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December Holiday Hours

Monday, December 24th

The Town Office is CLOSED for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 25th

The Town Office & Transfer Station is CLOSED for the Holiday

Monday, December 31st

Town Office is OPEN 8:00-12:00 for New Years Eve

Tuesday, January 1st

The Town Office & Transfer Station is CLOSED for the Holiday

If you would like to know when the Town Office or Transfer Station is closing for Holidays or Snow days please sign-up for our E-mail alerts on our web site. Go to www.readfieldmaine.org and click on the **SUBSCRIBE for ALERTS** button to the left of the home screen. You will get e-mail alerts to any news or closing going on at the Town Office or Transfer Station.



Special points of interest:

- *Recycle Right for the Holidays article on page 2.*
- *Tree Lighting, Santa and Polar Express article on page 6*
- *Age Friendly Committee is here to help those shut ins and disable that may need sand bucks for their walk ways see article on page 7.*



Christmas Puppies

REMEMBER, Maine State Law requires all dogs to be licensed at the age of 6 months or more, on or before January 1st of each year. February 1st, by State Law, a \$25.00 late fee is charged on each dog licensed late. First time licensing the late fee does not apply unless you have received notification from us to come do it.

In order to license a dog you will need their current rabies certificate and if neutered or spayed please bring that paper work as well if you have any. Dogs that are neutered or spayed cost \$6.00 and all others \$11.00 to license.

If you have any question please call the Town Office at 685-4939.

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How to stay on the recycling “Nice” list this holiday season

Happy Holidays from ecomaine! ‘Tis the season for “decking the halls” and potluck parties galore. Here at ecomaine, we receive about a third of Maine’s recyclables, or roughly 41,000 tons annually, which means we see evidence every day of serve ware, packages and decorations that are ripe with opportunity to be recycled right.

That’s why we have created this Naughty and Nice list to remind you of what can be recycled.



RECYCLING DOs to get you on the Nice list this holiday season:

Aside from all of your standard household mixed paper and assorted rigid containers made of cardboard, plastic, glass, tin or aluminum, there are a number of items that are commonly used at the holidays that you can recycle. Here are the top five:

1. **Wrapping paper that rips:** If it rips, it recycles. Put it the rip test and if it passes, place it in your bin.
2. **Holiday cards:** even if they have glitter on them, they are recyclable. Don’t let all of that recyclable paper go to waste this season, put them in your recycling bin!
3. **Aluminum foil pans:** whether it’s pie plates, fruit cake pans or any other aluminum pan, remember the rule that if the pan is not caked with sticky, thick food residue, then the pans are recyclable. The same goes for aluminum foil! Aluminum is a very nice material for your recycling bin!
4. **Cardboard and gift boxes:** with the rise of cybershopping, you might have a bigger inventory of cardboard boxes, never mind those gift boxes that make such pretty packages under the tree. Break them down flat before placing them in your bin to ensure enough space for the higher volume of recyclables you are likely to incur through the holidays.

Cookie tins: When you receive tins of cookies, consider saving them to contain your own baked gift next year, or donating them to Goodwill or any other salvage shop. But if they are no longer useful, do place them in your recycling bin!

Recycling DON’Ts that will land you on the Naughty list:

1. **Bows and ribbon:** there is no way to recycle these, so your best bet is to save them and reuse them each year or do away with disposable gift wrap altogether with decorative cloth gift bags. Bows and ribbon are naughty for the recycling bin.
2. **Wrapping paper that doesn’t rip:** if your wrapping paper doesn’t rip, then it is probably made of plastic vs. paper and therefore cannot be recycled. We’ll talk about the wrapping paper you can recycle when we list the “Nice” to recycle list.
3. **Christmas tree lights:** Maybe you’re trimming the tree only to discover that last year’s lights are no longer repairable. In this case, your best bet is to donate them to a local Goodwill store. They can sell broken lights onto the market because of the valuable copper wires usually contained inside. Whatever you do, don’t put them in your recycling bin, as they will end up clogging Ecomaine’s sorting equipment.
4. **Foil caked with residue:** Aluminum foil is endlessly recyclable – if it is not caked with cheese or another sticky, messy residue. If it is caked with residue, you are best off tossing it in the trash.
5. **Plastic cutlery:** If you can avoid it altogether, that is the best strategy, but if you need to use it, consider reusing it again and again. When you can’t use it any longer, you should put this type of plastic in the trash, not your recycling bin.

