



Readfield Messenger

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April 2021

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR JUNE 8, 2021 TOWN MEETING NOW AVAILABLE

**DUE BACK ON OR BEFORE APRIL
9, 2021 @ 3:30 PM**

SELECT BOARD –

2 open positions (3 year terms)

RSU #38 BOARD –

2 open positions (3 year terms)

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD – 1

open position (1 year term)

**Papers available at the Town
Office front desk—FMI 685-4939**



Readfield Rec. Baseball & Softball



Sign-ups 2021

FINAL SIGN-UPS DUE BY APRIL 5TH

Registration Form on page 4
Or registration forms located at
The Readfield Town Office

Coaches are volunteers
Consider helping if you can
Training is available!

NOT AN RSU38 SPONSORED EVENT

Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

Snows are melting rapidly and before you know it, we will be voting on our town warrant articles in June.

Each article looks to the future from funding small but important services to long term investments for our town. Non-financial questions about ordinances and other matters are equally important regarding Readfield's future.

There is one question, Article 40, which is non-binding that I wish to address:

"The following is a non-binding question to establish interest and guidance for future town considerations: Should the Select Board in 2021 and 2022 pursue the establishment of a fiber to the home high speed internet network available to all residents?"

I believe we should but learning about your current interest to guide planning on this essential service is very important to town leadership.

One may note that I am calling high speed internet an essential service. To me, just like the roads that connect us together, carry our children to school, allow us to transport essential goods, participate in governance, get to town services, and take us to work, shopping, and play – high speed internet is the same kind of vital infrastructure we need for the future.

The pandemic exposed our weaknesses in this area and opened our minds to possibilities and needs. To varying degrees we relied on internet connectivity to bring us together, carry school to our children, order delivery of essential goods, participate in governance, access town services, and enable us to work, shop, and even play.

There is much more that a highly reliable fiber network can do from greatly securing the ability for individuals to work from home and pursue entrepreneurial endeavors to the delivery of high quality tele-health services. And just like when rural electrification came, there were applications not even thought of that became new realities improving lives. Who expected hanging that initial light bulb would be followed by reducing the chore of washing clothes, cooking meals, and eventually putting computing power in our hands?

A direction that greatly increases service capacity, is attractively cost effective, and available to every single resident is the one I am encouraging. I hope you will vote yes on this non-binding question to advise the town to make this service a top infrastructure priority with the same future vision the initial Readfield roadbuilders possessed.

Thank you for your consideration;
Bruce Bourgoine
Select Board Chair

Select
Board

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From the Town Manager

Readfield Comprehensive Plan Update Underway!

Last fall we announced that the Select Board had formed a Comprehensive (Comp) Plan Committee to update the 2009 Plan. The Comp Plan update process is a chance for our community to get together and really talk about our town. What do we like about Readfield? What might we like to change? Where do we want to be in the future? We will talk about all of these things and revise our community goals as part of the updated plan.

Over the winter and into this spring the Comp Plan Committee met to become familiar with one another, review background documents, and develop a work plan. They are taking a very deliberate approach to the planning process and have placed a premium on public engagement and participation. They have committed to ensuring public comment happens at every meeting and that meetings are recorded for those not able to attend in person. In support of these efforts Town Staff have developed a dedicated page on the Town website to house meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and the many documents that will be used to revise the current Comp Plan. We want to give the public every opportunity to be aware and involved!

The Comp Plan Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Here's a look at the upcoming meeting schedule and work plan:

Meeting	New Item Discussion	Old Item Discussion
Mar-21	Public Participation, Historical & Archaeological Resources	Vision Statement
Apr-21	Land Use and the Built Environment	Public Participation Plan
May-21	Future Land Use	Historical & Archaeological Resources
Jun-21	Agriculture and Forestry (Rural Economic Resources)	Land Use and the Built Environment
Jul-21	Natural Resources (Land & Water Resources)	Future Land Use #1
Aug-21	Outdoor Recreation /Culture	Agriculture and Forestry (Rural Economic Resources)
Sep-21	Demographic Profile	Natural Resources (Land & Water Resources)
Oct-21	Housing Opportunities	Outdoor Recreation /Culture
Nov-21	Public Facilities & Services	Demographic Profile
Dec-21	Capital Investment Plan	Housing Opportunities
Jan-22	Local Economy	Public Facilities & Services
Feb-22	Transportation	Capital Investment Plan
Mar-22	Land Use Maps	Future Land Use #2, Transportation
Apr-22	Implementation of Goals and Policies	Open Review
May-22	Public Meeting (if required) or Open Review	Open Review
Jun-22	Review of Draft Comp Plan #1	Open Review
Jul-22	Review of Draft Comp Plan #2	
Aug-22	Final Review, Committee Vote, Warrant Recommendation	
Sep-22	State Submittal	
Oct-22	Public Presentation and/or Outreach (as needed)	
Nov-22	Town Vote (special meeting held concurrent with elections)	

If you have comments or want to get involved with any chapter or the plan in general please go to: www.readfieldmaine.org/comprehensive-plan-committee. You can follow the update process, access plan information, learn about public involvement efforts, and more. We are excited to Rediscover Readfield and hope you are as well!

