



August 2020

# Readfield Messenger

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



## Heritage Days Fireworks

at the Town Beach

### August 8th - 9pm



Like most things in 2020, Heritage Days will be a little different this year.



On August 8th, we are celebrating Heritage Days 2020 by having a fireworks display at the town beach around 9pm.

We are inviting folks to drive over and watch the fireworks from their cars or boats. You can park your cars along Millard Harrison Drive (the road to the high school) or in the school lots. For safety, there is no parking on Route 17.

You can bring your boat to a safe distance from the beach, as well.

Due to safety concerns and fireworks regulations, the beach will close at 4pm on August 8th in preparation.

There are no other official Town of Readfield Heritage Days activities on Heritage Days, but we are looking forward to next year and making up for lost time!

Join us for a loud, socially distanced celebration on Saturday, August 8th at 9pm.



## New Summer (Sunday) Hours at the Transfer Station!



**8am to Noon** see page 13 for more details!

# Town Manager

## The Readfield Enterprise Fund - Supporting Local Business

For the past several years the Readfield Enterprise Fund (REF) has created a pool of capital to assist in innovative solutions to problems faced by small or micro-businesses in Readfield, increased the profitability of local small businesses, and improved the local economy. Through the support and leadership of the Readfield Select Board and Readfield Enterprise Committee the program was reviewed and revised last year and we continue to look for local businesses to support. In light of the Coronavirus pandemic we believe the program can be a particularly helpful tool for local small businesses. If you own or are pursuing the creation or expansion of a small business in Readfield - **The Readfield Enterprise Fund is here to support you!**

Readfield is a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family, and run a business. There are always challenges to business ownership but we can boast dozens of thriving small businesses in town. The Enterprise Fund is just one way we work to support those businesses and encourage new ones! The REF can provide 0% interest loans for projects up to \$10,000 for a term of up to 60 months. Loans may be combined with or used to leverage other sources of financing. Loan applications are evaluated on a first come, first served basis.

Applicants eligible to apply are business owners and entrepreneurs:

1. who actively work in the business,
2. who have 4 or fewer employees, including the owner, and
3. who are Readfield residents OR non-residents whose business is located in Readfield

Eligible uses of loan funds include (but may not be limited to):

1. Purchasing/upgrading capital equipment,
2. Inventories,
3. Improving facilities (construction/renovation),
4. Developing skills, education, and training,
5. Marketing of product,
6. Working capital,
7. Job creation / retention of employees, and
8. Computer hardware, software, and IT support services

The REF isn't just about lending however, and we can offer a variety of resources to help support entrepreneurs along the road to running a successful business. Depending on the needs of individual applicants these may include business development reference materials, research support, contact with other business development agencies and programs, mentoring, support in business plan development, assistance with permitting, and more.

If you want to learn more about this program:

1. Visit the webpage <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/readfield-enterprise-committee>,
2. Contact Town Manager Eric Dyer at [manager@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:manager@readfieldmaine.org) or 207-685-4939, or
3. Stop by the Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Rd.

## July 14, 2020 Town Meeting Voting Results – 855 votes cast

**Article 2:**

**Select Board – (1) 3yr term:**

Price, Dennis 495  
 Blanks 160  
 Write-ins 200

**RSU #38 – (1) 3yr term:**

Blanks 786  
 Write-ins 69

**Local School Board-1 yr**

Blanks 833  
 Write-ins 22

**Local School Board-2 yr**

Blanks 834  
 Write-ins 21

**Local School Board-3 yr**

Blanks 836  
 Write-ins 19

**July 14, 2020**

**Write-in Votes - top two:**

Select Board	Total Votes
Neilly, Aaron	172
Parks, Al	14

RSU #38 Three Year Term	Total Votes
Morrell, Betty	20
Hunter, Sandy	11

Local Sch. 1 Year Term	Total Votes
Hunter, Sandy	3
multiple - 1 vote each	13

Local Sch. 2 Year Term	Total Votes
Jones, Rachel	3
multiple - 1 vote each	13

Local Sch. 3 Year Term	Total Votes
McGibney, Donna      TIE	2
Zwetsloot, Mark      TIE	2
multiple - 1 vote each	10