Reprinted from ecoMaine: [December 13, 2016 Education and Outreach, Recycling](#)

WASTE LESS  **RECYCLE**
SAVE MORE **COMPOST**
Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



News & Notes From

READFIELD TRAILS
building community a step at a time

Image from our Kents Hill Work day in October. Rob Peale missing from photo.

Once again, students and staff from Kents Hill School volunteered on the school's Community Volunteer Day October 23 to help Readfield residents and organizations with projects. Readfield Trails had a group of seven students and two staff members spend the day with Trails member Rob Peale maintaining a long section of the McDougald Trail. The student volunteers who came for the day were Constantine Diez Londono, Dragon Ding, Zach Beauvais, Dean Chamberlain, Sam Jalbert, Drew Gardner, and Rohan Duvvuru. They were accompanied by staff members Steve Shukie and Tim Corey. The group put down geo tech material and then a coating of blue stone. Several years ago Kents Hill School volunteers dug a trench alongside the trail to help keep the trail dry as it slopes down into the woods. The trench successfully has shifted the direction of the water to a culvert for dispersal. The group's effort in October raised the grade of the lower McDougald trail to help ensure it stays dry even when heavy rains sometimes fall on our town. Our thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

Another event definitely worth mentioning is the completion of the Mill Stream Dam Project which re-purposed the historic dam in Factory Square to allow public access to the top of the dam offering scenic views of the old mill pond. In addition, a small picnic area was created along with trails to the stream and a scenic overlook. As previously noted in past Readfield Messenger articles, the project started about 3 years ago as a joint effort of the Readfield Historical Society, Readfield Conservation Commission, and Readfield Trails Committee. The project had 25 town volunteers over the past year and a half doing the manual labor needed to bring the project to fruition. Approximately 300 person hours of work were donated. Technical support in the form of architectural drawings, assessment of the structural condition of the dam, and an engineering report on how to re-purpose the dam was provided by volunteers Andy Dube and Doug Riley. Local contractor Dan Pottle did the heavy construction work on some of the hottest days this past summer.

On October 27, a dedication was held at the site with about 40 residents attending. A formal ribbon cutting was held and those attending had the opportunity to view the area behind the dam from the safety of the restored section. A new sign depicting scenes from earlier times in Readfield when Factory Square had several working mills in that area sits atop the dam. Historian Dale Potter Clark gave an informative narrative of the area to those assembled and local residents Bob Bryant and Chris Dumaine provided background on what it was like to work at one of the factories located there. The site is located off Route 17 on Mill Stream Road with parking available and it can also be accessed from a trail leading to it from Old Kents Hill Road with parking available at the Town Office.

Thank you to all who helped make this re-purposing of the dam site possible!

For volunteer opportunities contact:
Greg Durgin 685-4481
durgie@roadrunner.com



“Readfield Historical Society Bemoans pending loss of 1825 house”

Indeed we do – as many would feel about the loss of any historic home in town. Each and every one has its’ own valuable history – because of the people who have lived there over the centuries. So much can be learned about Readfield’s history from researching its old homes and the people who have lived in them. The front page headline (above) appeared in the *Kennebec Journal* (KJ) on November 19th. We thought some might have interest in what led to its’ printing.

Having received word about the pending demolition of the house RHS shared the news on our Facebook page. The response was overwhelming! People from all over the U.S. and Canada commented and newspaper reporters were in contact with RHS. Dale Potter-Clark, who has been researching old homes in town for several years with support from Bill Adams, had already delved into the history of the brick house at Saunders Manufacturing. By doing so she knew it was built by Dudley Haines II circa 1825 and shared that and more with Betty Adams, the KJ reporter who wrote the article. There is more coming soon, read on...

There will be an article in the next RHS newsletter about the second owner of the same house, Hiram Robert “H.R.” Nickerson. He was involved in international business long before that was a common term and his story is fascinating! Plus, he bought TWO old houses in Readfield on the very same day. Have we caught your interest? If you are an RHS member you will learn all about it when you receive the next RHS newsletter in your mailbox. If you are not yet an RHS member it is not too late - see below FMI.

