December 2019

Readfield Messenger

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Special Holiday Hours:

- Town Office & Transfer Station **open** 8 am to 12 noon on 12/24 & 12/31
- Town Office & Transfer Station **closed** on 12/25 & 1/1

Dog Licenses are due Dec. 31st. Come into the office or go to www.readfieldmaine.org (online services).

GIVING TREE TAGS

GIFTS ARE STILL NEEDED!!

PLEASE RETURN TAGS TO THE TOWN OFFICE BY 12/16

Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

One service I depend on to know what is happening in Readfield are the town's "e-alerts." These e-mail messages deliver to me up-to-date information about meetings, emergency notices, and general calendar events in town. It is a service designed to help the town meet ever on-going goals of good communication and improving government transparency.

Your Select Board's meeting packets and videos can be downloaded and an e-alert informing you immediately of the availability of these documents for your use can be set up. Many other services from informing families of recreational opportunities to advising businesses of bid openings are a part of this messaging service. People who simply want to be informed of more immediate items such as town office or road closures can also receive timely alerts. You can follow the budget process and be informed about document availability and meetings.

You can sign up for e-alerts at https://www.readfieldmaine.org/subscribe. Best of all this is not an all or nothing service. You can choose to receive messages from six different categories and overall there are now about a dozen specific e-alert choices. This offers the ability to tailor the service to meet informational needs or just satisfy a curiosity to learn more about the town.

Signing up is accomplished with just your email address. You can also unsubscribe using the same approach or do so via an unsubscribe link on any email you receive. Perhaps next month you'll read *The Messenger* on the very day it is available because you signed up for the newsletter e-alert!

Kind Regards;
Bruce Bourgoine
Select Board Chair

2019 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 the Town Office would contact these residents to ensure that **"everything is OK and further support may not be needed."**
Participation in this effort is **strictly** 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 return form below:

Step 1: Please print the following information:

First Name: _____ MI: ___ Last Name: _____

Full-time Resident: ☐ Seasonal Resident: ☐ Usual months of residence:_____

Do you have a generator:_____ Do you have wood heat: _____

Primary Telephone Number: ___ - ____ - _____ Cell Phone Number: ___-_____-_____

Street Address: _____

Secondary Contact Person: _____

Secondary Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Special Needs (i.e. oxygen, wheel chair, etc.): _____

_____

Step 2: Mail to: Town of Readfield
8 Old Kents Hill Road
Readfield, ME. 04355

If you believe you are currently on the list please call, email or complete the above form so we have updated contact information

Homestead Exemption FAQs

1. What is the homestead exemption?

The homestead exemption provides a reduction of up to $20,000 ($15,000 for 2016 and $10,000 for years prior to 2016) in the value of your home for property tax purposes. To qualify, you must be a permanent resident of Maine, the home must be your permanent residence, you must have owned a home in Maine for the twelve months prior to applying and an application must be filed on or before April 1 with the municipality where the property is located. The exemption applies to any residential property that is assessed as real property. For instance, a mobile home located on a rented lot may qualify for the exemption. You can download the application at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/apps/homesteadapp.pdf.

2. Am I a permanent resident?

A permanent resident is an individual who has a true, fixed, and permanent home to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. You may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise. For more information, see 36 M.R.S. § 682.

3. How do I apply for the homestead exemption?

The homestead exemption application is available at most municipalities or you may download the application at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/apps/homesteadapp.pdf. The completed application must be submitted to the municipality where you reside. If your home has more than one owner, only one signature is required. Forms filed after April 1 of any year will apply to the next year's tax assessment.

4. Do I have to apply for the exemption each year?

No. Once the exemption has been approved, it will remain in effect as long as your ownership and residency status remain unchanged.

5. Can I have more than one exemption?

No. The homestead exemption is limited to only your primary residence; camps, vacation homes, and second residences do not qualify. If you also qualify for a veteran or blind exemption, the homestead exemption is in addition to those exemptions..

6. Why is the exemption on my tax bill less than $20,000?

The $20,000 exemption must be adjusted by the local declared ratio. The local declared ratio is generally the percentage difference between the fair market value of your home and the local assessed value. Since your property taxes are based on the local assessed value, the $20,000 statewide exemption must be adjusted to apply to all property in the state equally. For example, if the local declared ratio in your town is 80%, your homestead exemption is computed in the following manner: $20,000 x .80 = $16,000. Your property value would be reduced by $16,000 by the homestead exemption. If you have further questions regarding the computation of your exemption, please contact your municipality or your local tax assessor. The homestead exemption cannot exceed the total value of your homestead; if the total value of your homestead is $14,000; your homestead exemption cannot exceed $14,000.

