

Readfield Messenger

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November

State Referendum & Readfield Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Kent's Hill School, Harold & Ted Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield ME



Absentee ballots need to be received by 8:00 pm on voting day.

FMI please contact Sherene Gilman, Town Clerk at 207-685-4939 or clerk@readfieldmaine.org

November Holiday Hours

HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Thurs, Nov. 11 - Town Office & Transfer Station CLOSED *Special Veterans Day Event Happening* (See Page 9)

Wed, Nov. 24 - Town Office & Transfer Station OPEN 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon &



Thurs, Nov. 25 & Fri, Nov. 26 Town Office & Transfer Station CLOSED

The Transfer Station will be open normal business hours on Sat., Nov 27, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Select Board Corner

Greetings from the Select Board,

Friends, it's November and it's getting colder. We've watched the leaves turn and fall, and now, we march towards the inevitable realities of winter. For some, that means ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and skiing. For others, winter also means seasonal anxiety, heating concerns, and food insecurity.

One thing we can all agree on is that our community, when called upon, is always willing to act and give s upport to those that need it. As we creep closer to snow and ice, find out how the Town of Readfield can assist those that may need heating or social assistance this winter.

Visit our website, <u>www.readfieldmaine.org</u> to find out about programs specifically dedicated for these purposes. Whether it's fuel assistance or a conversation, we can help or find it.

I'd also like to remind you to VOTE on Nov. 2nd at the Kent's Hill School's Alfond Sports Complex. Thank you to everyone involved in making this open, safe, and distanced facility available for our voters. Polls are open from 8am - 8pm.

Speaking of, you'll be voting on a number of different items from the Town. If you're unsure about what they mean or need additional information about the warrant, visit our website, www.readfieldmaine.org. Elections matter, and we take pride in our effort to inform and educate our residents before you step into that booth.

Later this month, there's a chance you'll be celebrating Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. Perhaps this year will find you a little more thankful and grateful than in years past, because this year may find you reconnecting with family members you haven't seen for two years. I hope that your celebrations are safe and satisfying. I hope the food you share together is all the more savory and delicious than ever before, and may you have a restful nap shortly thereafter.

Thank you for keeping #readfieldtogether,

Dennis Price Select Board Chair

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From the Town Manager WE'RE HIRING!

The Town of Readfield is hiring for multiple positions. This brings us new opportunities but also has the effect of adding a few wrinkles to our operations and slowing things down. Until these positions are filled we will have limited resources so please have patience as we work to fill them. We are prioritizing essential services like the Transfer Station but some municipal services may be diminished or not available. You can help by joining our team or by sharing these job opportunities with someone who might be interested! We offer exceptional pay and benefits!

Applications and copies of the current job descriptions may be obtained at the Town Office and on the Town website: https://www.readfieldmaine.org/. Applications should be submitted to the attention of the Town Manager, Eric Dyer. Interested Applicants are encouraged to apply immediately, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

MAINTENANCE POSITION: \$19.06/hr with Exceptional Benefits!

The Town of Readfield has an opening for a full-time maintenance position responsible for general maintenance for all Town buildings, grounds, equipment, and road infrastructure; performing minor highway maintenance; winter plowing and sanding of parking lots, hydrants, and sidewalks, supervising road maintenance and reconstruction as delegated, maintaining or scheduling maintenance of all Town equipment; janitorial duties, and any other duties as directed by the Town Manager.

The successful applicant will have the ability to work independently or with minimal supervision efficiently, take initiative to identify and complete tasks, perform manual labor, organize a personal work schedule, communicate clearly and courteously with fellow employees and the general public, work a flexible schedule, supervise part-time workers and contractors, and use and maintain tools and powered equipment used in various maintenance repair tasks, including one-ton truck, tractor, backhoe, mowers, chainsaws, etc. The successful applicant will be required to possess a current Maine Driver's License, with a clean driving record. Past municipal experience is preferred.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION: \$3,000 Annual Stipend!

Variable work hours (about 3-4 per week on average). This position is generally responsible for animal welfare in the Town of Readfield, including enforcing state and local animal welfare laws. The Animal Control Officer investigates complaints concerning the regulation, licensing and control of dogs and other domestic animals and provides appropriate follow-up and enforcement. Public education and outreach are an expected part of the job.

The successful applicant will have or have the ability to acquire knowledge of the principles, practices and equipment used in animal handling along with a working knowledge of applicable state and local animal welfare laws and procedures. Graduation from the Maine Basic Animal Control Officer Training, or willingness to work toward this training at the earliest opportunity is required. The ability to communicate well and deal courteously and professionally with the general public in challenging situations is essential. A valid State of Maine driver's license and the physical strength and agility sufficient for performing the job duties are required. Considerable experience in handling animals is preferred. All necessary training is paid for by the Town of Readfield.



2021 Request for Voluntary Emergency Contact Information

The Town of Readfield has developed an Emergency Operations Plan to ensure timely and effective responses to any future disasters that might confront the community.

The plan includes a contact list of residents who might need assistance during an emergency situation. This sign-up is for individuals with mobility, medical or other needs that might prevent them from keeping themselves safe during an emergency.