VETERANS’ DAY HISTORY WALK AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 10th was a cool, rainy day but that did not stop more than 50 people from braving the weather to honor our Veterans! Included among them was 98 year old WWII Veteran Col. Cliff West of Winthrop. Col. West arrived in a 1968 “deuce and a half” owned and driven by Doug Gorden of Mt. Vernon, himself a Veteran. The Third Maine Civil War re-enactors led the way through Readfield Corner Cemetery as we paid tribute to WWI on this 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, and to several Civil War Veterans. The Third Maine then led the way to Gile Hall for a special ceremony in honor of all Veterans. Volleys and taps by the Third Maine were done at both locations. The ceremony was followed by a soup and bread luncheon prepared and served by members of the Readfield United Methodist Church. In addition to those already mentioned we are grateful to Girl Scouts troop #1701; Cub Scouts pack #622; and the Readfield Fire Department whose members helped make the day special. Not to be forgotten are the three people who planned the event: Chris Sammons, Readfield Selectboard; Nancy Perkins, Readfield United Methodist Church; and Dale Potter-Clark, Readfield Historical Society. We hear they are already planning a similar event for next year, so mark your calendars for Monday, November 11, 2019!

SAVE THIS DATE for RHS ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM!! Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Asa Gile Hall

The 2018 Fall-Winter newsletter will be coming out in December and will be mailed to members. As always, it will be packed with 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. Mail: RHS PO Box 354 Readfield, ME 04355


Readfield Historical Society Cont.



Left: The Third Maine volley at Readfield Corner Cemetery during the Veterans' Day remembrance.

Photo by Paul Marc Leger of Fayette.

Right: After the Nov. 10th Veteran's Day event the Third Maine Civil War re-enactors climbed into the back of a 1968 Vietnam era "deuce-and-a-half" while WWII Veteran Col. Cliff West climbed into the cab and off they went. It was like watching a time machine in action!





Annual Tree Lighting & more: The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will begin at the library at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. Residents are encouraged to join in singing traditional holiday songs. Immediately following, the community is invited to walk or ride to the Town Hall for a visit from Santa and cocoa and cookies. As an added bonus, the library is partnering with the Readfield Recreation Association to expand the events and offer the award-winning movie, *The Polar Express*.

In this scar-nominated adventure narrated by Tom Hanks, a small boy boards a mysterious train to the North Pole. The movie is based on the Caldecott-award winning book, *The Polar Express* written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. According to him, this movie for all ages recognizes that the wonder of life “never fades for those who believe.” Flashlights are encouraged for the short walk. Inclement weather date is Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m...

Rock Talk: Other events next week include a Rock Talk which was so popular with children and adults that it is back November 26 at 6:30. MCS Earth Sciences teacher, Cheryl Marvinney and Maine’s State Geologist, Bob Marvinney will be at the library for this fascinating talk about rocks and Maine geology. Please join us at 6:30p.m. All ages are welcomed!

Book Club: The Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood, a Maine resident. Copies from Interlibrary Loan available at the Circulation desk.

Leather Pouch Event: Make Your Own Leather Pouch for Ages 8 to Adult Is December 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign up required (max 15 participants). Stop in or call the library. Materials and tools supplied. No cost required; however, punches, the tools used to make holes in leather, will be available to purchase.

Hannukah Celebration: Come make a dreidel and sing the dreidel song. Learn about this Jewish holiday Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. with activities including a menorah. The community is invited to the library at 5:30 p.m. hosted by Maureen Kinder, librarian, and Pat Clark, UMA professor. Community experts are invited to share.

Playgroup meets in Children’s Room at Library December 6 and the first Thursday of each month,

Origami Boxes- Adults and children over 12 are invited to participate in a craft, origami boxes, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 12. Deb Peale will show how to make the origami boxes and provide enough origami paper to teach the skill People can take their new skill home and add paper and lights to complete the project if they so desire

Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31, the library will be closed due to the holidays...Cribbage Club will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Book Club is on vacation for December. Watch for January’s book!



Readfield's Age Friendly Committee



WINTER IS HERE & READFIELD'S SAND BUCKETS ARE READY!

