



# *Your Community Connection*

November-December 2014

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

## **Library Plantings Moved to Town Hall...**



It wasn't just the books that had to be moved! The Celebration Garden plantings around the Library had to be moved to a new home due to the library construction that will begin soon. The Reading Garden Club and the DPW came to their rescue and they are settled comfortably in their new home at the Town Hall. The Reading Garden Club has been working on improving the landscape around the Town Hall and planted a beautiful garden outside the parking lot entrance in 2013 that has been appreciated by many.

This year, for their second wave of improvement, they were able to rescue the plantings from the library and move them to the perfect place at the Town Hall. The Reading Garden Club, in conjunction with the DPW who provided heavy equipment and labor, worked together and made it happen in what was a very short time frame.

The Reading Garden Club also purchased some additional plantings to fill in some of the empty spots. The entire design for this complete rehab of the Town Hall landscaping was created by Laurie Johnson.

Bob Keating, Forestry & Parks Supervisor, said "A big thank you to the Reading Garden Club and the DPW staff for the substantial improvements they have made to the Town Hall landscape!" Make sure to stop by and take a walk around the building to see the lovely plantings. And I've been told there is even more to come!

### **State Election**

**Tuesday, November 4**  
**Hawkes Field House – RMHS**  
**7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**





## Town Meeting

November 10, 13, 17, 20

7:30 PM - RMHS

William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center

### READING MATTERS...

#### *The Reading Board of Selectmen*

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

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

November 18 – December 2

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM



**Don't forget!**

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

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

## 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.

## 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!*



# READING POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

**James W. Cormier**  
*Chief of Police*

15 Union Street, Reading, Massachusetts 01867  
Emergency Only: 911 All Other Calls: 781-944-1212 Fax: 781-944-2893  
E-Mail: [JCormier@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:JCormier@ci.reading.ma.us)

## PRESS RELEASE

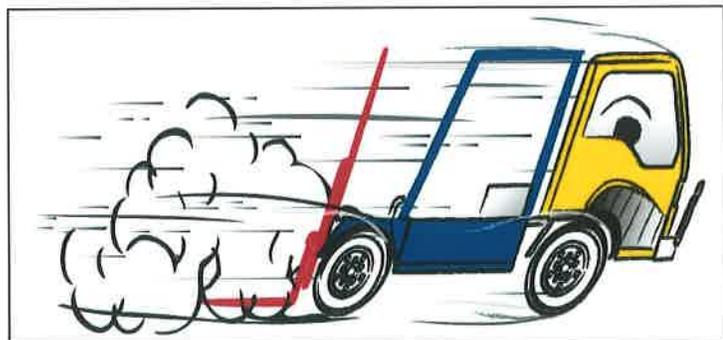
The Reading Police Department hopes everyone had a nice summer. The fall season is here. We wanted to inform the community of a concern posted by several area residents. Many of us benefit from the use of the Town's compost area. To ensure safety and to be considerate to all area residents, please cover your loads, and also monitor your speed. Thank you for addressing these issues as to accommodate resident's concerns.

The Police Department will be strictly enforcing the traffic laws in this area. More specifically, MGL 85-36, load not adequately covered (\$200 fine), and MGL 90-18, speeding (minimum fine \$105).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. The Reading Police Department wishes everyone a wonderful fall season!



**Cover Your Load!**  
**\$200 Fine**



**Monitor Your Speed!**  
**Minimum Fine \$105**

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



Water/Sewer/Storm Water bills will be 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 31 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 second installment of the FY15 Preliminary Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills were mailed September 30. Payment is due by November 3. The preliminary bills do not show either the valuation of the property or the tax rate; this information will be included on the actual tax bills after they are approved by the Department of Revenue in the late fall. The preliminary bills are based on last year's actual bills, plus liens and betterments, less abatements and exemptions, as adjusted to reflect the annual 2.5% tax increase allowed under Proposition 2 1/2. The state mandated interest rate is 14% for late payments. Payments not received by the due dates are subject to interest and demand fees.

The first installment of the FY15 Actual bills will be mailed in December with payment due by February 2. The tax rate has not yet been approved by the Department of Revenue for FY15. 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 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.

### Keeping Up With Technology... The Reading Public Library Can Help!



From eBooks to Excel, Pinterest to Publisher, the Reading Public Library plans a full calendar of free technology workshops. In order to make the training most useful to the community, the Library set up a brief Technology Learning Survey. Please use the survey to share your technology learning needs.

**You'll find the survey at**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rpltech>**



# 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.

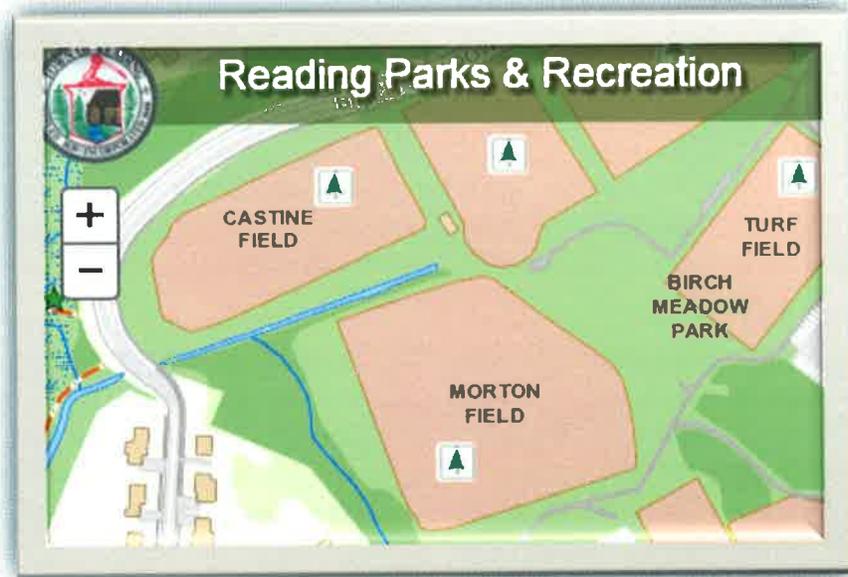
***Funded by the Community Innovation Challenge Grant Program***

# There's an App for That!

Check out Reading's new Parks & Recreation application:

<http://webapps.cgis-solutions.com/reading/parks/>.

Locate a park, a playing field, a fishing spot, or a trail. The app lets you search for a recreation facility by name, by location, or by activity. There are photos of your favorite parks and playgrounds as well. The Reading Parks & Recreation app works on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also share the map by Facebook, Twitter, or email. Give it a try and let us know what you think!



Interested in hiking one of Reading's many trails? Check out the Reading Trails - Map Tour at <http://bit.ly/1p8Odcj>. Click on a numbered point on the map and you'll instantly zoom to that location. Once there you can learn about the area and link to other resources including trail maps. Thirteen different trailheads or conservation areas are featured. This app, too, works on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.



## Did You Know?



The Department of Public Works now has a permanent free drop-off center for many items.

All drop-off items may be brought to the DPW Facility, 75 New Crossing Road, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**Styrofoam** - The Town has partnered with ReFoamIt of Leominster to offer this drop-off location. Please remove all tape and labels. **Important:** Food containers must be clean.

## 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.

## Fluorescent Bulbs & Mercury Items



The Town partners with Covanta Energy to safely dispose of our fluorescent bulbs, energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs and mercury items.

For more information or suggestions, contact the Department of Public Works at 1-781-942-9077 or visit our website: [www.readingma.gov](http://www.readingma.gov)

## Snow & Ice Removal



With winter weather here, the Department of Public Works would like to remind residents that their cooperation is needed to keep our streets clear and safe. The Town of Reading's General Bylaws prohibit depositing snow or ice on a portion of any street or sidewalk that has been plowed or cleared for travel. Violation of this General Bylaw is punishable by a fine of up to \$300. The owner of the property is responsible for the violation, even if it was done by a contractor hired by the owner or tenant of the property. We appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to clear all the streets and sidewalks in the school and business districts.



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

**Old South Church  
in Reading Center**

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

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

*Come and join us for the holidays  
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  
Join us for the holidays*

**Sunday Services at 10:00 AM (beginning 09-14)**

**95 Woburn Street ~ Reading ~ 781.944.1572**

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

**First Baptist Church of Reading**

45 Woburn Street ~ Reading  
Join us for the holidays

**781.944.3876**

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



## Join with Reading Cares & Reading Rotary



***Happy Holidays for all Reading Families!***

### ***Participate in the Adopt-A-Family Program***

Reading neighbors have been generously helping to create happier holidays for each other for over 29 years through the Adopt-A-Family Program.

Donors are anonymously matched with families in need of holiday food and/or gifts. Recipient families must have a child under 18 years old and be able to demonstrate financial need to participate.

To be a donor or a recipient of this great program  
call 781-942-6679 or email [ReadingAAF@gmail.com](mailto:ReadingAAF@gmail.com).

