



# Readfield Messenger

Town of Readfield: [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

## TOWN OFFICE OPEN FOR CUSTOMERS Monday, June 1st!



- ⇒ The Town Office will be open regular hours beginning Monday, June 1st.
- ⇒ Town Office “Senior Hours” for residents over the age of 65 or with special medical considerations will be on Thursdays from 10-2.
- ⇒ Details on our reopening plan can be found in the Town Manager’s memo on Page 3.



### Save the Date

Sat July 25<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 12PM  
Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer Station!  
No charge for permit holders  
Registration required; more info next month

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**Guess Who???**



**Election Day is July 14th!**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION INSIDE!**

# Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

We have finished our budget process and the warrant for the town meeting secret ballot hearings have been completed.

I would like to stress that the level of public interchange has been noticeably reduced this year. My assumption is that it is an understandable result of many important home and family priorities occupying our attention at this very unusual time.

Conducting hearings by remote video is frustrating. We made every effort to reach out with information and to make participation as easy as the technology allowed. Unfortunately we also do not have any way of measuring our television viewership. The town has sent out a warrant explanation mailer to residents and we continue to provide updated information on the town's website.

The budget and its warrant is now before us and we vote on it on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The municipal budget has been decreased and the RSU 38 budget, subject to its public meeting, has also decreased. The mil rate will decline but equally importantly, the Select Board is committed to careful fiscal management this coming year and is ready to be proactive to protect the town financially under any changing conditions.

In closing, I would like to humbly request that you consider voting by absentee ballot this election. The July 14<sup>th</sup> election for our warrant secret ballot, the RSU 38 budget validation referendum, and the state primary has been moved to the Readfield Elementary School gym to allow greater social distancing. However, voting by absentee will be extremely helpful to reduce distancing concerns and it is also extra considerate of our poll workers. Good information on how to vote absentee can be found on the town's website. I've never voted absentee but I will this election.

I hope you and all your friends and family are doing well.

Take care;  
Bruce Bourgoine  
Select Board Chair

## Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot

**WHEN:** July 14, 2020 from 8am until 8pm

**WHERE:** Readfield Elementary School Gymnasium  
(84 South Rd.)

**HOW:** Absentee voting is strongly encouraged as a matter of public health, but in-person balloting will be available with precautions.

For more information on the budget, warrant, and absentee balloting please visit the town website at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or call the Town Office at 685-4939.

RSU #38 Board of Directors  
Revised Meeting Schedule

**June 17 – Annual Meeting, gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.**

*July 14 (Referendum vote at individual towns)*



## TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager

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Email: [manager@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:manager@readfieldmaine.org)

Date: May 27, 2020  
 To: Town of Readfield Select Board, Staff, Volunteers, and Residents  
 From: Eric Dyer, Town Manager  
 Subject: Coronavirus / COVID-19 Preparedness and Response - Update 2

The Coronavirus situation continues to evolve, and slowly improve, at least in Kennebec County. For the past two months our town staff has worked diligently to continue providing municipal services wherever possible, in a manner that keeps residents and staff safe, and in compliance with state and federal rules and guidelines. We will continue to do these things in the months ahead as we adjust to the summer season and respond to reopening efforts. The cooperation of all of our residents and staff is truly appreciated. The update below summarizes our action plan through the month of June. A lot is the same but a lot has changed. Additional measures and changes may be put in place as necessary or prudent.

### Municipal Staffing / Town Office:

- The Town Office will open to modified public access beginning June 1, 2020
- Aggressive daily cleaning of surfaces and devices will continue.
- Staff are expected to stay home if they are sick, practice recommended hygiene regularly while at the office, and touch-up (clean) their workstations as they see fit.
- No more than five municipal employees will be allowed in the Town office at any time.
- Employees must wear a face covering in any public area, office they are not alone in, or area where social distancing can't be maintained.
- Maintenance staff are expected to work outside of the office as much as possible and perform any administrative work before other staff arrive (7:30-8:30am).
- The following modified schedule is being put in place for Administrative and Maintenance employees through July 2:

<b>Gile Hall Work Schedule (Home and Office)</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assessor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Office
CEO	N/A	Office	N/A	Office	N/A
Collections Clerk	Office	Home	Office	Office	Office
Finance Officer	Office	Office	Office	Office	Home
Maintenance	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Town Clerk	Office	Office	Office	Home	Office
Town Manager	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office

- Public access to the Town Office will be limited to two customers in the lobby and two in the entryway.
- All residents must wear a face covering or make alternative arrangements for service.

- Residents will enter through the main doors and exit through the back of the building.
- Town Office “Senior Hours” for residents over the age of 65 or with special medical considerations will be on Thursdays from 10-2.
- The first floor restroom is reserved for residents; the second floor restroom is reserved for municipal staff.
- The Library will begin to reopen in June following an independent plan.

Transfer Station:

- Existing physical distancing and safety protocols will remain in place through July 2, with the exception that five vehicles are now allowed in the unloading area (up from three).
- Residents are requested to stay home if they are sick and to avoid peak demand times (Tuesday mornings and Saturdays).
- Residents are encouraged to pay with exact cash or write a check (so they don't have to make change out of the cash box).
- Residents must stop at the attendant booth to get instructions and pay for any fee items.
- “Senior Hours” for residents over the age of 65 or with special medical considerations are on Thursdays from 10-2.
- Attendants will not be handling bagged waste or assisting with unloading.
- Attendants will wear a face covering in all areas where social distancing is not possible and carry a covering with them at all times.
- Used tissues, wipes, paper towels, latex or rubber gloves, or other protective / used cleaning supplies are not allowed in the recycling. Please put them in the trash.
- Plastic film is currently not being accepted at the facility due to COVID-19.
- Public meet-ups and socializing are prohibited.