During an emergency, the Town's Fire Department and/or Town Office would contact these residents to ensure that "everything is OK and further support may not be needed."

Participation in this effort is <u>strictly</u> voluntary. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of emergency notification; please provide the following contact information either by calling the Town Office at (207) 685-4939, email at info@readfieldmaine.org or by filling out the form below and returning back to the Town Office.

Please print the following in	formation:			
First Name:	MI: Last	Name:		1
Full-time Resident: Sea	sonal Resident: Usu	ual months of re	sidence:	, 7 1.11
Primary Telephone Number:	<u> </u>	Cell Phone N	lumber:	
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Mailing Address:				
Secondary Contact Person: _				
Secondary Contact Phone Nu	ımbers:	<u> </u>		
Secondary Contact Email Add	dress:			
Special Needs (i.e. oxygen, w	heel chair, etc.):			
Mail this return card to:	Town of Readfield Attn: Kristin Parks			

If you are currently on the list please contact the Town Office or complete the above form to make sure all information is up to date and accurate. – Thank you, Town of Readfield Office Staff

8 Old Kents Hill Road Readfield, ME. 04355

FROM THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT



It has been a busy Summer and Fall in my first half year at the CEO desk in Readfield. Building and plumbing permits really picked up in the late summer early fall period. I have tried to turn around permits quickly and respond to inspections same or next day. It is important we move the local economy by reducing time to get projects going and completed. I have met many of you here and in Wayne, hopefully answered your questions and have been here when you need me.

A few observations and requests from my office. The most asked question I get: Do I need a permit? Rule of thumb for plumbing is yes, both with new construction or substantial renovation or replacement both external (septic) and internal plumbing. As to building, the rule of thumb is new construction of any structure, permanent or temporary is yes. Building restoration or replacement where the cost of construction material and fair market labor value is \$2000 or more the answer is yes. The permits are very inexpensive based on the cost or total sq ft and helps you understand if your plans fit local ordinance and inland waterway regulations. A bonus is when you successfully finish your project and passed final inspection you receive a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) which is critical with any future sale or financing of your house. Call me if you have any questions 685-3290.

A request: Please have your road address number plainly displayed on your home, mailbox or posted somewhere that identifies your home or property. We work hard here to have correct and updated information available to the Maine E-911 network for first responders (fire, police, and ambulance). Having your number visible to them could save a life when there is a call. The number also aids postal and FEDEX delivery in identifying the proper location for your mail and merchandise deliveries. Please help, clearly number your home.

Thanks to all for stopping by and saying hi, and if you have not, I am here when you need me Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 AM to 4 PM.

Chip Stephens CEO, LPI, E-911 Officer ceo@readfieldmaine.org

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Last month I accepted the LHO position here in Readfield. The local health officer (LHO) is responsible for aiding residents with education, information and coordination of health-related issues and needs.

My background in medical and health began with a Masters degree from UMO (79) in Microbiology and Virology. After graduation I spent 2 years working at the bench at commercial laboratories and the State Department of Health in Connecticut. From 1983 on I worked with various medical diagnostic companies serving both public and private institutions in the US and internationally. Much of my time was spent dealing with the onset of the HIV/AIDS fight and other serious health issues.

My focus here in Readfield is to create more visibility, information and answers to the health issues that exist here now and others that surely will occur in the future. I would like to provide informational help with COVID and to deliver vetted and reliable scientific information to the residents here. I will seek to address conversations on other issues that currently exist and need visibility to manage locally. HIV is still a threat that has not been cured and needs to be prevented. The Opiate epidemic is a killer that has touched too many of all ages locally. Also important conversations will deal with general health issues of nutrition, dental health and well-being that deserve more local attention and information.

Look for information and articles in future messenger editions on these and other subjects. I would like to hear from you as to what is important to you and your family and friends in the realm of health and wellness. My number is 685-3920 or you can email me at info@readfieldmaine.org, no name is needed if you want to email anonymously.

Chip Stephens MS. LHO Readfield



AGING FRIENDLY UPDATE



The Age Friendly Committee is in need of members! Our name is somewhat a misnomer. We are actually working to make Readfield a more Livable Community for all residents using the 8 domains of livability as created by the World Health Organization. These domains are:

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings. People need public places to gather — indoors and out.

Transportation. Driving shouldn't be the only way to get around. ...

Housing. ...

Social Participation. ...

Respect and Social Inclusion. ...

Work and Civic Engagement. ...

Communication and Information. ...

Community and Health Services

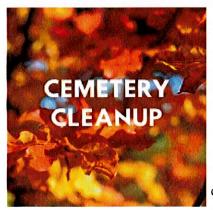
Perhaps we should change our name to reflect our broader focus and better describe the work that we do. Join and have a say about the name!

I am happy to speak with anyone who might have an interest in joining our group and setting the direction in the coming year. Email Romainemt@myfairpoint.net or call 207-685-4516.

TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that there is a small transportation program that serves residents 60 and older in Readfield?

The SEARCH program provides free support service to seniors 60 years and older. The program could help meet your transportation needs for grocery shopping, errands, local medical appointments and limited social engagements. Adequate notice must be given to arrange rides. To learn more about the program contact Lynn Kidd, Program Coordinator 530-0137.



