

Readfield Messenger

Voting time once again!!!!

Voting day is November 6th. Voting is held on the second floor of the Town Office building. Polls are open from 8am to 8pm. You may register at the polls with proper ID and proof of residence (physical address).

Absentee voting is being conducted now till 3:30 on Thursday, November 1st. If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you please give me a call at 685-4939 or go to the <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> to apply electronically. You may also come by the office and vote here or request to take a ballot home for you or/and you immediate family member.

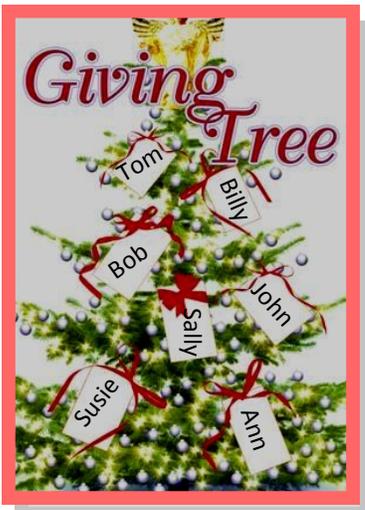


Town of Readfield

Special points of interest:

- > Join us for Veterans Days Events, Saturday, November 10 at 10am starting at the Readfield Corner Cemetery.
- > Readfield Library Story Time merges with Play Group. Check them out every Thursday at the Elementary School from 9-11am. Open to all children under school age and free of charge.
- > Removal of all non-seasonal decorations in the cemeteries by Nov. 14th.

Also at the Voting Polls we will have.....



Please take a tag off our Giving Tree to help us fill the Christmas wishes of many of our community's children.

All gifts will need to be returned to the Town Office UNWRAPPED by December 14th.

If you can not make it to the Town Office to get a tag from the Giving Tree you may purchase a gift certificate or call Robin at 685-1816 or e-mail her at Readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com and she can tell you what's needed most.

Food Bank Donations

Dry and Can goods, personal hygiene products and donations will be accepted on voting day.



Heat Assistance Donation

Donations of wood or fuel gift certificates as well as money donations will be accepted on voting day.



All Tax deductible donations!

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Pictured here are some members of the Third Maine Infantry (Civil War re-enactors) who will participate in an event honoring all Veterans, in Readfield on Veterans Day last year.

READFIELD TO HOLD SPECIAL VETERANS DAY EVENT

An event honoring all Veterans will be held in Readfield on Saturday Nov. 10th in which the Third 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 10am, for a special remembrance of some Civil War soldiers whose memorials and graves are there. From the cemetery the Third Maine will lead the way to Asa Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, for a closing ceremony at 11am 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. Cub Scouts Pack # 622 and Girl Scouts Troop # 1701 will also participate in the march and subsequent ceremony. The Third Maine will give two musket volleys along the way, at the cemetery and outside Gile Hall.

Following the ceremony a free soup, bread and dessert luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall at the Readfield United Methodist Church on route 17, Kents Hill. Capt. Matthew Bray and First Sergeant Robert Pierce of the Third Maine will give a presentation about the Regiment during that time as well.

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.





News and Notes From The Trails

On October 3, Maranacook students Nathan Couture, Corbin Howe, and Colby Webber, along with their advisor Mackenzie Kelly, joined Readfield Trails committee members and volunteers Jeanne & Bob Harris, Chip Woodman, Rob Peale, Ann & Gary Keilty for 5 hours maintaining two sections of 2 trails at the fairgrounds. They hauled wheelbarrows full of blue stone gravel to put a 3-4 inch deep by 4 foot wide covering on the trails. For the past several years Maranacook students and their advisors have volunteered on Maranacook's Day of Caring to help keep our trails in tip top shape for residents and visitors to use. The Trails committee welcomes and appreciates their volunteering in our community. A special thank you goes to local contractor John Cushing for delivering the blue stone gravel on short notice so the work could be accomplished.

By the time you read this, Kents Hill students and staff will be joining committee members and other volunteers on their community service day on October 23 to work on our trails. Kents Hill School has provided student and staff volunteers for community projects for many years. Their time and efforts are also truly appreciated. More about their work in December's Messenger.

Also by the time you have this copy of the Messenger in your hands, the dedication for the newly reclaimed top of the Mill Stream Dam on Saturday, October 27 will have happened. The project, funded totally by grants, fund raising projects, and community donations has been a joint effort by Readfield Historical Society, Readfield Conservation Commission, and Readfield Trails Committee. Again more details on the dedication event will appear in December's Messenger.