7. What should I do if my application is rejected?

If your local assessor determines that you are not entitled to a homestead exemption, the assessor will send you a notice that includes the reasons for denial. You may appeal the denial in writing to the local Board of Assessment Review or to the County Commissioners. Further guidance may be found in Property Tax Bulletin No. 10 and 36 M.R.S. §§ 843 and 844.

WASTE LESS SAVE MORE

RECYCLE COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

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 it if 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.
5. **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.

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Readfield Play Group December Events

- Children of all ages and their parents or grandparents are invited to celebrate Hanukkah Monday, Dec. 23 at 6 pm in the Readfield Community Library in Readfield. Come play the dreidel game, learn the song, and make a menorah.
- Children in Play Group will celebrate December holidays including Hanukkah and Christmas with singing, dancing, and art projects. To kick off the season, they plan a trip to Readfield Community Library Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. The library is located on Route 17 in Readfield down a block and across the street from the Post Office and the Readfield Family Market.
- Preschoolers, parents, grandparents, and caregivers are invited to join in the fun at Play Group. Children learn social skills as they play with others, listen to stories, and increase fine motor skills with art and crafts. The Readfield Play Group is currently a partnership between Readfield Elementary School and the Readfield Community Library. The play group meets at the school in the small cafeteria and the Children's Room at the library the first Thursday of the month. Questions can be directed to Patricia Clark at 685-4101.

QUILT RAFFLE:
Drawing will be at the Tree Lighting. Purchase chances at the Library.

DROP IN KNITTING/CROCHET: The drop in knitting and crochet group meets at the Library on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring your own project. This is an informal gathering so call ahead if you are looking for help with a project. Experienced knitters are willing to help but are not always in attendance.

STORYTIME PLAY GROUP: Will meet at the Library on December 5 at 9:30 a.m.

BOOK CLUB: Maine Humanities Council "Let's talk about it" book series will not meet in December. We will resume in January with the book of the month "The Way to Rainy Mountain" by N. Scott Momaday. Book discussion will be held on Monday, January 27.

SAVE THE DATE: "BURNS NIGHT" (2nd annual) SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020: Robert Burns is a well-known Scottish poet. His birthday is celebrated world wide.The celebration includes poetry, Scottish music, traditional ceremony complete with a piper and a potluck dinner. One of his best known works is "Auld Lang Syne". More details to follow in January.

Reminder . . . .

All Readfield Cemeteries will be closed for the winter season on **Friday, December 13, 2019** and will remain closed until the spring. Please contact the Readfield Sexton, Ben Rodriguez at 207-557-2790 sexton@readfieldmaine.org for any questions or special accommodations.

Readfield Pop-Up "University"

Plans are shaping up well for our MARCH month-long cabin fever event "Readfield U" (Readfield "University") There will be at least a dozen free offerings at various times during the month, all located in Readfield; everything from "Maine Wildflowers" to "How to Solve the NY Times crossword", and including genealogy for beginners, history, writing, travelogues and more. There is also a Family Games Night planned. It'll be a great way to learn something new, have fun and get to know one another better as a community. At the end of the month there will be a celebratory potluck meal for everyone involved and other people will also be welcome to attend and hear about the classes.

AGE FRIENDLY READFIELD

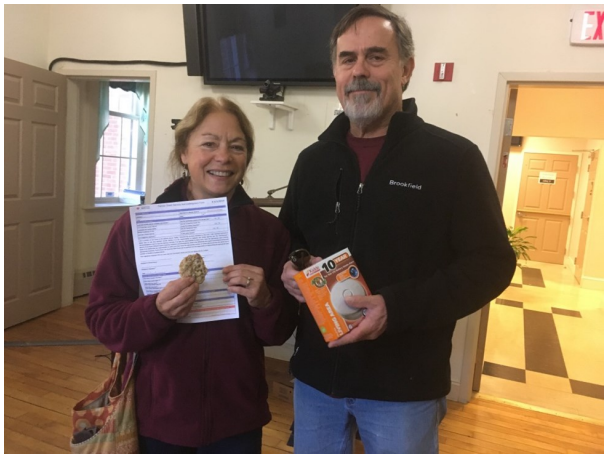
Readfield's Age-Friendly and library committees are joining forces with other interested people in the community to get this light-hearted "pop-up university" off the ground.

Stay tuned for more details early next year.

Smoke Alarm Installation

During the second annual smoke alarm installation, the Age Friendly Committee and Handy Helpers successfully installed over 30 smoke alarms in 14 homes on Saturday November 2nd. These alarms are provided at no cost by the Red Cross, Maine Chapter and last for 10 years.

Pictured below are Paul and Jemelie Bessette, two dedicated Handy Helpers. Thank you to all the Handy Helper Volunteers who made our homes a little safer.



