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Reading Senior Newsletter

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September 2016

Pleasant Street Center
 49 Pleasant St.
 781-942-6794
 Mon.– Fri. 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Coordinator/Sharon Thomas
 781-942-6796

Case Manager, Kerry Valle
 781-942-6659

Nurse Advocate, Alyse Warren,
 781-942-6693

Van Driver,
 Joe Beninati

Administrator, Jane Burns 781-942-6658

Clerk, Ann Gentile
 781-942-6608

HEALTH FAIR



Hallmark Health Annual Health Fair

Thursday, Sept. 29 - 10:00 - 12:30
Stay Healthy and Independent!



Sponsored by Reading Elder Services and Hallmark Health VNA and Hospice.
 Screenings include Blood Pressure, Bone Density,
 Vision tests by the Reading Lion's Club, and Free Hearing Tests.
 Flu Clinic and pneumonia shots sponsored by Rite-Aid.
 Free drawing w/prizes and continental breakfast. Drawings at 12:15.

Lunch and Learn, Protect Yourself From Medicare Fraud!

Monday, Sept 12, lunch at 12:00 learn at 12:30



\$60 to \$90 billion of our tax dollars are lost to Medicare fraud each year? Come meet Pat McMillen, a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol (MA SMP)
Reservations for lunch required, \$2.00 suggested donation for lunch. Choice of Cranberry Chicken or Fruit Plate

A MATTER OF BALANCE



Wednesdays, Sept 21 - Nov 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

8 week session meets weekly. This workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and view falls as controllable. It helps increase activity levels. Each session includes discussion and exercises to improve your balance, flexibility and overall strength. **A minimum of 6 people is required to hold the class. FREE** Registration required signup now.

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

Registration Required



Free Transportation



781-942-6794

Reservations start Thurs. Aug. 25th. Please call by noon at least **two** days before the event.

SENIOR TAX RELIEF



Join Victor Santaniello, Town Assessor, for a review of the proposed tax relief programs for seniors. (See the Town Manager's message included in the newsletter.) Victor will review the programs and answer you questions.

Thursday, September 8, 12:30 pm

If you are coming for lunch at noon, reservations are required. \$2.00 suggested donation for lunch.

FLU CLINIC



Tuesday, Sept. 6, 11 – 12pm

Bring your insurance card and there is no charge for the shot. High dose shot available!



MOVIE DAYS



Movie Day, Thursday, Sept 8, 1:00



The Lady in the Van (104 min) tells the true story of Alan Bennett's strained friendship with Miss Mary Shepherd, an eccentric homeless woman whom Bennett befriended in the 1970s before allowing her temporarily to park her van in the driveway of his Camden home. She stayed there for 15 years.

Movie Day, Thursday, Sept 22, 1:00



The Finest Hours (117 min) Based on a True Story - In February of 1952, one of the worst storms to ever hit the East Coast struck New England, damaging an oil tanker off the coast of Cape Cod and literally ripping it in half. On a small lifeboat faced with frigid temperatures and 70-foot high waves, four members of the Coast Guard set out to rescue the more than 30 stranded sailors trapped aboard the rapidly-sinking vessel.

PLEASANT STREET SPA

Roberta Our Hairdresser—Monday, September 19, 9:30 – 1:00 by appointment call (781) 245-6605. \$14

Manicures – Thursday, September 8 and 22 ; 9:30 – 1:00, \$6.00 or \$7.00 for French

For Chair Massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

Chair Massage - Thursday, September 1, 15, & 22, 9:30 – 12:00 receive a 15 minute chair massage for \$10.

Reiki Treatments—Thursday, September 15, 3rd Thursday of each month - 9:30 - 11:45 - call 781-942-6794 for an apt. The fee for ½ hour treatment is \$15.

S.H.I.N.E.

Questions about Medicare and health insurance? Call for a free appointment (781) 942-6794.

