

Readfield Messenger

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June 2021

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 VOTING & ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

TOWN MEETING WARRANT/SECRET BALLOT VOTING

- Absentee Ballot requests are currently being accepted until Thursday, June 3, 2021 by 3:30 PM.
- You must be a registered voter in the Town of Readfield. To register to vote, or for questions concerning voter registration, contact the Clerk at 685-4939.
- How to request a ballot:
 - Online, visit the Town website www.readfieldmaine.org.
 - Call the Town Office at 685-4939 for phone requests
 - Mail ballot application to :Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd. Readfield, ME 04355
- Absentee Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the Town Office DROP BOX by the voter OR an immediate family member.
- Absentee ballots need to be received by 8 pm on June 8th.
- To return your ballot on Election Day, return to polling location not town office.
- PLEASE NOTE the polling location is at: Kents Hill School Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE at 685-4939 or at

www.readfieldmaine.org

Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

This is my final letter to you as a Select Board Member and its Chair for five years. I believe a great deal was accomplished in the last six years and much of it is due to the highly collaborative efforts and many hours put in by my fellow Select Board members. I tip my hat to each and every one of them.

My goal six years ago was to help Readfield with good governance. We had some difficulties and disagreements at the time but I discovered the goodness was always there; we just needed to focus deliberately, respectfully, and consistently on it.

There are many people I wish to express my appreciation to who helped me and all of us. We have a won-derful and dedicated staff. We hired a new town manager who has been a joy to work with and brought great professional expertise to Readfield. Our fine emergency personnel work hard on a constant basis to keep us safe, even in a pandemic! The volunteer members of committees and boards offer so many good ideas, positive energy, and impactful results to serve the public. Contractors have delivered quality results on projects and services we depend on seeing done. Our schools, churches, and community groups are true partners in our town. And most of all, what a great community you are, Readfield!

For several years now we have kept the municipal portion of the budget at a flat level or at a very minimal degree of change in terms of the actual property tax dollar impact on what you pay. I thank all who work so diligently on our budgets. We have great trails, roads, conservation spaces, age friendly programs, a fine library, well maintained cemeteries, efficient recycling, public access communications, and so many other solid good services. All of this is from working together and sharing common goals.

Now our beach is free and open to all residents, Heritage Days celebrations are annual, the Fire Station and Library building received needed strategic investments, and we are working on addressing the future with the completion of our sidewalk loop and investigating high quality broadband solutions.

Thank you for being a strong and resilient community. I appreciate and am humbled by the confidence you placed in me. I have occasionally been asked how much of a chore serving on Select Board is or heard remarks about it being a sacrifice. I want you to know, that was not the case; it was my pleasure to play a small role in this wonderful community. I hope to see many of you at the Readfield Heritage Days celebrations in August!

With admiration and respect; Bruce Bourgoine Select Board Chair



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Transfer Station New Summer Hours

Open 8:00 am to Noon on Sundays!

Starting Sunday June 6 through Sunday, August 22

(Not open the Sunday of Independence Day holiday)

Readfield Heritage Days 2021

August 13th, 14th & 15th

Keep a lookout for more information

Town of Readfield Covid -19 Updates

This update summarizes our action plan as we enter the 2021 summer season, effective immediately unless otherwise noted.

Town Office

- ⇒ The Town Office will continue to be open to the public without an appointment during regular business hours. Residents are still being requested to utilize our many <u>online services</u> as a convenient alternative to coming by the office.
- ⇒ Effective May 24th all vaccinated residents and staff will no longer be required to wear masks while in a public space at the Town Office. Unvaccinated residents and staff must continue to wear a face covering.
- ⇒ Town Office "Senior Hours" for residents over the age of 65 or with special medical considerations will be ending effective May 24th.
- ⇒ Effective May 24th there will no longer be a limit on the number of municipal employees or residents allowed in the Town Office.

Transfer Station

- ⇒ Customers are no longer required to wear masks at the Transfer Station. Effective May 24th, vaccinated staff are no longer required to wear masks at the facility. Unvaccinated staff must continue to wear masks.
- ⇒ "Senior Hours" for residents over the age of 65 or with special medical considerations will continue on Thursdays from 10-2.
- ⇒ Staff will not be handling bagged waste or assisting with unloading.
- ⇒ Used tissues, wipes, paper towels, latex or rubber gloves, or other protective / used cleaning supplies are not allowed in the recycling. Please put them in the trash.