If you spent any time on the trails this fall, you probably were appreciative of the color display that nature provides every fall season. The view from the trail up behind the ball field was spectacular as was the view from the trail heading to the Superintendent's office. With winter approaching, why not get the skis and snowshoes out and ready for some activity on the trails. The quiet solitude and beauty at the fairgrounds, especially after a snow storm, can be so enjoyable.

With the new season approaching, volunteer opportunities at the trails slow down significantly. The opportunities increase as spring and summer swing into gear. Perhaps make an early New Years resolution to volunteer for a work project later in 2019!

Greg Durgin

Volunteer hotline: 685-4481 durgie@roadrunner.com



Now at the Readfield Transfer Station



What Products are Covered?

Architectural paints (or *PaintCare Products*) are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or smaller. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or specialty coatings.

✓ PaintCare Products

These products have fees when purchased and are accepted for free at drop-off sites:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

✗ Non-PaintCare Products

These products do not have fees when purchased and are not accepted at drop-off sites:

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes

Note: Leaking, unlabeled and empty containers are not accepted at drop-off sites.

From the Town Manager's Desk

Swapping the Old for the New

Over the past few weeks I have answered a number of questions about the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. It is still open, but smaller and we no longer accept clothing and “soft” items. There are many reasons for this change; including the need to limit the amount of material absorbing moisture and mildewing, limit the potential for bedbugs (which are a growing issue regionally), limit the amount of “stuff” that can accumulate before it is processed by volunteers or staff, make the space easier for volunteers to manage, and to free up space for other uses. All of these needs dictated that changes occur, and so they did. Although the wholesale clearing out of the Swap Shop was more than had been intended, we have begun to rebuild the supply of gently used items that are available. We still accept all of the household goods, books, toys, tools, small furniture, art and decorations, personal items, and other “hard” items we always did, and I encourage everyone to continue bringing and swapping them. This statement, I hope, answers one of the more frequently asked questions. But what about the most frequently asked question - where do the clothes go now??? The short answer is NEVER in the trash, but the not-so-long answer is below.

One option, and there are many, is to drop your clothing items off in the Apparel Impact clothing bin that will be installed at the Transfer Station on November 6th. Apparel Impact is a family owned and operated business that focuses on the recycling of textiles and the support of local communities throughout New England. Started in 2014, their mission is to keep textiles out of landfills and serve local communities by supplying clothing to the less fortunate. Apparel Impact is a highly regarded, family owned, veteran owned recycling company that truly understands the value of giving back and supporting their local communities. Since 2014 Apparel impact has accomplished the following:

- Clothed 4,000+ People & Families
- Recycled over 8.4 million Pieces of Clothing
- Partnered with over 130 Bin Hosts and Communities

Those are impressive accomplishments. While you have options for where and how to dispose of your old clothing, I encourage you to use the Apparel Impact bin at the Readfield Transfer Station. If your clothes are in very good condition I encourage you to deliver them to the Black Bear Boutique located at the RSU #38 Middle and High Schools here in Readfield or Goodwill Industries in Augusta. Alternately, if you are looking for clothing, the Black Bear Boutique and Goodwill are both either free or low-cost options that are readily accessible. Contact information for the Boutiques at the High School and Middle School are Anya Davidson at 685-4923 x 1033, and Vicky Gabrion at 685-3128 x 1120, respectively.

For all your other “swap shop” needs, come to the Readfield Transfer Station! We’re open and happy to fill this important need for the environment and the communities we serve.

Eric Dyer,
Town Manager / Transfer Station Manager

Readfield Library Story Time Merges with Play Group*

The Readfield Community Library story time has merged with the play group at Readfield Elementary School. “Since both activities were scheduled for Thursday morning, it seemed logical to combine the two,” said Pat Clark, story time reader. Play group is open to all children under school age and is free of charge. Children enjoy free play, stories, snack, and crafts. The group follows the RSU 38 calendar and runs from 9 to 11 a.m. each Thursday at the school. If there is a conflict over space, the play group will meet at the library.



“Guess the weight of the pumpkin” contest will run through much of October. The Winner will be notified on Saturday, October 27th, so the pumpkin may be retrieved during regular library hours. *

The Book Club is reading *The Halloween Tree*, by Ray Bradbury for October’s selection. Meeting date is Monday, October 29. Book Club selection for November is *One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood. Additional copies have been requested through interlibrary loan and will be available at the library..

The library invites all Trick or Treaters to visit some time between 6 and 8 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31. Candy and goodies will be given to the goblins and ghouls who visit.