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Dyer, Town Manager



2021 Readfield Registration Form

T-Ball/Baseball/Softball

Registration fees are as follows (Maximum Family Fee \$95.00)

Age*	League	# Per League	Age*	League	# Per League
7-8	Rookie Baseball	\$35 _____	5-6	T-Ball (Co-ed)	\$30 _____
9-10	Minor Baseball	\$45 _____	7-8	Rookie Softball	\$35 _____
11-12	Major Baseball	\$50 _____	9-10	Minor Softball	\$45 _____
			11-12	Major Softball	\$50 _____

A \$10 late fee per family will be added to registrations and payments received after April 5th , 2021

1 st Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print clearly): _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Email:** _____

Full Address: _____

Please list any medical conditions (asthma, allergies, etc.) that the coach needs to be aware of:

The success of our program depends on volunteers. Please mark the activity you could help with:

Team Coach Asst. Coach Umpire Scorekeeper

Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, its agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand the inherent risks and dangers in participating in these activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Uniform Agreement

I agree to return any uniform (shirt and/or pants) assigned to my child(ren) by my coach or Matt Lajoie by July 1, 2021. This does not apply to T-Ball shirts. If I do not return the uniform by July 1st, 2021, I understand that I will be billed \$30 for shirts and \$10 for pants. I also understand I will be billed for any uniform damage considered to be beyond normal wear and tear.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Amount Paid: _____ **Check#:** _____ **Cash:** _____

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Lajoie at 592-1398 or Hanna Flannery at 685-7385

News From The Broadband Committee

The committee met in March and published minutes from our February meeting that are on the town website. We will soon have a page on the website for this initiative to make finding information easier. Our March meeting consisted primarily of a discussion with our consultant, Brian Lippold of Casco Bay Associates, concerning details of the technical aspects of the FTTH (Fiber To The Home) proposal and financial proforma for our town. A much greater understanding of the documents was gained by all in attendance.

We are moving forward in two areas: investigating how our current service providers, Spectrum/Charter and Consolidated, could improve current service and expand service to all unserved areas, and continuing our work with the WKLCBA in bringing FTTH to all properties that receive electricity currently. These two items will be the focus of both our meetings in April.

News And More News

Universal Broadband service has become a focus in every level of government in recent weeks. Maine is providing small amounts of money in the proposed budget and trying to find ways to provide more funding. Counties are forming leadership commissions to bring towns together in searching for ways to provide more universal service. MMA (Maine Municipal Association) is making broadband their primary focus for the coming year to assist towns in all areas surround broadband. Local collaborative groups of towns are forming together to create proposals that could see cost savings through regional efforts. Readfield is on top of this process, and we hope to be able to take advantage of all opportunities to expand service and decrease costs as they become available through government programs.

WKLCBA Information

Readfield is a member of the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association along with five other towns: Fayette, Leeds, Mt. Vernon, Vienna, and Wayne. We are working together to find solutions for the affordable delivery of high speed, reliable broadband internet access to all locations in our towns that have electric service. Please see their website to find the studies we have completed and many articles pertinent to this effort.
www.wklcba.org

Interesting Developments In The Broadband Initiatives

The Federal Government has allocated funds from the most recent Economic Stimulus Package to every state. The funds are being distributed through a formula to the largest cities, to all counties, and to all towns. Readfield is expected to receive \$260,000 that must be used for some type of infrastructure project that will serve the entire community. Broadband has been specifically mentioned as a use of this money in communities that lack service to all residents. The money will arrive half in 2021 and half in 2022. This is discussed in conversations with Angus King, Maine Senator, available on the internet. <https://bangordailynews.com/2021/03/19/opinion/contributors/american-rescue-plan-includes-historic-broadband-investment-for-maine/>

ConnectMaine Internet Speed Test “ You know what's hard to do in this pandemic? Maintain contact with our fellow Mainers who have insufficient internet to ask them to try taking a speed test. These tests can also be taken on a cellphone or submitted from another location that has public WiFi like a public library. But spreading the word is what the Maine Broadband Coalition has been hard at work doing anyway.” Read this article by Stephenie MacLagan of ConnectMaine

https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/post/closing-in-on-20k-maine-speed-testing-matters?utm_campaign=9035e4b1-1235-433e-80dc-ce30e849d0ca&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=7a4826a5-d6c0-4dc4-a191-3f286054fa8b

Readfield Library

APRIL 2021 LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS at the

STORY WALK® PROJECT UPDATE and REQUEST to "SPONSOR a BOOK"

High school students at Maranacook and Kents Hill are busy building StoryWalk®s for the Library and the Readfield Elementary School! We have such talent in our community!

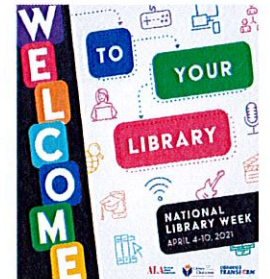
Thank you to those who have already responded to our call to "SPONSOR a BOOK" for the StoryWalk®!!

If you or your business would like to sponsor a StoryWalk® book, to be enjoyed by children and their families in town as they get outside and walk the trails, please connect with Melissa Small, Librarian. **We ask that sponsors donate \$40, which will cover the cost of 2 copies of a picture book (from which the pages will be laminated and put into the signposts created by the students).** We will have a list of book titles for you to choose from if you would like. And, we would be honored to list your business or your name as a sponsor (if you choose), both on the signage, and in a donor listing at the library/school.