Public Meetings and Communication

- ⇒ We will begin returning to in-person board and committee meetings as a primary mode, but will make significant efforts to continue to offer virtual participation options, recognizing that these hybrid meeting can be technologically challenging.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Effective May 24th we will return to full capacity on the 2nd floor of Giles Hall (approximately 100 people).
- ⇒ Public rentals of the 2nd floor of Gile Hall will be once again be allowed effective May 24th, with the addition of a non-refundable \$25 cleaning fee for all users.
- ⇒ The Readfield Beach is once again available for rentals for special events.
- ⇒ Phone and email are still the best way to reach municipal staff and appointed and elected officials. Call the Town Office at 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.

Last day to request absentee ballots is Thurs, June 3 by 3:30 PM



Application for Absentee Ballot June 8, 2021

Annual Town Meeting Election & Referendum

Applic	ation Received:
Date:	Time:
Ballot	Sent/Delivered:

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021, unless special circumstances exist.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 pm on June 8th, 2021

1.	Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot
2.	Residence Address of Voter
3.	Voter's Date of Birth/
4.	Daytime Phone Number
5.	Email Address:
6.	Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter a. Issued to Voter (Application only Required if Voter will Vote Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence)
	b. By Mail to this Address:
	c. By Immediate Family Member of Voter:
	d. By this 3 rd Person (Designated by the Voter) Name:Phone:
7.	Signature of Voter OR Immediate Family Member of Voter:Date:
	an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 5(c) above. The ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 5(b).
8.	Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot:
/*************************************	(Complete Section #7 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)
	RTIFICATE (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below) The voter received assistance in reading
and/or	signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.
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Signatu	re of AidePrinted Name of Aide
	Application may be mailed to: Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd., Readfield, ME 04355

Readfield Conservation Commission

The Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) manages four town properties, totaling 253 acres, for their conservation and recreational values. Torsey Pond Nature Preserve, Readfield Town Farm and Forest, Fogg Farm Conservation Area, and the Readfield Fairgrounds provides residents with opportunities to immerse themselves in natural surroundings and to safely recreate. People engage with the properties in many ways, including dog walking, birdwatching, hunting, and active recreation, such as baseball and jogging. Torsey Pond Nature Preserve sees regular use by people who return again and again to enjoy the network of trails on the property and the panoramic view of the pond, marshes, and floating islands. The Readfield Fairgrounds provide a safe place to walk and enjoy the broad vistas of fields and Maranacook Lake. The recreational field on the property serves a vital function for area youth league baseball teams. In season, many people come to watch their kids play, making memories with every game.

All four properties demand regular attention, whether it's removing fallen tree branches and limbs from the trails after a storm, repairing footbridges and culverts, maintaining walking surfaces, or making sure adequate signage and trail blazes are in place on the properties so visitors don't lose their way. Members of the RCC (along with the town's Trail Committee) attend to these needs and more. The thick shrubby growth obscuring the foundation of the old Town Farm at the Town Forest caught our eye every time we visited. Not wanting to lose an important part of town history to neglect, RCC members convened in late October 2019 for one of their many workdays to trim back the overgrowth in and around the foundation. The commission's hard work brought to view once again this important local historic site.

More recently, the RCC replaced the trail signs at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. New signage was long overdue as the old signs were in serious disrepair and no long functional. RCC member Jerry Bley reached out to the Maine State Prison in Warren to engage their services in making new signs. The commission hired prison workers to manufacture 24 wooden signs to replace all the existing ones at trail intersections, the preserve entrance, and other locations of interest. Workers used 1½-inch thick cedar for the signs and engraved each with the trail name, directional information, and/or points of interest. The craftsmanship shown by the prison workers in designing and making the signs was laudable. And the cost for all their labor in this effort was only \$360!

All the trails at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve are named using colors (e.g., Blue Trail, Orange Trail) for ease of navigation. The lettering for the new signs is likewise color-coded to match the trail names. Before placing the new signs, Jerry and his daughter, Amy, applied stain to protect the wood from the weather. Jerry and commission member Greg Leimbach took down the old signs, which crumbled into pieces when removed, and put all 24 signs up over a couple of work sessions in early May. Other work this spring at the nature preserve repaired washouts along the entrance trail from heavy rains over the past year. Several RCC members worked to mitigate the damage by building water bars and installing a box culvert to direct water off the trail and down the slope. As is typically the case, all materials used for the repairs, including bluestone and lumber, were hauled by hand to the work site.

The RCC's many efforts to maintain and improve the town's conservation lands are funded by an income stream derived from tree harvesting at the Town Forest—no property taxes are needed. The Readfield Conservation Lands Account is replenished every five years as blocks of forest land are selectively harvested in accordance with the town's forest management plan. The funds are used only for management of the town's conservation lands.

RCC members invite all town residents and other visitors to come and enjoy the town's conservation properties. Each property offers a different outdoor experience, whether the opportunity to birdwatch from the viewing blind at Torsey Pond, view historic sites and forest management at the Town Forest, or breathe easy in the spacious fields in and around the Readfield Fairgrounds. The commission members have worked hard to keep the properties accessible to everyone. Please come!