Fall Clean Up and **Other Cemetery Matters**

The seemingly never ending battle with falling leaves has begun and the removal of any items that are faded, worn or not seasonally appropriate will commence by mid-November. If there are any items left on a loved one's lot that you would like to keep, please remove said items at your earliest convenience. No firm date has been set for closing the cemeteries. The Sexton will be keeping an eye out for snow and will close the cemeteries when weather conditions make the roadways more susceptible to damage from vehicle traffic.

If you have any questions or would like to make special accommodations related to the removal of personal items please contact the Sexton at:

Ben Rodriguez

Office Phone: (207)-685-1812 Cell Phone: (207)-557-2790

Email: sexton@readfieldmaine.org

AARP OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021 State Scam Alerts

Week 1 - Cyber Security Awareness Month

As our lives become increasingly dependent on technology, more personal and business information is kept on internet-connected platforms, which can become a gold mine for criminals. October is National Cyber Security Month and AARP is joining federal law enforcement partners to encourage consumers to be cyber secure throughout their homes and businesses.

Here are some key steps. Create strong and unique passwords for all accounts (or use a password manager to do it for you). Opt-in to multi-factor authentication at every opportunity (where you receive a code on your device and share the code back to prove it's you). Back up your data. Make sure all your devices are operating on the latest software. These steps are a good start to keep you cyber secure.

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

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Week 2 - Becky From Medicare

For the past few months thousands of robocalls have been hitting U.S. phone lines claiming to be "Becky, from Medicare." And trust us, this is a conversation you'll want to skip.

A target will receive a prerecorded call from "Becky from Medicare" and is asked to press 1 to talk to a representative to learn about free genetic testing. For those who interact with Becky (or one of her friendly colleagues), she'll claim they are eligible for genetic testing to screen for diseases that Medicare will pay for. They will ask for the target's Medicare number and mailing address to send a test kit with instructions. This is a scam, pure and simple. All these crooks want is your Medicare number so they can bill Medicare for tests, devices – whatever their flavor of the day. These fraudulent charges cost Medicare billions each year. To protect yourself – and save taxpayer dollars - only share your Medicare number with trusted health care providers; calls out of the blue for free resources from Medicare are scams – full stop.

Week 3 – Smart Homes Need Smart Security

Smart homes can bring all of our systems, devices and even appliances online. If this is a route you're taking, know that smart homes need smart security.

When setting up a new device, be sure to adjust the privacy and security settings. For any device that has a default password, change it, and do so again periodically. All of your passwords should be unique and complex. Avoid connecting your email or calendar to smart home devices, along with any other apps that store sensitive information. Also, set up each device so that any new software update uploads automatically. Updates often contain patches to protect against newly discovered vulnerabilities.

Week 4 – Medicare Open Enrollment Scams

It's open enrollment season, which also means it's Medicare fraud season. Eligible beneficiaries have until December 7 to shop for the best deal for their health care dollar. Unfortunately, some of the deals out there won't be deals at all.

Just like in other years, Medicare scams spike during open enrollment season with scammers posing as insurance providers calling and emailing about free gifts or limited time offers. These scams are designed to capture information to bill Medicare for bogus services and treatment.

Be suspicious of anyone who calls, emails or visits you promoting a Medicare plan. Legitimate health plans can only contact you if you've requested information. Don't give personal information to anyone who calls or visits out of the blue and always review your Medicare summary notice or explanation of benefits statement for fraudulent charges.

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

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

Conservation Commission Update

A group of Maranacook Community School juniors with advisor Carolyn Gross worked at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve during their Community Service Day, October 7th. Using mattocks, shovels, and root loppers, they created drainage swales or water bars at several key spots on the Orange Trail.

This will reduce erosion and improve the trail.

Several members of the Conservation and Trails Committees also assisted. After working, we enjoyed lunch while looking out over the lake in its fall colors. The help was very much appreciated.

We encourage all to enjoy the trails at this and other Town properties.

A safety reminder – Please remember your blaze orange while hiking during this fall's hunting season. Hunting is permitted on many Kennebec Land Trust properties, and in Readfield's Town Forest and Fogg Farm



Conservation Area. Waterfowl hunting is allowed from boats on the lake off the Nature Preserve. Hunting is part of keeping some wildlife populations in balance, so please respect the rights of hunters, and wear orange if walking in the woods at this time of year.

Submitted by Tim Sniffen for the Conservation Commission

Manchester Lions Club Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 20, 2021 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Lions Club House, Route 17, Manchester

Local Crafters & Artisans
Homemade Baked Goodies & Concessions

COVID19 safety protocols will be in place, masks suggested

2022 Dog Registrations started October 15th

Ways to register your dog:

- ⇒ In person at the Town Office during regular business hours
- ⇒ Online at www.readfieldmaine.org under online services
- ⇒ By mail: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355
- \Rightarrow Over the phone by calling 207-685-4939

The cost is \$6.00 is spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if unaltered.

Dogs 6 months & older are required to be registered in the town they live in by state law.

Proof of rabies and spay/neuter (if applicable) are required to register Registration deadline is December 31, 2021 to avoid late fee!