NOTE: StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (April 4-10)

For **National Library Week**, we will have special displays of fiction and nonfiction books related to libraries and books! We also have begun planning ways to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our town's Library first setting up shop in 1946 in its current location in the Currier House. These plans include a historical presentation on the Readfield Community Library by local historian Dale Potter Clark (hopefully this summer!) and a reflections/memories book celebrating the Readfield Community Library. Take some time during National Library Week to think about what our town's Library has meant to you over the years. We will start soliciting written reflections and/or photos in May/June. Please stay tuned!!



2nd Annual Virtual POETRY SHARE during National Poetry Month

national poetry month

Please join us by Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00pm** for our 2nd annual **Virtual POETRY Sharing & Reading** to celebrate April as **National Poetry Month!** Select your favorite poem(s) to read and share with the group. Feel free to share a poem written by a famous poet, by a non-so-famous poet, or even by YOU! This will be a live event and will NOT be recorded. Email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to receive the Zoom

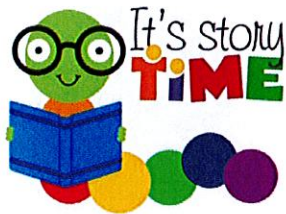
meeting login ID. Also, we have plenty of poetry books for adults and children in our collection, and many will be on display this month. Stop by the library to take one home and be inspired by poetry during National Poetry Month!

THANK YOU, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!

National Volunteer Week, April 18-24

We would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of our incredible **library volunteers!** The Readfield Community Library is a thriving community library quite simply because of the dedication of many truly amazing volunteers. Thank you for your selfless commitment to our library and our community!





Virtual STORY TIME—each Tuesday at 9:30am by Zoom (hopefully at the Town Beach in May!)



Please join us for our weekly STORY TIME, by ZOOM, each Tuesday at 9:30am. Perfect for children 0-5 (older is fine too!) and their parents/grandparents/caregivers. On the first Tuesday of each month we will have special guest visits with string musicians from the

Pineland Suzuki School to help us explore **Books through Music and Music through Books!** Please contact the librarian for the Zoom meeting ID at 685-4089 or librarian@readfieldmaine.org.



Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETINGS

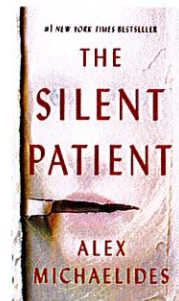
Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of any of the books listed below. The Book Group meets by Zoom on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

April Book Group Discussion

The Silent Patient (2019) by Alex Michaelides

April 26th at 6:30pm by Zoom

Copies are available now at the Library. Let us know if we should hold one aside for you.

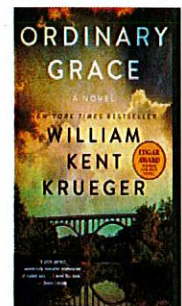


May Book Group Discussion

Ordinary Grace (2013) by William Kent Krueger

May 24th at 6:30pm (note this is NOT the last Monday of the month, as the last Monday is a holiday)

This book group meeting may possibly be outside and in person; otherwise by Zoom. Please let the librarian know if you would like to borrow a copy of this book.



UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO

The Readfield Community Library strives to continue to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic. The Library continues to encourage minimal in-person interactions by asking patrons to make use of Curbside Pickup services when possible. Please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to place an order for Curbside Pickup during regular library hours.

In-library browsing and services (photocopier, WiFi printer, patron laptop) ARE AVAILABLE as well during regular library hours. Please use the "Golden Ticket" system (in the basket at the side door) and note that we will be limiting in-building services to 1 patron/family at a time. You no longer need to call to make an appointment to come inside, but please note you may have to wait a few minutes in the parking lot if there is already a patron inside. Face coverings are required to enter the library.

Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. We cannot guarantee a completely safe space. Library visitors are entering with this knowledge of risk.

Please see the library website's "COVID-19 Response/Info" page for the most updated information: <https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/covid-19-response-info/>

Library Hours	
Mondays	3pm-7pm
Tuesdays	10am-4pm
Wednesdays	1pm-7pm
Saturdays	10am-4pm



Week 1 – Red Flag Warning – Gift Card Payments

A key part of being able to spot a scam is knowing the red flags – those signs that suggest that just maybe what you're confronting isn't legitimate. One of the biggest red flags these days is anyone who tries to convince you that you owe some debt or other obligation, and the quickest way to address the issue is to purchase gift cards and share the information off the back. Why gift cards? First, they are readily available. You see them at your grocery store, department store, and hardware store. Second, it's a way that criminals can get your money instantly and the money is easy to move around. As soon as a target sends the numbers to the gift card they've purchased, the criminal is able to convert it to currency in an instant. Not surprisingly, the Federal Trade Commission reports that gift cards have been the most common form of payment in scams since 2018.

Anytime you are directed to pay a debt or other obligation with a gift card, it is a scam.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Week 2 – Avoiding IRS Collection Scams

Tax time is here again and so are the IRS impostors! Scammers posing as IRS agents or Treasury Department officials are out there once again, calling to convince taxpayers that they owe back taxes and face immediate arrest. Know this: the IRS will initially contact you through the mail if you owe back taxes. If you receive an unexpected phone call, an email or a text indicating it's from the IRS, do not engage. Report the scam attempt to the IRS at 800-366-4484 or www.tigta.gov. If you receive an email, forward it to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov, and then delete it.

