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July 17, 2026

Thanks to Isyz and her Golden Ticket

Isyz is a rising 8th-grade student at [All Saints STEAM Academy](#) in Middletown and a recent winner of the [Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket Program](#). Through this program, five Golden Ticket-winning numbers are chosen each Monday from Feinstein Leadership Schools during the school year. **Winning schools receive a \$2,000 grant, and the lucky students get to gift a \$500 grant to a nonprofit of their choice.**

We are so thankful to Isyz for choosing to share her Golden Ticket winnings with the MLK. She knew about the Center from our visits to her school and the annual cereal drive the school hosts for our food pantry. We are proud of her for thinking of our Hunger Relief programs and how they benefit the community. Congrats to our friends at All Saints, and thank you, Isyz!



We need volunteer photographers to help us with Summer Camp!

Our [**Summer Adventure Camp**](#) seeks not only to provide childcare for working families during school vacation but also to provide Newport County kids with a classic Newport summer that isn't always accessible to all. (*Check out this week's cool activities in the article below!*) We are grateful for the community support and partners who help make this happen for our kids.

But we need your help! Our kids have a packed schedule of activities this summer, and **we need volunteer photographers** to help us capture the unforgettable moments and memories they'll make.

You can use your own equipment or borrow our camera! Just reach out to our Volunteer Manager, Hollie Johnson, by clicking the button below to get started!



WE NEED PHOTOGRAPHERS

Our Summer Adventure Camp helps provide a classic Newport summer for kids in Newport County. Know your way around a camera? *We need your help* capturing these memories!

Have your own camera? Great! Don't have one? You can borrow our equipment!



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Reach out to help us take photos at Summer Camp!



NECESITAMOS FOTÓGRAFOS

Nuestro campamento de verano ayuda a ofrecer un verano clásico en Newport para los niños del condado de Newport. ¿Sabes manejar una cámara? ¡Necesitamos tu ayuda para capturar estos recuerdos!



¿Tienes tu propia cámara? ¡Genial! ¿No tienes una? ¡Te podemos prestar nuestro equipo!



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Summer Camp adventures continue!



Our summer campers have been busy since our last newsletter!

Last Friday, thanks to the generosity of the [**International Tennis Hall of Fame**](#), the kids watched [**Alex Michelsen**](#) defeat [**Liam Broady**](#) in the [**Hall of Fame Open**](#) quarterfinal.

Earlier this week, our kids visited [**Sweet Berry Farm**](#) and picked blueberries. Then, they used the fresh berries they picked to bake blueberry cornbread muffins and bread. Yum!

Have you noticed the stage set up at the Great Friends Meeting House? This is for the [**Newport Dance Festival**](#) put on by our friends at [**Newport Contemporary Ballet**](#). Each summer, they invite our kids on stage for some dance lessons. How cool is it to be able to dance with professional dancers on stage?

Don't worry, amidst all the fun, **a major focus of summer camp is ensuring our students' academic skills stay sharp.** Monday through Thursday, math and literacy are taught by our summer camp teachers.



Join Team MLK for the Pell Bridge Run



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Citizens
PELL BRIDGE RUN

Run and Support Team MLK Sunday, August 30, 2026



I HAVE THE AUDACITY TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLES EVERYWHERE CAN HAVE
THREE MEALS A DAY FOR THEIR BODIES, EDUCATION AND CULTURE FOR
THEIR MINDS, AND DIGNITY, EQUALITY, AND FREEDOM FOR THEIR SPIRITS.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Do you want to experience these views during the Pell Bridge Run?

We have a limited number of comp registrations to offer runners and walkers willing to fundraise for the MLK. (An easily achievable goal, and we'll support you all the way.)

Already registered, but want to join Team MLK? You can fundraise for the MLK by clicking on the support button below.

Whether you choose to run or cheer on the racers from the sidelines, you can support critical Hunger Relief, Education, and Community programs when you join Team MLK.

Questions? Reach out to Hilary Goodnow at hgoodnow@mlkccenter.org or 401.846.4828 x125

Support Team MLK

Chelley Knight and the Dope Things rocked it!



This Wednesday, our second Live from the Loading Dock - Parkside performance by **Chelley Knight and the Dope Things** was epic. There's no question why they're a Newport favorite. The music was amazing! We had pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, danced the night away, and listened to a phenomenal performance. Thank you to everyone who came despite the poor weather to enjoy an evening with community.