Public Meetings and Communication:

- Phone and email are still the best way to reach municipal staff and appointed and elected officials. Call the Town Office or visit the website for this information.
- The town website continues to be an excellent resource. It is located at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org). Sign up for [E-Alerts](#) to get important news and updates.
- We are experimenting with “in-person” meetings of up to 10 people on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Giles Hall. It appears that we have a total capacity (with proper social distancing) of approximately 24. That said, we will continue to hold public meetings and hearings remotely through the month of June whenever possible while also making the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor available. All “in-person” meeting attendees are required to wear a face covering. If they are not able to do so they are welcome to participate remotely.
- The number and frequency of “in-person” meetings will be closely monitored and proper and complete sanitization will happen in between meetings.
- Those interested in attending, listening, or watching remotely should look for web conference and teleconference links and instructions on their meeting notices and agendas.  
**This information is required to be public so the public can be engaged.**

Community Needs and Volunteering:

The volunteer response to our Community Coronavirus Response is outstanding. Many thanks are due to our volunteer coordinator (and Librarian) Melissa Small for organizing and implementing the program, and securing a \$1,000 grant to help fund it!

- To date several volunteers have responded to various community needs
- Those needing assistance, or aware of a need, should contact the Town Office at (207) 685-4939 or [Sign Up Online to Request Assistance!](#)
- Volunteers may contact the Town Office at (207) 685-4939 or [Sign Up Online to Volunteer!](#)



## Food Boxes



- Food Boxes will be given out Fridays from 3-4 pm at the High School.
- If you have received a box from the school, we will count you as needing one weekly. **If you have never gotten a box**, please contact your nurse to be added to the list.
- Nurses:
  - Readfield and Wayne Elementary:  
jada\_clark@maranacook.com
  - Manchester and Mt Vernon Elementary:  
erin\_foth@maranacook.com
  - Maranacook Middle School:  
angela\_palmer@maranacook.com  
vicky\_gabrion@maranacook.com
  - Maranacook High School:  
anya\_davidson@maranacook.com
- This service will continue as long as supplies last.
- Non-perishable food donations are welcome! Please drop them in the foyer at the High School between 9-3 weekdays. If you would like to send a check, make it payable to RSU#38 with Food Pantry in the subject line. Thank you!
- Look at the district website for updates:
  - Website: [www.maranacook.org](http://www.maranacook.org)
  - Call Dr. Conway (458-1223) with questions

School Breakfast and Lunches are being handed out on Mondays and Wednesdays at Mt. Vernon Elementary between 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please just show up if you would like this service for your family.

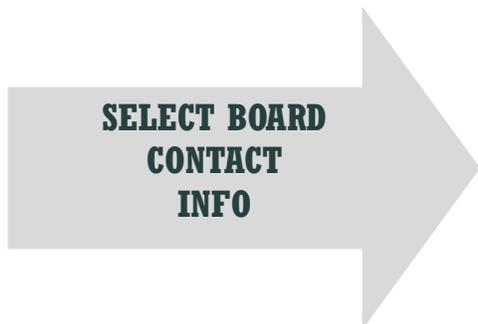
The Maranacook School Pantry is accepting food and / or monetary donations daily from those able to contribute. We are supplying food boxes every Friday for approximately 30-35 families. The pantry provides food all year long to residents of RSU #38 and Fayette but requests have been increasing the past three weeks. Food donations can be dropped off daily at the high school lobby between 9-3. Monetary donations can be mailed to:

RSU #38 Food Pantry  
45 Millard Harrison Drive  
Readfield, ME 04355

To request a family food box call a school nurse or 685-4923 and leave a message.

Thank you and stay as safe as possible through this health crisis.

Maranacook Community School students and staff thank you for your support of our food pantry that is funded through donations.



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<b>Woodsum, Kathryn Mills:</b>	(207) 685-9094 kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org



**JULY 14, 2020**

# **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

***STATE PRIMARY ELECTION &***

***TOWN MEETING WARRANT/SECRET BALLOT VOTING***

- Absentee Ballot requests are currently being accepted. To minimize interaction with others during this public health pandemic (COVID-19), you may prefer voting absentee. Casting an absentee ballot is convenient and secure.
- You must be a registered voter in the Town of Readfield. To register to vote, or for questions concerning voter registration, contact the Clerk at 685-4939.
- How to request a ballot:
  - Online, visit the Town website [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or State website [www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl](http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl)
  - Call the Town Office at 685-4939 and we can take your request over the phone – *phone requests must be made directly by the voter and the voter must speak with Town Office staff; voice mail and email requests are not accepted per State of Maine law.*
  - Mail a ballot application to the Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Rd., Readfield, ME 04355.
- Absentee Ballots will be mailed to you during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Absentee Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the Town Office DROP BOX by the voter OR an immediate family member.
- For this election, there are no time restrictions on requesting/returning your ballot, other than it must be received by 8 pm on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- To return your ballot on Election Day, PLEASE NOTE the polling location has been changed to: *Readfield Elementary School Gym at 84 South Rd.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE**

**TOWN OFFICE at 685-4939 or at**

**[www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)**



# Select Board Member Dennis Price Running for Re-election

Hello Friends,

My name is Dennis Price. I live on the P Ridge Road. Its real name is the Palmetter Ridge Road, but nobody calls it that. In fact, you may still not know exactly where I'm talking about, so I'll cut to the chase: it's the road to Elvin's Farm. That usually helps most folks pinpoint the location.

If you don't know me, that's just fine. If you didn't know I'm running for Select Board, that's probably fine, as well. If you don't know I'm running for *re-election to the Select Board, that's probably the best. It means you have been able to live in Readfield, enjoy the incredible resources and beauty, and be a part of a community that cares about and for each other without having to worry about me or hearing my name.*

After serving on the Select Board for three years, I have received an education in what it takes to help run, promote, and preserve a place like Readfield. Originally, I ran for this Board because I was tired of watching things happen without a frame of reference or involvement. Now I'm running again, because I want to continue learning and doing my part to help guide our town.

In my time on the Board, we have addressed the issues of property tax relief, broadband connectivity, and alternative energy. I have supported the development of new trails, new programs for our seniors, and new renovations to the library and fire station. I have watched these investments translate to strong home sales, new home construction, and home renovations. People want to build a life and live in Readfield because it's a great place. I'm proud of that.

Over the last two months, we have adapted to a way of life that is much different than the one we were living a year ago. Because of this crisis, I have watched people who were scared, worried, and alone be lifted up by the critical volunteers and supporters that make up our local infrastructure of empathy. That's Readfield. That's the town I love living in. I'm proud of that, too.