## READING BAPTIST DAY SCHOOL

*Celebrating 50 Years of Sewing the Community*



PRESCHOOL AND  
TRANSITIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN



*Professionally  
Educated, Experienced,  
& Caring Staff*



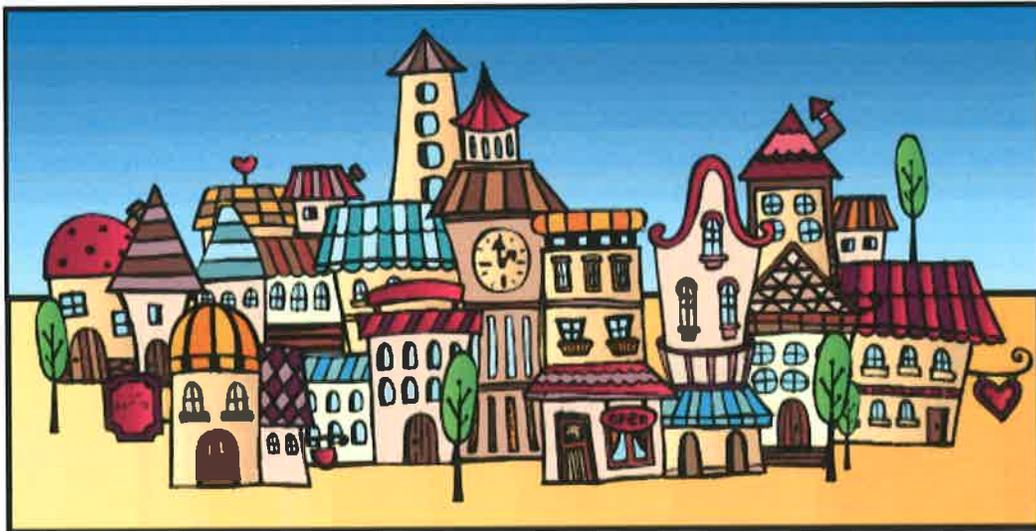
*Licensed by the  
Massachusetts Department of  
Early Education and Care*

# *Enrolling Now for 2014*

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

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

# READING NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS



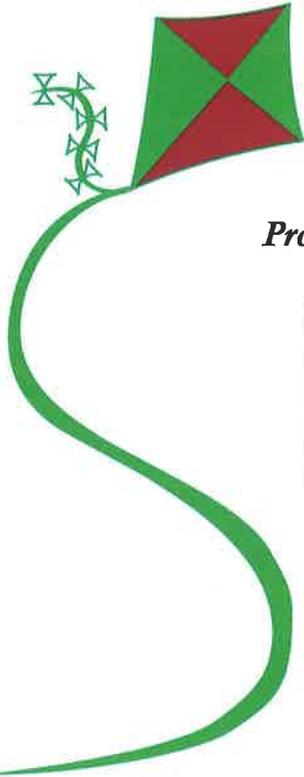
“Where neighbors become friends”

Whether you are a "Newcomer" who has recently moved to Reading or a "Neighbor" who has been here for years, the club offers great opportunities to have fun while making new friends and becoming involved in the community. We hold regular get-togethers including ladies' night, men's only, family fun, couples' socials and Book Review.

Some of our past events include:

- Children's Concert
- Cook-out
- Holiday Party
- Murder Mystery
- Scavenger Hunt
- Poker
- Recipe Swap
- Game Night

Find out more at  
[www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com](http://www.NewcomersAndNeighbors.com)



# SAWYER NURSERY SCHOOL

*Serving students aged 2.9 through 5 years old*

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

**For enrollment information please contact:**

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

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

*243 Woburn Street*  
*Reading, MA 01867*



## Connect The Tots

bringing together families in the Reading area

### Parents & Kids...

Looking for something fun to do?  
Interested in meeting other families?

### Check out Connect the Tots!

Playgroups... Fall Kickoff Party... Apple Picking  
Preschool Information Night... Park Outings... Fire House Trip  
Museum Trips... Art Classes... Mom's Night Out... and more!

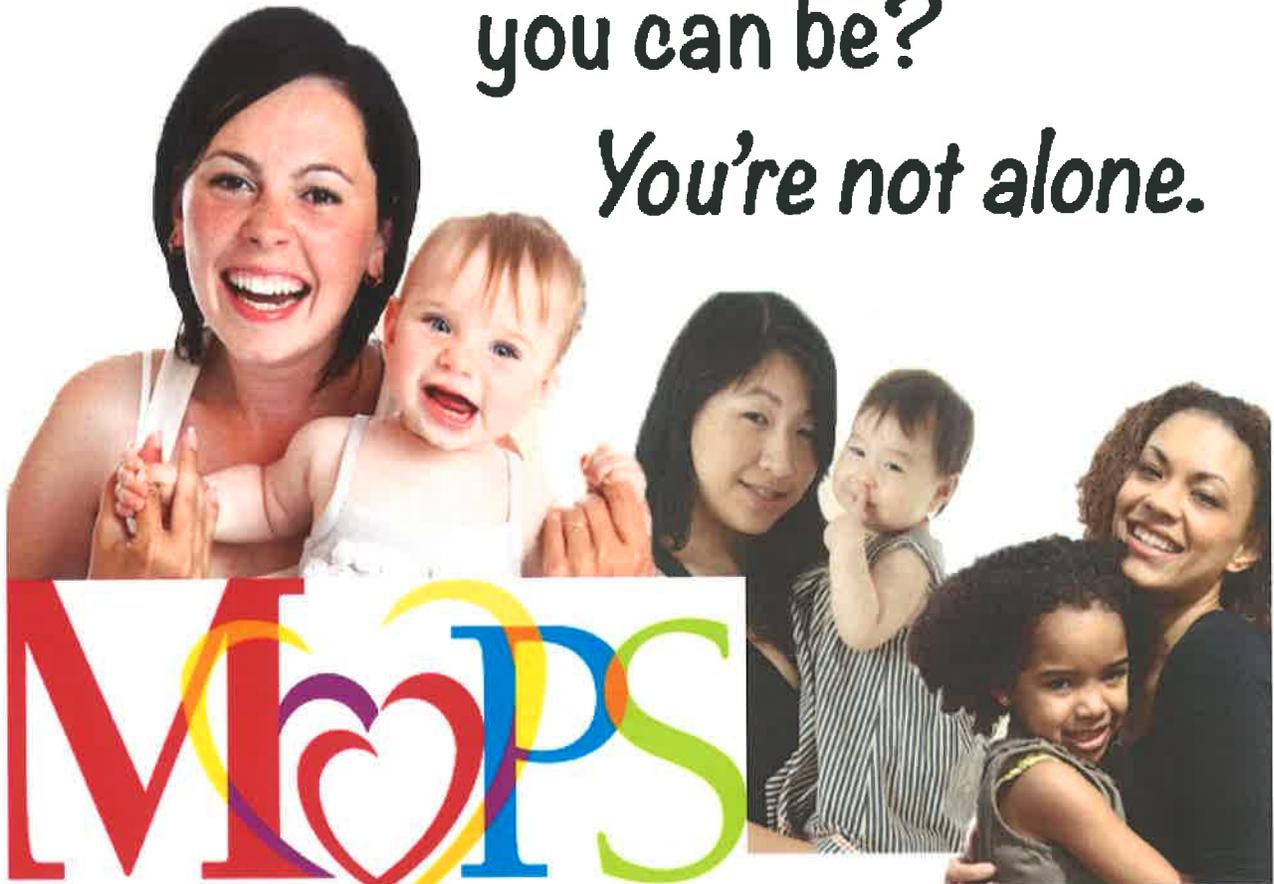
**Join for only \$25 per year!**

**For more information: [www.ConnectTheTots.org](http://www.ConnectTheTots.org)**

**Or email: [info@connectthetots.org](mailto:info@connectthetots.org)**

Want to be the best mom  
you can be?

*You're not alone.*



**Mothers of Preschoolers**  
*a group for moms of children under five*

Join us the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

[OldSouthUMC.org/MOPS](http://OldSouthUMC.org/MOPS)

6 Salem Street, Reading MA

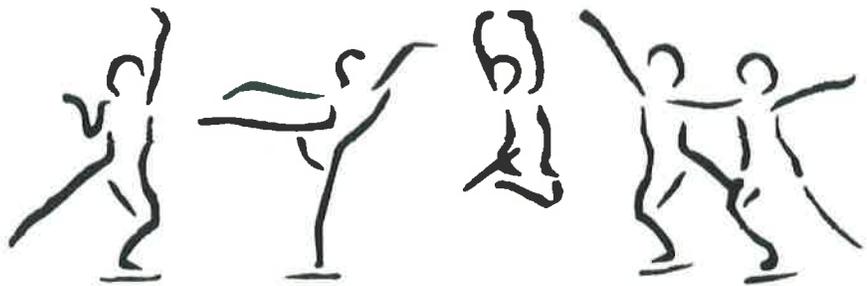
# Do you play a musical instrument?



Would you be interested in meeting with other amateur musicians (any instrument, including voice) to share ideas and play classical music for each other in a supportive environment?

