

COMMUNITY NEWS May 4, 2020





Readington Summer Enrichment Program

Readington Summer Enrichment: Parents, consistent with our district's interest in providing your children with continued enrichment and quality programming, we are opening pre-registration for our Summer Enrichment Program. We understand the uncertainty which we face, and the unknowns with which we are working. For this reason, we are only taking pre-registration, without charging at this time. This will reserve your space in our program should it be safe to run. At the time the final decision is made, you will have the chance to register or not. This is not a commitment to attend or pay, but rather a reservation to decide upon at a later date. Pre-registration guarantees you a spot when it has been determined it's safe to run our program. Contact Colleen Ogden, cogden@readington.k12.nj.us, Summer Enrichment Coordinator, with questions. Please pre-register to hold your spot. https://cutt.ly/PreRegister-20Enrich
A copy of the summer Enrichment Catalog can be found on our Summer Enrichment website https://cutt.ly/RPS-Enrichment and at https://cutt.ly/Catalog-20Enrich.

Family and Friends of RMS and HC Grads

If you're looking for a way to celebrate an upcoming RMS or HC grad in your life, consider purchasing a graduation sign from Minuteman Press in Flemington! Signs can be customized with your grad's name, school and next step. As an added bonus, Minuteman Press will be donating \$5.00 from the sale of each sign to the Readington Middle School Athletic Booster Club! To place an order, please click here. To view RMS sample, please click here. To view HC sample, please click here. Any questions, please contact Jason Jacobus at flemington@minutemanpress.com

Hunterdon County Youth Coalition - Love My Lungs

In these unusual times, The Drug Free Task-Force, Positive YOUth, and the Hunterdon County Youth Coalition (HCYC) are looking into creative ways to reach Hunterdon County High School students to make healthy choices. To that end, we have created the "Love My Lungs" campaign. The goal is to reach Hunterdon County High School students via email and encourage them to take the pledge to remain vape-free. All students who take the pledge and tell us why they are committed to "Love My Lungs" are entered into a raffle. For more information, click here.

RMS 7th Grade Band – Needs Your Vote Today

The Readington Middle School 7th Grade Band entered a contest through Rutgers University called the RU Battle of the Bands. The winner will be awarded a VIP trip to Rutgers campus and perform with the Scarlet Knights at a home football game in the fall of 2020. RMS has been advised that out of all the middle schools in NJ they have been selected as 1 of the 5 finalists! This is very exciting news. The band with the most online votes wins. Please take a moment to vote for the RMS 7th Grade Band. You are allowed 1 vote per person per day. Please vote today and every day through May 17, 2020. To vote, please click here. For more information, click here.

Hunterdon County Library

The Hunterdon County Library is continuing to serve the residents of Hunterdon County. For more information on how to visit your virtual library please, <u>click here.</u>

Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation

The Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department is continuing to serve the residents of Hunterdon County. For more information on distance learning, lesson plans, and activities please, <u>click here</u>.

Hunterdon Healthcare Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU)

The Family Crisis Intervention Unit continues to provide services to families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Services are free and voluntary. For more information, please click here.

Hunterdon Help Line: 908-782-4357

Hunterdon Helpline has been operating as usual, 24-7, during this difficult time. We continue to provide all our services and connect to those in the community that are still operational. **Food Access:** People in need, particularly our vulnerable populations, should contact Helpline if in need of food deliveries. As is our usual custom, we determine what services fit them the best based upon their information and make sure they receive the food they need either through our volunteer base or appropriate organizations, such as food pantries and Meals on Wheels, that can accommodate them. **Volunteers:** Please also send people wishing to volunteer our way. They will be matched with the appropriate program, services, and organizations. We are doing this in a safe and organized fashion so that our vulnerable populations receiving services, as well as those giving, are safe and protected. To contact: 908-782-4357. For more information: www.helplinehc.org

Hunterdon Medical Center – Signs of Support



Hunterdon Medical Center would like to decorate the windows and halls of the hospital with positive messages to encourage our staff on the front lines. We are asking students to create signs of support and use a **blue heart** in their design to symbolize the courage and commitment of our healthcare heroes. Signs can be mailed to Kathleen Seelig - Public Relations, Hunterdon Medical Center, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Hunterdon County – Flemington Area Food Pantry

In this time of crisis, hunger and food insecurity have increased significantly; the food banks need help. If you are in a position to help, please consider making a donation of any amount to help our neighbors and our community. The donation of money allows the food pantry to buy items in large quantities without asking donors to make drop-off trips. Any amount you can afford will help feed those in need. To donate, please <u>click here</u>. To contact, please call: 908-788-5568. The Flemington Food Pantry is located at: 154 Route 31 North, Flemington NJ.