Readfield is full of dedicated folks that are willing to answer the call, no matter what it may be. I am thankful for my time on the Select Board, and look forward to helping navigate the next three years with pride and purpose.

I appreciate your vote and your trust on July 14th.

Sincerely,

Dennis Price  
Readfield Select Board Candidate

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# CURRENT BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

If you are interested in joining please complete the appointment application at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or you can fill out a paper application and submit it to the town office.

It's that time of year again when there will be terms expiring on all committees and boards. The process is now open for people who may want to join a board or committee to put your applications in. If you are interested in a certain committee contact the office and submit an application. In addition to terms expiring we also have the following openings:

<u>Age Friendly Committee:</u>	1 member (2021)
<u>Cobbossee Watershed District:</u>	1 alt rep (2021)
<u>Conservation Commission:</u>	1 alt member (2022)
<u>Heritage Days Committee:</u>	Many volunteer opportunities for 2020!
<u>Local School Board Advisory:</u>	terms: 2020, 2021 & 2022
<u>Planning Board:</u>	3 Alt-terms 2022, 2023, & 2024
<u>Recreation Committee:</u>	1 vacancy (6/2020)
<u>Road Committee:</u>	3 vacancies (all 2022)
<u>Solid Waste &amp; Recycling Committee:</u>	1 member (2022)
<u>Trails Committee:</u>	4 members: 2 (2021) & 2 (2022); 1 alt (2020)



**Readfield Church**  
A Place For All

## Jesse Lee Meeting House Update



We want to sincerely thank the community for all the donations toward the renovation of Jesse Lee Meeting House. We have reached our fundraising efforts and with private donations coming in at 2/3 of our targeted renovation campaign along with our Ramsdell Memorial Fund we have enough funds to complete the project. As of today, we have new doors and in June the exterior work will began. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we would have celebrated the 225<sup>th</sup> celebration of Jesse Lee. Unfortunately, this cannot happen. The committee has decided to celebrate next summer which will be the 226<sup>th</sup> celebration. Stay tuned to updates.

Readfield United Methodist Church currently has no date for reopening. We will gather for worship via Zoom at least until the end of June. Visit our webpage for the link. [ReadfieldChurch.org](http://ReadfieldChurch.org). All are we welcome to join in our Zoom services.

**TOWN OF READFIELD**  
**APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

OFFICE USE
DATE RECEIVED

The Select Board shall not discriminate against an applicant based on religion, age, sex, marital status, race color, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation or physical or mental disabilities. The Select Board may exclude from consideration any applicant with physical or mental disabilities only when the physical or mental handicap would prevent the applicant from performing the duties of the appointment and reasonable accommodation cannot be made.

The Select Board shall have final authority over the appointment of citizens to Boards, Committees and Commissions that are instruments of Town Government. The Select Board shall not appoint an applicant to a position for which the applicant will likely have a frequent or recurring conflict of interest.

**Which Board, Committee or Commission**

are you applying for?  Term:

Do you have previous experience on this board or committee?  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Below please tell us of any experience and/or training that might be useful in this position.**

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**Below please tell us the reason you are interested in applying for this position.**

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**If you are currently employed, what is your position?**

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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT FOR:**

Name:  Position:  Term:

"By signing this application for this position the Applicant understands and agrees that the information contained in this application is required by law to be available for public viewing and agrees to hold the Town of Readfield harmless from any misuse of the application information by anyone viewing it. As a member of this board, committee or commission

Check one!

- I approve the use of my e-mail and phone numbers on the Town's public sites and publications.
- I DO NOT approve the use of my e-mail and phone numbers on any of the Town's public sites or publications.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK'S USE BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT**

This is a Consecutive Re-Appointment  Yes  No

Was this position advertised?  Yes  No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation from Applicant of attendance at Select Board Meeting if required.  Yes  No

Confirmed meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**SELECT BOARD APPROVAL**

To  of Readfield, in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine: There being a position on the  we the Select Board of the Municipality of Readfield do, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Maine, hereby appoint you to said position within and for the Municipality of Readfield, such appointment to be effective:

thru . Given under our hand this  day of  20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Bourgoine

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph F. Eno, Jr.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Price

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Sammons

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Mills Woodsum

**CLERK'S USE AFTER THE APPOINTMENT**

Chair has been notified of appointment?  Yes  No If yes, what date:

Is an Oath appropriate:  Yes  No If yes, what date:

Revised 07/09/2019 for in office use.

## GREAT NEWS! Beginning on JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>—

- Library **will begin to accept book returns to outside Book Drop ONLY**
- Library **will open for Curbside Pickup Lending Services** (see details below); no in-library lending just yet
- Library **will add Beanstack** (reading challenge software) for use with Summer Reading program
- Library **will continue** FREE online offerings for cardholders of:
  - Cloud Library — <https://www.yourcloudlibrary.com/>
  - Digital Maine Library—<https://library.digitalmaine.org/>
  - Ancestry.com—<https://library.digitalmaine.org/>
  - TumbleBookLibrary— [www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com) [Username: booktime Password: trial]
- Library **will continue** to offer 24/7 Wifi to the parking lot
- Library **will continue** email, telephone, and videoconference support for patron questions
- Library **will continue** to process NEW library cards in a remote, paperless fashion
- Library **will continue** online programming for children and adults

## Details of New Curbside Pickup Lending Services beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>

- Patrons may call (207-685-4089) or email ([librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org)) to request library items.
- The card catalog is available online at the library website (go to the "[Catalog](#)" tab). Efforts will be made (via email and website) to let patrons know of all [new materials](#) acquired thus far in 2020. Please feel free to ask the Librarian for book suggestions.
- Patrons should schedule (by phone or email) a curbside pick-up time appointment during regular library hours.
- Patrons may check out all types of materials (books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, puzzles, state park pass, etc.).
- Check out period will be 2 weeks, as usual.
- Adults will be limited to 5 items at a time for checkout, and children may check out up to 10 items.
- Your materials will be placed in a bag clearly marked with a ticket number and put on a table behind the library for you to pick up at your appointment time. Note that only one person is allowed in the curbside pick-up area at a time. If weather is not conducive to leaving materials outside, we may reschedule the pickup time.
- Renewals should be done by calling/emailing the library.
- Note that procedures for safe handling of library materials will be followed. All returned materials will be placed in "quarantine" for 7 days prior to being checked back in and returned to the library shelves to minimize the possibility of the virus spread. All library materials are handled by staff/volunteers with gloves.