From the Cemetery Sexton

Fall leaf cleanup in the cemeteries has begun. The gates will be closing mid to late November for vehicles, weather permitting. Please remember to remove all personal items that are not seasonally appropriate, such as artificial flowers, and solar lights.



The Sexton, staff and volunteers will be going around and cleaning up such items after Veterans Day.

If you do not want your personal items that are not seasonally appropriate discarded we ask that you clean them up prior to November 14th.

If you have questions contact the Sexton, Anna Carll at 622-6404.



Readfield Recreation and Maranacook Area

2018 Basketball Sign Ups

Includes Readfield Mt Vernon Wayne Manchester Fayette

November 8th 3-6:30pm Readfield Elementary school

****Just sign ups-no skill evaluation ****

Cost: \$35 1st child-\$15 2nd child

\$15 each additional child-max \$65 per family

Coaches are volunteers. Consider helping if you are able! Training available!!

Late sign up deadline November 19th

\$10 fee added when signing up after this date

Sign ups can be done at the Readfield Town Office if you are unable to make sign up night.

Questions-Contact Hannah Flannery 207-446-7865 hhinckley@roadrunner.com



****This is not a school sponsored event****

Application at Town Office or on-line at:

readfieldmaine.org click on Departments, Recreation then Basketball. At the bottom of the screen click on the Basketball application.



Last Chance!

Readfield's Age Friendly Committee and the American Red Cross will be available Saturday morning November 3rd to install smoke alarms.

Please call the Town Office at 685-4939 if you would like the Red Cross volunteers to install up to 3 FREE smoke alarms in your house. Even if you have alarms we can come check them to make sure that they are working properly. When you hit the button to test the alarm did you know that you are testing the battery and not the alarm? We can check to make sure that they are really working and install a new one if needed.

This service is provided free by the American Red Cross and is not just for Readfield's older citizens... it's for residents all ages who live in Readfield.

We will be installing on November 3rd from 9:00 to 2:00 so if you are interested please call by the morning of November 2nd.

Other Age Friendly Committee Updates provided by Member Ann Mitchell



STRONGER TOGETHER

The Evolution of Volunteer Transportation in Winthrop and Readfield

Mainers are known for being good neighbors. They are also known for being independent, strong-willed, resourceful and perhaps a bit hesitant to ask for help, even when help is needed. Mainers love their homes and their incomparable, wide-ranging and beautiful state. They work hard, guard their resources well, and often want nothing more than to live here the rest of their days in a safe, healthy and reasonably comfortable way.

In 2016 the newly established Readfield Age Friendly Committee surveyed residents 55 and older to try to understand what is needed to age well in Readfield. Lack of transportation came in right behind high tax issues. The survey found that most Readfield residents still drive but already self-limit their driving with responses such as “I don’t drive after dark, in rain or snow conditions”. Or, “I have a neighbor/friend/relative who can take me where I need to go.” But what happens when known support becomes limited or no longer is available? Readfield approached the Neighbor Driving Neighbor program in Mt. Vernon and learned they are not expanding beyond the original five towns at the present time.

In 2018 a Social Worker at a Winthrop medical practice reached out to Tabitha’s Closet near a Winthrop church for warm clothing for a patient. Conversations evolved to the problem of missed medical appointments by a number of patients due to lack of transportation. Word went out to address transportation needs in Winthrop which are not so different from Readfield. A committee was established seeking people interested in the issue and steering toward a solution. The Committee included several representatives from local churches, a representative from the Winthrop City Council and Readfield’s Age Friendly Committee.

As we explored options we heard a presentation from the SEARCH Program (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope). SEARCH is run by Catholic Charities of Maine. One component of the program provides volunteer assisted transportation. We are currently working with SEARCH to support grant applications to expand the focus to Volunteer transportation. To be successful, it means identifying people with needs as well as building a core of drivers to meet the needs that are already in our communities.

We can make it work. It can be **done!**



Dog licenses are due
by Dec. 31st. You may
go on line or stop by
the Town Office.



**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**

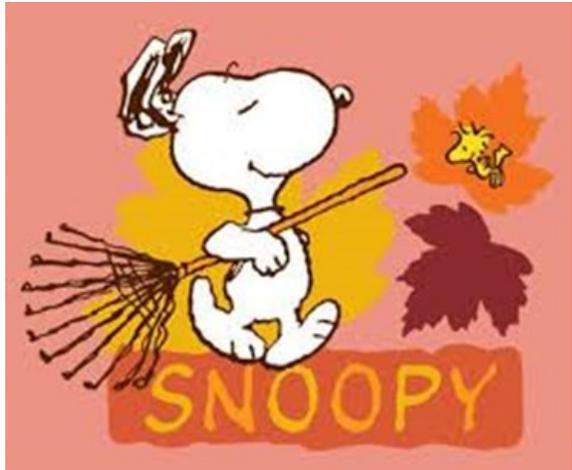


**RECYCLE
COMPOST**



Now that Fall is almost over, as you clean up your yard remember that you can bring compostable green and brown material to the Transfer Station and then pick up a couple buckets of compost to take home!

