



Your Community Connection

January-February 2015

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

Where's the best place to be on a cold winter's day? At the new **Temporary Reading Public Library**



There's nothing like a cozy place on a cold winter's day to curl up with a good book... and the hottest place in town is our new temporary Reading Public Library! There have been rave reviews about how inviting and comfortable it is to visit and deep sighs of relief that all the things that make our library great have been moved into the very spacious new location. The staff thinks residents will be pleasantly surprised at all they find when they visit the "new" temporary library: just released books and movies for all ages, free wireless, children's and reference librarians to help with questions and recommendations, and a brightly lit cheerful spot to catch up with your neighbors or browsing through the latest newspapers and magazine. So if you haven't yet.... drop on by and plan to stay for a while!



What do you need to know about the new library? It is located at 80 General Way in the complex to the right of the Market Basket. The phone number is 781.944.0840. The website is www.readingpl.org and the hours of operation are the same: Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Thursday: 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM; Friday – Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; and Sunday 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (October – May).





MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH
9:30- 11:30 AM
at Reading Memorial H. S.
62 Oakland Road

**"Injustice anywhere
is a threat to justice
everywhere."**

Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 4/16/63

Join us as
**WE STAND TOGETHER FOR
JUSTICE**

with performances by
community groups
& special guest:
**ROB SURETTE of
Amazing Hero Art!**



Special Town Meeting

January 5, 6, 7

7:30 PM - RMHS

William E. Endslo 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.

BOS OFFICE HOURS:

January 13 – February 10

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

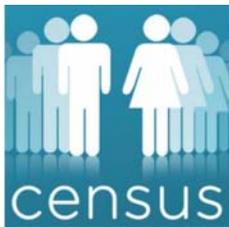
Town Hall Conference Room



Don't forget!

Your Community Connection
is now issued every other month!

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



TOWN CENSUS

Residents should be on the lookout for the Annual Town Census which will be mailed to every household in January 2015.

DOG LICENSES

2015 Dog Licenses are available. Must show current rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate. \$10 for spayed or neutered. \$20 for un-altered. Residents 70 and over may license dogs for free. Must show ID.



NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers for Town's Annual Election are available. They must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 17.

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



Water/Sewer/Storm Water bills were mailed on December 10 and must be paid by 5:30 PM on January 15 in order to receive the 10% discount. Payments not received by **January 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 January 15 with no exceptions allowed so please plan ahead. The next bills will be mailed on March 10.

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.

The first installment of the FY15 Actual bills will be mailed in December with payment due by February 2. The tax rate approved by the Department of Revenue for FY15 is \$14.70. These bills will reflect all payments received and any exemptions/abatements that are granted by December 1, 2014. The deadline to apply for abatements is February 2 - the same as the bill due date. The deadline to apply for an exemption is March 31, 2015.

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.

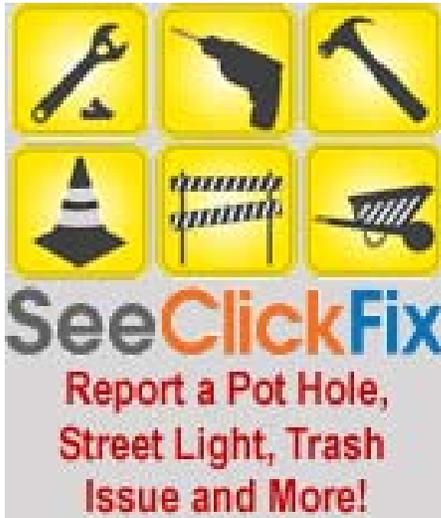
Please be sure that if you're using an on-line bill payment service through your bank that you allow plenty of time for your bank to **mail** a check to our office. Most banks require 7 – 10 business days to guarantee on-time payment. Also, please verify that you have the proper bill number or account 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 or Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer/Collector.



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.