**Home Delivery**—Homebound patrons may contact the Library to request home delivery of library materials. Volunteers will practice social distancing, wear face coverings, and use hand sanitizer and/or gloves when making deliveries to the outside of people's homes.

## We thank the community for their patience during our time of limited and/or suspended services.

Please note that the plans for phased reopening of library services are being made and continually re-evaluated by the Librarian, the Board of Trustees, and Town Officials with the health and safety of patrons, volunteers, staff, and the Readfield community at large as a primary objective. These plans are made in accordance with guidance and requirements from the Maine State Library and the Maine Library Commission (*COVID19 Prevention Checklist: Public Library Guidance* approved by the MLC on May 20, 2020) and the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (*COVID19 Prevention Checklist Industry Guidance: Phase 2 Public and Community Buildings* released by DECD on May 20, 2020). Please contact the Librarian with any questions regarding the plan. Please see the library website's "COVID-19 Response/Info" page for the most updated information:

<https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/covid-19-response-info/>

## LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE—Please follow/like us!

If you don't already follow the Readfield Community Library on Facebook, please do so! Our Facebook page is a good place to look for library updates and online resources available to our patrons and the Readfield community. If you have a moment, please feel free to write a **Facebook REVIEW** of the Readfield Community Library.

<https://www.facebook.com/Readfield-Community-Library-278332798866528/>

## EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE LIBRARY

If you would like to receive emails of library happenings, please contact the Librarian to be placed on the email list. We generally send 2 emails monthly—the monthly newsletter and the list of newly-acquired materials. However, in the last 2 months we have been sending more frequent emails to keep patrons up to date with all of the continually evolving changes.



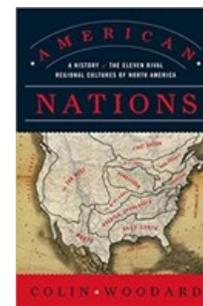
## UPCOMING EVENTS



## STORY TIME (via ZOOM!)

Please join the Readfield Community Library online via ZOOM each week on **Thursday mornings at 9:30am** for songs, activities, and BOOKS, of course! Simply email the Librarian at [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to receive ZOOM login information. Zoom Story Time programs will continue through the end of June.

## JUNE BOOK GROUP



Our June book group will meet on **Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30pm**. The book to be discussed will be the nonfiction selection *American Nations* by Maine author Colin Woodard. We hope to hold this meeting outside (behind the library) in a physically distanced fashion, as long as the weather permits. If weather is uncooperative, we will meet by Zoom. The Zoom login ID for the June Book Group is 837 9289 8822.

## beanstack SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The library has acquired a free Beanstack account (thanks to the efforts of the Maine State Library) and we will offer this reading challenge software for families to use for our Summer Reading Program. Look for more details about the Summer Reading Program and Beanstack later in June!

## Library Hours:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>3pm-7pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>1pm-7pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>

# REVENUES & EXPENSES

Readfield  
11:14 AM

## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
April

04/30/2020  
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R MONTH - Debits	MONTH - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,106,288.00	1,570.16	35,688.51	5,630,863.68	475,424.32	92.21
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,355.40	-7,355.40	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	31,771.00	0.00	210.72	37,680.31	-5,909.31	118.60
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,122.00	0.00	1,305.00	11,305.00	9,817.00	53.52
40 - PROTECTION	3,350.00	0.00	0.00	5,270.40	-1,920.40	157.33
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,738.15	-1,738.15	104.97
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	586,646.00	0.00	970.51	39,689.37	546,956.63	6.77
70 - SOLID WASTE	191,025.00	0.00	17,149.15	172,121.83	18,903.17	90.10
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	16,344.00	0.00	0.00	1,476.26	14,867.74	9.03
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,250.00	0.00	131.60	131.60	2,118.40	5.85
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>6,993,796.00</b>	<b>1,570.16</b>	<b>55,455.49</b>	<b>5,942,732.00</b>	<b>1,051,064.00</b>	<b>84.97</b>

Readfield  
11:11 AM

## Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
April

04/30/2020  
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R MONTH - Debits	MONTH - Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	485,750.00	44,880.38	1,771.90	381,938.47	103,811.53	78.63
12 - Maintenance	135,175.00	11,472.32	0.00	92,163.79	43,011.21	68.18
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,850.00	0.00	0.00	3,180.99	4,669.01	40.52
25 - COMM SERVICE	65,037.00	5,825.02	0.00	55,314.45	9,722.55	85.05
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	37,412.00	960.12	0.00	21,759.54	15,652.46	58.16
40 - PROTECTION	132,200.00	2,563.75	0.00	91,614.04	40,585.96	69.30
50 - CEMETERIES	17,000.00	1,074.56	0.00	1,369.89	15,630.11	8.06
60 - Rds & Drain	370,578.00	29,268.02	0.00	292,403.03	78,174.97	78.90
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	1,116,070.00	40,152.82	0.00	429,585.50	686,484.50	38.49
70 - SOLID WASTE	300,700.00	25,838.50	0.00	231,606.65	69,093.35	77.02
75 - EDUCATION	3,710,394.00	309,199.51	0.00	3,091,994.98	618,399.02	83.33
80 - REGIONAL ORG	47,852.00	0.00	0.00	35,195.08	12,656.92	73.55
81 - COUNTY TAX	285,400.00	0.00	0.00	285,399.45	0.55	100.00
85 - DEBT SERVICE	184,673.00	0.00	0.00	184,672.25	0.75	100.00
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	93,205.00	0.00	0.00	20,221.95	72,983.05	21.70
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	188.00	4,312.00	4.18
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>6,993,796.00</b>	<b>471,235.00</b>	<b>1,771.90</b>	<b>5,218,608.06</b>	<b>1,775,187.94</b>	<b>74.62</b>

## Spirit of America Awards 2020



The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine Municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for outstanding community service. The Town will be accepting one page nominations through May 29th. Nominations will be submitted to the Select Board and recipients recognized at the Volunteer Appreciation Event this summer. Please send nominations to [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org) or by mail to Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd, Readfield, ME 04355. You can also submit nominations in the drop box located on the right side of the Town Office building.