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Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Week 3 – Social Security Scams Rule

2020 was the year of new twists on scams. There were COVID testing scams, miracle cure scams, stimulus scams and vaccine scams, but one scam stood out above them all. The Social Security impostor scam.

Social Security impostor scams continue to be the most prevalent in the United States. In 2020, the Social Security Office of Inspector General received well over 700,000 reports of Social Security impostor scams, and 70% of the calls to the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline were related to Social Security impostors.

Remember, the real Social Security Administration will not call you unless you are already in discussions with the agency on a particular issue. They certainly won't threaten to cut off your benefits or seek to "help" with an identity theft problem. Anyone who does is NOT from the Social Security Administration.

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Week 4 – Do Me a Favor Clergy Scams

The ongoing remote world we're living in has many of us getting used to doing more of our activities virtually. When we can't be face to face, it makes for rich targets for adept scammers.

One trending scam is when a criminal impersonates clergy. The crook spoofs the e-mail address of a given faith leader and sends a message to a congregant requesting a favor. They will claim they are busy or out of town and just need you to purchase a dozen gift cards that will be used to help congregants in need. All you need to do is buy them (say, \$100 each) and email a picture of the front and back of the cards. And of course, you will be reimbursed.

If you're ever asked to do a favor like this, take a pause and think, "Would this person really ask me to do this?" Contact the person yourself and get validation they are who they say they are. And if the request was for gift cards, you'll learn it was a scam attempt.

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MAINE COVID-19 COMMUNITY VACCINATION LINE

If you need help getting information about COVID-19 vaccine clinics, call the Maine COVID-19 Community Vaccination Line.

The Community Vaccination Line can help Maine people who:

- Do not have internet access
- Need assistance connecting to or navigating online resources
- Require interpretation assistance
- Are home bound and need transportation
- Have other questions about resources in their area



Call 1-888-445-4111

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- For translation services: Call 1-888-445-4111 and state the desired language (for example: "Spanish")
- For deaf and hard of hearing individuals: Dial 711 and ask to be connected to 1-888-445-4111

The Maine COVID-19 Community Vaccination Line will not provide faster access to clinic appointments.



*Department of Health
and Human Services*

**Promoting Health, Safety,
Resilience, and Opportunity.**

Are you an older Mainer?



Do you have **QUESTIONS** about the COVID-19 vaccine?



Do you need help **SIGNING UP** for a vaccine?



Do you need a **RIDE** to your vaccination location?



Are you not able to leave your home due to **LIMITED MOBILITY?**

Spectrum Generations is here to help!

Call **1-800-639-1553** and we can:

- Answer general questions about the vaccine
- Provide information about where and when you can get the vaccine
- Assist you with scheduling appointments when it is your turn to get the TWO doses you need to be fully vaccinated
- Connect you with transportation services to help you get to and from your vaccine location

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, phases, and more visit:
maine.gov/covid19/vaccines



NEWS & NOTES

FROM THE TRAILS



Early Spring? Limited Mud Season? April Blizzard? Black Fly / Mosquito free Summer of 21? Feel free to pick from the choices above but with any one or all of the above, the trails in Readfield can help you cope with whatever nature decides to do in the coming months.

With spring here, our usual work day with Kents Hill School may be back on the calendar after being canceled last year for the obvious reason. The Readfield Conservation Commission and Trails Committee have been in contact with a teacher at Kents Hill School about possibly arranging some volunteer time, socially distanced etc., for work at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve as well as at the Fairgrounds Trails. This possibility has just sprouted this last week of March but hopefully the details can be worked out for this to happen.

The Readfield Select Board approved an agreement with the Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) last month to build a trail at Carlton Pond Preserve. Rob Peale from Trails Committee and Brian Tarbuck from GAUD have worked together for several months to put this concept in place. Construction by all volunteer labor is set to begin later in the spring.

Another location that will see some maintenance work in drier weather is the Esker Trail that has a starting point at the RSU #38 bus garage and skirts the former transfer station location and leads to an esker about a mile from the trail head. A section of the original trail was re-routed and now needs some buildup with wood chips. During the winter that trail experienced some heavy blow down of trees in exceptionally strong wind conditions October thru December. Volunteers cleaned up the fallen debris.

For several years our Trails Committee meetings have been on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. We now meet the fourth Wednesday of the month to help accommodate another town committee. During the past year with only two exceptions, we have been part of the ZOOM crowd in the months meetings were held.

The Trails Committee is presently updating our Strategic Plan and will be working with members of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and other groups in town to develop a Comprehensive Plan for 2021 and beyond.

The Trails Committee has plans to sponsor an event for Heritage Days in August and we will keep you updated on that front. For now plan to spend more time outdoors and refresh in some warm weather out and about on our town trails.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Durgin



Solid Waste & Recycling

Which Bin Does It Go In?

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical role of the materials that residents all over North America place in their recycling bins. With more people working and living at home and 40-50% of everyday materials depending on recyclables as feedstock, residential recycling programs have been revealed as essential over the past year. But contamination - items placed incorrectly in the recycling bin - can degrade the quality and quantity of these important materials.

Erik Street, Yarmouth's Public Works Director and ecomaine's Vice Chairman, added "it's important for Mainer's to know what is and what isn't recyclable - it has a direct cost to municipal budgets that are already stretched as it is. Keeping recycling clean helps to keep all our costs lower."

