



# Readfield Messenger

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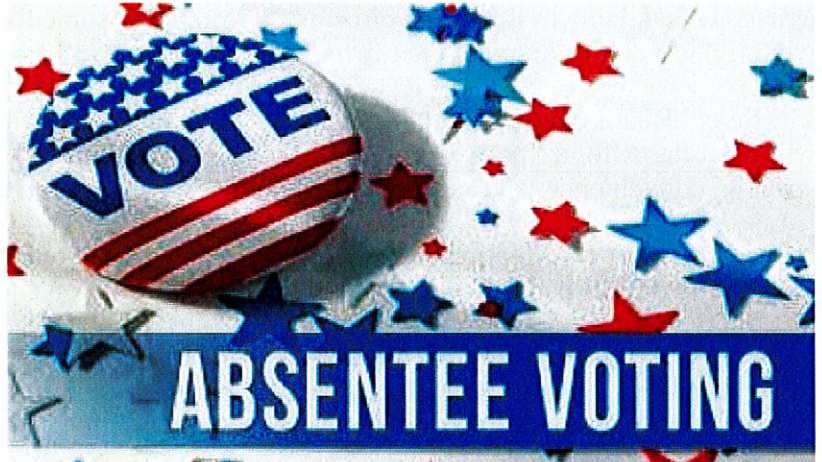


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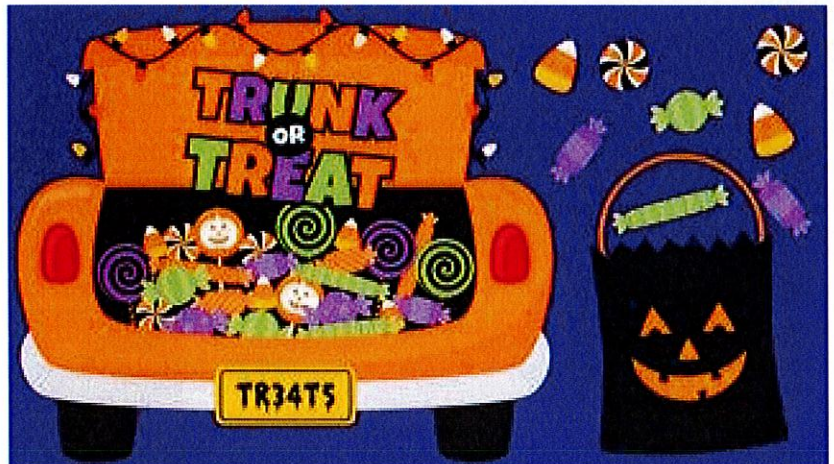


Keep them safe... Inoculate!



2021 Dog Registrations begin Oct. 15th

## More information inside



### The Readfield Town Office & Library will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Indigenous People's Day

# Select Board Corner

Greetings from the Select Board,

As the leaves begin to turn and fall, we find ourselves in another October in Readfield.

This is my favorite time of year in Maine: warm days and cool nights.

As we head into another winter heating season, I want to remind folks that there is heating and firewood assistance available to Readfield citizens. If you know someone who may be struggling to keep warm this winter, please let us know at the town office, 207-685-4939.

The Select Board would also remind you that our Special Town Meeting is coming on Nov. 2nd. Our voting will be at the Alford Sports Complex at the Kent's Hill School. We have voting there because of the open spacing, convenience, and safety. We'd like to thank Kent's Hill School for their accommodations.

In the Special Town Meeting, you'll find voting articles about broadband access in Readfield and land-use. In the coming days, Readfield citizens will receive information and explanations about the upcoming articles. In fact, there will be mailings and live/Zoom hearings about the special items included. The best way to understand the questions being voted on is to check out any of these informational outlets so that you can be better informed. If you have questions or concerns, these forums are the best (and only) real way for you to participate in the process. We invite everyone to stay informed, make smart choices, and vote on Nov. 2nd.

As always, I hope you are well and thank you for keeping #readfieldtogether.

Thank you,

Dennis Price  
Select Board Chair

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# From the Town Manager

The Town of Readfield is hiring for multiple positions. This brings us new opportunities but also has the effect of adding a few wrinkles to our operations and slowing things down. Until these positions are filled we will have limited resources so please have patience as we work to fill them. We are prioritizing essential services like the Transfer Station but some municipal services may be diminished or not available. You can help by joining our team or by sharing these job opportunities with someone who might be interested!

Applications and copies of the current job descriptions may be obtained at the Town Office and on the Town website: <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/>. Applications should be submitted to the attention of the Town Manager, Eric Dyer. Interested Applicants are encouraged to apply immediately, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION:

This position is generally responsible for animal welfare in the Town of Readfield, including enforcing state and local animal welfare laws. The Animal Control Officer investigates complaints concerning the regulation, licensing and control of dogs and other domestic animals and provides appropriate follow-up and enforcement. Public education and outreach are an expected part of the job.

The successful applicant will have or have the ability to acquire knowledge of the principles, practices and equipment used in animal handling along with a working knowledge of applicable state and local animal welfare laws and procedures. Graduation from the Maine Basic Animal Control Officer Training, or willingness to work toward this training at the earliest opportunity is required. The ability to communicate well and deal courteously and professionally with the general public in challenging situations is essential. A valid State of Maine driver's license and the physical strength and agility sufficient for performing the job duties are required. Considerable experience in handling animals is preferred. This is a stipend position currently set at \$3,000 annually. All necessary training is paid for by the Town of Readfield.

## MAINTENANCE POSITION:

The Town of Readfield has an opening for a full-time maintenance position responsible for general maintenance for all Town buildings, grounds, equipment, and road infrastructure; performing minor highway maintenance; winter plowing and sanding of parking lots, hydrants, and sidewalks, supervising road maintenance and reconstruction as delegated, maintaining or scheduling maintenance of all Town equipment; janitorial duties, and any other duties as directed by the Town Manager.

The successful applicant will have the ability to work independently or with minimal supervision efficiently, take initiative to identify and complete tasks, perform manual labor, organize a personal work schedule, communicate clearly and courteously with fellow employees and the general public, work a flexible schedule, supervise part-time workers and contractors, and use and maintain tools and powered equipment used in various maintenance repair tasks, including one-ton truck, tractor, backhoe, mowers, chainsaws, etc.

