



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER

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Going Back in Time with Newport Historical Society



Our summer campers only crossed a street to get to the **Great Friends Meeting House**, but they traveled hundreds of years into the past thanks to the **Newport Historical Society**.

Did you know that the Great Friends Meeting House is **the oldest surviving house of worship in Rhode Island, as it was built in 1699?** Our friends at Newport Historical Society taught our campers about the building, the Quakers, and the types of games 18th century Quaker children would play.

Our campers got creative replicating the sounds of a rainstorm by making sounds on the pews of the Meeting House and they played games like ring toss and bowling.

We are grateful to the Newport Historical Society for helping our campers tap into their imagination for some unplugged, (very, very, VERY) old fashioned fun!

P.S. Did you know that until 1967, the MLK Community Center operated out of the Great Friends Meeting House?

Big News: Now Your Gift Can Be TRIPLED... and we are just \$7,710 away from meeting the match



**In Memory of Ed Coll:
Preschool Scholarship Match**

\$1 for \$1 up to \$50,000...now **TRIPLED**

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**Thanks to the generosity of the Coll Family and a
neighboring Newport Family, your gift could be TRIPLED**

Big News: A local family was inspired by the Coll Family's generosity and the impact of preschool scholarships, and they will match their gift. What does that mean? **Your gift could be TRIPLED**. They are giving up to \$50,000 to double the Coll Family's challenge. Here's the difference you can make when you give:

**\$50 becomes \$150
\$100 becomes \$300
\$200 becomes \$600
...and so on!**

Almost every child is able to receive generous need-based scholarships thanks to friends like you. Will you triple your gift today to support working families and our littlest learners in Newport County?

Hurry! We're just \$7,710 away from meeting the match! Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Ways to TRIPLE your gift:

[Click here](#) or the button below
Send us a check and note "Coll Preschool Challenge"
Give via donor advised fund. (To give, **[click here](#)**.)

Click here to give to the Coll Family Preschool challenge



Edward Coll

January 20, 1957 - December 14, 2021

Save the Date: Los Inocentes Del Rancho Perform at Live From the Loading Dock - Parkside August 20

Save the date for **Wednesday, August 20!** **[Los Inocentes Del Rancho](#)** is playing from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as a part of our Summer Concert Series, Live from the Loading Dock - Parkside.

If you haven't heard of them, they are a popular Sierreño band and they play traditional Mexican music with a modern twist. Come check them out!

As always, food and drinks will be provided, but please bring your own chairs and blankets.

LIVE FROM THE LOADING DOCK... PARKSIDE

**Save the Date
Guardar la Fecha**

*Join us for our next
Summer Concert with Los
Inocentes Del Rancho!*

*¡Únase a nosotros para
nuestro próximo concierto
de verano con Los Inocentes
Del Rancho!*

Los INOCENTES Del RANCHO

**Wednesday, August 20
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
**Miércoles, 20 de Agosto
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**The Pocket Park Across from
the Edward Street Entrance**
**El parque al otro lado de la calle
de la entrada de Edward Street.**

20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd Newport RI 02480

Next Rinse & Renew Session August 19 Thanks to Skuncik & Associates, LTD.

Rinse & Renew is back next **Tuesday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

As always, the showers are free and private. Towels and toiletries are provided and clean underwear and socks will be available.

We are thankful for this session's sponsor, **Skuncik & Associates, LTD.**, for helping make this service possible for the community.



Rinse & Renew
Free Showers at the MLK

Tuesday, August 19, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mobile Shower Unit behind MLK Community Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI

Towels and toiletries will be provided. Clean underwear and socks will be available.
Free and Open to all: First come, first served.

This Session is Sponsored By:
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Special Lunch & Learn Next Week

*Note the Time Change!

Mark your calendars! **We have a very special intergenerational event planned!**

Our wonderful friends at [Revka Dance](#) are helping our Preschoolers with a dance performance for our seniors at Lunch & Learn based on the book ["The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.](#)

At our last Lunch & Learn, our seniors decorated the set for the dance (see photos below!), but our preschoolers have not seen it yet! We are so excited for the reveal.

If you would like to attend the performance, join us at the Center for a delicious meal and an adorable afternoon on **Wednesday, August 20.**

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate the preschool schedule, Lunch & Learn will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN



**Join us for a special recital by our Preschoolers and Revka Dance
inspired by the book "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.**
**After the recital, enjoy a delicious meal with our Preschool dance
recital stars!**





Wednesday, August 20 @ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 @ MLK Community Center,
 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.,
 Free and open to all older adults in Newport County!

You're Never too Young to Give Back

We are SO proud of our friends Evelyn and Hank (and their baby brother Roland, who isn't pictured, but he helped!) for giving back to the community through the Center.

They proceeds from their lemonade stand as well as homegrown tomatoes and diapers. (Their parents made a cash donation too!)

We love it when families work together to support our programs.



Tiverton High School Food Pantry News

The MLK Community Center operates the **Tiverton High School Food Pantry** for our friends across the river. Even though it's at the high school, **it is open year round.**

The last day for summer shopping is next Tuesday, **August 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** Regular afternoon hours will resume on September 2 after the start of the school year.



Cereal Needed!

Most kids and many adults start their day with a bowl of cereal. Every family using the food pantry asks for a box. We **If you are looking for a way to support our Food Pantry, we are looking for a variety of brands and flavors of cereal.**

We receive donations Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00 at the Loading Dock. Ring the bell at the Donations and Deliveries door and we'll be glad to receive your donation. **Don't have time to shop? You can make a donation to the food pantry and we will do the shopping for you. [Just click here!](#)**



Give to the Food Pantry

Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



Here's next week's Mobile Food Pantry Locations:

Monday 8/18/25:

Tiverton Housing Authority, 99 Hancock St. Tiverton RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/19/25:

1 Park Holm Newport RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

AHEPA II Apartments, 87 Girard Ave. Newport RI 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Residents Only

Thursday 8/21/25:

West House, 417 Forest Ave. Middletown RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Residents Only

All are welcome. You do not need to reside in the neighborhood to use the Mobile Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your reusable bags.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Download August calendar Here

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del Agosto Aquí



Our Contact Information

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