Board/Committee Openings - Updated October 2021

Age Friendly Committee:

Cobbossee Watershed District

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Conservation Commission

Local School Board Advisory

Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee

Planning Board

Road Committee

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Trails Committee

2 Vacancies (2024)

1 Alt Member (2024)

1 Vacancy (2022)

2 Alt Member (2022)

2 Vacancies (2023)

1 Alt Member (2023)

2 Alts (2022, 2023)

3 Vacancies (all 2022)

1 Vacancy (2023)

2 Vacancies (2024), 1 Alt (2023)

Volunteer forms can be found on the next pages (2 part form) and returned back to the Town Office or online at www.readfieldmaine.org. Forms can also be filled out online electronically and are available at the Town Office. FMI 207-685-4939.



READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

READFIELD TO HOLD SPECIAL VETERANS DAY EVENT

An event honoring all Veterans will be held in Readfield on Thursday, Nov. 11th in which the 3rd Maine Infantry Civil War re-enactors will participate. Members of Readfield's Historical Society, Selectboard and United Methodist Church have planned the event.

Participants should gather at the Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road by 10 a.m. for a special remembrance of some Veterans whose memorials and graves are there. From the cemetery the 3rd Maine will lead the way to Asa Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, for a closing ceremony at 11 a.m. in honor of all Veterans. All are invited to march along or those who are not able to walk that far can follow in their vehicles. The Third Maine will do two musket volleys along the way, at the cemetery and outside Gile Hall.

Following the ceremony free bag lunches will be distributed, by the Readfield United Methodist Church, at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road.

All are welcome to join in for this special remembrance and honoring of those who have served in the U.S. Armed Services. To begin, at Readfield Corner Cemetery, parking is available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot or in the north end of the cemetery. Please invite and / or bring Veterans you know. FMI contact 441-9184 or crossings4u@gmail.com.

RHS will open by appointment for as long as weather and temperatures allow. To make an appointment, or if you have questions about any aspect of Readfield history, contact readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or (207) 377-2299. For genealogical or old house queries contact crossings4u@gmail.com or (207) 441-9184.



Pictured here are some members of the 3rd Maine Infantry Civil War re-enactors who were part of a previous Veterans Day event in Readfield. The 3rd Maine will be participating again this year on Thursday, November 11th



E-Alerts Subscription:

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An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!

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Your email will be treated as confidential information.

Our privacy policy is available on our website



VETERANS' DAY EVENT

Featuring the THIRD MAINE CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS Veterans, Friends, Family, One and All are Welcome! Help Honor our Deserved Veterans during all or any part of this event!!

Thurs., November 11, 2021 10am-12noon

Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road 10:00 a.m.*

Remembrance of some veterans who are 10:00-11:00

> buried there; then all invited to join in the march to Gile Hall led by the 3rd Maine

Company A Vol. Infantry Re-enactors

Ceremony in honor of all Veterans 11:30 a.m.

> Following the ceremony FREE bag lunches will be passed out at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road **BYTHE**

> > Readfield United Methodist Church

* Parking available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot on Church Road or at the north end of the cemetery. Those who cannot walk to Gile Hall are welcome to follow in their vehicles.





NOVEMBER 2021—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

LOCAL AUTHOR BARBARA WALSH TO SELL & SIGN BOOKS at RCL on NOVEMBER 6th—great holiday gifts!

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Barbara Walsh will be selling and signing her books at the Readfield Community Library Saturday, November 6 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Walsh recently published The Deer Man, a heartwarming true story about a central Maine man and the forest family he loved and nourished for 15 years. The poignant story is illustrated by local artist Helene Farrar. Walsh, a Winthrop resident, has also written August Gale: A Father and Daughter's Journey into the Storm, The Goose Lady, Rhoda's Rescue and Sammy in the Sky, which is illustrated by Jamie Wyeth.



Cash/checks accepted. Please stop by to meet Barbara and pick up some of these Maine-themed books, which make for great holiday gifts! FMI on Walsh: barbarawalsh.net or mainescribe@gmail.com

November STORY WALK® at the Library—Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes

The Library StoryWalk® is officially open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. The picture book featured for NOVEMBER is Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin and James Dean, sponsored by an Anonymous donor. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open. And, be sure to stop by the Library during open hours to pick up the take-home craft/activity that goes along with the story.



Discover savings on your monthly electric bill with Kill-A-Watt ELECTRICITY MONITORS from ELECTRICITY MAINE!



Curious about the efficiency of your household appliances, which items cost you the most in terms of your electric bill, and how you might save on your monthly bill? Simply check out an easy-to-use Kill-A-Watt Electricity Monitor from the Library to see how you might start saving!

TEEN "Fall Into Reading" CHALLENGE—Great Raffle Prizes—Sign up before November 15th!

Hey middle and high schoolers! There is still time to sign up for the Fall Teen Reading Challenge. By participating, you earn tickets towards great raffle prizes—a \$50 Dunkin Gift Card and a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Simply stop by the library any time before November 15th to get your reading log and find out how the challenge works. The Reading Challenge will run



until December 4th. All who participate will receive a special treat at the end of the challenge from Dany's Cakes, a new business in Readfield. The raffle prizes for this teen program have been made possible by a generous donation of the Friends of the Readfield Community Library!