Reprinted from Waste Advantage Magazine, posted March 26, 2021



Readfield Awarded Maine Food Composting Grant

We have now received funding for our grant and planning has begun to begin food composting at the Readfield Transfer Station this May. We will begin purchasing supplies, equipment and signage this month along with preparing the site once the frost leaves the ground. Be on the lookout for changes in the compost area.

Materials will become available in early May for us to begin this exciting program to divert food waste from our 'trash' and to create valuable useable compost for our residents.

Change of Operation Practices continue due to Covid-19

We will continue to operate meeting standards from the Maine government including the following practices:

- All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee. Paying by check is preferred and if using cash to please have exact change and place it in the mailbox within easy reach for the driver.
- Please wear a face covering at all times while at the Transfer Station.
- Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.
- Please do not approach the employees within 6'. Our goal is to maintain social distancing for their health and safety.

**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee





RSU #38 Maranacook Adult Ed



RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News
Lots of new classes starting soon!!
HISET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round

Class Name

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ONGOING:

HISET/Diploma Prep
Intro to iPhone Basics
Intro to Mac Basics
Taking Awesome Photos with your iPhone/iPad
Fantastic Photo Finishes-Organize & Edit Images
Easy Chinese Cooking
Introduction to Zoom Basics
Create & Deliver Online Zoom Classes
Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone & iPad
Take Fabulous Photos of Flora and Fauna

STARTING SOON:

Ukulele for Beginners, Part 2
Weather for Outdoor Enthusiasts
Reiki Level One
Malaga Island History

To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to: <https://maranacook.maineadulted.org/courses/>

Or call the Adult Ed Office at 685-4923 x1085

Girl Scout Cookie Sale!



All your favorites are back — plus a NEW Cookie!

NEW!

Toasty-yai™
French Toast inspired cookies topped in delicious syrup and dusted with brown sugar like Yogi

Girl Scout S'mores
Crispy graham cookies, double-dipped in cream icing and coated in delicious fudge

Lemonades
Savory slices of lemon bread with a refreshing tangy lemon glaze and icing

Shortbread
Traditional shortbread cookies

Thin Mints
Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a sweet chocolate coating

Peanut Butter Patties
Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coating

Caramel deLites
Vanilla cookies topped with caramel, covered with hazelnut crunch and loved with this dairy-free

Peanut Butter Sandwich
Crispy and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling

Caramel Chocolate Chip
Rich caramel, semi-sweet chocolate chips and a hint of orange in a chewy, gooey, fudgy cookie

Troop 1701 will be having a drive-thru cookie booth at the Readfield Town Hall.

Saturday 4/10 10am-1pm
(Rain date - Sunday 4/11 1pm - 4pm)

Pay at the booth w/ cash, check or credit card

Thank you for supporting our troop!

COVID precautions will be in place. Please wear masks at the booth. Thank you!

Feeling Hungry?



Manchester Lions Club Pulled Pork or Chicken Take Out



100% of
proceeds
support our
community!

Choose your protein:

BBQ Chicken...\$10

Pulled Pork...\$10

All dinners served with

Baked Beans

Cornbread

Coleslaw

Dessert



*Pre-orders are encouraged!
Can't pre-order? No problem!
Meals will be available while
supplies last!*

For More Information call Lion Deb Maddox 207-441-9906

Soda and Water available for purchase

When: May 8 from 4pm to 6pm

Where: Manchester Lions Club House

Grab your meal at the Lions Drive-Thru!
Limited Delivery available for pre-orders at
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NAME _____ PHONE# _____

BBQ CHICKEN _____ @ \$10. = TOTAL \$ _____

PULLED PORK _____ @ \$10. = TOTAL \$ _____

ALL DINNERS SERVED WITH BAKED BEANS, CORNBREAD, COLESLAW & DESSERT

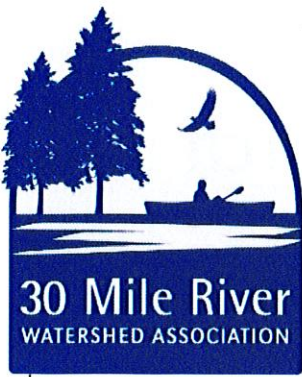
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Pre-Order Payment Deadline:

5/1 Mail to: PO Box 1, Manchester, ME 04351



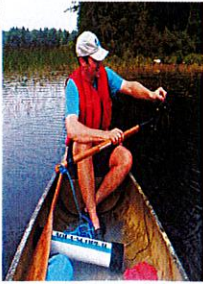
30 Mile River Watershed Association is hiring!

We are currently seeking applicants for year-round and summer positions. Work outdoors on beautiful lakes! Visit <http://30mileriver.org/get-involved/employment/> for full job descriptions.

Program manager: Oversee and implement our core erosion-control and water quality programs. Must be passionate about protecting our lakes while having the technical and project management skills and experience to support our extensive programming, such as water quality monitoring, the Youth Conservation Corps, LakeSmart, and more. Full-time, year-round. Application review begins April 5th.

Courtesy Boat Inspectors: Be part of the “first line of defense” against invasive aquatic plants, animals that hitch rides on boats and trailers, spreading from lake to lake. CBIs work at public boat launches checking incoming and outgoing boats and educating the public about invasive species. CBIs serve a vital role in protecting our lakes from the devastating impacts of invasives, while spending time at beautiful, lakeside locations. Memorial Day weekend to mid-September. Application review begins April 12th.