The successful applicant will be required to possess a current Maine Driver's License, with a clean driving record. Past municipal experience is preferred. The position offers competitive pay and exceptional benefits.





# VOTING INFORMATION



## November 2, 2021 State Referendum & Readfield Special Town Meeting

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at  
Kent's Hill School, Harold and Ted Alfond Athletic Center,  
1617 Main Street, Readfield ME 04355**

### **To request your absentee ballot:**

- Online by going to the Town website at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and completing the online application under Voter Information.
- Complete the Absentee Ballot Application on the next page; mail to Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield ME 04355 or stop in during regular business hours
- Complete the form at the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours.

**Voter Registration:** Voters may register at the Town Office during regular hours, or at the polls on the day of elections. Proof of identity and residency are required in order to register to vote in accordance with Title 21-A Section 121,(1-A).

Additional questions regarding voter registration, elections and polling location may be addressed to: [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org) or (207) 685-4939.

**The last day to request your Absentee Ballot is Thursday, October 28  
unless special circumstances exist.**

**Ballots need to be received by 8:00 pm the close of poles on voting day.**

### **Special Town Meeting Public Hearing**

**WHEN:** October 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

**WHERE:** Gile Hall (Town Office) 8 Old Kents Hill Rd. or via ZOOM

**HOW:** Online ZOOM Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405, or by calling (929) 436-2866 and using the same meeting credentials.



**Application for Absentee Ballot  
November 2, 2021  
State Referendum Election  
& Readfield Special Town Meeting**

<u>Application Received</u> (Date/Time)
<u>Ballot Sent/Delivered</u> (Date/Time)



Absentee ballots will become available and will be provided to voters beginning in early October.

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, unless special circumstances exist.

**Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on November 2, 2021.**

1. Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_

2. Residence Address of Voter \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (Municipality)

3. Voter's Date of Birth    /    /     
                                  m  m      d  d      y  y  y  y

4. Contact Information – **Please complete. Clerk will use only to notify the voter if there is a problem with the application or ballot.**

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter

a.  Issued to Voter (Application Required if Voter will Vote **Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence**)

b.  By Mail to this Address \_\_\_\_\_

c.  By Immediate Family Member of Voter

Designated Here \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Relationship to Voter)

d.  By this 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (Designated by the Voter) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Telephone#)

6. Signature of Voter *OR*

Immediate Family Member of Voter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 5(c) above. The absentee ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 5(b).

7. Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Voter \_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete Section #7 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)

**AIDE CERTIFICATE (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below)**

If the voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.

I helped this voter:  read the application  sign the application  read and sign the application

Signature of Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Aide \_\_\_\_\_



## Week 1 – AARP Impostor Scams

One of the most effective things that criminals can do to gain your confidence is impersonate an organization that you do business with and trust. Sadly, no one is immune from this. Not even AARP.

Recently, the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline has been receiving calls about a scam involving phone calls from someone claiming to be with "AARP Security Systems" (or something similar sounding). We are told the first question they ask is whether you own your home and then they hang up.

We haven't yet heard from anyone who lost money or sensitive information to these scam calls, but that could always change. Don't engage with anyone claiming to be from AARP Security Systems, and if you get a call like this, let us know by calling the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360, or reporting it on our scam map ([www.aarp.org/scammap](http://www.aarp.org/scammap)).

## Week 2 – “Smishing”

As more of us catch on to scam calls to our smartphones and block them or don't answer them, scammers have taken to texting. “Smishing” is the term of art: SMS + phishing. Just as scammers phish by casting a wide net with email, so they do with smishing.

The same things that we suggest in order to avoid phishing attacks apply to smishing. But texts live in this space of immediacy – scammers know we are likely to respond much faster to a text than an email. To thwart their efforts, take a pause and consider the message. Is this really my bank, or Amazon, or PayPal, or the IRS texting me? Don't click links – access the company or agency in a way you know to be safe and see if there's an issue. Otherwise, don't engage.

## Week 3 – Grandparent Scams

Criminals know that fear is the best motivator, and nothing drives fear more than a loved one in trouble. This is why scams targeting grandparents seem never to go away.

If someone calls claiming to be your grandchild, or some authority calling about your grandchild who is in trouble or danger, it's most likely a scam. It's certainly a scam if the caller directs you to send money fast to resolve the problem. Your best move is to hang up and call your grandchild or reach out to family who would know his or her whereabouts.

## Week 4 – Utility Scams

Utility scams heat up as the temperatures rise (and when they fall), so much so that the Federal Trade Commission ranks utility impostors among the top reported scams. In this one, you typically get a call, email or text saying your account is past due and you must pay immediately, or they will cut off your power. Another tactic is the “utility” claiming you overpaid your bill, and they request your bank account information to issue a refund. Utility scammers can also show up at your door after a power outage or severe storm offering to get your power back on for a fee.

Utility companies typically don't do business this way. Any unusual communication from your utility should raise a flag. Disengage and contact your provider at a number you know to be legitimate (off of a recent statement, for example). Chances are you'll learn that there is no problem to address.

# Drive Thru Rabies Clinic

**\$15.00**  
per dog/cat



**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
**4:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Readfield Town Office Parking Lot**  
**Pre-Registration &**  
**Payment Required**  
**Call 207-685-4939 to schedule**

**2022 Dog Registrations begin on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**\$6.00 if spayed/neutered, \$11.00 if unaltered.**  
**Register your dog the day of the clinic in the office!**

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## **Board/Committee Openings - *Updated September 2021***

<b>Age Friendly Committee:</b>	<b>2 Vacancies (2024)</b>
<b>Cobbossee Watershed District</b>	<b>1 Alt Member (2024)</b>
<b>Comprehensive Plan Committee</b>	<b>2 Vacancies (2022)</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>1 Alt Member (2022)</b>
<b>Local School Board Advisory</b>	<b>2 Openings (2023)</b>
<b>Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee</b>	<b>1 Alt Member (2023)</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>2 Alts (2022, 2023)</b>
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	<b>2 Vacancies (2024)</b>
<b>Road Committee</b>	<b>3 Vacancies (all 2022)</b>
<b>Solid Waste &amp; Recycling Committee</b>	<b>1 Vacancy (2023)</b>
<b>Trails Committee</b>	<b>2 Vacancies (2024), 1 Alt (2023)</b>

Volunteer forms can be found on the next pages (2 part form) and returned back to the Town Office or online at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org). Forms can also be filled out online electronically and are available at the Town Office. FMI 207-685-4939.