Reading's Commemorative Shade Tree Program

Want to give a gift that keeps on giving or are you wondering what to buy for that person who has everything? A shade tree to be planted on a Reading street is a thoughtful and meaningful gift. A plaque is displayed at Town Hall with the names of the recipients and is a constant reminder of those giving back to the community.

Applications are available in a holder next to the plaque at Town Hall to the left of the Town Clerk's office or at the DPW office. Applications can also be found online at www.readingma.gov under the DPW section. The cost is \$250.



Check our online calendar for all upcoming winter events.
www.readingpl.org and
Visit us at our temporary location at 80 General Way
Open Sundays 2-5

Christmas Tree Recycling



This January the Town is providing two options for recycling of Christmas trees. On Saturday, January 17, 2015 residents may take their trees to the Compost Area on Strout Avenue from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM (leaves and branches will also be accepted at this time). In addition, the contractor will collect Christmas trees curbside on your regular rubbish collection day the week of January 12 – 16, 2015. All decorations, including tinsel, must be removed from the trees. Trees in plastic bags or not completely cleaned of this material will not be picked up or accepted at the Compost Area. Please note, to use the Compost Center, you will need a 2015 Community Access Sticker - available at the Police Station.



SAWYER NURSERY SCHOOL

Serving students aged 2.9 through 5 years old

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

For enrollment information please contact:

Debra Harvey, Director
(781) 944-9581

www.SawyerNurserySchool.com

243 Woburn Street
Reading, MA 01867



Christian Cooperative Preschool

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781-944-0612

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Enrolling

Discover the CCP Difference:

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- * Learning through play
- * Supportive parent community
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READING BAPTIST DAY SCHOOL

Celebrating 50 Years of Serving the Community



*Professionally Educated,
Experienced & Caring Staff*



PRESCHOOL AND
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN



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

Enrolling Now for 2015

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

45 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867 • dayschool@fbcreading.org

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



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!



Burbank Ice Arena, Reading

ICE SKATING LESSONS

Phone: 781-944-5874
781-942-2760

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

Whether you want to improve your skating skills for figure skating, hockey or recreational skating, we have the class for you!

BEGINNER SKATERS THROUGH ADVANCED

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: **NOW** thru January 24th
(Cost pro-rated)

Session III, January 29th - April 18th
Session IV & Summer Session to follow

"Special Skates" Program for Special Needs Children
NOW thru February 14th

Don't miss our:	Holiday Exhibition	December 7, 2014
	Ice Spectacular Skating Show	April 10th, 11th & 12th
	North Shore Open Competition	May 29th, 30th & 31st
	Basic Skills Competition	June 7th

Your Community Connection ~ January-February 2015



*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,
United Church of Christ**

All are welcome.

Sunday Services 10:00 AM

25 Woburn Street - Reading, MA – 781.944.0205



Church of the Good Shepherd

A warm and welcoming Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

95 Woburn Street ~ Reading ~ 781.944.1572

www.goodshepherd-reading.org

First Baptist Church of Reading

45 Woburn Street ~ Reading

781.944.3876

www.fbcreading.org ~ office@fbcreading.org



Reading Recreation Presents...

BRAND NEW WINTER PROGRAMS STARTING IN JANUARY

T-Ball Winter Clinic (Ages 2 & 3) & (Ages 4 & 5)

Knucklebones' Micro T-Ball will prepare your child to eventually play in the Spring T-Ball League offered through Reading Recreation. It will engage both parent/guardian and child in learning how to play like the big leaguers. Each class will bring a steady progression of t-ball skills and game play. Starting with t-stands we'll quickly progress to underhand pitching, all the while practicing fielding skills. From understanding basic rules and batting techniques to knowing when to run and how to "play the field", children will gain the essence of the game and have fun while playing in mock games. The last day will be the most fun as the children will take on the parents/ guardians in a game for bragging rights!

