



Readfield Messenger

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Registration Form on Page 6

NOT AN RSU38 SPONSORED EVENT

Readfield Rec. Soccer

Sign-ups 2021

REGISTER ONLINE NOW
MUST REGISTER BEFORE SEPT. 3RD
or register at Readfield Town Office

Coaches are volunteers
Consider helping if you can
Training is available!

VISIT WWW.READFIELDMAINE.ORG TO REGISTER NOW

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MONDAY, SEPT. 6TH

CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

**WE WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, SEPT. 7TH**

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Readfield Heritage Days 2021
was a huge success — Thank you to all
those who were involved & participated.

More information and pictures on Page 11

2020 Annual Town Report Notice of Correction

**Important
Notice!**

Due to clerical error in the recent 2020 Annual Town Report the Personal Property amounts listed included the 2020 amounts that should not have been listed as Outstanding Personal Property as of 06/30/2020. We apologize to all those with 2020 amounts showing in the report as they were not outstanding.

Select Board Corner

Greetings from the Select Board,

September 2021 is upon us and it is hard to believe that in four short months, it will be 2022.

The Select Board met in August to discuss goals for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. These goals include such things as revising ordinances and policies, focusing on town efficiencies (in every aspect), better organizing our Parks and Recreation offerings, as well as bringing safety (and a sidewalk) to Church Rd. and downtown. At the end of the day, these goals will help us focus our efforts to make Readfield accessible, responsible, and safe for everyone.

There are plenty of great things happening in Readfield.

The Heritage Days celebration was a success with folks flocking to the ox pull demonstrations as well as the beach area for music and poutine. The Library continues to bring us programs and activities for children and adults, alike, that educate and entertain. The Union Meeting House had a successful summer concert series that continues to raise money for their restoration efforts.

There is a banner, recently placed at the town office, that expresses our gratitude to Readfield residents for their cooperation and understanding during this pandemic. It takes the collective efforts of all Readfield citizens to keep our town running (and thriving) during these times, and we appreciate you doing your part to keep #ReadfieldTogether.

*Thank you,
Dennis Price
Select Board Chair*

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Did you
know?

A lot of services can be done through our website. Visit www.readfieldmaine.org and click on **online services**.

Pay your taxes, re-register you vehicles, trailers, ATV's, snowmobiles and boats along with your dogs and sporting licenses.

Below are some important dates for these services:

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| ⇒ Tax Due Dates | 1 st : Sept. 24, 2021 / 2 nd : Feb. 25, 2022 |
| ⇒ ATV's | Begin selling May 1 |
| ⇒ Snowmobiles | Begin selling Late Sept./Early Oct. |
| ⇒ Boats | Begin selling Dec. 1 |
| ⇒ Dogs | Begin selling Oct.15 for next calendar year |
| ⇒ Fishing/Hunting/
Game Licenses | Begin selling Dec. 1
<i>(All new registrations need to be done at the office)</i> |

Board/Committee Openings—Updated August 2021

Age Friendly Committee:	1 Vacancy (2024)
Cobbossee Watershed District	1 Alt Member (2024)
Conservation Commission	1 Alt Member (2022)
Local School Board Advisory	2 Openings (2023)
Maranacook Out Dam Committee	1 Alt Member (2023)
Planning Board	3 Alts (2022, 2023 & 2024)
Road Committee	3 Vacancies (all 2022)
Solid Waste & Recycling Committee	1 Vacancy (2023)
Trails Committee	2 Vacancies (2024), 1 Alt (2023)

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. Forms can also be filled out online electronically and are available at the Town Office. FMI 207-685-4939.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Results



We had an outstanding turnout at the HHW collection on Sunday July 11th; thank you to all who participated! Readfield accounted for 55% of the volume collected and a cost to the Town of \$5804. Each of the four towns participating shared the set-up cost for the event (the charge for the company to collect, sort and transport the materials) which was \$887 for Readfield. Our unit disposal fees were \$4917. Monies for this collection are budgeted in the Transfer Station budget annually. We had double the number of residents (both year-round and seasonal) participate this year

compared to last year and we collected far more materials too. Our partner towns of Fayette and Wayne also saw increased participation and collection this year, along with a new partner town for this event only, the town of Belgrade. We also collected 6 gaylords of paint and 8 gaylords of electronic waste. We plan to hold this event again next year so if you missed this one, please start placing any materials you find around your home in one place so you'll be ready for next summer. Our goal is to collect all of the household hazardous waste materials in our towns in order to make our communities safer from possible contaminants.

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.

Readfield Food Composting

We have had a tremendous response to the launch of our food composting project. We have found that our collection bin is not suited to our needs and we're replacing it with a more suitable one; hopefully it will arrive in the month of September. In the meantime, please place food wastes where directed in the compost pile on top of sawdust. This will be turned into the pile regularly and covered with fresh sawdust. There are still buckets available for anyone who would like to begin collecting food waste to bring to the Transfer Station. Just ask an attendant for yours!