Rusty Palumbo, a Reading piano teacher, is forming a group that will meet every 2 to 3 months. Come to a session and play for us or be a listener with intentions to play at a later session. Discussions regarding relaxation, memory, practicing, etc. will be welcomed. If you are interested, send an email to:

**[rusty@palumbopiano.com](mailto:rusty@palumbopiano.com)**



**NORTH SHORE SKATING CLUB**

MEMBER U S FIGURE SKATING

Burbank Ice Arena, Reading

## **ICE SKATING LESSONS**

*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  
Freestyle Sessions

Private Lessons  
Off-Ice Classes

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

Children, Teen & Adult Classes

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

**Session Dates:**    **Session II, November 6<sup>th</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
(Cost pro-rated after 2nd week of classes)

**Session III, January 29<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Session IV & Summer Session to follow

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

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

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**Website:** **[www.nsskating.net](http://www.nsskating.net)**

# NOVEMBER



## November Activities at the Pleasant Street Center

### 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading

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

#### **Blood Pressure**

November 3 - 10:00 – 10:45 AM sponsored by Hallmark Health

November 21 – 10:45AM sponsored by Rite-Aid

#### **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 1:00 – 2:00pm with Ethan

#### **Art Lessons with Steve Greco**

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

#### **Lunch is served**

Join us every weekday at noon (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).

## Pleasant Street Spa

**Roberta Our Hairdresser**—Monday, November 17, 9:30 – 1:00 by appointment call (781) 245-6605

**For facials, manicures, chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)**

**Facials – Thursday**, November 6 and 20 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Choose 15 minutes for \$5 or 30 minutes for \$10.

**Chair Massage** - Thursday, November 6 and 20 - 9:00 – 11:45 receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

**Manicures** – Thursday, November 13, 9:30 – 1:00 \$6.00 regular or \$7.00 French

## FITNESS

### **Body & Brain Flexibility**

**Tuesday, November 4 and 18**, Stretch your Body and your Brain, New Series for stretching, intestine exercise, meditation and relaxation. Learn ways to stimulate your brain and create optimal physical health. No floor exercise. Tuesdays 11:00 AM -12:00 Noon, \$5 drop in.

### **Motion to Music**

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

### **B.E.S.T.**

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

### **Yoga**

Mondays, November 3 – 24, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, 4 weeks for \$40 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, 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.

### **“FOREVER 49” Tai Chi**

Fit for Life Fitness Program - Chi Gong, stretching, weight lifting, Tai Chi, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM. **FIRST CLASS FREE November 3!** \$40/month or \$10/Session.

## GAMES

**Cribbage** Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Billiards** 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** Fridays, 12:45 – 3:15 PM, \$1.00 to play - Maximum 32.

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

## EVENTS

### **Lunch & Learn Nutrition presentation**

What are GMOs and are they safe in our food? Tuesday, November 4, lunch 12:00 and learn 12:30. Ever heard of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) which are in our food supply? Join Candace Quigley, registered dietitian, for this presentation.

### **The Caregiver support Group**

We will meet for the first time Tuesday November 4 at 6:00 PM at The Pleasant Street Center, 49 Pleasant Street, Reading. Please contact Social Worker, Melissa Koster at 781-942-6680 or [mkoster@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:mkoster@ci.reading.ma.us) to become involved. Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or Dementia is a difficult journey, but it does not need to be traveled alone. Please join us on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. We will help with finding ways to cope through new ideas and how to improve quality of life while providing a caring environment. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers.

The group will be designed to enable participants to:

- Share and Explore solutions to problems
- Listen and talk in a confidential environment
- Meet others in similar roles
- Learns ways to cope and decrease stress
- Learn about community resources

### **Quilting**

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, November 5 & 19. Great techniques and tips for saving time. Come visit and try it out. Class size is limited. Call Edwina 781-944-6398 for more info.

### **Movie Day**

Thursday, November 6, 1:00 PM - *The Monuments Men*

In a race against time, a crew of art historians and museum curators unite to recover renowned works of art stolen by Nazis before Hitler destroys them. Written, directed and starring George Clooney. Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, and more.

### **Lunch & Learn - Be Cautious of Scams**

Thursday, November 6, 12:00 Noon, presented by Jane Burns "You've won the lottery (even though you never entered), the IRS is calling you, your grandson has been arrested"...learn about the top scams, what to do when they call, and how to spot them. Special dessert will be served.

### **Birthday Lunch**

Monday, November 10, Noon. Your November birthday lunch is free! If it is not your birthday month, the suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

### **Veteran's Day Breakfast**

Tuesday, November 11, 9:00 - 10:30 AM. A FREE Pancake Breakfast - Doors open at 9:00 AM and we will continue serving until 10:30 AM. Veterans, families, friends, and neighbors are all welcome to stop by for some refreshments.

### **Low Vision Group**

Wednesday, November 12, 10:00 AM. Speaker will be Gayle Yarnall of the Perkins School Talking Book Library.

### **Parkinson's Disease Support Group**

Meet every 2nd Wednesday - November 12th  
1:30 to 3:00 PM. Led by Greater Medford VNA.

### **Games on the Big Screen**

Thursday, November 13, 1:00 PM. Back by popular demand! Family Feud or Price is Right or Wheel of Fortune. Refreshments provided.

### **Attention, Adults with Diabetes!**

Monday, November 17, 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.

### **Lunch & Learn**

**Memory Loss: When it happens to your friend.** Tuesday, November 18, lunch at 12:00 and learn at 12:30. Do you know someone who is showing signs of cognitive changes? Are you worried about a friend missing appointments? This program will guide attendees on how to understand dementia, and explain normal aging versus memory impairment. Participants will learn how to have more fun, improve communication and experiences, and show you how to make your interactions more positive and meaningful. Speaker will be Marilyn Stasonis, RN from Stonebridge at Burlington. Special dessert being served.

### **Pop Up Library**

Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 AM -12:00 Noon. Once a month, beginning November 19, Reading Public Library will offer a full service "Pop Up Library" at the Pleasant Street Center. Library staff will be on hand to offer a variety of services. Hear about new books, get assistance from setting up an email address to downloading eBooks, checkout a variety of books, magazines, movies and music, and learn about new services.

### **Thanksgiving Special Lunch**

Thursday, November 20, 12:00 Noon, entertainer– Paul Harty - singer/guitar player.

### **The Not Too Stuffy Book Group**

**The Aviator's Wife** by Melanie Benjamin. Thursday, November 20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Despite her own major achievements - she becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. You are invited for a friendly discussion; books are available to borrow at the Center.

### **State Senator Jason Lewis**

Friday, November 21 at 2:30 PM. Stop by and get to know Senator Lewis. Raise any questions/concerns.

### **Black Friday Buffet Breakfast**

November 28 – 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Do you need to refuel before hitting the mall? Stop in for a continental buffet breakfast and help us get ready for the holidays - Reservations preferred.

### **Holiday Character Breakfast**

Reading Elder-Human Services and Reading Recreation have teamed up again! On November 30 come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast while dining with some all-time favorite holiday characters. Fun for everyone...

bring the kids... bring Grandma... all ages are welcome! **Seniors 60+ FREE**, under 60 cost is \$3.00 per person.

Times: 8:00 - 8:30AM

8:45 - 9:15AM

9:30 - 10:00AM

**Registration is open now** so don't wait, space is limited! Please register each person attending by calling 781-942-6794 or online at [www.readingrec.com](http://www.readingrec.com).





## **Sunday Jr. Clinic In-Town (Grades K & 1<sup>st</sup>)**

### **@RMHS Field House**

The new version of Sunday Basketball for children in Grades K-1 will focus more on skill building and fun drills for the younger hoopsters in Town. We'll be lowering the nets down and using smaller balls to make the game more fun for the players. Each week, players will do station drills and other fun games to acclimate them to the game of basketball. Players will gradually work toward playing mini-games as the sessions progress. Sunday Basketball Jr. Clinic will have two different sessions to choose from and will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis.

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| K & 1 Clinic | Session I: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  | Fee: \$125 |
|              | Session II: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Fee: \$125 |

## **Sunday In-Town Basketball League (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)**

### **@RMHS Field House**

Reading Youth Basketball In-Town program is for boys and girls in grades 2-5. In-Town Basketball is strictly recreational and should be approached as such. This program will run for 10 Sundays from November to February. Players will be placed on a team and will receive their own shirt and number! No team/player requests please. All sessions will meet at the designated time below on Sunday.

During the 75-minute sessions each week, teams will practice and play games for a designated portion of time. This may vary from week to week. Hoops will be lowered to 8 feet for the younger divisions and use smaller balls. All teams will be capped at 12 players.

\*\*New this year... The 1:45 PM time slot will be held as flex session for overflow of any session. Teams will generally play during the time listed below. However, game times may vary depending on number of teams.

The Sunday League rules dictate the exact amount of playing time each individual receives. Playing time is based on the number of players per team. We will be holding a mandatory coaches meeting prior to the start of the season.

