



Readfield Messenger



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2022 Spirit of America Awards

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine Municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for outstanding community service.

The Town will be accepting one page nominations through Friday, May 20, 2022

Nominations will be submitted to the Select Board and recipients will be recognized later in the summer.

Spirit of America Tribute



Please send nominations to:

clerk@readfieldmaine.org; by mail to Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355 or drop off at the Town Office.

June 14, 2022

Town Meeting / State Primary

Nomination Papers Now Available

Select Board	2 – 3 Year Terms
RSU #38 Board	1 – 3 Year Term
Local School Board	1, 2, 3 Year Terms

Due back by Friday, April 15, 2022



**Registration Form
on Page 6**

**The Readfield Town Office & Library will be closed on
Monday, April 18th in observance of Patriots Day**

Select Board Corner

Hello Friends,

Over the next few weeks, you might hear a great deal of conversation about what's going on in Readfield. The election season is upon us, and I want to invite you to take advantage of every possible resource you can in order to stay fully informed and knowledgeable about your vote.

Election season brings many questions. What does the broadband proposal mean for Readfield and its internet access? How do the added facilities and improvements at the fairgrounds impact Readfield and its future? What priorities have emerged out of the last two years that must be addressed?

The best way to answer some of these questions would be to visit www.readfieldmaine.org

There, you can view packet and agenda items from past meetings. If you go to YouTube and find the Readfield channel. Our broadcasting guru, Bill Starrett, does an incredible job bringing you high-quality video feeds from each meeting we have.

Additionally, Readfield will be sending direct mailings (via USPS and email...and HERE in the Messenger) to everyone in town on a variety of topics, in order to have a direct link to our neighbors and voters.

Why do we go to such trouble to bring you this information?

Simply put - election season also brings rumor, speculation, and misinformation.

As the Chairman of the Select Board, I hold great value in dispelling rumors, eliminating speculation, and challenging misinformation. I value that because I think those things seek to divide, and I believe Readfield is a community that continues together. #ReadfieldTogether isn't just a cute hash-tag to put on our Facebook page. It's a way of life.

Thank you, in advance, for your involvement and dedication to our town.

Visit www.readfieldmaine.org for information on how to stay informed.

Thank you,

Dennis Price

Select Board Chair

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News from the Town Manager

Town Manager's Report - Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Summary

I want to sincerely thank all of the residents, volunteers, and staff who have been working together to move our town forward through this year's budget and warrant process. The past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic have been incredibly trying for our community and the services provided by the Town. We've faced staffing shortages, project delays, inefficiency, and increasing costs. Despite these challenges we have been able to meet or exceed most expectations and have done so while lowering the tax burden for residents during the pandemic. Unfortunately we cannot responsibly continue that trend and we are anticipating an increase in the municipal tax impact in the upcoming budget year. Our approach to budgeting has not changed and neither has our primary goal - to provide the services residents want, at the level of service they expect as cost effectively as possible. The pandemic seems to have led to a shift in priorities for many residents and two of the biggest are the desire for more outdoor recreation opportunities and the need for reliable communication and technology. These priorities are reflected in the budget in the form of the **Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project** and the **Readfield Community Broadband Project**. I'll talk more about those two projects specifically next month, but I encourage voters to pay particular attention to them. I believe the community benefits outweigh the costs but everyone needs to make their own informed decisions.

Here are a few summary budget and Town Meeting Warrant highlights:

- Most non-tax revenue streams are up, including a significant improvement in State Revenue Sharing projections. Bond proceeds are a major budgeted revenue to cover project specific costs.
- Expenses are expected to rise as a result of increased COVID related labor and material costs, and debt service payments for approved and anticipated borrowing.
- Assigned and unassigned municipal fund balances were used to minimize tax impacts.
- Changes are being proposed to the Board of Appeals and Land Use ordinances to make the language clearer and the administrative processes fairer and less complicated for everyone.
- The Warrant Article about continuing with Secret Ballot voting has been removed as that appears to be a settled issue for the foreseeable future.

Here are the key details on what else is on the ballot and where and when to vote:

Candidate's Night will be held on **May 9th** via ZOOM and in-person at the Town Office.

Select Board Candidates will participate from 6:30-8:00pm and School Board Candidates will participate from 8:00-8:30pm.

The final **Public Hearing** on the budget and warrant will be on **June 2nd at 6:30pm**. It will be held via ZOOM and in-person at the Town Office.

Remote / virtual participation for both of the above events will be essentially the same:

The public may participate by calling (929) 436-2866 or using the online ZOOM platform with Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405.

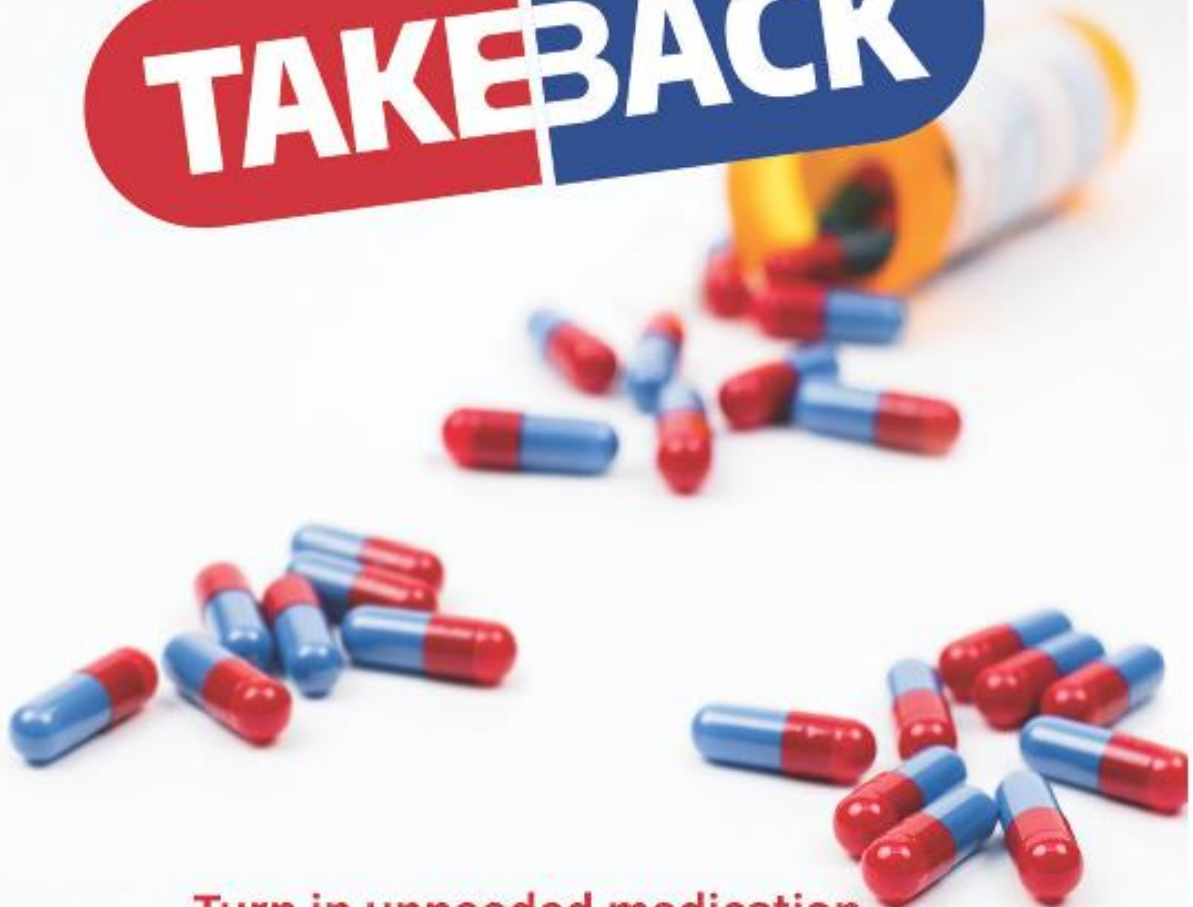
Written comments and questions for the Candidates can be submitted in advance on the Town Website: www.readfieldmaine.org

