRC Team

Bring donations of nonperishable food for the Reading Food Pantry!

Don't miss this amazing experience! *First Robotics – Varsity Sport for the Mind*

Reading Recreation presents...



The Beautiful Game Junior Soccer League ~ Ages 4 to 7

This program will combine our pre-existing soccer league with the superior skills training from The Beautiful Game, LLC. The league will provide each player with the opportunity to enhance their individual skills, develop confidence in the small sided environment and have a ton of FUN. Players will enjoy the experience of learning under the professional guidance of the Beautiful Game staff, including Reading Memorial High School Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, Paul Orlando. Our innovative clinic curriculum will feature all components of the modern game from technical skill development to real game tactical situations. Schedules will be released before the start of the program. If you are interested in volunteering to coach, please contact Jenna Fiorente at gfiorente@ci.reading.ma.us.

Tuesdays, March 7 to April 4 ~ Ages 4 & 5 at 8:30AM or 9:30AM ~ Ages 6 & 7 at 10:30AM or 11:30AM
Fee: \$95 ~ Location: Barrows Elementary School Gymnasium ~ Max. 40 per division

Reading Art Association

March 11

Acrylic Landscape Demonstration
By Bruce Wood

April 8

Gouache Demonstration
By Barbara Donnelly

7:30 PM ~ First Congregational Church of Reading



Austin Preparatory School presents...

Celtic Music Jam

Thursday ~ March 12

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Facility
Students & Faculty Members

Join us for an evening of music and fun!



Reading Recreation presents...

Microwheels ~ Ages 2 to 4

Micro Wheels teaches the fundamentals of learning to ride a bicycle without training wheels! Each class your Knucklebones coach will bring in a variety of unique wheeled and non-wheeled products to help build gross motor skills, balance and confidence. Class will begin with a brief stretch and activity to get participants up and moving. From there we will introduce a new activity involving wheeled vehicles such as scooter boards, three wheel scooters, balance bicycles and finally progressing to a bicycle. As well, we will include an array of diverse games and activities such as balance beams, balancing stones, street signs, an obstacle course and more to help these determined drivers develop the skills needed to ride safely, successfully and have FUN!

Saturdays, March 14 to April 18 ~ Time: 9:00 to 10:00 AM ~ Fee: \$85
Joshua Eaton Elementary School Gymnasium ~ Instructor Elise Mimmo ~ Min. 4 / Max 15

CONNECT *the TOTS*
presents

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 4-5 *pm*

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PERFORMING ARTS CENTER | \$5 PER
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Your Community Connection ~ March - April 2015

Quannapowitt Players presents...

Fundraising Theater Photography Workshops By Jon Sachs



Through trial and error, and with great help from modern technology, I have worked out methods to get successful theater photos, and decided to put these seminars together to share what I have learned **and to raise money for Quannapowitt Players**, where I did most of my learning.

Workshop 1

You will attend the dress rehearsal for *Of Mice and Men* on March 15 but will also attend a special session *the next night* and watch me handle all of the post production, from picking the best shots, to adjusting color, exposure, and cropping, to printing them out. In addition, we will create custom QP branded headshots for all the actors. (While this is not intended to be a workshop on learning about how RAW image workflow with Lightroom works, if you are curious about that, this might be worth attending just for an overview of RAW and Lightroom).

Workshop 1 will accept 25 students. This two-night workshop is \$20, which we will collect at the door.

Workshop 2

On Tuesday night, up to 6 workshop registrants will take turns photographing another rehearsal of *Of Mice and Men*. Then on Wednesday night, each participant will do their own post-processing in Lightroom, under my tutelage. You will need Lightroom, which you can [download for free from Adobe](#) for 30 days. If you have not used it, it would be best to download ahead of time, and maybe watch the [Lynda.com training videos](#) as well, for \$25. An interchangeable-lens DSLR camera is best for this sort of work, followed by a mirror-less interchangeable lens camera, followed by high-end point and shoot with zoom. But the ability to shoot in RAW format is critical. The workshop will leverage the advantages of RAW, as well as the issues.