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| 2 & 3 Boys Division  | 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM | Fee: \$139 |
| 2 & 3 Girls Division | 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM  | Fee: \$139 |
| 4 & 5 Girls Division | 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM  | Fee: \$139 |
| 4 & 5 Boys Division  | 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM  | Fee: \$139 |

## Sunday In-Town Middle School Basketball League (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

### @RMHS Field House

This program is open to all middle school basketball players regardless of whether they are playing in any other basketball program. Players will be divided into teams and volunteer coaches will coach this league. Teams will be broken down by gender with a boys and girls division. Eight (8) big weeks!!

### WANTED: COACHES

If you are interested in coaching for the In-Town Middle School Basketball League, please indicate your interest when you register or contact Jenna Fiorente at the Recreation Division at 781-942-9075 or email [gfiorente@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:gfiorente@ci.reading.ma.us).

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| Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ) | 7:00PM – 8:00PM | Fee: \$73 |
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## Get Ready for the Holidays and Help the Coolidge Middle School!



### Christmas is Coming, why not give 2 gifts for the price of 1?

The Coolidge Middle School Magazines & Memories Fundraiser is available online year-round to full-fill all your Holiday and Birthday Gifts, from Photo Cards and Albums, to Magazines and Gifts, there's something for everyone on your shopping list! And, when you buy a gift from the online store a portion of the proceeds are gifted to the Coolidge Middle School.

To purchase, visit: [www.GASCHOOLSTORE.com](http://www.GASCHOOLSTORE.com) Enter School Code: 2649036

### Need Stocking Stuffers...how about a way to balance your budget after the Holidays?

Coolidge Cash Cards make great gifts and are wonderful option for the budget conscious shopper. To purchase, simply fill out an order form and mail with payment to: Coolidge Middle School, Attn: PTO Cash Card, 89 Birch Meadow Drive, Reading, MA 01867. Orders may take at least 1-week to process so please plan accordingly! Order Form found at:

[http://www.edline.net/files/\\_uTHKF\\_/26b33b31690f42ad3745a49013852ec4/CoolidgeScripOrderForm.pdf](http://www.edline.net/files/_uTHKF_/26b33b31690f42ad3745a49013852ec4/CoolidgeScripOrderForm.pdf)

# OPEN HOUSE



**Austin Preparatory School ~ Sunday, November 2  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM ~ 101 Willow Street, Reading**

Join us for our Open House, showcasing our Upper and Middle schools. Learn more about our challenging, productive and satisfying academic programs through tours and conversations with faculty and administrators.

**Register at [AUSTINPREP.ORG](http://AUSTINPREP.ORG) and you won't have to wait in long lines!**

## **RMHS Marching Band and Color Guard**

Will be performing their fall show

### ***Journey of the Sun***

At NESBA Finals Sunday, November 2, 2014  
240 Osgood St. Lawrence, MA



Thirty-six bands will be performing! Come support your hometown band! **Reading performs at 6:00 PM.** Tickets can be purchased at the door ~ \$15 adults, \$10 students and senior citizens, & children under age 5 admitted Free. [www.nesba.org](http://www.nesba.org) for updates & details.

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Please join us for the Roaring 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

# EMARC

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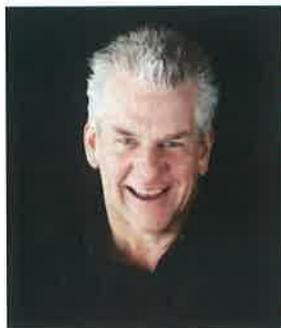
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*Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 5pm*

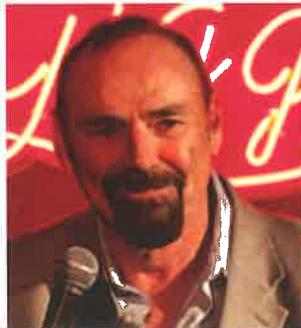
*Boston Peabody Marriott  
8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960  
\$75 per person or table of 10 for \$700 (discounted price)*

**Celebrity line-up featuring:**

Lenny Clarke



Steve Sweeney



Tony V



Hank Morse



Dave Andelman



- Large silent auction!!
- Tasting stations from Award- winning, Phantom-Approved restaurants.
- This year's Gala theme is "The Great Gatsby/Roaring 20<sup>th</sup>"
- Entertainment and surprise guests!

**TICKETS:** [www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org)

**\*\*\*Ticket deadline: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - first-come, first-serve. EVENT SELLS OUT!\*\*\***

**MORE INFO:** [www.theemarc.org](http://www.theemarc.org) OR contact Amy O'Brien at [aobrien@theemarc.org](mailto:aobrien@theemarc.org) or at 781.587.2272

EMARC is a 501c3 non-profit organization that for 60 years has been supporting adults & children with developmental disabilities. Locations: Reading, Beverly, Burlington and Wakefield. *100% of funds raised go directly to EMARC*



## ***Creative Workshop Series***

**Perfect for ages 8-14**

**To register email [CSP1249@gmail.com](mailto:CSP1249@gmail.com)**

**[CCP1961.org](http://CCP1961.org) for workshop descriptions**

**October 20 - *Intro to Puppet Making*, Instructor Kirsten Brown**

**October 27 - *The Audition*, Instructor Pam Denning**

**November 3 - *Musical Theatre*, Instructor Kevin Mahaney**

**November 10 - *Intro to Tap*, Instructor Maureen Fiorello**

**November 17 - *The Art of Costumes*, Instructor Nick Gould**

**November 24 - *The Key to Improv*, Instructor Angela Merrill**

**December 1 - *Sheet Music 101*, Instructor Meghan Dalton**

**December 8 - *Basic Dance for Beginners*, Instructor Maureen Fiorello**

**December 15 - *Storytelling with Comics*, Instructor Kirsten Brown**

**December 22 - *Shakespeare is Fun*, Instructor Nick Gould**

- **All workshops meet on Mondays from 3:30pm-5:00pm at The Old Hose House, 1249 Main Street, Reading, MA.**
- **\$35 for each workshop.**
- **Sign up for 3 or more workshops and save 10%.**
- **Siblings save 10%.**
- **Pre-Registration is required.**
- **January-March schedule posted in November.**



## Keep Calm and Carry On

### Alzheimer's Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Please join Town of Reading Elder Services Social Worker, Melissa Koster, on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 PM. We will help with finding ways to cope through new ideas and improve quality of life while providing a caring environment. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers while enabling participants to:

- Share and explore solutions to problems
- Listen and talk in a confidential environment
- Meet others in similar roles
- Learn ways to cope and decrease stress
- Learn about community resources

The Caregiver Support Group will meet for the first time on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 PM at the Pleasant Street Center, 49 Pleasant Street, Reading. Register by contacting Social Worker Melissa Koster at 781-942-6680 or [mkoster@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:mkoster@ci.reading.ma.us) to become involved.

RMHS DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

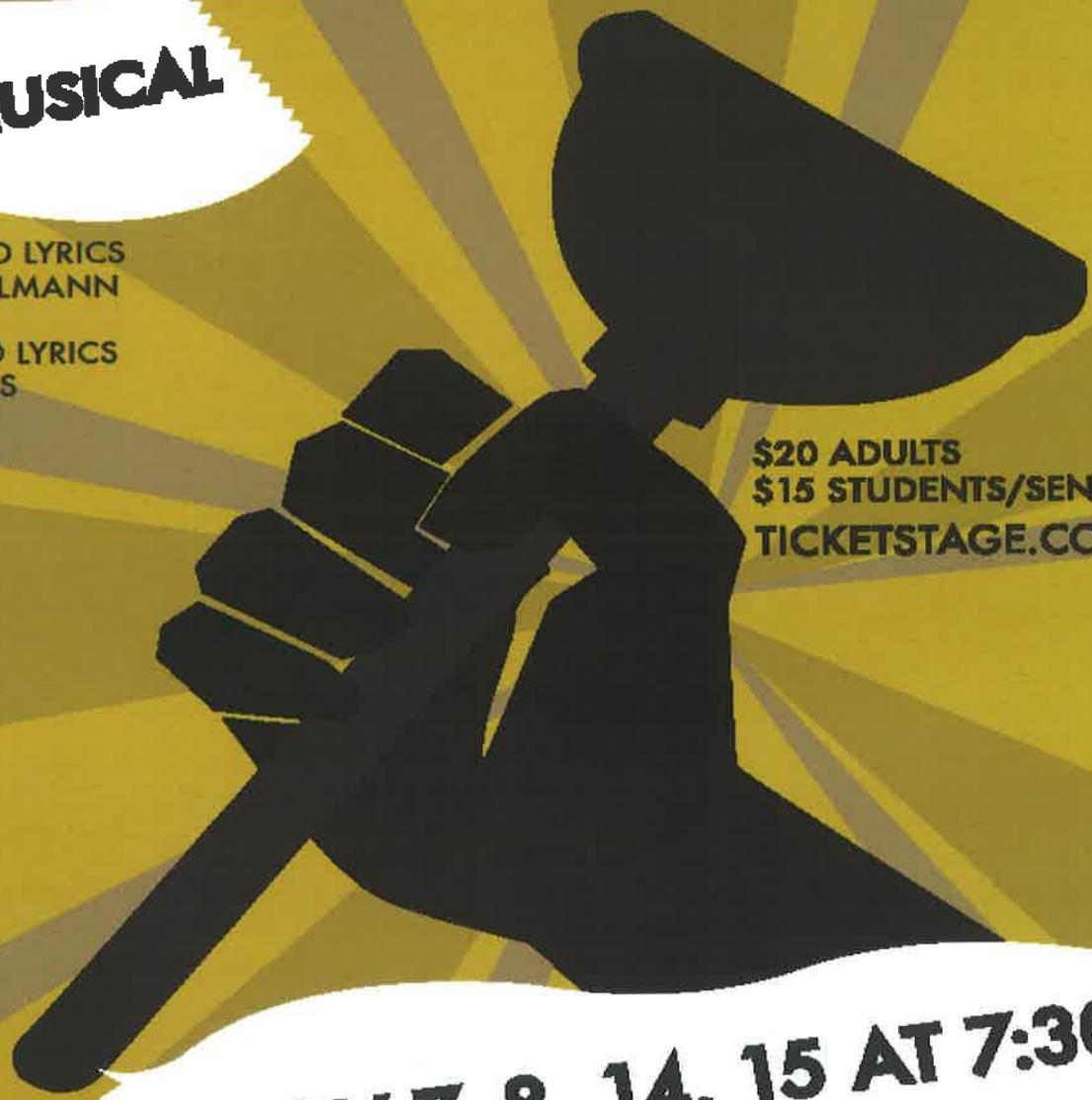
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# Reading Art Association