**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

2021 Maranacook Youth Soccer Registration happening now!

Registrations due by Friday, September 3rd to avoid late fee!



2021 Maranacook Youth Soccer Registration
Pre K - Grade 6 Boys and Girls
Commissioner (interim): Hannah Flannery
Phone: (207) 446-7865 Email: hhinckley@roadrunner.com

Player Name	Town	Grade	Male/Female	Shirt Size
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Cost \$25 - per child \$25 - 2nd child \$20 each additional child Maximum Family Fee \$70
Cash or Checks - Payable to Town of Readfield \$10 late fee if registering after September 3, 2021

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. Please indicate if you would be willing to help. ☐ Coach ☐ Assistant Coach ☐ Shirt size

Please list any medical conditions or concerns (asthma, allergies, etc...) to be brought to the coaches' attention.

Release of Liability The undersigned hereby releases the Readfield Recreation Association, the Town of Readfield, its agents and volunteers from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand there are inherent risks and dangers in participating in these types of activities. I accept responsibility for my child/ children.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Register using this form and return to the Readfield Town Office or go to:
www.readfieldmaine.org/recreation/pages/fall-2021-soccer-registration-sign-ups



Current 2021 State Scam Alerts

Week 1 – Door to Door Scams

Warm weather is here which means door-to-door sales crews are here, too. But what they're selling isn't always legit.

Be cautious anytime a stranger comes knocking, especially if the visitor is trying to sell you goods or services. Be wary of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happened to be in the neighborhood. The good ones are usually too busy to roam around in search of work. Also be on guard for high pressure tactics to make a quick decision for a steep discount, and requests for payment upfront. Your best bet is to proactively seek out services if you need them, versus reacting to an unexpected sales pitch. It's always okay to explain you don't do business at your front door (or to not answer when strangers knock).

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

Week 2 – Protect Your Device, Protect Yourself

Many scams originate right at your fingertips through your computer or smartphone. The good news is the way to block them is also within your grasp. Here are three tips to keep your devices safe from criminals.

Make sure your devices' operating systems are up to date; you should be able to set an auto-update feature that downloads the latest software when available. Next, make sure to change the password on your Wi-Fi router so it's different from the password it came with. If you have a lot of devices connected to it, they could be vulnerable if the router is compromised. Lastly, a password manager is a great way to create unique and hard-to-guess passwords for all of your online accounts and apps.

Week 3 -- Rental Car Scams

America is open for business again and millions of people are traveling, or planning to. One thing you may run into is sticker shock – especially with rental cars. The lack of travel in 2020 led rental companies to sell a lot of their inventory of cars. Now that demand has spiked, supply is tight and prices are high.

Unfortunately, criminals are paying attention and posting fake rental car deals at rock bottom prices online. While everyone loves a good deal, doing business with an entity you aren't familiar with could be risky. Whatever your travel needs, stick to reputable websites with proven track records. If you do find a deal with an unfamiliar provider, do your research: look up the company name with "scam" or "complaint" and see what appears, and check out reviews.

Week 4 – Free Trial Offers (Negative Options)

Who doesn't love something for free? But beware, that "free trial offer" might mean months of payments that you didn't know you signed up for and will have a hard time canceling. These types of sales tactics are called negative options – a customer signs up for a free trial and unwittingly accepts a subscription – sometimes for a questionable product – often by not seeing a prechecked box in the very tiny print.

When it comes to free trials, research before you enroll. Fully understand the terms and conditions by reading the fine print. Keep a close eye on your credit and debit card statements so you spot unexpected charges right away. Contact your bank or credit card company to address the issue; calling the company you inadvertently signed up for a subscription with will likely get you nowhere.

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 or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you've fallen victim.

AGING FRIENDLY UPDATE Continued...

In July the Age Friendly Committee and the Town of Readfield was awarded a \$6,556, Challenge Grant. The purpose of the funds is to build community – constructively and safely bringing people together around public spaces, reducing food insecurity, and increasing recreational opportunities! The Age Friendly Committee, Readfield Library, and Maranacook Food Pantry worked cooperatively in developing this proposal.

AARP will provide a one-time payment of **\$6,556.00** to purchase by the end of November the following amenities intended to bring the community together safely outside in public places.

LIBRARY

Purchase durable, weather-resistant furniture for outdoor spaces at the Library for the "Lawn Library" and "Book Buddies" programs, including 4 Adirondack-style chairs, 2 garden chairs, and 1 coffee table.

Purchase durable, weather-resistant furniture (a table with umbrella and 4 chairs) to enhance the outdoor space behind the library and to use for outdoor author events and workshops for the community.

Purchase one easy set-up pop up canopy to be used for outdoor author events and workshops offered to the community.

TOWN BEACH

Purchase durable, weather-resistant furniture for outdoor spaces at the Town Beach including 6 red Adirondack-style chairs.

Purchase 1 kayak floating dock launch for use at the Town Beach to allow residents easier access into and out of their kayaks.