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

REVENUES & EXPENSES

Readfield
12:07 PM

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	6,106,288.00	134.73	84,596.43	5,237,428.20	868,859.80	85.77
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	31,771.00	0.00	356.60	18,510.30	13,260.70	58.26
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,122.00	0.00	40.00	5,300.00	15,822.00	25.09
40 - PROTECTION	3,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,350.00	0.00
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	35,000.00	0.00	178.15	178.15	34,821.85	0.51
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	586,646.00	0.00	970.51	8,866.31	577,779.69	1.51
70 - SOLID WASTE	191,025.00	0.00	16,998.72	79,630.92	111,394.08	41.69
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	16,344.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,344.00	0.00
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,993,796.00	134.73	103,140.41	5,350,013.88	1,643,782.12	76.50

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Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
October

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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	485,750.00	46,422.84	368.59	166,119.40	319,630.60	34.20
12 - Maintenance	135,175.00	12,108.42	0.00	35,857.98	99,317.02	26.53
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,850.00	103.54	0.00	1,955.99	5,894.01	24.92
25 - COMM SERVICE	65,037.00	6,702.47	0.00	25,366.40	39,670.60	39.00
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	37,412.00	667.92	0.00	16,619.76	20,792.24	44.42
40 - PROTECTION	132,200.00	7,129.95	0.00	46,645.57	85,554.43	35.28
50 - CEMETERIES	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	75.55	16,924.45	0.44
60 - Rds & Drain	370,578.00	42,659.85	0.00	43,692.52	326,885.48	11.79
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	1,116,070.00	126,875.56	0.00	280,815.00	835,255.00	25.16
70 - SOLID WASTE	300,700.00	34,491.57	0.00	97,316.13	203,383.87	32.36
75 - EDUCATION	3,710,394.00	309,199.51	0.00	1,236,797.92	2,473,596.08	33.33
80 - REGIONAL ORG	47,852.00	0.00	0.00	7,599.00	40,253.00	15.88
81 - COUNTY TAX	285,400.00	285,399.45	0.00	285,399.45	0.55	100.00
85 - DEBT SERVICE	184,673.00	0.00	0.00	181,151.45	3,521.55	98.09
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	93,205.00	9,586.84	0.00	17,092.70	76,112.30	18.34
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,993,796.00	881,347.92	368.59	2,442,504.82	4,551,291.18	34.92

November 5, 2019 Election Results

Total Votes Cast = 343

MUNICIPALITY: READFIELD - 1 (1-1)

QUESTION 1: BOND ISSUE

283 YES

60 NO

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QUESTION 2: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

274 YES

66 NO

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2020-2021 (FY 21) BUDGET & WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE*

Date	Task	Meeting Time
08/12/19	Select Board Meeting - Budget process review	6:30 PM
10/07/19	Select Board Meeting - Board goals & warrant discussion	6:30 PM
10/24/19	Budget Committee Meeting - Organizational meeting and budget goals	6:30 PM
11/07/19	Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s	N/A
12/20/19	Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s due	N/A
01/16/20	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I	6:30 PM
01/21/20	Select Board Meeting - First Budget Draft	6:30 PM
01/30/20	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II	6:30 PM
02/03/20	Select Board Meeting - Second Budget Draft	6:30 PM
02/13/20	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III	6:30 PM
02/27/20	Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting - Capital Investment Plan Review	6:30 PM
02/28/20	100 days before vote - Nomination Papers available (actually 102 days as the 1st is a Sunday)	N/A
02/18/20	Select Board Meeting - Third Budget Draft	6:30 PM
03/04/20	School Committee meeting with Select Boards - school budget THIS IS A GUESS	6:30 PM
03/06/20	Deadline for warrant article and ordinance submissions - Select Board Review	N/A
03/12/20	Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review	6:30 PM
03/16/20	Select Board Meeting - Budget & Warrant review	6:30 PM
03/25/20	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
03/26/20	**Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget**	6:30 PM
03/30/20	Select Board Meeting - Final budget & Warrant review and approval	6:30 PM
04/02/20	Budget Committee Meeting - Final budget review and approval	6:30 PM
04/10/20	60 days before voting - Nomination Papers & Referendum Questions due - Warrant due to Clerk	3:30 PM
04/24/20	Draft annotated Warrant due & Official Ballot sent to printer (46 days prior to voting)	N/A
05/07/20	**Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant**	6:30 PM
05/29/20	10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings (actually 11, as 6/1 is a Saturday)	N/A
06/01/20	7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)	N/A
06/09/20	**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 11/7/2019

Town Office Hours (207) 685-4939	Monday & Tuesday 8:30am—4:30pm Wednesday 12-6:00pm / Friday 7:30am—3:30pm
Code Officer Hours (207) 685-3290	Monday & Wednesday 8:30am—4:30pm (appointments recommended)
Assessor Hours (207) 685-4939	First and Third Fridays of each month (appointments recommended)
Transfer Station Hours (207) 685-3144	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am—6 pm Saturday 8 am—4 pm