Readfield Conservation Commission members at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve







Commission members at work installing drainage structures at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve



New trail sign at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve





THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come Worship with us via zoom in the comfort of your own home. Visit our website for the link. https://unionmeetinghouse.org/

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for June 19th 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.

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2021 Readfield Beach Permit Application

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Please know your lic			' two (2) permits per leting application, as		l not be issu	ed without

license plate numbers.

ALL Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Please make checks payable to: The Town of Readfield

RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH

- 1. All users of the property are required to have a season permit or purchase a guest pass.
- 2. All users of beach, water and property assume all risk. There is **NO LIFEGUARD** available at any time.
- 3. Beach hours: 9:00 am 8:00 pm.
- 4. All attendants have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is dangerous.
- 5. All posted public health rules must be followed.
- 6. All children 14 and under must be supervised by an adult remaining on the property at all times.
- 7. When arriving at Beach please:
 - a. Drive slowly and use caution in parking area
 - b. Show permit to attendant on duty (or purchase day pass from attendant)
 - c. Keep permit visible on dashboard at all times
- 8. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
- 9. No glass of any kind is allowed on the property.
- 10. No animals of any kind are allowed on the property.
- 11. All boats (including windsurfers, canoes, and kayaks) are to be kept out of the swim area, and may come ashore on the west side of the beach, outside the buoys.
- 12. No fishing allowed within the beach buoy area.
- 13. No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
- 14. The use of floats and rafts in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the attendant on duty.
- 15. Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake. Failure to provide a swim diaper for your child while in the water is cause for immediate revoking of your permit.
- 16. There are no trash cans available anywhere on the Beach property; therefore we have a "carry-in, carry-out" policy for all trash.
- 17. There is absolutely no tobacco use or vaping allowed anywhere on the property.
- 18. All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
- 19. Permit holders wishing to have any group function should call the Readfield Town Office at 207-685-4939 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
- 20. No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
- 21. All music must be kept to a level as to not to disturbed others using the beach.
- 22. All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving.

Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!



*The Town of Readfield and our authorized representatives reserve the right to revoke a permit for violation of any of the above.



READFIELD BEACH CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK RENTAL APPLICATION 2020 Season (May 1 - November 1, 2021)



Please Print Clearly

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	TERMS OF AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK - READFIELD BEACH	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.	Cost of one rental rack space is \$40 from May 1 - November 1. Rental fee must be paid prior to the state. Maximum length/width for the canoe/kayak racks is 18'0" / 2'4". Paddleboards, sculls, etc. may also be Rack rental is not allowed for any watercraft used to access a moored vessel. Rack rental is on a first come, first served basis. Upon receipt of completed application and payment, rack assigned by number. Rack rental and assignment is at the discretion of the Town Manager or designee. Before storage, Owner must attach their assigned rack number to the canoe/kayak by a secure means. Owner agrees to remove canoe/kayak by November 1. Failure to remove canoe/kayak from rack by date result in the inability to rent during subsequent seasons. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak is reasonably secured in its assigned rack and will not pose any date passersby. Owner must provide locking mechanism. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak rack space is clean and tidy at all times. Nothing other than one can be left on, in, around or by the rack at any time (e.g., paddles, floatation devices, etc). Canoe/kayak may not be left outside the designated storage area. The storage rack unit may only be used for the one canoe/kayak listed above. Eight rack spaces are respaired use. Paired spaces are 1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13-14. There is a one space (or paired space) limit per heaving a complete space in the responsibility for loss of or damages to the canoe/kayak. Failure to comply with terms will result in termination of this agreement with no refund of rental fees.	rt of storage stored. cks will be e stated will nger to any noe/kayak served for ousehold. f Readfield above
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·	Signature:Date:	
	** Office Use Only **	
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	Assigned Rack Space(s):	

Make Check Payable to "Town of Readfield" • Send application with notation "Attn: Rack Rental"



JUNE 2021—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOME BACK, SUMMER RESIDENTS!

We look forward to serving you at the Library again this summer.

ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE

After a year off, we are looking forward to hosting our Annual Library Book Sale during Readfield Heritage Days weekend. The sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning August 14th. If you would like to donate books for the Sale, please save them and drop them off the morning of the sale. Unfortunately, we do not have space at the library to store donations ahead of the sale date.





SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021—"Tails and Tales in Maine"

After missing last year, we are thrilled to be able to offer a Summer Reading Program for local children and teen readers ages 0-18! More information forthcoming. Please save these 2 dates:

June 21 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event

August 23 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Summer Reading Program Final Celebration Event featuring Chewonki!