FOOD BANK at MARANACOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Purchase 2 sandwich-style sign boards for use with promoting the Food Pantry within the community.

Purchase a new metal rolling cart to be used to deliver food boxes from the Food Pantry to cars in the parking lot.

Purchase 1 Coleman cooler for use by the Food Pantry.

We hope the community enjoys these improvements to our valuable public spaces.

Article written by G. Marianne Heinrich-Perry of Readfield and a member of the Age Friendly Committee that was printed in the Sunday Portland Press Herald

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

As I do every Sunday morning, a couple Sundays ago I eagerly ambled to our rural mailbox to fetch the anticipated paper. (I thoroughly enjoy its diversity of articles, its interesting recipes and the many thought-provoking stories.) The Maine Millennial's offerings generally get my attention. I find her column very open, honest, personal and even rather raw at times.

After I had read more than half of Victoria Hugo-Vidal's July 4 column, which focused on the topic of global warming, I read the following words, which I find disturbing and prejudicial.

She stated that Mainers were dragging their feet on this crucial issue because "they're old ... it won't affect them." While many Mainers are old, to lump them all together as having a negative mindset about the critical matter of climate change is called "ageism"!

I firmly believe that most of our older citizens care very deeply about the future of our planet – not just for themselves but also, especially, for their children and grandchildren.

Many have the resources and time to be strong advocates for change and are out there doing just that. And, yes, there are many among us who do not have access to education, nor the resources to make the necessary changes in their lifestyles to help mitigate the effects of global warming.

You, Victoria Hugo-Vidal, have the media at your disposal and, therefore, are in a position to influence public policy and to promote educational opportunities for the public good. You go, girl!



2021 Spirit of America Award Recipients

Deborah Peale

For her extensive and lasting contributions to the Readfield Community Library serving as a volunteer, Board of Trustee's member, and Board Chairperson. Deb shares her many talents and kind heart through various Library improvement projects, delivery of materials to homebound patrons and organizer of the annual Burns Night event. For all her giving and community-oriented spirit we extend our special appreciation and thanks.

Bruce Burgoine

For his tireless service to Readfield residents and their children through services on local and regional school committees and town committees including the Select Board. Bruce's leadership, vision, calm demeanor, reasoned approach and ability to work with all folks, has given our town the opportunity to move forward with major infrastructure projects and guidance through the Covid-19 pandemic. His thirty-plus years of service are truly appreciated.

Christine Grover Sammons

In recognition for her commitment to serving Readfield on the Select Board for six years and going beyond the job duties. Chris' drive to bring the community together was evidenced in many ways, notably with forming our Annual Trunk-or-Treat, helping to revive an annual Heritage Days event and forming a Veteran's Day event. Her quick wit, focused approach, ability to see all sides of a situation, and desire to do what's best for all, provided our town with strong leadership for which we are truly grateful.

News 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 will be an article concerning Broadband. The Broadband Committee is currently working on creating the article which will be presented to the Select Board at their next meeting.

The committee last met on August 4th. We discussed news around broadband topics, the need to meet with Spectrum to see what they will offer the town, and updates concerning government funding of broadband initiatives. There is nothing specific to report at this time.

The committee is meeting on Wednesday September 1st. We will be meeting with a representative from Spectrum about a bulk offer for the town. We will be evaluating survey questions that we plan to publish in early September and hope to receive a good response from town residents and property owners.

We will be creating the warrant article for the Special Town Meeting, 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. 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 will publish monthly updates of our progress. Our next scheduled meeting is September 1st.

WKLCBA 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.wklcba.org

READFIELD IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

With your help, we hope to jump start the Readfield economy. Members of the Select Board and I are on a quest to help local businesses recover from the pandemic shut down. Since the majority are small businesses that are not on Main Street, but instead are located inside private homes and in remote areas, this is a big challenge. Currently there are over 70 businesses listed on the town web site. Do you know most of them? I surely don't, and that is a shame. These hard-working neighbors may have had a difficult past couple of years. By increasing awareness, we hope to encourage folks to shop locally and keep some of the commerce right here instead of shopping online or in towns nearby.

Some of the ideas we have are:

- Highlight local businesses seasonally in one of the windows in the downtown area and in the "Readfield Messenger", our monthly newsletter. We hope to display Fall & Winter goods and services in October through December. If you are not a subscriber to the Messenger, you can sign up to receive it monthly on the town web site or by using this link here. It is full of great information and events happening in town. <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/town-publications/pages/readfield-messenger>
- Print a list of local businesses to give to current residents and share with new residents that move into the area in a "Welcome to Readfield" packet.
- Invite local businesses to display at Heritage Days to sell goods, give out information, and promote their business to local people.

