



# Readfield Messenger



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## 2022 General Election Tuesday, November 8th

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### Rabies Clinic



Wednesday, October 19  
4:00 pm ~ \$15.00 dog/cat  
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*Due by 12-31-2022*



The Town Office will be **closed** on **Wednesday, October 5** for Staff Training - The Code Enforcement Officer will be in 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; the Transfer Station will be open 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. **Monday, October 10** The Town Office & Library will be **closed** for Indigenous Peoples' Day



# Select Board Corner

Hello friends,

Welcome to October and all of the fall colors, pumpkin spice, and jack-o-lanterns you can handle!

We are heading into the time of year where we share candy, share turkey, and share gifts with each other. There's plenty of sharing that goes on among our residents and our town. Whether it's sharing the transfer station or the middle and high schools, we see cooperation every single day in Readfield.

Just recently, the Select Board held their annual retreat, which is really just an inclusive workshop where we come up with ideas and thoughts that we'd like to see the Select Board move forward.

This meeting is available online, and is a great way to see how the Select Board shares their vision of the future of our town with residents. The Select Board prides itself on being transparent and clear. If you want to know what the Select Board wants or is working on, check out our YouTube page where every single meeting is available.

Read this column, and our most recent communication addition - the Readfield Select Board notes in the Community Advertiser.

The goals of the board are front and center, loud and clear - continue to make choices for our town that help prepare us for the future and bring enhanced quality of life to everyone in town.

So, in this upcoming season of sharing, check out the ways that the Select Board shares our goals, our meetings, and our thoughts. Communication is vital to avoiding misinformation, and we look forward to being available to you as we head into budget and sharing season!

As always, visit [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) for information about your Select Board and what's happening!

Dennis

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Next meeting!  
October 17, 2022

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# From the Town Manager

## Exceptional Planning Brightens Readfield's Future!

Later this fall a 5-Megawatt Solar Farm will break ground across from the Jesse Lee Church on Rt. 17 and provide renewable energy to thousands of people, including many in Readfield. The solar project was on hold for nearly two years due to the pandemic and challenges with CMP upgrading their infrastructure in the area. What was not on hold was the development and implementation of a first-rate Solar Ordinance that was carefully assembled by the Readfield Planning Board and approved by voters in July of 2021.

The question of a solar farm in Readfield first came about in April of 2020. Over the course of several months and several meetings the applicant worked collaboratively with the Planning Board to steer this complicated and "first for us" project to a place where it was ready for approval in October of 2020. A permit extension was requested and granted in the fall of 2021 due to the factors mentioned earlier, and a final construction permit was issued in September of 2022. The smart decisions of the Planning Board and lessons learned from this project helped to make Readfield's Solar Ordinance truly exceptional!

Over the past year it has garnered a lot of praise and attention. The Maine Farmland Trust used our ordinance as a case study in their Solar Siting Guide for Maine Towns. This recognition was due in large part to the use of the town's Comprehensive Plan to help direct solar development. Several towns in the region and across the state have also referenced our ordinance in developing their own, in some cases adopting it almost verbatim. At least one additional solar farm being considered in Readfield and more are likely in the near future. Thanks to the dedication and skill of our Planning Board we know that we have one of the best models around for addressing what can often times be a challenging issue.

It is not an easy thing to protect the rights and values of our residents without compromising the ability of private business and residents to locate and thrive in Readfield. However, this kind of thoughtful balancing is the norm, and not the exception. It happens at Planning Board meetings month after month and time after time. I have observed and participated in dozens of these meetings and the process is fair and thorough. Of course every application is different and some do not go the way applicants want them to. In the end not all proposals can or should be approved if they fail to meet the criteria adopted by voters in the form of our town ordinances and plans. When applied by our Planning Board these documents protect the integrity, character, and economic future of our community and ensure that the best interests of the Town of Readfield are carefully considered. The success of our Solar Ordinance is just one example of this, so thank you to the Planning Board and keep on shining!