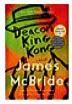
SAVE the DATE! ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING—Friday, December 3rd

Please put the evening of Friday, December 3 on your calendar for an outdoor Tree Lighting celebration at the Readfield Community Library! More details forthcoming.

FINE FREE NEWS

Did you know? Prompted by the pandemic, many libraries across the country are going fine-free [https://bookriot.com/covid-19-and-library-late-fees/], but the Readfield Community Library has been fine free for 20+ years! Our long-standing fine-free policy (i.e., no fines for overdue books, with a voluntary contribution jar at the circulation desk) has helped to create a respectful, welcoming, and non-punitive community of borrowing/lending in Readfield. Check us out on this national Fine Free Map!

Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING (for Adults)



Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of this month's book. The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. For the winter months, we will be meeting by Zoom rather than in person. To attend by Zoom, please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

November Book Group Discussion: November 29th at 6:30pm Deacon King Kong by James McBride

STORY TIME, Tuesdays at 9:30am



Please join us for our weekly STORY TIME each Tuesday at 9:30am. Perfect for children 0-5 (older is fine too!) and their parents, grandparents, caregivers.

We will meet as follows:

November 2—We will meet outside, in person, behind the Library to enjoy the <u>StoryWalk</u> and other books and activities, weather permitting.

November 9, 16, 23, and 30—We will meet by Zoom. Zoom meeting ID is available from the Librarian.

LARGE PRINT COLLECTION

The Readfield Community Library has participated in the Maine State Library Large Print program for a long time now, where we receive a rotating collection of Large Print titles to lend to patrons. However, we have also recently acquired about 50 gently-used titles (from popular authors) of our own to lend to patrons. Please inquire about these new-to-us Large Print titles, located near the audio books and DVDs in the Adult Collection Room.



Large Print

Food Waste and Recycling Program in Readfield!

To get your FREE countertop compost container, simply stop by the Library, the Town Office, or the Transfer Station, to sign a composting pledge.



Food Waste Facts for November:

Potato peels, pumpkin shells/pulp, turkey carcasses/bones—all of these items can be brought to the local food recycling site for composting. Also, don't throw away the leftovers! Take a moment to do a web search for some creative ways to make new dishes from Thanksgiving leftovers. And, don't worry if you have left something in the back of your fridge too long—simply bring it to the local food recycling site for composting! The Community Food Recycling site can be found at the Readfield Transfer Station located at 1 Recycle Rd., Readfield, ME.

FALL is a great time to visit MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Park Pass available!



Enjoy Maine's parks for FREE this fall! Park pass checkout period is for one week, and pass 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/

Interested in Family History Research? AncestryLibrary AVAILABLE REMOTELY THROUGH 12/31/2021!

Normally available for in-library use only, <u>Ancestry Library</u> will be available remotely through December 31, 2021 thanks to the efforts of the Maine State Library. Please take advantage of this FREE service if you are interested in family history research!

Use this link: https://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?db=ancestry

WIFI ISSUES

in ancestry

We apologize for issues with our WiFi service during October. We are working to correct the issues and hope that we will be back to our 24/7 WiFi soon!

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. Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. 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	10em-4pm			
Wednesdays	ipm-7pm			
Saturdays	10em-4pm			

Recently, Kennebec County has been in the "substantial" or "high" category for level of community Covid-19 transmission. As of September 2, 2021, we respectfully REQUIRE that ALL individuals (vaccinated or unvaccinated) wear face coverings inside the Library, per Board of Trustees vote. There will be a reminder sign posted outside the Library, and free masks will be available to patrons who need one. Additionally, if you require library services and are unable to wear a face covering, please connect with the Librarian to make special arrangements. Children under 2 years are not required to wear a mask.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Transfer Station Updates

Electronic Payments will soon be accepted at the Transfer Station in addition to cash and checks. The Internet is finally connected, the devices have arrived and will be set up in early November. Staff training will take place soon after. This will allow folks to use a debit or credit card to make payments and will allow for all payments to be processed at the site. This will consolidate accounting tasks and provide better information on waste types. Look for signs announcing the beginning soon!

Composting: Plenty of compost is now available. Get yours now! No limit on what you can take.

The Swap Shop will remain closed through the Spring of 2022. Under consideration is the construction of a stand-alone shed to house this operation. There may be grant funding available to assist this transition.

Fluorescent bulbs are free to dispose of at the Transfer Station. Just see an attendant.

All leftover paint & stain in cans with labels on may be placed in the Paint-Care bin free of charge all year.

As daylight hours shorten, please take extra care while at the Transfer Station. Be mindful of folks walking to the bins as well as being careful where you walking, especially when leaving compost, brush or appliances.

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.

Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested. Transfer Station
Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
11 AM to 6PM

Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM (Senior Hours Only)

> Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM

<u>Change of Operation</u> Practices due to Covid-19

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

> Unvaccinated Staff and residents are required to wear a face covering while at the Transfer Station.