Dates: Saturday, January 24 – March 7 (No Class on February 21)
Time: Ages 2 & 3 ~ 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Ages 4 – 6 ~ 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Fee: \$81
Location: Killam Elementary School Gymnasium
MAX 20/MIN 15

STEM is Fun for Tots (3-5)

It's never too early to spark our little children's interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. It is during the early years that children start to wonder, ask, think, explore and discover things around them. With each STEM for Tots class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges and even simple experiments ideal for little hands. Each day will be a fun, learning experience for your little ones!

Dates: Friday, January 30 – March 13 (No Class February 20)
Time: Ages 3-5 ~ 10:45AM – 11:45AM
Fee: \$95
Location: Mattera Cabin
MAX 12/MIN 6

MineCraft, Build using LEGO (Grades K-2nd & 3-5th) ~ 90 minute classes!

Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO! Build a motorized walking Creeper, a terrifying Ghost, and a motorized Minecart! This project-based camp, designed by Play-Well instructors, combines the basic format of our core engineering-themed programs based on the world of Minecraft. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. Students will have a blast, even without any prior experience with Minecraft or LEGO. All K-5th graders will report at the same time but children will be divided accordingly by their grade upon arrival.

Dates: Mondays, January 26 – March 9 (No Class on February 16)
Time: 4:00PM – 5:30PM
Fee: \$119
Location: Mattera Cabin
MAX 16/MIN 10

Archery with On-Site Archery ~ (Grades 3 – 8)

On Site Archery seeks to bring the sport of archery to students who may not have the opportunity to participate due to cost, distance or availability. While learning the skills and techniques of the sport, students also develop patience, focus and camaraderie. On Site will teach through a step-by-step process based on the techniques of the Head USA Olympic Archery coach, Kisik Lee. Students will move through a progression of levels to improve their shooting form, technique and accuracy at increasing distances.

Students will learn and practice:

- Safety (Each program begins with a safety orientation required for all students.)
- Archery Drills and Skills
- Proper shooting form
- Step by Step shooting sequence
- Range Rules, Range layout
- Whistle System

On Site believes in using low student to teacher ratios during instruction to allow each student the opportunity to benefit from individualized feedback. All of the instructors are certified and insured through USA Archery and have completed the SAFE SPORT TRAINING program.

About the Owner & Lead Instructor: Bob Wait has a strong background working with children of all ages. He has over 25 years teaching experience as a Physical Education Teacher, Coach and Athletic Director in both large and small school settings.

Certifications and Education Background:

- Level Three USA Archery National Training System Coach
- Physical Education Teacher K - 12
- Personal Trainer
- BS in Education - University of MA, Amherst

Dates: Thursday, January 22 – March 5 (No Class February 19)
Time: 4:15PM – 5:15PM
Fee: \$119
Location: Parker Elementary School Gymnasium
MAX 16/MIN 6

Tykes & Trails (Ages 3-5) ~ Nature Discovery Program

Our preschool discovery programs build on children's curiosity about the world by using hands-on, nature-based activities. A naturalist will bring fun and exciting activities along with a pre-selected nature picture book. Connecting literature to real-life experiences helps students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of our natural world while encouraging exploration in their own backyards. Each program includes a story, show and tell activity, and outdoor exploration.

Week 1: Animals in Winter

Animals use different strategies for surviving the cold. Some migrate, some hibernate, and some stay active. By examining mammal furs and bones and participating in role-playing, students will learn the different ways that animals stay warm. Learn about animal tracks and take a closer look at clues that animals leave behind.

Week 2: Beautiful Birds

Find out what birds are made of with hands-on activities and bird mounts. Learn to identify some common birds through sight and sound, and take a closer look at feathers, nests, and bird adaptations.

Week 3: The Mitten

We'll read the Mitten by Jan Brett and then take a hike to look for animal homes. Using a very large mitten, we will recreate the story. As a group, we'll build a people shelter and see how warm we can make it.

Week 4: Owls

Learn about these magnificent hunters and their importance in the food chain. Students will examine models of local owls, dissect an owl pellet as a group, and listen to their calls so they can know who is in their own back yards.