Eric Dyer, Town Manager





# Tuesday, November 8, 2022 General Election

*Absentee Ballots will be available beginning of October*

**Kent's Hill School, Alfond Athletic  
Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield ME  
Polls open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm**

To request your absentee ballot:

- ⇒ Online by going to <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> and complete the online application
- ⇒ Print off and complete a [Absentee Ballot Application](#) under the voting section at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and mail to Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield ME 04355
- ⇒ Complete the form on the next page or at the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours.
- ⇒ Call the Town Office at 207-685-4939 and talk to a clerk; voice messages/emails cannot be accepted and we need to speak to the voter who is requesting the Absentee Ballot.

**The last day to request your Absentee Ballot is Thurs., Nov. 3**

unless special circumstances exist.

*The Town Clerk will be in the office for the purpose of fulfilling absentee ballot requests until 5:00 pm on this day.*

**Ballots need to be received by 8:00 pm, the close of polls, on voting day; Tuesday, November 08, 2022**

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



# Rabies Vaccination Clinic

**\$15.00**  
per dog/cat



Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Readfield Town Office Parking Lot

Pre-Registration &  
Payment Required

Call 207-685-4939 to schedule

## 2023 Dog Licenses

**Available  
starting  
October 15th**

### Ways to register your dog:

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

**\$6.00 if spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if unaltered**

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

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

*Registration deadline is December 31, 2022*



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

*(Positions advertised are as of September 28 2022)*

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 Member (2024), 1 Associate Members (2024)
- Budget Committee: 1 Member (2024)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Comprehensive Plan Committee: 1 Member (2023)
- Conservation Commission: 2 Members (2023 & 2024), 2 Alt. Members (2024 & 2025)
- Heritage Days Committee: Multiple Positions Available
- Local School Board Advisory: 3 Members (2023, 2024 & 2025)
- Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 Alt. Member (2023)
- Planning Board: 3 Alt. Members (2023, 2026 & 2027)
- Recreation Committee: 1 Member (2025)
- Road Committee: 3 Members (2025)
- Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 1 Member (2025)
- Trails Committee: 4 Members (2-2024, 1-2025 & 1 Alt. Member-2023)

*If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please complete the Appointment Application on our website under Volunteer Opportunities*

**For more information: 207-685-4939, [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)**



## News from the Age-Friendly Committee

### **FREE THEATER EVENT related to AGING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

What challenges do we face as Maine citizens 50+ years of age as we live and age in our communities? The Marti Stevens Interactive Improvisational Theater group will perform scenarios about these challenges including opportunities for the audience to interact with the players and come up with solutions to the challenges presented.

This unusual and thought-provoking opportunity is being offered **FREE** of charge at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 1 at the Readfield Town Office in Gile Hall** which is handicapped accessible. **Refreshments** will be offered after the performance with a time to linger and talk with one another.

The theater group was awarded a 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant to bring this program to Maine communities with the goal of raising awareness and generating discussion about livable communities for people 50+.

This program is being offered as a collaboration between the **Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Age-Friendly committee.**

# DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK



Readfield Transfer Station  
14 Recycle Road, Readfield

**Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, October 29  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

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

Visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.



# Transfer Station News - October



Don't forget that you can bring your leaves and yard waste to the transfer station and place in the compost pile. And while you are there, feel free to take some finished compost home to nourish your yard!

**As daylight hours shorten**, please take extra care while at the Transfer Station in the afternoon hours. Be mindful of folks walking to the bins as well as being careful where your walking, especially when leaving compost, brush or appliances.

**Please Practice Kindness** . 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. 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.

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

*Thank you - Transfer Station Staff*

## **Transfer Station Fall/Winter/Spring Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Thursday  
Senior Only Hours  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Saturday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE  
COMPOST**

*Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee*



Looking for Trunks - Contact the Town Office FMI

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Readfield Rec Presents

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



**Harry Potter**  
AND THE  
SORCERER'S  
STONE



**SATURDAY  
OCT 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**PUMPKINS A-GLOW**

Presented by  
Readfield Union Meeting House!!