Here is what we need your help with:

- We would like to have a complete and up-to-date list of local businesses on the town website at www.Readfieldmaine.org. If your business is not posted on the web site, please fill out a copy of this form that is posted here and found under Business Directory- Request Listing. If you know of a local business that is not on the directory, please encourage them to join. <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/doing-business-readfield/webforms/business-directory-request-listing>
- If your business is already listed on the Readfield website, please check your information to insure it is accurate with address, phone/cell number, email, website link, name of the owner, business hours, and a description of the work that you do or service you provide.
- Let me know if you are interested in having your business included in the Fall & Winter business promotion in a window on Main Street and in the Readfield Messenger. Space will be limited, but there will be many more opportunities.

It would be terrific if this can be done by October 1st, so I can start putting together a Fall & Winter display of businesses such as towing, plowing, merchandise for Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas, etc... If anyone has any additional ideas or questions, please reach out to me at cdoorenbos@readfieldmaine.org. Together we can help this town recover and revitalize.

Thank you,

Carol Doorenbos, Select Board Member

2021 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

**To all the VOLUNTEERS During the Covid-19 Pandemic
For the countless ways each of you supported the various needs of the
Readfield Community during a very difficult and challenging time caused by the
Coronavirus Disease 2019.**

HELLO READFIELD!

As the Chair of the Heritage Days committee, I am so excited to share with you that Heritage Days 2021 was a huge success.

The Readfield Historical Society had a great Wine and Cheese membership social on Friday.

On Saturday, we had an incredible turn-out for the book sale, historical sign unveilings, and ox pulls. Folks that ventured to the Readfield Beach were treated to music, ice cream, artisans, and poutine, all as a part of our Heritage Days celebration.

And to wrap it all up, the Rec Committee sponsored "The Sandlot" movie at...a ball field!

All of the organizations and individuals that helped make this a rich experience should be commended.

Heritage Days is a celebration of Readfield - what it was and what it can be.

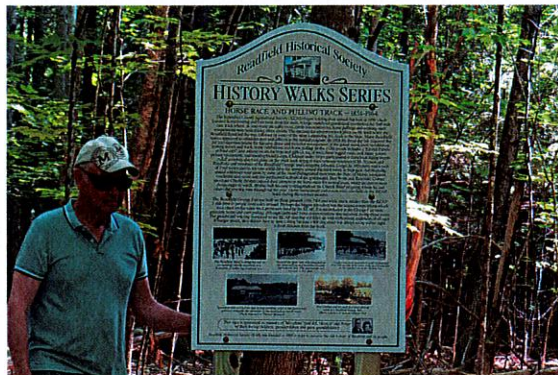
Each group works together to promote their event and their town. When you get so many folks working together in that way, success is easy to find.

We hope you'll join us for Heritage Days 2022, August 12, 13, and 14. We are always looking for ways to improve the experience of Heritage Days, so if you'd like to help, let us know! dprice@readfieldmaine.org

We will continue to bring you a weekend of fun and engaging activities.

Doing our part to help bring #ReadfieldTogether

Dennis Price, Heritage Days Chair





Manchester Lions Club BBQ Chicken To Go

\$12



All dinners served with
Baked Beans & Coleslaw &
Dessert

**For More Information Call
Lion Deb 207-441-9906**



Soda and Water available for purchase

When: October 2 from 4pm - 6pm

Where: Manchester Lions Club House

Grab your meal at the Lions Drive-Thru!
Limited Delivery available for pre-
registrations at an additional charge



BBQ CHICKEN _____ @ \$12. = TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL PAID \$ _____ NAME _____
PHONE# _____

FOR DELIVERY PLEASE
INDICATE ADDRESS:

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO MANCHESTER LIONS CLUB
PO BOX 1 MANCHESTER, ME 04351

CONFIRMED BY: LION



SEPTEMBER LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 6th.

September is NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

- *Are you new to Readfield?* Visit the Readfield Community Library to get your new library card!
 - *Have you been in town many years but have never made use of the Library?* Please stop by to see how our library services, information, entertainment, and books/materials can benefit you!
 - *Do you have children or grandchildren starting a new school year?* A library card and a weekly trip to the public library is a great way to start a new year!
- A Readfield Community Library card is FREE to Readfield residents of any age—stop by to get yours today!!!**

SUMMER READING PROGRAM WRAP UP

At the end of August we celebrated 67 children/teen participants in our 2021 Summer Reading Program with a fascinating Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program "Scales and Tails." Collectively, these young people read a total of 36,435 minutes (which is 607.25 hours!). Great job! The winners of the 4 big raffles included Josie, Hiker, Phoebe, and MacKinley. Congratulations!

Library STORY WALK® is now OPEN!

After a wonderful Grand Opening event at the end of August, 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 September is *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open. Special thanks to Ellen and Aaron for their musical contributions at the Grand Opening, and to the Kennebec Journal for their write up of this community project: <https://www.centralmaine.com/2021/08/27/students-help-bring-storywalks-to-life-in-readfield/>

Also, stay tuned for the opening of the second community StoryWalk® site in September, which will be located at the Readfield Elementary School.

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 the new-to-us Large Print titles if you would benefit from this library offering.

NEW Food Waste and Recycling Program in Readfield!