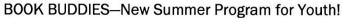
1st SUMMER AUTHOR TALK featuring Maine Mystery Author MATT COST

All are welcome! Please join us **on Wednesday June 23**rd **at 6:30pm outdoors behind the Library** for an author talk with Maine author Matt Cost. Matt will read from his mystery book, *Mainely Power: A Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery*, and have a Q & A session as well as an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his book. Note that the Library Book Group will be reading and discussing this book at our August Book Group on August 30th.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Matt Cost is the highly acclaimed, award-winning author of the Mainely Mystery series. The first book, Mainely Power, was selected as the Maine Humanities Council Read ME fiction book of 2020. This was

followed by Mainely Fear and Mainely Money. I Am Cuba: Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution was his first traditionally published novel. He had another historical released in August of 2021, Love in a Time of Hate. Wolfe Trap was the first in the Clay Wolfe Port Essex Trap series. Mind Trap is the second and will be followed by Mouse Trap in April of 2022.



The Library is starting a Book Buddy program, pairing older students (middle/high schoolers) with younger children (Preschool-5th grade) where the older student reads to his/her younger "Book Buddy" once a week during the summer. If you know a middle/high school student who is looking for a **volunteer opportunity** (30 minutes each week) and a chance to make a difference in a young child's life, please let them know of this opportunity. Or, if you know a child in Preschool through 5th grade who would enjoy being read to by a "big kid," please spread the word. Book Buddy reading time would take place outside behind the library during library open hours, at a time agreeable to both of the Book Buddy partners. The Library will coordinate the matching up of a reader/listener pair, help with scheduling, provide support for the volunteers/participants.

and supply the chairs and books! Please contact Melissa, Library Director, if you know children interested in volunteering or participating at librarian@readfieldmaine.org or 207-685-4089.

MAINE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR PATTY FARRIN at STORY TIME

Maine children's author Patty Farrin will share her adventures with the children at Story Time at the Readfield Town Beach on Tuesday, June 15, at 9:30am. Patty will be reading *The Teacup Café* and *Mocha Overboard: A True Maine Story.* These charming stories will delight children of all ages. Children will have a chance to explore the books further with a craft activity. The public is invited to attend. Signed books will be available to purchase; if interested, please bring cash or check.



MAINE STATE PARKS—2 Vehicle Passes Available to check out

In anticipation of people getting outdoors more this summer to enjoy all Maine has to offer, the Library is offering not one, but two Maine State Park Vehicle Passes for patrons to check-out, beginning June 2021! Thank you to a very generous patron for the pass donation! Checkout period is for one week, and passes must be returned when the library is open (not in the Book Drop, please). If

you are planning a trip, you may reserve a pass in advance. Note that all State Parks in Maine are currently open for Day Use. https://www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19/parks/

DONATION THANKS-Audio Books

Many thanks to a local family for a recent large and generous donation to our AudioBook collection! We now have more Stephen King and Neal Stephenson titles available in AudioCD format, as well as favorite youth titles such as the Harry Potter series, Chronicles of Narnia, *The Hobbit*, and more!

BEAUTIFUL NEW PICTURE BOOKS CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE WORLD!

As previously announced, the Readfield Community Library received a \$300 Library Grant from the Bates College Diverse BookFinder, in partnership with the Brooks Foundation and the Maine Humanities Council! This grant allowed us the opportunity to assess our picture book collection and to identify areas where it may be enhanced. We then used the grant funds to purchase some beautiful new picture books. Please stop by the Children's Room to check them out! FMI: https://diversebookfinder.org/

STORY WALK® PROJECT UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the Groundbreaking for the first StoryWalk® post at the Library Trail will take place on Memorial Day! We will share photos with you after the event. We are planning for the Library Trail installation to take place in June, with a Grand Opening to be scheduled once installation is complete. The second community StoryWalk®, to be located at the Readfield Elementary School, will be installed later this summer, with a Grand Opening to be held in September.

Thank you to the 17 individuals, families, and businesses that have supported this community project by sponsoring a book. We are still looking for 7 more donors to Sponsor-a-Book! Please let us know if you are interested.

Many thanks to teacher Casey Spencer and his Maranacook Community High School students, and teacher Jordan Gehman and his Kents Hill School students, for all their time and efforts in designing and building the StoryWalk® posts/signs. We are also grateful to local businesses By the Board Lumber (Readfield) and Portland Glass (Augusta) for their assistance and generosity with the materials for this project, and to the Healthy Communities of the Capital Area/Let's GoI for the grant funding that allowed us to make this all a reality. [NOTE: StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.]