Thanks to everyone for doing your part for the environment and to control costs for our towns.



Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



Mount Vernon Food Bank

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 open every Saturday morning from 9:30am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

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

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 480-1525 or Helen Wilkey at 293-2351.



Expense & Revenue Reports

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Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL
September

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
		Debits	Credits			
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,842,432.00	153.07	56,102.02	5,001,700.18	840,731.82	85.61
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	118.41	118.41	-118.41	----
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	30,517.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,517.00	0.00
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	34,925.00	2.17	8,264.93	25,084.59	9,840.41	71.82
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	27,370.00	0.00	900.12	5,226.62	22,143.38	19.10
40 - PROTECTION	2,600.00	0.00	223.38	223.38	2,376.62	8.59
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	-300.00	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	186,022.00	0.00	751.84	2,418.26	183,603.74	1.30
70 - SOLID WASTE	193,829.00	0.00	12,858.59	45,593.25	148,235.75	23.52
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	0.00	0.00	15,112.00	15,112.00	-15,112.00	----
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	11,377.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,377.00	0.00
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,366,322.00	155.24	94,331.29	5,095,776.69	1,270,545.31	80.04

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Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
10 - GENERAL GOVT	481,206.00	45,165.79	299.61	100,657.38	380,548.62	20.92
12 - Maintenance	127,415.00	5,380.05	16.32	19,946.35	107,468.65	15.65
15 - BOARDS & COM	42,112.00	29,238.99	0.00	29,406.80	12,705.20	69.83
25 - COMM SERVICE	55,961.00	4,747.08	0.00	15,512.49	40,448.51	27.72
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	38,708.00	4,284.57	0.00	15,283.23	23,424.77	39.48
40 - PROTECTION	132,725.00	3,663.23	0.00	26,001.75	106,723.25	19.59
50 - CEMETERIES	16,500.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	16,240.00	1.58
60 - Rds & Drain	407,930.00	34,959.78	5,941.98	55,220.25	352,709.75	13.54
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	451,614.00	3,903.40	0.00	40,755.33	410,858.67	9.02
70 - SOLID WASTE	303,686.00	30,074.67	0.00	64,702.84	238,983.16	21.31
75 - EDUCATION	3,564,799.00	296,413.34	0.00	889,239.94	2,675,559.06	24.95
80 - REGIONAL ORG	48,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,359.67	40,640.33	15.33
81 - COUNTY TAX	270,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270,000.00	0.00
85 - DEBT SERVICE	327,956.00	54,277.60	0.00	320,227.12	7,728.88	97.64
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	130,413.00	0.00	0.00	8,641.27	121,771.73	6.63
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,403,525.00	512,108.50	6,257.91	1,593,214.42	4,810,310.58	24.88



Dale Potter-Clark at Readfield Corner Cemetery in October, sharing information with sixty-six Maranacook Middle School students who are studying Maine history.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY REACHED ALL AGES IN OCTOBER

YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN LOCAL HISTORY

As part of their Maine history course this fall, sixty-six students from Maranacook Community Middle School’s “Acadia Team” have learned about some local history. Teacher Dan Holman invited RHS member Dale Potter-Clark to help guide his students in their research. Dale participated in eight of Holman’s 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes which included one walk to Readfield Corner Cemetery, where students found and recorded information from some of the gravestones. Each student has chosen a former local resident to study – accumulatively their research represents a span of 250 years. They have learned what people wore, ate, did for work, went to school, and where they shopped and how they communicated long distance. Not to be missed was how settlers acquired and cleared their land, built their houses, and how important the children were in helping to sustain their families. Thought was also given to population trends and why, what wars people served in, how families back home were affected and some ways they supported various war efforts. Some major world events, disasters and weather patterns that impacted people locally were also discussed. The culmination of the project is for each student to write a first-person narrative about the individual they are researching. This has been a worthwhile effort for all involved and RHS has been most honored by the invitation to participate!