Workshop 2 will accept just 6 students. This hands-on two-night workshop is \$95, which we will collect at the door.

Please go to <http://jonathansachs.com/theater-photography-workshops-march-15-18-2015> to reserve your slot for either or both of the theater photography workshops.

Jon Sachs is a professional Graphics and Website Designer who also takes incredible photographs. He has been QP's official Production and Headshot photographer for many years.



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COLONIAL CHORUS PLAYERS

MARCH 20 & MARCH 21 AT 7:30 PM

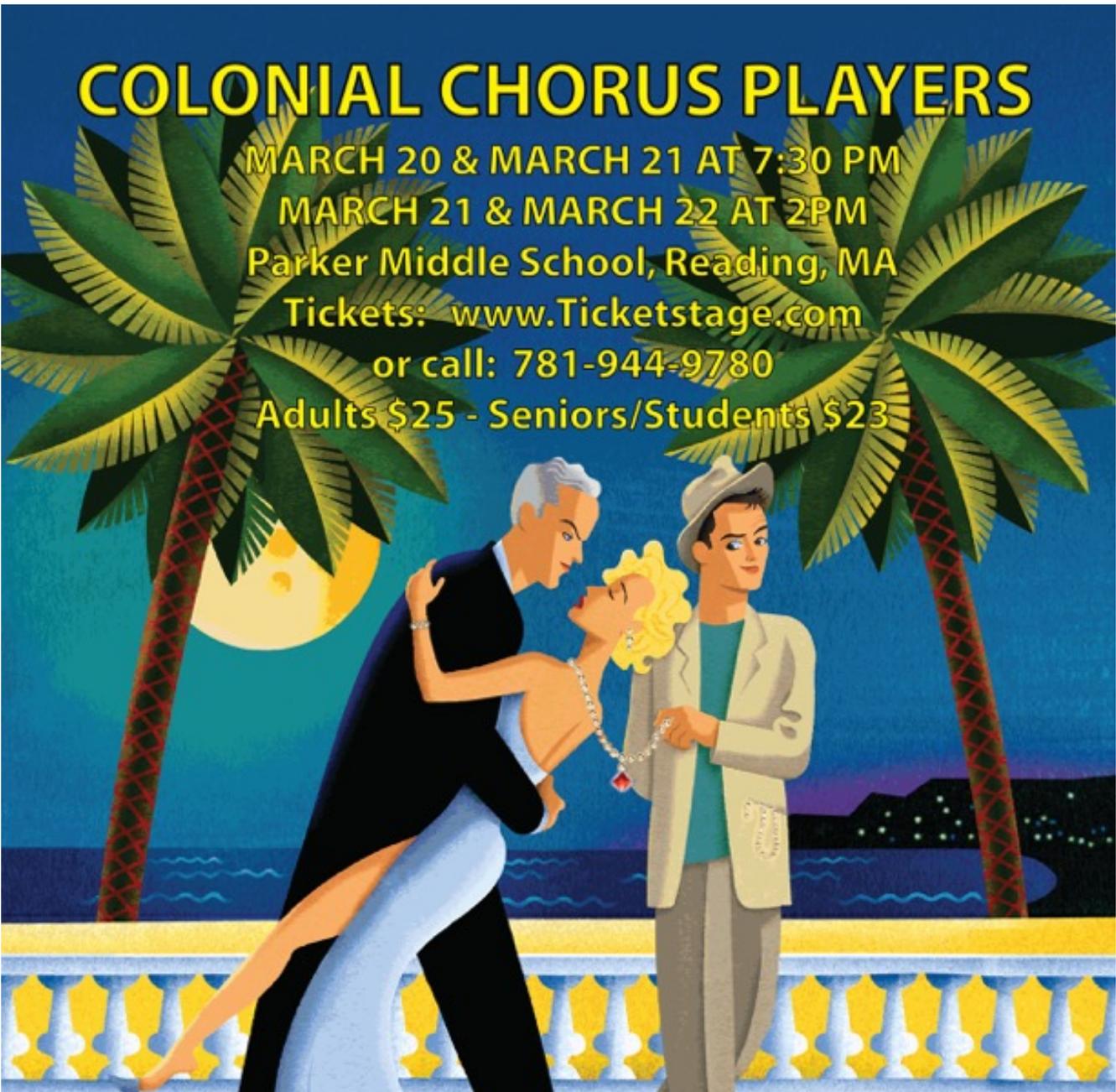
MARCH 21 & MARCH 22 AT 2PM

Parker Middle School, Reading, MA

Tickets: www.Ticketstage.com

or call: 781-944-9780

Adults \$25 - Seniors/Students \$23



DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684

www.MTIShows.com

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 **Quannapowitt Players, Inc.**

Presents...


**Of
Mice
and Men**

Directed by Michelle Aguillon

Production Dates: March 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28

Tickets \$19 by calling Box Office 781-942-2212 or going online to
www.qptheater.com

QP Theater, 55 Hopkins Street, Reading MA 01867

Featuring: Eric Lamarche, Craig Ciampa, Shawn Maguire, Adam Heroux, Paul Warner, Sabrina Fenton, Claude Del, Gordon Ellis, Bobby Imperato, and Brian Sensale.

This American classic by Nobel Prize-Winning author John Steinbeck tells the story of George and Lenny, displaced migrant workers during the Great Depression in the farmlands of California's central valley. Together they hold the American dream of someday owning their own place, but when Lenny runs into trouble, George is faced with protecting his friend yet again or having to move on without him.

Reading Symphony Orchestra

GEORGE OGATA
MUSIC DIRECTOR ♦ CONDUCTOR

THE INAUGURAL CONCERT

MARCH 22, 2015 3:30 PM



Haldan Martinson - Violinist

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HALDAN MARTINSON
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TICKETS

ADULT \$15

SENIORS & STUDENTS \$10