**November 7, 8, & 9**  
FALL EXHIBIT & SALE

**December 10**  
Oil Painting Demonstration  
By Pamela Panarelli Miller



You are cordially invited to

## FALL FOR THE Y

A CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT THE BURBANK YMCA



Our Premier Sponsor – The Savings Bank

**Friday, November 7 ~ 6:30 to 9:30 PM**

Hillview County Club ~ 149 North Street ~ North Reading

\$65 Per Person ~ Evening Includes:  
Silent Auction ~ Live Auction ~ Food ~ Beer & Wine

Purchase tickets online at [www.ymcaboston.org/Burbank/fall](http://www.ymcaboston.org/Burbank/fall)

Or R.S.V.P. to Irene Collins, Executive Director  
Burbank YMCA ~ 781-909-7401  
Or [icollins@ymbaboston.org](mailto:icollins@ymbaboston.org)

**Hosted by the Burbank Y Board of Advisors**

# Kris Kringle Fair



**Saturday ~ November 8**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading  
239 Woburn Street, Reading

Jewelry - Boutique • Books • Silent Auction • Kindle Fire HD  
Raffle • Quilt Raffle • Country Store • Potpourri • Baked Goods  
Refreshments/Snack Bar • Entertainment • Kids Books & Toys  
AND MUCH MORE!

Check out our website for photos of raffle items and other Kris Kringle Fair info:  
[uureading.org/fair](http://uureading.org/fair)



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## PURE EXERCISE FOR EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Saturday, November 8 ~ 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

### Class Offerings:

10:30 AM Family Zumba® (Main Studio)  
11:30 AM Tabata  
12:30 PM Family Piloxing® (Main Studio)  
12:30 PM Broga® (yup, yoga for the guys!)  
1:30 PM Hot Yoga (Yoga Studio)  
1:30 PM Kids Yoga (Main Studio)

**WHERE:** Pure FIT Studio & Spa  
34 Gould Street, Reading, MA

**WHY:** YWL of Reading is raising money to support all elementary schools  
Enrichment Programs.

**HOW:** Go to [www.ywlreading.org](http://www.ywlreading.org) for class descriptions, class schedules and to  
reserve your spot today. Space is limited!

**EXTRA TREAT:** Call Pure FIT @ (781) 942-7873 to book an Aveda Spa facial or massage at  
a great discounted rate! 15% off one treatment OR treat yourself to a facial and a massage  
and receive 25% off the 2nd treatment! (Hours available are Saturday November 8th 1:00 PM to  
6:00 PM and Sunday November 9 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM!)

Have a great workout while giving back to your elementary schools! Amazing gift baskets will be raffled off, as well! \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets. If you cannot attend this great event but want to support our elementary schools, please go to [www.ywlreading.org](http://www.ywlreading.org) and donate today!

*Honor...Courage...Loyalty*

## VETERANS DAY

*Honoring all who served...*

# 11.11.14

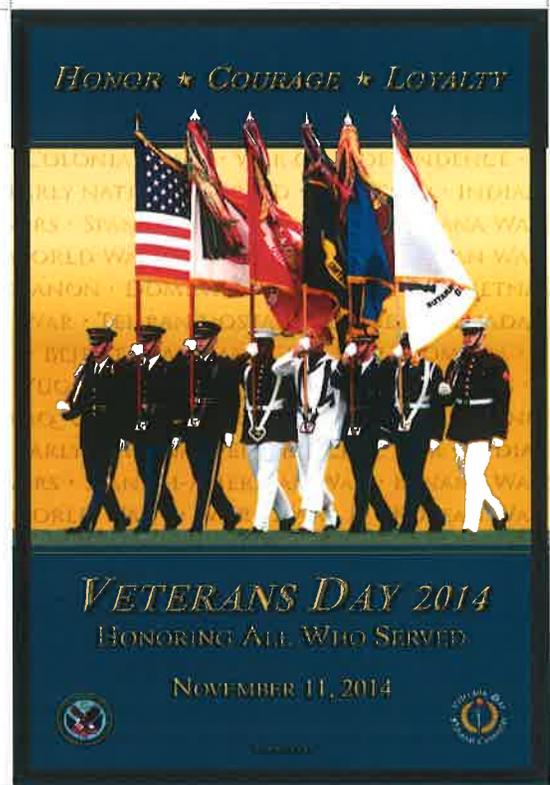
11:00 AM ~ On the Common

**Free Pancake Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Pleasant Street Center

**All are welcome!**



## November 12th – Reading in the Civil War – Part 4

On November 12, the Reading Antiquarian Society – Friends of Parker Tavern will hold its bi-annual meeting. After a short business meeting, the **final chapter in the series “Reading in the Civil War”** will be presented. Hear about Reading’s connection to the Andrew Sharpshooters and to the CSS Alabama, the involvement of Reading soldiers on the Northern Frontier, a Medal of Honor recipient from Reading, the personal stories of members of Reading’s GAR Post 194, and much more. Refreshments will be served. So join us at the Pleasant Street Center (Senior Center) from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on November 12, 2014.





## Teen Activities at the Y



**Teen Night:** On Fridays, November 14 and December 5 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM 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. Please contact Brad if you are planning on attending Teen Night!

**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 6:30 PM and high schoolers meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Are you looking to get involved in the Y or find community service hours? We are looking for teenagers for a variety of volunteer opportunities. Contact Brad to begin the process of volunteering at the Y.

**Any questions, contact Burbank Y Teen Director Brad Agostinelli at [bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org](mailto:bagostinelli@ymcaboston.org) or 781-909-7116.**

## Church of the Good Shepherd

### *Fall-iday Fair*



**Friday November 14 ~ 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Saturday November 15 ~ 9:00 – 1:00 PM**

Outstanding variety of craft items!  
Unique gifts...Raffles...Baked Goods...  
Toys... Books... Christmas Items...  
Children's Activities... Bargain Box... Jewelry...  
Live Music and Vendors!

**95 Woburn Street ~ Reading**

## Student Performance Night at CREATIVE ARTS

**Friday, November 14 ~ Concert begins: 7:00pm**

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](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org)**



**Creative Arts Theatre for Young Audiences Presents**

## **The Emperor's New Clothes**

**By Magpie Puppets**

**Saturday November 15 ~ 10:30 AM**

In this updated version of the Hans Christian Andersen classic, the Emperor has closed all the stores – he's using them to store his clothes! He has even closed the school, using the children's desks for his jewelry. Greta and Rebecca, two brave tailors, outwit the vain Emperor to save their country from ruin. The audience helps them convince the Emperor's assistant that the invisible clothes exist. They grill the Emperor at the Royal Press Conference. This show is geared to children ages 5 and older.

Maggie Whelan is the creator of Magpie Puppets, a one-woman hand puppet theater based in Stoneham. She has been creating and performing puppet shows for children since 1969. In 1971, she founded and directed Poor People's Puppets in NYC, which performed in its own storefront theater from 1971-1974. In addition to performing, Maggie has taught puppet-making workshops at schools, community centers, and even at Club Med! She is a member of the Boston Area Guild of Puppetry and Puppeteers of America.

