



July 2020

# Readfield Messenger



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



## Election Day is July 14th!

- POLLS WILL BE OPEN 8 AM—8 PM
- POLLING LOCATION IS READFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM AT 84 SOUTH ROAD
- BALLOTS: State Primary & Referendum, Town Meeting Warrant and RSU #38 Budget Validation Warrant
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING ELECTION DAY
- Please wear a face mask when voting in person on Election Day to help keep our poll workers safe *thank you!*
- If you have election or voter registration questions, please call the clerk at 685-4939

### ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION INSIDE!

### Free Event

Hosted by your Town and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments  
July 25th, 2020 at the Readfield Transfer Station  
14 Recycle Rd, Readfield 8am - Noon

Household Hazardous Waste collection  
for Readfield, Wayne & Fayette

**Do Bring:**



All Battery Types



Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels. (Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene, etc.)



Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not need to be mixed with sand or sawdust)



Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides.



Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals

**Please Do Not Bring:**

- Explosives & Ammunition
- Recyclable Items (Cardboard, all Plastics #1-7, Glass, Metal, Aluminum)
- Solid Waste/Trash
- Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.)

To register for this event, or if you have any questions please contact your local Town Office, or Gabe Gauvin, Environmental Planner. 207-453-4258 ext. 220 [ggauvin@kvcog.org](mailto:ggauvin@kvcog.org)



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## Select Board Corner

Dear Neighbors;

During the past several months I have tried to thank the many individuals who serve on town committees, our experienced and new volunteers, our local first responders, and our dedicated staff who have provided so much unselfish public service during the Coronavirus emergency.

Whenever I offer my gratitude, especially in writing, I am always a bit nervous about leaving someone not appropriately thanked and recognized by my omission. That is why I often aim at recognizing groups rather than specific individuals and I am sure I may even miss an important group on occasion. To that end, such errors are mine and I respectfully apologize for any shortcomings.

However, in this column closing out the fiscal year, I am going to be very specific. I want to express my deep appreciation for the leadership of Chris Sammons, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Dennis Price, and Ralph Eno for their service on our Select Board. Each has also stepped up at this time to keep the governance of Readfield running and dealt with unprecedented concerns.

The Board had to adapt to a new way of meeting for an extended period of time and still work at ensuring that both some of the very ordinary tasks like reviewing town expense warrants to ensuring that larger tasks such as our major buildings project moved along. Members worked hard to keep our budget process on track while also being responsive to the developing crisis and ensured that timely work on ordinances was not set aside. From hearings via Zoom with all of its compromises to a changed date of our town election, adapting to a temporary “new normal” was required. Always, members kept an eye on national, state, and local concerns about Coronavirus to be informed and supportive of measures to protect Readfield.

I am certain that “responding to a pandemic” was not on their radar when each signed up to serve on the Select Board and I hope you’ll join me in thanking Chris, Kathryn, Dennis, and Ralph.

Thank you;  
Bruce Bourgoine  
Select Board Chair



# Town Manager

## Readfield Wood Heat Program Continues for a Third Season

**Volunteers Needed - Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.!**

In the fall of 2018 we launched our “Readfield Wood Heat Program” and several volunteers spent a few weekend days cutting and splitting cordwood to help keep our neighbors warm. The wood we processed, which was loaded and delivered by Town Staff in most cases, was enough to meet the needs of several residents over two heating seasons. Well, the old piles are gone and we’re getting ready to start bucking and splitting again. Two things are different this time around - we’ll be getting an earlier start and we expect that the need for this wood will be greater than ever.

We are going to hold a splitting and stacking session in July to give the wood plenty of time to dry and may follow up with a few more work sessions as the summer progresses. We have a large pile of mostly stove-length wood and we are looking for volunteers to help municipal staff (also volunteering) to work it up and stack it.

We will be meeting at the Transfer Station on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.!** (rain date of Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, same times). I am hopeful we can have 2-3 splitters running with 4-6 helpers feeding material off the pile and clearing the machines. We will also need several volunteers to help stack the wood.