We can't thank **Teri Degnan Real Estate & Consulting LTD** enough for sponsoring Live from the Loading Dock - Parkside and allowing us to offer these events free of charge to everyone in Newport County.



**Thanks to BankNewport for sponsoring
Rinse & Renew**

A huge thank you to our friends at **BankNewport** for sponsoring this week's Rinse and Renew shower session.

Since the program resumed weekly in April, 54 people have taken 226 showers.

Generous community support makes this resource possible.

Thank you, BankNewport.

A promotional poster for the 'Rinse & Renew' program. The background is light blue with a pattern of white raindrops. In the top left corner is the logo for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, featuring a golden eagle and the text 'DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER'. The title 'Rinse & Renew' is in large, bold, blue letters, with 'Free Showers at the MLK' in smaller blue text below it. A central circular inset with a yellow border shows a close-up profile of a man with short, graying hair, looking down. Below the photo, the text reads: 'Every Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. April - October', 'Private Mobile Shower Unit behind MLK Community Center', '20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI', 'Fresh towels, toiletries, underwear, socks, and t-shirts will be provided.', and 'Free and Open to all: First come, first served.' At the bottom, it says 'The July 14 session was sponsored by:' followed by the BankNewport logo, which includes a stylized blue and orange graphic of a building and the text 'BANKNEWPORT®'. Below the logo is the text 'Member FDIC'.



Rinse & Renew

Free Showers at the MLK



Todos los Martes 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Abril - Octubre

Unidad de Duchas Móviles Privada detrás del MLK Community Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI

Se proporcionarán toallas limpias, artículos de aseo, ropa interior, calcetines y camisetas.

Gratis y abierto a todos: Por orden de llegada.

La sesión del 14 de julio fue patrocinada por:



Member FDIC

**Save the Date for 10.19.26 for
The Keeper of the Dream & Annual Meeting!**

KEEPER OF THE DREAM & ANNUAL MEETING

Honoring those whose outstanding commitment to the Center most embodies the ideals of Dr. King

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Congratulations to:



CONTENT OF CHARACTER

LIZ DAVIS



KEEPER OF THE DREAM

GAIL JACOBS



COMMUNITY PARTNER

5:30 P.M.

20 DR. MARCUS WHEATLAND BLVD
NEWPORT RI 02840



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Mark your calendars for **Monday, October 19, at 5:30 p.m.** for our Keeper of the Dream and Annual Meeting.

We are proud to honor **Gail Jacobs with the 2026 Keeper of the Dream award, Newport Mental Health with our Keeper of the Dream Community Partner award, and Liz Davis with the 2026 Content of Character award.**

Make sure to stay tuned for more details and save the date. We hope you join us!

GUARDIÁN DEL SUEÑO & JUNTA ANUAL

Honrando a quienes, con su extraordinario compromiso con el Centro, encarnan de la mejor manera los ideales del Dr. King.

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Felicitaciones a:



PREMIO AL CONTENIDO
DEL PERSONAJE

LIZ DAVIS



GUARDIÁN DEL SUEÑO

GAIL JACOBS



SOCIO DE LA COMUNIDAD

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Kids aren't getting breakfast in school so now we need cereal

Summer is officially here, and that means many children in our community who relied on free breakfast from school every day no longer have access to this resource. Every family who uses the food pantry chooses cereal. We never have enough.

You can help by donating cereal to our Food Pantry. **Our loading dock is open from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Make sure to let our staff and volunteers know your donation was inspired by the newsletter!**

Don't have the time to drop off a donation? Your cash gift helps us buy the cereal we need. Click the button below to donate.

Help feed local kids this summer

DONATIONS NEEDED

MLK FOOD PANTRY

CEREAL

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Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRACKER



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The Mobile Food Pantry is coming your way! Here are next week's Mobile Food Pantry Locations:

Tuesday 7/21/2026:

- Apple Creek Apartments, 700 Windwood Dr. Tiverton RI 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Bourne Mills, 1 Mill St. Tiverton RI 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday 7/23/2026:

- Quaker Estates, 2368 E. Main Rd. Portsmouth RI 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Anthony House, 51 Middle Rd. Portsmouth RI 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
 - Residents Only

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

Download Our Monthly Calendar

Download July Calendar in English

Descargar Calendario de Julio en Español



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