Performance at Creative Arts ~ 25 Woburn Street ~ Inside the First Congregational Church  
Enter the church on Sanborn Street or through the back door of the church from the Town Hall Parking lot

**Tickets are \$8 per person and concessions are available**  
**Reservations are strongly encouraged! Call 781-942-9600**  
Or email [info@weteachcreativearts.org](mailto:info@weteachcreativearts.org)

This show is part of Creative Arts new Theatre for Young Audiences series running through February 2015

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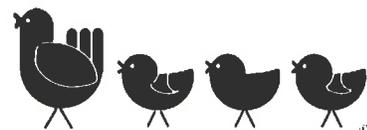


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Announcing the  
**St. Athanasius**  
**Christmas Faire 2014 !**  
300 Haverhill Street, Reading MA

**Fri, Nov. 21, 5 - 9 pm**  
**Sat, Nov. 22, 10 - 2 pm**

❖ *Come Experience our Always-Popular ~*

White Elephant Antiques

Themed Gift Baskets

Children's Craft Activities

Handmade Knit & Crochet Items

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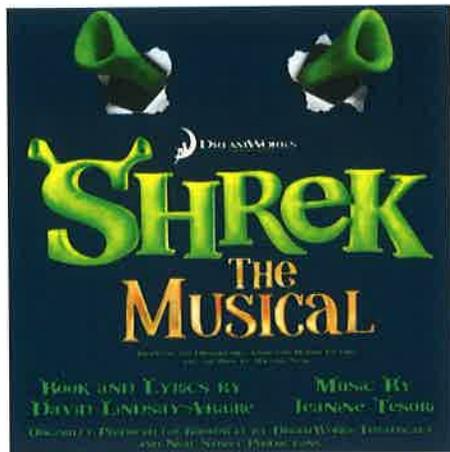
Snowflake Boutique

Delicious food presented by our top notch food committee.

Hot cider, Christmas music and much more.

**Sure to put you in the best holiday mood.**

**AUSTIN PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRESENTS...**



Friday, November 21 at 7:00 PM  
&  
Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 PM

Tickets sold at the door only

Tickets: \$10, children under age 6 Free

**101 Willow Street ~ Reading**

## *Reading Symphony Orchestra*



*Your local connection to quality symphonic music since 1931*

**Sunday November 23 ~ 3:30 PM**

Dvorak Symphony # 8 – Bizet Carmen Suite # 1

William E. Endsloew Performing Arts Theatre

Reading Memorial High School

Tickets: Adult \$15 ~ Seniors/Students \$10 ~ Children 12 and under Free

For more information: [readingsymphonyorchester.org](http://readingsymphonyorchester.org)

# **Burbank YMCA 25th Annual 5K Classic**

Saturday, November 22



Race begins at 9:00 AM from the Wakefield Common  
Proceeds benefit the Annual Fund Campaign

For more information: Joanna Nolin at [jnolin@ymcaboston.org](mailto:jnolin@ymcaboston.org)

## **RMHS Band & Color Guard Mattress Sale Fundraiser**

**Saturday ~ November 22**

**RMHS Cafeteria**

**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

A mobile showroom will be set up in the cafeteria with a huge selection of mattress styles including Simmons, Restonic, and Therapedic. They are all made to order right here in New England and are offered at 50-60% below retail!





Reading Education  
Foundation

## Enjoy a delicious meal & Give to a great cause!

**Don't cook the night before Thanksgiving!**

On Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11pm, eat at Bertucci's in Reading and 15% of your bill will be donated to REF!

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



*Supporting RLE and Reading Public Schools has never been easier!*

## Annual Reading vs. Stoneham Thanksgiving Day Football Game **With the RMHS Marching Band and Color Guard**

Thursday November 27 ~ 10 AM in Stoneham

It's a tradition to come out and support the Rockets Football Team on Turkey Day! As always, the RMHS Marching Band and Color Guard will be performing!

**Go Rockets!**



# SUBURBAN HOLIDAYS NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL

Directed by Patrick Cleary and Donna Corbett

Join the fun of QP's new holiday tradition! Have you seen The Nutcracker too many times? Can you recite the speeches by every ghost in *A Christmas Carol* by heart? It's time for the *Third New Holiday Play Festival* and QP Fundraiser that explores different holidays – all 9 new works written by New England Playwrights!

**Production Dates: November 28, 29, 30; December 5, 6, 7**

**Tickets \$20 ~ Box Office 781.942.2212 or [www.qptheater.com](http://www.qptheater.com)**

**Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 PM and Sunday Matinees at 2 PM**

 **Quannapowitt Players, Inc.**

**55 Hopkins Street Reading MA 01867**

## RMHS Marching Band and Color Guard Annual Christmas Tree Sale



**Starts Saturday, November 29th**

As we get closer, we will confirm the exact address on Edline, in the local papers, and on RCTV. Thank you to everyone who year after year supports the Band and Color Guard by buying Christmas trees or wreaths from our students. We look forward to selling you another beautiful tree for your family to enjoy!

# ANNUAL WREATH SALE



**Free Home Delivery on Saturday, November 29!**

Wreaths in sizes 12" 18" 24" 36"  
Plus Balsam & Boxwood Kissing Balls

For Prices and more information contact:  
Anna Dorigatti at [adorigat@hotmail.com](mailto:adorigat@hotmail.com)

All proceeds benefit local charities. Since 1999 the Reading Lions Club has donated over \$18,000 in wreath sale profits to the Reading Food Pantry.



## *Holiday Character Breakfast* *Sunday, November 30th*

*Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Pleasant Street Center while dining with some all-time favorite holiday characters. This event is brought to you by Reading Recreation and Human & Elder Services.*

*Fun for everyone... bring the kids... bring Grandma... All ages are welcome!*

*The cost is \$3.00 per person for Ages 0-59 and FREE for Ages 60+.*

*Times: 8:00AM - 8:30AM  
8:45AM - 9:15AM  
9:30AM - 10:00AM*



*To register for this event please visit [www.readingrec.com](http://www.readingrec.com). You may also call the Recreation Division at (781) 942-9075 or the Pleasant Street Center at (781) 942-9764. We hope to see you there!*

## **Recycle your old Christmas Lights At the Unitarian Universalist Church**



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading will be collecting non-working strings of Christmas lights for recycling. Drop them off on the porch of Loring House, 211 Summer Avenue, any time between November 30th through January 11th. Loring House is the blue house next to the Unitarian Universalist Church parking lot.

Come see the  
**Living Nativity**



**At the Old South Church  
November 30<sup>th</sup>  
During the town tree lighting  
festivities**



**Live animals  
Live people  
Free**

**Then come inside for cocoa and a craft!**



## **HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 30TH**

**Downtown Reading  
Activities begin at 1:00 PM  
Tree Lighting begins at 4:30**

Visit and have your photo taken with Santa Claus... Ride the Hay Wagon... Take a Trolley Rides... Have fun with the Characters... Jump on the Moon Bounce! All the activities take place at the Festival prior to the lighting ceremony. Bring your family down early to enjoy all the activities!

**Check the Chamber's web site for more details:**

**[www.readingnreadingchamber.org](http://www.readingnreadingchamber.org) or call 978-664-5060**

**Please Join Us for Cookies and Cocoa  
After the Tree Lighting on November 30th!**



**First Congregational Church**

Serving hot cocoa, fresh cookies, carol singing and visiting...  
All are welcome!



*Santa just called and said make sure you see*

**The RMHS Marching Band & Color Guard**

Performing at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown Reading

# December



## December Activities at the Pleasant Street Center

### 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading

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

#### **Blood Pressure**

December 1, 10:00 – 10:45 AM sponsored by Hallmark Health  
December 19, 10:15 – 10:45 AM sponsored by Rite-Aid

#### **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 1:00 – 2:00 PM with Ethan.

#### **Art Lessons with Steve Greco**

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

#### **Lunch is Served**

Join us every weekday at Noon (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).

## **Pleasant Street Spa**

**Roberta Our Hairdresser** - Monday, December 15, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM by appointment call 781-245-6605

**For facials, manicures, chair massage** please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

**Facials – Thursday**, December 4 and 18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM - Choose 15 min. / \$5 or 30 min. /\$10.

**Chair Massage** - Thursday, December 4 and 18, 9:00 – 11:45 AM receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

**Manicures** – Thursday, December 11, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM - \$6.00 regular or \$7.00 French.

## **FITNESS**

### **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

### **B.E.S.T.**

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

### **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, 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.

### **“FOREVER 49” Tai Chi**

Fit for Life Fitness Program - Chi Gong, stretching, weight lifting, Tai Chi, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM. **FIRST CLASS FREE December 4<sup>th</sup>!** \$40/month or \$10/Session

## **GAMES**

**Cribbage** Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Billiards** 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** Fridays, 12:45 – 3:15 PM - \$1.00 to play - Maximum 32

**Chess** Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

## **EVENTS**

### **Parkinson's Disease Support Group**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Pop Up Library**

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon. Once a month, Reading Public Library will offer a full service "Pop Up Library" at the Pleasant Street Center. Library staff will be on hand to offer a variety of services. Hear about new books, get assistance from setting up an email address to downloading eBooks, checkout a variety of books, magazines, movies and music, and learn about new services.