If you plan on volunteering or have questions please contact the Town Office (685-4939) or email me directly at [manager@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:manager@readfieldmaine.org) and let us know your name, phone number, when you’re available (even an hour will help), and if you have any equipment to offer (chainsaw, log splitter, timber jack, wheelbarrow, etc.) As you might expect, everyone operating power equipment will need to have the appropriate skill level and provide their own safety equipment. All volunteers will be required to wear the appropriate safety gear for their task, at a minimum gloves and hearing protection. Liability waivers will be required and provided on site. This year we will have to take a few extra precautions in light of COVID-19 but generally speaking safe wood processing already involves social distancing! I do expect that small teams of household members will help get things done safely and efficiently!

Anyone can help out with this project - whether volunteering their splitter for a day or just tossing split wood on a pile. I look forward to working with some of our past volunteers and seeing some new faces this year! We made a difference with our work and I know we will again! Thank you!

Eric Dyer,  
Readfield Town Manager / General Assistance Administrator



## 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.

### SELECT BOARD CONTACT INFO

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**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 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)**



# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

I hope this edition of the Readfield Messenger finds everyone safe and healthy. As more of us venture out and look for inviting places to spend some time, our town trails are welcoming more and more visitors. While on the trails this past week at the fairgrounds, a couple of walkers stopped me and mentioned that while hiking a few days earlier they counted about 30 different people enjoying one of our town treasures. Fantastic! I also received a call the other night that a baby porcupine was using the short trail leading into the cemetery. A prickly situation to say the least (sorry!).

In early June several members of the RTC and RCC took a hike in the Carlton Pond area with Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) manager Brian Tarbuck to walk a proposed trail that had been flagged by RTC member Rob Peale. GAUD has given permission for a hiking trail to be built in the not too distant future for public use. RTC will keep updating through the Messenger as work progresses

The loop trail around the fairgrounds parking lot has been completed. You may recall that for safety reasons during high use times, especially in the spring, a trail was designed to be built outside the large rocks that would connect the North Trail to the McDougall Trail and provide a safe route for bikers, carriages, runners, and hikers to use instead of having to cut through the parking lot and traffic. Thank you to Anna Carl for doing a great job.

Another safety concern is the presence of poison ivy in some sections of the fairgrounds trails. Although not literally on the trails, the plants are maybe a foot or so off the trail so best to stay on the groomed paths. The most prevalent area is on the south east section of trail that leads down to the kiosk near Route 17 after passing the stone bench. There is also a patch on the Library Pathway on the left hand side at the corner where the path bends towards Church Road.

I know we are barely into summer but looking ahead to fall and the start of school, RTC has for years joined with Kents Hill School and Maranacook High School to work with groups of staff and students on their community service days. Last April's day with KHS was canceled due to the virus and we are not sure what will transpire this fall. Naturally everyone's safety is paramount.

In June's Messenger it was noted that a group of residents joined Ken Clark's family for a memorial tree planting at the fairgrounds. Ken was an active member of the RTC for several years and a town book club wished to honor his memory and work by placing a sugar maple tree in his memory. Donations to the RTC in Ken's memory total over \$2,500. A resting bench is planned to be placed near the tree. Thank you to all who have donated in Ken's memory. Your generosity is appreciated.

Have a peaceful and safe summer and enjoy all Readfield has to offer. Keep an eye out for the wildlife that shares our spaces and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Submitted by Greg Durgin



*Plaque inscription:  
"Fiesta Sugar Maple  
in fond memory of  
Ken Clark."*





## Road work 2020 RFP update

*Submitted by Anna Carll, Deputy Road Commissioner*

J Pratt construction was awarded the bid for the 2020 Road Work RFP. Over the course of the past 2 weeks several driveway and cross culverts were replaced. Ratt Mill Hill Road had ditching done and an additional 688 ton of material has been added to ensure proper drainage. The owner of J Pratt Construction, along with the foreman and crew were great to work with and provided clear communication on the status of all projects.