The **Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot** vote will be held on **June 14th from 8am until 8pm at the Kents Hill School Alford Athletic Center**.

Municipal **Absentee Ballots** will be available at the Town Office beginning **May 13th**. Ballots for the State and RSU will be available later, and so we are asking voters to please request their ballots and allow us time to consolidate them all for mailing!

As always, visit www.readfieldmaine.org for more information!

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.

Saturday, April 30
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

Collection Site Location:
Readfield Transfer Station
14 Recycle Road, Readfield

Expense Summary Report
ALL Departments
February

Account	Budget Net	- CURR MONTH -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
10 - GENERAL GOVT	620,098.00	42,230.56	465.60	372,612.83	247,485.17	60.09
12 - Maintenance	144,915.00	12,332.65	0.00	79,260.74	65,654.26	54.69
25 - COMM SERVICE	75,466.00	5,944.15	0.00	97,355.65	-21,889.65	129.01
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	50,321.00	512.05	0.00	25,197.59	25,123.41	50.07
40 - PROTECTION	154,335.00	157.05	0.00	81,634.76	72,700.24	52.89
50 - CEMETERIES	22,700.00	0.00	0.00	6,832.83	15,867.17	30.10
60 - Rds & Drain	417,850.00	41,412.90	0.00	221,132.05	196,717.95	52.92
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	892,858.00	5,520.38	0.00	55,859.79	836,998.21	6.26
70 - SOLID WASTE	323,665.00	30,327.77	0.00	207,006.27	116,658.73	63.96
75 - EDUCATION	3,463,235.00	288,602.91	0.00	2,308,823.36	1,154,411.64	66.67
80 - REGIONAL ORG	49,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,595.00	16,405.00	66.52
81 - COUNTY TAX	319,743.00	0.00	0.00	319,743.02	-0.02	100.00
85 - DEBT SERVICE	125,224.00	0.00	0.00	112,643.84	12,580.16	89.95
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	294,056.00	0.00	0.00	32,674.59	261,381.41	11.11
95 - GENERAL ASST	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	963.60	9,036.40	9.64
Final Totals	6,963,466.00	427,040.42	465.60	3,954,335.92	3,009,130.08	56.79

Important Dates:

Monday, April 11, 6:30 PM

Select Board Meeting
Budget & Warrant Review

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM

Budget Committee Meeting
Final Budget Review & Approval

Friday, April 15

Nomination Papers Due by 3:30 PM

Monday, April 18

Town Offices Closed - Patriots Day

Monday, May 9, 6:30 PM

Candidates Night

Friday, May 13

Absentee Ballots Available

Thursday, June 2, 6:30 PM

Final Public Hearing on
Completed Budget & Warrant

Tuesday, June 14

Annual Town Meeting/State Primary
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Kents Hill School Alford Athletic
Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield

Revenue Summary Report
Department(s): ALL
February

Account	Budget Net	- CURR MONTH -		YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
		Debits	Credits			
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,131,999.00	151.31	87,054.29	5,776,697.05	355,301.95	94.21
12 - Maintenance	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	36,667.00	0.00	368.80	50,853.05	-14,186.05	138.69
30 - RECREATION, PARKS, & ACTIVITIES	18,210.00	0.00	35.00	9,587.37	8,622.63	52.65
40 - PROTECTION	3,450.00	0.00	800.00	11,690.00	-8,240.00	338.84
60 - Roads & Drainage	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,672.00	-4,672.00	114.60
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	490,533.00	0.00	1,211.53	429,687.79	60,845.21	87.60
70 - SOLID WASTE	216,838.00	0.00	10,015.59	174,534.33	42,303.67	80.49
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	3,569.00	0.00	1,914.34	3,834.29	-265.29	107.43
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	5,000.00	0.00	367.50	367.50	4,632.50	7.35
Final Totals	6,963,466.00	151.31	101,767.05	6,493,923.38	469,542.62	93.26

Available at the
Readfield Town Office



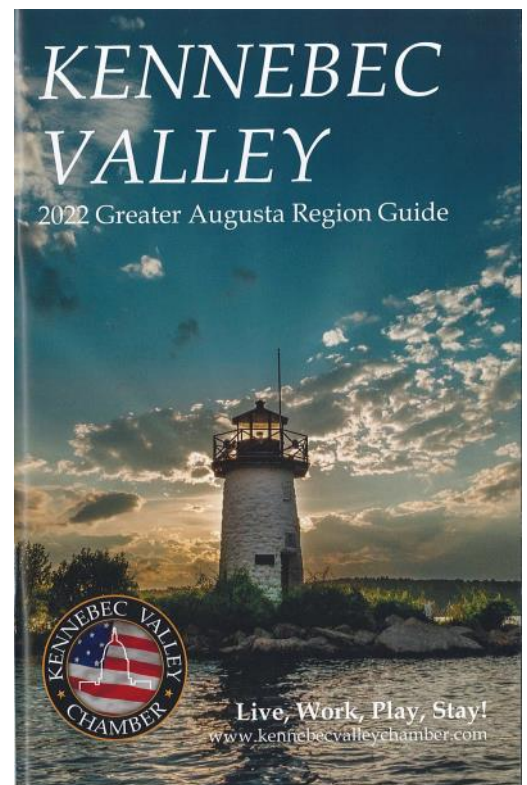
Spring is near and it's a busy time for home improvements. Don't forget to check with your Local Code

Enforcement Officer, Chip Stephens, for your building project and permit needs.