WASTE LESS SAVE MORE



Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

SPECIAL TRANSFER STATION HOURS



The Transfer Station will be <u>OPEN</u> on Wed. Nov. 24 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & <u>CLOSED</u> on Thurs, Nov. 25 & Fri, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

Maranacook Juniors Team Up With Readfield Trails Committee

On Thursday, October 7th, Maranacook Junior Advisor Scott Harmon brought his advisee group to Readfield Fairgrounds on Maranacook's annual Day of Caring. This was significant because the past two years both Maranacook and Kents Hill School have not been able to provide their volunteer help due to the pandemic. Kents Hill School is scheduled to help the Trails Committee on October 26 if the weather cooperates.

The MCS juniors were joined by Trails Committee members as well as other resident volunteers to start a major re-surfacing project on the Fairgrounds trails. The money for the blue stone was purchased through a grant obtained by the Age Friendly Committee and budgeted funds from Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC). The project involved spreading the stone and raking it to a depth of 3-4 inches. The sections to be completed first are the North Trail down to the trail junction just below the ballfield back stop, The second section is the trail leading up from Route 17 adjacent to the Fairgrounds Road, past the kiosk and up the hill towards the concrete bench. Of course the weather has to cooperate and volunteer help has to be organized but the Trails Committee is enthusiastic and



optimistic that the project will be completed sooner rather than later. Sections of the trails will have to be closed for safety reasons while volunteer operators with their tractors are moving the stone.

Thank you to all who helped on Phase 1

Community Volunteers

John Perry & Tractor Jeanne Harris Bob Harris Melanie Lanctot

Scott Harmon's Advisee Group

Shaun Dube Kaitlynn Dunn Ayslynn Grace Lina Martinez Nocito Alanna Robitalle

RTC Members

Jackie Drouin Greg Durgin Steve Hayes Rob Peale





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Readfield Union Meeting House



The Readfield Union Meeting House held its Annual Board of Directors Meeting on October 21st Re-elected to the following positions were: Jim Tukey President, Nancy Durgin VP, and John Perry Treasurer. Nancy Durgin's three year term on the Board was renewed to 2024.

At the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting which was prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board had agreed to revisit its existing five committees. They are: RUMH Building, Vestry Building, Fund Raising, Events, and Membership. The latter three committees all have vacancies. We continue to seek interested individuals for these committees.

The Board of Directors wishes to announce that Flo Drake will be rejoining our board. She resigned from the board several years ago. She is now residing back in Readfield year round and is willing to devote some of her energy and wisdom in helping with the RUMH restoration.

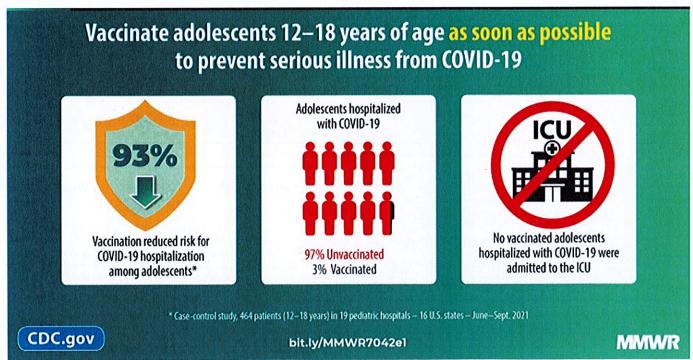
Did you receive The State of the Union Meeting House October 2021 newletter? Many projects and events from this year were highlighted. Those receiving the newsletter electronically were treat to some wonderful colored pictures. Hardcopies mailed out were in black and white. If you'd like to switch to receiving electronic delivery, please email us at unionmeetinghouse@gmail.com

In December's Messenger we will be sharing updates on revisions to the RFP that was sent out to 3 contractors. No bid were received by the October 7 deadline. In a discussion with one contractor, the building committee was informed that they already had too much work for 2022 and they wouldn't be able to meet deadlines that were specified. It is a case of too much work and not enough resources.

More to come on this next month.

We, the Board, want to thank our families for supporting the many hours that we have given to restoring the Meeting House. We want to thank our friends (near and far), neighbors, members, donors, event attendees, and the Readfield community for their support in helping to restore this historic Meeting House.

Nancy Durgin



Mount Vernon Food Bank Holiday Box Sign Up

Food bank customers and others struggling to put a nice holiday meal on the table are invited to sign up for Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. To let us prepare the correct number of boxes, please sign up no later than November 13. You can do this in several ways:

- ⇒ Come to the food bank, located at the First Baptist Church, on Saturday between 9:30 and 11:30,
- ⇒ Call the food bank (293-2141) and leave a message including your name, telephone number and the number of people in your household,
- ⇒ E-mail the food bank (mountvernonfoodbank@gmail.com) and tell us your name, telephone number and the number of people in your household.

We look forward to seeing you on November 20 for Thanksgiving boxes and December 18 for Christmas boxes.

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, Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

FMI: Bob Peterson 685-7292 or Helen Wilkey 293-2351.

MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Schools are often the hub of small communities and more and more of them are turning by necessity to providing food and personal items for their struggling students, families, and senior citizens. By providing for this growing reality, our students can more clearly focus on learning. Our Maranacook Food Pantry has been working for several years on providing these essential services. We now find the need is greater, especially since March 2020.