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Assessor, David Ledew:  
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## Board/Committee openings as of July 2020

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2021)
- Budget Committee: 1 member (2023)
- Cemetery Committee: 1 member (2023)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 alt rep (2021)
- Conservation Commission: 1 alt member (2022)
- Heritage Days Committee: Many volunteer opportunities for 2020!
- Local School Board Advisory: terms: 2020, 2021 & 2022
- Planning Board: 1 member (2023) & 3 Alternates-terms 2022, 2023, & 2024
- Recreation Committee: 1 vacancy (2023)
- Road Committee: 3 vacancies (all 2022)
- Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 2 vacancies (2022 & 2023)
- Trails Committee: 4 member terms: 2021 (2) & 2022 (2); one Alternate 2023

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees/boards please complete the appointment application at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or stop by the Town Office for an application.



**Week 1 -- Home Improvement Scams**

With economic recovery checks arriving in bank accounts, scammers are lurking trying to separate recipients from their needed financial resources. One way this is happening is shady contractors showing up at people’s front door offering to fix their roof or driveway at a discounted price. These scams usually start with a deep discount and a down payment and then the friendly contractor disappears.

Beware of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happen to be in your neighborhood. And always get at least three bids and check references.

**Week 2 – Do Me a Favor Scam**

The current “new normal” of so many people working from home has opened a wide window for scammers. They are taking advantage of so much work and decision-making being conducted by e-mail.

One such scam involves a “boss” emailing to ask an employee to help purchase gift cards, and once purchased, to share the information on the cards. It’s only later the employee realizes that the boss’s email address was spoofed, and the money is long gone. There are variations on the theme, and [a recent episode of AARP’s \*The Perfect Scam\* podcast](#) shares how this happened to Shark Tank’s Barbara Corcoran.

**Week 3 – Travel Scams**

Summer has arrived and people are starting to venture out. With lots of pent up energy and a need for a good deal, travel scams are booming. So remember, as you search for savings on lodging and flights, keep a sharp eye out for deceptive offers and outright scams that could cost you a bundle. Common scams include lookalike websites for airlines and popular travel companies, emails offering free flights but requiring credit card information or click to links that download malicious software.

To ensure a safe summer getaway, be wary of hotel or airline deals that are just too good to be true and be on the lookout for websites with odd spelling or grammatical errors, which indicate it may have been created by a scammer in a foreign country.

**Week 4 – Avoiding Health Care Scams**

Fraudsters follow the headlines, taking advantage when an outbreak like coronavirus, Ebola or swine flu makes global news. Until there is a readily available treatment and vaccine for this outbreak, we can expect these scams to continue.

Be skeptical of claims made for untested or little-known health products and closely check email and web addresses in messages purporting to be from major health organizations like the CDC and WHO. Most importantly, never give out your Medicare or health insurance information to anyone other than your trusted health care providers.

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

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you’ve fallen victim.

# JULY 2020 LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## GREAT NEWS!

### The library building will re-OPEN to the public beginning July 6th!!

Please follow the guidelines below to help us open up library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe.

- The number of patrons in the library at one time will be limited—2 patrons at first, then increasing over time (following state guidelines).
- Please look for a GOLDEN TICKET hanging at the library side door—if a ticket is there, you may take it and enter the library! If not, please wait outside for a ticket. This will help us limit patron numbers.
- Inside the library, physical distancing (of 6+ ft.) and facial coverings are required of all patrons, staff, and volunteers. Curbside Pickup service is available to those who cannot wear a mask.
- Please follow signs and safety procedures posted in the library. There will be one-way foot traffic inside the building.
- Please limit your library visit to 15 minutes or less.
- Note that the patron computer will not be available. However, WiFi printing is available from personal phones/tablets/laptops. The photocopier is also available to make copies.



Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. We cannot guarantee a completely safe space. Library visitors are entering with this knowledge of risk.