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."*

Muhammad Ali

LAST CALL -  
PLEASE SUBMIT  
YOUR NOMINATIONS  
NO LATER THAN JUNE 11

# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

*Submitted by Greg Durgin*



May continued the pattern of previous months with increased usage of town trails. With warmer temperatures and increased daylight, residents are out and about running and hiking, not only on the Fairgrounds trails, but the Esker Trail located at the RSU #38 bus garage area on North Road as well as the KLT Rosmarin property trail off Nickerson Hill are increasing in popularity and usage.

A recent work day sponsored by the Readfield Conservation Commission at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve did some repairs to the parking lot area that had been damaged over the winter as well as fixing some bog bridging on the trails. Sand Hill cranes have been spotted near the viewing platform on the shore of Torsey Pond.

A Readfield book club recently purchased a well shaped Sugar Maple tree in honor of recently deceased RTC member Ken Clark. Club members and the Clark family joined RTC and RCC members in planting the tree on the edge of the McDougald trail as it enters the woods. Donations to the RTC from neighbors and friends of the Clark family in honor of Ken will be used to place a resting bench by the tree in the near future.

RTC members have made a couple of excursions to the Carleton Pond area to start the process of locating a hiking trail on the east side of the pond. The committee is working with Readfield resident and Greater Augusta Utility District manager Brian Tarbuck to provide more access for hiking on the property. After the trail location is flagged and final approval is granted, the physical work of making the trail should start this summer. Trails member Rob Peale has taken the lead on this project.

As June approaches and the official start to summer arrives on the 20th, please keep you and your family safe as Maine continues to open up. Safe distancing and mask usage on our town properties is always a great idea during this time to protect you and everyone else.

## Mount Vernon Food Bank

### *Changes at the Food Bank*

The First Baptist Food Bank is helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 by enacting policies that will continue until the virus is no longer a concern.



Only one person from the household (the driver) should come to the food bank. **When you arrive at the food bank, please remain in your vehicle and leave all windows closed.** A volunteer will get your name, address and phone number. New customers will not be asked to fill out an application at this time. Pre-packed boxes and bags will be brought up to the vehicle.

If you are ill and can not get to the food bank, please use your emergency bag before asking for someone to deliver food to you. If you live in Mt. Vernon, Vienna or Fayette, please call Neighbors Driving Neighbors at 860-0677 by Wednesday to see if they can deliver on Saturday. If you live in Readfield, call Bob Peterson at 685-7292. Otherwise, call the food bank (293-2141) on Saturday between 8 and 10 a.m. and we will try to ar-



## Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot

**WHEN:** July 14, 2020 from 8am until 8pm

**WHERE:** Readfield Elementary School Gymnasium  
(84 South Rd.)

**HOW:** Absentee voting is strongly encouraged as a matter of public health, but in-person balloting will be available with precautions.

For more information on the budget, warrant, and absentee balloting please visit the town website at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or call the Town Office at 685-4939.

## 30 Mile River Watershed Association

Boating season has begun and on Memorial Day weekend the 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30MRWA) kicked off the start of the summer season with the return of its Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program. Invasive species pose a serious threat to our lakes and ponds in the watershed and boat inspections are an essential first line of defense. With the sunny, warm weather, boat launches were busy, and on this first weekend our team of six staff conducted 157 courtesy boat inspections at four launches from Vienna to Wayne. During these challenging and unique times, the safety of boaters and our staff is our top priority, so this season we have made some changes to our protocols, following guidance from the CDC and the Maine DEP, such as wearing masks, keeping physical distance, and not touching boats or equipment.

If you launch your boat without a CBI present, please remember to do your part to protect our waters from invasive plants and animals and **clean, drain, and dry**. Clean plant debris, mud and algae from all boating and fishing gear and dispose of it in the trash or on high, dry ground where there is no danger of it washing into the water. Drain the live well, bilge water and engine water away from the water body. Dry anything that comes into contact with the water. Drying your boat, trailer and equipment in the sun for at least five days is recommended if rinsing your boat, trailer parts and other equipment with hot, high pressure water is not an option.

As more people are getting outdoors this season, our mission of working as a community for clean and healthy lakes, ponds and streams in our watershed is as important as ever. To learn about our other programs, such as LakeSmart, the Youth Conservation Corps, water quality monitoring and the Invasive Plant Patrol, please visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).





# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

Message to the Residents of RSU #38,

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you about the 2020 - 2021 school year budget. The administrative staff and the directors have worked very hard to bring in a budget that strives to meet the goal of promoting student success in all areas, as we strive for academic excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

At the start of this process I set a goal of having an increase of 2% or less. We realized a few important facts that would be in play as we developed a budget including: the support provided by our towns in the passage last year's facilities improvement bond as well as acknowledging that health insurance and salaries play a major portion of the school budget. We also received good news from the State of Maine that their share of funding would be increasing by a little over \$300,000. This of course was well before the Covid-19 health care crisis changed our world quickly and dramatically. The minor increases in various departments can be directly attributed to the previously mentioned bond, insurances, and salaries otherwise departments came in at or below the 2019 - 2020 school year appropriations. In addition, being mindful of the impact of Covid-19 to our communities and taxpayers, we made the choice to take money we were able to save due to our schools converting to remote learning and carry it forward in an effort to reduce the local contributions of our towns. You will see that our budget although increased by 1.7% over last year and through strategic savings and reduced expenditures each town will see a reduction in their local contribution.

Please consider supporting the 2020-2021 school year budget as it does represent a concerted effort to balance the needs of all of our students and being fiscally responsible to our communities. I encourage everyone to review the RSU 38 process and the various documents we have shared which can be found at <https://www.maranacook.org/o/rsu-38/page/fy-21-budget-documents>.