207-685-3290 (O), 207-931-7689 (C)

ceo@readfieldmaine.org

Mon, Tues & Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM





Forms available at the Readfield Town Office & Online
 under the Recreation Tab; or register online:
<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/home/pages/online-services>

A \$10.00 late fee if registration/payment received after 3/31/22

2022 Readfield Registration Form T-Ball/Baseball/Softball

Registration fees are as follows (Maximum Family Fee \$95.00)

Age*	League	# Per League	Age*	League	# Per League
7-8	Rookie Baseball	\$35 _____	5-6	T-Ball (Co-ed)	\$30 _____
9-10	Minor Baseball	\$45 _____	7-8	Rookie Softball	\$35 _____
11-12	Major Baseball	\$50 _____	9-10	Minor Softball	\$45 _____
			11-12	Major Softball	\$50 _____

A \$10 late fee per family will be added to registrations and payments received after March 31st, 2022

1 st Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Players Name (first/last)	League	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Shirt Size/Pant Size
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print clearly): _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Email:** _____

Full Address: _____

Please list any medical conditions (asthma, allergies, etc.) that the coach needs to be aware of:

The success of our program depends on volunteers. Please mark the activity you could help with:

Team Coach _____ Asst. Coach _____ Umpire _____ Scorekeeper _____

Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, 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 the inherent risks and dangers in participating in these activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Uniform Agreement

I agree to return any uniform (shirt and/or pants) assigned to my child(ren) by my coach or Matt Lajoie by July 1, 2021. This does not apply to T-Ball shirts. If I do not return the uniform by July 1st, 2021, I understand that I will be billed \$30 for shirts and \$10 for pants. I also understand I will be billed for any uniform damage considered to be beyond normal wear and tear.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Amount Paid: _____ **Check#:** _____ **Cash:** _____

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Lajoie at 592-1398

Readfield Recreation

Our second annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby was held as the last cold weekend kept the ice solid for everyone to be at many spots around the lake fishing for the perfect catch- We were able to raise a little over \$400 to add to our Field Project Fundraising. Big Thanks to all who helped make this a successful day. American Trophies in Augusta donated trophies. Cobbossee Bait donated all the bait for our young fisherman. Area businesses giving prizes to raffle included- Wilson Recreation, Weathervane Restaurant, Knight Farm, Audette's Hardware, Ewe Will Love This crafter, Jonathan Raillo Glass blowing, and Maine Ice Shack Rental

HUGE CONGRATS to our trophy winners!!

Smallest fish - Colin Parker - 0.17#

Largest Fish - Gabe Sniffen - 3.96# Bass;

Travis Morin - 3.28# Bass; Emmett Jacobs - 3.25# Bass

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Back- Saturday April 16th at 10 am - watch our Readfield Recreation Facebook page for more info.



Baseball and Softball/Tball sign ups are going strong- we are hoping to make teams as April starts. The snow has melted early (I hope I don't jinx with a late spring storm) and now we wait for fields to dry. We are looking good with 1-2 teams at most levels. That is a total of 4-5 baseball teams and 3 softball teams as well as a couple T ball teams! We are looking for sponsors again this year for our team uniforms- please contact Matt Lajoie at mattlajoie22@gmail.com for more info. If you have already signed up your player- be on the lookout for an email with more info.

This brings me to our proposal for field and basketball court development at Church Rd. I feel the more the idea of this project gets out to townspeople, there are different views depending on who and where you get your information. I would love to share some information from the Recreation Association who first revived the old design and keeps working hard to keep this project moving forward. All stakeholders have met and arrived at a design that includes suggestions from all. Recreation programs are in need of a decent softball field. The field we have been using for softball has been in desperate need of repairs for years- the investment in a field the town does not own(RES) is not a viable option. Our proposal puts a softball field to match outfields with the baseball field that exists on the Church Rd/Fairgrounds property. The fence in place in the baseball outfield now would be repurposed to the dugouts and infield fencing for the softball field. Multi-use fields would allow for soccer use in the fall as well as a possible additional practice field for youth football. The fields would also allow for outdoor concerts or other town activities during Heritage Days, Easter Egg hunt or Trunk or Treat.

Basketball is one sport anyone can play, young or old. I've heard folks of all ages excited about this part of our proposal. Imagine if our coaches could run a summer clinic and then keep play going all summer because they have open access to a court!! What if the kids you see riding bikes and fishing could play and develop their love of basketball as well? Not only will this development help everyone enjoy our trails and conservation lands more but it will help give options for the whole family. Building more of a field facility close to town, within walking distance to the beach, school and library is just priceless! I also understand the cost you may have heard or seen could discourage you to be in favor of this project. The amount on the proposal is an "up to" amount. We are currently waiting on an updated cost analysis associated with the new landscape design. I want to assure you, we as a Recreation Association are fundraising and applying for grants to offset and minimize the final cost to taxpayers. I look forward to sharing more or answering any questions you have about the proposed Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project.

Hannah Flannery

Readfield Recreation Chair

Save the Date!
Annual Egg Hunt
Sat., April 16th - 10:00 AM

Follow Readfield Recreation
Association on Facebook
for more information,
upcoming events & updates





APRIL 2022—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

Library Hours

Mondays	9pm-7pm
Tuesdays	10am-4pm
Wednesdays	1pm-7pm
Saturdays	10am-4pm

CAREER CENTER CONSULTANT at the Library in April!



A proud partner of the americanjobcenter network

The Career Center (Augusta) has a new "Career Center on Wheels" program to reach out to smaller Maine towns to provide career services to residents. The consultant is available to help with many job and career-related needs such as job

search coaching and resume and cover letter guidance, all for FREE! The career consultant will be at the Readfield Community Library on Mondays in April from 3:00-5:00 PM (4/4, 4/11, 4/25). Feel free to drop-in or call ahead to make an appointment (call Marc at 207-707-0228).



APRIL STORY WALK® at the Library—A Stick is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play by Marilyn Singer



The Library StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about 1/2 mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. The picture book featured for April is *A Stick is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play* by Marilyn Singer, sponsored by the Molokie Family. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open. And, be sure to stop by the Library during open hours to pick up the take-home craft that goes along with the story.

April STORY WALK EVENTS

Tuesday, April 5th, 10:00am—Group Story Walk & Story Time outdoors behind the Library featuring *A Stick Is An Excellent Thing* and other books, music, and activities. Dress for the weather!

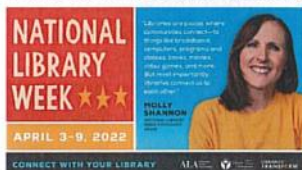
Tuesday, April 19th, 10:00am (vacation week)—Group Story Walk & Story Time outdoors behind the Library featuring *A Stick Is An Excellent Thing* and other books, music, and activities. Dress for the weather!

BUILD-a-BOOK Hands-On WORKSHOP for KIDS on April 20th (vacation week)

Back by popular demand! Join workshop leader Ellen Bowman for a special arts/crafts bookmaking workshop OUTSIDE at the Readfield Community Library on **Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00pm**. Bring your sense of invention; we will provide ample outside table space, instruction, and all materials. **Limited to the first 10 children who sign-up**—please register at 207-685-4089 or librarian@readfieldmaine.org. This program is ideal for children ages 6-12, but kids younger/older are welcomed as well! Rain location will be across the street at The Gallery in Readfield.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (April 3-9)



Libraries are a place for CONNECTION! Please stop by during National Library Week to let us know what you appreciate about the Readfield Community Library, and tell us how we can best serve the community of Readfield. Note that for **National Library Week**, we will have special displays of fiction and nonfiction books related to libraries and books, of course!
CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY!