## CONTINUING SERVICES

- Library *will continue* Curbside Pickup Lending Services (see details below)
- Library *will continue* to accept book returns to outside Book Drop ONLY
- Library *will continue* FREE online offerings for cardholders of:
  - Cloud Library — <https://www.yourcloudlibrary.com/>
  - Digital Maine Library—<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 fashion if needed
- Library *will continue* Home Delivery services for homebound patrons

Library Hours	
Mondays	3pm-7pm
Tuesdays	10am-4pm
Wednesdays	1pm-7pm
Saturdays	10am-4pm

## Details of Curbside Pickup Lending Services

- Patrons may call (207-685-4089) or email ([librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org)) to request or renew library items, and to schedule a curbside pick-up time appointment during regular library hours.
- 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.
- Your materials will be placed in a bag clearly marked with a ticket number and put on a table in the library parking lot 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.
- 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 virus spread. Library materials are handled by staff/volunteers with gloves.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

We thank the community for their patience during the Library's time of limited services, and as we navigate our **phased reopening**. 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!

<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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STORY TIME at the BEACH!—July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursdays 9:30am)



Please join the Readfield Community Library at the Readfield Town Beach each week on **Thursday mornings at 9:30am for STORY TIME beginning on July 9th!** In honor of Maine's Bicentennial, each week we will **explore themes of Maine**, as well as books written or illustrated by Maine authors. Bring a blanket or chairs for your family—we will be practicing physical distancing between family units.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!—July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, the Library will launch the **2020 Summer Reading Challenge "Imagine your Maine Story!"** Children and teens ages 0-18 may participate using our new reading challenge software **Beanstack** (made possible through funding from the Maine State Library). Readers log their minutes and earn badges that unlock progress rewards, as well as tickets for exciting raffle prizes! Families may register on or after July 6<sup>th</sup>—check the Library website or facebook page for details. Paper log sheets will also be available for those who choose not to use the Beanstack app.



### "Read ME" ADULT SUMMER READ PROGRAM through Maine Humanities Council

Delve into books this summer by 2 Maine authors Jaed Coffin and Patricia O'Donnell, recommended by another Maine author, Lily King!

*"Read ME is a statewide community read that gets Maine adults all reading two books recommended by a well-known Maine author. For 2020, our recommending author **Lily King** has chosen **Roughhouse Friday** by Jaed Coffin and **The Vigilance of Stars** by Patricia O'Donnell. The summer reading season will include a special episode of **Maine Calling** on July 17, featuring this year's authors."*

In addition to the Maine Calling episode on Maine Public Radio on July 17 at 1:00pm, there will be Zoom Events with the authors in August, sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine State Library. Also, the Readfield Community Library will plan to use these 2 books for our own library Book Group discussions (hopefully in person!) in September and October. Stay tuned for details and dates, but in the meantime, the books should be available for lending from the Readfield Community Library in mid-July. We are grateful to the Friends of the Readfield Community Library, who have generously sponsored the purchase of several copies of each of these books.

FMI: <https://mainehumanities.org/programs/read-me/>

# REVENUES & EXPENSES

Readfield  
10:26 AM

## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
May

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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	369.35	68,380.59	5,699,925.10	406,362.90	93.35
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	178.15	178.15	-178.15	----
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,355.40	-7,355.40	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	31,771.00	15.00	71.00	37,736.31	-5,965.31	118.78
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,122.00	0.00	2,600.00	13,905.00	7,217.00	65.83
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	178.15	0.00	36,560.00	-1,560.00	104.46
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	586,646.00	0.00	970.51	40,659.88	545,986.12	6.93
70 - SOLID WASTE	191,025.00	0.00	20,480.06	192,601.89	-1,576.89	100.83
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	0.00	131.60	2,118.40	5.85
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>6,993,796.00</b>	<b>562.50</b>	<b>92,680.31</b>	<b>6,035,899.99</b>	<b>957,896.01</b>	<b>86.30</b>