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This program is supported in part by a grant from the Reading Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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*Looking for something to do
with the family in March?*

RMHS Winter Percussion & RMHS Winter Guard

Is Hosting the



Winter Guard and Percussion Show

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 21

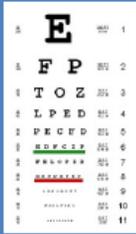
**Percussion performances begin at 4:00 pm
Winter Guard performances begin at 5:40 pm**

Reading Memorial High School Field House

**This is a wonderful in-town event the whole family will enjoy!
Live music, Entertaining performances, Food, 50/50 raffles
Band and Color Guard items for sale - all indoors**

Admission: Adults - \$10 ~ Students and Senior Citizens - \$8

Visit our website: www.rmhs-bpo.org or www.nesba.org
for updated information and performance times



Glaucoma Awareness: Protecting Your Vision

Please join us for a “**Lunch and Learn**” program
for families and friends presented by
Ambika Hoguet, M.D.

*Learn about glaucoma detection and
treatment.*

Thursday, March 26, 2015

12:00 p.m. – Lunch*

12:30 p.m. – Learn

Dr. Hoguet is an attending physician at the
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, specializing in
glaucoma and cataract surgery, and an instructor of
ophthalmology for Harvard Medical School.

**Pleasant Street Center
49 Pleasant Street
Reading, MA
781-942-6794**

**Reservations required for lunch*

APRIL



Reading Pleasant Street Center

49 Pleasant Street - Reading, MA

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

Blood Pressure

April 6, Monday – 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

April 17, Friday – 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

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, John Walsh, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ethan, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Art Lessons with Steve Greco

Tuesdays – 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 2 ½ hours for \$10.00, minimum of five students for the class, Steve will teach any medium.