Week 5: Signs of the Season

Enjoy a guided walk through the fields and forest. Explore nature's seasonal changes using the senses of sight, sound, touch, hearing, and smell. On our return we will create a nature collage using materials from our walk.

Dates: Thursdays, January 29 – March 5 (No Class on February 19)

Times: 10:00AM-11:30AM

Fee: \$79

Location: Mattera Cabin, 1481 Main Street

Max 20/Min 10

Rookie Rangers in Reading (Grades K-5th) starts 28th - 2 hour sessions

Week 1: Winter Tracking

Learn how body shape, leg length, and foot type determine an animal's track pattern. Make connections to unseen animals by learning and following tracks, looking for other evidence of activity, and practicing your silent stalking.

Week 2: Trees

Through role-play, students come to understand how a tree functions and changes with the seasons. Learn about conifers and broad-leaved trees and identify some trees by leaf shape. Observe the life cycle of trees from maturity to decay while we discover which animals rely on trees for their lives. Older students will learn how to use a dichotomous key for identification.

Week 3: Awesome Owls

Have you ever walked through the woods looking for owls during the day? Owls are most active at night, of course, but if you know what to look for you can find their daytime roosts. Together we will discover what our local owls look like, what they eat, and what they sound like. As a special activity everyone will help dissect some owl pellets.

Week 4: Nature and Art

Wake up the artist in you. Participants will take a short hike to collect natural materials for sketching and observation. Become artists in your very own studio, as you visit four nature art centers using paint, pastel, and colored pencils.

Week 5: Winter Weeds

Their presence beautifies our winter landscape and provides seed for birds, homes for wintering insects, and food and building materials for small animals. Participate in a weed hunt and discover the many varieties. Using winter weeds and clay, we will make our own snow bouquets.

Dates: Wednesdays, January 28 – March 4 (No Class on February 18)

Times: 1:30PM-3:30PM

Fee: \$99

Location: Mattera Cabin, 1481 Main Street

Max 20/Min 10

Winter Courses at Creative Arts are here!



Get out of the cold and join us this January for fun and creative indoor enrichment with one of our theatre, art, or music classes. Return for old favorite or try one of our NEW classes! View a full course catalog on our website at www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org.

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

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

Courses being offered: Art Exploration; Painting: Exploring Color; Acting for Adults; Stained Glass: Add Color to Your Life; Free-Write Class; Painting on Canvas at Bertucci's; and private Music/Theatre & Art Lessons. All abilities welcomed!

Theatre for Young Audiences Presents: Jack & the Beanstalk!

Creative Arts and Storytime Theatre present Jack & the Beanstalk through our Theatre for Young Audiences Series sponsored by Dr. Mickey & Associates. What adventures will Jack find with his comical cow Milky White, some magic beans, and not-so-scary Giant in the sky? Performance is on Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 AM at Creative Arts. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and concessions are available. Reservations are strongly encouraged!

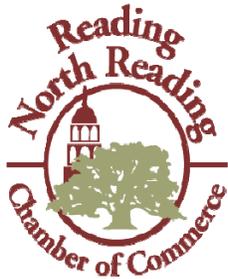
Creative Arts Open House on Saturday, January 10, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join Creative Arts for an Open House! Meet instructors, learn about classes, participate in demos and more! Free and fun for the whole family! Register for classes and lessons; Suzuki Education Information; Meet Music, Art and Theatre Instructors; Observe Music Lessons in Session; Music Demo's and Instrument Exploration; and Open Art Room.

Wine and Beer Tasting with Food Pairings, Saturday January 24

Taste fine wines and craft beers while enjoying dishes from local restaurants including specialties from Pamplemousse, listening to live music, and mingling with friends. A great night out with friends and an opportunity to meet new ones all in support of the arts! Get your tickets today since it is fast approaching. Tickets are \$20 each or two for \$35 if you purchase them in advance. Event is being held at Pamplemousse and is sponsored in part by People's Bank.