Please reach out with questions or clarifications at any time by contacting me at 685-3336 or through email at [jay\\_charette@maranacook.org](mailto:jay_charette@maranacook.org). Thank you for your support as we continue to meet our goal of being a caring school community dedicated to excellence.

Sincerely,  
Superintendent Jay Charette

RSU #38 Board of Directors  
Revised Meeting Schedule

**June 17 – Annual Meeting, gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.**  
*July 14 (Referendum vote at individual towns)*

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



“Old Nels Gordon”  
Store, Sawmill and Grain Mill

Some of the Nelson Gordon enterprises that once existed at Readfield Depot. This is a slide from “The Rise and Decline of Readfield Depot”.



Ruel Adams, Nelson Gordon and Frank Ramsey



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## SPRING SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTERS

If you are an RHS member the current issue of our newsletter may have already reached your mailbox. Since our building will not be open except by appointment this summer we are placing them at several locations in town – so pick one up and enjoy. As always there are historical articles, photos and RHS updates. Among the articles included this time are: 1) Some Readfield Epidemics in the Past; 2) Reforesting Readfield; 3) The Long Depression; 4) Ebenezer Fifield family Genealogy; 5) Women’s Suffrage plus more.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH TAKES ON A NEW FACE, FOR NOW

Each week since the “pandemic shutdown” began Dale Potter-Clark has shared some of the presentations she has done over the past six years. The eighth and ninth presentations were added in May, titled “The Rise and Decline of Readfield Depot”; and “Kents Hill from Farmland to Village”. To view them join or ask to join the “Readfield Historical Society Group” that is listed near the top of the RHS Facebook page. Then click on the popular topic(s) you wish to peruse.

## RHS SPRING - SUMMER PLANS

Although we’ll miss seeing some of you in person this summer we have made the following decisions to help keep us all safe and healthy. RHS will be open by appointment only this summer, with the understanding that visitors will wear their **own** masks. RHS will provide hand sanitizer for use upon entering the building. There will not be any “Readfield History Walks” this spring. The Wine & Cheese is cancelled for this year, but will return in 2021. RHS can be reached by email [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or phone 377-2299. We welcome questions and inquiries for historical information anytime. Visit RHS on Facebook where we add historical information and photos several times a week. We hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time.

Submitted by Dale Potter-Clark  
RHS Secretary

**JUNE WAGNER THE RHS ANNUAL HONOREE**



June Wagner standing back center with her Cub Scout troop in 1959-1960. The other leader is Joanne Hunt

In 1954 June and Alvin Wagner bought a home atop the big hill on North Road that had long been known as Jose Hill, where June remains to this day. Over the years that hill has come to be known as “Wagner Hill”. June & Alvin had three children—Alan, Stuart and Susan. As a young mother she began substitute teaching in Readfield and to work towards attaining her teaching degree from the University of Maine. By 1965 she had secured a teaching position in Wayne where, little did she know, her future daughter-in-law Lorraine was among her 1st and 2nd grade students. June also taught in Mt. Vernon and Manchester during her nearly 40 years of teaching. She enjoys hearing from former students to this day. June was so proud of Alvin and the work he did for the State of Maine Department of Parks and Recreation as a civil engineer. He designed many of our State Parks including Lily Bay, Reid, Sebago and Presque Isle. During summer vacations June and the children oftentimes accompanied Alvin and stayed for weeks at a time, in the areas where he was working. June also served as a Cub Scout leader and for some years she was president of the Winthrop Professional Womens’ Assoc. Recreation included time at their family camp in Athens, square dancing, traveling and time with family and friends. Today, at age 90, June can often be seen riding trails on her 4-wheeler near her home in Readfield; and two years ago she was thrilled when invited to go on a lengthy trail ride from Ellsworth to Machias, Maine. She also enjoys Senior Café on Monday mornings and events sponsored by RHS, the Union Meeting House and time with her children and grandchildren. *June will turn 90 on June 23<sup>rd</sup> so if you see her be sure to wish her Happy Birthday – or send her a card!*



June (L) and Jeanne Harris in 2015 when Bob & Jeanne gave June and Evelyn Potter a boat tour of Lake Maranacook





# AGE FRIENDLY READFIELD



## Age Friendly Readfield Update

After the abrupt but necessary halt to ReadfieldU, the Age Friendly Committee has been taking a respite. With so much uncertainty it did not make sense to meet and plan activities until we have some certainty about what may be allowable.

We have had several Handy Helper requests that we have been able to fulfill. Please remember it doesn't hurt to ask if you have a task or chore you cannot do yourself. If you have questions, check out the Handy Helper brochure on the Town website.

We have participated in the Town's efforts to recruit volunteers to assist those who need assistance obtaining essential services including grocery shopping and going to the pharmacy during this time.

The benches and picnic tables are out at the Fairgrounds, so take advantage of the nice weather and take a walk.

The Age Friendly Committee has one opening that we would like to fill. Please consider becoming a part of this activity.

Stay healthy and safe.




**Every town is an important part of the American story.**

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

**Responding Is Important for Your Community**

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- > Medicare Part B
- > Special education
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- > Cooperative Extension Service
- > Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- > Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

**Responding Is Safe**  
Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

**Responding Is Easy**  
To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

**Every Person Counts**  
Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.

For more information, visit:  
**2020CENSUS.GOV**

Shape your future  
START HERE >

United States\*  
**Census 2020**  
AARP  
Real Possibilities

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# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

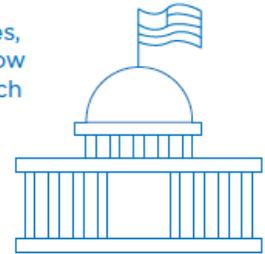


## It's in the constitution.

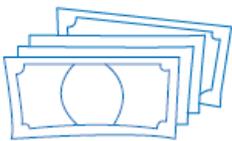
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