Article #3	Yes	629	No	188	Blank	38
Article #4	Yes	666	No	136	Blank	53
Article #5	Yes	654	No	160	Blank	41
Article #6	Yes	621	No	162	Blank	72
Article #7	Yes	654	No	172	Blank	29
Article #8	Yes	681	No	143	Blank	31
Article #9	Yes	693	No	136	Blank	26
Article #10	Yes	670	No	164	Blank	21
Article #11	Yes	655	No	185	Blank	15
Article #12	Yes	750	No	68	Blank	37
Article #13	Yes	679	No	136	Blank	40

Article #14	Yes	724	No	91	Blank	40
Article #15	Yes	664	No	147	Blank	44
Article #16	Yes	683	No	125	Blank	47
Article #17	Yes	623	No	184	Blank	48
Article #18	Yes	710	No	98	Blank	47
Article #19	Yes	721	No	89	Blank	45
Article #20	Yes	681	No	123	Blank	51
Article #21	Yes	652	No	163	Blank	40
Article #22	Yes	685	No	129	Blank	41
Article #23	Yes	687	No	125	Blank	43
Article #24	Yes	656	No	158	Blank	41
Article #25	Yes	684	No	127	Blank	44
Article #26	Yes	549	No	254	Blank	52
Article #27	Yes	612	No	203	Blank	40
Article #28	Yes	693	No	121	Blank	41
Article #29	Yes	577	No	240	Blank	38
Article #30	Yes	658	No	170	Blank	27
Article #31	Yes	739	No	82	Blank	34
Article #32	Yes	767	No	56	Blank	32
Article #33	Yes	764	No	59	Blank	32
Article #34	Yes	631	No	189	Blank	35
Article #35	Yes	747	No	73	Blank	35
Article #36	Yes	510	No	311	Blank	38
Article #37	Yes	629	No	204	Blank	22
Article #38	Yes	597	No	171	Blank	87
Article #39	Yes	498	No	236	Blank	121
Article #40	Yes	445	No	258	Blank	152
Article #41	Yes	455	No	257	Blank	143
Article #42	Yes	436	No	338	Blank	81
Article #43	Yes	424	No	352	Blank	79

Article #44	Yes	394	No	386	Blank	75
Article #45	Yes	406	No	369	Blank	80
Article #46	Yes	376	No	395	Blank	84
Article #47	Yes	382	No	393	Blank	80
Article #48	Yes	347	No	427	Blank	81
Article #49	Yes	436	No	315	Blank	104
Article #50	Yes	609	No	166	Blank	80

**STATE OF MAINE RETURN OF VOTES CAST**

MUNICIPALITY: READFIELD - 1 (1-1)

QUESTION 1: BOND ISSUE

\_\_\_\_\_ 640 YES

\_\_\_\_\_ 200 NO

\_\_\_\_\_ 14 BLANK

QUESTION 2: BOND ISSUE

\_\_\_\_\_ 673 YES

\_\_\_\_\_ 168 NO

\_\_\_\_\_ 13 BLANK

**STATE OF MAINE RETURN OF VOTES CAST - REPUBLICAN**

MUNICIPALITY: READFIELD - 1 (1-1)

UNITED STATES SENATOR

\_\_\_\_\_ 226 COLLINS, SUSAN MARGARET

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 COLTER, AMY (Declared Write-In)

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 BLANK

REP. TO CONGRESS (District 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ 197 ALLEN, JAY T.

\_\_\_\_\_ 55 BLANK

STATE SENATOR (District 14)

\_\_\_\_\_ 212 WALKER, MARK L.

\_\_\_\_\_ 40 BLANK

REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (District 81)

\_\_\_\_\_ 207 PIETROSKI, JOSEPH J.

\_\_\_\_\_ 45 BLANK

JUDGE OF PROBATE

\_\_\_\_\_ 217 SULLIVAN, KEVIN P.

\_\_\_\_\_ 35 BLANK

**STATE OF MAINE RETURN OF VOTES CAST - DEMOCRATIC**

MUNICIPALITY: READFIELD - 1 (1-1)

REP. TO CONGRESS (District 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ 425 PINGREE, CHELLIE M.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25 BLANK

STATE SENATOR (District 14)

\_\_\_\_\_ 398 BELLOWS, SHENNA

\_\_\_\_\_ 40 GRONDIN-STEVENS, DANIELLE

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 BLANK

REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (District 81)

\_\_\_\_\_ 189 HASENFUS, TAVIS ROCK

\_\_\_\_\_ 227 MASON, JOANNE L.