HISTORY WALK AT “W CORNER” HELD ON OCT. 5th

More than 40 people, from ages 10 to 80, gathered on Oct. 5th for a history walk at "W Corner" near the intersection of South, Tallwood and Beaver Dam Roads. Among other historical tidbits walkers learned about the town meeting when residents from Winthrop’s northern parish gathered right there, at Henry Wyman’s farm (Rourke), and voted to separate from Winthrop. As a result, Readfield became incorporated as a town in March, 1791. We are pleased to announce that a house circa sign will soon appear on the Henry Wyman farm house, which recognizes that historical event. Our host, Bill Rourke, also gave a tour of the very old, well maintained post and beam barn on that property.

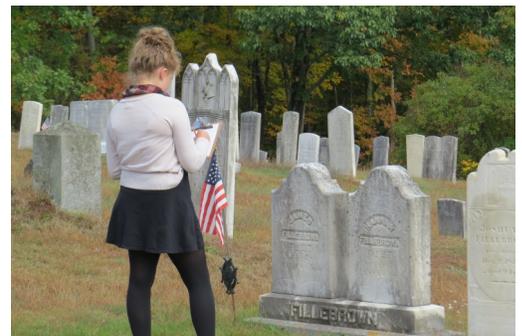
From there walkers preceded to the nearby Whittier Cemetery, to appreciate the clean-up and new fence that Bill Rourke installed this past summer. The excursion was graced with stories about local icons Gene, Grace and Ethel Whittier who lived at W Corner; and the Townsend Farm, where Linwood Townsend shared memories of his younger days of visiting and living there. Townsend’s grandparents, Ernest Linwood & Myrtle (Adell) Townsend, built the summer hotel in 1913 and his parents, Lee and Helen Townsend, carried it on until 1961.

History Walk # 50 will be held on Saturday, November 10th in honor of Veterans’ Day. More information about that event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The 2018 Fall-Winter newsletter will be coming out later this fall and will be mailed to members. As always, it will be 8 pages full of historical articles, photos and announcements. FMI about memberships call (207) 377-2299 or email readfieldhistorical@gmail.com. Readfield Historical Society is a non-profit 501 C3 organization. All donations are very much appreciated and are tax deductible as allowed by law.



As part of the Readfield Corner Cemetery visit students were to find a stone with an interesting inscription and three war Veterans.





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Maranacook Area Schools, Facilities Bond Referendum - October 22, 2018

The month of October has been a busy time in RSU #38. Numerous activities and events are happening for our students at all levels. However, one of the most talked about topics has been the proposed Facilities Improvement Bond. This letter is the beginning of the process of sharing information around the reasoning for the bond request. I want to let the public know we have appreciated your patience as we work through some very important steps at the School Board level to be ready to share with the stakeholders in our RSU #38 communities.

Back in the fall 2017, the School Board hired Oak Point Associates to conduct a Facilities Analysis Report, which the school department received March 28, 2018. The 300 page report (which is available by contacting the Superintendent's Office) details maintenance work that will need to be considered up to 20 years into the future. The Board Facilities Committee was tasked with identifying the immediate building concerns along with forecasting forward upcoming projects. After taking time to prioritize the information in the report the Board decided to give priority to several projects which include: a new heating system at Manchester Elementary School, a new boiler and septic system at Wayne Elementary School, water storage tank replacement at Maranacook Middle school, a new roof and structural upgrades at Maranacook High School, as well as paving projects in Mount Vernon, Readfield, Wayne, and the Maranacook campus.

The bond is a significant investment in our school facilities. We acknowledge there are many questions that need to be addressed in order to fully support this investment. That being said, this letter is a first step in a larger plan to provide information to our communities. One important requirement that I would like to share is the upcoming public meetings which are scheduled as follows:

- Manchester Elementary School - November 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Mt. Vernon Elementary School - November 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Wayne Elementary School - December 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
- Maranacook Community High School - December 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

We look forward to upcoming discussion opportunities to communicate building needs, the work process, the impact on communities, future maintenance work, the bond process, as well as an opportunity to answer your questions and concerns. More information will be coming through various sources including newsletters, the district web page, the district Facebook page, and the public meetings.

Sincerely,
Jay Charette
Superintendent of Schools

NEWS FROM THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE

22 CHURCH RD

November 2018

The Readfield Union Meeting House Board of Directors held its annual October election of officers. Elected for the year 2019 are: President-James Tukey, Vice President-Nancy Durgin, Secretary-Karen Peterson, Treasurer-John Perry. Three Board members whose term were expiring were re-elected to 3 year terms. They are Flo Drake, Nancy Durgin, and Karen Peterson. Marius Peladeau, past president for many years and vice president for 2018 year, has resigned from the Board. It is with great regret that the Board has accepted his resignation. Mr Peladeau has agreed to continue his services as RUMH Historian. The Board accepted his offer and he will continue working on a history of the Union Meeting House.