## It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

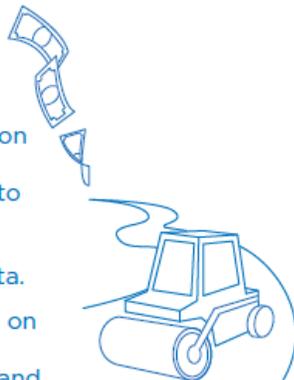


## It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

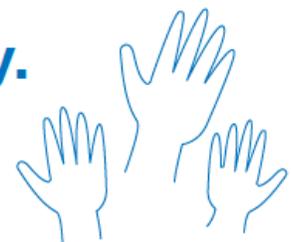


## It's about redistricting.

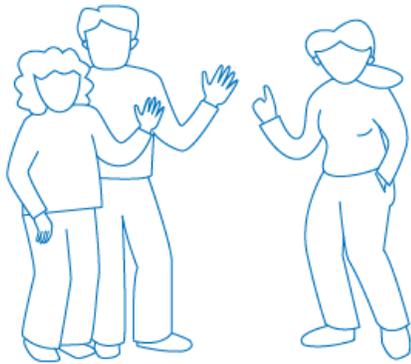
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

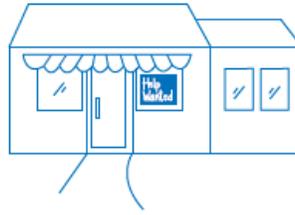
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



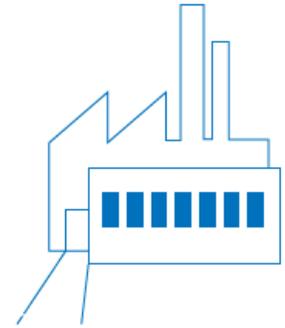
# Census data are being used all around you.



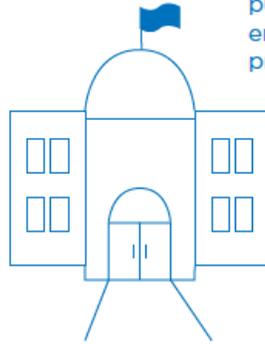
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



# Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



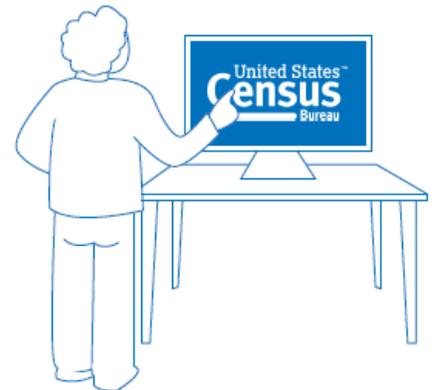
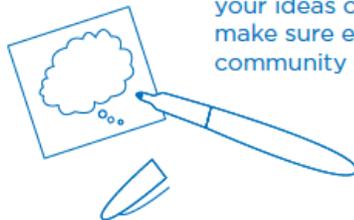
# 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



# You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.





## Operation Updates due to Covid-19



Thanks to everyone who visits the Readfield Transfer Station for doing a super job concerning the recent changes to operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Things will continue to change as restrictions from the State of Maine are implemented or rescinded, so please stay tuned for any updates.

These are the current practices we have implemented:

- All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee.
- Paying by check is preferred and if using cash to please have exact change. We are limiting employees having to handle cash. Payment is to be placed in the mailbox next to the attendant booth and is placed within easy reach for the driver.
- Vehicles may only park in the open spaces without cones to drop off materials. This is to provide social distancing.
- Please do not hang around and visit with other folks as there are usually folks waiting for a space to unload their materials.
- The Swap Shop is closed temporarily until further notice. It will reopen when restrictions from the State allow.
- Plastic film is not being accepted at this time due to the amount of handling required to process the waste on site. We ask that you save this material until we can collect it again this year. Or it may be place in with your household trash.
- Face coverings are not required to be worn as there is more than adequate space for safe social distancing outside with the adjustments we have made.
- Please do not approach the employees within 6'. Our goal is to maintain social distancing for their health and safety.



### Save the Date

Sat July 25<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 12PM

Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer Station!

No charge for permit holders

Registration required; more info next month

WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

## Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic

*Saturday ~ July 18, 2020*



The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic Board of Governors, has regrettably made the decision to cancel the 31st Annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. We sincerely share in the disappointment that will be felt by so many, especially the selected premiere high school participants from throughout the State of Maine.

This extremely difficult decision involved exhausting all efforts in regards to maintaining and providing a safe atmosphere for all involved, including our week long training camps and throughout game day events, while also still maintaining State of Maine and the CDC COVID-19 guidelines in conjunction with directives set forth by the Maine Principals Association in regards to High School sporting activities.

Net proceeds from funds raised will be donated to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children in the name of the 2020 Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic and its Participants.

The Maranacook area representative for the game is **Garit Laliberte**. Garit led the new eight man football team to an outstanding season. Each Player and each Cheerleader, in addition to participating in the game, also work hard to raise donations for the support of the Shriners Hospitals. Although the game is not going to be played, the students are working to support the Hospitals. If you would like to support and honor Garit for his fine job, you can make a donation in his honor. Garit will make the donations through Kora Shrine to the Hospitals.

Please forward the donation made out to the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl to:

Shriner Ed Dodge  
Director of Ambassadors  
PO Box 99  
Readfield, ME 04355



The donation would be a charitable donation.

PERMIT #

A & B

### 2020 Readfield Beach Permit Application

RESIDENT FAMILY PERMIT: (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$60  
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger

RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZENS: (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$25 (individual or couple)  
Age 65 and older (Seniors with minor children in the home are required to purchase a Family Permit)

NON-RESIDENT RENEWAL \$70 (all year)  
Must have purchased a Grandfathered non-resident permit in all the previous consecutive years – NO EXCEPTIONS

NON-RESIDENT: \$85 (all year)

GUEST PASSES: Your Family or Senior Citizen Resident permit is your guest pass and permit holder must remain with guests during visit. Resident Beach permit holders are allowed up to four (4) guests per visit, a maximum of five (5) times per summer without additional fees. Additional guests require additional DAY PASS fees.