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**MOVIE NIGHT**

6:00pm - 8:33pm

**AT THE READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS ON CHURCH ROAD**

# Readfield Union Meeting House

Yes, It's that time of the year when the Readfield Union Meeting House ( RUMH ) takes part in the community celebration of Halloween. We are teaming up with the Readfield Library and the Readfield Rec Committee.

The library is co-hosting the free pumpkins to carve for kids and adults which will be at the RUMH Vestry at 22 Church Rd. on Sat. Oct. 29th from 10am to 1pm. (weather will not be an issue since it will be inside!) All pumpkins carved will be used to decorate the Pumpkins Aglow trail at the Fairgrounds.

The entire community is invited to bring their own carved pumpkins to be included on the trail at the Fairgrounds. A sign will be placed at the designated drop off site. Volunteers will place the pumpkins on the trail at 3:30.

## Saturday, October 29, 2022

⇒ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Free Pumpkins to carve at the RUMH Vestry

## Readfield Fairgrounds on the Church Road

⇒ 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM ~ Trunk or Treat – presented by Readfield Rec.

⇒ 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM ~ Pumpkins-A-Glow presented by Readfield Union Meeting House

⇒ 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM ~ Movie Night - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone



***Rain date for the Halloween Spooktacular is October 30, 2022.***

In other RUMH news; The north side of the building's stained and stenciled glass windows frames and eaves have been scraped and repainted. This restoration work was done by Mid-Maine Preservation. Thank you, Andrew Wilcox and your crew for completing this job.

As the RUMH Board heads into fall and winter, we want to remind our community that we are always looking for new board and/or committee members. If you are interested, please contact us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/readfield.union.meeting.house/>.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin*



Picture from a previous RUMH Pumpkins Aglow

# News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Hello Readfield Trail Enthusiasts,

Our trails should be in excellent shape for fall walks and hikes. As of the date of this newsletter there have not been any recent changes or additions to our trail system.

We will soon be doing some fall maintenance work. Our first upcoming work day will be October 6 when Maranacook Community School students, committee members, and possibly other volunteers will be spreading bluestone on a portion of the Fairgrounds Trails. 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](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*  
rnpreadfieldgov@gmail.com 207-458-4259

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## Fall Clean Up and Veteran Events in the Works for November

The time of falling leaves is almost upon us. The removal of any items that are faded, worn or not seasonally appropriate will commence by early -mid November. If there are any items left on a loved one's lot that you would like to keep, please remove said items at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or would like to make special accommodations related to the removal of personal items please contact the Sexton at:



Office Phone: (207) 685-1812 ~ Cell Phone: (207) 931-7682 ~ Email: [sexton@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:sexton@readfieldmaine.org)

The Sexton, Ben Rodriguez, and the librarian for the Readfield Community Library, Melissa Small, are partnering to put together an ongoing event throughout the month of November. This event will be a collection of books related to veterans that will be available in the library for the public to take out. They are also working on a potential second event that will involve a panel discussion with veterans discussing their military experiences and possibly answering questions



from those in attendance. If you are a veteran and are interested in being part of this panel discussion please reach out to the Sexton at (207)-931-7682 or Melissa Small at (207)-685-4089.

Be on the lookout for additional information on these events on the Readfield Community Library website and Facebook page.

# Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main Street, Readfield  
207-685-4211 ~ [www.readfieldchurch.org](http://www.readfieldchurch.org)

All are invited to join us in worship Sundays in-person or online at 10 am. For those joining us in the sanctuary, masks are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated. If you have not gotten a vaccine, please wear masks.

**Zoom Link for Weekly Worship** - In case you're wondering, it is the same link every week!

For those zooming, please click the link, <https://zoom.us/j/9759400763>

For joining us via phone, dial +1 646 558 8656  
Then dial the following access code 975 940 0763 and press the # key.



Join us every Sunday @ 10 am -  
In person (masks opt.), on zoom  
or Facebook lifestream - check  
out our website to learn more!