Readfield  
10:25 AM

## Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
May

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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	29,712.10	1,430.44	410,220.13	75,529.87	84.45
12 - Maintenance	135,175.00	10,251.92	0.00	102,415.71	32,759.29	75.77
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,850.00	24.42	0.00	3,205.41	4,644.59	40.83
25 - COMM SERVICE	65,037.00	2,693.62	46.17	58,456.90	6,580.10	89.88
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	37,412.00	184.01	0.00	21,943.55	15,468.45	58.65
40 - PROTECTION	132,200.00	9,706.56	0.00	101,320.60	30,879.40	76.64
50 - CEMETERIES	17,000.00	4,525.00	0.00	5,894.89	11,105.11	34.68
60 - Rds & Drain	370,578.00	24,352.71	0.00	316,755.74	53,822.26	85.48
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	1,116,070.00	97,027.43	0.00	526,612.93	589,457.07	47.18
70 - SOLID WASTE	300,700.00	24,452.21	0.00	256,058.86	44,641.14	85.15
75 - EDUCATION	3,710,394.00	309,199.51	0.00	3,401,194.49	309,199.51	91.67
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>512,129.49</b>	<b>1,476.61</b>	<b>5,729,755.94</b>	<b>1,264,040.06</b>	<b>81.93</b>



**TOWN OFFICE—685-4939**  
**TRANSFER STATION—685-3144**  
**LIBRARY—685-4089**



# AGE FRIENDLY READFIELD



Have you seen the new kayak racks located near the water at the Readfield Beach? Check them out! Pictured here is Jack Comart who is taking advantage of the new racks. He will store his kayak there all summer. My kayak is there as well. There is a rental fee of \$40 paid to the Town.

I have a kayak that I rarely used because it was just too much for me to get it up and on my car by myself. Since I do not live on the water, this is an ideal solution. I can use my kayak any-time the weather permits and I do not need help!

After discovering that Bowdoinham and Hallowell provide similar racks, the Age Friendly Committee suggested that Readfield do the same. The suggestion was met with a positive response as can be seen in the picture below. There are 2 racks which each holds 8 kayaks or canoes. Last I checked there were still several slots available.

This is one more way that Readfield is working to be a livable and enjoyable community for us all! As always, if you have a thought or suggestion, please feel free to contact the Age Friendly Committee.

Submitted by Romaine Turyn



## Mount Vernon Food Bank

### Food Bank Closed July 4th

**The First Baptist Mt. Vernon Food Bank will be closed on Saturday, July 4. If you are in need of food, please come on June 27 (even if it has been less than 4 weeks since your last visit) or wait until July 11.**

**We will continue to provide curb-side service for the foreseeable future with pre-packed boxes. If you have any specific needs, please let the volunteer know and we will do our best to serve you. We are currently well stocked with both liquid and powder laundry detergent so be sure to ask for some.**

**Except for the holiday, our hours remain the same: Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30.**

## 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



People of Readfield, I need your help.

**Write-in Candidate Aaron Neily Running for Select Board**

We find ourselves in this critical time at a crossroads- in this country, this state, and in this town. And what I find concerning is that there seems to be a single point of view dominating the town process. The need to restore the town to a place where different points of view are valued has never been greater. We must open the conversation to all Readfield citizens, and balance the voices on the Select Board. I'm asking for your consideration to allow me to represent you on the Select Board at this important time.

I am the WRITE-IN candidate for Selectman. This is a difficult task- one could say that it is insurmountable. But I believe that these times demand that we all step forward to serve, and with your help we may open a conversation that invites new voices to the table.

I was raised on Thundercastle Road. My mother, Ellen Bowman, was a counselor in Maranacook and surrounding area schools for 30 years. I graduated from Maranacook in 1997 – a vintage year. I earned a B.A. from a great school, but my real education has been the work I've done in the fields of data storage array technology, commercial sales, and grant development for a non-profit.

I've seen a lot of changes through the years. One thing hasn't changed, and that's the spirit of this beautiful town. Folks still wave to each other on the street. We look out for our neighbors when they need help. But I'm noticing that in certain ways we are moving away from the small town values that have built places like Readfield.

I believe I am not alone when I say that I would love to see more business in town. This Covid-19 struggle the whole world is facing right now is really underscoring the need for more local production, and more local enterprise. I think Readfield needs to be one of those towns that is truly "open for business", with dedicated town support for growing our local economy. We need more small farms, and more local businesses employing local people, instead of slowly losing our small businesses and becoming just a bedroom community.