READFIELD TRAILS
building community a step at a time

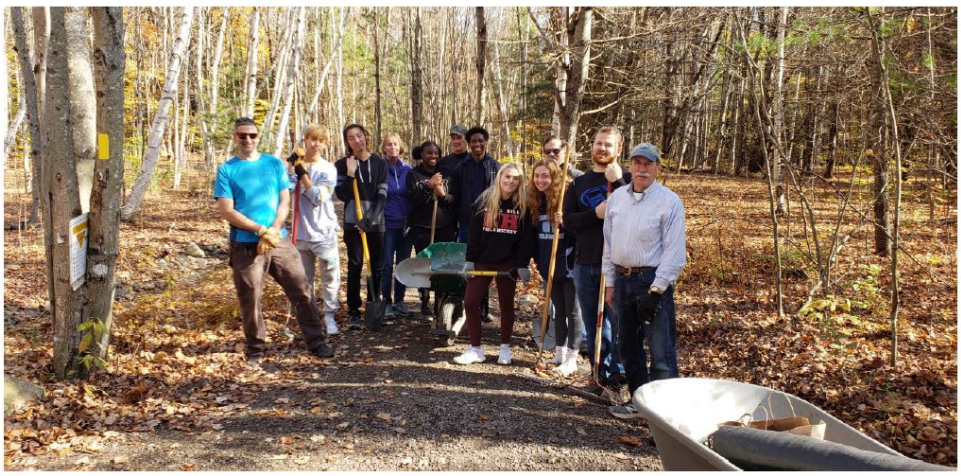
NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

If you have been to the Readfield Fairgrounds lately, you probably noticed that some changes have occurred. The porta-potty has been relocated to the upper right hand corner as you enter the fairgrounds. For safety purposes, the former entrance to the North Trail has been upgraded with the deep slope removed and gravel and blue stone added to smooth the transition into the woods. Boulders have been placed in front of the former entrance to encourage hikers, bikers, and parents using strollers to enter that trail and the ball field from the gated area where the porta-potty once stood. The bike rack has also been moved for easier access with more visibility. Anna Carl has done an excellent job creating a new trail leading to the North Trail outside the large rocks. Similar changes will occur at the trail head leading to the McDougald Trail. The Trails Committee and Readfield Recreation Commission worked with town manager Eric Dyer and Anna Carl on these changes that are designed to keep pedestrian flow to the ball field, along with hikers and bikers crossing to another trail out of the parking lot as they use the fairgrounds. With a larger parking lot and more vehicle traffic, especially during baseball season, there has been an increased risk of injury and accidents so these safety improvements should help keep everyone safe.

On October 2, Kents Hill School students and staff put in a days work upgrading the Fairgrounds trails. Trails Committee member Paul Bessette used his tractor to place blue stone down the McDougald trail near the granite bench. The volunteers re-worked the trail area near the culvert at the corner that leads to the bench area. Additionally, the whole trail system was assessed for either worn sections or where the geotech material posed a tripping hazard. Those areas were redone with a new layer of stone and groomed to help ensure as level a path as possible.

The Trails Committee looks forward to working with KHS students and staff in the spring on their next day of volunteering in our community. KHS staff member Maureen Whitestone organizes these two community service days for the school and does a fabulous job sending the staff and students where needed. Thank you Maureen and Kents Hill School!

KHS Staff:	KH Students		Trails/RCC Volunteers	
Trevor Slater	Aaron Jones	Hiroyo Koseki	Jeanne Harris	Bruce Hunter
Tim Corey	Mel Volpe	Miles Kirby	Paul Bessette	Bob Harris
	Brian Xia	Hannah Parsons	Jerry Bley	Greg Durgin
	Alexis Gadsden			



READFIELD HOLDS SPECIAL VETERANS DAY EVENT

Joe Donahue of the 3rd Maine Infantry standing guard near the grave of a Readfield Civil War veteran.

A Veterans' Day event held on November 11th was planned and organized by Chris Sammons, Readfield Select board; Dale Potter-Clark, Readfield Historical Society; and Nancy Perkins, Readfield United Methodist Church. Dozens of attendees of all ages gathered at the Readfield Corner Cemetery to begin, where readings were done by Dale Potter-Clark and members of the 3rd Maine Infantry Volunteers, Civil War reenactors led participants through the Cemetery. They also paid tribute with musket volleys at the Cemetery and again at Asa Gile Hall. Also participating in various aspects of the event were: Warren Dyer from Cub Scout Pack #622; students from the Maple Tree Community School of Readfield and the Riverside Memorial School of Norridgewock; Sen. Shenna Bellows, Maine 14th District; George F. Smith, VFW Chaplain; Bruce Bourgoine, Chair of the Readfield Select Board; Robert Harris, Readfield Historical Society; and Doug Gorden of Mt. Vernon who brought his WWII "Deuce and a half" to take part in the procession to Asa Gile Hall. A special thank you goes to the Readfield Fire Department for managing traffic and for including some of their equipment in the procession. Last not least thank you to the many attendees that came out on that cool November morning to help honor our Veterans!