### **Holiday Special Lunch**

Tuesday, December 16, lunch 12:00 Noon - entertainment 12:30 -1:30 PM– The Uptown Girls – “Cool Yule” Show.

### **State Senator Jason Lewis**

Friday, December 19, 2:30 PM. Stop by and get to know Senator Lewis. Raise any questions/concerns.

### **New Year’s Eve Party/Yankee Swap**

December 31, Noon - 3:00 PM - Great Room - Join us for lunch with a special dessert and some holiday fun. Feel free to bring a wrapped gift for the “Re-gifting Yankee Swap” (value \$3 - \$5); for some added fun bring your strangest “Why did they give me this?” or “What am I supposed to do with that gift”? Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

## **Winter Class Registration**



**Don't let the cold keep you in!  
Get your creative juices flowing at CREATIVE ARTS!**

Join us this Winter for some fun yet enriching opportunities with one of our theatre, art or music classes. Return for old favorites or try one of our NEW classes! Courses begin January 20, 2015 but the registration opens December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**View a full course catalog on our website: [www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org)**

**Visual Art Classes** include drawing, painting, mixed media, sculpture, and more for kids beginning at 3 years old. Or adults can choose from painting, stained glass, and more.

**Theatre Classes** start at age 4 with Imaginative Acting to Advanced Acting for teens. Also new this year, we'll have a “Broadway Bound” program which will include acting, dance & voice.

**Music Classes** begin with the “caregiver & child” Movin' & Groovin' class children as young as 6 months, all the way up to teen voice classes and group violin classes. Plus, don't forget about private music lessons!

For more information, contact:  
**Kelly Walsh, Education Director at [info@weteachcreativearts.org](mailto:info@weteachcreativearts.org)**  
or call the office 781.942.9600.  
Registration forms can also be found on our website.



## **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**

### **Theatre Camp during February Vacation Week**

This new dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic, set in the land of Narnia, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia.

### **Join us – Registration opens December 1 – Ages 8+**

Our theatre camps are 100% hands-on. Students will help in creating the set, designing props and even embellishing 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!

- Location - CREATIVE ARTS Theatre (inside the First Congregational Church)
- Camp runs Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- Friday and Saturday Night ticketed performances
- Director Kelly Walsh, Art Director Brittany Daley

**For more information or to register, call Creative Arts at 781-942-9600  
Or email [info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org](mailto:info@WeTeachCreativeArts.org)**

READING RECREATION PRESENTS ...

## **Holiday Card and Décor Workshop**



**Tuesday December 2 ~ Mattera Cabin ~ 6:30 to 9:30 PM ~ Ages 16+**

Hey folks...remember when you created your personal holiday card for that someone special? And, made your own holiday decorations? How about reliving that enjoyment? Put down your smartphones! Leave your laptops at home! Put your tablets away! Do bring your holiday spirit and creativity. We will make a holiday card for that special someone then we will craft a holiday decoration that will last throughout the years. Join your friends in an evening of fun and memory-making (without the kids and honey-do-list)! Project kits and tools will be supplied. For more information call 781-942-9075.

# Shop the Block

Thursday  
December 4



things you want



things you need



great shopping



closer to home than you think



**5:00 to 9:00 PM ~ Food ~ Fun ~ Shopping  
Entertainment all night ~ In-Store Promotions**

## Reading Recreation Baby Sitting Course



Reading Recreation is proud to offer this program to the youth work force of our community. This program is being directed by Winchester Hospital staff, for boys and girls grades 5 and up. Participants must bring a babysitting kit (see below). Please also bring a snack and lunch.

**Baby Sitting Kit:** You are asked to produce a babysitting entertainment kit. You should be prepared to bring this kit to the class to be checked. This can be in the form of a knapsack, cloth bag, small suitcase, or box which can be brought with you when you baby sit for the purpose of having your own supplies and ideas to entertain the children.

**No paper or plastic bags!**

**Some articles your kit could contain:** Paper and Pencils, Story Books, Coloring Books, Construction Paper, Blunt Scissors, Old Jewelry (if child is over 4 years old), Doll, Crayons, Bath Toys, Hand Puppet, Band Aids, Flash Light, other safe toys.

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Coolidge Middle School Multipurpose Room ~ Fee: \$85**

## *Special Skates*



### **Skating Program Starts Saturday, December 6, 2014**

The Special Skates Program is a skating program for children with special needs. This program takes place at Burbank Arena in Reading on Saturdays starting December 6. Skaters are supported on the ice by 'buddies' to provide a safe and fun experience. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. The program details are as follows:

DATES: Saturdays, December 6 – February 14 (No program on December 27)  
TIME: 12:00 Noon – 12:50 PM  
FEE: \$100 Reading Residents / \$110 Non-Residents  
LOCATION: Burbank Ice Arena - 51 Symonds Way, Reading

Skaters must bring and wear their own helmets and skates. Skates may be rented at the arena for free.

If you are interested in being a "buddy" for this program, please complete the form on the Special Skates program page at [www.readingrec.com](http://www.readingrec.com) entitled "Buddy Registration Form" and email it to [nsscjc@nsskating.org](mailto:nsscjc@nsskating.org).

If you have any questions, please contact the North Shore Skating Club at (781) 944-5874 or email [nsscjc@nsskating.org](mailto:nsscjc@nsskating.org). Register online at [www.readingrec.com](http://www.readingrec.com).

## Creative Arts Holiday Performance & Art Exhibit Saturday, December 6th



Join CREATIVE ARTS in a special musical, theatrical & artistic celebration for the whole family during the Festival of Trees at Parker Middle School Auditorium! Free performance begins at 3:00 PM. (Festival tickets available at the door.)

This concert is free, but we do encourage you to also check out REF's Festival of Trees as well! The Festival is a great family event to get you in the festive spirit. Make sure you locate CREATIVE ARTS' tree, and maybe even vote for it and drop one of your raffle tickets in the bucket to win a FREE class!

**For more information visit [www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org)**



**Festival of Trees**

**December 6th & 7th**  
Saturday: 12-6pm  
Sunday: 10-5pm

*Parker Middle School*



Sponsored by  
**Reading Education Foundation**  
Outside the box - Inside the classroom.



**Reading Garden Club**

**Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 PM  
Pleasant Street Center  
49 Pleasant Street**

**For details or to purchase "lights",  
Contact Mary Ann Higgins at  
781-944-4428 or mahiggins5@gmail.com  
www.readinggardenclub.org**



**North Shore Skating Club  
Senior Club**

**Holiday  
Exhibition**



**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM Burbank Ice Arena**

**FREE ADMISSION!**



**Parker Middle School**  
**Winter Concert**

**Tuesday ~ December 9**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 6:00 PM**  
Band, Chorus, Select Chorus

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ 7:30 PM**  
Band, Chorus, Select Chorus

**FREE!**

**Parker Middle School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert**



**Thursday ~ December 11 ~ 7:00 PM**

**Band, Chorus, Jazz Band**

**Free!**

**Burbank YMCA presents a**

*Holiday*  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Friday ~ December 12 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Get into the holiday spirit with your entire family! Join the Y for holiday crafts, holiday songs, and pictures with Santa! Please bring your own cameras to take pictures with Santa.

**Reading Recreation**

**Annual New York City Shopping Trip!**

**Saturday ~ December 13**



Join Reading Recreation and experience one of the busiest holiday shopping days of the year in New York City. Shoppers will enjoy 7 hours of uninhibited shopping time. Snacks will be provided. This trip is limited to 42 participants but will need a minimum of 32 people.

**Departure:** Train Depot Lot at 6:30 AM, Lincoln Street, Reading

**Return:** Train Depot Parking Lot at approximately 11:00 PM, Lincoln Street, Reading

**Age Restriction:** Participants must be 18 years of age or older to attend this trip without adult supervision.

**Fee:** \$69



# CAROLING

*for your home, party, or business*

## **Looking for a unique gift?**

Add a festive tone to your home, event, or place of business while supporting Reading Memorial High School's Choral Program!

***Christmas Carols for \$30***  
***Sung by the Select Choir of RMHS***

15-minute time slots available  
Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00–9:00 pm

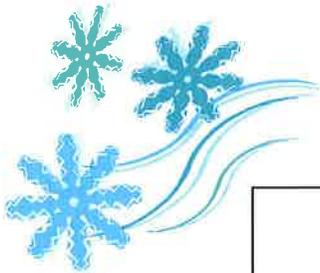
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The RMHS Drama Club  
Presents  
the

Dickens  
Holiday Marketplace  
& Craft Fair!

Shopping, Food, and Entertainment  
For All Ages!



**Saturday, December 13, 2014**  
**10:00am - 3:00pm**



Performances throughout the day on  
Main Street and in the  
William Endslow Performing Arts Center

Main Street at RMHS  
62 Oakland Road  
Reading, MA

Holiday gift items, ornaments, jewelry, folk art, pottery, handbags, and more!