For more information about any of these events call Creative Arts at 781-942-9600!



Reading- North Reading Chamber of Commerce



Come and Meet our new Executive Director: Lisa Egan

Thursday ~ January 8 ~ 5:30 PM

Sam's Bistro ~ 107 Main Street ~Reading

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

Wednesday ~ January 14 ~ 7:30 AM

Hillview Country Club ~ North Reading

We will present our calendar of events, introduce the new board members, and enjoy a lovely breakfast! Members and anyone interested in learning more about the Chamber is welcome!

The Teen Scoop from Brad Agostinelli Burbank YMCA Teen Director

TEEN ACTIVITIES



Teen Night: On Friday nights, January 9 and February 6 the Burbank YMCA 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 year and becomes an official Leaders Club member. Middle schoolers meet at 6:00 PM and high schoolers meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays at the Burbank YMCA.

Cyber Bullying prevention curriculum: Cyber Bullying is an eight-session interactive curriculum by Hazelden that seeks to increase awareness among students and parents of what cyber bullying is and why it is damaging, to prepare students with skills and resources that help them use technology respectfully and positively, and to provide students with information about how to help if they or others they know are being cyber bullied. This will take place Thursdays starting January 8, middle schoolers at 6:30 -7:30 PM and high schoolers at 7:30 – 8: 30 PM at the Burbank YMCA. There is a free membership incentive for the duration of the program. Please register with Brad at bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org.

Any questions, contact Burbank Y Teen Director Brad Agostinelli at bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org or 781-909-7116.

Reading Community Singers

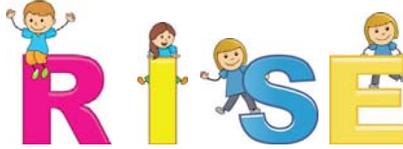
www.readingcommunitysingers.org



RCS will begin rehearsals for our 2015 Spring concert on Tuesday evening, January 6th. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Old South United Methodist Church. RCS is a non-audition, multi-generation chorus with over 60 members. All interested singers who can match pitch and carry a tune are welcome.

Our Spring Concert will be on Saturday evening, May 2nd at 7:30 PM and will be held in the auditorium at Parker Middle School.

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



RISE Preschool

Preschool Screening Dates at RISE Preschool ~ 62 Oakland Road

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 9:30 AM -11:30 AM

Friday, February 27, 2015 from 12:00 Noon - 2:30PM

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 9:00 AM -11:30 AM

RISE Preschool will conduct screenings for three and four year old children. The purpose is to review a child's development and to assist in identifying children who may have a disability and be eligible for special education services. If you are a parent of a three or four year old child and suspect a disability based upon a significant delay in development please call to set up an appointment.

INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

RISE Preschool

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Presentation will begin at 6:15 PM

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

62 Oakland Rd

Reading, MA 01867

Debbie Butts, Director ~ 781-942-9179 x 835

AUSTIN'S GOT TALENT!



Thursday, January 15 ~ 7:00 PM

Austin Prep ~ Multi-Purpose Facility

Ticket are \$5 for Students and Seniors and \$10 for Adults

A night of fun and excitement at our Annual Talent Show!



Quannapowitt Players, Inc.

Directed by Gordon Ellis

Production Dates:

January 23, 24, 30, 31 & February 1, 6, 7



Featuring: Jessica Dee, Nick Bennett-Zendzian, Will Dalley, Kerry Anne Kilkelly, Erin Ronder & Laura Liberge

Alan Ayckbourn's comedic foray into science-fiction drops us into a not-too-distant future where actors have been replaced by robotic "actoids" and where the art of comedy has been lost. That is until an aspiring young writer with a love of the classics discovers a malfunctioning actoid that has developed a sense of humor all her own. As the duo attempt to ignite their respective TV careers, they soon find themselves challenging the theory that the ability to laugh – as well as the ability to fall in love – is what differentiates computers from their human creators.