Good news for all you folks needing a little assistance when icy sidewalks and steps try to keep you indoors. If you appreciate and need help getting sand, here is all you have to do: Call the Town Office at 685-4939, give them your name and address, and let them know you would like a bucket of sand. A volunteer will soon be at your door with the sand. If you want help spreading the sand, that will be done for you as well.

Last winter households were provided with this service, thanks to volunteers in our community and efforts of the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield. We encourage you to call soon. Have a Happy Winter—Be Safe and Warm.

This message is from the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield



Budget Time is Upon us

2019-2020 (FY 20) BUDGET & WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE*

Date	Task	Meeting Time
10/29/18	Select Board Meeting - Budget process review	6:30 PM
11/09/18	Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s	N/A
11/19/18	Select Board Meeting - Board goals & warrant discussion	6:30 PM
11/29/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Organizational meeting and budget goals	6:30 PM
12/28/18	Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s & goals due	N/A
01/03/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I	6:30 PM
01/07/19	Select Board Meeting - First Budget Draft	6:30 PM
01/17/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II	6:30 PM
02/04/19	Select Board Meeting - Second Budget Draft	6:30 PM
02/12/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III (Tuesday as opposed to Thursday meeting)	6:30 PM
02/28/19	Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting - Capital Investment Plan Review	6:30 PM
03/01/19	100 days before vote - Nomination Papers available (actually 102 days as the 3rd is a Sunday)	N/A
03/04/19	Select Board Meeting - Third Budget Draft	6:30 PM
03/06/19	School Committee meeting with Select Boards - school budget THIS IS A GUESS AT THIS POINT	6:30 PM
03/08/19	Deadline for warrant article and ordinance submissions	N/A
03/12/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review (Tuesday as opposed to Thursday meeting)	6:30 PM
03/18/19	Select Board Meeting - Budget & Warrant Review	6:30 PM
03/28/19	Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget	6:30 PM
04/01/19	60 days before voting - Nomination papers & Referendum questions due	3:30 PM
04/12/19	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
04/22/19	Select Board Meeting - Final budget & Warrant review and approval	6:30 PM
04/25/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Final budget review and approval	6:30 PM
04/26/19	Draft annotated Warrant due & Official Ballot sent to printer (46 days prior to voting)	N/A
05/16/19	Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Budget	6:30 PM
05/31/19	10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings (actually 11, as 6/1 is a Saturday)	N/A
06/04/19	7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)	N/A
06/11/19	Town Meeting - State Primary	8:00 AM

This border indicates statutory deadlines

Notes:

Involvement - The Select Board, Budget Committee, Other Boards & Committees, Town Manager, Finance Officer, and interested Residents will have ongoing roles in the budget process. All meetings are public open to public comment.

Select Board Attendance - Joint meetings and regular Select Board meetings will have full Select Board attendance any budget meetings may have members of the Select Board in attendance.

Public Budget Meetings - These meetings are intended to provide opportunity for extensive public comment, feedback, and recommendations on the draft budget, budget process, and final budget in conjunction with budget presentations / information.

Departments I - Includes the following: **General Government** (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Grants / Planning, Heating Assistance, Legal), **Maintenance** (General, Buildings, Vehicle / Equipment, Interlocal) **Boards & Commissions** (Appeals Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board), **Regional Assessments** (Cobbossee Watershed, First Park), **Kennebec County Tax** (County Tax)

Departments II - Includes the following: **Community Services** (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, KVCOG, Age Friendly initiatives, Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights), **Protection** (Fire Department, Fire Equipment, Ambulance, Water Holes, Tower Sites, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear, Emergency Ops), **Cemeteries** (Cemeteries), **Debt Service** (Debt Service)

Departments III - Includes the following: **Recreation** (Beach, Recreation Board, Heritage Days, Town Properties, Trails), **Roads & Drainage** (Roads & Drainage, Winter Maintenance), **Capital Improvements** (Admin Technology, Library Building, Cemetery, Roads, Equipment, Leases, Transfer Station, Maranacook Lake Dam), **Solid Waste** (Transfer Station, Backhoe), **Unclassified** (Abatements / Overlay, Tax Relief, Non-profits, Contingency, Snowmobiling, Enterprise Fund, Revaluation), **General Assistance** (General Assist.)