Readfield Rec Presents  
**HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

5:00 - 6:30pm

**PUMPKINS A-GLOW**

5:00pm - 6:30pm

**MOVIE NIGHT**

6:45pm - 8:30pm

Saturday

30<sup>th</sup>

OCTOBER

**JOIN US AT THE CHURCH ROAD FAIRGROUNDS**

If you would like to have a trunk in the “Trunk or Treat” or make a donation email [readfieldreccom@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldreccom@gmail.com)



# Conservation Commission Monthly Tips

## Ten Tips to Help Pollinators

You've heard the saying, "Think globally; act locally." Well, here's your chance! Pollinators are vital to the production of many of the foods we eat. In fact, it's estimated that a third of the crops we grow depend on pollinators. But many pollinators, including honeybees and native bees, are in trouble. Populations are in sharp decline due to pesticide use, disease and parasite problems, and loss of food and nesting habitat. How can you help?

Just like people, pollinators need food, water, shelter, and a safe and healthy environment to live in and raise their young. Here are some ideas for ways you can help pollinators in your schoolyard, community garden, or home landscape.

**Plant a pollinator-friendly garden with a variety of flowering plants to give a succession of bloom from spring to fall.** This will provide pollinators with nectar and pollen to feed on all season long. Remember that many flowering trees and shrubs are important sources of food for pollinators early in the season. Especially when planting flowering annuals and perennials, try to group each kind of plant into clumps of three or more rather than dotting them individually throughout your garden. This makes it easier for pollinators to locate plants!

**Include lots of native plants in your garden.** Native plants have evolved along with native pollinators, making them generally the most beneficial to these insects. Choose native plants that are adapted to the soil, light, and moisture conditions in your garden and you'll help pollinators and make your garden care easier.

**Include plants to feed all stages of pollinators' life cycle.** There are no butterflies without caterpillars! Make sure you have plants that will feed both the immature as well as the adult stages of pollinators. For example, while adult monarch butterflies feed on many kinds of flowers, their caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed plants. Similarly, the caterpillars of eastern black swallowtails feed on plants in the carrot family, like Queen Anne's lace, carrots, parsley and dill. And accept that these caterpillar host plants will be chewed on – plant them in an inconspicuous spot if you don't want to look at ragged leaves.

**Minimize the use of pesticides, even organic ones.** Even pesticides approved for organic gardens may harm pollinators, so try to keep any pesticide use to a minimum. If you do use a one, choose a pesticide with the lowest risk to bees and other pollinators; check the label for bee hazard information. Spray in the evening after the pollinators have stopped flying.

**Go wild!** If you can, let a corner of your schoolyard or backyard go "wild." A wooded area, hedgerow, or unmowed "mini-meadow" will provide shelter, food, and nesting areas for many pollinators.

**Provide a source of water.** A shallow basin of water set on the ground with some stones or piles of gravel in it on which insects can perch will help pollinators quench their thirst. Some insects, especially butterflies and some pollinator bees, prefer a mud puddle. Let a hose or faucet drip just a bit to form a damp, muddy sipping spot. Add a bit of sea salt or wood ashes to the mud to add micronutrients and minerals to their diet.

**Don't be too tidy.** Leave some leaf litter and plants standing over the winter to provide spots for pollinators to overwinter. If you can, leave some dead wood standing in an out-of-the-way area to provide nesting sites for native bees.

**Build bee housing.** Make nesting blocks for pollinating bees that nest in wood, such as mason bees, by drilling at least 10 holes 4 to 8 inches deep and 5/16" in diameter in a block of untreated wood. Hang your bee "condo" with the holes set horizontally at least 3 feet off the ground and facing as close to southeast as possible.

**Enhance your lawn.** Lawn "weeds" like white clover and dandelions provide a source of food for pollinators when they're in bloom. Think of your lawn as pollinator habitat and embrace the idea of letting more than just turf grasses grow there.

**Spread the word.** One pollinator-friendly garden is good; an entire neighborhood or community of them is even better! Share information with your school community, neighbors and others in your town or city about the importance of protecting and nurturing pollinators, and encourage them to make their gardens and landscapes welcoming to pollinators too.



Source: <https://kidsgardening.org/>

Link to article: <https://kidsgardening.org/ten-tips-to-help-pollinators/>

# 2022 Dog Registrations starting October 15th



## Ways to register your dog:

- ⇒ In person at the Town Office during regular business hours
- ⇒ Online at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) under online services
- ⇒ By mail: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355
- ⇒ Over the phone by calling 207-685-4939

**The cost is \$6.00 if spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if unaltered.**

Dogs 6 months & older are required to be registered in the town they live in by state law.