Dale Potter-Clark speaking at some graves of some Civil War Veterans at Readfield Corner Cemetery as members of the 3rd Maine Infantry Volunteers stand at attention nearby.

Thank you to the members of the Readfield United Methodist Church who prepared and served a delicious free soup, bread and desert luncheon for nearly 100 people after the ceremony on Veterans' Day.

The 3rd Maine Infantry reenactors leading the march down Main Street from the Readfield Corner Cemetery to Gile Hall, for a special ceremony honoring all Veterans.

2019 VETERANS' DAY EVENT

More photos!

CURRENT BOARD/COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2021)

Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 rep (2022) & 1 alt rep (2021)

Conservation Commission: 1 member (2021) & 1 alt member (2022)

Heritage Days Committee: Many volunteer opportunities for 2020!

Local School Board Advisory: terms: 2020, 2021 & 2022

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

Road Committee: 3 vacancies (all 2022)

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 1 member (2022)

Trails Committee: 3 member terms 2021, 2022 & 2022; one Alternate 2020

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees/ boards please complete the appointment application at www.readfieldmaine.org

or stop by the Town Office for an application.

Black Bear Boutique & Maranacook Food Pantry

Maranacook Area Schools provide support to our community through the Black Bear Boutique and Food Pantry by helping students with quality used clothing at no cost. Students will find jackets, sweaters, pants, footwear and gym clothes for all seasons. The Boutique is open to everyone during school hours until 3 pm.

The Maranacook Food Pantry ("Sandy's Place") is also open during school hours until 3 pm. Our shelves are stocked with 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. Donations of clean, repaired, up-to-date, teen-appropriate clothing items are always welcome (NO prom dresses please). Larger sizes greatly appreciated! Cash donations are always accepted.

For further information or if you would like to make a donation please stop by the health center or call the school nurse Anya Davidson @ 685-4923 x 1033.

Mount Vernon Food Bank

open every Saturday morning

9:30 am to 11:30 am

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

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

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

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING FEES

RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

RECYCLABLES, HOUSEHOLD WASTE (MSW), SCRAP METAL, RETURNABLES, AND BRUSH — *No charge to authorized Residents or Commercial Haulers licensed in Readfield*

DEMOLITION DEBRIS

		Pick-ups					Trucks			Trailer Loads			
		Compact		Full Size									
		Standard 1.5 cy	Long 2 cy	Short 1.5 cy	Standard 2 cy	Long 2.5 cy	1.5 Ton 4-6 cy	2 Ton to 6 Wheel 6-10 cy	6 Wheel 10-14 cy	Under 27 Sq. Ft.	27 to 41 Sq. Ft.	42 to 54 Sq. Ft.	55 to 68 Sq. Ft.
Demo, P/T Lumber, Sheet Rock													
(Basis: $40/cubic yard)	Full Load	$60	$80	$60	$90	$100	$200	$320	$480	$120	$180	$240	$300
	2/3 Load	$40	$54	$40	$60	$70	$140	$220	$320	$80	$120	$160	$200
	1/3 Load	$20	$26	$20	$30	$40	$70	$110	$160	$40	$60	$80	$100
Clean Demo Wood													
(Basis: 1/3 cost of Demo)	Full Load	$20	$30	$20	$30	$40	$70	$120	$160	$40	$60	$90	$100
	2/3 Load	$14	$20	$14	$20	$30	$50	$80	$120	$30	$40	$60	$70
	1/3 Load	$7	$10	$7	$10	$20	$30	$40	$60	$20	$20	$30	$40
Shingles													
(Basis: $60/cubic yard)	Full Load	$90	$120	$90	$120	$150	$300	$480	$720	$180	$270	$360	$450
	2/3 Load	$60	$80	$60	$80	$100	$200	$320	$480	$120	$180	$240	$300
	1/3 Load	$30	$40	$30	$40	$50	$100	$160	$240	$60	$90	$120	$150

	Pick-ups & Trucks	Trailer Loads
Full Load	With sideboards, cap or rounded over	With 36" sideboards or rounded over to 36"
2/3 Load	Without sideboards or not rounded over	With 24" sideboards or rounded over to 24"
1/3 Load	Without sideboards or half full	With 12" sideboards or rounded over to 12"

Barrels & Plastic Bags of Demo	
Large Barrels/Bags (50 Gal)	$6
Medium Barrels/Bags (30 Gal)	$4
Small Barrels/Bags (15 Gal or less)	$2