S.H.I.N.E. COUNSELING: (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Meeting in the Computer Room -

Wednesday, September 14, 12:00 – 4:00

Friday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Games on the Big Screen: Thursday, Sept. 15 1:00, Wii Games – “Deal or No Deal”, “Who wants to be a Millionaire”, \$10,000 Pyramid. Refreshments provided.

Cribbage: Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00

Bingo: Tuesdays 1:00—2:30

Billiards: (No van) Weds., 10:00 - 11:15 (Pool table is available Monday - Friday)

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

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

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



LUNCH FOR EVERYONE



Special Lunch Thursday, September 1, 12:00 with Entertainer Jim Barrineau singer/guitarist



Lunch with Officer Kristen: Tues., Sept. 20 - (the 3rd Tuesday of each month) at 12:15. Kristen is available to answer questions and help resolve issues.



Birthday Lunch: Monday, Sept. 26 @ Noon. Celebrate your birthday. If it is the month of your birthday, Reading residents will receive a free lunch & gift.. Cake & ice cream for all.

Lunch is served: Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a terrific meal and good conversation.

Reservations required 24 hours in advance for all lunch programs.

Lunch sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, cost is \$3.50.)

VETERANS - JOIN THE SCUTTLEBUTT!

Enjoy the comradery of your fellow soldiers. Share personal experiences. Learn and discuss the Military history of the month. Enjoy guest speakers and historical movies.

Thurs., September 1(1st Thursday of month)
10:00 followed by lunch at noon.

Kevin Bohmiller, Veterans' Services Officer 781-942-6652 or kbohmiller@ci.reading.ma.us.



FITNESS FOR ALL

MONDAYS:

- **Zumba Gold:** Kelli - 9:00 - 10:00 Zumba is fun... So grab some friends and come take a class! Drop-ins \$5
- **Yoga**—Sept. 19, 2 weeks for \$20 or \$11 for drop-in
- **FOREVER 49 Tai Chi** - All your health needs in one program. 1:30 - 2:30 \$49/month or \$13 Drop-ins welcome. **FIRST CLASS FREE**

TUESDAYS:

- **Jacki Sorensen's Fitness Class** - starting Sept. 6 9:00 - 10:00. \$5/Session Stretching, Strengthening, Cardio Workout and fun! This is a new session.
- **Body & Brain Flexibility** Sept. 6, 8 weeks for \$35 or \$5 for drop-in. Learn skills to enhance memory and coordination and have fun!

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- **FOREVER 49 Tai Chi** - All your health needs in one program 1:30 - 2:30 \$49 for month or \$13 for Drop-ins.

THURSDAYS:

- **NEW Jacki Sorensen's Fitness Class** - Starts Sept. 6 - 9:00 - 10:00. \$5/Session

FRIDAYS:

- **B.E.S.T.** - Balance, Energy, Strength, Training 9:00 - 10:00 Lounge. Drop-ins welcome - \$3/Session.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure

- ♥ **Sept. 1, Thurs., 11:00 - 11:45 am Blood Pressure Clinic and "Ask the Nurse"** (1st Thursday of every month)with Nurse Advocate, Alyse Warren - Cedar Glen Common Room
- ♥ **Sept. 13, Tues., 11:30- 12:00 Town Nurse, Donna Pierce**
- ♥ **Sept. 14, Weds., 10:00 - 10:30 Nurse Advocate, Alyse Warren, Frank Tanner Drive in the Common room**
- ♥ **Sept. 30, Fri., 11:30 - 12:00 Nurse Advocate, Alyse Warren**

Check back next month for the Podiatry Clinic.

Blood pressures are in the Great Room at the Pleasant Street Center except the days at Cedar Glen and Frank Tanner Drive

CLASSES, CRAFTS

Art Lessons with Steve Greco: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 12:00, 2 ½ hours for \$10.00. Any medium taught. Minimum of five students for the class;.

Advanced Art Class : Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00
\$10.00 per class

Klickity Klack (Knitting Group): Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 New knitters & crocheters welcome.

Computer Classes: Learn to use email, send pictures, use the internet. We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if you want.