[www.readfieldchurch.org/](http://www.readfieldchurch.org/)

We are guided by the Holy Spirit  
"to grow to know God and  
to live to make Christ known"

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME 04355

This winter @ Readfield UMC come join us for Friday

October through April

# MOVIE NIGHTS @ The CHURCH!

Popcorn. Snacks and more @ the Concession Stand! Doors & Snacks start @ 6:15

Every 3rd Friday! @ 6:30 pm

Starts with LUTHER (starring Joseph Fiennes!)

See you at the Movies!

OCTOBER 21

# FAITH friends

A sweet friendship refreshes the Soul

Starts in October - Sign up NOW!

— Proverbs 27:9 —



The Readfield Blizzard Busters had its first meeting of the 2022-2023 snowmobiling season on September 21, 2023 at the Weathervane Restaurant and Lounge. We had fourteen members and interested parties attend. The first order of business was upcoming trail work, which began three days later with the redecking of the above bridge located between Nickerson Hill and Route 17. The club volunteers have several more bridges to rebuild, signage to put in place and removal of felled trees and branches that might block trail passage. In addition, there is one trail that must be rerouted due to a landowner building a new house.

Speaking of landowners, the Club also discussed details of our traditional Landowners Appreciation Supper, which will be held on October 23, 2022. Our Landowners are very much appreciated and are an integral part of allowing trail access for all area snowmobilers. I would be negligent if I didn't mention how important the relationships we maintain with these folks are. Always respect the property we have the privilege of crossing and stay on the marked trails.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Readfield Blizzard Buster Snowmobile Club send an email to the Club's email [ReadfieldBlizzardBusters@gmail.com](mailto:ReadfieldBlizzardBusters@gmail.com) and we will send you an application to join. The family membership is \$30.00 per year. If you would like to make a donation send it to RBBSC, PO Box 62, Readfield, ME 04355. And lastly, if you would like to help out our trail volunteers, we meet at the Readfield Firehouse weekly on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am beginning October 9, 2022.

*Marge Livingston, Secretary, RBBSC*



## [Help ease winter heating bills; Winthrop Area Rotary Project Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Winthrop Area Rotary Club is hosting an "Our Community Benefits" project. Please join us in our community build of Window Dresser window inserts to be held at the Winthrop Middle School beginning at 8:00am on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, ending Friday, November 18, 2022. We have created 2 shift opportunities 8:00am to 12:00pm and 12:30pm to 4:30pm for each day. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 for both shifts. If you are available and willing to help at our build, please call my cell (203) 641-7040 (Marge Livingston). No hands-on building experience is required.

Window Dressers is a grassroots, volunteer-run nonprofit organization that trains, supplies, and supports teams of volunteers who host Community Builds to construct Insulating Window Inserts for local residents. Together, Window Dresser volunteers have built over 48,000 custom-made insulating window inserts since 2010, with between 25% to 35% given to low-income families at no cost. Winthrop Area Rotary Club is NOT charging anyone for these windows, but instead is requesting donations as the recipient is comfortably able. Inserts are found to improve the warmth and comfort of homes, lower fuel bills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As a reminder, all window inserts must be ordered prior to October 10<sup>th</sup> and are made specifically for each window. E-mail [Winthropwindowinsertinserts@gmail.com](mailto:Winthropwindowinsertinserts@gmail.com) with questions and/or interest in obtaining window inserts. Volunteers are typically motivated by environmental concerns, economic justice, a love of making things with their hands, and/or a desire to participate in a community effort producing concrete, meaningful results.

### [Volunteers Needed for the two main functions below:](#)

**[Assemble Frames](#)**— DESCRIPTION: Assemble frames for wrapping. Volunteers will be trained to glue and screw frames together. Lots of different sub-tasks, always something useful for folks to do. Great chance to meet new people and serve the community.

**[Wrap inserts with tape, plastic foam](#)**— DESCRIPTION: Volunteers will be trained to wrap pine frames with double-sided tape, plastic, clear tape, and weather-stripping foam. Lots of different sub-tasks, always something useful for folks to do. Great chance to meet new people and serve the community.

There are a wide range of volunteer opportunities and NO experience is required.