STORY TIME is LIVE and IN PERSON at the Town Beach each Tuesday at 9:30am



Please join us for our weekly **STORY TIME each Tuesday at 9:30am at the Readfield Town Beach**. Perfect for children 0-5 (older is fine too!) and their parents, grandparents, caregivers. Please bring your own chairs or blanket for your family. **Note:** if inclement weather, we will meet by Zoom. Zoom meeting ID is available from the Library Director.

Special for Tuesday June 2nd—Explore Books through Music and Music through Books with guest musician Ellen, who will bring along her accordion as we enjoy the picture book *Accordionly* by Michael Genhart.

Special for Tuesday June 15th—Maine children's author Patty Farrin visits—see info above.

Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETINGS

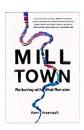
Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of any of the books listed below. The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Note that these groups may meet outside, in person behind the library, or they may be virtual meetings. For virtual meetings, please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

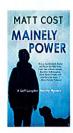
June Book Group Discussion: June 28th at 6:30pm Prospects (2020) by Robert W. Spencer (Maine author)

<u>July Book Group Discussion:</u> July 26th at 6:30pm *Mill Town* (2020) by Kerri Arsenault (Maine author)

<u>August Book Group Discussion:</u> August 30th at 6:30pm Mainely Power: A Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery (2020) by Matt Cost (Maine author)







SUMMER "Read ME" Program (for Adults)



The Readfield Community Library will participate again this summer in the statewide "Read ME" summer reading program highlighting Maine authors. We have multiple copies of these two books available at the library for check out, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Readfield Community Library. Please note the following book events. These 2 books will also be our Readfield Library Book Group reads for July and August.

<u>Events sponsored by Maine Humanities Council & Maine State Library</u>
Summer Program Kick-off on Maine Calling featuring Gerry Boyle, Matt Cost, and Kerri Arsenault

Friday | June 4, 2021 | 11:00 am - 12 noon

Author talk with Kerri Arsenault (Mill Town)

Thursday | July 15, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00pm | Join on Zoom

Special SUMMER OUTDOOR EVENTS Sponsored by the Readfield Community Library—

Save the dates and stay tuned for more information!

June 14 (Tuesday, 9:30am)—Maine Children's Author Patty Farrin visits Story Time at the Readfield Beach

June 21 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event (for children/teens); more information forthcoming

June 23 (Wednesday, 6:30pm)—Author Talk with Matt Cost—Maine author whose book *Mainely Power: A Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery* is being featured in the summer Read ME program

July ?? (TBA)—Grand Opening of the Readfield Community LibrarySchool StoryWalk®

July 12 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Kids Workshop with Maine author Katie Coppens (*The Acadia Files/Summer Science*)

July 14 (Wednesday, 6:30pm)—Author Talk with Maine author Sandra Neily (*Deadly Trespass: A Mystery in Maine*)

July 21 (Wednesday, 6:00pm)—All Ages Musical Program with Stan Davis (local Wayne musician) with rain date of Wednesday August 18)

July 28 (Wednesday, 6:30pm)—Author Talk with Emily E. LB. Twarog (Politics of the Pantry: Housewives, Food, and Consumer Protest in Twentieth-Century America)

August 2 (Monday, 6:00pm)—"Build-a-Book Kids Workshop" with Ellen Bowman and Aaron Neily

August 11 (Wednesday, 6:30pm)—David Matson presentation, "GLADIATOR: Fight to the Finish, including Everything You Never Knew About Gladiators, How A Readfield Artist Took Over 40 Years To Design A Game, and a Demonstration of Play"

Heritage Days Weekend August 13-15—Tentative Library Events

Author Talk and Book Signing for *Percy's Patience* with local author Barbara Bourgoine and illustrator Jemelie Bessette

Annual Library Book Sale (please save your books to donate the morning of the sale!)

75th Birthday Panel Discussion & Birthday Celebration with Former Readfield Librarians and Board Members

"The History of the Readfield Community Library" Presentation by Dale Potter Clark

August 23 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Summer Reading Program Finale Celebration Event featuring Chewonki! **September ?? (TBA)**—Grand Opening of the Readfield Elementary School StoryWalk®

UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO as of May 24, 2021

The Readfield Community Library strives to continue to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic.

- We will continue to provide and encourage Curbside Pickup. Please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to place an order for Curbside Pickup during regular library hours.
- Patrons may come inside the Library during regular hours for a full range of library services. The Library will no longer have limits on numbers of patrons inside and therefore we will no longer be using the "Golden Ticket" system. Patrons should be respectful of the personal space of others when inside the Library.
- Staff and volunteers will continue to use hand sanitizer frequently. Hand sanitizer and gloves will be available at the entryway for patrons. Disposable gloves are no longer required.
- Patrons should return all items to the outdoor Book Drop. However, returned items will no longer need to serve a quarantine period before being checked in and shelved.
- Regarding face coverings:

Library Hours

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

We **appreciate** continued mask wearing inside the Library by staff, volunteers, and patrons, as this will help to keep safe any patrons who are unable to receive vaccines (for example, our youngest patrons under age 12). However, face coverings are not required of vaccinated individuals.