Proof of rabies and spay/neuter (if applicable) are required to register

*Registration deadline is December 31, 2021 to avoid late fee!*

## Readfield Recreation

Not an RSU 38  
Sponsored Event

# Fall FOOD DRIVE

Helping Families in Need in Our Community

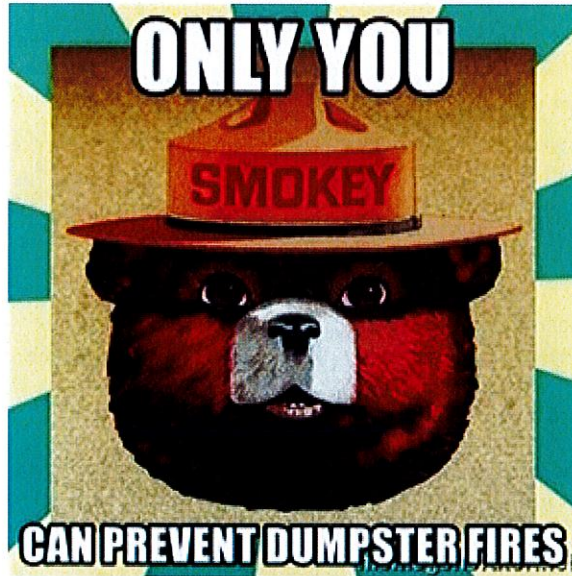
**Saturday October 16th**  
DROP-OFF LOCATION:  
RSU 38 Middle School Soccer Field  
8:30am - 12:00pm

EMAIL READFIELD REC FOR MORE INFO:  
[readfieldrecom@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldrecom@gmail.com)

**WHAT WE NEED:**  
SHELF SAFE GOODS: Rice, beans, canned fruits, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, boxed mac & cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, maple syrup, kids snack items  
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

# Solid Waste & Recycling

## Fire at the Transfer Station



On Wednesday September 22nd we had a fire at the Transfer Station. Materials placed in the MSW (household trash) compactor caught fire inside the octagon bin. This resulted in a very serious safety situation and the temporary closure of the facility. In reviewing the incident we were not able to identify the source of the fire but do have a few likely causes to consider. We don't want this to happen again so here are a few reminders and points on safety:

- Never put coals or ashes in with your household waste, even if you think they are out cold - we have dedicated steel ash bins right next to the trash hopper.
- Ash and ends from cigars, cigarettes, and other smoking products should be placed in the ash bins and not bagged with your household trash.
- Never put oily rags in with your household waste. Bring them to an attendant for proper disposal.
- We have recycling programs for all battery types. Ask an attendant for more information and never dispose of rechargeable or Lead/Acid batteries in the trash. If you dispose of alkaline batteries in the trash make sure they are dead and tape the terminals.
- If the Transfer Station gates are closed, even during regular business hours, **DO NOT** open them and **DO NOT** drive or walk around them to deliver your waste. They are closed for a reason, usually public safety. Going around them is irresponsible and dangerous and could put you, other residents, employees, or emergency response personnel at risk. We have had this happen on multiple occasions and future violators will have their access to the facility restricted.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation going forward.

### General Operation 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.

Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.

### Transfer Station Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**11 AM to 6PM**

**Saturday**  
**8AM to 4PM**

### Change of Operation Practices due to Covid-19

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

- Unvaccinated Staff and residents are required to wear a face covering while at the Transfer Station.

**WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE  
COMPOST**

*Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee*



## OCTOBER 2021—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

### LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT for All Ages, Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

The Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Union Meeting House are hosting a Pumpkin Carving Event outside behind the Library on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. Pumpkins and tools provided. The carved jack-o-lanterns will be used to decorate the "Pumpkins Aglow" Trail at the Fairgrounds on Saturday evening. Join us for some Halloween fun! (And stop by the Library's "trunk" for some treats at the Trunk or Treat event, also on Saturday evening.)



### GUESS the PUMPKIN WEIGHT CONTEST!



Stop by the library anytime before October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to make your guess as to the weight of our pumpkin for our annual contest! Closest guess will win the pumpkin! Special thanks to Christianson Farm in Readfield for donating the pumpkin!

### TEEN "Fall Into Reading" Challenge—Great Raffle Prizes!

Hey middle and high schoolers! No worries if you missed the kickoff event with pizza and games—you can still participate in the "FALL INTO READING" Challenge for Teens. By participating, you earn tickets towards great raffle prizes—a \$50 Dunkin Gift Card and a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Simply stop by the library any time before November 15<sup>th</sup> to get your reading log and find out how the challenge works. If you are a reader, why not earn tickets towards the raffle prizes with the reading you already do? If you are not a big reader, why not use this challenge and the cool prizes to motivate you to read more? The Reading Challenge will run until December 4<sup>th</sup>.



All who participate will receive a special treat at the end of the challenge from Dany's Cakes, a new business in Readfield. The raffle prizes for this teen program have been made possible by a generous donation of the Friends of the Readfield Community Library!

### October STORY WALK® at the Library—*The Hike* by Alison Farrell



The Library StoryWalk® is officially open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. The picture book featured for October is *The Hike* by Alison Farrell, sponsored by Barbara and Bruce Bourgoine. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open.

### Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING (for Adults)



Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of the book. The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Beginning with October meeting, we will go back to meeting by Zoom rather than in person. To attend by Zoom, please call 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) for the Zoom meeting ID.

**October Book Group Discussion:** October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

### STORY TIME is LIVE and IN PERSON, Tuesdays at 9:30am

Please join us for our weekly STORY TIME each Tuesday at 9:30am. Perfect for children 0-5 (older is fine too!) and their parents, grandparents, caregivers. Please bring your own chairs or blanket for your family.



We will meet at the following locations:

October 5—We will meet outside behind the Library to enjoy the Story Walk and other books and activities.

October 12, 19, and 26—We will meet at the Readfield Beach as usual.

Note: If inclement weather, we will meet by Zoom. Zoom meeting ID is available from the Librarian.

### "FIX-A-BIKE" Bike Maintenance Workshop Success!

We had 12 participants take advantage of this free workshop with the [Bicycle Coalition of Maine](http://Bicycle Coalition of Maine) in September. If you missed the workshop and would like to see this offering again next spring, please let us know and we can try to set it up!



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ~ The Library delivers! If you are homebound and unable to make it into the library, we have volunteers who will deliver Library materials to you! Please contact Librarian.
- ~ We help homeschooling families with their research needs! We are happy to help you find items to help supplement your curriculum, either from our own collection, or through InterLibrary Loan.
- ~ The Library is a place where your teen can volunteer! One or 2 hours a week or one or two hours a month...we love to have young people engaged in our community!

**LARGE PRINT COLLECTION**

The Readfield Community Library has participated in the Maine State Library Large Print program for a long time now, where we receive a rotating collection of Large Print titles to lend to patrons. However, we have also recently acquired about 50 gently-used titles (from popular authors) of our own to lend to patrons. Please inquire about these new-to-us Large Print titles!