Tuesdays with Nancy 10:00 - 11:30

Wednesdays with John 10:00 - 11:00

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ABBREVIATIONS CG = Cedar Glen FTD = Frank Tanner Drive Everything in Bold Transportation is available IMPORTANT VAN INFO These are destination arrival times. Please be ready 30 minutes - 1 hour prior to the time listed	Each day you may choose a hot or cold lunch. Suggested donation \$2.00 Lunch- Reserve the day before by noon		1 8:30 Burbank YMCA 8:45 CG Grocery shopping 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Chair Massage 10:00 Scuttlebutt 12:00 Special Lunch 12:30 MAH JONGG Labor Day Special - Pulled Pork Sandwich	2 8:45 FTD Grocery Shopping 9:00 BEST 9:30 Painting 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Party Bridge 1:00 AA 1:00 Chess Stuffed Shells or Tuna Salad Sandwich
5 Town Hall and Pleasant Street Center Closed Labor Day	6 8:30 Burbank YMCA 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Art Lessons 10:00 Computers w/Nancy 10:30 Body & Brain Flexibility 11:00 Flu Clinic 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Advanced Art Lessons Fish Florentine or Chicken Salad Sandwich	7 8:45 Neighborhood Grocery Shopping 9:30 Klickity Klack Billiards 10:00 Computers 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries/Library 1:30 Forever 49 Lasagna or Roast Beef/Provolone Cheese Sandwich	8 8:30 Burbank YMCA 8:45 CG Grocery Shopping 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Manicure 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Sr. Tax Programs 12:30 MAH JONGG 1:00 Movie Chicken & Gravy or Seafood Salad sandwich	9 8:45 FTD Grocery Shopping 9:00 BEST 9:30 Painting 10:15 Representative Jones 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Party Bridge 1:00 AA 1:00 Chess Stuffed Pepper or Ham/Swiss Cheese Sandwich
12 9:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries 9:00 Zumba Gold 12:00 Lunch & Learn 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Walmart/Ocean State 1:30 Forever 49 Cranberry Chicken or Fruit Plate	13 8:30 Burbank YMCA 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Art Lessons 10:00 Computers w/Nancy 10:30 Body & Brain Flexibility 11:30 Blood Pressure 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Advanced Art Lessons Tyson Burger or Seafood Salad Sandwich	14 8:45 Neighborhood Grocery Shopping 9:30 Klickity Klack 9:30 Zumba Gold 10:00 Low Vision 10:00 Billiards 10:00 Computers 12:00 SHINE 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries 1:30 Parkinson Support 1:30 Forever 49 Mac & Cheese or Chef Salad	15 8:30 Burbank YMCA 8:45 CG Grocery Shopping 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Chair Massage 9:30 Reiki 12:00 Lunch 12:30 MAH JONGG 1:00 Games Broccoli Quiche or Curry Chicken Salad Sandwich	16 8:45 FTD Grocery Shopping 9:00 BEST 9:30 Painting 10:00 SHINE 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Party Bridge 1:00 AA 1:00 Chess 2:30 Senator Lewis Salmon Filet or Roast Beef/Provolone Cheese Sandwich
19 9:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries/Library 9:00 Zumba Gold 9:30 Hairdresser 11:00 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Woburn Mall/Kohl's/Target 1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Forever 49 Beef Stroganoff or BBQ Chicken Sandwich	20 8:30 Burbank YMCA 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Art Lessons 10:00 Computers w/Nancy 10:30 Body & Brain Flexibility 12:00 Lunch w/Officer Kristen 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Advanced Art Lessons Baked Fish or Ham/Swiss Cheese Sandwich	21 8:45 Neighborhood Grocery Shopping 9:30 Klickity Klack 9:30 Zumba Gold 10:00 Billiards 10:00 Computers 10:00 Matter of Balance 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries 1:30 Forever 49 Hot dog or Egg Salad Sandwich	22 8:30 Burbank YMCA 8:45 CG Grocery Shopping 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Chair Massage 9:30 Manicure 12:00 Lunch 12:30 MAH JONGG 1:00 Movie Chicken a la King or Roast Beef/Cheese Sandwich	23 8:45 FTD Grocery Shopping 9:00 BEST 9:30 Painting 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Party Bridge 1:00 AA 1:00 Chess Spinach/Red Pepper Fritata or Turkey/Swiss Cheese Sandwich
26 9:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries 9:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 Yoga 12:00 Birthday Lunch 1:00 Walmart/Ocean State 1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Forever 49 Greek chicken or Tuna Salad sandwich	27 8:30 Burbank YMCA 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 9:30 Art Lessons 10:00 Computers w/Nancy 10:30 Body & Brain Flexibility 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Advanced Art Lessons Lentil stew or Roast Beef/Swiss Cheese Sandwich	28 8:45 Neighborhood Grocery Shopping 9:30 Klickity Klack 9:30 Zumba Gold 10:00 Billiards 10:00 Computers 10:00 Matter of Balance 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Downtown Errands/Groceries 1:30 Forever 49 American Chop Suey or Chicken Salad Sandwich	29 8:30 Burbank YMCA 8:45 CG Grocery Shopping 9:00 Jacki Sorensen's Fitness 10:00 Health Fair 12:00 Box Lunch 12:30 MAH JONGG Pork Roast or Egg Salad Sandwich	30 8:45 FTD Grocery Shopping 9:00 BEST 9:30 Painting 11:30 Blood Pressure 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Party Bridge 1:00 AA 1:00 Chess Sweet Potato Fish Filet or Chef Salad