Lunch is Served

Noon - Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a terrific meal, good conversation, and occasional live entertainment. Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, cost is \$3.50).

Fuel Assistance

Tuesday, April 14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, help with applying for Fuel Assistance, located at Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Lower Level. This assistance will continue until May 2015. Fifteen minute appointments may be made by calling 781-942-6608. Sorry, no drop-ins.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meet every 2nd Wednesday – April 8, 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Led by Greater Medford VNA.

Podiatry Clinic

Wednesday, April 15, 1:30 – 4:30 PM. Call for an appointment with our new podiatrist Dr. Carl Conui at 617-629-2806. Please say this is an appointment at the Pleasant Street Center. Bring your insurance card or cost is \$40. Most insurance covers this service every 9 weeks.

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

Meeting in the Computer Room April 17, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794.

Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser - Monday, **April 13**, 9:30 PM – 1:00 PM by appointment call 781-245-6605.

For chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service).

Manicures – Thursday, April 9 & 23 – 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, \$6.00 or \$7.00 for French.

Chair Massage - Thursday, April 2, 16, & 23, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

FITNESS

Yoga

Mondays – 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, 3 weeks for \$30 or \$11 for drop-in. Yoga will increase your strength, flexibility and balance. It energizes the body and calms the mind.

Zumba Gold

Mondays with Kelli and Wednesdays with Cindy, 9:15 - 10:15 AM, \$5 session. Zumba is fun... So grab some friends and come take a class! Drop-ins welcome

Tai Chi

“FOREVER 49” Fit for Life Fitness Program - Tai Chi, Chi Gong, weight lifting, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM, \$40/month or \$10/Session. Drop-ins welcome. **FIRST CLASS FREE** April 1, come try this class and see how to stay fit for life.

Motion to Music

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, \$20/month, **NOTE:** \$15/month - any **5** classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session.

Body & Brain Flexibility

Tuesdays – April 7, 10:30 – 11:30 AM; 4 week Session. Come join us for Body & Brain Flexibility, learn skills to enhance memory and coordination and have fun! Our classes are gentle and effective, designed for people of all abilities and especially for those who are new to yoga. \$5 drop-in

B.E.S.T.

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

GAMES

Cribbage - Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Billiards - (No van) Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Pool table is available Mondays - Fridays

Bingo - Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM

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

Party Bridge - Fridays, 12:45 - 3:15 PM, \$1.00 to play, Maximum 32, (No Van)

Chess - Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, (No van)

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Movie Day

Thursday April 2, 1:00 PM - **The Rookie**: In this inspiring true story, Jim Morris strikes an intriguing bargain with the Texas high school baseball team he coaches: If they make the playoffs, he'll try out for the big leagues.

Health Care Proxy Workshop

Tuesday, April 7 10:15 AM, Jen McGlynn, RN, BSN, Hospice Manager at Hallmark Health VNA & Hospice will hold a workshop on understanding the importance of having a Health Care Proxy on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:15 AM. Everyone will leave with a completed Health Care Proxy form at no charge.

Spring Special Lunch

Wednesday, April 8, 12:00 Noon with entertainer pianist/singer Diane Dexter from 12:30 – 1:15 PM.

Take Control of Your Health - Learn About: Arthritis

Thursday, April 9 lunch at 12:00 Noon and learn at 12:30 - 1:00 PM. Arthritis, which literally means inflammation of the joint, is actually a group of more than 100 different diseases. It affects more than 50 million Americans, and older people most often experience osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or gout. However, pain from arthritis does not have to be part of growing older. Blue Cross Wellness Representative will be onsite to talk about this common disease and what you can do to control it. Drawing for a gift basket at the end of program

Games on the Big Screen

Thursday, April 9, 1:15 PM, “New” Wii Games – “\$10,000 Pyramid” and “Who wants to be a Millionaire” Refreshments provided.