Walkable Reading & Trails Committee 4th Annual Winter Walk January 24 ~ 1:00 PM Bare Meadow

Get ready to get out and enjoy what winter has to offer with some fresh air and exercise by joining Walkable Reading and Reading's Trails Committee on a Winter Walk in **Bare Meadow** on **January 24 at 1 PM**. Just because it is wintertime, doesn't mean you can't come and see one of Reading's wonderful places and have fun exploring the winter woods. The walk is suitable for both children and adults. Meet at the Mattera Cabin, 1481 Main Street. From there a gentle slope leads up to the Meadow and from there down and across to the wooded trails.

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for walking in the winter woods. If there is enough snow on the ground, then strap on your snowshoes. We might even find tracks of some of the critters that frequent the area. After the walk, join us back at the Cabin for hot chocolate and cookies.

Check for any updates on Walkable Reading's Facebook page. If you have questions, you can email us at walkablereading@comcast.net.

Walkable Reading's mission is to encourage and enhance increased pedestrian and non-motorized access to the community for all, through education, promotion and advocacy.

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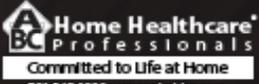
Featuring comedians Michael Coleman & Paul Gilligan!

JANUARY 24, 2015

Join us for a night of comedy at Anthony's in Malden
to benefit Meals on Wheels and Mystic Valley Elder Services.
Admission \$45. To purchase tickets: 781-324-7705 or development@mves.org.

Presented by  Mystic Valley Elder Services

in partnership with  Zonta Club of Malden
Member of Zonta International,
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

and with presenting sponsorship support from  Home Healthcare Professionals
Committed to Life at Home
781.245.1880 www.zbcchp.com

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Middle School Open House

Monday, January 26 – 9:00 AM

Austin Preparatory School

101 Willow Street ~ Reading



Join us for our Middle School Open House to learn about our challenging academic programs and vibrant extracurricular activities. Meet our Headmaster, take a tour of our campus, observe classes, and talk to students. Register at:

www.austinprep.org/openhouse

Blood Pressure



FOR YOUR HEALTH & WELLNESS

Thursday January 29, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Reading Senior Center

Come play a revised version of the very popular BINGO game and win a prize while learning about **high blood pressure and stroke**. Don't miss out on this fun and easy way to learn about some very important health topics.

This program is FREE however space is limited

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK



Hallmark Health System Senior Citizens Outreach Program

RMHS Winter Guard
Competition Schedule 2015

" The Heist "

Saturday, January 31st ~Color Guard Evaluation Show at Salem H S

Sunday, February 8th ~Melrose Senior HS

Saturday, February 14th ~ WGI Show at Salem HS

Saturday, March 7th ~ St. Ann's Neponset at Salem HS

Saturday, March 14th ~ Blessed Sacrament at Salem HS

Saturday, March 21st ~ HOME SHOW at Reading HS

Sunday, March 29th ~ Everett HS

Saturday, April 4th ~ New England Winter Guard Championships at Salem HS

Come support your award-winning Winter Guard!

Visit www.rmhs-bpo.org or www.nesbaorg or www.wgi.org for updated performance times, directions and ticket prices.



February

Winter Courses at Creative Arts are here!



Get out of the cold and join us this February for fun and creative indoor enrichment with one of our theatre, art, or music classes. Return for old favorites or try one of our NEW classes! View a full course catalog on our website at www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org.

Student Performance Night at Creative Arts ~ Friday February 6 ~ 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 the light reception to follow. Performance takes place at Creative Arts.

