

RUSSELL

Library announces February events

RUSSELL – The Russell Public Library, 162 Main St., has officially joined the Central and Western MA Automated Resource Sharing system.

A library card holding Russell resident will be eligible to borrow over 8 million items from the library consortium, made up of 160 libraries, with convenient pick up and return, right here at the Russell Public Library. People may come to the library during regular hours to sign up. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents Day.

The library now has a room for people to work on puzzles. Patrons may sip a warm drink from the coffee table as they work.

Tweens and Teens also have a special space in the library. It is a place for quiet reading or conversation, game playing or homework.

Children ages 3-9 may join Ms. Jennifer at the library on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m.-noon for “Do you Want to Build a Snowman?” If there is snow

they’ll celebrate, if not they’ll make their own fun with a winter story, snack, games and a snowman craft project. They should register by email at rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Thursday, Feb. 6.

A The Russell Public Library will hold an adult informational session presented by the Hilltown Community Ambulance, Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 6-8 p.m. on Seasonal Affective Disorder. This presentation represents a partnership between Western Hampden County Public Health District the Hilltown Community Ambulance. People should register by email rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Friday, Feb. 7.

Families are invited to join the library in collaboration with the Western Massachusetts Appalachian Mountain Club for a family skate and pizza party at Amelia Park, Westfield, during the public skate on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Skates and admission will be free for children. Adults pay \$9 for admission and \$5 for skate rental. Skating will be

followed by a Pizza Party and book give away. It is recommended that all children wear a helmet and dress in layers. They should register by email dawne4amc@gmail.com or come in and sign up at the library by Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Tweens and Teens may join Ms. Kate on Friday, Feb. 21 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the library to learn the basics of crochet, make their own decoration or stuffed animal using the supplies provided. Staff will have snacks and drinks for participants. They should register by email rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Adults are invited to the library’s technology help session on Friday, Feb. 7 from 5-7 p.m.. Ms. Kate will be available to help individuals with their technology questions. People should bring their phone, laptop or tablet to learn an app and/or get the tech support they need.

People should check out StoryWalks® sponsored by the Hilltown Family Center at the Noble View Outdoor Center, All Person’s Trail and behind the Russell Public Library around the Community fruit trees and play area.

RPD holds info session

RUSSELL – The Russell Council on Aging and the Russell/Montgomery Police Department will hold an important informational session on how to avoid some common scams affecting the area on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the senior center, 65 Main St.

The meeting is open to everyone, regardless of age. People may call the Senior Center at 413-862-6217 if they have any questions.



CHESTER

Library lists February events

CHESTER – The Hamilton Memorial Library, 195 West Main St., holds Story and Fun Time every Thursday at 11 a.m.

This is a great opportunity to foster a love of reading in our young patrons while providing an opportunity to socialize with others and learn new skills through crafts and play.

The library will be showing the animated movie, “Sing,” on Tuesday Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. as the next winter season feature. This 1hr. 50-minute, PG rated film is about a koala bear who, in order to save his failing theater, puts on a singing contest in one last attempt to keep it going. Snacks and cocoa served. RSVP is helpful.

Winter Social on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m.-noon is for those looking for an opportunity to be around others for some conversation or just to get out of the house. There will be a warm beverage and light refreshments. The library has a puzzle on the table, but feel free to bring along knitting, coloring book or other activity to enjoy while chatting with friends.

School vacation week activities for

children include on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 4-6 p.m. drop in for a fun science discovery activity and on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 2-4 p.m. stop in for some winter craft fun.

Book Club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. (Feb. 19). They will be discussing the science fiction best seller, “Sea of Tranquility” by Emily St. John Mandel. Light refreshments will be served. Extra copies are available.

Dr. Seuss’s Birthday at the library celebrates the legendary author’s birthday and Read Across America Day a few days early on Thursday, Feb. 27 during regular 11 a.m. story time. Guest reader, Maryanna Broman will be reading the story, “Horton Hears a Who.” This beloved story is about a kind-hearted elephant who overcomes adversaries to save a tiny village of people on a tiny speck of dust. The story’s theme is “a person’s a person no matter how small.”

People may visit www.hamilton-library.org for more information or call 413-354-7808

MONTGOMERY

‘Music in Montgomery’ series showcases musicians

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

MONTGOMERY – The February lineup for the weekly concert series at Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, has been announced.

The “Music in Montgomery” series takes place every Thursday afternoon starting at 3 p.m. February opens with Ravenwood on Thursday, Feb. 6. Ravenwood is a local classic jazz band led by guitarist Barry Searle in jazz mode. Instrumentation includes a mandolin and violin with a female lead singer.

Jerry and Kara Noble return on Thursday, Feb. 13, promising great music and stories across the decades. Jerry is a pianist, guitarist and composer; his wife, Kara, plays bass. Their performances are dubbed, “We are the people our parents warned us about.”

Larry Southard on vocals and guitar will perform on Thursday, Feb. 20. Organizer Dale Rogers says Southard always brings “a heart-warming, singing along, tapping, clapping good

time.” While Southard will be solo at Music in Montgomery, he also performs with Papa and Friends, a rock-country-folk band who include Lesley Friedman Rosenthal (violin, harmony), Terry AlaBery (Terrance Hall on drums), Mike Patoniac (bass and harmonica) and Andy Gordon (pedal steel and banjo). Papa and Friends can be seen at local venues such as the Knox Trail Inn or Chester Common Table.

Doug Pi and the Harmonics will close the month on Thursday, Feb. 27.

This series is co-hosted by the Montgomery Public Library and by Gray Catbird Pottery Studio. Attendees are invited to bring baked goods to share. Donations are accepted for the refreshments, with money split between the Montgomery Volunteer Firemen’s Association and the Town Library. Donations are also accepted to tip and thank the fabulous musicians, who perform each week.

This event is open to all, who are interested. For more information, people may call Dale Rogers at 413-875-5205.

CHESTERFIELD

CDC holds program on senior circuit breaker tax credit

CHESTERFIELD – Denise Leduc, retired Finance Director for the Community Development Corporation will present an in person discussion on senior circuit breaker tax credit on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, conference room, 387 Main Road.

Seniors over the age of 65 can get a senior circuit breaker tax credit on their tax return in Massachusetts even if they do not need to file a Massachusetts tax return.

File and include Schedule CB to receive up to the maximum of \$2,730 for 2024. This is a refundable credit, which means even if a person does not owe Massachusetts taxes they can get this money sent to them. To be considered, 2024 total income for a single cannot exceed \$72,000 and head of household \$91,000 and \$109,000 for married filing a joint return.

More information is available by visiting Mass.gov on Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. For questions, people may call Joan Griswold at 413-296-4536, extension 102.

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Town of Williamsburg Request for Proposals

The Town of Williamsburg, Massachusetts together with the Planning Board is interested in retaining the services of a Consulting Firm to prepare a long-range Comprehensive Planning document that will encom-

pass the required elements of a Master Plan under MGL C.41 §81D. The Request for Proposal shall be available beginning on 27 January 2025.

Information and related documents shall be available by emailing the townadmin@burgoyne.org with the subject

line **RFP_#01272025-WCP.**

This Contract is being bid under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30b §6.

RFP Available - 27 Jan. 2025, 9:00am

RFP Due - 24 Feb. 2025, 2:00pm

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