ONE WEEK GUEST PASS Permit is valid for seven (7) consecutive days only \$45 Start Date:

DAY PASS Children 5 years old and under no charge \$ 8 / one guest  
\$16 / 2-4 guests

**If you are seeking financial assistance to receive a beach permit, please call Hannah Flannery at 207-685-7385**  
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NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL#: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE PLATE # 1: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

I am a legal resident of: \_\_\_\_\_. I am the legal parent/guardian or grandparent of all the children listed below and they are all 21 or younger. They will be using the beach under this permit and I will be supervising them at all times.

	Name	Age	Name	Age
1			5	
2			6	
3			7	
4			8	

I am interested in learning more about Swim Lessons (price TBD) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No, for a child aged \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about Canoe / Kayak rack rental space (\$40 per season) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I hereby acknowledge that the Town of Readfield does not provide lifeguard services or supervision at the Readfield Beach and therefore users must exercise constant observation and supervision of children and guests at the facility. I understand that this permit can be revoked at any time if policies are abused or information provided does not hold true. Beach rules and procedures are attached. CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT REMAINING ON THE PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be issued ONLY two (2) permits per family. Please know your license plate numbers when completing application, as permits will not be issued without license plate numbers. **ALL Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.**

## **RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH**

1. All users of the property are required to have a season permit or purchase a day pass. Permits \$60.00 (residents), Day Pass \$8.00/single; \$16.00/2-4 persons.
2. Seasonal resident permit holders are allowed up to four (4) guests per visit, a maximum of five (5) times per summer without additional fees. Regular day-pass fees are required for more guests. Guests of non-resident permit holders must pay standard day pass fee (\$8/single guest, \$16/ 2-4 guests).
3. All users of beach, water and property assume all risk. There is **NO LIFEGUARD** available at any time.
4. Beach hours: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.
5. All attendants have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is dangerous.
6. All posted social distancing, user limit, and other public health rules must be followed.
7. All children 14 and under must be supervised by an adult remaining on the property at all times.
8. When arriving at Beach please:
  - a. Drive slowly and use caution in parking area
  - b. Show permit to attendant on duty (or purchase day pass from attendant)
  - c. Keep permit visible on dashboard at all times
9. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
10. No glass of any kind is allowed on the property.
11. No animals of any kind are allowed on the property.
12. All boats (including windsurfers, canoes, and kayaks) are to be kept out of the swim area, and may come ashore on the west side of the beach, outside the buoys.
13. No fishing allowed within the beach buoy area.
14. No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
15. The use of floats and rafts in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the attendant on duty.
16. Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake. Failure to provide a swim diaper for your child while in the water is cause for immediate revoking of your permit.
17. There are no trash cans available anywhere on the Beach property; therefore we have a “carry-in, carry-out” policy for all trash.
18. There is absolutely no tobacco use or vaping allowed anywhere on the property.
19. All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
20. Permit holders wishing to have any group function should call the Readfield Town Office at 207-685-4939 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
21. No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
22. All music must be kept to a level as to not to disturbed others using the beach.
23. All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving.

**Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!**

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

**THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE**  
22 Church Road ~ PO Box 451 Readfield, ME 03455  
*on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982*



Like many other community groups, the Readfield Union Meeting House has put on hold the scheduled activities for the “Meet Me at the Meeting House” Summer series. The Events Committee had worked hard to line up some exciting music groups only to have the Covid-19 take over the center stage. The Board of Directors wants to thank the committee for their work.

Still up in the air is whether the Strawberry Festival scheduled for July 11th will be able to take place in one form or another. Please check our Facebook page for an update on June 10th. We will also have an update in the July Messenger. The status of the state opening up, group sizes, and needing to keep everyone safe are key factors that are being considered by us.

Tony Castro has arrived back on site to work on the final quarter of the ceiling restoration. The Board again wants to thank all who have helped to support the two Ceiling Challenges.

The renovation work in the Vestry kitchen area is continuing under the leadership of Board member Larry Dunn. Included are a couple of pictures showing the scope of this project.

Also included is a picture of the Union Meeting House entry ramp that is being re-painted. A small project that never the less needed to be done. Thank you volunteers.

Nancy Durgin





*An update from  
Senator Shenna Bellows*



Dear Friend,

I hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. I was so moved when American Legion Smith-Wiley Post 4 invited Rep. Thom Harnett and me to join in laying wreaths at memorials across the district. Thank you to all our veterans for their service and to the families of those lost for their sacrifice.

As this pandemic continues, keeping up with social distancing recommendations can be tiring. I want to take a moment to thank you for all the hard work you've been doing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The measures we have taken so far have helped keep so many of our fellow Mainers safe. Wear your masks, not to protect yourself, but to protect others.

That said, the increasing number of cases, job losses and small business struggles, not to mention missed graduations, proms and school for youth, are creating an increased strain on many individuals and families. Save the date: Next Tuesday, June 2, I will be doing a Facebook live from 6 to 7 p.m. with mental health clinicians talking about minding mental health in a pandemic. We'll send out details on Friday!

If you're looking for something exciting today, check out the historic SpaceX launch. Materials on the flight were made at Monmouth's own Tex Tech! Maine's connection to NASA space programs is good news for manufacturers in our state.

Take good care and stay safe,

*Shenna Bellows*

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 Scammers are taking advantage of pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) programs by using the personal information of other people to file fraudulent claims.

**Attorney General Frey and the Maine Department of Labor urge Mainers to**

**HELP REPORT IDENTITY THEFT**

**If this has happened to you, file a complaint **HERE**:  
[www.maine.gov/unemployment/idtheft/](http://www.maine.gov/unemployment/idtheft/)**





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# June 2020



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



	1 TOWN OFFICE REOPENING TODAY!	2	3	4	5 Assessor in	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 6:30 Select Board	16	17 7 PM RSU #38 School Budget Validation Vote @ Maranacook School Gym	18	19 Assessor in	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25 <i>Messenger Articles Due</i>	26	27
28	29	30				

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## Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot

**WHEN:** July 14, 2020 from 8am until 8pm

**WHERE:** Readfield Elementary School Gymnasium  
(84 South Rd.)

**HOW:** Absentee voting is strongly encouraged as a matter of public health, but in-person balloting will be available with precautions.

For more information on the budget, warrant, and absentee balloting please visit the town website at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or call the Town Office at 685-4939.