\_\_\_\_\_ 34 BLANK

JUDGE OF PROBATE

\_\_\_\_\_ 405 MITCHELL, ELIZABETH H.

\_\_\_\_\_ 45 BLANK

SHERIFF

\_\_\_\_\_ 348 SAYERS, MICHAEL J.

\_\_\_\_\_ 102 BLANK

UNITED STATES SENATOR

\_\_\_\_\_ 273 GIDEON, SARAI

\_\_\_\_\_ 17 KIDMAN, BRIE

\_\_\_\_\_ 141 SWEET, ELIZABETH A.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19 BLANK

**RSU #38 VOTING RESULTS FOR JULY 14, 2020**

**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST = 844**

Question #1: YES-634

NO-190

BLANKS-20



# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS



Here comes August! Seems such a short time ago the Trails article for the Messenger spoke to the trails being free of snow and winter debris and hiking them was a welcome diversion from being home bound due to the (expletive deleted) C-19 thing. Now the trails are experiencing a robust activity level as many of our summer visitors have joined our cadre of regular users to get out for some physical activity. Great to see.

Recently a trail user observed that some trails and /or sections of trails are not wide enough to walk 2 abreast. Great observation and some info may be helpful to understand why that is so. Not knowing which Readfield Trails were being singled out, please know that the Esker trail was not designed to be wide. That trail was left purposely rough in nature to preserve as much of the natural environment as possible. The Rosmarin/Saunders Trail is a Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) trail that was designed by their staff and is also a rough trail set to be a single pathway for the most part. Likewise Torsey Pond Nature Preserve (TPNP) is a rough trail that can, in certain locations, accommodate a couple of people walking next to each other with some obvious locations such as the bog bridging being safe only for one -at -a -time crossings. The trails at the Fairgrounds have different widths for several reasons. Some sections either border private property or cross onto private property and those sections and designs are available either by easements or trail agreements granted by the landowners.

When trails are built or maintained, factors such as available funds, product, volunteer availability, and the natural environment dictate trail locations and design. The Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) and our Trails Committee work to try and limit negative impact on the surrounding terrain. On town trails, much care is given to avoid cutting healthy trees just to keep a trail wide. On the Fairgrounds Trails, there are several locations where the trail narrows just for that reason. The Readfield Union Meeting House/ Community Pathway can accommodate side by side walkers pretty well. Finally on this topic, Mother Nature (MN) (I believe!) tends to try and limit passage by extending invasives, new plant growth, blow downs, etc. either over, onto, or into the trail itself. In the spring and summer months, staying ahead of the onslaught keeps our maintenance volunteers busy. Always looking for help on that issue.

The sugar maple tree planted on the McDougald trail in honor of Trails member Ken Clark is thriving thanks in large part to Holly Ramlow's and Tim Sniffen's TLC. Thank you both. Another thank you goes to Anna Carll for doing a fabulous job completing the wrap around trail at the Fairgrounds parking lot that will provide much needed safety during heavy use times. Until September, stay safe and keep moving.

Submitted by Greg Durgin



**Feeding the Community**

## Mount Vernon Food Bank

*open every Saturday morning*

*9:30 am to 11:30 am*



**Feeding the Community**

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

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

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

# YOGA AT THE READFIELD BEACH

August 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9am



Madison Purdy will lead an introductory class to yoga. Please bring your own mats and props (as you need.)

\$5 for pass holders. \$10 for non-pass holders. \$5 per person goes to the instructor. The remaining amount goes toward maintaining the beach. Cash payment required. Thank you!

**PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/BO1DUKRYPCUGVLP66](https://forms.gle/BO1DUKRYPCUGVLP66)



## Readfield Town Beach **OPEN MIC (SANS MIC)**

**FRIDAYS FROM 5 - 7PM**  
BRING AN INSTRUMENT AND ENJOY!  
OPEN TO PASS HOLDERS

## Town Staff:

Town Manager, Eric Dyer:  
manager@readfieldmaine.org  
Finance Officer, Teresa Shaw:  
finance@readfieldmaine.org  
Town Clerk, Deborah Nichols:  
clerk@readfieldmaine.org  
Code Officer, Jaime Hanson:  
ceo@readfieldmaine.org  
Front Desk Clerk, Kristin Parks:  
info@readfieldmaine.org  
Animal Control/Maintenance, Anna Carl:  
maintance1@readfieldmaine.org  
Sexton, Ben Rodriguez:  
sexton@readfieldmaine.org  
Assessor, David Ledew:  
assessor@readfieldmaine.org  
Librarian, Melissa Small:  
librarian@readfieldmaine.org

## Board/Committee openings

- 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.