Multiple bags (more than 2) will be charged by the cubic yard

LEAD ACID BATTERIES (Car, Tractor, Truck, Boat, etc.) — *Free*

UNIVERSAL WASTE	$ / Item
Computer, Computer Monitor, Scanner	$5
Keyboard	$3
Hard Drive	$4
Printer, Fax Machine	$5
Television (13-31")	$5
Television (Floor Consoles & Big Screens)	$10
Rechargeable Batteries (AAA-AA-C-D)	Free
Fluorescent Bulb	12.5 cents/Ft.
Thus, $.50 for 4', $.75 for 6', $1 for 8'	
Mercury Containing Device	$1

MINIMUM FEES:
There is a minimum $2 fee for any and all demolition debris and bulky waste

CHANGES:
All fees and conditions are subject to changes adopted by the Readfield Select Board in accordance with the "Town of Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance".

Transfer Station Attendant Decisions:
The TS Attendant on duty will make decisions to accept or reject loads, to assess disposal charges, and to verify payment of appropriate fees.
A receipt will be issued for all fees collected.

BULKY WASTE		$/Item
Large fiberglass or plastic objects *		$30
* Items must be under eight feet in length		
Shower		$12
Tub		$16
Sofa with NO built-in bed/recliner		$20
Sofa with built-in bed/recliner		$30
Stuffed chair or Sectional (per Section)		$8
Chair recliner		$20
Mattress or Futon	Twin	$10
	Full	$15
	King/Queen	$20
	Crib	$3
Box Spring		$5
Toilet		$5
Porcelein sink		$3
Rugs:	Small(4x6)	$3
	Medium(5x8)	$5
	Large(8x12)	$8
	Ex Large(12x12)	$12

TIRES: ($/Tire	Without Rims	With Rims
Up to 13"	$1	$3
13" to 15"	$2	$4
16" to 17"	$3	$5
18" to 21"	$4	$6
22' aand over	$10	$12
Skidder & Big Tractors	$200	

L. P. GAS TAN	$ / Item
1 Pound	$1
10 to 20 Pounds	$2
30 Pound	$3
100 Pound	$10
Helium Gas Tanks	$4

WHITE GOODS:	
With Freon	$10
Without Freon	Free

Tel: 685-4064

Visa/Mastercard

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THE UNION MEETING HOUSE

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1982
22 Church Rd, PO Box 451 Readfield, ME 04355

The Board of Directors of the RUMH extends a grateful "Thank You" to Readfield taxpayers for their recent $5,000 donation to the Meeting House. Their contribution has already helped to leverage a $15,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation; this grant, and part of the Town's contribution, are being used to preserve the 150 year-old ceiling with its famous artwork. The ceiling work will be completed next spring.

Omitted in the Nov. 2019 Messenger were the names of two board members, John Perry and Amy Black, who were re-elected to 3 year terms on the Board of Directors.

On a sad note, the Board of Directors announces the resignation of a long time board member. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Flo Drake who has served on the Board of Directors for many years and was on the Advisory Board prior to that. Flo was instrumental in leading many of the fund-raising activities. Having served as the president of the Readfield Historical Society for over 10 years, Flo was (and still is) a fierce supporter of the Union Meeting House's historical and cultural values to our town.

A second resignation has been tendered by Donn Harriman who has been on the Advisory Board. Many may not know that Donn was one of the original town residents to get the Readfield Union Meeting House reincorporated and registered on the National Registry of Historical places. Donn served as treasurer on the Board of Directors until January 2016. Thank you, Donn for more than 20 years of dedicated work towards the restoration of the Meeting House.

As the year 2019 closes out, the Board of the Union Meeting House wants to extend a sincere thank you to all who have helped with the restoration fund raising projects and for attending some of our new "Meet Me at the Meeting House" summer series programs. We hope for your continued support and look forward to welcoming new members and volunteers in 2020!

A quick recap of the "Pumpkins Aglow" Pumpkin Festival on Halloween; it was a huge success with 45 carved or painted pumpkins set out on the Community Pathway Trail. Between the "trunk-a-treat and pumpkin walk there were over 200 people out enjoying the evening. Best of all, the storm held off until 7pm so people did not get soaked. Enjoy these pictures!