Unvaccinated patrons, volunteers, and staff must continue to wear a face covering when inside 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/

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS



Since our last Readfield Trails article appeared in May's *Messenger*, several events have taken place with regards to the town trails. There has been a noticeable increase in activity at the fairgrounds complex. With the warmer weather enticing people to get outside, anyone traveling Church Road can't help but notice the parking lot at the fairgrounds has many more vehicles parked there, especially in the early evening as baseball is back at the field. The new circuit trail on the outside of the large rock border that was completed last summer has helped to keep kids, adults, pets etc. safe as they navigate down to the field.

Later this summer, a major maintenance initiative to re-surface sections of the trails at the fairgrounds is in the works. An Age Friendly Committee grant and volunteer labor will get the project completed. In August a ceremony postponed last summer due to, well you know what, will be held in conjunction with the Maine Bicentennial to honor part of Readfield's past connected to the yearly fairs held at the fairgrounds. The plan is to have some of the remaining pulling stones moved by oxen to a "display" area in the woods just off the trail. There will be informative signage to complete the display. This event is a combined effort by the Readfield Historical Society (RHS). Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC), and Readfield Trails Committee (RCC). The event is tentatively scheduled for Heritage Days on August 14. Make plans to attend this unique part of Heritage Days.

Recent trail maintenance at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve (TPNP) done by the RCC improved drainage. A box culvert that was installed at the bridge and water bars constructed on the Orange Trail will divert water away from the trails and should alleviate flooding and washouts that occur during heavy rains.

Four Trails Committee members recently spent 2 hours improving a re-routed section of the Esker Trail. Brush cutting and wood chip covering should make hiking more enjoyable. A special thank you goes out to Anna Carl for getting the wood chips delivered to the work site.

With Maine's, and specifically, Readfield's success on helping slow the spread of Covid 19, the RTC recently had its first in person meeting at Giles Hall after several months of either postponed meetings or ZOOM events. Naturally, the CDC and Readfield's mask and socially distancing guidelines were followed. In attendance at the April 28th meeting were the committee's two newest members. Readfield residents Jackie Drouin and Steve Hayes volunteered to join our group and promptly got involved. Welcome Steve and Jackie! A special thank you goes out to all our Trails Committee members for their patience and involvement during the past 14 months. You are a stellar committee of dedicated volunteers and I appreciate your efforts!

RTC meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Town Office. We welcome resident participation at any level and are always looking for volunteers on our trail work days. Contact Greg Durgin if interested at durgie@roadrunner.com or 685-4481.

Submitted by Greg Durgin



Tel: 685-4064



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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer
Station!

No charge for permit holders

Registration required; Contact your Town
Office for more information and to









Do Bring: All Battery Types; Unwanted ixed and unmixed Fuels; Household cleaners, chemicals & pesticides; Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals. **NO Explosives**.

Change of Operation Practices due to Covid-19

We will continue to operate meeting standards from the Maine government and public health best practices. Currently, public users of the facility are not required to wear masks. Unvaccinated staff are required to wear masks. Vaccinated staff and residents have a choice!

Backyard Composting Talk at Starling Hall Plant Sale Saturday June 5th at 9:30AM

Join Mark King from Maine DEP and the Maine Composting School for an introduction to backyard composting. This talk is being held in conjunction with our Food Composting Grant.

- Starling Hall is located on Rt. 17, 2769 Main Street, in Fayette.
- This is their 4th Annual Plant Sale event from 9AM to 1PM.
 Perennials, Annuals, & Vegetable seedlings for sale to benefit the renovation of historic Starling Hall.
- Hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill are available for purchase.
- Other speakers presenting are:
- Dr. David Handley Ph.D. Highmoor Farm's Fruit & Vegatable Specialist.
- Vanessa Berry from ecomaine, our Single Sort Recycling vendor
- Jean St. Clair, Fayette resident, sharing ways to preserve food.

WASTE LESS SAVE MORE



Readfield Awarded Maine Food Composting Grant

Our food composting project will now begin in June due to unforeseen supply chain and personnel issues. We are sorry for the delay. More information will be coming soon!

General Operation 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.

Pléase leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.



THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE

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

As Covid-19 restrictions are easing, the Readfield Union Meeting House Co. (RUMH) is facing new challenges. Who would have thought that building material costs were going to skyrocket? If you are a supporter of Readfield's historical building and have yet to send a donation, now is the time! If you've already given, consider giving a little more. Just recently, a donor sponsored a clock numerial and five minutes to her sister for a birthday present and this year's Christmas present. A unique gift for a special person.

The Readfield Union Meeting House interior art work is recognized as one of the best fresco style designs that painters used from the 1850-1890. Have you been inside the RUMH? If not, put this on your "to do" list for the summer. Bring your summer visitors, friends, and neighbors who have not stepped inside this amazing building. There will be Saturday open house tours in the mornings starting late June or call Nancy Durgin (685-4481) or Jim Tukey (215-5180) to arrange for the building to be opened.

In June you will see Mid Maine Restoration working on exterior window and cornice restoration and painting. A \$10,000 grant from the 1772 Foundation covers <u>most</u> of this work. Oh! Another idea for a donation. How about a gallon of paint?

We are still searching for a storage location for the three new 8' diameter clock dials that will be delivered at the end of the summer or early fall. The dials will not be installed until next year when the tower work is completed. Call John Perry (685-3531) if you have a space available.

Lastly, mark your calendars with these events that the RUMH will be offering this summer. All our events are open to the public. (we are not a club). The Strawberry Festival will be on July 10. Music Performances:

June 22 - Open Mic night - no cost

*part of Tuesday night "Meet Me at the Meeting House concerts - tickets \$10.

July 6 - Ed Desjardins and Katie Daggett *

July 20 - Brad Terry and Peter Herman *

August 3 - High Spirits *

August 17 - Kevin Libby *

Saturday, August 21 - Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations special performance-tickets \$20.

Hope that you will visit us this summer.

E-Alerts Subscription: www.readfieldmaine.org

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings! The Town of Readfield website has a feature to subscribe to ealerts. Please provide your email address below and select the e-alerts you would like to receive. Your email will be treated as confidential information. Our privacy policy is available on our website www.readfieldmaine.org.

Email

- o Emergency notifications and closure information
- o General announcements and notifications
- o Readfield Messenger newsletter
- o Recreation announcements and Youth Sport sign-ups
- o Voting, election, and Town Meeting information
- o Budget information
- o Select Board agendas, packets, and videos

News From The Broadband Committee

The committee has not met yet in May. We meet on the 26th and will report out in the July newsletter. All meetings are public and will start being held in person in June. Look for links on the town website and for email alerts if you have signed up for them. Signup for email alerts is available on thetown website. We will publish monthly updates of our progress.

Town Meeting Question on Broadband

The Select Board has approved an article on this year's town meeting warrant concerning broadband in Readfield. This is a non-binding question that will assist the town in understanding how to best plan for and prioritize for Readfield's future. This is a chance for every voting resident to register their input on this subject. It is the voting body of the town that determines where funds are spent and what projects are approved. Please be sure to vote this year and let the Select Board know what you want.

<u>Article 40:</u> 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?

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

Manchester Lions
Friday, July 2
4pm to 6pm
Drive Thru Strawberry
Shortcakes!

Pre-Orders recommended!!
Call Lion Deb Maddox 441-9906

Mount Vernon Food Bank News

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.

Now that warmer weather is upon us, First Baptist Food Bank intends to invite customers into the Food Bank for shopping starting June 5 unless COVID case numbers spike again. There will be some restrictions; only 2 customers (one per household) inside at a time, masks must be worn inside and there will be hand sanitizer at the door. We will be ensuring that there is adequate ventilation for customer safety.

Our farm share from Farmer Kev has started so there is an abundance of great fresh produce available each week.

Weather permitting, we will have clothing and personal care items displayed outside should it be necessary for customers to wait before entering the Food Bank.

We will continue to offer pre-packed boxes of shelf stable items and bags of fresh produce, baked items and toiletries for anyone who prefers.

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

Board/Committee openings - June 2021

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)

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: 1 vacancy (2023)

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

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.





THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come Worship with us via zoom in the comfort of your own home. Visit our website for the link. https://unionmeetinghouse.org/

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for June 19th 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 2021 Dog License DUE NOW!

NOTICE: A \$25.00 per dog registration late fee goes into affect starting Thurs, June 3rd.

With COVID-19 protocols being lifted the deadline for licensing your dog is right around the corner. Register your dog (if not already done) to avoid the late fee of \$25.00 per dog.

Dog Licenses were due December 31, 2020. The state-mandated late fee of \$25.00 per dog was waved due to COVID-19. This extension will end on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. The late fee will start Thursday, June 3, 2021.