## AUGUST 2020 LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### LIBRARY REOPENING GOING WELL!

Since we reopened our door to patrons in early July, patrons have been wonderful about following the new guidelines to allow us to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe.

#### GUIDELINES:



- Please look for a GOLDEN TICKET in the basket 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 is still unavailable. However, WiFi printing is available from personal phones/tablets/laptops. The photocopier is also available to make copies.
- Note that best practice procedures for safe handling of library materials are followed. All returned materials are placed in "quarantine" for the recommended number of days (currently 4 days, based on new evidence) 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.

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.

### LIBRARY SERVICES CURRENTLY OFFERED

- Full, In-Building Lending Services, including Interlibrary Loan services
- Curbside Pickup Lending Services (see details below)
- All book returns to outside Book Drop ONLY 24/7
- 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]
  - Ancestry.com—<https://library.digitalmaine.org/> (FREE in-home use extended through Sept 30)
- 24/7 WiFi to the parking lot (We apologize for the temporary loss of this service for a week in July when we experienced difficulties with our WiFi access point)
- In-person, email, telephone, and videoconference support for patron questions
- Processing of NEW library cards in-library or remotely
- Home Delivery services for homebound patrons

#### 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>

### 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. Your materials will be placed in a bag with a ticket number and placed on a table behind the library for you to pick up at your appointment time.
- 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

We thank the community for their patience during the Library's time of limited services during April, May, and June, as we navigated our phased reopening. Please see the library website's "COVID-19 Response/Info" page for the most updated information: <https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/covid-19-response-info/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS at the READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### **BUILD-A-BOOK Hands-on Workshop for children ages 6-12—Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

Join workshop leader Ellen Bowman for a special arts/crafts bookmaking workshop OUTSIDE at the Readfield Community Library. Bring your sense of invention and your face covering; we will provide ample space, instruction, and all materials. Lemonade too! Limited to the first 10 children who sign-up—please contact the library to register at 207-685-4089 or [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org).

### **AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR EVENT & BOOK SIGNING—Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

Readfield resident, artist, and art teacher **RJ Jenkins** is the illustrator of a book being published this month! ***Dato the Fact Cat and the Voyagers: A Visit to The Bahamas from A to Z***, is a book about exploring, culture, geography, and The Bahamas geared to elementary school-aged readers and their families. Illustrator RJ Jenkins, and the author, Veronica McFall, will talk to us about the process of creating this children's book and answer audience questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

The special event will take place **outside behind the Readfield Community Library on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. Bring face coverings and a blanket or chairs for your family—we will be practicing physical distancing between family units. We will have some chair seating available. Please plan to park on the road to allow for more space behind the library for event seating. (NOTE: We will use the upstairs of the Town Office building in case of bad weather.)

### **"Read ME" ADULT SUMMER READ PROGRAM features 2 Maine Authors!**

The Readfield Community Library is pleased to participate in the annual "Read ME" program sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine State Library. This program highlights books by Maine authors; and we feel this Maine bicentennial year is the perfect time to celebrate and explore Maine writers! Please check out the various FREE summer/fall program offerings below—you are welcome to participate in any or all events! Or, feel free to simply read one or both books, with or without participating in the events. We have multiple copies of *The Vigilance of Stars* by Patricia O'Donnell and *Roughhouse Friday: A Memoir* by Jaed Coffin at the library for patrons to check out, thanks to a generous contribution from the Friends of the Readfield Community Library.

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

- RADIO EVENT:** *Maine Calling* program with authors Lily King, Jaed Coffin, and Patricia O'Donnell on **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** on Maine Public Radio
- ZOOM AUTHOR EVENT:** Maine Humanities Council Author Event with author Jaed Coffin, **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**; registration details forthcoming
- ZOOM AUTHOR EVENT:** Maine Humanities Council Author Event with author Patricia O'Donnell, **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**; registration details forthcoming
- LOCAL BOOK GROUP:** Readfield Community Library September Book Group **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** (tentatively scheduled to meet upstairs at the Town Office)—We will be discussing the fiction selection *The Vigilance of Stars* by Patricia O'Donnell
- LOCAL BOOK GROUP:** Readfield Community Library October Book Group **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** (tentatively scheduled to meet upstairs at the Town Office)—We will be discussing *Roughhouse Friday: A Memoir* by Jaed Coffin

### **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.

### **NO BOOK SALE IN AUGUST; POSSIBILITIES OF A FALL BOOK SALE**

Unfortunately, due to a variety of logistical factors, the RCL Board of Trustees has decided to postpone the annual August Book Sale. There is a possibility of a fall Book Sale event, so please hang on to your book donations a bit longer if you are able!