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAINE'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2020

Submitted by Dale Potter-Clark, RHS Secretary
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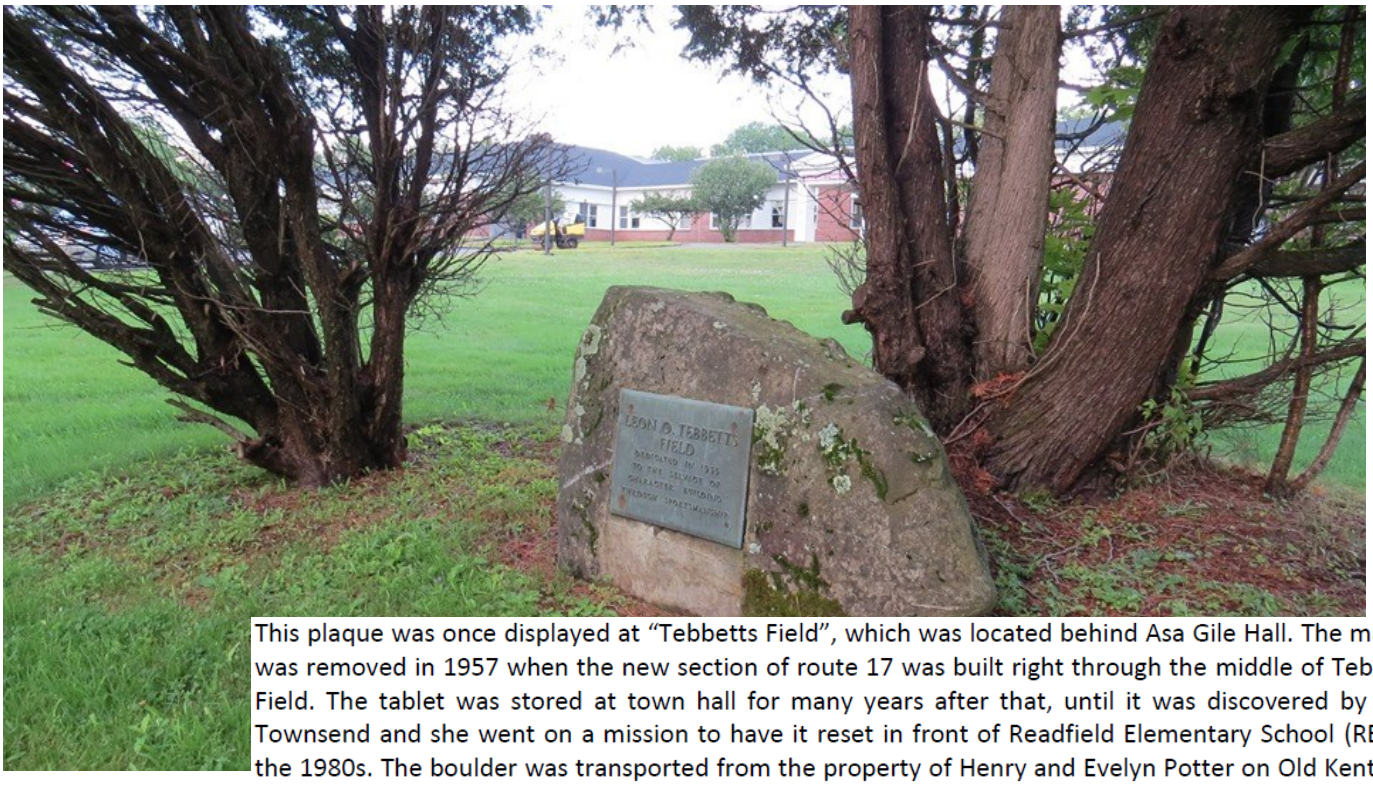
Maine became the 23rd State 200 years ago on March 15, 1820 when it separated from Massachusetts. The Maine State Legislature has established a Maine Bicentennial Commission whose members are planning five special events for 2020. In addition, groups all across the State will be celebrating with events of their own. FMI about some of that visit: Maine200.org/calendar.

The Readfield Historical Society will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of our grand State with some events over and above our usual in 2020. A special event for October is still in the planning stages. Mark your calendars for the following and stay posted for more as dates are confirmed:

1. **Sat. March 14th** during "Maine Statehood Weekend" 1-3pm RHS annual meeting, election of officers and program by Jym St. Pierre "The Kennebec Proprietors (who prevailed)" at Asa Gile Hall, Readfield.
2. **Wed. April 15th** 6:30-7:30 Dale Potter-Clark for the Kennebec Historical Society "The Four Governors from Readfield" at Jewett Hall, University of Maine, Augusta.
3. **Mon. May 11th 1-2pm** Dale Potter-Clark for the DAR Koussinoc Chapter "Revolutionary War Veterans from Readfield" at the Viles Mansion, Hospital Street, Augusta.
5. **Sat. June 20th** Tour and dedication of Historic Site Markers at Readfield Corner. Stay tuned for details.

There are History Walks and other events pending for 2020.
Watch future newsletters and the RHS Facebook page for updates!