* As Amended 11/6/2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS

1. UNDER MAINE LAW PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY ON APRIL 1ST.
2. THE BUYER AND SELLER MAY AGREE TO DIVIDE THE TAXES BETWEEN THEM, BUT IF ANY PART OF THE TAXES IS NOT PAID, A LIEN WILL BE FILED IN THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY ON APRIL 1ST.

PLEASE BE AWARE

IF YOU ARE THE SELLER -- EVEN IF YOU NO LONGER OWN THE PROPERTY, A LIEN MAY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON YOUR CREDIT RATING.

IF YOU ARE THE BUYER -- IF A LIEN IS FILED IN THE SELLER'S NAME, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY FORECLOSE ON YOUR PROPERTY UNLESS THE TAXES ARE PAID.

3. MUNICIPALITIES HAVE DIFFERENT FISCAL YEARS AND TAX DUE DATES.
4. MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE BUYER'S AND SELLER'S OBLIGATIONS WITH REGARD TO PROPERTY TAXES AND WHAT MAY HAPPEN IF TAXES ARE NOT PAID AS AGREED.
5. IF YOU FEEL A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED INCORRECTLY IN YOUR NAME;
 - A. OBTAIN A COPY OF THE LIEN FROM THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS; AND
 - B. DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH YOUR MUNICIPALITY.

IF YOUR CREDIT REPORT IS INCORRECT, CONTACT THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION AT 1-800-DEBT-LAW TO DETERMINE WHAT REMEDIES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU TO CORRECT YOUR CREDIT REPORT.

THESE POTENTIAL TAX LIEN PROBLEMS CAN BE AVOIDED BY PROVIDING THAT FUNDS ARE SET ASIDE IN ESCROW AT THE TIME OF CLOSING TO ENSURE THAT PROPERTY TAXES WILL BE PAID.

Seller: _____

Buyer: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Union Meeting House

Last month our article highlighted the Jack-O-Lanterns Aglow Festival. With a little reshuffling of the date, due to Mother Nature sending us bad weather, the event was held on October 31st in conjunction with the “Trunk and Treat” which was organized by Select Board member Christine Sammons. The parking lot to the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) was filled with cars and it was estimated that over 125 children participated in the fun. Oh, let us not forget all the parents and community members that showed up to help and enjoy a very sociable evening around the RUMH. Thank you to all that brought carved pumpkins for the trail. There are some very creative “carvers” out in our community; we hope you'll participate again next year at our festival.

A special thank you and recognition go out to both our community sponsors-Christianson Farms for pumpkins and gourds and Merrill's Investigations and Security, LLC for advertising costs, refreshments, and lights for the pumpkins.

At the annual meeting of the RUMH Board of Directors held on October 18, the following officers for 2019 were elected : President- James (Jim) Tukey, Vice President- Nancy Durgin, Treasurer- John Perry, Secretary - Karen Peterson. Several Board members, whose terms were up, were reappointed for 3 year terms. All Advisory Board members were reappointed for another year. In addition, a new member to the Advisory Board is Tony Castro. Many of you know that Tony is the muralist doing the restoration on the *trompe l'oeil* art work and he has a great love for the RUMH.

Another exciting announcement is that two new members of the community are joining the Board of Directors: Rick Wilson and Bonnie Harris. Both are highly motivated and energetic and are looking forward to promoting the RUMH in the community.

Former Vice President Marius Peladeau has stepped down from the Board of Directors but will continue as Historian and as an active member of the RUMH. It was with deep regret and gratitude for his years of service that the board accepted his resignation.

The Board is continuing to work on the 2019 budget. This entails reviewing the 5-year Plan. Work on the Calendar of Events for the 2019 is also continuing. An exciting Tuesday Night Summer Series Program is part of the planned calendar. Got you interested? Be watching for updates!

December is a very busy month for all. Please be watching for the biannual Readfield Union Meeting House newsletter. It will recap this past year and state our plans for the future. Our 2019 membership drive will start and hopefully we'll see even greater growth in our membership than last year. Thank you for your memberships, donations, pledges, and attendance at our events. May you all have a Happy Holiday season.





FirstPark

An Update of What's Developing in FirstPark, November 21, 2018 from the Desk of Executive Director Jim Dinkle

HOLIDAY HOURS at FirstPark will be observed as follows: We will be closed November 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be closed Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas and on Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's.