# REVENUES & EXPENSES

Readfield  
5:12 PM

## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
June

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,106,288.00	400.66	133,369.33	5,833,952.78	272,335.22	95.54
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	117.00	37,853.31	-6,082.31	119.14
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,122.00	0.00	5,555.00	19,460.00	1,662.00	92.13
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	36,560.00	-1,560.00	104.46
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	586,646.00	0.00	3,528.67	594,188.55	-7,542.55	101.29
70 - SOLID WASTE	191,025.00	0.00	13,578.49	206,180.38	-15,155.38	107.93
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	16,344.00	0.00	15,081.00	16,557.26	-213.26	101.30
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>400.66</b>	<b>171,229.49</b>	<b>6,757,787.83</b>	<b>236,008.17</b>	<b>96.63</b>

Readfield  
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## Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
June

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	485,750.00	38,947.79	267.98	448,915.35	36,834.65	92.42
12 - Maintenance	135,175.00	18,018.32	0.00	120,434.03	14,740.97	89.09
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,850.00	0.00	0.00	3,205.41	4,644.59	40.83
25 - COMM SERVICE	65,037.00	4,875.56	0.00	63,332.46	1,704.54	97.38
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	37,412.00	2,489.52	0.00	24,433.07	12,978.93	65.31
40 - PROTECTION	132,200.00	18,998.60	0.00	120,319.20	11,880.80	91.01
50 - CEMETERIES	17,000.00	2,506.88	0.00	8,401.77	8,598.23	49.42
60 - Rds & Drain	370,578.00	10,436.85	0.00	327,192.59	43,385.41	88.29
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	1,116,070.00	117,473.26	0.00	644,086.19	471,983.81	57.71
70 - SOLID WASTE	300,700.00	26,813.05	0.00	282,871.91	17,828.09	94.07
75 - EDUCATION	3,710,394.00	309,199.51	0.00	3,710,394.00	0.00	100.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	47,852.00	12,398.07	0.00	47,593.15	258.85	99.46
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>562,157.41</b>	<b>267.98</b>	<b>6,291,660.78</b>	<b>702,135.22</b>	<b>89.96</b>

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

Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

***KEN'S DRAG IN AUTO INC.***  
*Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine*

Used Auto and Truck Parts • Auto Repair  
Used Cars and Trucks • Buying Junk Cars

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

# AGE FRIENDLY READFIELD



Fraud Watch  
Network

## August 2020 State Scam Alerts

### UNEMPLOYMENT SCAM – COVID

According to the Federal Trade Commission, scammers have filed fraudulent unemployment claims using stolen identities of many US workers. This scheme is costing states millions of dollars.

If you receive a letter from your state unemployment agency stating you have been approved for benefits, alert your employer. Then report it to your state unemployment agency, note when you reported it and write down the case number for your records. Then visit [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov) to get information on next steps. You should request a copy of your credit report from each of the three credit bureaus at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). All agencies are offering free weekly reports online through April 2021. Finally, consider placing a fraud alert with the credit bureaus (contact one and the others will comply). This move will require a lender to notify you if someone is trying to take out a loan or open a credit card using your identity.

### PSYCHOLOGY OF SCAMS

One of the hardest things to understand about scams can be how victims become victims. When you hear about a scam secondhand, the red flags can seem obvious. What isn't obvious in the retelling of the story is the intense emotional state scammers create. Today's fraudsters are trained in psychological manipulation. They know how to get their targets out of their logical thinking and into an emotional state where logic goes out the window.

Scammers will keep their victims in the ether as long as they can; many will never see the signs until it is too late. Understanding these tactics can help you avoid scammers and help friends and loved ones who might be in this situation.

### CONTACT TRACING SCAMS - COVID

The Coronavirus has created a perfect storm for scammers. One unique scam to arise this summer is scammers posing as contact tracers working for state health departments.