Invasive aquatic plant survey team member: Conduct field surveys for invasive aquatic plants and support the volunteer survey effort across the watershed. The position requires knowledge of or a passion for learning about aquatic ecosystems, aquatic plant identification and volunteer management. June-August, 25- 30 hrs/week. Application review begins April 12th.



30 Mile is a non-profit organization with the mission to work together as a community for clean and healthy lakes, ponds and streams in the watershed. Watershed towns include Chesterville, Fayette, Leeds, Mt. Vernon, Readfield, Vienna, and Wayne. To learn more, visit www.30mileriver.org.



Readfield StoryWalk™ Project

Last fall, HCCA awarded eight mini grants totaling \$6,000 to local Let's Go! registered sites for projects to support and sustain 5-2-1-0 messaging.

Readfield Elementary School, in collaboration with Readfield Community Library, used their mini grant to install two permanent **StoryWalks™**, one at each building on trails that connect the two properties.

Goals of the project include encouraging families to get outdoors in all seasons, to be physically active by walking on local trails, and to engage in reading an activity based book.

Jada Clark, nurse and Let's Go! Champion at Readfield Elementary School, and **Melissa Small**, librarian at Readfield Community Library, are excited about how the **StoryWalk™** idea is being embraced by the greater community and expanding to involve:

High school students from Kent's Hill and Maranacook High School, who are designing and building the podiums. *Learn more in this article: [Community Design Build Class Launches a Real-World Project](#)*

Two local businesses, By the Board Lumber in Readfield and Portland Glass in Augusta, who supplied the wood and plexiglass for the podiums

A “Sponsor a Book” campaign where community members and businesses donate \$40 to sponsor a book for one **StoryWalk™**.

Library staff and board members have a goal to collect a minimum of 24 different books that feature movement and activity to rotate through the two sites over the course of two years.

In May or June, when the project is complete, there will be a Grand Opening for the community to celebrate the Readfield **StoryWalk™** Project.

Learn more about the [Let's Go! Program](#) in southern Kennebec County

Contact: Nan Bell at 207-588-5341 or n.bell@hccame.org



Readfield Church

A Place For All

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME ~ 207-685-4211 ~
www.readfieldchurch.org

Come Worship with us via zoom in the comfort of your own home. Visit our website for the link.

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for April 17th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.



Before the pandemic, under the roof of Torsey, we worshipped and celebrated our faith together. Children and youth grew in faith in the building. The choir made a joyful noise. Girl and Boy Scouts met. We broke bread and shared in fellowship together. We anticipate the time when we re-gather in the

church building. Right now our roof is in critical need of repair. Rather than patching areas of leaking, the church leadership has decided to raise the funds to replace the roof.

This is a bold and necessary action. If you would like to make a donation please send it to Readfield UMC, PO Box 286 Kents Hill, Me. 04349.



Tel: 685-4064



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Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

Hello fellow Messenger Readers,

Another winter season come and gone as we head into Spring with our fading tales of snowmobiling adventures and dreams of a snow-filled next season. Unfortunately we did have a very short sledding season locally, but trail preparation work was quite heavy. We had our share of fallen limbs and trees that had to be cleared, most likely due to excessive wind bursts. Grooming was light, because we experienced minimal snowfall, - But in spite of the weather, the volunteers grooming the trails received a well-deserved share of compliments.



Our annual meeting will be held in April, whereby we will elect officers for the 2021-2022 season. If you are at all interested in joining the club (We are a fun-loving group of people) or putting in some volunteer time in the fall, please call Lee Livingston at 207-685-4203. Until we start back up in the fall, hope you have a wonderful summer in this great community called Readfield.

Marge Livingston, Secretary
RBBSC

**Important
Information**

For more information on the
COVID-19 vaccine, phases
and more visit:

[maine.gov/covid19/vaccines](https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines)

Are you 50 or older?

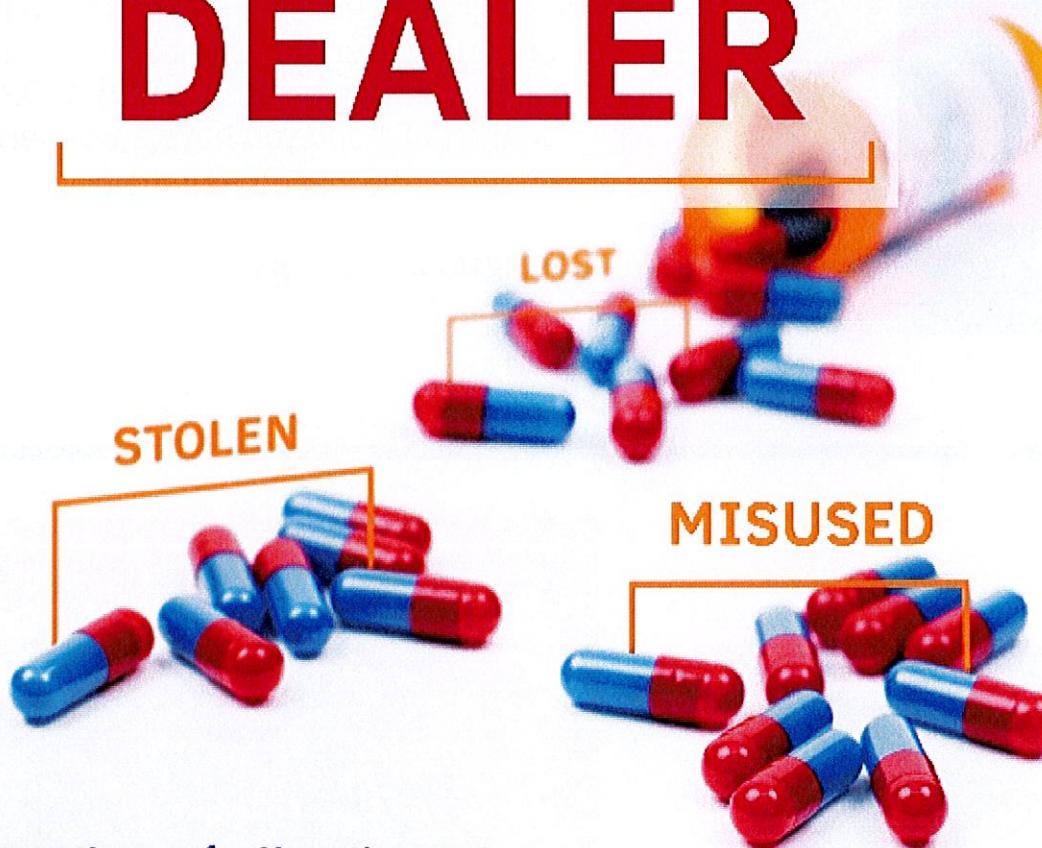
Your vaccine appointment
is waiting for you!