LOT 13 at the corner of FirstPark and Technology Drives has been reduced to \$124,400. For comparison, Lot 13 was previously priced at over \$300,000. The site is pre-permitted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, within Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 186, served by 3-phase underground utilities, is easy on/off Interstate 95 at interchange 127 and it has Verizon fiber optic data, voice and ancillary services in underground conduit. For more information, contact FirstPark Executive Director Jim Dinkle at either (207) 859-9716 or execdirector@firstpark.com.

AT A MEETING IN CHICAGO I was recently asked by a site selector if I had information about Maine's Student Loan Debt Relief Program. I was happy that she knew about the program, as it is invaluable for recruiting and retaining work talents throughout Maine. For more information and how this could help people you know, your business or your community, visit <https://www.liveandworkinmaine.com/opportunity-maine/>.

FIRSTPARK'S COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING PLAN was unveiled to our governing General Assembly on Thursday evening, November 15 by Nancy Marshall, Jennifer Boes and Greg Glynn of Marshall Communications, Augusta. This was the culmination of six months work that sought input from throughout the region, assessed our strengths and weaknesses, sought the expertise of national and statewide brokers and site selectors, analyzed trends where FirstPark should invest to reach developers and much more. What emerged is a working document that is a blueprint for our future marketing success. The plan is different, because it contains quarterly metrics that will measure the staff's success implementing and achieving its goals.

SPEAKING OF MARKETING... FirstPark has strategically placed ads in the Kennebec Journal-Morning Sentinel's Business Journal and in Maine's 2019 Kennebec Valley EXPLORER Vacation Planner. EXPLORER has a vast circulation throughout the upper Middle Atlantic States and in New England. My thought process was to capture the attention of people who summer or vacation in Maine and who may want to establish a business presence in FirstPark or the region. A link to EXPLORER's 2019 edition will be posted in a future FirstPark update for your review.

VOTERS in the Town of Oakland approved a November 6 referendum for construction of a new \$2.6 million fire station. Construction is set to begin in April 2019. Thank you to our Oakland first responders and public safety officers for their service. <https://www.centralmaine.com/2018/11/07/oakland-to-move-forward-with-2-6-million-fire-station-project-2/>.

COMING IN DECEMBER... FirstPark will launch social media sites on Facebook and LinkedIn. Stay tuned for details!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Readfield Blizzard Busters



Fellow Readfield outdoor lovers,

Early snow has covered the ground, causing pleasant thoughts of snowmobile riding dancing in our heads. Volunteers have been working very hard to ready the trails for safe passage, including making sure all signage is appropriately posted and bridges are in good repair. Trail prep is almost complete, including a new trail on water company property that will allow passage to and from Winthrop without travel on Maranacook Lake. This trail connects with one of Winthrop Hillandaler Club's trails. In addition, the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club has been contacted by the Wayne Club (Thirty Mile River Snowmobile Club) indicating they were opening a previously closed trail that will connect with a Readfield club trail making a nice afternoon loop ride. Making sure that we have obtained permission from each Landowner whose property is crossed is a hearty challenge. Owners change from time to time and Club volunteers seek permission annually to cross private property. If you would like to support the club through membership (\$27.00 per year), please give us a call (207-685-4203) or come to one of our monthly meetings held at the Maranacook High School at 7:00pm, in the media room, the first Wednesday of every month. December's meeting is December 5th and January's meeting will be January 2nd.



Good news: The Farmers Almanac's forecast supports a snowy outcome for the area.

Marge Livingston – RBBSC Secretary

Kennebec Land Trust

Learn sustainable balsam fir-tipping techniques with Dave Fuller, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, and go home with a handmade fir wreath. Dave will inform us about the fascinating and important balsam fir industry in Maine. We will meet at the Ladd Recreation Center in Wayne at 10 AM on Saturday, December 1. Bring hand shears and light gloves. Please pre-register, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members. Space is limited. Contact KLT to reserve your place, 207-377-2848 or KBrewer@tklt.org

Directions: From Route 133 in the Wayne Village turn onto Old Winthrop Road. Take your first right onto Gott Road. The recreation center is on the left.