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

Just a reminder, the full food bank including meal kits, meat boxes, dry goods and personal items, will only be available on the first and third Saturdays of the month. We will continue to offer curbside service if you would rather not come downstairs.



Fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, breads and miscellaneous items will still be offered every Saturday of the month; feel free to come for these items at any time.

New customers are welcome to come any Saturday and we will provide enough food to get them through to the next full food bank day.

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.*

## 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

**Thank you to all who support our local food banks!**

Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

**KEN'S DRAG IN AUTO INC.**

*Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine*

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

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb



**Candy donations for the Trunk or Treat  
can be dropped off at the Town Office**

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## HOUSE CIRCA SIGNS

The next order for house circa signs will be placed later this fall. Those who wish to order one should contact (207) 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Signs are \$85 each and are accompanied by the research done on the home. Homeowners are given the opportunity to offer input on the final wording. We order and deliver the signs, which will be done in time for holiday gift giving. This order should bring us to one-hundred such signs ordered over the past nine years.

## OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY TIL SPRING

Readfield Historical Society is closed for the season until Memorial Day weekend except when temperatures and weather allow. Call (207) 377-2299 or email [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) to make an appointment.



The BarTERS, Luce Road, East Readfield: William & Betsey (Brown) Gordon circa 1822



The Winters, Main Street, Readfield Depot: Granville Sanborn circa 1896



The Jones, Main Street, Readfield Corner: James Craig, miller circa 1788



Peckham & Goodwin, Main Street, Kents Hill: Charles J. Cole, attorney circa 1908

*RHS was founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. Annual dues are \$5 for seniors or \$10 for others or \$100 for lifetime memberships. Make out checks to Readfield Historical Society and mail to PO Box 354 Readfield 04355. Visit us on Facebook to see posts of a historical nature and updates.*





## OCTOBER 2022—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

### Library Hours

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>3pm-7pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>1pm-7pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>

### LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Visit the LIBRARY TABLE at the FAMILY APPLE FEST on October 1<sup>st</sup>

Head up to Kents Hill Orchard on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-noon for family apple fun! This event is hosted by the Kennebec Family Enrichment Council/KVCAP, with many local organizations participating, including the Readfield Community Library. Lots of free crafts and activities for the kids, and apple picking too!



### GUESS the PUMPKIN WEIGHT CONTEST!



Stop by the library any time before October 26th at 6:00pm to make your guess as to the weight of our pumpkin for our annual contest! Closest guess will win the pumpkin! Special thanks to Christianson Farm in Readfield for donating the pumpkin!

### TECHNOLOGY HANDY HELPER Program on October 4<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Check out this new program offered by the Library and the Age Friendly Readfield Committee!



- ~ Need help learning how to use a new app?
- ~ Is your relationship with your tech devices complicated?
- ~ Could you use one-on-one help with operating/troubleshooting your phone, tablet, or laptop?



Tabitha, our friendly and patient "Tech Handy Helper," will be on hand to offer assistance one-on-one at the Library. Simply stop by with your device for help with your technology questions. Or, you can email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to make an appointment.

**Tech Handy Helper sessions:**      **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm**  
**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm**

### CAREER CENTER CONSULTANT at the Library continues in OCTOBER & NOVEMBER!



Need help with a job search? Headed back to work and need assistance with applications or your resume? The "Career Center on Wheels" program at the library **continues on Tuesdays—October 11 & 25 and November 8 & 22 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Library.** Shane is a friendly, helpful career consultant who is available to assist with many job and career-related needs such as **job search coaching** and **resume and cover letter guidance, all for FREE!** All are welcome—drop-in or make an appointment with Shane 207-816-0711; [Shane.McKenzie@maine.gov](mailto:Shane.McKenzie@maine.gov).

### PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT for All Ages, Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm



The Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Union Meeting House are hosting a Pumpkin Carving Event at the RUMH Vestry at 22 Church Road on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Pumpkins and tools provided!! The carved jack-o-lanterns will be used to decorate the "Pumpkins Aglow" Trail at the Halloween Spooktacular Event hosted by the Readfield Recreation Association at the Fairgrounds on Saturday evening beginning at 4:30pm. Join us for some Halloween fun!