Large Print

**2021-2022 MSBA and KVBA AWARD BOOKS are in!!**

The Readfield Community Library has copies of (almost) all of the 2021-22 Maine Student Book Award books (for grades 4-8) and the 2021-22 Kennebec Valley Book Award books (for grades 3-5). Please send kids our way if they need a copy of an award title!

**Food Waste and Recycling Program in Readfield!**

To get your FREE compost container, simply stop by the Library, the Town Office, or the Transfer Station, to sign a composting pledge.



**Food Waste Facts for October:**

- *It's pumpkin carving time! With Halloween just around the corner this is a great time to carve pumpkins with your child, but don't throw out those pumpkin guts! Bring them to your local food recycling site where they won't go to waste.*
- *Halloween is great for all ages but when you're stuffed from all of that candy, don't throw out the leftovers! Once you unwrap it, bring whatever candy you don't eat to your local food recycling site. Food recycling sites can't take wrappers, but they certainly can take candy!*
- *The Community Food Recycling site can be found at the Readfield Transfer Station located at 1 Recycle Rd., Readfield, ME.*

**FALL is a great time to visit MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Park Pass available!**



Enjoy Maine's parks for FREE this fall! Park pass checkout period is for one week, and pass must be returned when the Library is open (not in the Book Drop, please). If you are planning a trip, you may reserve a pass in advance. Note that all State Parks in Maine are currently open for Day Use. <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19/parks/>

**Interested in Family History Research? AncestryLibrary AVAILABLE REMOTELY THROUGH 12/31/2021!**



Normally available for in-library use only, AncestryLibrary will be available remotely through December 31, 2021 thanks to the efforts of the Maine State Library. Please take advantage of this FREE service if you are interested in family history research! Use this link: <https://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?db=ancestry>

**UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO**

The Readfield Community Library strives to continue to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic. Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. Library visitors are entering with this knowledge of risk. 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 Hours	
Mondays	3pm-7pm
Tuesdays	10am-4pm
Wednesdays	1pm-7pm
Saturdays	10am-4pm

Recently, Kennebec County has been in the "substantial" or "high" category for level of community Covid-19 transmission. As of September 2, 2021, we respectfully REQUIRE that ALL individuals (vaccinated or unvaccinated) wear face coverings inside the Library, per Board of Trustees vote. There will be a reminder sign posted outside the Library, and free masks will be available to patrons who need one. Additionally, if you require library services and are unable to wear a face covering, please connect with the Librarian to make special arrangements. Children under 2 years are not required to wear a mask.



If you have any buckets (with covers); for example, cat liter buckets, please drop them off at the Town Office to be used for the Senior Sand Bucket Program in the winter months.

*Thank you, The Age Friendly Committee*

# New from the Broadband Committee



## Town Meeting Question on Broadband

On August 23rd the Readfield Select Board authorized a Special Town Meeting by secret ballot vote to be held on election day in November this year. There are 3 articles dealing with Broadband Internet. Please read the Warrant and Explanation document that was mailed to your home and is also available on the Town website. [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) Please vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or earlier by absentee ballot, and have your voice be

## News From the Broadband Committee

The committee last met on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We met with a representative from Spectrum to hear about a bulk offer Internet service for the entire town. There was a lot of information given in the sales presentation and many questions were asked. There are many pieces of information needed for Spectrum to provide an accurate offer in contract form and we await hearing from them in the future. We also heard updates on local, regional and state progress concerning broadband initiatives. We reviewed the three warrant articles for the November Special Town Meeting and voted to support all three so that the Town can move forward with planning and applying for funding, with the understanding that whatever proposals are received will be discussed and voted upon at a future Town Meeting before accepting any contracts.

The committee is meeting next on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing the results of the Special Town Meeting Broadband articles and what direction to proceed in, and we will receive updates on funding opportunities from the State and County level.

All meetings are public and will be held in person at the Town Office along with remote access. Look for links on the town website and for email alerts if you have signed up for them. Signup for email alerts is available on the town website. We publish monthly updates. [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

### SELECT BOARD RESOLUTION:

**WHEREAS**, broadband internet services in Readfield are poor and many areas of town do not have access to the FCC recommended minimum speeds of 25 megabits download and 3 megabits upload capacity, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is increasing likely that our residents will need to work from home and require broadband internet service speeds greater than the FCC minimum speeds, and;

**WHEREAS**, not having reliable high-speed access in our community will negatively affect our property values, and;

**WHEREAS**, we have completed an inventory and mapped locations of unserved, underserved and claimed to be served by existing service providers, and;

**WHEREAS**, our town is part of a six-town partnership called the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association seeking to improve broadband internet services which includes the towns of Fayette, Vienna, Readfield, Wayne, Leeds and Mount Vernon, and;

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous opportunities for grants to help pay for increasing the reliability and connectivity speeds to broadband services, and;

**WHEREAS**, there are many companies interested in providing those services,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Readfield Board of Selectmen resolve to participate in a joint effort led by the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association to provide uniform reliable high speed broadband internet services to all of our commercial and residential property owners. The goals of this effort is:

1. If the solution is hybrid fiber/coax infrastructure, it must deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload, with optional speeds of up to 940 Mbps download and 35 Mbps upload.
2. If the solution is Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) infrastructure, it must deliver minimum symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps, with options to increase to 1 Gbps symmetrical.
3. Reliability of service provided must meet a standard of 99% availability during any 24-hour period.
4. Availability of service provided must be provided to 100% of the potential subscribers within each community.
5. Discounted service must be available for low-income households with demonstrated need.

Adopted by Vote of the Readfield Select Board on August 17, 2020

**WKLCA Information** Readfield is a member of the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association along with five other towns: Fayette, Leeds, Mt. Vernon, Vienna, and Wayne. We are working together to find solutions for the affordable delivery of high speed, reliable broadband internet access to all locations in our towns that have electric service. Please see their website to find the studies we have completed and many articles pertinent to this effort. [www.wklcaba.org](http://www.wklcaba.org)

# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

The Trails article in the September Messenger made note of the maintenance upkeep on our town trails. Although our trails and Mill Stream Dam area cover several miles of terrain and are enjoyed by too- many- to-count residents and neighbors, there is an ongoing regimen of maintenance that occurs year round.