Please call our office or visit our website with any questions, 207-377-2848 or www.tkl.org





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November 20, 2018

RSU #38 BOND REFERENDUM High School Roof Replacement Project Facilities Improvement

This fourth memo is part of an ongoing series of communications to provide information concerning our proposed Facilities Improvement Bond. Another project that will be included in this bond request is the replacement of the Maranacook High School Roof, included in the work would be structural upgrades to the roof.

Roof Replacement at Maranacook Community High School

- In previous years there have been numerous leaks in various rooms in the high school.
- The following is excerpted from the Oak Point report: “The existing asphalt shingles appear to be in fair to poor condition.” Typical roofing systems of this age last approximately 15 years and the current roof was last replaced in 2002.
- The following was noted in the report concerning the Roof Structural System: “Future roofing system replacement projects, as recommended in the architectural portion of this report, should include a structural roof analysis to verify that the existing roof framing has sufficient capacity to support the current code mandated roof loads. If it does not have sufficient capacity, the roof will need to be reinforced and incorporated as part of the roofing system replacement project.”
- Pictures of the current roof are included but closer inspection is needed to see the wear.



M15-A7: Typical asphalt shingle roof system.



M15-A8: Typical asphalt shingle roof system.

Estimated cost of full replacement: \$2,052,800





Revenue and Expense Reports for October

Readfield
9:55 AM

Revenue Summary Report Department(s): ALL October

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,842,432.00	147.33	111,172.20	5,113,357.10	729,074.90	87.52
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	67.17	258.92	25,276.34	9,648.66	72.37
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	27,370.00	0.00	114.00	5,340.62	22,029.38	19.51
40 - PROTECTION	2,600.00	0.00	0.00	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	3,170.10	182,851.90	1.70
70 - SOLID WASTE	193,829.00	0.00	22,327.37	67,920.62	125,908.38	35.04
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	214.50	134,624.33	5,230,818.57	1,135,503.43	82.16



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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	481,206.00	34,228.36	294.16	134,591.58	346,614.42	27.97
12 - Maintenance	127,415.00	5,117.67	0.00	25,064.02	102,350.98	19.67
15 - BOARDS & COM	42,112.00	49.40	0.00	29,456.20	12,655.80	69.95
25 - COMM SERVICE	55,961.00	12,120.82	0.00	27,633.31	28,327.69	49.38
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	38,708.00	852.53	0.00	16,135.76	22,572.24	41.69
40 - PROTECTION	132,725.00	19,210.61	0.00	45,212.36	87,512.64	34.06
50 - CEMETERIES	16,500.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	16,240.00	1.58
60 - Rds & Drain	407,930.00	56,540.60	0.00	111,760.85	296,169.15	27.40
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	451,614.00	7,688.54	0.00	48,443.87	403,170.13	10.73
70 - SOLID WASTE	303,686.00	21,095.81	0.00	85,798.65	217,887.35	28.25
75 - EDUCATION	3,564,799.00	296,413.34	0.00	1,185,653.28	2,379,145.72	33.26
80 - REGIONAL ORG	48,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,359.67	40,640.33	15.33
81 - COUNTY TAX	270,000.00	266,694.13	0.00	266,694.13	3,305.87	98.78
85 - DEBT SERVICE	327,956.00	0.00	0.00	320,227.12	7,728.88	97.64
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	130,413.00	7,372.25	0.00	16,013.52	114,399.48	12.28
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,403,525.00	727,384.06	294.16	2,320,304.32	4,083,220.68	36.23

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Nov. 25	26	27  6:30 Trails Committee	28  6:30 Planning Brd.	29 6:30 Appeals hold Public Hrg. 6:30 Budget 	30  6:30 Tree Lighting at the Library	Dec 1
2 Storm dated for Tree Lighting at 4:30pm	3	4	5  6:30 Library	6	7	8
9	10  6:30 Select Brd.	11 12-Golden Guys & Gals 6:30 Conservation 	12  9-Age Friendly 6:30 Planning 	13  6-Road Com.	14 All Giving Tree Gifts Due Back Today.	15
16	17	18	19  1-Cemetery Committee	20  6-Union Mtg House	21	22
23	24 Town Office & Transfer Station Closed	25  Closed	26  6:30 Planning Brd.	27	28	29
30	31 Town Office Open 8am to 12 noon!	Jan. 1  Closed Happy New Year	2	3  6:30 Budget Com.	4	5

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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.

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