### Marti Stevens Interactive Improvisational THEATER PERFORMANCE on November 1<sup>st</sup>

Readfield Community Library and the Age-Friendly Committee are collaborating to bring an interactive theater performance to Readfield, featuring the Marti Stevens Interactive Improvisational Theater (MSIIT) group based out of Augusta. MSIIT, in partnership with Spectrum Generations of Central Maine, was awarded a 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant to offer performances free of charge to local Maine communities with a goal of **raising awareness and generating discussion about the topic of livable communities for people 50+** as they remain in the communities they know and love. The group will perform scenarios about the challenges many Maine citizens 50+ years of age encounter as they live and age in their communities. Each scenario will be followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the players "in character" and to come up with solutions to the challenges presented. **This event will be held on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm upstairs at the Readfield Town Office. After the performance, there will be time for refreshments and socializing.** FMI: <http://martistevens.org>



### Last Day is October 23<sup>rd</sup> for COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS Library Pass



FREE entry to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay—Gardens are still beautiful in the fall! Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to reserve a date. This pass is for Readfield Community Library patrons only. Good for 2 adults and unlimited children.

## Weekly Outdoor STORY TIME on Tuesdays (through the end of October)



Join us outside on **Tuesdays at 10:00am** for books, songs, and crafts. We will meet behind the Readfield Library on Tuesdays in October (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>). Watch Facebook for any cancelations due to weather.

## 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 October selection, *Without a Map* by Meredith Hall (memoir). The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. However, in October, we will meet on **October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** due to Halloween. For the fall and winter months, will go back to meeting by Zoom rather than in person. Please call 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) for the Zoom meeting ID.



## STORY WALK® EVENTS on OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we enjoy the October Story Walk (Library location) together, plus music and crafts! Meet outdoors behind the Library. Check Facebook for any cancellations due to weather.

- **Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**
- **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

## STORY WALK® --Two sites in Readfield for families to enjoy in October!



### October STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn*

The Library StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. The picture book featured for October is *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak, sponsored by Brenda and Howard Lake. 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 to pick up the take-home craft that accompanies the story.



### October STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Quick as a Cricket*

The RES StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The RES Story Walk is located along the edge of the back soccer field behind the school. The picture book featured for October is *Quick as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood sponsored by Building Bridges Child Care in Kents Hill.

## FRONT PAGE article for our GRAND OPENING of the Readfield Elementary School StoryWalk® last month

If you missed it, here is a link to a great front page article in the Kennebec Journal:

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2022/09/17/new-storywalk-trail-in-readfield-on-maines-lobster-lady-highlights-growth-in-state-of-the-reading-educational-experience/>

What a treat to have author Barbara Walsh join us for the Grand Opening! If you missed the event but are interested in ordering a signed copy of her book, you may reach her at [bwalshauthor@gmail.com](mailto:bwalshauthor@gmail.com).



## MAINE AUDUBON NATURE EXPLORER BACKPACKS



Does your family love to explore nature? Or, do you need something fun and different to encourage the kids to get outside more? Stop by the Library to check out a MAINE AUDUBON NATURE EXPLORER BACKPACK, filled with activities, books, and tools for explorers!! Three themed packs are available: **Birds, Wildlife, and Plants**. Check out period is 2 weeks. Enjoy!

## 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 covers admission for everyone in your vehicle. Thanks to a generous patron for donating this pass for all to use.



## DID YOU KNOW?

~ **The Library delivers!** If you are homebound and unable to make it into the library, we have volunteers who will deliver Library materials to you! Please contact Librarian.

~ We help **homeschooling families** with their research needs! We are happy to help you find items to help supplement your curriculum, either from our own collection, or through InterLibrary Loan.

~ The Library is a place where your **teen can volunteer!** One or two hours a week or one or two hours a month...we love to have young people engaged in our community!