From April to late September of this year, 14 different volunteers (both committee members and other town volunteers) have put in 84 hours of work for a total of in kind savings to the town of \$1,083. Regular maintenance requires blue stone and geo tech fabric repairs, mowing, tree trimming, brush and invasive plant removal, and kiosk cleaning and painting. This volunteer effort is a critical piece of the work the Trails Committee does that happens outside of our regular monthly meetings.

A loss due to the Covid 19 pandemic has been the yearly volunteer efforts put forth by Kents Hill School and Maranacook High School. The volunteer work done by the two schools has been sorely missed but that is about to change. Maranacook has reinstated the Community Service Day for the Junior Class on October 7<sup>th</sup>. School staff member and Readfield resident Robin Graziano, working with the other Junior Class advisors and their students, has put together a large 4 town event. Two groups will be volunteering and working with Readfield Trails and Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC). The group working with our Trails committee will be spreading blue stone as part of a major Fairgrounds resurfacing project made possible by a grant secured by the Age Friendly Committee. Four residents have stepped up and volunteered to use their equipment to place the stone along the various trails to expedite the process at the Fairgrounds in what looks to be a very physical day for the students and adult volunteers. The students working with the RCC will be doing invasive plant removal and installing erosion control measures at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve.


As always our committee is open to new members and / or volunteers on specific projects such as the upcoming October 7<sup>th</sup> work day at the Fairgrounds. For more information about volunteering, feel free to contact the Town Office (685-4939) or Greg Durgin at 685-4481.

Readfield's fall season is a great time to use and enjoy our trails and their beautiful fall colors. Trail maps for all our trails are available at the town office and at the kiosks located trail side.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Durgin  
Vice Chair Readfield Trails Committee



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# Readfield Union Meeting House



Hopefully, Readfield Community members were able to enjoy seeing the pictures of the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) clock that was featured on the front page of the Advertiser on 10-02-21. A celebration was held on Sept. 24 at 2:00pm for the unveiling of the restored 1930 E. Howard Co. clock. The clock will be stored in the sanctuary until the planned tower and belfrey restoration take place next year.

The Vestry building also has a new look thanks to Larry Dunn, who leads the Vestry Building Committee. He and many Board and community volunteers have put hours of labor repairing and reconstructing the kitchen area. There are 2 new exterior doors, old siding has been removed, and excavation for proper drainage around the foundation.

The RUMH Building Committee formulated a Request for Proposal (RFP) and sent out requests for the Tower/ Spire to three contactors. Bid proposals are due back on October 7<sup>th</sup>. John Neptune, the project manager, and the rest of the committee will then have the task of reviewing the proposals and choosing a contractor.

The Readfield Historical Society marker that was presented to the Union Meeting House during Heritage Days has been erected on the lawn of the RUMH thanks to Jim Tukey, Cindy McInerney, Larry Dunn, and Greg Durgin.

The Fund Raising Committee, chaired by John Perry, is continuing to seek donations needed for the Tower/ Spire and Clock/Dials restorations. Please note that donations being received now are being matched by a \$50,000 donation by Jack and Anita Smart. The Board is hoping that as we near the end of the year, donors will deem the 1828 Union Meeting House restoration efforts important for year end donations. Our mailing address is RUMH, P.O. Box 451, Readfield, ME 04355

Two events are happening this month:

⇒ “Pizza Kit to Go” to be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm in the Vestry parking lot. This Friends of the Vestry event was held last April. Patrons asked that it be held again! See the Unionmeetinghouse Facebook page for more information..

This is a pre-order event only. Price is \$25. Order by noon on 10/24/21 Order thru the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbbOA-s219LRiMNNsAoe\\_4HnyEgNU8Dr555EAAqK\\_3\\_S1QA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbbOA-s219LRiMNNsAoe_4HnyEgNU8Dr555EAAqK_3_S1QA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

[RiMNNsAoe\\_4HnyEgNU8Dr555EAAqK\\_3\\_S1QA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbbOA-s219LRiMNNsAoe_4HnyEgNU8Dr555EAAqK_3_S1QA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Call Cricket Blouin (207-441-1348) with questions or email us at [FriendsBuildingCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsBuildingCommunity@gmail.com).

⇒ Fifth Annual Pumpkins Aglow Walk that will take place on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Readfield Fairgrounds from 5-6:30. The Union Meeting House, Readfield Library and the Readfield Rec. Committee are all coordinating Halloween activities. A portion of the trails will feature Jack-O-Lanterns carved by community members. All are welcome to participate. Bring your creative carvings to the Fairgrounds parking lot Saturday afternoon by 3pm. Call Nancy Durgin (207-685-4481) if you have questions.



The RUMH Board is always looking for people to serve on our committees. The time may be right for you to get involved. Call Jim Tukey (215-5180), Nancy Durgin (685-4481), or John Perry (685-3531).



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Schools are often the hub of small communities and more and more of them are turning by necessity to providing food and personal items for their struggling students, families, and senior citizens. By providing for this growing reality, our students can more clearly focus on learning. Our Maranacook Food Pantry has been working for several years on providing these essential services. We now find the need is greater, especially since March., 2020.

Our school staff and community volunteers continually work with our families for weekly curbside pick up and deliveries for those without transportation thus ensuring privacy and safety for all. The donated food items and financial assistance we receive are 100% funneled into providing for our families.

The pantry works collaboratively with other local food banks to harness all available resources in order to provide as much nutritional food and vegetables weekly as possible while stretching our impact dollars through donations and grants.

Due to these increased services, our costs have risen since the beginning of the pandemic. Those rising costs affect everyone but our commitment is even stronger to help erase food insecurity in our communities. Research shows 1 in 5 Maine kids face hunger at home. We need to continue providing this basic service for our beleaguered households. To do so, very bluntly, we need your help. We are seeking your support in whatever manner you can once again. We are grateful to our supporting communities and pledge to work diligently to stretch the donations we receive. Donations may be sent to Maranacook Food Pantry c/o RSU # 38 Millard Harrison Drive, Readfield, ME 04355.