The Board of Directors recently announced receiving two grants. The Viles Foundation awarded \$2,500 to help cover the installation of a membrane in the basement to help with moisture control. This work was done by John Farrell of Maine-ly Moisture Control, a local Monmouth business.

The second grant was awarded by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. This money, \$17,250 will be used to start a Phase I restoration of the beautiful painted ceiling done in 1866-68 by Portland muralist Charles Schmacher. The picture included in this month's article shows the staging that mural conservationist, Tony Castro, is using to reattach plaster to laths. A consolidant must be injected into the plaster from above in the attic while pressing the plaster upward from the top of the staging.

The Readfield Union Meeting House Board wishes to thank 6 students and a staff member from Kents Hill School for raking leaves on October 23. They donated 2 ½ hours each as part of the Kents Hill School community service program. On October 26th Maranacook Middle School is planning on sending an advisee group of 14 students who will also raked leaves for 2 hours. We want to thank them in advance due to the Messenger deadline for articles. All this effort and the oak leaves have yet to fall!

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival will have taken place on Saturday Oct. 27th. This year a “free pumpkin carving” activity was added from 2:00-4:00 pm and members of the Senior Cafe carved pumpkins for us to add along the Pathway Trail. All Maple Tree Community School students, a group of Maranacook Middle School students, and a small student group from Readfield Elementary School carved and painted pumpkins- all being placed along the trail. We hope you were able to attend this free event.

An evening program will take place at the Mt Vernon Community Center on Nov. 1st at 7p.m. A slide show by historian Marius Peladeau will document the 190 years of the Readfield Union Meeting House and John Perry will give an overview of the past, present and future restoration efforts.



Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is Election Day. That day is November 6th this year. Congress set this method of determining when national elections were to be held in deference to farmers getting their harvest in beginning back in 1845. Today we not only vote on Election Day itself but also by absentee ballot and early voting at our town hall in Readfield.

You can contact the town office for information on absentee balloting. The state has additional information at www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html on this upcoming election including ranked choice voting which will be used for congressional races.

Your town officials have been working hard in preparation of an event that I hope every Readfield voter will take part in: the 2018 election for a United States Senator, First District of Maine House Representative, Governor, State and County positions, and Maine ballot referendum questions. Please know your participation is encouraged and appreciated because it is also our town's input into this vital exercise of democracy and representation.

Whether you choose to vote early or at the polls on Election Day, I hope you'll join me in voting and making Readfield's participation a large one.

With Appreciation;

Bruce Bourgoine

Select Board Chair

Readfield Blizzard Busters

Dear Interested Parties,

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club is happy to announce it held its 29th annual Landowners Appreciation Supper at the Readfield (Torsey) Methodist Church on Sunday October 21st, a typical Maine fall day. We had fifty plus attendees who enjoyed a delicious smoked pork chop dinner, topped off with a fabulous blueberry cake prepared by club volunteers Jurgen and Cheri Wurth and their daughter Katya Wurth. If you are a landowner who permits snowmobile access on one of our local trails, we are extremely thankful for your generosity. And, if you did not attend this year's supper there is always next year; believe me it is truly worth attending. As you can see from the photo below, John Tyler enjoyed the blueberry cake down to the last bit!



Trail work is well underway with the guidance of Peter Zarella, Trailmaster, Volunteers gather every Sunday during the fall at the firehouse 8:00am to receive direction on that week's tasks. Anyone wishing to assist can just show up at the firehouse. You can be assured that the trails will be in tip-top shape when the snow falls.

Looking forward to a great 2018/2019 season. To anyone wishing to renew family membership, the fee is \$27.00 and can be mailed to RBBSC, P.O. Box 62, Readfield, ME 04355. Thank you for your support.

Marge Livingston, RBBSC Secretary





An Update of What's Developing in First-Park October 17, 2018 from the Desk of Executive Director Jim Dinkle

INTEREST IN FIRSTPARK is high. I will be meeting with six national site selectors next week. In addition, three developers also will be planning site visits to the park. As prospects show interest in FirstPark, they are required to provide planned uses for the property. Of course, those uses must conform to our recently updated covenants.

DON PLOURDE has 25 FirstPark Drive listed for sale <http://www.loopnet.com/Listing/25-FirstPark-Dr-Oakland-ME/13476503/>. For more information, contact Don Plourde at (207) 872-7650.