Maranacook Food Pantry

Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM
Maranacook Middle School
Lower Parking Lot
FMI Call 685-4923

Our school staff and community volunteers continually work with our families for weekly curbside pick up and deliveries for those without transportation thus ensuring privacy and safety for all. The donated food items and financial assistance we receive are 100% funneled into providing for our families.

The pantry works collaboratively with other local food banks to harness all available resources in order to provide as much nutritional food and vegetables weekly as possible while stretching our impact dollars through donations and grants.

Due to these increased services, our costs have risen since the beginning of the pandemic. Those rising costs affect everyone but our commitment is even stronger to help erase food insecurity in our communities. Research shows 1 in 5 Maine kids face hunger at home. We need to continue providing this basic service for our beleaguered households. To do so, very bluntly, we need your help. We are seeking your support in whatever manner you can once again. We are grateful to our supporting communities and pledge to work diligently to stretch the donations we receive. Donations may be sent to Maranacook Food Pantry c/o RSU # 38 Millard Harrison Drive, Readfield, ME 04355.

Sincerely, Greg Durgin, Maranacook Food Pantry

Food donations can be dropped off at the Town Office

New from the Broadband Committee



Town Meeting Question on Broadband

On August 23rd the Readfield Select Board authorized a Special Town Meeting by secret ballot vote to be held on election day in November this year. There are 3 articles dealing with Broadband Internet. Please read the Warrant and Explanation document that was mailed to your home and is also available on the Town website. $\underline{\text{www.readfieldmaine.org}}$ Please vote on November 2^{nd} , or earlier by absentee ballot, and have your voice be

News From the Broadband Committee

The committee is meeting next on Wednesday November 10th. We will be discussing the results of the Special Town Meeting Broadband articles and what direction to proceed in, and we will receive updates on funding opportunities from the State and County level.

All meetings are public and will be held in person at the Town Office along with remote access. 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 the town website. We publish monthly updates. www.readfieldmaine.org

SELECT BOARD RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, broadband internet services in Readfield are poor and many areas of town do not have access to the FCC recommended minimum speeds of 25 megabits download and 3 megabits upload capacity, and;

WHEREAS, it is increasing likely that our residents will need to work from home and require broadband internet service speeds greater than the FCC minimum speeds, and;

WHEREAS, not having reliable high-speed access in our community will negatively affect our property values, and; WHEREAS, we have completed an inventory and mapped locations of unserved, underserved and claimed to be served by existing service providers, and;

WHEREAS, our town is part of a six-town partnership called the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association seeking to improve broadband internet services which includes the towns of Fayette, Vienna, Readfield, Wayne, Leeds and Mount Vernon, and;

WHEREAS, there are numerous opportunities for grants to help pay for increasing the reliability and connectivity speeds to broadband services, and;

WHEREAS, there are many companies interested in providing those services,

NOW THEREFORE, the Readfield Board of Selectmen resolve to participate in a joint effort led by the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association to provide uniform reliable high speed broadband internet services to all of our commercial and residential property owners. The goals of this effort is:

- 1. If the solution is hybrid fiber/coax infrastructure, it must deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload, with optional speeds of up to 940 Mbps download and 35 Mbps upload.
- 2. If the solution is Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) infrastructure, it must deliver minimum symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps, with options to increase to 1 Gbps symmetrical.
- 3. Reliability of service provided must meet a standard of 99% availability during any 24-hour period.
- 4. Availability of service provided must be provided to 100% of the potential subscribers within each community.
- 5. Discounted service must be available for low-income households with demonstrated need.

Adopted by Vote of the Readfield Select Board on August 17, 2020

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





THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT READFIELD UMC!

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SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:00 AM

CHURCH IS OPEN AND A PEW IS Fall is here! And change is in the air! We are once again open with a new leader. Rev. Shannon Keeney would love to meet you! Haven't been to this church or any in a while - don't worry we hadn't been in the pews till recently either. Now we are & are practicing safe Covid policies. This is a great time for us all to return to worship and start fresh on our Connection to Christ.

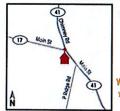
Debating???? Why not try. You might be surprised. Our services are United Methodist & engaging. Our people are friendly and our music is a mix. We Pray & We Praise!!! We believe God is love and live it! Check us out this weekend - this could change your life!

WANT TO LEARN MORE

Check out our website @ www.ReadfleldChurch.org

or follow us on Facebook! Looking for Bible Study? Men's and Women's Groups? Community Engagement? Mission? Youth Connections? Kids Programs? Kents Hill School Partnership? and more find it here!

Readfield UMC 1564 Main Street, Readfield Ma



Currently MASKS are REQUIRED. Thanks for keeping us safe! Plenty of parking right across the street! are handicap accessible ith elevator (pull right up to the left side!)

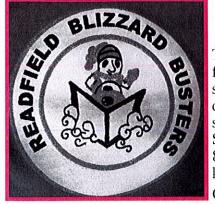


IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to supply chain issues, there is a shortage of aluminum. Since this is what our license plates are made of we are asking customers to reuse their old plates, rather than obtaining new plates, whenever possible.

Also, please note: due to the supply issue some plates may not always be readily available when registering your vehicle.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Let in Snow!!!!