The licensing fee for dogs is \$6.00 if spayed/neutered (must have proof if not on file) or \$11.00 if able to produce young. A current rabies needs to be on file or updated before we can register your dog.

Below are ways to register your dog before the deadline:

- ⇒ Stop by the Town Office during regular business hours (Mon & Tues 8:30 AM 4:30 PM, Weds 12:00 Noon 6:00 PM, Fri 7:30 AM 3:30 PM)
- ⇒ Call the Town Office at 207-685-4939 if we have current rabies on file or you can email proof to <u>info@readfieldmaine.org</u> and then call to register (additional fee for credit call transactions over the phone)
- ⇒ Visit the Town Website at www.readfieldmaine.org under online services link and click on Dog Licensing & Renewal (This will be shut off on Wednesday, June 2 at midnight).

If you have any questions just call and ask, we are here to help!

207-685-4939



READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEW WINDOWS FUNDRAISER

In April our Exec Committee decided that all twenty-two deteriorated windows should be replaced, in the RHS building at 754 Main St. An appeal letter was sent to our membership in early May, asking for donations of \$400 per window, and within 10 days our goal had been met – exceeding expectations! In addition to new windows a plaque will be placed by each, naming the donors and/or people they wish to memorialize or honor.

Work will begin in late June/early July, if the special-order windows come in as promised. In the meantime prep work and other sprucing up, i.e. some painting is being done inside the building and window shutters are being repaired or replaced on the exterior. Much thanks to Bob Harris, RHS president for spearheading this effort and to the five volunteers who had offered to help Bob do the window installations, making the costs affordable!

As a result of these ongoing efforts, the 2021 opening day (which usually takes place Memorial Day weekend) will not be until later this summer. Stay tuned for the opening day announcement. Inquiries for historical or familial information are welcome at any time - contact readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or phone 377-2299.

FIRST HISTORICAL SITE MARKER TO BE DEDICATED

For six years house circa signs have been offered by RHS (to date 80 have been sold), with an eye towards eventually installing historical site markers in various locations throughout town. We are pleased to announce the first such sign will be installed at Readfield Corner, on the Masonic Block, and dedicated on June 11th. Read on FMI about the June 11th event. Other markers will be installed at various sites in Readfield Corner later this summer. Stay tuned!

JUNE HISTORY WALK

June 11th 10am-12noon Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Adams will co-lead this tour on the 100th anniversary of a fire that nearly destroyed Readfield Corner. The Masons began rebuilding two months later which inspired others to do the same. A historic site marker will be dedicated in remembrance of the fire near the end of the tour; and the Masonic Hall will be open as the culmination. Meet in the parking lot behind the Masonic Block (U.S. Post Office) by 10 a.m. From there walkers will proceed around the center of town as Potter-Clark and Adams point out various buildings and businesses that once existed there. They will also discuss a second major fire that occurred at Readfield Corner in 1934. In case of rain, postponement will be made by 8:00 a.m. on the RHS facebook page, on the History Walks web site readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com and via email. To be added to the History Walks email list send a request to crossings4u@gmail.com.

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.

Dale Potter-Clark, Secretary Readfield Historical Society

dmclark1@roadrunner.com

PHOTO CAPTION:

On May 21st Readfield History Walkers visited the Jesse Lee Church then East Readfield Cemetery to help place American flags on eighty-four Veterans' graves. Forty-one people attended from ten towns. Some were able to place flags on the graves of their ancestors. In this photo Ben Rodriguez, Readfield Cemetery Sexton, and Dale Potter-Clark, Readfield Historical Society, are giving



Check this out!

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HONORING OUR HISTORY



Joe Phelan/Kennebec Journal photos







Above: Dale Potter-Clark speaks with visitors Friday about the history of the Jesse Lee Methodist Church during a Readfield Historical Society event at the one-room church.

Left: After learning about the history of the Jesse Lee Methodist Church, in background, visitors volunteer to place American flags on veterans' graves at the adjacent East Readfield Cemetery.



Caseload in Maine continues to decline

CDC reports 117 new infections, 1 additional death

BY ROB WOLFE Portland Press Herald

The Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention reported 117 new COVID-19 cases and one additional death Sunday, the lowest number of daily infections announced since

Maine is set to lift its indoor mask mandate starting Monday, with a few

exceptions. Schools and child care facilities will still require Businesses masks and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention has mandated

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face coverings on public transporta-

Gov. Janet Mills made the change last week after the U.S. CDC announced that masks were no longer required indoors for vaccinated people, but Mills' order extends to unvaccinated people, too, because of the difficulty of determining peo-ple's immunization status on the fly in public.

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Assessor, David Ledew: assessor@readfieldmaine.org

Librarian, Melissa Small: librarian@readfieldmaine.org

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