MINI BOOK REVIEWS by kids/teens!

Starting in April, kids/teens will have an opportunity to review books they have read with a simple review card crafted by a volunteer. These review cards will be placed near the books in our collection for other kids/teens to check out! Thanks to a dedicated volunteer for creating this activity out of paint swatches!



Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING (for Adults)



Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next book group meeting will be **Monday, April 25th at 6:30pm** by Zoom to discuss the historical fiction selection *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. To request a copy of the book, please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org. Depending on the weather in late April, we may meet outdoors behind the Library or by Zoom.

Weekly STORY TIME—starting up again in May!

Our weekly, outdoor, in-person Story Time meetings will begin again in May. We will meet behind the Library each Tuesday in May, and will transition to our beach location sometime in June. Watch Facebook events for details or call the library.



3rd Annual POETRY SHARE during National Poetry Month—This year, an evening POETRY STROLL, instead of Zoom!



Please join us in-person, outdoors behind the library on **Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00pm** for our 3rd annual POETRY Sharing & Reading with an **EVENING POETRY STROLL** to celebrate April as National Poetry Month! This event is for all ages.

CALLING POETS OF ALL AGES!

We also welcome advanced submissions of local/Maine poetry to be featured along the Story Walk Trail during the last week of April and for the Poetry Stroll on April 27th. **Submission guidelines for patrons:** Please submit an original poem YOU have written, OR feel free to suggest a favorite poem written by a Maine poet for us to feature. We welcome poems from poets of all ages! **Submission deadline has been extended to April 17th.** Please submit in person at the library or by email to librarian@readfieldmaine.org.

POETRY COLLECTION PUBLISHED in 2021 by Readfield Summer Resident Gene Novogrodsky



Gene has gifted the Readfield Community Library with a copy of *life/slices*, a collection of original poetry published in 2021. Thank you, Gene!

National Poetry Month in April is a perfect time to check out Gene's book, and/or one of the many poetry books for adults and children in our collection—stop by the Library to take one home and be inspired by poetry during National Poetry Month!

THANK YOU, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS! ~ National Volunteer Week, April 17-23

We would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of our incredible library **volunteers!** The Readfield Community Library is a thriving community library quite simply because of the dedication of many truly amazing volunteers who help with circulation, story time, crafts, book displays, special projects and programs, book repair, and more! Thank you for your selfless commitment to our library and our community!



SAVE THE DATE—Hands-On BIKE WORKSHOP with Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Our Fall Bike Workshop was so well-received –so we decided to offer it again! Great opportunity to get your bike ready for the spring/summer cycling season with experts to help! Stay tuned for registration details.

Bike Workshop will be held on Monday, May 2 with two times/locations offered:



BICYCLE COALITION OF MAINE

2:30-4:30pm at Dr. Shaw Library in Mount Vernon

OR

5:00-7:00pm at Readfield Community Library in Readfield



MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out



Did you know you can visit a Maine State Park for free if you check out the Vehicle Pass at the Library?! Thank you to a very generous patron for the pass donation! Checkout period is for one week, and passes 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.

CAKE DECORATING Workshop—Wrap-up

Thanks to **Emily Clark** for offering our recent Zoom workshop on cake decorating. We are hoping to schedule her for an in-person class in the future, so stay tuned! All the attendees wished they could have sampled the cake we "made" together with Emily! Yum!



LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT—Wrap-up

Thank to local author **Justine Fontes** for offering a fabulous family event featuring her picture book *Black Meets White*, along with fun stamp/ink pattern activities!



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Visit our website to see the newest books, movies, and audio added to the collection!

<https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/new-items/>

UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO

Note that as of **April 1, 2022**, masks will be optional inside the Library, per Board vote on March 25th. Free masks will continue to be provided at the Library's entrance for any who need them. Please note that the Board will continue to assess the pandemic situation in our county and in Maine at least once monthly, and may make guidance changes as necessary. For the most updated information:

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



NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

Hello trail enthusiasts.

Welcome to our spring walking/hiking season. It looks like our trails will be clear earlier than usual hopefully accompanied by some warmer weather. At this point we believe the trails are generally in good shape but there may still be wet spots. We are already discussing improvements for some of the Fairgrounds trails due to water and ice issues that occurred over the winter. We have created a subcommittee to work with the Conservation Commission to come up with a specific plan of work to be done this spring. The Community Pathway behind the library has also received recent attention from two of our members who removed invasive plants and cleaned up the path.



While on the subject of welcoming I would especially like to welcome our newest trails committee member Megan Larochelle. She actively participated in her first RTC meeting in March, and is already contributing as a member of the subcommittee looking at work needed on the Fairgrounds trails.

If you are willing to follow “Leave No Trace” principles (<https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>) it is best for the trails to walk directly through the wet spots. Walking around the water causes both trail widening and erosion. As stated above trails committee members will be walking the trails to identify areas for repair and/or re-routing once things dry out. However, if you spot areas that need repair or re-routing please don’t hesitate to call or email your suggestions (photos are especially helpful).

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for trail work or would consider joining the Readfield Trails Committee.

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. rnreadfieldgov@gmail.com 207-458-4259

MARANACOOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) UPDATE

First, the Committee wishes to thank the students and staff at Maranacook Middle School for sponsoring a food drive during their Winter Carnival Week (March 14-18). The amount of food brought in helped to fill almost three weeks of food boxes for our community members. Also, every week leftover milk and fruit are also donated and put in our boxes. Thank you Maranacook Middle School!

Recently Committee members submitted grants to a number of charitable foundations to help bolster our account as we head into summer. One organization will make a decision on April 15 and our fingers are collectively crossed for a favorable result. We will keep you posted.

Manchester Meats recently donated 40lb. of meat to our pantry for distribution to our families. Thank you to the company and to the numerous donors who quietly drop off bags or boxes of food staples to the pantry. A true community effort. Even though Covid infection rates have dropped in Maine, the need is still there. On Thursday of this week, 4 more families reached out for some assistance, so all donations are appreciated. If any individual donor or business needs an official receipt for tax purposes, please feel free to contact me so the MAFP (a tax exempt entity) can provide one. We do make every effort to send a “Thank You” note to donors but it is possible to miss doing so on occasion. A very special note of appreciation goes to Mary Anne Libby of Mt. Vernon who has been sending the individual handwritten notes since March of 2020.



*Submitted by, Greg Durgin MAFP
(207) 685-4481; durgie@roadrunner.com*

News from the Broadband Committee

Current Status of Fiber Internet in Readfield March 24, 2022

Select Board Issues Resolution of August 17th, 2020

The Readfield Select Board issued a resolution taking action on the broadband services available in our town. The goals are to:

- Establish a minimum service level of 100Mbps download speed and 10 Mbps upload speed, with up to 940 Mbps download speed and 35 Mbps upload speed available, if using a hybrid fiber/coax solution;
- Provide at least 100 Mbps download and upload speeds, and up to 1 Gbps download and upload speeds, if using a Fiber network solution;
- Establish 99% rate of reliability of service during any 24-hour period;
- Provide service to all (100%) properties in town; and
- Offer discounted services for low-income households with demonstrated need.