Contact tracing is an important part of efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Approaches to contact tracing will vary by state; but know in all states, legitimate tracers will never ask for money, bank account information, Social Security Numbers, credit card numbers, or medical insurance information. You may receive a text from a contact tracer to inform you they will be in contact by phone. If a text like this tells you to click a link, it's a scam. Clicking will download software on your device to access personal and financial information. When in doubt, don't act before contacting your state health department to find out what process they are using.

### TECH SUPPORT - COVID

It's back to school season in the time of coronavirus, and for many families it means more working from home and attending school from home. Scammers will take advantage of this to scare people into thinking their device has been attacked by malicious software – a nightmare for workers and students alike.

The "tech support" scam typically involves a phone call with someone claiming to be with Microsoft, Dell, or another well-known tech company, claiming they have identified a virus on your computer. Or, you will see a pop up message on your computer with a phone number to call right away to deal with a virus. In both scenarios, the scammer's goal is to get you to allow them to access your computer remotely in an effort to steal financial and personal information. If tech support calls, it's a scam. If you get the popup and your computer freezes, simply shut down and restart your computer and it should go away.

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 Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 and speak to trained staff or volunteers for help with a fraud encounter.

Hello Friends,

Thank you.

I wanted that to be first.

Despite its banality and simplicity, it's really the best way to express how I feel about my re-election to the Readfield Select Board.

I sincerely believe winning any election is an honor - that people took time out of their own lives to put their mark next to your name is meaningful. That is never lost on me.

For those that voted for me, I appreciate your trust. For those that didn't, we will still work together and continue to do what's best for Readfield. That's what a community does.

I am proud to have the opportunity to serve on the Select Board for another three years. It is a responsibility that I take seriously and with great reverence.

I believe a message was sent in this election.

Readfield is moving forward.

Readfield is moving forward with a chorus of citizen support that includes selfless volunteers, dedicated organizers, and a host of committees and boards that welcome new members.

Readfield is moving forward for business. On the town website, over 80 businesses are listed in the directory. With the passing of the food sovereignty and cannabis articles on the most recent warrant, there are even more ways to create commerce in our town.

Readfield is moving forward with a roof for their library, a fire station big enough for a modern department, highly efficient street lamps, and a beach that will be a stunning panorama for anyone that swings around that corner on Route 17 from Manchester.

A message **was** sent, and the voters of Readfield delivered it - Readfield is moving forward.

I am proud to be a part of that.

Thank you for your support and trust.

Dennis A. Price  
Readfield Select Board





## New Summer Hours at the Transfer Station!

**8am to Noon**

It's no secret that Saturdays are VERY busy at the Transfer Station. We recognize the inconvenience, frustration, and safety concerns this can cause and want to improve the situation. Residents are encouraged to come to the station during off-peak days and hours (basically not first thing, and not Saturdays) to help lessen the strain caused by an increased number of residents and visitors using the Transfer Station and necessary Coronavirus precautions. That being said we know that most people can't come to the Transfer Station during the week, so we have decided to offer **special summer hours on a trial basis**. The Transfer Station will be open **Sundays from 8-12** through the end of the summer. Residents are encouraged to come to the Transfer Station once per week to reduce traffic loads, even though we're open an extra day. **The Transfer Station staff want to thank you all for your patience and cooperation over the past few months, and hope this change make things safer and easier on everyone!**

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Successful

We had an outstanding turnout at the HHW collection on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Transfer Station Manager Eric Dyer said, "We held a great event that made a lot of people happy, helped keep our towns healthy and clean, and will undoubtedly be an annual occurrence going forward. Particular thanks to members of the SWRC for volunteering time in the hot sun, to Sheriff Mason for traffic assistance, KVCOG, EPI and North Coast (organizers and the Collection companies), and town staff for set-up, preparation and cooperation and coordination, all of whom help make the day a success."