If you have not yet heard the news, Readfield is a pilot site for "Food Rescue Maine," a program of the Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions at the University of Maine! We are encouraging residents to reduce food waste and practice food recycling (composting) using free countertop containers. 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 Fact: *About 30% of the waste stream in Maine is food waste. Food is heavy and wet and so it costs more to get rid of. A way for you to reduce your food waste is to recycle your food at a food recycling site! The community food recycling site can be found at the Readfield transfer station which is located at 1 Recycle Rd., Readfield, ME.*

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!

DEDICATION OF READFIELD LIBRARY HISTORIC SITE MARKER

Thanks to the Readfield Historical Society for the wonderful new Historic Site Marker sign for the Library which was dedicated during Readfield Heritage Days. We hope to have the sign installed outside the Library within the next month for all to see, learn from, and enjoy. A special thanks to Dale Potter-Clark who coordinated the dedication event.

Library Hours

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

ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE WRAP-UP

Thanks to all the volunteer helpers, people who donated books, and people who purchased books at the sale. This fundraiser brought in over \$1,600 for the Library!! It was quite incredible to see the crew that came together the day of the Sale to move and set up the books, run the sale, and break down the event at the end of the day. Special thanks to Betty Peterson who help coordinate the event and the entire Board of Trustees for their dedication to this annual event for the Library.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The spinning wheel raffle brought in over \$200 for the Library. Congratulations to the winner—Eunice! Enjoy the spinning lessons and wheel! The book raffle (Susan Richards' signed 3-part memoir) was won by Peg! Thanks to all who supported the Library through purchase of these raffle tickets.



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/>



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:

Sept 7—We will meet outside behind the Library to enjoy the Story Walk and other books and activities.

Sept 14, 21, and 28—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.

FREE 24/7 WiFi



A friendly reminder that the Library offers free 24/7 WiFi, which extends to the parking lot. The WiFi network is "Readfield Library Guest" with no password required.

 **Ancestry Library**

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>

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. Note that these groups will meet outside, in person behind the library, weather permitting. A Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person is also available. To attend by Zoom, please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

September Book Group Discussion: September 27th at 6:30pm

Anxious People (2019) by Fredrik Backman



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/>

Recently, Kennebec County has been in the "substantial" or "high" category for level of community Covid-19 transmission. Accordingly, (as of August 26, 2021), we **RECOMMEND** that ALL individuals (vaccinated or unvaccinated) wear face coverings inside the Library, per federal and state CDC guidelines, when Kennebec County is in the "substantial" or "high" level category for community transmission. There will be a reminder sign posted outside the Library, and free masks will be available to patrons.

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

Hello trail users and history buffs.

I would like to thank everyone who worked on or attended the events during Readfield Heritage Days last month. For those of you who were not able to attend, I invite you to take a walk on the Fairgrounds trails and read the newly installed and dedicated historical signs that celebrate the Fairgrounds, the trails, and other aspects of Readfield's history. There are two signs in the parking lot area off Church Road and one out on the trail at the historic pulling stones area. I am sure you will enjoy reading the history presented on the signs so I will not spoil your experience by providing any more details here.

I would also like to make sure everyone knows about a new connector trail although it is still a work in progress and is not shown on our current trail map. We have cleared a short trail that connects the east end of the Morrill Road to Route 17 just across the street from the junction of the Giles and Millstream roads. The Morrill Road is a short dead-end road that diverges east from the Nickerson Hill Road. The approximately 300 foot connector trail eliminates the need to travel along route 17 to reach the Nickerson Hill Road area from the Mill Stream, Giles Road and Old Kent's Hill Road areas. The one limiting factor for using this trail is that you will have to cross a deep ditch along the south side of Route 17. The town plans to install signage, and a culvert in the ditch that will eventually eliminate the dip and complete the trail. In the meantime please feel free to use the trail if it meets your needs. Please be careful crossing route 17 as this is still a high speed area where vehicles leave and enter Readfield Corners. The trail crosses a public easement held by the town after discontinuance of an old road.

Trails committee members have been doing maintenance work on our trails to keep them clear and accessible over the summer. We will soon be gearing up for fall trail work including spreading of bluestone on the Fairgrounds trails and possibly clearing a new trail on the Carlton Pond property. If you would like to help with any of this work, Including providing a tractor for hauling bluestone at the Fairgrounds, please let me know.

Our trail maps continue to be available at the town office and on-line (https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf).

Please let us know if you encounter damage or other issues when on our town trails.

Dog owners please note: Dogs are required to be on leash or under voice control on all town properties including our trails.