## NO MORE BEANSTACK

For those of you who have used Beanstack to track your reading—please note that, unfortunately, the Maine State Library will no longer be able to offer Beanstack as a free option to smaller libraries due to lack of interest and funding. So, going forward, we will not be offering any more Beanstack reading challenges. Thanks to all who participated in the reading challenges during this past year!

# Theater Performance

with the Marti Stevens

Interactive

Improvisational Theater

*Scenarios to raise awareness & generate discussion  
about the topic of  
livable communities for people 50+*

**Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 3:00pm**

**@ Readfield Town Office**



The **Readfield Community Library** and the **Age-Friendly Committee** are collaborating to **bring an interactive theater performance to Readfield**, featuring the Marti Stevens Interactive Improvisational Theater (MSIIT) group based out of Augusta. MSIIT, in partnership with Spectrum Generations of Central Maine, was awarded a 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant to offer performances free of charge to local Maine communities with a goal of **raising awareness and generating discussion about the topic of livable communities for people 50+** as they remain in the communities they know and love.

The group will perform scenarios about the challenges many Maine citizens 50+ years of age encounter as they live and age in their communities. Each scenario will be followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the players "in character" and to come up with solutions to the challenges presented.

FMI: <http://martistevens.org>

**This event will be held on  
Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm  
upstairs at the Readfield Town Office/Gile Hall,  
8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield**

**Refreshments & Social Hour after the performance!  
Please join us for this interesting and thought-provoking event.**

A person wearing a dark, hooded cloak stands on a dirt path in a dark, misty forest. They are holding a flaming torch that illuminates the path ahead. The trees are tall and thin, with bare branches, creating a spooky atmosphere. The overall color palette is dark with a blueish tint, punctuated by the orange and yellow of the torch's flame.

# HAUNTED WOODS TRAIL

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 30**

**RAIN DATE OCTOBER 31**

**5:30-9:30**

**\$5 ADMISSION**

CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL BEHIND  
MARANACOOK HIGH SCHOOL

# RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed

## Enrichment Classes

	Start Date
Seasonal Off Grid Living	10/01/2022
Ukulele for Beginners	10/03/2022
Mastering Your Mindset	10/03/2022
Subtle Yoga-Beyond the Pretzel	10/03/2022
COR.E Leadership Dynamics	10/04/2022
Beyond Beginners Ukulele, The Journey Continues	10/05/2022
Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People	10/06/2022
Commercial Driver Licensure Class B Training – Spruce Mountain	10/12/2022
Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People	10/13/2022
Beginner Metalsmithing: Silver Ring (Monday Class)	10/17/2022
Acadian Arts Fall Retreat: Schoodic Institute Winter Harbor	10/18/2022
Creative Writing	10/18/2022
Map & Compass Level 1	10/20/2022
Acadian Arts Fall Retreat: Grey Havens Inn	10/24/2022

HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing  
Year-Round

To register, or for more details and to  
view all classes, go to: [https://  
maranacook.coursetorm.com/browse](https://maranacook.coursetorm.com/browse)  
or call the Adult Ed office at  
685-4923 x1065 for more info



The Gallery at Readfield  
1138 Main Street  
Readfield ME 04355

207-522-7325

[www.galleryinreadfield.com](http://www.galleryinreadfield.com)

A poster for an art event titled "GOOD VIBRATIONS" by Kat Logan. The poster features a central image of a blue chakra with a lotus flower in the center, surrounded by a circular aura. The text on the poster includes the title, artist name, event details (art opening, sound bath concert), featured artists, and the title of the artwork "BROW CHAKRA".

**GOOD VIBRATIONS**  
CHAKRA AND SPECTRAL ENERGETIC ARTWORK  
BY KAT LOGAN

ART OPENING EVENT OCTOBER 15TH  
SOUND BATH CONCERT 1-2  
FEATURING JIM DOBLE- GONGS, KAT LOGAN VOICE  
AND CRYSTAL SOUND BOWLS AND SCOTT EDWARDS-  
NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE  
ART VIEWING 2-4

"BROW CHAKRA" OIL ON CANVAS, 30" X 30", KAT LOGAN 2022

THE GALLERY AT READFIELD 1138 MAIN STREET, READFIELD 04355  
RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED FOR CONCERT CALL 207-522-7325