Red Sox Opening Day at Fenway

Monday, April 13, 12:00 Noon, Show your Red Sox spirit and wear your Red Sox gear at lunchtime.

My Life, My Health, Diabetes Self-Management

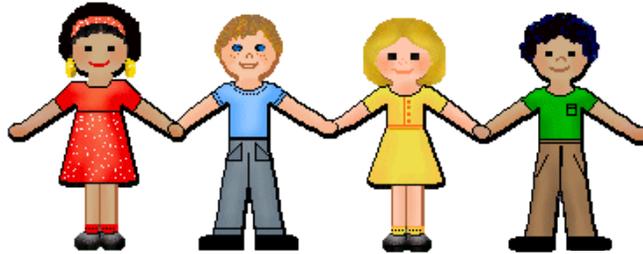
Tuesdays, April 14 – May 19, 6 weeks, from 10:00 – 12:00 Noon. This workshop is for adults with pre-diabetes or diabetes. It teaches techniques for dealing with issues like stress management, fatigue, pain, depression, anger, avoiding complications, and appropriate use of medications, healthy eating and working effectively with healthcare providers. Participants will make weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter in creating and carrying out their self-management program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. A minimum of 8 people, maximum of 15, are required to hold the class. Please register by Tuesday, April 7.

Movie Day, Thursday April 16, 1:00 PM - 4 Minute Mile

Drew Jacobs is a high school track star who shows tremendous potential - until his brother's drug trade gets in the way. But when Drew draws the attention of a reticent former track coach, the two slowly begin to transform each other's lives.

April 27, 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

April Programs with Reading Recreation



Stroller Strides

For all new moms looking for a good support group and a great workout, try Stroller Strides@!!! Stroller Strides® is a total fitness program for moms with their babies or stroller-age child(ren). The hour-long workout includes power walking/jogging and intervals of body toning using resistance tubing, your stroller and the environment. These classes are taught by nationally certified instructors who are trained in pre- and post-natal fitness level. Fitness for mom and fun for baby! In addition to providing a full body workout, we incorporate interaction with your child through songs, counting, learning ABC's and color recognition.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dates: Tuesdays, April 28 – June 2
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$49 per pair (guardian & child)
Location: Memorial Park
Instructor: Elise Mimmo
Min. 4/Max. 15

After School Spring Soccer – Kickin' Kids! (Grades K-3)

Join the Reading Recreation Staff for some after school soccer! Our talented instructor will teach several drills & skills in a fun, non-competitive environment. Children will also participate in some game play!

Dates: Wednesdays, April 29 – June 10
Time: 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Fee: \$65
Location: Barrows Elementary School Field
Min. 10/ Max. 16

Reading Recreation - Tball

Reading Recreation T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Players will be placed on teams according to age and will receive their own shirt and hat. No team/player requests please. Practices will start during the 2nd week of April and games will begin at the end of April (weather and field conditions permitting).

Schedules will be given out at the beginning of the season. The time commitment for Reading Recreation T-Ball is twice a week for about an hour and a half, typically one week day and one Saturday per week.

AGE 5 - ROOKIE DIVISION

- The Rookie Division is for players born between May 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.
- Players will hit off a batting tee for the entire season.
- Players will bat every inning.
- Games will last 3 innings or for 1 1/2 hours, whichever comes first.
- Every player plays the field every inning.
- There will be no walks or strikeouts and scores will not be kept.

AGE 6 - ROCKET DIVISION

- The Rocket Division is for players born between May 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.
- Players will hit off a batting tee for the first half of the season.
- Coaches will then pitch the 2nd half of the season.
- Each player will be allowed 3 swings before a batting tee will be placed to hit.
- Games will last 3 innings or 1 1/2 hours, whichever comes first.
- There will be no walks or strikeouts and scores will not be kept.