Voters Approve Spending Request November 2nd, 2021

Three articles were presented to the town meeting, summarized as follows:

- Authorize the Select Board to negotiate agreements through third-party service providers, with final agreements and funding requiring voter approval.
- Authorize the Select Board to enter agreements to accept and expend revenues received from any source to offset the costs of design, acquisition, construction and equipping a broadband fiber optic network.
- Authorize the Select Board to appropriate no more the \$5 million of general obligation bonds and notes, to provide for paying all or part of the costs of the foregoing broadband fiber optic network.

Readfield voters spoke loud and clear by approving the three articles concerning bringing Internet service to all locations in our town. There were 1015 residents who voted out of approximately 2300 registered voters. Of those who filled in a choice the **results ranged from 70% to 78% approval.**

These votes have provided a clear direction to the Select Board and Broadband Committee. Both groups are committed to a prompt follow-through by assessing the available solutions and choosing the best and most equitable one to be presented at a Town Meeting in 2022.

Warrant Article Approval on June 14th, 2022 Warrant

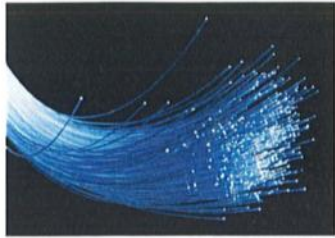
The town has actively been pursuing solutions for the past two years. Our Town Manager, Select Board, and Broadband Committee have spent considerable time and effort to meet with each other, to work with an industry consultant, seek out solutions, discuss options, contact and meet with current and potential providers, contract for and receive needed pole data for our town infrastructure, issue a request for proposals for a solution, review the proposals received, negotiate a contract with a selected vendor, and keep the public informed through public meetings being broadcast, select board meeting updates, monthly newsletter updates, online surveys, mailings to all property owners and constructing an addition to the town website.

The Select Board authorized the Town Manager on March 14th, 2022 to enter negotiations with Axiom Technologies, LLC., of Machias, Maine to provide construction and service of a Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTP) network for our town. We expect this to be finalized by April 1st, 2022, with all information being publicly posted after that time. This is for a town owned fiber network consisting of fiber cables strung throughout town and a central operations equipment building, along with all service needs being provided directly by Axiom Technologies.

As promised, the Select Board is seeking approval on the June 2022 Town Meeting Warrant to continue with this project. During the month of April, information will begin to be posted on the Town website under the Department titled 'Readfield Fiber', explaining all about what is proposed to be offered. There will be several public hearings/meetings held from March through June, articles in the Town Messenger, and direct mailings to all property owners. The Select Board is excited to offer this equitable, cost effective, reliable, high speed fiber network to our town making Readfield an even more desirable place to in which to live and work.

For regular updates subscribe to E-Alerts. Visit the Town Website at readfieldmaine.org. Click on 'Subscribe to E-Alerts on the left.

News from the Broadband Committee Continued



The Total Cost of Readfield Fiber

March 24, 2022

The Readfield Fiber network has been developed to be paid for in two ways: through a general obligation bond that will have the costs assessed to every property in town, and through subscriber fees. The vote on Article 4 at the November 2021 Town Meeting authorized the Select Board to borrow the funds to construct the network.

If the article to approve the contract with Axiom Technologies LLC is passed at the June 14th, 2022 Town Meeting, we will immediately proceed with the project. The funds will be borrowed in November through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, and expended over a 12- to 18-month period as construction takes place. The full effect of the borrowing will not be in the budget being voted on in June as the first year payment is for interest only. We will most likely be taking a bond anticipation note in June if approval for the project is voted in so that construction can begin immediately, and we will have a relatively small interest payment for that in this fiscal year also. Both of those payments are already included in the budget voters are being asked to approve on June 14th. The full annual payments of principal and interest for the \$5 million bond will be in our annual fiscal year budgets for the following 19 years. (This is the same type of schedule we used for the building renovation projects at the Fire Department and the Library, and often for a new fire truck.) As with all capital projects, we will realize a multi-million dollar net increase in town assets after constructing the fiber network.

Subscriber Fees: Property owners in Readfield who choose to switch from their current internet service provider to the Readfield Fiber Network will pay just \$40 (proposed) each month to Axiom Technologies LLC if they choose the 100 Mbps symmetrical service. (This means you receive 100 Mbps download speed and 100 Mbps upload speed.) This is more speed than many households require to allow folks to do



multiple things at once on the internet, as well as to stream movies and play online games without waiting long times for downloads or experiencing constant buffering (pauses to what you are watching/doing.) There will be also be higher speed tiers of 250 Mbps, 500 Mbps & 1G available, each with a different monthly cost. These services will be available to **every** property address in our town that has a building, all at the same monthly cost for the same service. This meets the Select Board Resolution requirement that we provide service to all (100%) properties in town.

Assessment Fees: Property owners in Readfield will all contribute to the construction cost of the fiber network through their annual property tax bill in the same way as we all share the costs of roads, buildings, schooling, county assessments, protection costs for Fire and Ambulance service, and all other town expenses. The amount you will pay is based on the assessed value of your



property. The average assessed value for a home in Readfield is about \$250,000 and the tax impact of this fiber network will be approximately \$24 each month (proposed). If your property is worth less than that amount you will pay less. If your property is worth more than that amount you will pay more. This is how all services in town are apportioned every year for all expenses. In this way of paying for the construction costs, everyone who owns property shares in the value of the asset and in the cost acquiring it according to their level of investment in the town by owning property. Thus, folks who have less income often have less property and therefore will pay less, and folks who have greater incomes often have more property and will pay more. To look up your total assessed property value (both land & buildings), go to readfieldmaine.org Click on Tax Information on the left, then click on the Red print at the top of the page, then enter your last name in both Last Name boxes, click Search at the bottom, then click View next to your property on the new page.) This meets the Select Board Resolution requirement that we offer discounted services for low-income households with demonstrated need.

News from the Broadband Committee Continued



The Affordable Connectivity Program Provides Ongoing Assistance of a \$30 monthly credit for your service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households who need assistance affording internet service. This new benefit provides an ongoing discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Go to <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> for the current details of the program including how to sign up for the credit. In summary, if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of these criteria

- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program.

If folks qualify for this credit their monthly service cost would be as low as \$10 for 100 Mbps symmetrical service. (proposed) *This meets the Select Board Resolution requirement that we offer discounted services for low-income households with demonstrated need.*

Town Meeting Questions on Broadband

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News From the Broadband Committee

The committee met on March 2nd, 9th and 23rd for the primary purpose of evaluating the bids the town received for upgrading broadband internet service to every address in town. In depth discussions were had on all aspects of the bid proposals with the main criteria being that the service had to reach all properties and it had to provide at least 100 Mbps symmetrical. We were able to narrow it down to two bids at our first meeting, and then upon receiving more information about the two bid details, the committee unanimously choose Axiom as the preferred provider at our second meeting. A recommendation was made to the Select Board to pursue contract negotiations with Axiom. We then focused on updates from the Town Manager about the process moving forward and input received from Axiom at our third meeting.