# FAMILY



# APPLE FEST

## October 1st / 10am -12pm

## Kents Hill Apple Orchard

JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT PROVIDED BY THE  
KENNEBEC ENRICHMENT COUNCIL



PRE-REGISTER BY VISITING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

@KENNEBECFAMILYENRICHMENTCOUNCIL OR EMAIL ERIN  
AT EMCCCLAY@KVCAP.ORG



FIRST 25 FAMILIES TO REGISTER WILL  
RECEIVE A FREE 1/2 PECK BAG OF APPLES !



Sponsors;



Funding for Prevention Councils is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Child and Family Services and supported by Maine Children's Trust.





**Mushroom Walk**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:30 PM**  
**Weston Woods Preserve, East Winthrop**  
**Registration Required**

Join KLT and Michaeline Mulvey, President of the Maine Mycological Association, to look for and learn about mushrooms at the Weston Woods Preserve. She'll talk about habitat requirements, collection techniques, identification methods, book and website resources, cooking and preservation, toxicity cautions, and will answer questions. Registration is required as attendance is limited. Cost: \$15 (KLT Members: \$10) Contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848 to register or for more information.

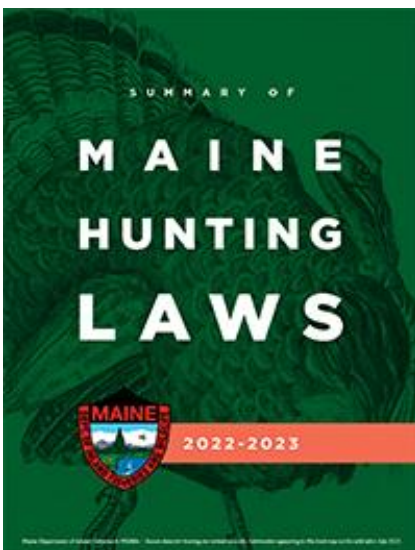
**Oak Hill Forestry Field Day**  
**Saturday, October 22, 10:00 AM**  
**Oak Hill Conservation Area, Fayette**

Join the Kennebec Woodland Partnership for a forestry field tour of KLT's Oak Hill Conservation Area in Fayette. KLT will be managing this property to protect Maine's wildlife and water quality and for outdoor recreation. Some of the property's forest stands will be forever wild, while others will be demonstration sites for ecological forestry practices focused on late successional forest growth and climate benefits.

This community forestry day provides opportunities for landowners and managers to learn more about sustainable forestry management with Two Trees Forestry, Maine Forest Service, Maine Tree Farm and Kennebec Land Trust. For more information and to RSVP please visit the KLT website or contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848.

Directions: From Fayette: From the Fayette general store, continue north on Route 17 for 2.5 miles. Turn left on the Fayette Corner Rd. and then take an immediate left on Norton Rd. Continue for half a mile to a temporary parking area marked with a KLT sign.

*Kennebec Land Trust - 331 Main Street - PO Box 261, Winthrop, ME 04364*  
*207.377.2848 ~ [www.tkl.org](http://www.tkl.org) ~ Like us on Facebook!*



Scan the above QR Code for the current Maine Hunting Laws 2022-2023

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Go to [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and click on E-Alerts to sign up.

*Your email will be treated as confidential information.*



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# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Town Office Closed - Staff Training CEO In 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	6	7 Assessor In (By Appointment)	8
9	10 Holiday - Town Office & Library Closed	11 Conservation Comm. 6:30 PM Planning Board 6:30 PM	12 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Solid Waste & Recycling 5:30 PM	13 Road Committee 6:00 PM	14	15
16	17 Cemetery Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Select Board/Annual Chairs Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	20	21 Assessor In (By Appointment)	22
23	24	25 Planning Board 6:30 PM	26 Trails Committee 6:30 PM November Messenger Articles Due	27	28	29 RX Take Back Day 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Halloween Spooktacular 4:30 - 8:30 PM
30	31 Happy Halloween 					