Register on or before March 12, 2015:

\$75 per participant
\$65 for 2nd child (same family)

Register after March 12, 2015:

\$85 per participant
\$75 for 2nd child (same family)

Dates: April 6 – June 1

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$109

Location: Joshua Eaton Elementary School Gymnasium

Min. 12/ Max. 20

APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

Parkour Generations Clinic

Parkour was born in the banlieus (suburbs) of Paris in the 1980's and is now one of the fastest-growing sports. While often recognized in the fantastic images seen on YouTube or television, the sport is actually a form of movement that has roots in a wide variety of physical disciplines including gymnastics, martial arts, climbing, and track & field. Practitioners, known as traceurs, train to develop strength, speed, endurance, precision, spatial awareness, dynamism, and creativity in order to be as fluid, functional and liberated as possible in a physical movement and to overcome physical obstacles. Traceurs also develop a way of thinking based on rigorous self-discipline, autonomous action and self-will that allows them to overcome mental obstacles related to their movements. We are hoping that this introductory four-day clinic will peak your interest in this dynamic sport.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 21st – April 24th

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Fee: \$109

Location: Joshua Eaton Elementary School Gymnasium

Min. 12/ Max. 20

School's Out – Sports Central

School's out for vacation so join Paul Orlando and the Reading Recreation staff and let's have FUN! Children will participate in a variety of sports & games and cooperative games throughout the day. Full day and half day options are available. All children should bring a snack and all children attending full day should bring a non-refrigerated lunch and snack.

Program Fees

Half-Day: \$75 per participant, \$60 second child/same family

Full-Day: \$119 per participant, \$104 second child/same family

Discount will be applied upon checkout.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 21st – April 24th

Time: Half Day 9:00AM-12:00PM

Full Day 9:00AM-3:00PM

Location: Wood End Elementary School Gymnasium

Min. 15/ Max. 40

**SUMMER CAMP EARLY-BIRD SPECIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE!
REGISTER NOW AT WWW.READINGREC.COM!**



Celebrate April Fool's Day

With the **Reading Education Foundation** on April 1st
At the Mandarin Restaurant ~ 296 Salem Street
Lunch & Dinner! 20% of all proceeds will be donated to REF!
For more information go to www.readingef.org



YES YOU CAN! \$5K PARTY

Support The Hoyt Foundation and you have a 1/200 chance of winning \$5,000!

Live drawing to be held on

Saturday, April 4, 2015 ~ 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Hillview Country Club, 149 North Street, North Reading, MA

Tickets are \$100 each and include admission for two people, food, limited cocktails, live band, and a chance to win \$5K!

(You do not have to be in attendance to win)

Only 200 tickets will be sold so don't miss out!

To purchase tickets call Tammy @ 781-249-7218

or send email to tstapes@comcast.net

The Hoyt Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, was formed by father and son team Rick & Dick Hoyt in 1989. We aspire to build the individual character, self-confidence and self-esteem of America's disabled young people through inclusion in all facets of daily life; including in family and community activities, especially sports, at home, in schools, and in the workplace.

Reading-North Reading Chamber of Commerce presents...



Women Celebrating 2015

Wednesday, April 8 ~ 6:00 to 9:30 PM

Hilton Boston/Woburn ~ 2 Forbes Road ~ Woburn

Tickets \$25 in advance ~ \$30 at door

Enjoy great food, fun, vendors, raffles!

Understanding Disabilities, Inc.



Celebrating 30 Years

Cookie & Punch
Reception to follow

All Are Invited



Olympic Fencer Molly Sullivan Sliney

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Understanding Disabilities presents

Olympian MOLLY SULLIVAN SLINEY

Thursday April 9, 2015, 7:00 pm

www.understandingdisabilities.org

Your Community Connection ~ March - April 2015



Student Performance Night at CREATIVE ARTS

Friday, April 10 ~ Concert begins: 7:00 PM



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

Flute Concert & Master Classes

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Free Concert: 3:00 – 4:00 PM ~ Flute Master Classes: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Flute Concert: Join us for a FREE flute recital by Judy Braude, accompanied by Debbie Emery.