The Select Board approved the recommendation on March 14th and agreed to place an article on the Town Warrant for the June 14th Annual Town Meeting. The article asks the town to approve Axiom as the preferred vendor and to enter a contract with them to build the fiber optic network throughout Readfield and then to operate the network on a long-term basis. This contract will provide 1-Gigabyte symmetrical fiber service to all locations, excellent customer service and network repair service, along with very affordable consumer pricing. Watch for more details to be posted as negotiations continue over the next month. We also plan to provide information to the public via an addition to the town website which will be live prior to absentee ballots becoming available on May 13th.

The committee is meeting next on April 13th. We will be discussing the results of the public budget meeting and hearing held on March 24th and any updates from Axiom and the contract negotiations. 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

tick removal

Remove ticks immediately. They usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease. Consult a physician if you remove an engorged deer tick.



Using a tick spoon:

- Place the wide part of the notch on the skin near the tick (hold skin taut if necessary)
- Applying slight pressure downward on the skin, slide the remover forward so the small part of the notch is framing the tick
- Continuous sliding motion of the remover detaches the tick

Using tweezers:

- Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers
- Pull gently until the tick lets go

1-800-821-5821

www.mainepublichealth.gov



tick ID

KNOW THEM. PREVENT THEM.



Deer Tick (Black-Legged Tick)



nymph



adult male



adult female

(actual size)



nymph
(1/32"–1/16")



adult
(1/8")



engorged adult
(up to 1/2")



Dog Tick



adult male



adult female

(examples are not actual size, dog tick nymphs are rarely found on humans or their pets)



just the facts

Deer Ticks

- Deer ticks may transmit the agents that cause Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis
- **What bites:** nymphs and adult females
- **When:** anytime temperatures are above freezing, greatest risk is spring through fall

Dog Ticks

- Dog ticks do not transmit the agent that causes Lyme disease
- **What bites:** adult females
- **When:** April–August

prevent the bite

- Wear light-colored protective clothing
- Use EPA-approved insect repellent on skin or clothing
- Use caution in tick infested areas
- Perform daily tick checks
- Protect your pets, use repellents, acaricides, and a Lyme disease vaccine for dogs

lyme disease

Ticks usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease.



Often, people see an expanding red rash (or bull's-eye rash) more than 2 inches across at the site of the tick bite, which may occur within a few days or a few weeks.

Other symptoms include:

- fatigue
- muscle and joint pain
- headache
- fever and chills
- facial paralysis

Deer ticks may also transmit the agents that cause other diseases such as babesia and anaplasmosis.

People that remove an engorged deer tick should consult their physician as quickly as possible.

The Town of Readfield is now seeking volunteer members for the following committees:

- * Age Friendly Committee: 1 Associate Member (2024)
- * Cemetery Committee: 1 Member (2022)
- * Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- * Conservation Commission: 1 Member (2023), 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- * Heritage Days Committee: Multiple Positions Available
- * Local School Board Advisory: 2 Members (2023 & 2024)
- * Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 Alt. Member (2023)
- * Planning Board: 3 Alt. Members (2022, 2023 & 2026)
- * Recreation Committee: 2 Members (2024)
- * Road Committee: 1 Member (2022)
- * Trails Committee: 4 members (1-2022, 2-2024 & 1 Alt. Member-2023)

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please complete the Appointment Application on our Web Site or stop by the Town Office.

**FMI 207-685-4939 or
info@readfieldmaine.org**



Spring time is Cookie Time!

Support local Girl Scout
Troop 1701

**Sunday April 3rd from
1:00-4:00 pm**

Readfield Town Office
parking lot

We will have a limited supply of
gluten free
Caramel Chocolate Chip also!





RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed

HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round

Coastal Navigation Level 1	04/05/2022
Ukulele for Beginners - Begins April 5th	04/05/2022
Ukulele for Beginners - Begins April 6th	04/06/2022
Become A Foster Parent	4/12/2022
Backyard Composting	04/13/2022
Hazmat (Class B) Certification	4/19/2022
Nature Explorers	04/21/2022
Nature Investigators for Homeschool Families	04/21/2022
Tiny Tadpoles	04/21/2022
Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People	04/25/2022
Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People	04/26/2022
Needle Felting Beginning & Intermediate	04/27/2022
Malaga Island History	05/10/2022
Acadian Arts Spring Retreat at Grey Havens Inn	05/23/2022
CDL Class B - June - Dates TBA	06/01/2022
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

**Upcoming Driver's
Ed Classes**



To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

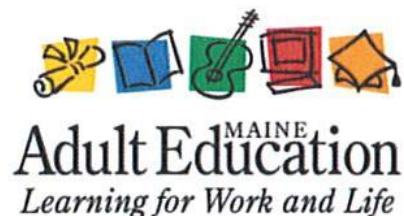
Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for more info

New class start dates:

- Monday, May 9, 2022
- Monday, July 11, 2022

For more information and to register, go to Roy's Driver Education website:

www.roysdriverandridereducation.com



A Caring School Community Dedicated To Excellence

RSU #38 – FY23 Budget Workshops Schedule Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- April 6** Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81953176745>
- April 13** Workshop Meeting – vote on Budget (2nd week of April)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89887551961>
- May 18** Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
- June 14** **Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations**

Budget documents are available by visiting <https://www.maranacook.org/page/fy-23-budget-documents>



RSU #38
Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne
FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

RSU #38 is seeking all Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please call your local elementary school to add your name to the list for further information. Town of Wayne Pre-K parents please call Readfield Elementary School.

- Manchester Elementary – 622-2949
- Mt. Vernon Elementary – 293-2261
- Readfield Elementary – 685-4406
- Wayne Elementary – 685-3634 (Pre-K parents please call Readfield Elem.)

Age requirements by October 15, 2022:
Pre-K – 4-years old
Kindergarten – 5-years old

Solid Waste & Recycling / Transfer Station



We are actively working towards reopening the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station by May 1st, 2022, in the building next to the Attendant Booth. We will also be improving the small Compactor Control / Office Building to provide a break room for the employees. Details to come next month on using the new Swap Shop! Thanks to all involved in this

SWRC (Solid Waste & Recycling Committee) Updates: The committee reviewed the budget for the next fiscal year and were pleased with the recommendations presented. Costs will be increasing but at a modest rate of about 6%. This includes continuing needed facility maintenance, increased labor costs and the addition of a part-time employee to assist during the busy summer season and when other employees are out. There will be additional lighting in the brush area, new gates in front of the demo bins and the reopening of the Swap Shop.

Practice Kindness Please. Please remember to be patient with everyone while you are at the Transfer Station. There are many challenges presented to using the space safely and efficiently and everyone handles those in their own way. But please try to be patient and understanding of other patrons and our employees. Everyone is doing the best they can and deserves to be treated respectfully and with kindness. Thank you for efforts to make this Town operated facility function well.

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.

All Covid special operations have ceased and we are back to normal operations.