Sincerely, Greg Durgin, Maranacook Food Pantry

**Food donations can be dropped off at the Town Office**

## Mount Vernon Food Bank

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.

FMI: Bob Peterson 685-7292 or Helen Wilkey 293-2351.

**Maranacook  
Food Pantry**  
Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM  
*Maranacook Middle School  
Lower Parking Lot*  
FMI Call 685-4923  
Angela Palmer ext. 1120 or  
Mary Ellen Tracy ext. 1162

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## AUGUST and SEPTEMBER VISITORS

We were pleased to have dozens of visitors during the months of August and September, once our building projects were completed and the building was again open to the public. In addition to doing research, viewing our museum and visiting with docents, our visitors enjoyed browsing our gift shop and going home with reading materials about the history of our town.

Among the August visitors were Maria (Sanchez) and her brother Maximo who, we were delighted to learn, are direct descendants of Maj. John Reed, for whom the town of Readfield was named. Over the years we have tried to find information about Maj. Reed with minimal success. Maria and Maximo shared some family history about Maj. Reed that provided an excellent springboard for us to unearth more. They also shared a picture of his son, John Reed, Jr., who took over his father's business dealings after Maj. Reed's death. Maria returned to RHS a second time in September, with her sister and their husbands, for another enjoyable visit. We are working on an article about Maj. Reed for our fall-winter newsletter which RHS members will receive in their mailboxes later this fall.

## HOUSE CIRCA SIGNS

The next order for house circa signs will be placed in early November. Those who wish to order one should contact (207) 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Signs are \$75 each and are accompanied by the research done on the home. Homeowners are given the opportunity to offer input on the final wording. We order and deliver the signs, which will be done in time for holiday gift giving.



In August, two of our visitors were Maria (Sanchez) and her brother Maximo, direct descendants of Maj. John Reed for whom Readfield was named. They are pictured here with Bob & Jeanne Harris. The visit was so enjoyable that Maria returned in September with her sister and their husbands.



In September, Charlotte Killam and her sister Marion visited. They are pictured here with their maternal grandmother's wedding dress, which they donated to RHS. They also donated a photograph of their grandmother wearing the dress on her wedding day. Their grandparents, Horace & Bertha (Symmes) Wood were married Nov. 9, 1911 at Torsey Memorial Church on Kents Hill by his brother, Rev. William Wood. In 1917 Horace & Bertha Wood bought a circa 1795 farm on Walker Road. After them it was owned by their daughter Mary and husband Bob Killam until 1953, when they sold it to

**RHS is a 501C3 non-profit founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contact [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or 377-2299 with questions or for information about becoming a member.**

# Deer Hunting Policy in the Town Forest

Deer Hunters are welcome in the Town Forest. If you want to use a hunting blind or treestand you must register and use the policy that was adopted by the Select Board in October 2020. The registration form may be obtained at the town office or from the town website. The new policy is:

## Deer Hunting Blind and Treestand Policy at the Readfield Town Forest Readfield Conservation Commission October, 2020

Hunting blinds, treestands and other hunting-related structures are permitted for deer hunting on the Readfield Town Forest during the regular firearms season as well as for archery/crossbow and muzzle-loading seasons provided that any such structure:

- 1) Shall not be permanently attached to the ground or a tree and shall not be attached to a tree in a manner that damages the tree;
- 2) Shall be located greater than 300 feet from a trail and the cleared historic farmstead area;
- 3) Shall be registered with the Town prior to placement and labelled with the identification of the owner and contact information;
- 4) Shall not be placed more than seven days prior to the start of the relevant hunting season and shall be removed within three days after the close of the season;
- 5) Shall be free from litter at all times and the site shall be left clean and undisturbed; and
- 6) Shall otherwise comply with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rules and regulations.





Whether we are ready or not, seasons will change and Maranacook Lake will again allow access to several of Readfield's popular snowmobile trails

Hello interested parties,

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile held its first meeting of the season at the Weathervane restaurant on Wednesday September 15, 2021. The following officers of the club were elected at its annual meeting: Bill Brann, President, George Tamborini, Vice President, Lee Livingston, Treasurer and Marge Livingston, Secretary. In addition, Peter Zarella, Kirk Gettig and Donny Clark were installed as non-officer directors. If you'd like to join the club and support these committed

volunteers, come to one of our meetings or simply become a member. Meeting notices are posted on our facebook page and if you'd like a membership application simply message us. Family membership dues are a mere \$30.00 and although we'd love your help on the trails it's certainly not a requirement. We are always striving to increase our membership.

Club members are in the midst preparing for a snow-filled season. You may think its too early to be thinking snow, but in order for our volunteers to have our trails ready for a smooth season there is a lot of trail preparation to be done. First and foremost, it is appropriate that we show our appreciation to our landowners who so willingly lend use of their private land for snowmobile trail access. Without them, our riding ability would not exist. Always remember to respect the privilege that we have been offered by staying on the marked trails. Our landowners' appreciation supper will be delivered to our landowners on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Secondly, our volunteers will be cutting back trail overgrowth, removing felled trees, building and/or repairing bridges officially beginning mid-October. Volunteers are always welcome.

Wishing for a happy and safe riding season.

*Marge Livingston, Secretary  
Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club*



## Recycling Totes

**\$8.00 each**

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# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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## RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule 2021-2022

The following is a schedule of meetings for the RSU #38 Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 school year. Until further notice, meetings will be held at the **Maranacook Middle School Cafeteria** on Wednesdays, (typically on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) beginning at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

August 18 - New Board Member Orientation (3:00 - 4:00) and School Board Retreat (4:00 - 8:00),  
Manchester Grange, Route 202, Manchester

August 24 - Special Meeting, MCHS gymnasium

August 30 - Special Meeting, MCHS gymnasium

September 1 – Business Meeting

September 15 – Workshop Meeting

October 6 – Business Meeting

October 20 – Workshop Meeting

November 3 – Business Meeting

November 17 – Workshop Meeting

December 1 – Business Meeting

January 5 – Business Meeting

January 19 – Budget Workshop

February 2 – Business Meeting

February 16 – Budget Workshop

March 2 – Business Meeting

March 9 – Budget Workshop

March 16 – Budget Workshop

March 23 – Budget Workshop, if needed (tent.)