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## Reading Recreation

# Holiday Card and Ornament Workshop (Grades 5-8)



**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ Mattera Cabin ~ 9:00AM - 12:00PM ~ Fee: \$35**

Do you remember the last time that you created something for the Holidays? The fun you had? The fun you had giving it to someone special? The memory you created? Well, put your homework aside for the time being and join your friends for an afternoon of creativity at the Mattera Cabin. Have some fun making and decorating a special Holiday card, ornament, and with a little luck, a special bonus project to celebrate with! Join us... register now for some holiday cheer! Project kits and tools will be supplied.

## Creative Arts presents... Arts Party & Child Care: Creative Style!



Let CREATIVE ARTS help relieve some of your holiday stress! This drop off day has been so popular that we've added a second date!

On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> you can drop the kids off as early as 11:30am (right after Storytime Theatre's "Little Red Riding Hood" performance!) and pick them up as late as 2pm. On Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, drop off begins at 10:30 and last pick up is at 1:30pm.

Cost: only \$25 per day for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$20 per day for each additional child. Kids will have a blast playing games, making crafts, eating pizza and having FUN while you're out hustling about, finishing holiday shopping, or putting your feet up in a quiet house! Kids ages 3-13 are welcomed (Note: all children must be potty trained). Kids over 13 are welcomed as helpers!

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

**AUSTIN PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS...**

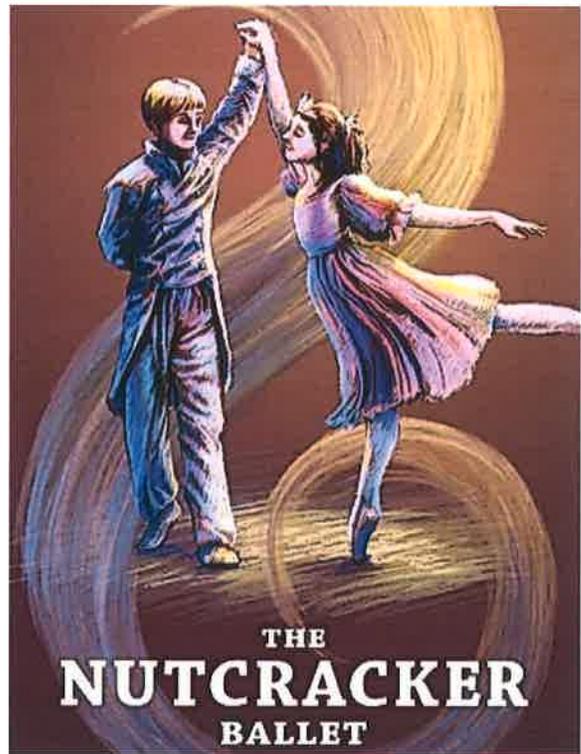
**Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 pm**

**Tickets sold at the door only**

**Tickets: \$10**

**Children under age 6 free**

**101 Willow Street ~ Reading**



Storytime Theatre Presents

***“Little Red Riding Hood”***

December 13 ~ 10:30 AM

Who’s afraid of The Big Bad Wolf? We’re not! Come and find out why with the return of the very popular “Storytime Theatre” presented by CREATIVE ARTS. Storytime Theatre is a troupe of advanced acting and musical theatre students who will delight your children with the modern day version of “Little Red Riding Hood.” Join us for creative storytelling, dynamic audience interaction, lively sing-alongs and lots of fun. Our shows are educational and entertaining, featuring theatre education as well as live music. We even pull out our costume box at the end of the show for kids to try on their favorite pieces. Great for all ages and perfect for 1-6 year olds!

Location: Creative Arts, 25 Woburn Street (inside the First Congregational Church), Reading

Tickets: \$5 per person (concessions available)

Reservations: Are strongly encouraged... call 781-942-9600 or email [info@weteachcreativearts.org](mailto:info@weteachcreativearts.org)

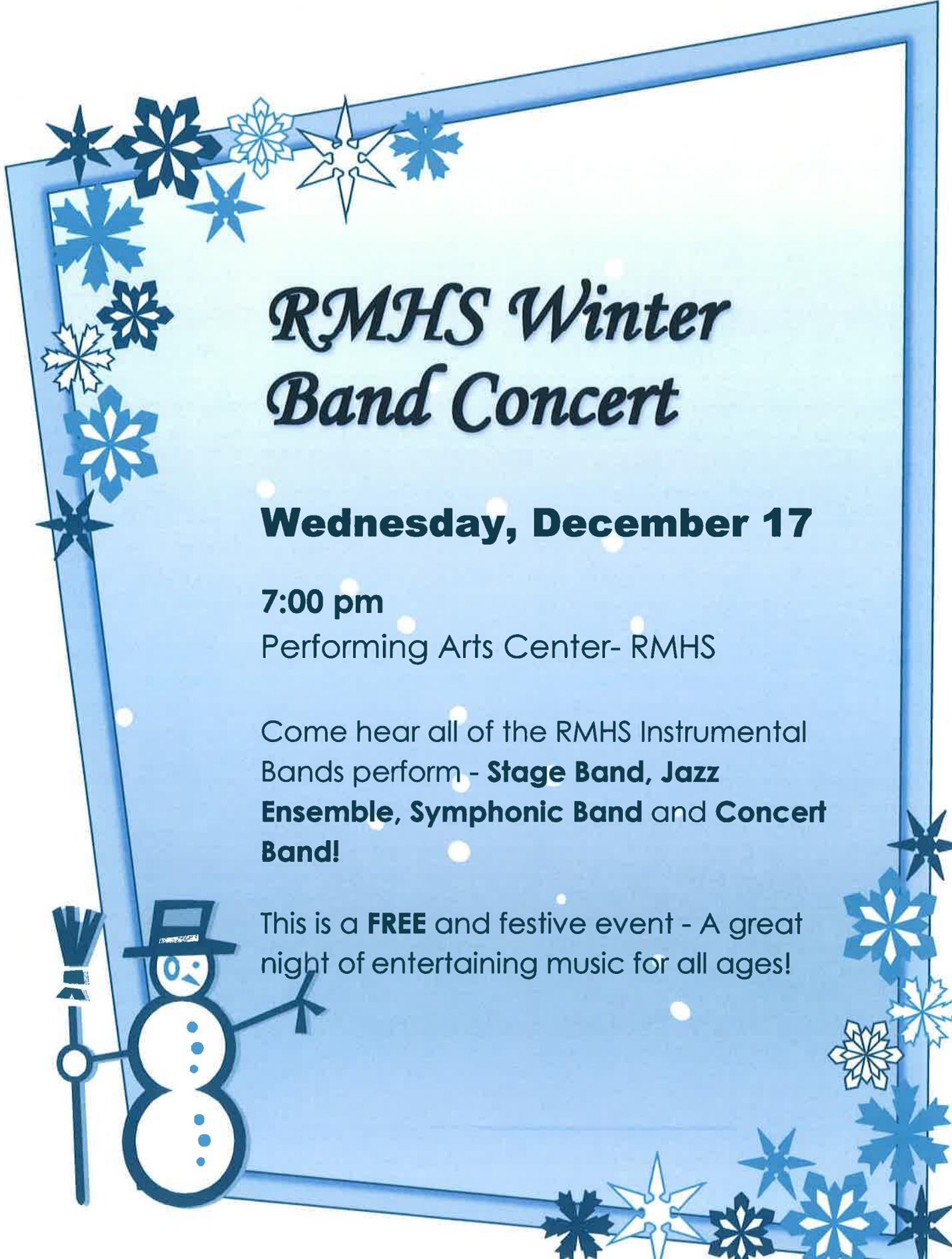


**Reading Police Department**

**Annual Children's  
Holiday Party**

**Sunday ~ December 14  
1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**Austin Preparatory School  
101 Willow Street**



# *RMHS Winter Band Concert*

**Wednesday, December 17**

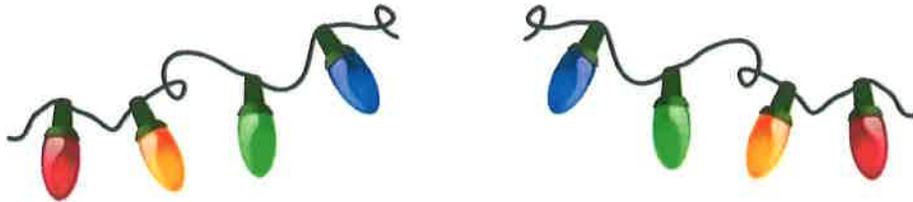
**7:00 pm**

Performing Arts Center- RMHS

Come hear all of the RMHS Instrumental Bands perform - **Stage Band, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band** and **Concert Band!**

This is a **FREE** and festive event - A great night of entertaining music for all ages!





Reading Memorial High School  
Choral Department's

# WINTER SONGFEST

FEATURING:

**RMHS SINGERS**

**FERMATA NOWHERE**

**THE CRESCENDUDES**

**MIXD CHOIR**

Director: Miss Kristin A. Killian

**DECEMBER 18, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

Reading Memorial High School's  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**