LOT 13 FOR SALE OR LEASE in FirstPark. Highly visible corner lot, pre-permitted, 13.6 acres of which 6.4 is developable and just steps away from T-Mobile, MaineGeneral Orthopedics and healthcare offices. The park is within Foreign Trade Zone 186 and has municipal utilities, three-phase power and Verizon fiber optics. The asking price is \$124,400. For more information, contact FirstPark at (207) 859-9716 or exdirector@firstpark.com.

COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICERS are invited to a meeting with FirstPark Executive Director Jim Dinkle, General Assembly President Mike Roy and others on Thursday, November 1 to discuss our interest in collaborating with banks to help expand Maine's growth sectors. We will reintroduce the park, present pricing information, hear from one of the major tenants within the park and take questions. For more information call FirstPark at (207) 859-9716.

CHINA-MAINE TRADE: WHAT'S AT STAKE? That's the topic at a Maine International Trade Center forum to explore how this trade relationship can affect the economy of Maine. Learn from the firsthand experience of Mainers involved in or advising on this fast-moving and multi-faceted scene. The event will be from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Tuesday, October 30 in Hannaford Hall at Abromson Center, University of Southern Maine, Portland. For more information <https://www.mitc.com/event/china-maine-trade-whats-at-stake/>.

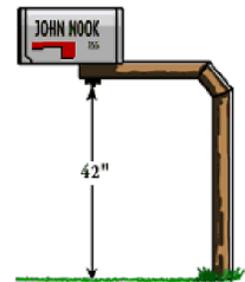
AS I HAVE WALKED FIRSTPARK THIS FALL I have been amazed by the varieties of mushrooms that seemingly pop up overnight and then disappear. No, I have not eaten any them, lol! I even discovered that there is a website devoted to Maine mushrooms <https://mainelymushrooms.org/>.

AND FINALLY... I was honored by the University of Kentucky this past Friday. A section of their new \$250 million student center is named for me. About a hundred people attended for remarks and a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a public reception and a private dinner hosted by University President Dr. Eli Capilouto and his wife at their campus residence. Not to be outdone, Mayor Jim Gray proclaimed October 12, 2018 as "Jim Dinkle Day" in the City of Lexington. I am proud that the proclamation mentions my involvement with FirstPark!

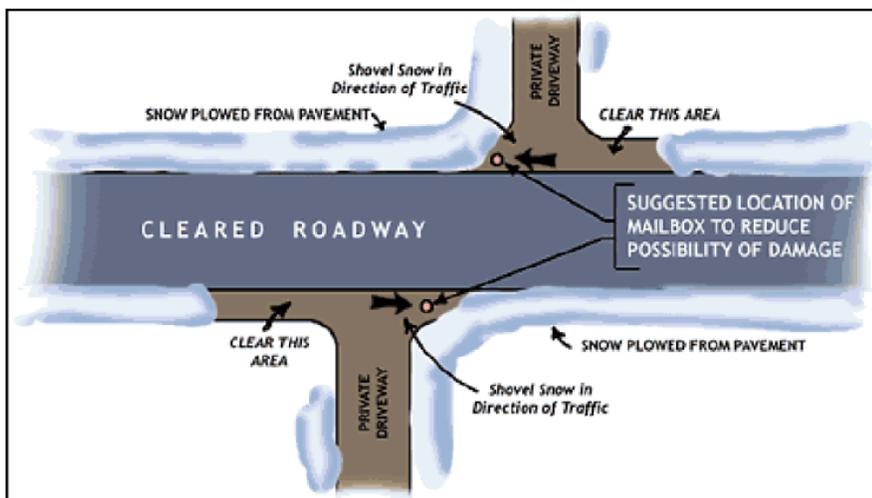
Mailbox Guidelines 2018-19

Readfield's snowplow contractor will take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of the plow. Below are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce the chances of damage during winter plowing:

- Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" by 4" for a wooden post or 2" diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered "deadly fixed objects" and are not permitted within the Town's right-of-way.
- Mailboxes and any supports should be installed at least 42 inches high to provide clearance for the plow wing as shown in the picture. We recommend the use of an extended arm type of post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox. This allows snowplows to sweep near or under boxes without damage to supports and provides easy access to the boxes by carrier and customers.
- Below you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our driver to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.
- For uncurbed roadways set the mailbox back at the far edge of the road shoulder (at least 3 feet back from pavement edge, when possible) to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance. For curbed roads the face of the mailbox should be 8-12 inches back from the curb face.
- To assist emergency vehicles, please place reflective material on the side of the box visible to approaching traffic with 4" high letters to identify the address.