*Respectfully submitted by Rob Peale,
Chair, Readfield Trails Committee.*



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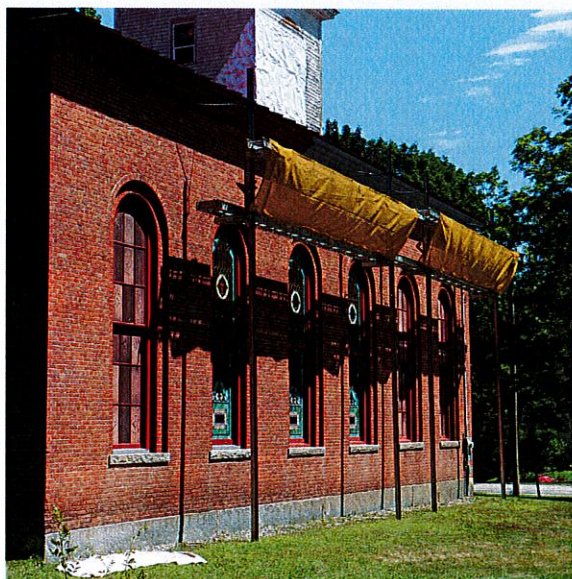
Readfield Union Meeting House



If you'd been up Church Road recently you'd have noticed men on scaffolding and ladders working on the exterior of the Union Meeting House. A crew of professionals from Mid-Maine Restoration in Waterville has just completed repairing the eaves and soffits. This work included the removal of old peeling paint, then priming and repainting of the repairs.

Likewise, they renewed the casings, sashes, and window sills on the south side windows. They rebuilt a rotted return at the south west corner of the roof and installed a historically-correct replica window in the west gable end to replace one that had deteriorated. The crew also scraped off old paint on the two angles that project from the side of the clock tower (correctly called "pents") so that they could be primed and repainted in the original red color that distinguished the Meeting House after the 1866 renovation by the architect Hubbard Lovejoy.

All this was made possible from gifts and donations from members and friends of the RUMH. The Board thanks you all for your continued support.



Two fun activities took place on August 21st at the RUMH. First was the "Walk Down Memory Lane" with guest presenters Evelyn Potter and Charlotte Killam. An audience of about 30 people shared stories, pictures and mementos of growing up in Readfield. For many the RUMH was where they had their 8th grade graduations and scout meetings. Evelyn remembered over 5 weddings that she performed. Special recognition was given by Marius Peladeau to Jack Smart for the financial & legal support he gave when working with Ernest Bracy to re-incorporate the Meeting House as a non profit. To this day Jack is a very generous donor and supporter of the many projects that have been completed.

The second event on the 21st was the Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations Concert held at 7pm., It's been a long time since the Meeting House rocked with this rock and roll music. And I must admit there was dancing in the aisles.

As this September article is being written on 8/22/21, we are still waiting for the much anticipated return of the restored clock and 3 dials. They will be stored until the tower and belfry restoration project can take place, hopefully in the summer of 2022. This is where we still need your help as we move on to this major project. Actually, we've been referring to this tower, belfry, and spire project all year. Through your pledges, donations and grants we have made good progress on our \$350,000 target amount for the tower and belfrey with \$133,000 to go.

Contact President Jim Tukey 215-5180, Treasurer John Perry 685-3531, or VP Nancy Durgin 685-4481 to see how you can help.

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.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Bob Peterson 685-7292 or Helen Wilkey 293-2351.

**FOOD DONATIONS
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TOWN OFFICE**

Maranacook Food Pantry

**Thursdays 3:00-4:00 PM
Maranacook Middle School
Lower Parking Lot
FMI Call 685-4923
Angela Palmer ext. 1120 or
Mary Ellen Tracy ext. 1162**

Attention Summer Residents:

If you are closing camp and have canned or dry goods that are unused and unopened you may donate them to our local food bank by dropping them off at the Town Office. We will take care of getting the food to the Food Bank.

Thank you in advance!

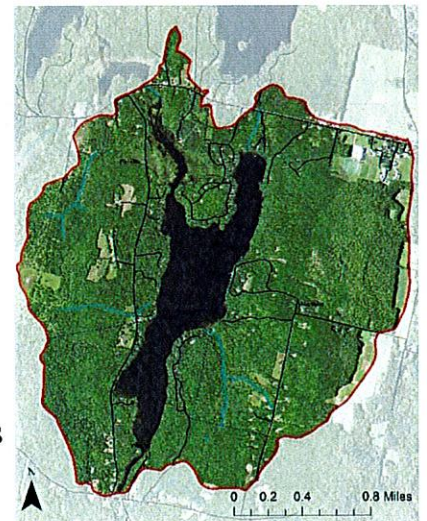


Lovejoy Pond Watershed Survey Results

In the fall of 2020, the 30 Mile River Watershed Association collaborated with the Lovejoy Pond Improvement Association, the Maine Department of Environmental Protections and the University of Maine at Farmington to complete the Lovejoy Pond Watershed Survey. To complete the survey, 22 volunteers and technical leaders spent a day walking properties and roads throughout the whole watershed, identifying sources of erosion and runoff that could harm water quality in the pond.

During the survey, 50 erosion sites were found, ranging from small issues with simple fixes to more complex and severe problems. This data will enable us to prioritize and address issues to better protect the health of Lovejoy Pond. The information collected will not be used for enforcement or regulatory purposes. Visit 30 Mile's website for a summary of the results and a link to the full report.