I will say that it saddens me to lose an extraordinary place like the Maple Tree School. We should be gaining business, not losing it. The heart of any town is the place where people meet, and where they do business. So it would be great if Readfield were a town that truly supported small enterprises. This could- for example- take the form of augmenting the role of town manager to include more of an economic development liaison role, to help streamline the process for people to start and maintain their businesses. We could also use the various forms of town media to help advertise more for the local economy.

And on taxes, I understand the need to use tax revenues for the greatest benefit of the town voters. Those taxes must be carefully allocated to benefit the needs of all the people and not special interests. We must keep expenditures to a minimum and remember senior citizens and others who may be living on a marginal fixed income. There was, for example, a warrant passed for a large debt for a sidewalk to the ball field. This sidewalk is not really needed because most people just drive there. This type of spending is extravagant and benefits special interests without consideration of the broad public interest. Balancing spending projects while maintaining low stable taxes are a goal to strive for as we face unsettled economic times.

I ask for your vote. Please write my name on your ballot for Selectman. I will serve you with honesty, integrity and dedication. In doing so you will be sending a message, a message that we want a new and vital direction for Readfield, a place where all voices are heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Write-in Candidate  
Aaron Neily  
Running for Select  
Board**



**WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE  
COMPOST**

*Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee*

## **Operation Updates due to Covid-19**

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

- All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee. Paying by check is preferred and if using cash to please have exact change and place it in the mailbox within easy reach for the driver.
- There is adequate space for safe social distancing of 6' and we ask that you wear a face covering if you are going to be within 6' of others not in your family.
- Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.
- 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 form attached**

## **Recycling Does Make A Difference**

The Carton Council, which was formed in 2009, works to have companies use as much recycled source material as possible when making new products. Even though the cost of recycling has risen in the past year consumers have continued to recycle and have increased their rate during the current pandemic. This is important as food and beverage cartons contain high quality fiber, which is used in making toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, office and writing papers. Diverting this fiber from mainstream solid waste and out of landfills allows for greater sustainability. For more information about carton recycling, visit [RecycleCartons.com](http://RecycleCartons.com).

# Preregistration Required

WASTE LESS  
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Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

## Free Event

Hosted by your Town and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

July 25th, 2020 at the Readfield Transfer Station

14 Recycle Rd, Readfield 8am - Noon

### Household Hazardous Waste collection for Readfield, Wayne & Fayette

#### Do Bring:



All Battery Types



Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels. (Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene, etc.)



Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not need to be mixed with sand or sawdust)



Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides.



Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals

#### Please Do Not Bring:

- Explosives & Ammunition
- Recyclable Items (Cardboard, all Plastics #1-7, Glass, Metal, Aluminum)
- Solid Waste/Trash
- Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.)

# Registration Form on Next Page



**TOWN OF READFIELD**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Pre-registration Form**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Resident Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

<u>Actual Volume:</u> (Estimate)	<u>#Units:</u> (5gal/20lbs = 1 unit)	<u>Garage &amp; Workshop Related</u>
gallons		Oil/Alkyd Paints in cans
gallons		Anti-freeze
gallons		Cleaners/ degreasers e.g. acetone
gallons		Flammables e.g. gasoline, kerosene, charcoal lighter
gallons		Misc. e.g. brake/transmission fluid, waxes, polishes
gallons		Solvents, paint strippers, thinners, stains, varnishes
gallons		Adhesives
gallons		Driveway Sealers
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<b><u>Kitchen/Bath/Home</u></b>
		Cleaners
gallons		- bleach-based
gallons		- alkaline (e.g. lye, sodium hydroxide, Drain cleaners, Easy-Off)
gallons		- ammonia based (e.g. Windex)
gallons		- acid (e.g. muriatic acid)
gallons		- other, Toilet bowl, oven, drain openers, lye, mildew removers, lime/rust stain removers, hydrofluoric acid, ammonium bifluoride
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<b><u>Lawn &amp; Garden</u></b>
Gals/lbs		Pool cleaners
Gals/lbs		Pesticides/Herbicides/Fungicides – solids/liquids
Gals/lbs		Poisons e.g. rat/mouse poison, arsenic, strychnine, cyanide, formaldehyde, mothballs
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<b><u>Misc.</u></b>
Gals/lbs		Photography chemicals
Cans		Aerosol cans/ flammable
cans		Fire Extinguishers (Carbon Tetrachloride only)
Gals/lbs		<b>Other (list)</b>
		Waste oil (Not tallied as units)
		Car batteries (Not Tallied as units)
# of bottles/types		<b>Unwanted Medications</b> (leave in original container, black out your name with marker)
		(not tallied as units)
		<b>Total Estimated “Units” this Participant</b>