“Monster’s Inc” Themed Theatre Camp during February Vacation Week

Join us as we travel to Monstropolis, the home of loveable, furry blue Sulley and his wisecracking best friend Mike Wazowski. Our production will be a hysterical tribute to this world famous movie featuring all your favorite characters. Here is your chance to act out Boo, Randall, The Abominable Snowman, Mr. Waternooses and more! Our theatre camps are 100% hands-on. Students will create the set, design the props, and even sew their own costumes! We limit the number of campers so that every child will get a speaking role and a chance to shine. Our instructors are professionals in their field and hold degrees in theatre. Our camps teach teamwork, confidence, and a love of theatre (Ages 8+).

Location: Creative Arts ~ Tuition \$355/\$335 sibling ~ Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Saturday 2:00 – 7:00 PM. Performances are Friday at 6:00 PM and Saturday at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 and performances are open to the public.

Special February Vacation Art & Music Workshops

Art Workshops – Ages 3 to 6

Half Day Session: 1:00 – 4:00 PM, \$40 (Need mornings? Let us know and we will work on it)

“Clay Mania” – Wednesday, February 18 – Come have fun with clay!

“Rainforest Creations” – Friday, February 20 – Use oil pastels to create bright colored animals in their exotic habitats.

Art & Music Workshops – Ages 6 – 12

Be creative this February vacation with professional artist Laura Root and musician Laura Burgess.

Half Day Sessions: 9:00 AM – Noon or 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, \$40 half day or \$175 half day week.

Full Day Sessions: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$75 day or \$325 week.

Early Drop-off: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, \$10 day or \$35 week.

Sibling discounts offered.

Monday AM: Clay Mania – Come have fun with clay to create varied and exciting projects.

Monday PM: Origami – Learn basic folding techniques used to create endless variety of origami models.

Tuesday AM: Mini Masterpieces – Use acrylic paints to create your own mini-masterpieces!

Tuesday PM: Sunset Silhouettes – Design your own hand cut silhouettes using beautiful horizons.

Wednesday AM: Clay Mania – Another day to have fun with clay!

Wednesday PM: Making the Band - Create instruments and use your voice to create a multi-layered band sound for fun and exploration.

Thursday AM: Ocean Adventures – Make your own colorful fish & ocean environment with sand & shells

Thursday PM: Fun Flashy Fish – Design your fish, paint it with bright patterns & add sequins for scales.

Friday AM: Rainforest Creations – Use oil pastels to create bright colorful animals in their exotic habitats.

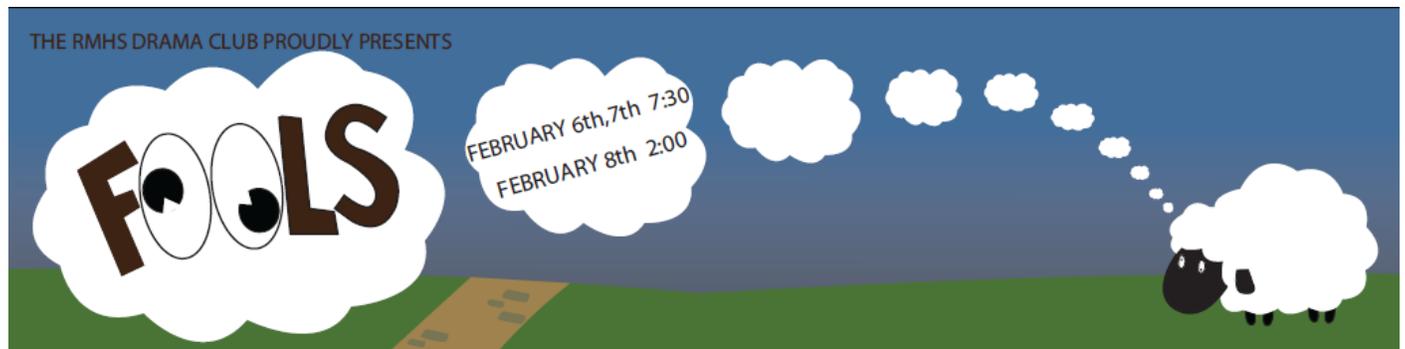
Friday PM: World Music – Using our voices and movement, we will explore connections and songs of peace & friendship from across the globe.