Readington Area Starfish Food Pantry

The Readington Area Starfish Food Pantry is available to provide assistance during this difficult time to families who are financially struggling. For assistance, please call Readington Township Social Services at 908-534-0974.

Readington Township Social Services – School Supplies

The Readington Township Social Services Department has school supplies available to use during the school closure / online home instruction time for families who are financially struggling. For supplies, please call Readington Township Social Services at 908-534-0974.

Safe Coalition

Safe Communities Coalition of Hunterdon/Somerset has officially launched the Fentanyl Factor documentary on their website. The documentary is intended to educate the community about the role of Fentanyl in the Opioid Crisis and features local stories of those affected by the epidemic. To view the documentary, please click here.

United States Census 2020

Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children, newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens. For more information, <u>click here.</u> For more information (Spanish version), <u>click here.</u>

NORWESCAP – Career & Life Transitions Center for Women

The Career & Life Transitions Center for Women (CLTC) offers programs for all women who need to reenter the workforce due to a loss of the primary income supporting the home. The Center will assist women gain the skills needed for employment. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

Polytech's Summer EXCITE Camp 2020 – Registration NOW OPEN

Polytech's Summer EXCITE Camp registration is now open for the summer of 2020. This one-week camp from July 13-17 gives students the opportunity to explore some of Polytech's offerings in Career and Technical Education: Culinary & Baking, Automotive, Arts, Cosmetology, and more! For more information, click here.

Tigers Basketball Camp 2020 – Registration NOW OPEN

Tigers Basketball Camp registration is now open for the summer of 2020. For more information, <u>click</u> <u>here.</u>

Jr Red Devils Cheer – Registration NOW OPEN

The Hunterdon County Jr Red Devils Cheer program offerings are being expanded in 2020. For more information, click here.

STEAM Summer Program for Kids – Registration NOW OPEN

The Wildlife Explorer Summer Program offers kids ages 8-12 the chance to explore Duke Farms. For more information, <u>click here.</u>

Hunterdon Hoops Summer Basketball Camps – Registration NOW OPEN

Hunterdon Hoops Summer Basketball Camps for Hunterdon County boys and girls in grades K-9. For more information, <u>click here.</u>

Rocky Railway UMC VBS - Registration NOW OPEN

The United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School – Rocky Railway is scheduled for August 10-14, 2020 (9:00 a.m. – Noon). For more information, <u>click here.</u>

Nature Day Summer Camp – Registration NOW OPEN

Raritan Headwaters have been connecting kids with nature for over 20 years. Registration for their nature day camp for the summer of 2020 is now open. For more information, <u>click here.</u>

<u>GirlPower! Summer Program – Registration NOW OPEN</u>

GirlPower! Is a fun and challenging program empowering girls ages 8-13 to build self-confidence learn to assert healthy boundaries, manage obstacles, and challenges through equine assisted activities. For more information, <u>click here.</u>

Kamp "Neigh"bor Summer Program – Registration NOW OPEN

Summer Horse Fun for Everyone. This inclusive summer riding program brings together children with and without disabilities for a fun-filled week of horseback riding and more! For more information, click here.

Pony Tales Summer Program – Registration NOW OPEN

Horse Powered Reading Summer Program – help your struggling student become a better reader through equine assisted learning. For more information, <u>click here.</u>

<u>Social Skills/Therapeutic Riding Summer Programs – Registration NOW OPEN</u>

Social Skills and Therapeutic Riding Summer Programs—the unique setting of the barn, working, and riding horses teach and reinforce generalized social skills. Social Skills Flyer, <u>click here</u>. Therapeutic Riding Flyer, <u>click here</u>. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

BraveHeart's Summer Program – Registration NOW OPEN

The BraveHeart's Equine Assisted Activities Summer Fun Program is offered to children of Military and First Responders. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

<u>Hunterdon Parks Harbinger – Registration NOW OPEN</u>

Registration is now open for the Hunterdon Park Harbinger Spring Programs and Summer Camp Programs; for more information, <u>click here.</u>

Readington Recreation Department – Spring Programs/Summer Camps – NEW FLYER

Readington Recreation Department Spring Programs and Summer Camps. For more information and to view our NEW FLYER, <u>click here</u>.

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