Call 1-888-445-4111 or check the website
to get your shot.

www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites

Readfield Transfer Station
Saturday, April 24, 2021
10:00 am–2:00 PM

DON'T BE THE DEALER



Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

Saturday, April 24
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Visit [DEATakeBack.com](https://www.deatakeback.com) for a collection site near you.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



← Nellie Stevens, Readfield native, at Stevens Training School in Hallowell, where she served as superintendent



The (circa 1796) Stevens house at 54 Winthrop Road still stands but the barn and outbuildings do not

SOME OF THE FORMULATING SUMMER PLANS

As we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel on this year long pandemic we are thinking about the coming summer with optimism. June 11th is the 100th anniversary of a devastating fire that nearly wiped out all the buildings at Readfield Corner. A history walk is being planned in remembrance of that tragic event. Stay tuned for details on that and for another history walk at Stevens Center in Hallowell, named in honor of Nellie Stevens who was born and raised in Readfield. There will be other events as well. Watch for announcements and read on for more about Nellie.

NELLIE FRENCH STEVENS (1891-1988)

Nellie Stevens was born on a farm on Winthrop Road that her grandfather David Stevens of Wayne had purchased in 1860. Her widowed mother, Charlotte (French), sold the homestead in 1923 but it always held a special place in Nellie's heart. During her late years Nellie and a friend often enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Weathervane, where they would sit by a window overlooking the lake and Nellie would reminisce about her childhood on her family's lakeside farm.

Nellie never married but unlike most spinsters of her time, she did not live with family members but lived independently and enjoyed two careers in her lifetime. As a young woman she attended the "Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College" and the "Morse Conservatory of Music" (Kents Hill School). She became an accomplished musician and instructor, providing private lessons in Readfield until 1920 when she became Assistant Director of Music at "Coburn Classical Institute" in Waterville. In 1930 Nellie took a sabbatical from teaching to visit her maternal aunt, Fannie (French) Morse, in Hudson, NY where her aunt was serving as superintendent of the "New York Training Center for Girls". Fannie was a pioneer in the field, having worked at similar institutions in Lancaster, MA and the "Sauk Center" in Sterns, MN since 1884. Nellie was so taken with the school mission that she resigned her position at Coburn and remained in New York to be mentored by her aunt. From there she worked in Framingham, MA at a reformatory and prison until 1933 when she was invited to take the position of superintendent at the "State School for Girls" in Hallowell, ME. She accepted and adeptly filled the role. Her grand piano was moved into her apartment on campus, so she could continue to provide music lessons, but this time to "her girls", as she called them. Nellie remained superintendent until 1959 and on the day of her retirement was surprised by the announcement that the school would be renamed "Stevens Training School" in her honor.

After decades of neglect and decline the buildings at Stevens Training School are undergoing significant changes. Now known as "Stevens Center", the most recent change is the addition of a restaurant named "Nellie's Kitchen" in Nellie Stevens honor. A memory board is being added there, about Nellie. Should anyone reading this article have something they would like to submit for consideration, contact crossings4u@gmail.com. A Readfield History Walk of the grounds followed by lunch at Nellie's Kitchen will be held later this spring.

RHS is closed for the season but questions and inquiries for historical information are welcome at any time. Contact us via Email at readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or phone 377-2299. If you are not yet a member please join us. Annual dues are \$5 for seniors, \$10 for family and for a lifetime membership \$100. Mail to: RHS PO Box 354 Readfield, ME 04355. RHS is a 501C3 founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

By Dale Potter-Clark, Secretary Readfield Historical Society
(207) 441-9184 ~ dmclark1@roadrunner.com



THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE
22 Church Road ~ PO Box 451 Readfield, ME 03455
on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

Submitted by Nancy Durgin

The Friends of the Vestry & Meeting House are hosting a fun “Make Your Own Pizza To Go” on Thursday April 15th. The pizza kit will consist two large pizza dough balls, sauce, cheese, and garlic. The Good Crust Company, located in Skowhegan, is providing the pizza dough which is made from 100% Maine stone-milled grains.