Master Classes: Flute players, families & music enthusiasts will enjoy the in-depth work done in a Master Class. Students that have prepared pieces will receive public coaching from Master Teacher Judy Braude. Unlike a lesson, participants and auditors are welcome to watch each player's turn and will learn from the experience. Typically musicality and phrasing are stressed as participants prepare for auditions or performances. Fee: \$35/student; \$10/auditor

Performer & Master Teacher, Judy Braude:

Mrs. Braude holds a Masters in Flute Performance from the University of Illinois and has been teaching flute at CREATIVE ARTS since 2001. She recently ran a program at Reading Memorial Library using Handel's Flute music to illustrate musical concepts and runs an annual flute camp in New Hampshire. Judy teaches private and group flute lessons at CREATIVE ARTS using both the Suzuki method and traditional method. She recently joined the Reading Symphony Orchestra. Her well-reviewed CD, "The Twelve Handel Flute Sonatas" is now on sale on CDBaby.com.



For more information or to register for the Master Class, please call CREATIVE ARTS at 781.942.9600 or email office@WeTeachCreativeArts.org

April Vacation ... A week of fun & creativity!!

Art Workshops for Ages 6-12

An exciting sampler week of fine arts that is sure to keep your child's creativity flowing. Why not try a workshop in painting, printmaking or pottery? Or sign up for the whole week and try a little bit of everything!

MONDAY, April 20th

AM: Cartooning, Villains and Heros

PM: Painting and Collage

TUESDAY, April 21st

AM: Pottery

PM: Printmaking

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd – Earth Day!

AM: Trash into Treasures

PM: Art in Nature

THURSDAY, April 23rd

AM: Sculpture

PM: Clay Mania

FRIDAY, April 24th

AM: Painting with the Masters

PM: Portrait Drawing



Art & Music Workshops for Ages 3-6

From Mozart to Michelangelo, let your child experience an intertwined educational week of music and art. Explore the brilliance of Mozart's music, the beauty of Michelangelo's work, and more in a fun, entertaining atmosphere.

MONDAY, April 20th

AM: The Music of Mozart

TUESDAY, April 21st

AM: The Art of Michelangelo

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd

AM: Earth Day Music & Creativity

THURSDAY, April 23rd

AM: Let's go to Austria!

FRIDAY, April 24th

AM: Let's go to Italy!



April Vacation Tuition Information:

Half Day Sessions: AM (9:00am-noon) or PM (1-4pm), \$40 per half day or \$175 /week; Sibling Half Day Pricing: \$35/day or \$150/week

Full Day Sessions: 9:00am-4:00pm (includes supervised lunch hour) \$75/day or \$325/week; Sibling Full Day Pricing: \$70/day or \$300/week

Early Drop Off: 8am-9am, \$10/day or \$35/week

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

North Shore Skating Club

Presents

The 2015 Ice Spectacular



Sanctioned by:
United States Figure Skating

Featuring our Talented Skaters
&
Special Guests, Hayden Synchronized Skating Team

Burbank Ice Arena

Friday, April 10, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Saturday, April 11, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Sunday, April 12, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 781-944-5874

Adults: \$15.00 each

Students/Seniors: \$10.00 each

(Ages 3-18) (Ages 65 & up)

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THE RMHS DRAMA CLUB & PSST PROUDLY PRESENTS
A Boston Comedy show from the comfort of our own
William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center
Friday, April 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

FEATURING

Improv Boston Tour Company



With an appearance by RMHS Theater Arts Teacher and Drama Club Advisor NATALIE CUNHA!

Opening Act: RMHS' OWN IMPROVSAURUS!