Creative Arts “Theatre for Young Audiences” presents “Badger Meets the Fairies” with Puppeteer Margaret Moody – Sat. February 28 – 10:30 AM.

Mr. Badger is thrilled to meet a fairy in his garden, and he flies away to the land of fairies with her.

Dewdrop, the fairies chief builder, wants him to help build a playground for the baby fairies. Together they dig holes for a foundation and assemble the playground. The baby fairies are delighted. Mr. Badger loves the fairy world and hopes to learn how to fly. Puppeteer Margaret Moody is a co-founder of Galapagos Puppets, and has performed folk and fantasy puppet shows on the East Coast since 1987. The event will be held at Creative Arts, Tickets are \$8 per person (\$24 family cap, children under 4 are free). Reservations are strongly encouraged.

For more information about any of these events call Creative Arts at 781-942-9600!



Reading Art Association

February 11
Encaustic Painting Demonstration
By Catherine Weber



Reading Recreation Presents...

BRAND NEW WINTER PROGRAMS STARTING IN FEBRUARY

School's Out – Sports Central (grades K-5)

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. All children should bring a snack and all children attending Full Day should also bring a non-refrigerated lunch. There will be a full day and half day options.

Dates: Tuesday, February 17 – Friday, February 20
Time: Half Day 9:00AM-12:00PM
Full Day 9:00AM – 3:00PM
Fee: Half Day \$75 for the week
Full Day \$119 for the week
Location: Barrows Elementary School
MAX 55/MIN 20

Parkour Generations 4-Day Clinic (Ages 8-14)

Parkour was born in the banlieus (suburbs) of Paris in the 1980s 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 obstacle related to their movements. We are hoping that this introductory 4-day clinic will peak your interest in this dynamic sport.

About the Company:

What is Parkour Generations?

Parkour Generations is the largest professional organization for the stunning movement discipline known as parkour or free running. Working around the world for over a decade, the founding members of Parkour Generations came together to create a vehicle to transmit the incredibly strong benefits and positive effects of this amazing art form. Comprised of founders, pioneers and principal developers of the discipline from across all generations, Parkour Generations is the authentic, original parkour collective.

Our Goal

The work of Parkour Generations is focused on integrating the natural and largely untapped physical and mental potential of every person into their modern life in a holistic and functional way: to make movement

and the use of the body a central part of our daily life. This is done through mediums which include teaching, conceptual and architectural consulting, live demonstrations, education and research, media work and artistic representations.

Our Work

Parkour Generations works at the highest level across every field in the discipline; from running the first and largest parkour teaching and parkour certification framework in the world, to providing performance and consulting for all manner of media and professional projects, to giving international presentations to government bodies, to film-making and photography, to corporate team-building and improvement, to leading academic and physiological research on the social, cultural and physical effects of parkour. Our standards are second to none.

Dates: Tuesday, February 17 – Friday, February 20
Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Fee: \$109
Location: Joshua Eaton Elementary School Gymnasium
MAX 20/MIN 15

Join Us for a Round of Mini Golf – RMHS Style!



**February 27 – Fundraiser Proceeds Benefit
RMHS Chorus plus other Clubs & Sports**

Right here at RMHS!

A Hole Lot of Fundraiser Fun!

Save the Date!

Events in January & February 2015



- Reading Civic Concert Band “Shake Off the Winter Blues,” Sunday March 1, 3:00 PM, First Congregational Church.
- RMHS Drama Club presents “Antigone,” March 6 & 7 at 7:30 PM and March 8 at 2:00 PM.
- Create Arts presents “Once Upon a Murder,” an Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner, March 13.
- RMHS Winter Percussion & RMHS Winter Guard host NESBA Show at RMHS Field House, Saturday March 21.
- The Inaugural Concert by Reading Symphony Orchestra, at the RMHS William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center, March 22.