This plaque was once displayed at "Tebbetts Field", which was located behind Asa Gile Hall. The marker was removed in 1957 when the new section of route 17 was built right through the middle of Tebbetts Field. The tablet was stored at town hall for many years after that, until it was discovered by Ruth Townsend and she went on a mission to have it reset in front of Readfield Elementary School (RES) in the 1980s. The boulder was transported from the property of Henry and Evelyn Potter on Old Kents Hill Road by Dick Butman who set it up in front of RES. The engraving says: "Leon O. Tebbetts Field dedicated in 1935 to the service of character building through sportsmanship".

RHS will open by appointment for as long as weather and temperatures allow. Summer hours will resume on Memorial Day weekend 2020. To make an appointment, or if you have questions about any aspect of Readfield history, contact readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or (207) 377-2299.

READFIELD BLIZZARD BUSTERS

As the snowmobiling season slowly approaches, way too slowly I might add, a strong feeling of anticipation is in the air. We know from past experience it's going to snow eventually, but when is the question. It's cold for a few days and we think soon, then we have above normal temperatures and we opine never. The old-timers keep proper perspective and tell us that the trails aren't usually at their best until mid- January. Being new to the sport I apologize for my impatience. More importantly, our volunteer club members have completed almost all the necessary trail prep and have also rehung the directional signage. In addition, several bridges were completely replaced along with a few culverts. Smooth riding expected.

On an important note, the trail through the Augusta Water District that connects with the Winthrop trail system will happily be open again this year.

When accessing all trails, make sure you remain on the trail. The Blizzard Busters annually request trail access from over eighty generous landowners and if the landowner has a bad experience with improper access, trails do run the risk of being shut-down. It is VERY important to respect the landowner's property and stay on the marked trails.

Now.....Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!!!!!

Marge Livingston
Secretary
Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

Recently constructed bridge near Maranacook School

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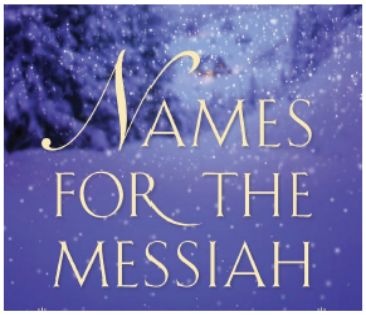
A Place For All

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Worship Sundays 10:00am Nursery / Sunday School provided.



Advent Worship Series "Names For the Messiah"

December 8	Wonderful Counselor
December 15	Mighty God
December 22	Everlasting Father
December 29	Prince of Peace

Christmas Eve Services December 24th, at 7 pm and 11 pm
At 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Candle lighting and Music by the choir
At 11:00 p.m. @Jesse Lee Meeting House
A Contemplative Traditional Service with Communion

The Jesse Lee Meeting House is located at Rt. 17 and Plains Rd in East Readfield. The oldest Methodist church open for worship in New England, it is lovingly preserved in its original condition, with pristine acoustics and prayer saturated walls. The Meeting House is handicap accessible.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 7TH 9:00A.M.-2:00P.M.
Cookie walk / Homemade desserts & specialty food
Fish & Corn Chowder/sandwich & pie Luncheon
Custom wreaths /Silent auction of theme baskets / Handmade gifts

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DECEMBER 14TH 1:00-3:00 P.M.

We hope every child can have an opportunity to give a gift for their family on this coming Christmas day!
-All children in our surrounding communities between the ages of 5-12 are invited to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings.
-There will be new or gently used donated items such as jewelry, mugs, candles, house decorations. The children can choose ONE gift per family member.
-All gifts, regardless of the true value, are priced at $1 or less. The gifts will be wrapped and tagged and placed in a take home bag.
- Santa will make an early season appearance.

Town of Readfield

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December 2019

Don't forget to recycle your holiday wrapping paper, gift boxes and bags!

But remember some things are not recyclable such as:

- Styrofoam peanuts,
- Styrofoam packing material,
- plastic wrap,
- foil gift wrap,
- the clear molded plastic from gift and toy packaging,
- ribbons and bows

For more information go to www.ecomaine.org
Or call
ecomaine at 207-773-1738.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 6 PM Board of Appeals 6:30 Library Bd	5 9:30 Playgroup @ Library	6 Assessor In 6:30 Tree Lighting @ Library	7
8 4:30 Tree Lighting rain/snow date	9 6:30 Select Bd	10 6:30 Conservation Comm	11 9 AM Age Friendly 6:30 Planning Bd	12 6 PM Road Comm	13 Cemeteries closing today for the season	14
15	16	17 5 PM Enterprise Comm	18 1 PM Cemetery Comm	19	20 Assessor in	21
22	23 6 PM Hanukkah celebration @ Library	24 **TOWN OFFICE & TRANSFER STATION OPEN 8 –12 ONLY**	25 **TOWN OFFICE & TRANSFER STATION CLOSED**	26	27 *Messenger Articles Due*	28
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