### Change of Operation Practices continue 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.

**WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE**



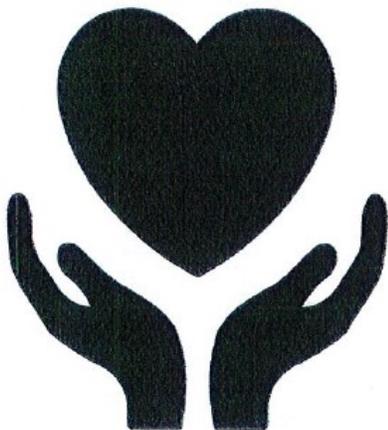
**RECYCLE  
COMPOST**

*Readfield Solid Waste and  
Recycling Committee*

# Are you struggling to pay bills because of the Covid-19 virus?

## KVCAP is here to help!

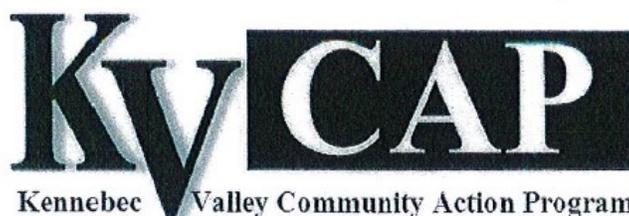
KVCAP has received emergency donations and other funds to provide assistance to people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



Assistance is provided on a case-by-case basis and recipients must be income eligible (based on income for the past 30 days). Financial support is limited and will continue until the funds are depleted.

We can assist with items such as food, gas cards, utility payments, and other basic needs. We have an internal diaper program for people in need of diapers. Our team is also available to provide referrals to additional area resources.

**For more information,  
call us at 207-859-1500 or  
email [info@kvcap.org](mailto:info@kvcap.org)**





# News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

## Enter Today! Summer Photo Contest



Do you enjoy taking photos on and around the lakes, ponds and streams that make up the 30 Mile River watershed?  
**Share your favorites with us in our summer photo contest!** The categories are *Fun Times*, *Watershed Wildlife*, *Flourishing Flora* and *Spectacular Scenes*.

The deadline to enter is **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Learn more at [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

## LakeSmart

30 Mile is a regional coordinator of LakeSmart, a statewide program led by Maine Lakes. This education and reward program helps lakefront homeowners manage their properties in ways that are lake-friendly and protect water quality. The program is free, non-regulatory, and voluntary.

### How does it work?

First, a homeowner requests a free site visit. Trained volunteers then perform a property assessment to help homeowners understand what is working well and what could be improved. Homeowners receive individualized suggestions for keeping pollutants in stormwater and septic systems out of lake waters. Sites that score well earn the coveted LakeSmart Award and distinctive signs that can be posted at the waterfront and driveway, identifying the homes of good stewards and illustrating what lake-friendly living looks like.



30 Mile currently works with volunteer teams on Androscoggin Lake, Parker and David Ponds, and Lovejoy Pond. We hope to soon have teams that cover every lake and pond in our watershed.

To learn more about this statewide program, visit [www.lakes.me/lakesmart](http://www.lakes.me/lakesmart).

To request a free site visit or to learn about volunteering, please contact Lidie at [lidie@30mileriver.org](mailto:lidie@30mileriver.org).

Pictured Above: 30 Mile's Lidie Robbins and Androscoggin Lake volunteer Patt Koscinski conduct a LakeSmart evaluation on Pocasset Lake.



### Join Us for Worship

You are cordially invited to join us for our Sunday worship at 10 am via online or phone. Come as you are from wherever you are! With your coffee, with your children and whole family, in your Pjs, you are invited to worship with us.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/9759400763>  
**Dial in audio:** +1 646 558 8656  
**Meeting ID:** 975 940 0763



### Jesse Lee Meeting House Update!

We are happy to report that Jesse Lee Church siding is complete, and we are waiting for our new windows to complete this project. Unfortunately, the original windows could not be salvaged. This additional cost has raised our project by \$5,400 leaving us still needing to fundraise \$5,000 more. If you would like to make a donation please send a check to RUMC, PO Box 286, Kents Hill, ME.

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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James Craig, Jr., miller

~ CIRCA 1788 ~

Judge Edward Fuller, Esq. 1809-1856

## PHOTO CAPTION:

The Jones' circa 1788 house at 1171 Main St. (4 Garden Way) is thought to be the oldest house that remains intact at Readfield Corner. FMI about acquiring a circa sign like the one pictured here contact [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com) or (207) 441-9184.

## THIS OLD HOUSE

The Jones family recently applied a circa sign on their home at Readfield Corner. We estimate this house was built circa 1788 by James Craig, Jr. at the time of his first marriage (through research done by Bill Adams and Dale Potter-Clark). Craig was a son of James, Sr. who owned 200 acres / lot #212 and built the saw and grist mills on Factory Square about 1780. James Sr. died in 1797 at which time James Jr. and his brother Thomas inherited the mills and land – minus what had been previously sold to various parties – and James took over management of their father's mills.