# Tree Planting Activities At Case Cemetery



**Present at planting:** Grace Keene, Pam Osborn, Warren Norris, Marianne Perry, Ben Rodriguez, and Logan Watts. Two sugar maples were planted through the efforts of the Cemetery Committee. The planting is part of the showcasing of the Case Cemetery on Route 17, and is in honor of the Maine Bicentennial.



# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by Dale Potter-Clark  
RHS Secretary

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## THIS OLD HOUSE

The house at 873 Main Street has gained some attention lately and we thought something about its' history might be of interest. In 1875 a Readfield Depot native and teamster named George H. Luce bought the land it sits on, where he and his wife Clara built an inn and exchange house where people traveling to, from or through Readfield Depot could rent a carriage or exchange a spent horse for a fresh one. Luce was a son of Samuel H. & Mary (Wing) Luce, whose fathers Prince Luce and Daniel Wing were two of the very earliest settlers in this part of town - Luce on Luce Road where several of his descendants still reside; and Wing settled on North Road.

Fast forward... In 1920, after several owners had come and gone, Carl & Grace Bigelow bought this farm. Evelyn Potter, RHS Historian, was born near there in 1930 and she recounted this story about the Bigelows: "*As a kid at the Depot, I recall Carl and Grace Bigelow lived here. He raised raspberries, worked along with Nellie Packard on South Rd. who raised strawberries. Both had markets in Augusta every year. Mrs. Bigelow belonged to Saturday afternoon ladies' Community Club of which my Mother also belonged. Many a summer afternoon it was necessary to walk to the Bigelows to discuss Club business with Mrs. Bigelow. I recall I had to sit quietly in the kitchen of the most spotless house I ever recalled. It always smelled of laundered, ironed clothes, and of goodies baking in the oven or tempting me by sitting on the kitchen counter. They did not have children.*" The Bigelows sold this farm to Robert & Jessie Gay in 1956 and moved to Hallowell where she died in 1958 and is buried in the Hallowell Village Cemetery with her people. Carl moved to Cornville to live near his family and died there in 1963. He is buried in Norridgewock with his first wife Ica in the Old Oak Cemetery.

## A READFIELD "CLAIM TO FAME"

Most everyone has heard of Joshua L. Chamberlain the famed Civil War officer, Governor of Maine and Bowdoin College professor. What few people know is the doctor who saved Chamberlain's life, when he had been dealt a hopeless prognosis, was born in Readfield.

Dr. Abner O. Shaw was born in Kents Hill village in 1837 when his father, a Methodist minister, was stationed there at Maine Wesleyan Seminary (Kents Hill School). In 1862 Shaw enlisted in the Civil War and was assigned as assistant surgeon to the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine in 1863 soon after the Battle of Gettysburg. Right off quick he found himself treating an unconscious Col. Joshua Chamberlain for Malarial fever, who was so impressed with Shaw that he recommended his promotion to full surgeon. On June 18, 1864, during the Siege of Petersburg, Chamberlain's brother Tom sent for Shaw, telling him that Chamberlain had been severely wounded and was thought to be dying. Shaw soon learned that a bullet had passed through Chamberlain from hip to hip and through his bladder. In those days a wound of that magnitude was considered mortal but Shaw did not let that stop him and he conducted a procedure that saved his commander's life. Chamberlain later wrote of it: "*I looked up and saw dear, faithful Doctor Shaw, Surgeon of my own regiment... He and good Dr. Townsend sat down by me and tried to use some instrument to establish proper connection to stop the terrible extravasations which would end my life. All others had given up and me too. But these two faithful men bent over their task trying with vain effort to find the entrance to torn and clogged and distorted passages of vital currents. Toiling and returning to the ever impossible task, (Dr. Townsend) said to Dr. Shaw, "It is of no use, he cannot be saved. I have done all possible for the man. Let us go, and not torture him longer." (Dr. Shaw replied) "Just once more, Doctor; let me try just this once more and I will give it up." Bending to his task, by a sudden miracle, touched the exact lost thread; the thing was done.*" Both men returned home to Maine - Chamberlain to his family in Brunswick and Shaw to Portland where he married and set up a successful medical practice. At the turn of the century Shaw and Chamberlain renewed and deepened their relationship when Chamberlain moved to Portland. In 1914 Shaw attended Chamberlain on his deathbed, then served as a pallbearer at the funeral and co-authored his eulogy. Dr. Abner O. Shaw died in Portland in 1934 at age 96.