<http://30mileriver.org/programs/watershed-surveys/>



READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

On Friday, August 13th seventy-five members attended our Wine & Cheese while several joined at the door. Guests included year-round, summer and former residents in addition to some who have roots here. Many browsed our gift shop and purchased books and other items of historical interest. Last but not least the new windows and corresponding plaques were unveiled as well as a new Boy and Girl Scouts display.

NEW BOOKS ARE GOING FAST!!

The new book "Brief Biographies c.1900 pertaining to some Residents of Readfield with notes and illustrations added by Dale Potter-Clark" are going fast. Copies are still available for \$12.00 at the RHS gift shop. They can be ordered online via readfieldmaine.blogspot.com. To arrange for payment by check contact crossings4u@gmail.com or phone (207) 441-9184. There is an additional \$3.00 charge for S&H for books shipped USPS.

OPEN HOURS AT RHS

Due to ongoing building projects RHS was not open this summer, except by appointment, but that changed on August 18th when Evelyn Potter and Dale Potter-Clark opened the door to the public for four hours and were pleased to greet fifteen guests. Evelyn and Dale will return again on Aug. 25th and Sept. 1st 12 noon – 4:00 pm. RHS opens by appointment as long as weather permits. Contact (207) 377-2299 to make arrangements.

SIX MORE HISTORIC SIGNS UNVEILED DURING HERITAGE DAYS

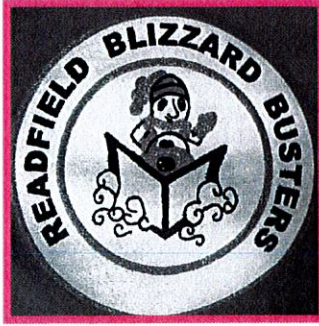
Six more historic signs were unveiled during Heritage Days. Seven signs are now in and around Readfield Corner: on the Masonic Block; at the Readfield Community Library; at the Union Meeting House; three at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot; and one on the "Upper Fairgrounds Trail". One sign tells of the Kennebec County Agricultural Fair, reportedly the biggest and best known County Fair in Maine. Gather some folks together and walk around Readfield Corner and the Old Fairgrounds to read these signs and to learn more about your hometown's history. Next year signs will be installed in and around Kents Hill; then in 2023 at East Readfield; and in 2024 in and around Readfield Depot. Historical signs are made possible through sponsorships, donations and a percentage from residents' acquisition of house circa signs.

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 or 377-2299 with questions or for information about becoming a member. FMI about circa signs contact crossings4u@gmail.com or 441-9184.



PHOTO CAPTION:

Standing beside the new historic sign on the "Upper Fairgrounds Trail" are Brandon & Jessica (Gilman) Fike with their children Spencer and Samantha alongside Jessica's grandmother Kay Gilman. Spencer did a granite stone pulling demo with his 5 year old oxen after the sign was unveiled. His g-grandfather Pete Gilman is pictured on this sign, participating in an oxen pulling event at the Readfield Grange Fair several decades ago.



Hello friends,

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club members Kirk, Peter and Bill replaced a well-used bridge off Plains Road this summer. To ensure the means for a safe crossing, it was appropriately replaced for the upcoming season. Officially our work crews (all volunteers) will be out on the trails starting in October to begin the arduous task of preparing the trails for passage. Additional volunteers are always welcome. This involves inspecting bridges, removing fallen trees and clearing overgrowth reclaiming full trail access. It's difficult to imagine snow falling when Readfield has been experiencing summer heat, but snow will undoubtedly be here. Readfield has so much to offer in each and every season.

Our first meeting of the 2021-2022 snowmobile season will be held at 7:00pm on September 15th at a place to be determined. If you are interested in attending or volunteering, the date and time will be listed on our Facebook page (Readfield Blizzard Busters) soon and while you are at it, we like likes and new members too!

*Submitted by
Marge Livingston,
Secretary
Readfield Blizzard
Busters Snowmobile
Club*



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



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Students who qualify will be able to take this class for **FREE**! For more information please contact steve_vose@maranacook.com or call 207-242-8795.

Students who do not qualify for the free class are still eligible to finance the class through a 0% interest loan. There is no better time than **NOW** to get your CDL license and start an exciting career in commercial truck driving!

For more information on the loan program please visit:

<https://maranacook.maineadulted.org/mmta-loan-information/>

Our CDL (Class B) class prepares students to meet the Maine DMV Class B driving requirements.

The course consists of 42 hours of classroom instruction to prepare students for the state CDL written and skills exam and 30 hours of driving instruction to prepare students for the state road test.

The registration fee covers: Class and drive time, permit fee, one endorsement (Bus, Tank, or Hazmat), DOT physical examination, one state driving test (including use of the vehicle for testing purposes) and drug testing. Students wishing to add additional endorsements will be responsible for the added costs.