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

Transfer Station Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
11 AM to 6 PM

Thursday Senior-Only Hours
10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday
8AM to 4PM

**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

April Showers Bring May Flowers

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”, RHS PROGRAM SLATED FOR APRIL 30TH

The Readfield Historical Society (RHS) will hold their annual meeting, the presentation of an annual award of appreciation to a community member, followed by a program on Saturday, April 30th 1-3 p.m. at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd. The program offered is “I Love to Tell the Story,” when six panelists ages 73-91, who are lifetime or longtime Readfield residents, will share stories and take questions from the audience about Readfield during the 20th century. Dale Potter-Clark, RHS board member will moderate the panel discussion.

Program panelists will include Evelyn (Adell) Potter, who was born in 1930 at Readfield Depot, grew up there and has lived at Kents Hill since 1946. Among other places, she has worked at Kents Hill School and in the Readfield Tax Assessor’s office. Potter has also authored many articles and a book about her memories of Readfield and she is a founding member of RHS. Christopher Dumaine, Jr. will also be a panelist. His family moved to Readfield in 1938 so his father could help his newly widowed mother, Elizabeth Clarke, operate her 146 acre “Kennemac Farm”. Mrs. Clarke had been a Boston socialite before her second husband, “Mac” decided to follow his dream of becoming a dairy farmer in 1927 and left his stock broker position in New York City to do so, in Readfield. Mac died suddenly on New Year’s Day, 1938 and Chris related, “My grandmother, not knowing much about farming, called my dad in Manchester, NH and told him he had to get down here to run the farm because Mac was dead. My dad packed up my mother, my two month old brother and me and headed for Readfield but not before Mom was assured that Kennemac Farm had indoor plumbing and electricity.” Additional panelists will include Melanie Lanctot, John Lord, Brenda (Boutilier) Deojay and Ed Dodge, who all have much to share about their experiences from years – or a lifetime – of living in Readfield.

All are welcome, there is no admittance fee but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Attendees must be RHS members to vote during the business meeting. Annual dues are \$5.00 for seniors or \$10.00 for others and can be paid or renewed at the door.

FMI contact (207) 377-2299 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.com



PHOTO CAPTION: Chris Dumaine and his late wife Holly at “Kennemac Farm”, today known as Knight Farm, when Chris shared stories about the days when the farm was owned by his family 1927-1951.

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Hello Friends and Interested Folks,

It is a beautiful 72 degree day in late March as I write this message from the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club. I must admit it was another brief snowmobile season, but when we had snow, it was near perfect. All season long club members volunteer to keep our trails in the best condition possible. A solid thank you to all of them. Peter Zarella, RBBSC Trailmaster, drives those willing volunteers hard. As a matter of fact, today, as shown in the picture below, he has a full crew helping to move an access trail in preparation for next year. Always thinking ahead to ensure the Club will be extremely proud of the trails for which we have been granted access. My husband and I feel privileged to be part of this snowmobile community and in particular to have been welcomed into the club from the very beginning. In September, please consider becoming a Club member and you will have the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie evident in every task that we do.

One of the best parts of being a year-round resident of Readfield is the opportunity to fulfill our passion of the out-of-doors with so many like-minded friends. As we put away the sleds for this season and await next season, out come the motorcycles, side by sides, boats and hiking sticks, all of which are popular Maine toys. I have not yet met a Mainer who does not enjoy the outdoors as much as we do and in each and almost every season. Mud season may be the exception. Using a favorite quote loved by our granddaughter “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read one page” (St Augustine), I also believe that the world is a book, and those who do not experience the outdoors read only one page. Forever enjoying our community – hope you do too!

*Marge Livingston, Secretary
Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club*



Readfield Cemeteries Spring Clean-Up

The Readfield Sexton will be doing spring-clean up and is asking for your help.

If you have a loved one laid to rest in one of the cemeteries and have left items through the winter on their lot please go by and pick-up any items you would like to keep by May 2nd.

The Sexton may throw out any items that are faded, worn or not seasonally appropriate.

Road conditions in the cemeteries will continue to be monitored and will be opened for vehicular traffic as soon as conditions allow.



If you have any questions or would like to make special accommodations related to the removal of personal items please contact the Sexton at:

Ben Rodriquez, Cemetery Sexton
Office Phone: (207)-685-1812
Cell Phone: (207)-931-7682
Email: sexton@readfieldmaine.org

Readfield Union Meeting House



Readfield Union Meeting House, 22 Church Rd, PO Box 451, Readfield, ME 04355

The 3 new dials, and the original dial that was used as a pattern for the new ones, will come back to Readfield this coming Friday afternoon, April 1. The dials were made by the Gabrielle Tise Woodworking and Design Co. in Portsmouth, NH. This means another completed project in our restoration efforts of the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH). The dials will be securely stored in a space provided by Larry Mace until the tower project can be completed.



A proof copy of *Standing Tall: A History of the Union Meeting House* written by Marius Peladeau is being reviewed. It will soon be released for sale at \$17.50. A very grateful thank you goes out to all who sent donations to cover the cost of publishing it.

Events Committee is actively seeking sponsorship funds to help defray the costs of booking quality performers for the Summer Season. Because these people are well-known, popular, and bring in good-size audiences, they cost more. If we can pay these performers through sponsorship donations, the Meeting House can keep more of the ticket prices towards the restoration efforts.

Sponsorships are welcome in any amount and from private people as well as businesses. A list of sponsors will be prominently displayed in the entryway before each performance and on posters. For Readfield small businesses this is a great way to get showcased in our community.

The events committee is finalizing the summer schedule. However, two dates for spring for you to put on your calendar are: Turkey Pie Dinner "To Go" on April 29 sponsored by the Friends of the Vestry and a music concert on May 14th at 7pm by Stan Davis of Wayne. Stan has recently released a new CD with original songs.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Durgin; RUMH Board VP



1138 Main Street, Readfield ME 04355
207-522-7325 www.galleryinreadfield.com

Paintings by Margaret Leonard - April 2; 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon (ends April 30th)

Hours: Wednesdays 2:30-5:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon (artist will be there on Saturdays)
Or call Camille at (207) 522-7325 to set up a time to see the show

Songs and Stories by Stan Davis - April 9; 7:00 PM at The Gallery - A post CD release concert

Explore and Invent - April 22 - Inventor guides Ellen Bowman and David Matson - A hands on workshop for middle schoolers

Journeys - April 23 3:00-5:00 - An afternoon of Poetry and music; featured poets -Claire Hersom, Rebecca Jones, Lori Douglas, Kat Logan and Marcia Simmons; light refreshments and music by Kat Logan





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

The First Baptist Church Mount Vernon Food Bank serves the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette. We are located at the First Baptist Church on 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon.

You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141. Our hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 Saturday mornings; however, if you are in need at any other time, you may call Bob Peterson at 685-7292.

We follow the Federal Guidelines but will never turn anyone away. We offer meals, meats, fresh produce, bread, eggs, pantry items, and toiletry items. We also have a small supply of clothing.