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club members are getting ready for a fun-filled snowmobiling season. It will likely be a few months before the snow flies and it is really time to enjoy the winter season. In the meantime, our volunteers are busy preparing and clearing trails and putting up fresh signage on our almost 30 miles of trails. During October and November Sunday work parties meet at the Readfield Firehouse on most every Sunday at 8:00am. It is helpful to volunteer your help if you would like to really get to know the Readfield trails.

On Sunday, October 24, 2021, club volunteers were pleased to deliver supper to several of our very generous landowners. A huge shout-out to Chef Jurgen

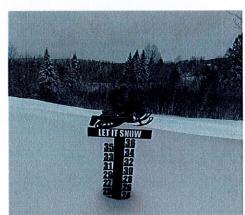
Wurth and Sonya Clark for their efforts and talents again this year. There were sixty-five plus landowners receiving homemade meatloaf and stuffed shells ready-to-heat suppers. We are forever grateful for their generosity allowing access for snowmobiles to cross their private land. Without them, riding the trails, would just not happen. Please respect the privilege while out riding; please stay on the marked trails. Too many trails have been closed this year due to bad behavior.

The Blizzard Busters purchased a new groomer this year primarily with donations and the help of a Maine

Inland Fisheries grant. It is a new Yamaha Kodiak 4-wheeler with tracks. We now have a total of five groomers to keep the trails in respectable shape. If you would like to make a donation (PO Box 62, Readfield, ME 04355) or become a member (email your request to readfieldblizzardbusters@gmail.com)

We are a hardworking group of volunteers who love the out of doors and in particular snowmobiling. Our next monthly meeting will be held November 3, 2021, beginning at 7:00pm at the Weathervane Restaurant lower level. We would love to see you there.

Marge Livingston, Secretary Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club



Snowmobile Registration Price Increased October 18th

\$56 Resident
\$75 Non Resident 3 Day Registration
\$100 Non Resident 10 Day Registration

\$120 Non Resident Full Season

For more information and for rules & regulations visit the Maine Department of Island Fisheries & Wildlife Website at:

www.maine.gov/ifw

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Update

Oversized All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) New law effective October 18, 2021



New Law: ATV Size Restriction

Oversized ATV: is a new category of an ATV that is wider than 65 inches or that weighs more than 2,000 pounds according to the original manufacturer's specifications and cannot be registered with the State of Maine (except in certain situations described below

Exception: Registration of an oversized ATV is allowed for <u>Maine residents only</u> who previously registered that oversized ATV before January 1, 2022. An oversized ATV that is allowed under this law to be registered by its current Maine-resident owner ma be transferred to a new (Maine resident) owner who may also register that ATV.

Where Registered Oversized ATVs May Operate: A legally registered oversized ATV may operate on land where they have permission from the landowner or lessee, on frozen waters of the state, and portions of state approved ATV trails which do not limit the use of oversized ATVs. Additionally, written permission of the landowner or lessee is required for use of an ATV on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard.

Where <u>Unregistered</u> ATVs (Including Oversized ATVs) May Operate: Unregistered ATVs, whether oversized or not, are allowed to be operated only on land the operator owns or leases.

ATV dealers are required to notify purchasers of oversized ATVs (new and used) of this law. ATV registration agents are required to notify ATV owners and provide education on oversized ATVs at the time of registration.

About the ATV Task Force

ATV riders in Maine rely on public access to the private land on which 80 percent of the state-supported ATV trail system resides. Over the years ATV riding has grown in popularity and ATV design has evolved to include several different sizes, widths, weights, and horsepowers. The potential impact of these larger vehicles on the trails has raised concerns among landowners and ATV riders alike.

In 2019 Governor Janet Mills established an ATV task force to evaluate and recommend policy changes that would protect private lands and landowners, while also helping to preserve outdoor recreational opportunities including responsible ATV use. The oversized ATV law was initiated by the task force.

Learn more about the ATV task force at mefishwildlife.com/atvtaskforce

View all of Maine's ATV laws at mefishwildlife.com/laws

Do your part to keep Maine's ATV trails open for generations to come:

- Stay on marked ATV trails.
- Respect closed trail signs.
- Never drink and ride.
- Drive to the right and at an appropriate speed.
- Tread lightly Don't tear up the trail!
- Remember that modified exhausts are illegal.
- Be respectful on ATV access routes Yield to all traffic and never pass a vehicle.
- Register your ATV, It is required and helps pay for trail maintenance and support.
- Support a local ATV club! Donate your time and/or money



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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Select Board 6:30 PM	2 State Referendum & Special Town Meeting at Kents Hill School	3 Planning Board 6:30 PM Library Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	4	5 Assessor In (By Appointment)	6
7	8	9 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm 6:00 PM	Age Friendly 9:00 AM Broadband Committee 6:30pm	11 Veterans Day Town Office/ Transfer Station Closed Veterans Day Event 10:00 AM	12	13
14	15 Cemetery Comm. 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	16	17 Comprehensive Plan Com 6:00 PM	18 Readfield Union Meeting House 6:00 PM	Assessor In (By Appointment)	20
21	22	Planning Board 6:30 PM	Town Office & Transfer Station Open 8:00 - 12:00	Thanksgiving Town Office/ Transfer Station Closed	Town Office/ Transfer Station Closed	27
28	29	30				