Classes meet on the following dates and times:



Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 4-9:00 pm

September 14th, 15th, 16th

September 21st, 22nd, 23rd

September 28th, 29th, 30th



Driving time will be arranged individually with students.

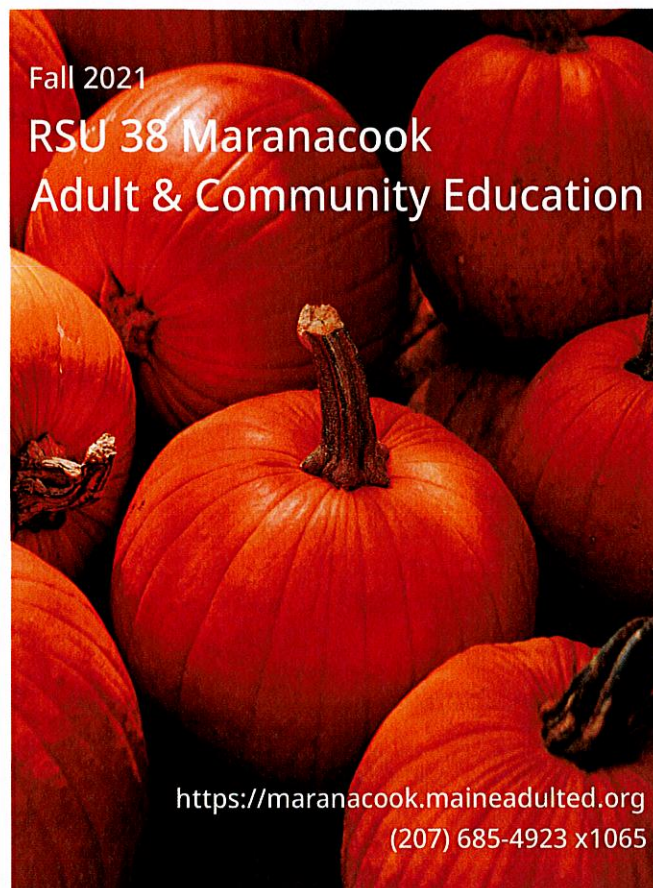
Location: PDC, 75 North Road, Readfield, Maine 04355

For additional questions, please contact CDL Program Director Steve Vose at steve_vose@maranacook.com or 207-242-8795 (voice calls and txt both acceptable).

Space is limited- call today!

Upcoming Courses

- Backyard Composting
- CDL Class B Dump Truck or Bus
- Coastal Navigation Level 1
- Cooking w/ Boomer TECH Adventures
- Create & Delivers Online Zoom Courses
- Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer
- Fantastic Photo Finishes-Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone/iPad Photos App
- Get Your Novel Started!
- Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad
- Introduction to iPhone Basics
- Introduction to Mac Basics
- Introduction to Zoom Basics
- Karate with your Kid
- Malaga Island History (October Class)
- Malaga Island History (September Class)
- Map & Compass Level 1
- Map & Compass Level 2
- Nature Explorers
- Nature Investigators for Homeschool Families
- Needle Felting Beginning & Intermediate (December Class)
- Needle Felting Beginning & Intermediate (November Class)
- Registered Maine Guide Training
- Seasonal Off Grid Living
- Share Your Skills and Be a Literacy Volunteer
- Subtle Yoga – Beyond the Pretzel



- Take Fabulous Photos of the Flora and Fauna in Your World
- Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad Camera
- Tiny Tadpoles
- Ukulele for Beginners
- Writing and Publishing Children's Books

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- o Readfield Messenger newsletter
- o Recreation announcements and Youth Sport sign-ups
- o Voting, election, and Town Meeting information
- o Budget information
- o Select Board agendas, packets, and videos
- o Planning Board agendas and packets



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from the comfort of your own home, please visit our website for the link. We are now following Maine CDC guidelines and if you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask. Unvaccinated individuals will still need to wear them. Our services until further notice will be shortened and there is no nursery or Sunday School. September, we welcome our new pastor Rev. Shannon Keeney.

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for September 18th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed 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 you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.



Have you visited the new bench atop of the hill overlooking Maranacook Lake with access from the Readfield Fairgrounds or the school property? It's worth the trip!

This bench was made possible by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation to Readfield's Age Friendly Committee. The bench was assembled and placed by Jemelie and Paul Bessette on a very hot humid summer day.

Many thanks to them, to Greg Durgin for making the arrangements and to the Maine Community Foundation for making the bench possible for all of us to enjoy!



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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Broadband Internet Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3 Assessor In (By Appointment) Soccer Registration Deadline	4
5	6 Labor Day Town Office / Library Closed	7	8	9 Road Committee 6:00 PM	10	11
12	13	14 Planning Board 6:30 PM	15 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	16 Readfield Union Meeting House 6:00-8:00 PM	17 Assessor In (By Appointment)	18
19	20 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	21	22 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	23	24 1st Half of 2021 Taxes Due	25
26	27	28 Planning Board 6:30 PM	29	30		