On the Go!

Van transportation is a **free service** to Reading seniors and non-seniors with disabilities. Our goal is to provide safe, efficient and friendly service. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by calling the Pleasant Street Center (781) 942-6794. The times listed below are expected time of arrival at the destination.

Please be ready 45 minutes prior to the time stated (for example if the shopping time is 9:30 you should be ready by 8:45).

The Pleasant Street Center is closed Monday, September 5th (Labor Day)

Walmart /Ocean State for everyone

- Monday, Sept. 12 1:00 - 2:30
- Monday, Sept. 26, 1:00 - 2:30



Woburn Mall, Target or Kohl's for everyone

- Monday, Sept. 19, 1:00 - 2:30

Downtown Errands or Grocery Shopping for everyone

- All Mondays 9:00 - 10:15
- All Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:15



- **Burbank YMCA for everyone** - All Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30

Stop & Shop or Market Basket:

- Neighborhood Grocery Shopping Wed., 8:45 - 10:00
- Cedar Glen Grocery Shopping Thurs., 8:45 - 10:00
- Tannerville Grocery Shopping Fridays, 8:45 - 10:00

As a courtesy to others, please refrain from the use of colognes and perfumes when riding on the van. It has been known to cause an allergic reaction for some passengers. Thank you for your cooperation.

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SENIOR GROUPS

Writer's Group: Will resume in October.

Low Vision Group: – Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10:00 Guest Speaker – Bob McGillivray Rehabilitation & low vision therapist at the Carroll Center

Parkinson's Support Group: – Led by Kathy Hill, PT with the Greater Medford VNA. Meets every 2nd Wed. . – September 14, 1:30 to 3 Led by Greater Medford VNA

The Not Too Stuff Book Group - returning in October

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

RPL is in the middle of packing up and moving back to our library at 64 Middlesex Avenue. While we are closed, be sure to have your library card and PIN handy to take advantage of our many online and digital services or visit a neighboring library to check out and return items. If all goes well, we will reopen by the end of September. Mark your calendars for a **reopening celebration Sun. Oct. 2, 2-5:00**. For move updates call 781-944-0840 or check the website: www.readingpl.org.

MEDICARE UPDATE!

It's that time of year again! If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), you should expect information from your plan by the end of September. *This information is important because it explains changes in your plan for 2017.* During Medicare Open Enrollment (**October 15 - December 7**), you have a chance to **CHANGE** your plan for next year. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan changes, as well as other options you may have. Call early to get a SHINE appointment during Open Enrollment!