April 6 – Business Meeting

April 13, vote on budget; Workshop Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> week of April)

May 4 – Business Meeting

May 18, Annual Meeting, MS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

June 1 – Business Meeting

June 15 – Business Meeting

*June 14 (Referendum vote at individual towns)*

(revised 09/03/21)

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<b>RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News</b>	
<b>Lots of new classes starting soon!!</b>	
<b>HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round</b>	
<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Karate with your Kid	10/04/2021
Backyard Composting	10/06/2021
Ukulele for Beginners	10/07/2021
Seasonal Off Grid Living	10/09/2021
Malaga Island History	10/12/2021
Share Your Skills and Be a Literacy Volunteer	10/12/2021
Map & Compass Level 1	10/19/2021
Writing and Publishing Children's Books	10/19/2021
Needle Felting Beginning & Intermediate	11/08/2021
Coastal Navigation Level 1	11/9/2021
CDL - Class B or Bus Driver Ed	11/4/2021
Cooking With BoomerTECH Adventures	Online-Start anytime
Create & Deliver Online Zoom Courses	Online-Start anytime
Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer	Online-Start anytime
Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone	Online-Start anytime
Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad	Online-Start anytime
Introduction to iPhone Basics	Online-Start anytime
Introduction to Mac Basics	Online-Start anytime
Introduction to Zoom Basics	Online-Start anytime
Take Fabulous Photos of Flora and Fauna	Online-Start anytime
Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad	Online-Start anytime
To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:	
<a href="http://maranacook.maineadulted.org">http://maranacook.maineadulted.org</a>	
Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for more info	

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# Readfield Church

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WELCOME  
OUR NEW  
PASTOR



Readfield  
United Methodist Church  
is excited to introduce you to our  
New Pastor  
and the New Chaplain at Kents Hill School  
Reverend Shannon Diana Keeney!

Rev. Shannon has been appointed by Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, resident Bishop of the New England Conference of the UMC and by District Superintendent Karen L. Munson of Maine's Many Waters District. Readfield UMC and Rev. Shannon are excited by our new connection and wish to welcome you to become a part of our faith family in this time of transition and joyful celebration. *Have you been thinking of going to a church for the first time or returning to your past faith connection? Do you feel like your life needs something more? Are you looking for hope in the midst of this pandemic?* Come join us as we discover together the love that awaits us all.

**We Worship Every Sunday at 10 am! You are definitely welcome and wanted - there is always a space waiting for you!** We follow the Maine CDC guidelines and are currently asking those in person to wear masks. **Not ready to join us on site? That is fine! We are offering worship on-line from the comfort of your own home, please visit our website for the link to our Zoom live worship.**

Here is a little info on our new leader – Shannon's life has always been intertwined with the church. Her Grandfather Rev. C. "Lloyd" Voll helped with her baptism on September 9, 1984 in Bucyrus, OH. From then on she was hooked on the Good News, the Joy, and the Forgiveness of Christ. Shannon feels blessed to have had numerous powerful spiritual experiences and faithful people guiding her years. She attended and led Sunday School, church committees and camps, rallies, and workshops. Shannon received her first call to ministry in 1994, in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. Her second call came her Junior Year of Epping High School when she attended Andover Newton Theological School's Faith Youth Institute. At Hiram College in Hiram, OH she received a dual-honors degree in Religious Studies and Political Science with a minor in International Studies. Her emphasis was on cross-cultural dialogue and interfaith work which will help her in her endeavors at Kents Hill School. Shannon has a deep heart for youth ministry and has always believed that for a church to thrive it must have a range of voices in ages, personalities, views, and styles. At RUMC, we seek to be a church where EVERYONE feels they belong, their voices matter, they are wanted, and are loved.

Shannon attended Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. It was there that she did her field education at Vanderbilt Medical Center as a Hospital Chaplain in the cancer and maternity wings. She was a College Chaplain at Vanderbilt University with the Wesley-Canterbury Fellowship. Following her studies, Shannon worked extensively at Fremont, NH's People's UMC before receiving official ministerial appointments at Riverside UMC in Kezar Falls, ME and most recently at First United Methodist Church in Littleton, NH. Shannon is the youngest daughter of John Keeney, an engineer and inventor, and Rebekah (Becky) Keeney, a writer and artist. She has two older sisters with wonderful families. Her dog, "Owen," has the soul of a comedian. Rev. Shannon comes with a passion for community building/care, the arts especially theatre/music/movies/painting/pottery, history, reading, travel, swimming, soccer, writing, cultural studies, and as an extrovert she loves talking with people. Our new pastor says "it is the story" that fascinates her most. She wants to hear yours, share the ones from the Bible with us, and see how our combined story changes the world.

Now that you know about her, she cannot wait to hear your story. Readfield UMC is located right in Readfield on Main Street with parking across the street (the church is near Kents Hill School). We are handicap accessible with an elevator. We offer numerous opportunities for growth like Bible study, women and men's programs, mission teams, reading groups, kids and youth programs, and more – check out our website or Facebook site to learn more.

**Our next kindness food box giveaway is October 16th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church.** Anyone is welcome to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or call or email





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# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Assessor In (By Appointment)  Absentee Ballots Available	2
3	4 Annual Chairs Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6	7 Special Town Meeting Public Hearing 6:30 PM	8	9
10	11 Indigenous Peoples Day Town Office / Library Closed	12 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm 6:00 PM	13 Age Friendly 9:00 AM Solid Waste & Recycling 5:30 PM	14 Road Committee 6:00 PM	15 Assessor In (By Appointment) 1st Day to Register Dogs for 2022	16
17	18 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	19	20 Rabies Clinic 4-5:00 PM Appointment Required Comprehensive Plan Com 6:00 PM	21 Readfield Union Meeting House 6:00-8:00 PM	22	23
24 Halloween 31	25	26 Planning Board 6:30 PM	27 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	28 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots	29	30 Halloween Spooktacular 5:00 PM