

# Reading Bi-Weekly Update

## July 23, 2015



## What is the Community Alert System?

The Community Alert System is a communications tool that allows the Reading Police Department and other Town Departments to reach community members who wish to receive updates, news, and urgent messages from the Town. The system is primarily used to keep residents informed of traffic detours and emergency situations, but non-urgent informational bulletins are occasionally sent out as well.

The service provider for the Reading Police Department and Town of Reading's Community Alert System is a company by the name of Everbridge. Organizations in more than 100 countries rely on Everbridge for their emergency notification and day-to-day incident communication operation needs. To read more about Everbridge, visit their website at [www.everbridge.com](http://www.everbridge.com).

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This emergency notification system enables the Town of Reading to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, e-mail, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how.

It is fast and easy to opt in for Community Alerts. Simply go to the Town Website at [www.readingma.org](http://www.readingma.org) and write in Community Alerts in the search tool in the upper right corner of the home page. This will take you right to the form to opt in for the alerts. Just follow the instructions and you will be all set to receive Reading Community Alerts.

Please make sure you write down any user names or passwords that pertain to your registration because you are the only one who can make changes or remove yourself from the alert list. The Town is unable to assist you with this and does not have any access to your account.

Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Alerts Manager at 781-942-6726.



**Do you want to get more involved in your home town?**

**Have you considered being on a  
Board, Committee, or Commission?**



**We Have Vacancies on  
Boards, Committees, and Commissions as of July 22th**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**Animal Control Appeals Committee** – (3 year term) 1 member

**By-Law Committee** – (3 year term) 1 member

**Permanent Building Committee** – 5 members

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Conservation Commission** - (3 year term) 1 member, (2 year term) 1 member

**Recreation Committee** – (3 year term) 1 member

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – (2 year term) 1 associate

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Human Relations Advisory Committee** – (3 year term) 1 member, (1 year term) 1 member

**For more information call the Town Manager's office at 781-942-6643.**



## Reading Symphony Orchestra Auditions

The Reading Symphony Orchestra is eager to welcome new musicians for their 2015 - 2016 season. Under the leadership of Maestro George Ogata, the RSO will be performing the Dvorak Cello Concerto, Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Brahms' Symphony #1, and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story next season in addition to other masterworks. The season includes three concerts (November/March/May) and weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at Coolidge Middle School in Reading, MA.

**There currently are openings for:**

**French Horns (including principal)**

**Double Basses**

**Percussion**

**Bassoon**

**Violas**

Auditions will be held on August 25 and September 1 from 6:30 – 10:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867.

For these auditions, musicians are asked to prepare excerpts from two (2) contrasting pieces: one that is fast and technical while the second should be slow and lyrical. These selections may be movements from the same concerto or sonata, or two completely different pieces. Each excerpt should last no more than 3 minutes. Candidates will also be asked to sight-read, and no scales will be required.

Please contact RSO Personnel Manager Judy Braude ([judy.braude@gmail.com](mailto:judy.braude@gmail.com)) and Music Director George Ogata ([georgeogata@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeogata@yahoo.com)) to arrange your audition time.

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**Questions:** If you have any questions about all the activity going on around town ...just ask and we will find you the answer!

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