Trained SHINE volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and Medicare-related health insurance programs. **To schedule a SHINE appointment, call (781) 942-6794.** For other SHINE related matters, call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636).

MEDICARE UPDATE LGBT: The Supreme Court's legalization of same sex marriage in all states changed how Medicare and Medicaid evaluate the eligibility of same sex spouses. Depending on the program and the individual's circumstances, the changes can be positive or negative.

Three new fact sheets help consumers learn about these changes. These fact sheets were produced in partnership with SAGE (Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Elders), the SHIP National Network (State Health Insurance Assistance Programs), and Administration for Community Living (ACL). *All are available for download at the [National Resource Center for LGBT Aging](http://www.nationalresourcecenter.org).*

LAMP REPAIR

Drop off your broken lamp with the Receptionist, you will be contacted when it is fixed. Pay for parts only.



QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

Representative Brad Jones Office Hours:
Friday, Sept. 9, 10:15 - 11:15

Special Town Meeting: Sept. 12, 7:30 pm.
High School

Council on Aging: Sept. 19 06:30—8:00

Board of Selectmen Office Hours: Tues.,
Sept. 6 6:30 - 7:00 - Town Hall

Senator Jason Lewis: Friday, Sept. 16 ,
2:30—3:30

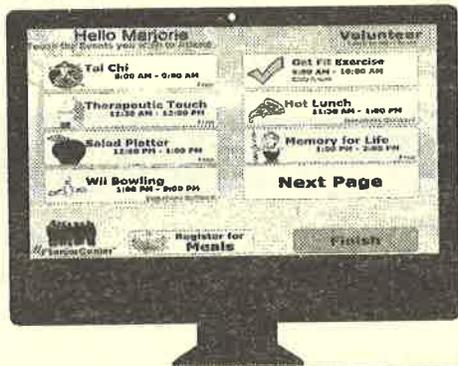
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TOUCHSCREEN SIGN IN

Stop by the 'Key Tag' table during the week of September 12 and pick up a key tag or register your key tag from another Center.

When you use your key tag to sign-in be sure to touch the 'Drawing' button to be entered into the monthly drawing. Prizes include gift cards to Market Basket, Christopher's Restaurant, D'Amici's and assorted giveaways. The more you use your key tag to the more chances you have to win.

It is the goal of the Center to go paperless by January 1, 2017. Let's work together to save some trees.



READING ROAD TRIPS

Through the generosity of the Council on Aging, we are offering trips. Transportation is free! Lunch, and entertainment costs are the responsibility of the individual.

Seats are limited. **We ask you to sign-up for one trip and check back five days before the next trip for availability.** Reservations by calling (781) 942-6794. Open to **Reading** residents age 60+. A minimum of 5 persons is required for the trip. **Times are destination arrival times.**



Thurs., Sept. 8, 11 – 3 pm, **Downtown Newburyport** enjoy sightseeing, shopping with lunch on your own.



Tues., Sept. 27, 11:00 - 2:00 pm, **Concord River Cruise** on the Concord and Sudbury Rivers - enjoy a unique dining experience aboard a pontoon boat. Cruise to Fairhaven Bay, where Thoreau and Hawthorne spent time composing their renowned writings. Cruise to the Old North Bridge where the shot heard around the world was fired. Cruise and lunch \$33. per person due by the 23rd. Call to find out your sandwich choices. (no refunds after Friday, Sept. 23)

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DID YOU KNOW:

You can obtain a copy of the *Pleasantries* at several locations around town or via email at www.readingma.gov. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list and/or sign up to receive it via email, please call Ann at 781-942-6608.