William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center
62 Oakland Rd, Reading MA
Friday, April 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15/Adult, \$10/Student & Seniors
ticketstage.com and at the door

This event is a fundraiser to support the RMHS Drama & PSST

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David K. Johnson Foundation

Supporting a Cure for Alzheimer's and Helping Families Affected.



The DKJ Foundation proudly presents
our 2015 Spring Fling Event

A NIGHT AT THE RACES!
April 11th @7:00 pm

Help us celebrate our **15th year** raising money
to support a cure for Alzheimer's and help families affected
at our Spring Fling Event

Meadowbrook Golf Club
\$40.00 per person/\$75.00 couple

Enjoy appetizers and music
as you mingle with friends and **bet on a cure!**

Sponsorship Opportunities
Build your brand and support a great cause
\$250.00 Race Sponsorship

Your company name will appear on all our event communications
and website prior to the event, in the race programs and on our large
projection screen pre and post races.

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SPRING 2015 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 26 and continuing through Sunday, May 31. Walks are free and open to all - young and old, regardless of bird watching experience.

This spring there will be a special walk. Please join us for a, "***Birds Before Breakfast***" walk sponsored by the Reading Trails Committee on Sunday, May 3! After the bird watching, all are welcome to join us for a light breakfast at the Mattera Cabin.

Also new this year - the bird walks will start a half hour later! The walks will now be held from 6:30 - 8:30 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. A list of the walks follows below. If you have any questions, contact Dave Williams at 781-944-8118 or at: dave.williams6@gmail.com

- **Sunday, April 26** Town Forest. 6:30 – 8:30AM. Meet at the end of Strout Ave. Park on Grove Street.
- **Sunday, May 3** "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 four years. After the walk, at 9:00 AM, please join us for breakfast to be held in the Mattera Cabin. Please RSVP one week in advance at the above e-mail. Meet at the Mattera Cabin located at 1481 N. Main St.
- **Sunday, May 10** Mother's Day walk. 6:30 – 8:30AM. Town Forest. Meet at the end of Strout Ave. Park on Grove St.
- **Sunday, May 17** Bare Meadow. Meet at the Mattera Cabin located at 1481 N. Main St.
- **Sunday, May 24** Town Forest. 6:30 – 8:30AM. Meet at the end of Strout Ave. Park on Grove St.
- **Sunday, May 31** Meet at Lobs Pound on Mill St. We'll bird there for a while and then drive to another near-by location.

Earth Day 2015

Alternative Energy / Home and Car



Saturday, April 25 ~ 10 AM to 2 PM
Sponsored by the Reading Climate Advisory Committee

Location: Reading Municipal Light Department,
230 Ash Street, Reading.

Home Presenters: Solar voltaic, solar thermal, heat pumps, geothermal, combined heat and power, and biomass sources of alternative energy will be represented.

Auto Presenters: Featuring plug-in hybrids and all electric vehicles.
Cars featured include:

- Chevrolet Volt and Spark
- Nissan Volt
- Ford Focus, C-Max, and Fusion
- Toyota Prius

Please join us for a day of alternative energy and fun!

**Reading – North Reading Chamber of Commerce
Outstanding Citizens Award Dinner**



**Honoring
Camille Anthony ~ Reading
Chuck Carucci ~ North Reading**

Thursday ~ April 30 ~ 5:30 PM
Teresa's Prime ~ 20 Elm Street ~ North Reading

For tickets or information call:
Lisa Egan ~ 978-664-5060

Save the Date!
Events in March & April 2015



May 29: Creative Arts “Celebrating the Arts” Year-end Celebration including awards, music and theatre performances, art exhibit, dinner buffet, and raffles. For more information call 781-942-9600.

May 30: Mystic Valley Elder Services “How to Succeed in Business *without really trying.” A Special Performance to benefit elders without resources. For more information call 781-324-7705.

May 30 & 31: “Second Annual Walk Reading Weekend.” Let's all get out and walk, bike, hike, or run further than last year! For more information email: walkablereading@comcast.net.