## RHS SUMMER HOURS

RHS is open by appointment only this summer, with the understanding that visitors will wear their **own** masks. We will provide hand sanitizer for use upon entering the building. Questions and inquiries for historical information are welcome at any time. Contact us via [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or phone 377-2299. Visit RHS on Facebook where historical information and photos are added several times a week.

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CAPTION:  
873 Main St.  
near Read-  
field Depot  
circa 1875  
has been in  
the Gay fam-  
ily for sixty-  
four years.**



## **THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE**

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

*Submitted by Nancy Durgin*



Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> to everyone- may you, your families and friends be safe.

The 4th Annual Strawberry Festival will take place on July 11 from 1-3 pm, only it will look different from previous years. We are calling it the **Strawberry Festival CURBSIDE – TO GO**. Our parking lot will be sectioned off in a one way loop for vehicles to pull in and rotate through an order/payment station then on to a pickup station. Event ushers will assist vehicles in and out of our parking lot. The \$5 strawberry shortcakes will be served in covered take-away containers. We would appreciate people calling in orders ahead of time, especially if you plan on buying a large number of desserts. Call Nancy Durgin at 685-4481 by 6 pm on Thursday July 9th with pre-orders; otherwise it will be a 1<sup>st</sup> come first served for the one hundred shortcakes which will be available. Oh yes, it is a rain or shine event! Thank you to the White Barn and Merrill Investigations for sponsoring the event this year.

**CDC precautions are being taken. Masks must be worn by vehicle drivers and those working the event.**

The Building Committee members report they have signed a contract with John Cushing to do an underground drainage system on the north side of the building. The new drainage work should take care of water seeping into the basement. Each winter snow piles up against the north side of the building where it slides off the roof. The new drainage should direct the melting snow away from the building. The contract will also include the stump removal and grading of the area where the big maple tree was taken down this spring. Work is expected to be done late July.

The Building Committee is also in the process of signing a contract with Mid Maine Restoration to complete:

1. exterior restoration and repair work on the cornices and eaves under the roof line
2. repairing the attic window
3. repairing, restoring & repainting the windows on the south side of the building.

### **Vestry news:**

Work is continuing in the kitchen area and on the installation of an accessible restroom. This voluntary work is being done by Board member Larry Dunn and his grandson Shane. The vestry front door has been sanded and repainted. It looks great! We appreciate Readfield's By the Board Lumber, for their generous donation of lumber valued at \$500. It will be used in the Vestry renovation.





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# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Town Office closed/Transfer Station open	4 Transfer Station closed
5	6 Library reopen- ing today	7	8	9	10	11 1-3 PM UMH Strawberry Fes- tival
12	13	14 ELECTION DAY— polls open 8 AM— 8 PM @ Readfield Grade School	15	16	17 Assessor in	18
19 8-10 & 2-4 Volunteers needed to split & stack wood at Transfer Station	20 6:30 Select Board	21	22	23	24	25 Household Haz- ardous Waste Day 8 AM-noon @ transfer sta- tion
26	27 <i>Messenger Articles Due</i>	28	29	30	31	



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