A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, BOB LELACHEUR

Proposed Senior Tax Relief

At their meeting on August 9, 2016 the Board of Selectmen voted 5-0 to request a **Special Town Meeting on Monday September 12, 2016 at 7:30pm in the RMHS Performing Arts Center**. The bulk of the Town Meeting will consist of four separate Articles all aimed at Senior Tax Relief. The Board is well aware of the increasing challenges faced by the senior population, and seeks to mitigate the financial challenges posed by property taxes in order to help the seniors 'age in place' in their Reading homes if they choose to do so.

Three of these Articles will affect only those seniors most in need of financial assistance: (1) an increase in the elderly tax exemption from \$750 to \$1,000; (2) tie future increases to an annual cost-of-living index; and (3) reduce the interest rate from 8% to 4% for seniors that defer payment of their property taxes. The town's Assessing division has online information on qualifications for these programs at: <http://www.readingma.gov/assessor/pages/exemptions> .

The fourth Article is aimed at a wider senior audience in the form of a Home Rule Petition which must first be approved by Town Meeting and then by the State Legislature and the Governor. It has been modelled after the state's Circuit Breaker income tax relief program, the details of which can be found here: <http://www.readingma.gov/assessor/pages/tax-relief-programs> . Reading would be only the third community in the state to have such legislation; the town's legislative delegation has expressed their support for the request. Note the request is for three years at a time, in keeping with current state tax policy.

State Circuit Breaker information from 2014 tells us that over 600 seniors qualified for income tax relief in Reading, and received up to a \$1,070 exemption from state income taxes. We do not know what portion of those seniors own their own homes and will qualify for property tax relief, so the Selectmen are requesting a range of possible tax exemptions (roughly \$500 to \$2,000) with the goal of keeping the total amount under \$1 million across the town. The Selectmen indicated that all other property tax payers would share that \$1 million cost proportional to their current tax bills, beginning on July 1, 2017.

If these Articles are approved by Town Meeting, the Board of Assessors and their staff will conduct public information sessions at the Pleasant Street Center to help explain the changes and the new programs. It is expected that the Home Rule Petition would begin with an application process during August 2017 and that the Selectmen would set the tax relief amount during their annual Tax Classification process in November 2017.

If you have any questions, please send them to me at townmanager@ci.reading.ma.us

Bob LeLacheur
Town Manager

For your information, below is the proposed text of the Home Rule petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF READING TO ESTABLISH A MEANS TESTED SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one, residential in the town of Reading there shall be an exemption from the property tax in an amount to be set annually by the Board of Selectmen as provided in section 3. The exemption

shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. For the purposes of this act, "parcel" shall be a unit of real property as defined by the board of assessors under the deed for the property and shall include a condominium unit. The exemption provided for herein shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions allowed by the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The Board of Assessors may deny an application if they find the applicant has excessive assets that place them outside of the intended recipients of the senior exemption created by this act. Real property shall qualify for the exemption under section 1 if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by a person whose prior year's income would make the person eligible for the Circuit Breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws;
- (b) The qualifying real property is owned by a single applicant age 65 or older at the close of the previous year or jointly by persons either of whom is age 65 or above at the close of the previous year and if the joint applicant is 60 years of age or older;
- (c) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by the applicant or joint applicants as their domicile;
- (d) The applicant or at least 1 of the joint applicants has been domiciled and owned a home in the Town of Reading for at least 10 consecutive years before filing an application for the exemption;
- (e) The maximum assessed value of the domicile is no greater than the prior year's maximum assessed value for qualification for the Circuit Breaker income tax credit under Section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws as adjusted annually by the Department of Revenue; and
- (f) The board of assessors has approved the application.

SECTION 3. The Board of Selectmen shall annually set the exemption amount provided for in section 1, provided that the amount of the exemption shall be within a range of fifty percent to two hundred percent of the amount of the Circuit Breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws for which the applicant qualified in the previous year. The total amount exempted by this act shall be allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all residential taxpayers. I

SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under section 1 shall, before the deadline established by the Board of Assessors, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the Board of Assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets as described in the application. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption.

SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the Department of Revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the residential tax levy.

SECTION 6. This act shall expire after 3 years of implementation of the exemption.