James Craig Jr. was married twice and had nine young children born 1789-1804, from those marriages. His second wife was Deliverance (Call) d/o Phillip & Deliverance (Wyman) Call, Jr of Pownalboro. Of interest, her grandfather Phillip and (his brother or father) Obadiah Call were the first with a Christian name to settle in Dresden / Pownalboro 1735 or before. James Jr. died about 1805 and his widow Deliverance remarried to William Luce of Readfield Depot who then moved into the Craig house with her and the children. James Jr.'s brother Thomas settled the estate by first selling the mills on Factory Square to Robert Page, Esq. in 1805 then his brother's house four years later. William Luce and Deliverance moved from there to Readfield Depot where he ran a store that sat near where Depot Market is now. Daniel Craig (s/o James Craig, Jr.) later took over his step-father's store.

Of added interest, Daniel's son David W. Craig bought Tallwood Peninsula and Tallwood (Poor) Farm from the Town of Readfield in 1888 and built the Sir Charles Hotel and Cottages (commonly known as Tallwood Inn). There is a good deal of information and several photos of that establishment in the book *Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts and Kids Camps on Four Lakes in Central Maine*, available at the RHS gift shop.

Another resident to live in the house at 1171 Main St. was Judge Edward Fuller, Esq. (1782-1856). He was born in East Readfield s/o Revolutionary War veteran Francis & Hannah (Cobb) Fuller. The family came from Barnstable, MA to East Readfield about 1772 (when Readfield was still a part of Winthrop) where their eleven children were born, Edward Fuller was their fifth. He married Temperance (Fuller) of Barnstable, MA in 1804 and she d.1828. His second marriage took place in 1829 to Elioenai (Frost) of Winthrop. There were ten children born to Edward and his wives between 1805 and 1843.

Judge Edward Fuller was a highly regarded attorney and Kennebec County Judge. His law office was near the intersection at Readfield Corner, about where the Readfield Emporium is now. Among those who studied law under Judge Fuller were Lot M. Morrill, Maine Governor and U.S. Senator; and Timothy O. Howe, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. Judge Fuller is buried in Readfield Corner Cemetery with his first wife.

## 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 often.



1828

**THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE**

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

During the month of August, the Readfield Union Meeting House will hold several Facebook Live concerts bringing music from the Meeting House directly into your homes. We are thrilled to announce that on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM, we will stream a performance of two local highly skilled musicians: Christina Misner Rao and Rosalea Kimball. Both are widely known in our area as accomplished keyboardists and they will share their talents and play on the restored organ at the Meeting House. (See picture) With Covid-19 still a major concern, the Events Committee wanted to bring a few FREE concerts to our community via social media. Please enjoy the music.

Included also are a couple of pictures from the "Curbside To Go" Strawberry Shortcake Festival that was held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all our patrons for your support. It was so popular that we sold out of shortcakes before the scheduled 3pm closing time. Our sincere thanks to our local sponsors: The White Barn and Merrill's Investigation & Security Services LLC for their financial support. Thank you to The Red Barn (Augusta) for the shortcake containers and Parks Performance Services (Winthrop) for lending safety cones for our curbside parking area.

As mentioned in last month's Messenger, John Cushing will soon be removing the tree stump from the large maple tree that was cut in late spring. Some of the wood from the tree was saved and an opportunity to work with John Brown, d/ b/a Twisted Creations, has developed. He can produce unique art and furniture pieces made from this 100 year old maple. More to come on this next month.

Last news to mention for this month, and the most exciting, is the launching of the clock restoration project. This initiative is being called "An Invitation to Buy Some Time". A 4-page newsletter has been sent out to members and supporters, both current and past, detailing the work to be done. You can own a minute, numeral, a hand of one of the three clock faces or a clock part. Just think within a few years Readfield will again have a working town clock.

If you didn't get a newsletter and would like one, email [unionmeetinghouse@gmail.com](mailto:unionmeetinghouse@gmail.com). Naming a clock part to honor someone would make a great gift!

*Submitted by Nancy Durgin*



***Efficient preparation = Happy Patrons!***



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# AUGUST 2020

There are many summer events happening!  
Library, Beach, Union Meeting House ... look inside FMI!

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