This is a preorder event only. To order email FriendsBuildingCommunity@gmail.com Questions can be directed to the same email address. Order by April 12, and pick up your kit at the Vestry parking lot on April 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The price is \$25. Cricket Blouin is the contact person for this event.

Board member and Historian, Marius Peladeau is working on a history of the Readfield Union Meeting House. Research is ongoing. In just the last month Mr. Peladeau has found a number of people who have recollections of the Meeting House before restoration started in the 1950s-60s and they have been interviewed. It is not too late to make a contribution. If anyone has photographs, old files or memories of themselves and their families that relate to the Meeting House contact Marius at mpeladeau@roadrunner.com.

Yea! Music events will return this summer. Starting off the Tuesday evening “Meet Me At The Meeting House” series on June 22nd will be the popular Open Mic. Last year there were 6 local musicians who shared their talents at this event. This will be free to the community. Other Tuesday acts will have the same admission price as last year \$10. The summer schedule will be included in the May Messenger and will be posted on our Facebook and web pages.

The Fund Raising committee is continuing to work on the Clock and Tower/Spire campaigns. This month a newsletter will be going out, by email or USPS, highlighting restoration projects that are still in need of funds.

A Tower/Spire Planning Group, comprised of Nancy Durgin, John Perry, John Neptune and Jim Tukey was formed. Their charge was assessing and monitoring the feasibility of entering into a tower/spire contract this year with the restoration work being done in 2022. More information will be coming as they and the Building committee work on project development.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



Pre-K and Kindergarten Students Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne

RSU #38 is seeking all Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Please call your local elementary school to add your name to the list for further information.

Manchester Elementary – 622-2949 • Mt. Vernon Elementary – 293-2261 • Readfield Elementary – 685-4406 • Wayne Elementary – 685-3634

⇒ Pre-K parents please call Readfield Elementary 685-4406

Age requirements by October 15, 2021: Pre-K – 4-years old Kindergarten – 5-years old

Town of Readfield Covid -19 Updates

The Town Office is now open to the public without an appointment! However, residents are still being requested to avoid conducting business in-person if possible and to call, email, or utilize our many [online services](#) as an alternative. A maximum of four residents will be allowed in the entry and lobby at any one time, 6' apart.

All residents must wear a face covering while in the Town Office or make alternative arrangements for service. Town Staff are available to assist with this process.

Public Meetings and Communication: We will continue with remote meetings as a primary mode, but will once again allow in-person Board and Committee meetings at the Town Office. No private rentals.

Up to 25 people are permitted on the second floor of Giles Hall (with proper social distancing and face coverings) once per day. All in-person meeting attendees are required to socially distance and wear a face covering. If they are not able to do so they are welcome to submit comments and questions in writing or electronically, participate remotely if this option is offered, and to review minutes and other meeting records. All in-person meeting attendees must sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Those interested in attending, listening, or watching public meetings and proceedings remotely should look for web conference and teleconference links and instructions on meeting notices and agendas. Phone and email are still the best way to reach municipal staff and appointed and elected officials. Call the Town Office 685-4939 or visit the website for this information.

The town website continues to be an excellent resource. It is located at www.readfieldmaine.org. Sign up for [E-Alerts](#) to get important news and updates.

Community Needs and Volunteering: Those needing assistance, or aware of a need, should contact the Town Office at (207) 685-4939 or [Sign Up Online to Request Assistance!](#) Volunteers may contact the Town Office at (207) 685-4939 or [Sign Up Online to Volunteer!](#)

CURRENT BOARD/COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2021)

Cemetery Committee: 1 member (2021)

Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 alt rep (2021)

Comp Plan 2022 Committee: 1 alt member (2022)

Conservation Commission: 1 alt member (2022)

Local School Board Advisory: 1 opening (2023)

Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 alt member (2023)

Planning Board: 3 alternates-terms 2022, 2023, & 2024

Road Committee: 3 vacancies (all 2022)

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 2 vacancies (2022 & 2023)

Trails Committee: 4 member terms: 2021 (2) & 2022 (2); one Alternate 2023

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If you are interested in joining any of the above committees/boards please complete the appointment application at www.readfieldmaine.org or stop by the Town Office for an application.



Town of Readfield

www.readfieldmaine.org

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Readfield ME 04355

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Fax: 207-685-3420

Mount Vernon Food Bank

open every Saturday morning ~ 9:30 am to 11:30 am

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Bob Peterson 685-7292 or Helen Wilkey 293-2351.

FOOD DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TOWN OFFICE

APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Budget Committee 6:30 PM	2 Assessor In	3
4 Easter 	5	6	7	8 Road Committee 6:00 PM	9	10 Girl Scout Cookie Sales Drive-Thru Booth 10 AM - 1PM
11 Girl Scout Cookie Sales Drive-Thru Booth (rain date) 1 PM - 4 PM	12	13 Planning Board 6:30 PM	14	15	16 Assessor In	17
18	19 Town Office & Library Closed Patriots Day	20 Select Board 6:30 PM	21 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	22	23	24 RX/Drug Take Back Day @ Readfield Transfer Station 10 AM-2 PM
25	26 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Library Book Group 6:30 PM	27 Planning Board 6:30 PM	28 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	29	30	