In the event your mailbox is damaged by the plow we ask you to make any needed temporary repairs. If you are unable to make such repairs on your own please call our Snow Plow Contractor, John Cushing 242-8075 or 685-4742 and his crew will attempt to repair or replace the mailbox when time permits. Substantially damaged property will be replaced in the spring with a basic metal mailbox. Newspaper boxes will not be repaired or reset by the Town or plow contractor in any event.



The Town and plow contractor will not replace or reimburse for custom made mailboxes, ornate posts or granite post, etc., existing mailboxes with rotted posts or in obviously poor condition, or any mailboxes that have not been located according to these guidelines. State of Maine law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way put there at the owner's risk and municipalities are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations.

Readfield United Methodist Church,
1564 Main St. Readfield
207-685-4211

Visit our website at readfieldchurch.org or email the office office@readfieldchurch.net for more information about all events. Find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/readfieldumc>

Worship with us!

Everyone is Welcome to join us. Come as you are.

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided.

Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-12th grade. The church is handicap accessible

Join us on Thursday evenings for *Community Dinner* at 6:00p.m.

We are excited to announce that we launched weekly Community Dinner.

All are welcome to join for our dinner every Thursday at 6pm. Food will be provided at no cost.

If you would like to bring food to share, you are welcome to contribute.

Come as you are and find a place to belong. This event is open to all!

Safe Havens Hearts and Hands: Addressing Domestic Violence

Saturday, November 17th, 8:40a.m.-3:00p.m.

This event is hosted by Family Violence Project Maine, FREE of charge and open to public.

Please join us for an event to raise awareness of Domestic Violence, which will be held at Readfield United Methodist Church on November 17th at 8:40am-3:00pm. This will be a time for learning, conversations, and creating a community of care. This event is



You are cordially invited to a *Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner*

Thursday November 22nd, 2018

Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Church Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1st from 9:00-2:00

Wreaths custom decorated, Cookie walk, baked goods, homemade gifts

Silent auction of gift baskets, goods & services

Haddock chowder, corn chowder, crabmeat & chicken salad sandwiches, pie luncheon

3rd annual Children's Free Shopping Day

We are having a community wide children's shopping day on December 8th. Children from the age of 5-12 will be able to come do their Christmas Shopping for their family. This is a community event and we need your help. If you have unused items example: Soap, candles, jewelry, books etc. or can purchase small items for this events we would appreciate the donations. The office is open from 8:00-12:00 Tuesday –Thursday. Please have the items at the church prior to December 1st.

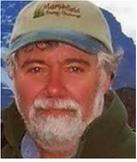


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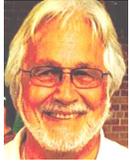
<p>Nov. 12: Town Off. Closed for Veteran's Day Nov. 21: Town Off. & Trans. Station Hours 8am-12pm Nov. 22: All services closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 23: Transfer Station open 11-6pm Nov. 24: Transfer Station closed for extended holiday</p>					<p><i>Nov. 1</i></p> <p>Play Group/ Read Time 9-11am</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> Fire Alarms installed 9-2pm</p>
<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> 	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>6:45 Library Brd.</p> 	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6-Road Com.</p> 	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> Veterans Day Event 10am at Readfield Corner Cem.</p> 	
<p><i>11</i></p> 	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Town Office Closed Today!</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>6:30 Select Brd. 6:30 Conservation Com.</p> 	<p><i>14</i> 9:00 Age Friendly Brd.</p> 	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>7-Union Mtg. House</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>		
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<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i> 6:30 Select Brd.</p> 	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>6-Trails Com.</p> 	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>6:30-Plan. Brd.</p> 	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>Dec 1</i></p>	

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BLACK BEAR BOUTIQUE AND MARANACOOK FOOD PANTRY

Maranacook Community School is pleased to provide support to our community through the Black Bear Boutique and Maranacook Food Pantry.

With colder months coming and the high cost of clothing, the Black Bear Boutique helps students by providing quality used clothing for free. Students will find jackets, sweaters and pants, footwear and gym clothes. Clothes for all seasons are also available. The Boutique is open to everyone during school hours.

The Maranacook Food Pantry, "Sandy's Place", is also open during school hours, and may be accessed after school by contacting Ellen Turgeon, school nurse. Our shelves are stocked with non perishable food items as well as basic hygiene products. Backpacks are available for students to take home food for their families at any time.

Both of these services are supported by Maranacook staff and community volunteers. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the Health Center or call Ellen Turgeon at 685-4923 ext. 1033.