We have been offering curbside service only during COVID but hopefully, in April, we will be resuming normal procedures.

Maranacook Food Pantry

Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM ~ FMI Call 207-685-4923

Food donations can be dropped off at the Readfield Town Office

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM KLT Parker Pond Headland Preserve Mud Season Trail Closure



Kennebec Land Trust's (KLT) Parker Pond Headland Preserve on Fellows Cove Road in Fayette is temporarily closed to hikers during mud season (mid March – April/May). Currently, the Fellows Cove Road is only open to homeowners to minimize the impacts on the road.

During mud season, KLT recommends hikers visit the nearby Ezra Smith Conservation Area in Mount Vernon, Torsey Pond Nature Preserve or Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest in Readfield or Hutchinson Pond in Manchester instead. However, please help take care of all our local trails by staying off them when they are muddy.

To find driving directions and more information about these beautiful trails visit KLT's website: <https://www.tkl.org/property-list>, email info@tklt.org or call 207-377-2848



Manchester Lions Club Drive Thru

BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork

When: April 30 from 4pm-6pm

Where: Manchester Lions Club

For More Info:

Call Lion Deb 207-441-9906

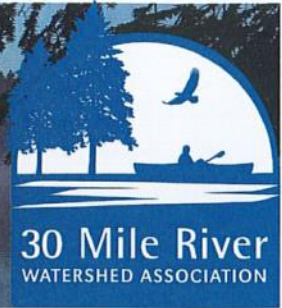
All meals served with
Homemade Mac &
Cheese, Green Beans,
Roll & Dessert



100% of proceeds go back to
the Community

Need a summer job?

Work with us on local lakes!



- * Have fun working outdoors on beautiful lakes!
- * Gain hands-on experience and build your resume
- * Provide a valuable service to your community, protecting our lakes.

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association is seeking:

Courtesy Boat Inspectors

- Prevent harmful invasive species attached to boats and trailers from entering lakes
- Educate boaters about the threats of invasive species
- Work outdoors at public boat launches on Androscoggin, Flying, Minnehonk and Parker.
- Memorial Day to Labor Day

Youth Conservation Corps

- Protect lake water quality through projects that reduce erosion and polluted stormwater runoff
- Install conservation practices like planting shrubs, building paths, and stabilizing shorelines.
- Work outdoors and learn hands-on skills
- 6 weeks (late June-early August)



On lakes within:
Chesterville
Fayette
Leeds
Mt. Vernon
Readfield
Vienna



For more information, please visit: www.30mileriver.org

Positions may be combined for full-time work.

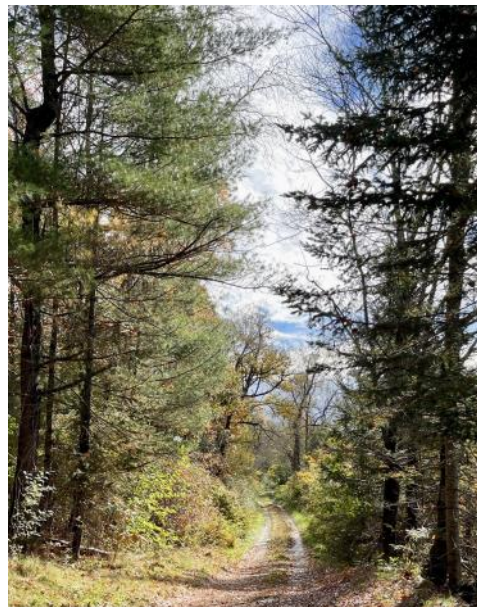
Priority given to applications received by April 3rd, 2022

North Acres Wildlife Conservation Area Property Dedication - Thursday, April 28 5:00 PM - Manchester

Join Kennebec Land Trust to celebrate one of their newest conservation areas with generous land donors Deb Plengey and Trudie Lee. The 132-acre North Acres Wildlife Conservation Area has been providing hay and pasture for many generations of farmers. The farm fields and surrounding woodlands and wetlands are also valuable wildlife habitat.

Directions: From Route 202 in Manchester, turn north on Prescott Road. Continue approximately 2.5 miles to Lyons Road. Turn right on Lyons Rd. and continue to the gate. Please park along the shoulder of Lyons Rd.

More information available at www.tkl.org RSVP by contacting Marie at mring@tkl.org or calling 207-377-2848.



Readfield's Age Friendly Committee has two new members and is embarking on a new project. We are thrilled to welcome, Elaine Katz Hanish, Ed Sims and Holly Rahmlow.

Elaine is excited to be a new member of the Age Friendly Committee. She moved to Readfield with her family about 30 years ago. They were attracted to the wonderful lifestyle that Readfield has to offer. They enjoy taking care of their horses, gardening, hiking, boating, and fishing. Elaine is a volunteer at our wonderful Readfield Community Library.

Elaine believes that the AFC has been doing wonderful things to ensure that as our residents grow older (including herself) that they have a voice in Readfield Town administration and activities to best meet our population's desires and needs. She is enthusiastic about working with the other committee members on expanding and implementing new projects.

Ed Sims has been a resident of Readfield for about 30 years as well. He is currently also serving on the Town's Budget Committee.

Holly has been a volunteer since 2016 when she volunteered for the Appeals Board and Trails Committee. She has a background in newspaper and book publishing, and felt she could best help by being secretary. During the pandemic, with staff short at the town office, the Town Manager asked her if she would be willing to take minutes for the Comprehensive Planning Committee, which she continues to do. She has also filled in taking minutes at the Planning Board. Helping the Age Friendly Committee seemed like a logical next step and we are thrilled to have her work on this next project.

Project

The Age Friendly Committee is working with Holly to call people who have stepped forward to volunteer with the town from time to time. Some people volunteered as a Handy Helper, and others volunteered at the start of the pandemic to help residents who could not grocery shop or pick up prescriptions. Our community has demonstrated time and time again that people will meet a need when one is presented. Frequently, we have more volunteers than need. The plan is to touch base with all those who have stepped up and discuss with them their current interest in serving as a volunteer and if so what they are interested in doing.

Also, and importantly, Readfield may have the opportunity to join the **Neighbor Driving Neighbor** Program with the towns of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Belgrade, Rome and Fayette. We are using this year to see if it is feasible to do so. One stepping stone is to determine if Readfield has residents willing to be drivers. Holly will be including this information and asking this question as well during her phone calls.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Due Date for Homestead Application	1 Assessor In (By Appointment) 	2
3	4	5	6 Library Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11 Select Board 6:30 PM	12 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm. 6:30 PM	13 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Solid Waste & Recycling Meeting 5:30 PM Broadband Committee 7:00 PM	14 Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	15 Assessor In (By Appointment) Nomination Papers Due by 3:30 PM	16 Readfield Recreation Annual Egg Hunt 10:00 AM 
17 	18 Town Offices Closed 	19	20 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	21	22 	23
24	25 Cemetery Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	26 Planning Board 6:30 PM March Messenger Articles Due	27 Trails Committee 6:30 PM Broadband Committee 6:30 PM	28	29	30 DEA RX Take Back Day at Transfer Station 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM