



# Readfield Messenger



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**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**  
**General Election**

**Kents Hill School, Alford Athletic Center**  
**1617 Main Street, Readfield**  
**Polls Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm**



**Last day to request absentee ballots is Thurs., Nov. 3 by 5:00 pm**

Request your ballot: In person at the Town Office; Call 207-685-4939, Online at: <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> or by mail (please give enough time for the postal service to deliver)



Not registered in Readfield, Maine? No problem! Register in person at the Town Office before election day or at the polls on election day. **Proof of ID and Residency are Required.**

## November Holiday Hours/Closures

**Friday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day: Town Office & Transfer Station Closed - Special Veterans Day Event 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - FMI Page: 16**  
**Weds, Nov. 23 - Special Town Office Hours OPEN: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (closed in pm) - Transfer Station OPEN 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Thurs, Nov. 24 & Fri, Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday: Town Office & Transfer Station Closed**

**The Giving Tree**

Helping Those in Need



This year we are switching things up and doing a Gift Card Giving Tree - if you would like to donate to those that may need a little extra help this holiday season we are accepting donations of Gift Cards to local stores.

***Please drop off donations by Dec. 14 at the Town office.***



# Select Board Corner

Happy November Friends,

This time of year, we begin to turn our focus onto things that we are thankful for and bring us joy.

It seems incongruous to have Election Day in the same month as Thanksgiving, but so it is and we learn to take them both for what they are.

Both can offer different choices. From candidates to casseroles, both of these events draw a wide spectrum of choices, ideas, and dishes from a diverse set of cooks. Don't get lost in it all, though. Take what applies to you and investigate further. All it takes is a little taste to see if you like it. If not, politely decline!

Both can leave you sleepy and dazed. Elections and Thanksgiving are alike in that they can both leave you exhausted and tired. Consuming too much food or "food for thought" can be overstimulating to the system and should therefore be avoided. Try to moderate your intake for both. Stuffed is what the bird should be, not your attention span.

Finally, whether you eat from the left, center, or right of the table, be sure to look across wherever you may be and be thankful to share a moment or conversation in person.

On Tuesday, November 8th from 8am-8pm, we vote at the Kent's Hill School's Alford Sports Complex. Thank you to the staff, volunteers, and voters that make this democracy great.

Thank you friends,

*Dennis Price, Readfield Select Board*

## Select Board Contacts

*Next meeting!  
November 14, 2022*

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## Readfield Comprehensive Plan Committee 2022 Short Survey

The Readfield Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) is seeking input from all residents of Readfield to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan that will reflect the town's priorities and goals for the next decade. The format of these questions will be on a scale of 1 – 5 where 1 - Not important 3-Somewhat important and 5- Very important.

How important is it for Readfield to pursue different options in housing?

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1) Small apartment units  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Accessible housing for elderly or those with disabilities                | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) An Assisted living development   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4) Subsidized housing for lower income residents                            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5) Non-traditional housing options such as in-law apartments and tiny homes | 1 2 3 4 5 |

How important is it for Readfield to pursue?

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1) Improved transportation options from Readfield to service areas such as Winthrop/Augusta   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Creating Bike/Pedestrian paths or corridors e.g. from Kents Hill to Manchester or Winthrop | 1 2 3 4 5 |

How important is it for Readfield to:

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 1) Maintain a public beach                         | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Develop parks and recreation areas for all ages | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) Preserve open spaces                            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4) Continue to purchase conservation areas         | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5) Support community based agriculture             | 1 2 3 4 5 |

How important is it for Readfield to:

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 1) Create a community space for indoor social activities   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Have a coordinator for Recreation/Social activities to organize volunteers and activities for residents of all ages | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) Improve communication between town government and residents through   |           |
| A. Periodic mailings   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| B. Digital signage in strategic locations  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| C. Local newspapers – Advertiser or KJ   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| D. Internet sources  | 1 2 3 4 5 |

How important is it for Readfield to:

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1) Improve law enforcement services   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Improve EMS access to reduce response time   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) Create health/safety outreach programs for:  |           |
| A. Local immunization clinics   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| B. Water quality information  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| C. General health screenings  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| D. Mental health screenings   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| E. Expand support services for the >65/lower income population that comprises about 30% of Readfield's population | 1 2 3 4 5 |

What type of local businesses should be encouraged?

- |                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Additional food stores        | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Breakfast café/bakery         | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) 24/7 access to ATM            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4) Medical Office                | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5) Solar energy farms            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6) Air B/B and rental properties | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7) Office space                  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 8) Local farms and farm stands   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 9) Light manufacturing           | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10) Health and fitness centers   | 1 2 3 4 5 |

How important are the following aspects of Readfield community life?

- |                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Housing                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2) Transportation             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3) Recreation                 | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4) Natural Resources          | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5) Water Resources            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6) Economic Development       | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7) Public Services/Facilities | 1 2 3 4 5 |

What is something you appreciate in our community today that exists thanks to the decisions and efforts of people who lived here more than 10 years ago?

What might we choose to do today that will be appreciated by people who will live here 10 or more years from now?

Please include any additional thoughts and comments:

*Thank you for responding to this survey. This important feedback will be fundamental to developing a Comprehensive Plan that is responsive to the needs and desires of your community.*



**Last day to request Absentee Ballots is Thursday, November 3 by 5:00 PM**



**Application for Absentee Ballot  
November 8, 2022 General Election**

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

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

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on **Thursday, November 3, 2022**, unless special circumstances exist.

**Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022.**

- Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_
- Residence Address of Voter \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Municipality)
- Voter's Date of Birth      /      /      /       
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- Contact Information – Please complete. Clerk will use only to notify the voter if there is a problem with the application or ballot.  
 Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter
  - Issued to Voter (Application Required if Voter will Vote **Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence**)
  - By Mail to this Address \_\_\_\_\_
  - By Immediate Family Member of Voter  
 Designated Here \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship to Voter)
  - By this 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (Designated by the Voter) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone #)
- Signature of Voter *OR*  
 Immediate Family Member of Voter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Note:** If an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 5(c) above. The absentee ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 5(b).
- Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to Voter \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Complete Section #7 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)

<p><b><u>AIDE CERTIFICATE</u></b> (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below)</p> <p>If the voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.</p> <p>I helped this voter: <input type="checkbox"/> read the application <input type="checkbox"/> sign the application <input type="checkbox"/> read and sign the application</p> <p>Signature of Aide _____ Printed Name of Aide _____</p>
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# The Town of Readfield is seeking volunteer members for the following committees:

*(Positions advertised are as of October 27, 2022)*

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 Member (2024), 1 Associate Members (2024)
- Budget Committee: 1 Member (2024)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. Member (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 or stop by the Town Office.*

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

## 2023 Dog Licenses

### 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*



# Transfer Station News - October

As daylight hours shorten, please continue to 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 you walking, especially when leaving compost, brush or appliances.

**Cost Update:** You may not know there are a number of companies utilized to remove everything disposed of at the Readfield Transfer Station as needed. Most of these vendors charge fees for their services. That's why customers need to pay for certain items brought in, including construction debris, furniture, mattresses, TV's, computers and refrigerators, to name a few.

Recently, the vendors have had to increase their fees to keep pace with operational costs such as fuel, labor and overall inflation. What this means to residents is that the costs to operate the Readfield Transfer Station have increased.

The current fee schedule has been in effect since 2016. Simply put, these fees no longer cover the vendor removal costs. As a result, a new fee schedule with increased prices will be implemented on January 1, 2023.

Residents of Fayette, Wayne and Readfield will not be individually charged for household trash, recycling, brush, metal, batteries or compost. Your taxes already pay for disposing of these items and will continue to do so.

## 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.

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

### Transfer Station 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 4:00PM



**Now Open!**

Please bring items in and feel free to take items you can use.

Recycling Through Re-Use

WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee





# Backyard Composting Demo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 9-1PM  
AT THE READFIELD TRANSFER STATION

Stop by the  
transfer  
station to  
pick up a  
free  
backyard  
compost bin  
and startup  
manual!



Materials are first come, first serve.



## From the Code Enforcement Officer

Chip Stephens CEO, LPI, LHO



### Community Solar Purchase Option –

To all those that have inquired about purchasing discounted electricity from the new Solar Farm here in town,

I have spoken to individuals at Readfield Power LLC, Power Engineers Inc. (Sebago Technics) and Syncarpha Solar.

The answer is the Community Solar Purchase program proposed in the original application does exist but follow the details:

The power that will be produced at the Readfield Solar Farm will be sent to the “GRID” which will be facilitated by CMP.

That 4.95 MW power will be bought by CMP/ Syncarpha and will be offered by Syncarpha to Readfield Residents at an 15% discount to the CMP bill on any line item figured in kW usage, both supply and distribution charges kW related. This does not include non kW related items on the monthly CMP bill.

The resident will get two bills each month; one from CMP and one from Syncarpha.

The Syncarpha bill will require an autopay option of an authorized credit or debit card.

Syncarpha has a subunit that is supposed to be the sales and marketing of this credit “deal”. The deal is first come first serve until the Readfield credits are sold out at which point the credits go to the CMP solar offering pool.

Many of you may find this an understandable bargain, but many residents may not. Some residents may not be able to or want to provide an auto pay credit card or debit card number for the Syncarpha bill. Also there may be individuals misunderstanding the requirement to pay two bills for electric each month. The Town of Readfield will not be the service agents for Syncarpha in the marketing, customer service or complaint department for the offering.

For more information contact Syncarpha: <https://www.syncarpha.solar/centralmainepower>

Or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera



## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK**

We will be distributing Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner Baskets on Saturday, November 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 and Christmas Holiday Dinner Baskets on Saturday, December 17 from 9:30 to 11:30. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like one.

If you have not been a Food Bank customer but still need assistance with the holiday meals, please feel free to contact us at 293-2141 on Saturday mornings.

Since the holiday boxes are being distributed on the third Saturday (which is a regular full service pick up), we will do the full pantry items on Saturday November 12 and December 10.

We will be closed on November 26 and December 24; however, we plan to be open on December 31.

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.

We follow the Federal Guidelines but will never turn anyone away.

# Readfield Union Meeting House



October is the month when the Readfield Union Meeting House Board of Directors holds its annual election of officers. After serving as president for 4 years, Jim Tukey has stepped down. However, he was nominated and accepted the vice president's role. The board of directors greatly appreciated his dedication and hours of work he has given in the on-going restoration of the town's historical Meeting House. He will be right there to guide Nancy Durgin, who was elected as the new president for 2022-2023 year. John Perry will continue to serve as treasurer, a position that he has held for over six years. John has actively been involved with grant writing and heads fund raising campaigns and projects.

The rest of the members of the Readfield Union Meeting House Board are as follows:

- \* Larry Dunn – heads the Vestry Building Committee and is on the Meeting House Building Committee.
- \* Flo Drake - is on the Events Committee and does much of the publicity for events
- \* Ben Rodriguez – is on the membership, events and vestry building committees. He is the MC for events, posts updates on Facebook and designs posters to be distributed.
- \* Jason Foster - our newest board member. He has been asked to be on the building committee. He is helping on events and outdoor projects.

All of these above board members help out on just about anything and everything that is happening at the meeting house. Thank you!

Next month's article will introduce our Friends of the Vestry & Meeting House and the RUMH Advisors. We are always looking for new board members. Please consider volunteering.

We hope you were able to attend the Halloween activities at the Readfield Fairgrounds. (happening 3 days from when this article is being submitted.)

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin

**SAT  
NOV  
19**

**2022 REC  
BASKETBALL**

**TEAM  
EVALUATIONS DAY**

BOYS GRADES 3-4	9:00AM - 10:00AM
BOYS GRADES 5-6	10:15AM - 11:15AM
GIRLS GRADES 3-4	11:30AM - 12:30PM
GIRLS GRADE 5-6	12:45PM - 1:45PM

**FINAL DAY FOR SIGN-UPS!!**

SCAN TO SIGN-UP

AT THE MARANACOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM | QUESTIONS? CONTACT TOM LABRIE 207-240-3774

# Maranacook Food Pantry

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

Hello again from the MAFP. The pantry has had a busy summer and fall. We continue to provide on average 18-20 boxes of food items each week including staples such as cereal, rice, potatoes etc. along with a meal's worth of fresh meat. Every other week we work with Farmer Key from West Gardiner to include fresh vegetables. During the summer and early fall we also had weekly access to fresh eggs at low cost but that has ended. The Readfield Methodist Church continues to send boxes of donated food for the pantry via Readfield Town Office.

The grant we received from the Tabitha and Stephen King Foundation has kept us going in good stead but we are researching more grant monies. RSU #38 continues to handle all our finances so we can concentrate full time assisting folks who have food insecurity. The core of volunteers operating the pantry has not changed except Readfield resident Ralph Eno recently joined our Thursday distribution team. Supporters who wish to remain anonymous often drop off bags of food items at the pantry located at the Maranacook Middle School and this fall bags of locally grown apples have found their way to us! Soon the Kids Who Care program at the high and middle schools will hold their annual food drives and we so appreciate their help.

With the holiday season fast approaching (notice I did not mention the white stuff that comes with the season) we know requests for our services will increase. We have been fortunate in past years to have local businesses and organizations such as Manchester Lions and Highbrow on Route 202 help us put together Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for local families. Our numbers usually jump from 20 or so to 35-40 requests through the school's nurse's confidential contacts. The pantry's expenses, like yours too, have increased. For example a box of cereal a year ago that cost us \$1.77 now is up around \$2.79 and a generic box of crackers jumped from \$.92 to \$1.32 recently. I should note that every single penny of donated money to the pantry goes to purchasing the food and vegetables we provide.

Now comes the pitch, the angle, the come-on etc. This year we are reaching out to those in our community, both individuals and businesses, that could see their way to donate a turkey at Thanksgiving or Christmas to help the pantry and those who need support. The time frame for drop off at the Middle School is below. If these days and times do not mesh with your schedule, call or email Greg Durgin to arrange an alternative plan. Thank you for any help you can provide!

*Friday, November 18, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 20, 3:00 - 4:00pm*

*Greg Durgin MAFP ~ 685-4481 or [durgie@roadrunner.com](mailto:durgie@roadrunner.com)*



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

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



**READFIELD RECREATION & MARANACOOK AREA**  
*(Readfield, Mt. Vernon, Wayne, Manchester, Fayette)*

# **REC BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS 2022**

**SIGNUP ONLINE OR AT THE READFIELD TOWN OFFICE NOW THROUGH NOV. 19TH**

**JOIN US SATURDAY NOV. 19TH**

**AT MARANACOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR:**

## **TEAM EVALUATIONS**

<b>BOYS GRADES 3-4</b>	<b>9:00AM-10:00AM</b>
<b>BOYS GRADES 5-6</b>	<b>10:15AM-11:15AM</b>
<b>GIRLS GRADES 3-4</b>	<b>11:30AM-12:30PM</b>
<b>GIRLS GRADE 5-6</b>	<b>12:45PM-1:45PM</b>

**NOT AN RSU  
SPONSORED  
EVENT**



**\$35 1ST CHILD  
\$15 PER ADDED CHILD  
MAX \$65 PER FAMILY**

*Coaches are Volunteers  
Consider helping if you are able  
Training is available!*



**Questions?  
Contact Tom Labrie  
Phone: 207-240-3774  
labriethomas@gmail.com**

**Scan QR Code to sign-up online @ <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/recreation>**

**2022 Readfield Recreation & Maranacook Area Basketball Registration**  
 (Readfield, Mt. Vernon, Wayne, Manchester, Fayette)

Player Name	Town	Grade	Gender	Shirt Size
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL

**Cost:** \$35.00 first child - \$15.00 second child; \$15 each additional child

**LATE FEE of \$10 after November 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Please Make Checks Payable to: Town of Readfield

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The success of our program is dependent on our volunteers. Please indicate if you are able to assist as:

Team Coach                      Assistant Coach                      Your Shirt Size

Coaches are required to attend a pre-season coaches meeting and pass a background check

Please list any medical condition of your child (asthma, allergies, etc.) that must be brought to the coach's attention:

**We will be following current school covid guidelines for all events**

Release of Liability: The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, the Town of Readfield, it's agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand there are inherent risks and dangers in participation in these types of activities and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are signing up and paying after Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, please bring this form with your payment to the Readfield Town Office.**

Paid Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 10/26/22

\*This is a NON RSU #38 Sponsored Event



# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS



If you have been on the Fairgrounds trails in the past 3 weeks, you probably noticed the improvements on the McDougald Trail which is the one that starts on the right as you enter the parking lot. From the picnic table down to where the trail crosses the fairly large culvert, Maranacook advisors and their advisees spent the better part of almost 5 hours on October 6<sup>th</sup> hauling, spreading, and raking loads of blue stone as they put down a new coating over a well worn section of trail.

The students, advisors, Trails Committee members and resident volunteers all joined in Maranacook's annual Day of Caring volunteering in the school district's communities. Readfield Trails Committee always asks for a group to come and work at the Fairgrounds. We have never been disappointed and certainly appreciative of the energy and enthusiasm the students and staff members bring with them.

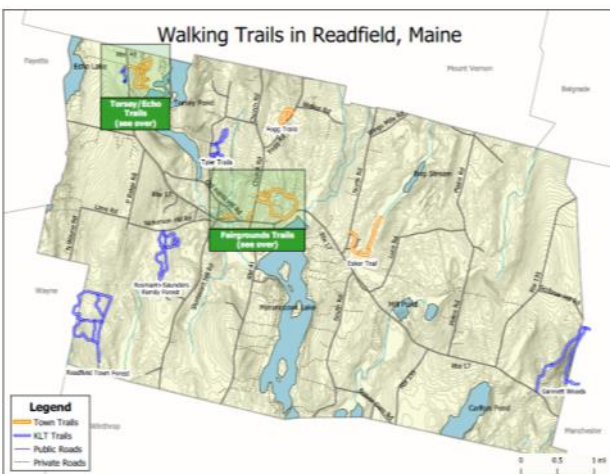
Trails member Greg Leimbach and resident Howard Lake arrived at the Fairgrounds a day or so in advance and used their tractors to move the product from the back of the cemetery to strategic locations to help facilitate the manual labor needed. On the work day, Trails Committee members provided wheel barrows, water and the all important snacks (bribes ?!) for the volunteers to enjoy during the day. The tools used for the day are donated by G&E Roofing of Augusta. The event is organized by the United Way and resident Robyn Graziano who is the staff coordinator. The Trails Committee appreciates their combined efforts.


Advisor: Katy Jones	Advisor Ruth Nicola	Community Volunteers	Trails Committee
Advisees:	Advisees:	Jeanne Harris	Jacki Drouin
Mya Gastin	Natalie Landaeta	Bob Harris	Greg Leimbach
Nathaniel Martin	Gillan Berdan-Stouch	Howard Lake	Holly Rhamlow
Jenna Ruth	Molly Mahoney		Rob Peale
Ariana Tully	Charlotte Chandler		Greg Durgin
	Chianna Morrison		

The Carleton Pond trail project recently took a good sized leap forward in the last couple of weeks under the organization of Trails Committee Chair Rob Peale. The first phase of the project, a collaboration with the Greater Augusta Water District (GAUD), is almost complete and hopefully the trail will open soon. On October 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> residents Howard & Brenda Lake, Trails members Rob Peale, Greg Leimbach, and Greg Durgin spent 30 + people hours blazing, brush clearing, raking, and weed whacking a trail that at times overlooks or runs along the shore of Carleton Pond. No official opening is yet scheduled as there are still some smaller tasks to finish. We know there are hikers anxious to try the trail and we appreciate their patience as volunteers continue to find time in their schedules to complete the initial trail.

As always, we welcome volunteers to help on our work days on the trails. We also remind trail users to please clean up after their pets. Trash / household goods should be taken to the Transfer Station.

*Respectfully submitted, Greg Durgin, Vice Chair, Trails Committee*



Tel: 685-4064  Visa/Mastercard

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

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

Ken Edgecomb Mark Edgecomb



# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## READFIELD TO HOLD SPECIAL VETERANS DAY EVENT

An event honoring all Veterans will be held in Readfield on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> planned by members of Readfield's Historical Society, Select Board, United Methodist Church and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Infantry Civil War re-enactors. All are welcome to join in for this special remembrance and honoring of those who have served or currently serve in the U.S. Armed Services.

Participants should gather at the Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road by 10 a.m. for a special remembrance of some Veterans whose memorials and graves are there. From the cemetery the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine will lead the way to Asa Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, for a closing ceremony at 11 a.m. in honor of all Veterans. All are invited to march along or those who are not able to walk that far can follow in their vehicles. The Third Maine will do two musket volleys along the way, at the cemetery and outside Gile Hall.

Following the ceremony free bag lunches will be distributed at Gile Hall, by members of the Readfield United Methodist Church.

To begin, at Readfield Corner Cemetery, parking is available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot or in the north end of the cemetery. Please invite and / or bring Veterans you know. FMI contact 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The RHS annual meeting will be held on March 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. at Gile Hall. Details will be announced in future newsletters.

From: Dale Potter-Clark, Readfield Historical Society ~ (207) 441-9184 ~ [dmclark1@roadrunner.com](mailto:dmclark1@roadrunner.com)



### Photo Caption:

Some of those who marched from Readfield Corner Cemetery to Gile Hall in 2021, led by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Infantry. The Readfield Community Library can be seen in the background.

***RHS will open by appointment for as long as weather and temperatures allow. Appointments can be made by contacting [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or (207) 377-2299. Follow RHS on Facebook for updates and regular posts of historical interest. Annual dues are \$10.00 or \$5.00 for seniors. Lifetime memberships are \$100. Mail to RHS at PO Box 354, Readfield, ME 04355.***





# VETERANS' DAY EVENT

Featuring the  
**THIRD MAINE CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS**  
Veterans, Friends, Family, One and All are  
Welcome! Help Honor our Deserved Veterans  
during all or any part of this event!!

**Fri., November 11, 2022 10am-12noon**

10:00 a.m.\* Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road

10:00-11:00 Remembrance of Readfield veterans;  
then all invited to join in the march to Gile  
Hall led by the 3rd Maine Company A Vol.  
Infantry Re-enactors

11:30 a.m. Ceremony in honor of all Veterans

Following the ceremony FREE bag lunches will be  
passed out at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road

BY THE  
Readfield United Methodist Church

\* Parking available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot on Church Road or  
at the north end of the cemetery. Those who cannot walk to  
Gile Hall are welcome to follow in their vehicles.







## NOVEMBER 2022—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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

### LIBRARY CLOSURE

The Library will be closing EARLY at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (the night before Thanksgiving). We will be back to regular hours on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### LIVABLE COMMUNITIES 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 FREE 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.**



### VETERANS DAY DISPLAY

Thanks to the help of our Cemetery Sexton, Ben Rodriguez, and a local veteran, the Library will have a large Veterans Day book display this year, highlighting books about Veterans and their service and the experiences of Veterans. Stop by in November to check out a book!

### Save the date! ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm



Please join the Readfield community as we gather together outdoors in front of the Library to light the community tree, enjoy cookies and cocoa, and visit with Santa. This event will take place on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**, with a rain/snow date of Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Please dress warmly for this **ALL-OUTDOOR** event!

### STORY WALK® EVENTS on NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

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

- Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am
- Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

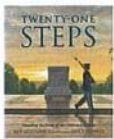


### STORY WALK® --Two sites in Readfield for families to enjoy in November!



#### November STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Clap Your Hands*

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 November is *Clap Your Hands* by Lorinda Bryan Cauley.** 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.



#### November STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Twenty-One Steps*

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 November is *Twenty-One Steps* by Jeff Gottesfeld and illustrated by Maine author/illustrator Matt Tavares.** This book is about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Matt Tavares will be visiting the students at Readfield Elementary School for an author program in late November.

### 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 November selection, ***Lucky Turtle* by Maine author Bill Roorbach.** The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Our November meeting is Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. For the fall and winter months, we are 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.





## MAINE AUTHORS BOOK RAFFLE

Need some good books by Maine authors for holiday gifts? Or for yourself?! Buy a \$1 raffle ticket to win 9 gently used Maine author titles (some with library markings), along with a Bendable Maine totebag and 2 "Great Libraries of the World" t-shirts. All proceeds to benefit the Library. Raffle items will be on display at the Library. Drawing will take place on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## OPEN HOUSE THANKS

Thanks to all the children who brought their stuffed animals in to get library cards recently. We will be posting the animals' photos on our Facebook page soon! Also, thanks to the Library Board of Trustees for the goodies they supplied our recent Library Open House.

## CAREER CENTER CONSULTANT at the Library continues in 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, 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).

## LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE

How to get Library news? Our emailed newsletters, the Town Messenger, and Facebook! If you have not discovered the library's Facebook page yet, hop on over to: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadfieldCommunityLibrary>

NOTE: **Our Facebook page is a PUBLIC page**, which means you do not have to have a Facebook account to see our posts and events. Simply search "Readfield Community Library Facebook" in your web browser, and find our page to view.

## Weekly Outdoor STORY TIME –will start back up again in the spring



Our weekly outdoor Story Time **has ended for the season**. A huge thanks to Board of Trustees members Pam Mitchell and Pat Clark and volunteer who help to keep this program vibrant and fun for our community children! We plan to go back to meeting weekly again in the spring (likely April). Please note that we will continue to have outdoor STORY WALK events twice a month through the winter.

## 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!

## BENDABLE MAINE!

The Maine State Library recently launched Bendable Maine, a robust learning marketplace! Bendable Maine allows residents of all ages and backgrounds to easily



**Bendable Maine**  
discover and access

content that is just right for them on a wide variety of subjects and then acquire new knowledge and skills through online courses as well as local, in-person learning opportunities. Be sure to check out Bendable Maine! Visit

<https://maine.bendable.com/>

# RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed

Lots of new classes starting soon!!  
HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round

## Enrichment Classes

	Start Date
Folk & Country Ukulele	11/01/2022
Needle Felting: Flat Felting Holiday Items	11/01/2022
Commercial Driver Licensure Class B Training - Maranacook	11/02/2022
Ukulele Refresher	11/02/2022
Coastal Navigation Level 1	11/03/2022
Personal Safety	11/05/2022
Acadian Arts Fall Retreat: Harbor View House	11/10/2022
Living the Dream	11/10/2022

To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:  
<https://maranacook.coursestorm.com/browse>

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

## E-Alerts Subscription

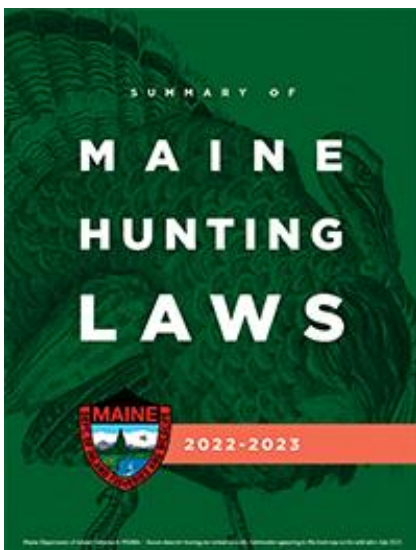
An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!

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.*

## Ongoing Classes at Maranacook Adult Ed

- ⇒ Life Skills
- ⇒ Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer
- ⇒ Fantastic Photo Finishes-Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone/iPad Photos App
- ⇒ Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad
- ⇒ Introduction to iPhone Basics
- ⇒ Introduction to Mac Basics
- ⇒ Introduction to Zoom Basics
- ⇒ Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training
- ⇒ Take Fabulous Photos of the Flora and Fauna in Your World
- ⇒ Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad Camera
- ⇒ Unlock Safari's Secrets on Your Mac in Just Five Lessons



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

Happy Thanksgiving





**Helping People. Changing Lives.**



## **HEATING ASSISTANCE**

**Schedule your appointment online or call (207) 859-1500**

You can get help paying for your home energy bills and emergency home heating fuel delivery from the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

### **Fuel assistance**

HEAP is a program that can help pay part of your annual home heating costs. Your benefit amount is based on several factors, including your household size, income, and home energy costs.

### **Emergency assistance**

More help may be available if you have less than a three (3) day supply of heating fuel. We may also be able to help if you cannot pay your bill and your services may be disconnected.

### **Am I eligible?**

Anyone who may need help paying for their home heating costs should apply for the program. Please apply even if your application has been denied before. Apply even if your income may be over the income limits because some expenses may be deducted. Homeowners and renters may apply. You can also apply even if heat is included in your rent. Find more information at [mainehousing.org/heap](http://mainehousing.org/heap).

### **How do I apply?**

You apply through your local Community Action Agency (CAA). You can apply in person or over the phone. Ask your CAA what documentation you need to have when you apply. Find out more information at [mainehousing.org/heap](http://mainehousing.org/heap).

### **What to expect**

Appointments fill up fast and it may take a while to get an appointment. It usually takes several weeks to process a HEAP application. If your HEAP application is denied, you can reapply if your circumstances change.

### **Other help available**

If you are approved for HEAP, you may be able to get help with your electric bills through your electricity utility company's Low Income Assistance Plan (LIAP).

Help with home energy costs may also be available through your local General Assistance Program. Call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) at 1-800-442-6003, or dial 7-1-1 for Maine Relay for more information.

**Find more info at  
[mainehousing.org/heap](http://mainehousing.org/heap)**







## Recreation Areas

**1. READFIELD BEACH.** This 8.7-acre recreation area on Maranacook Lake was acquired in 1988 by the town. Previously, it was run by a private association for 20 years. It offers a buoyed swim area with float, picnic facilities, volleyball court, and opportunities for family gatherings. Skating is popular in winter. The adjoining wetlands provide superlative habitat for aquatic wildlife. Passes available to residents for an annual fee at the Town Office. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.6 mile east on Main Street (Route 17). The beach parking lot is on the right.

**2. READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS.** From 1856 to 1932, Readfield Fairgrounds was home to one of Maine's most prestigious agricultural fairs. In 1993, the Town purchased 36 acres to create a recreation and conservation area near the village center. The area has a network of graded trails for walking, nature study, and cross-country skiing that connect with trails at the Maranacook School Property and the village sidewalk. A ballfield is located near the Church Rd. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.3 mile north on Church Road. Parking area on Readfield Hill.

**3. FOGG FARM CONSERVATION AREA.** This 15-acre open was part of the Fogg Farm for nearly two centuries. In the early 1980s, after the farm was subdivided it was donated to Readfield with a conservation easement to the Kennebec Land Trust. An easy loop trail winds through mixed forest uplands for 0.4 mile and a second loop adds an additional 0.2 mile. Trail and bridge work was done by Maranacook Community School Pathways students and the Readfield Conservation Commission. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, take the Church Road north 1 mile. Turn right (east) onto Fogg Road and go 0.6 mile. There is a green sign at the trailhead and parking along the left shoulder of the road.

**4. TORSEY POND NATURE PRESERVE.** In 2001, Readfield purchased 92 acres along Torsey Pond for open space and recreation with funds from the Maine Land & Water Conservation Fund, a town appropriation, and local contributions. A conservation easement was accepted by the Kennebec Land Trust in 2003 to assure permanent protection. The preserve is one of the richest biological areas in Readfield with mixed forest uplands, a mile of shoreline, and very significant vernal pond and waterfowl habitat. There are two miles of walking trails with foot and bog trails. **Directions:** From Kents Hill, go 1 mile north on Chimey Road (Route 41) to the TPNP parking lot on the right. Use the public boat launch on Old Kents Hill Road to the south end of Torsey Pond for water access.

**5. READFIELD TOWN FARM & FOREST.** This 110-acre tract of woodland is the site of the former town farm for the nearly 200-year-old area of herring, cross-country skiing, and nature study. 2.3 miles of trails, which include the popular K.T. Macdonald Trail, are located in the Conservation Area property. The property is also managed for wildlife and sustainable forestry. **Directions:** From Route 133 in Winthrop, turn north onto North Wayne Road. Go 1.3 miles and turn right onto Hathaway Road. Go 0.7 mile and turn left onto Belz Road. Just before the gate at the end, park with care on the left side of the road. Do not block the driveway or turnaround. Proceed on foot past the gate about 0.3 mile north on the old Town Farm Road. The property is also accessible from Macdonald Conservation Area (see description below).

**6. MILL STREAM DAM.** In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Factory Square was a major industrial area in Readfield where many manufacturing businesses were clustered. The site now features a footbridge across Mill Stream and the remains of a stone dam, spillway, and foundations. Trails allow access to the top of the dam, the stream and an overlook. Interpretative plaques recall Readfield's industrial past. **Directions:** Walk the short distance from Giles Road along Mill Stream Road to this significant historic and scenic spot or access from Trail from Old Kents Hill Rd. Just a short ways north from the Town Office.

**7. MARANACOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL.** The MCS campus includes 320 acres. Trails around the middle and high schools offer hiking, cross-country skiing, and nature study. A gravelled trail leading from the Superintendent's Office connects with the Fairgrounds trail system. The Superintendent's Office connects with the Fairgrounds trail system. The trails visible from the access road provides great family strolling. Tennis courts, ballfields, and an outdoor track are also available when not in use by the School. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.7 mile on Main Street (Route 17), turn left onto Miller Hill Drive. Trailhead at Superintendent's Office, on left. School parking lots at end of road available during non-school hours.

**8. WYMAN MEMORIAL FOREST.** This 40-acre woodland was donated to the Kennebec Land Trust in 1993 by the heirs of Walter and Alice Wyman. After a red pine plantation on the property was affected by the ice storm of 1998, the land trust conducted a small logging operation to accelerate restoration to more natural conditions. The rest of the preserve is covered with mature, mixed-growth forest typical of recovering farmland. Trails ascend Monks Hill from Main Street and Readfield Pond. **Directions:** From Main St. (Route 17), go 1.25 miles north on Gordon Rd. Turn right and go 0.9 mile on Scriber Hill Rd. There is a sign at the trailhead and parking along the right shoulder of the road.

**9. GANNETT WOODS.** Sheed Pond is important habitat for ducks, beavers, and other wildlife. In 2004, John and Pat Gannett donated 120 acres to the Kennebec Land Trust to ensure the shoreline of the pond would remain free of development. Snowmobiles are allowed on a maintained trail. No other off-road vehicles or overnight camping. A trail on the west side of the pond connects to the Wyman Memorial Forest. **Directions:** Follow directions to the Allen-Whitney Memorial Forest.

**10. ECHO LAKE WATERSHED PRESERVE.** This 200-acre parcel in the Echo Lake watershed was purchased in 2004 and 2008 with funds raised by the Echo Lake Association and Kennebec Land Trust. The property will remain undeveloped to help protect the water quality of Echo Lake and to provide for wildlife habitat. A short nature trail leads to an open bog. **Directions:** From Kents Hill, go approximately 1 mile north on Chimey Road (Route 41). Use the parking lot on the right at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. A plaque marks the Echo Lake Watershed Preserve across the road where the bog trail begins.

**11. MACDONALD CONSERVATION AREA.** The 100-acre Macdonald Conservation Area was donated to the Kennebec Land Trust by Douglas and Jessie Macdonald in 2003 to preserve wildlife habitat and open space for recreation. The former Readfield Town Farm (on the south), the Hutton Cemetery (on the north), the Seldon Smith Homestead foundation (on the east), and the site of the former District 6 Schoolhouse (on the northeast) are noteworthy connections to Readfield's history. A 2.5-mile trail connects to the Readfield Town Farm & Forest trails. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 1.9 miles on Main Street (Route 17) and turn left onto P Ridge Road. Go 1 mile and turn right onto Lane Road. Go 0.6 mile to the end and turn left onto North Wayne Road (Innes Road in Wayne). Go 0.3 miles to the end of the road and turn left onto Kents Hill Road. Go 0.2 mile and park on the left at the K.T. sign. Do not block the road or driveways.

**12. ROSMARIN AND SAUNDERS FARM FOREST.** This property was donated to the Kennebec Land Trust KLT in 2016 by the Rosmarin family. It had been owned by the Saunders Macdonald family. Historically the property was farmed and pastured, though more recently it has been managed as a woodland. The 342-acre property is an extensive conservation area with mixed woodlands, two perennial streams, a large beaver bog and four vernal pools. The one mile (+) Beaver Pond Loop trail begins at the parking area on the Nickerson Hill Road, follows the eastern side of the Beaver Pond and stream, and circles back to the parking area. From Route 41/17 in Readfield, turn north onto Nickerson Hill Road. Travel for 0.6 miles to a small parking area on left.

**13. TYLER CONSERVATION AREA.** A 45-acre easement, donated by the Tyler family, protects wildlife habitat, provides for local recreation, and conserves the rural character of this Readfield neighborhood. A winter trail from Maranacook High School to Torsey Pond is used by snowmobilers. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.2 mile west on Main Street (Route 17). Turn right onto Old Kents Hill Road, then right at 0.6 mile onto Thundercarriage Road. A small parking area is located on the right side of the road at about 0.7 mile. Look for the Tyler Conservation Area trailhead sign.

**14. KENTS HILL SCHOOL.** Luther Sampson, a Revolutionary War veteran, and Elinor Robinson, founder of a local apprenticeship school, started the Maine Wesleyan Seminary in 1824 in a small building on Kents Hill. Later renamed, the school has educated generations of young men and women all over the world. Kents Hill School also has facilities with the community. The school offers opportunities for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and nature study. Please respect the school's active schedule. **Directions:** From Main Street (Route 17), turn left at the sign for the Alfred Athletics Center. Park away from the building. Trails run through the woods along the ridge and down to Lovejoy Pond.

**15. LUCE MEMORIAL FOREST.** This 78-acre property was conveyed to the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) in 1991 by James M. Smith and Julia H.M. Smith Solmsmeyer. Three contiguous parcels have been under professional management by NEFF since 1951. There are no marked trails, but the area is open for hiking, hunting, and other non-motorized recreation during day-time hours. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go west on Main St. (Route 17) 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Shurevart Hill Rd. and go 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Hutton Lane and go 0.3 mile. Park on the right at the sign for the Luce Memorial Forest.

**16. ALLEN-WHITNEY MEMORIAL FOREST.** Though located in Manchester, this 708-acre managed woodland connects to important open space lands in Readfield. The property was settled during colonial times by the Allen family, which was active in publishing and real estate in Augusta. Edward A. Whitney deeded the first parcel of this forest to the New England Forestry Foundation in 1955. A woods road system provides access for forest management as well as hiking, hunting, fishing, and nature study. Snowmobiles are allowed on maintained trails. No other off-road vehicles or camping are permitted. **Directions:** From Main Street (Route 17), go 1.25 miles north on Gordon Road. Turn right and go 2.5 miles on Scriber Hill Road. At the crest of a hill, park on the right at the sign for the Allen-Whitney Memorial Forest.

## Other Conservation Areas (with limited recreational access)

**17. READFIELD RECREATION LOT.** In 1934, Leon and Tessie Tibbitts donated this 2.5-acre property to the Town for recreation. **Directions:** The lot is located across Main Street (Route 17) from the Town Office.

**18. PARKS LOT.** This small forested parcel provides important wetland and wildlife habitat. It was given in 2006 to the Town of Readfield in memory of Guy Parks, Jr. by his heirs. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.1 mile east on Main Street (Route 17). The lot is on the left.

**19. READFIELD CORNER WATER ASSOCIATION.** This property is managed to protect the force of wet water for a number of businesses and is available for use as a connection to the Readfield Forest. It is wildlife habitat for many rare species. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.3 mile north on Church Road. Park at the Readfield Fairgrounds across the road.

**20. AVERY-SMITH SHORE LAND.** Dr. Mary Ellen Avery and her family donated this beautiful 7-acre parcel on Echo Lake to the Kennebec Land Trust in 1991. It is a wooded wetland with cedar, pine, birch and willow along 1,200 feet of unspoiled shoreline. The property does not have trails and is best viewed from the water. **Directions:** The closest water access is the boat launch in West Mount Vernon at the northeast end of Echo Lake.

**21. WESTMAN WOODS.** Ilsa Westman wanted these 26 acres reserved as wildlife habitat, so she donated this area to the Kennebec Land Trust in 2006. The upper part is early successional habitat, mostly hardwood. The lower portion has been logged for forest. There are no marked trails. **Directions:** From Main Street (Route 17), go 0.9 mile on South Road. Park with care along the side of the road.

**22. ST. ANDREW FIELDS.** In 1995, John and Beppie St. Andrew donated a conservation easement to the Kennebec Land Trust to maintain the scenic beauty of these fields. There are no trails, but the fields are open for nature observation except during the late spring turmings when the birds are grazing. The area covers the fields, turmings with the topography of Quarry Drive. **Directions:** From Main Street (Route 17), go 0.9 mile on South Road. Turn left and park along the southeastern edge of Quarry Drive. Do not to block the road.

**23. TORSEY POND OUTLET CONSERVATION AREA.** This easement was donated to the Kennebec Land Trust in 2005 to preserve water quality and wildlife habitat. It protects 12.5 acres and over 1200 feet of valuable shoreline on the west side of Torsey Pond near the outlet. Public access is by permission only.

**24. CARLETON POND.** In the early 1900s, the Augusta Water District acquired more than 700 acres (568 acres in Readfield) around Carleton Pond for waterfowl protection. The Maine Legislature designated the area a game preserve in 1931. An additional 40 acres were donated in 1996 to the Water District with a permanent conservation easement granted to the Kennebec Land Trust. Today, this area includes a diversity of wildlife habitats. White-tailed deer, beavers, foxes, turkeys, and a wide variety of birds, amphibians, and reptiles call the area home. A snowmobile trail runs through the property. Other public access is by permission only though other trails may be developed in the future.

**25. LAKESIDE ORCHARDS.** Jacob Pope planted the first apple trees here in the 1870s. The farm now encompasses 189 acres with thousands of apple trees. In 1999, the Maine Department of Agriculture acquired a conservation easement on Lakeside Orchards with funding from the state Land for Maine's Future and federal Farmland Protection programs. Lakeside Orchards operates a retail store on Route 17 in Manchester. Public access is by permission only.

**26. KENTS HILL ORCHARD.** This 91.6-acre property was purchased by Maine Farmland Trust in 2010 and subsequently sold to Belle Vue Farm, LLC in 2011 subject to a conservation easement. Much of the historic orchard has been removed and replaced by commercial corn and vegetable fields. Public access is by permission only except for a snowmobile trail.

**27. OLD FAIRGROUNDS FIELD.** Originally part of the historic Readfield Fairgrounds, this 15-acre parcel is owned in common by the members of the Old Fairgrounds Landowners Association and protected as open space by deed restrictions. Public access is by permission only.

## Water Access Sites

**28. MARANACOOK LAKE.** The Maine Department of Conservation maintains an access site with a ramp to launch boats, plus parking for vehicles and trailers and a grassy area for picnicking. The Town of Readfield owns the wetland south of the launch. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.6 mile south on Winthrop Road (Route 41) to the boat launch on the left.

**29. TORSEY POND.** At the south end of Torsey Pond the Maine Department of Conservation has a hand-carry site providing access for canoes, kayaks, and small boats. This shallow lake is popular for warm water fishing as well as wildlife watching in the marsh near the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. Across the road is the site of an historic dam and mill works. No ramp or float. Minimal parking. **Directions:** From Readfield Corner, go 0.2 mile west on Main Street (Route 17). Turn right and go 0.8 mile on Old Kents Hill Road to the boat launch on the right.

**NOTE:** There is public access to Echo Lake on Route 41 in West Mount Vernon. There are no public launch sites on Brainard, Carleton, Lovejoy, or Mill Ponds. There is walking access to Sheed Pond.

## Snowmobile Trails

More than 30 miles of snowmobile trails crisscross Readfield. Most are on private land, so please respect landowner property rights. Do not damage groomed trails. No ATVs on the trails at any time. Trails may change from year to year. Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club sells trail maps.

## Cemeteries

Seven cemeteries throughout Readfield offer quiet spots for walks with historic interest as they lie the past to the present. No dogs allowed.

- A. Kents Hill Cemetery (18038)
- B. Hutton Cemetery (18335)
- C. Readfield Corner Cemetery (18088)
- D. Armstrong Cemetery (18005)
- E. Whitler Cemetery (16009)
- F. Dudfield Plains Cemetery (17889)
- G. East Readfield Cemetery (17889)
- H. Case Cemetery (17887)





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

**Town of Readfield**  
www.readfieldmaine.org  
8 Old Kents Hill Road  
Readfield ME 04355  
Phone: 207-685-4939

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

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

**READFIELD TOWN FOREST  
HUNTING BLIND AND TREESTAND  
REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:      \_\_\_\_\_ HUNTING BLIND      \_\_\_\_\_ TREESTAND

WHICH SEASON:    \_\_\_\_\_ FIREARMS    \_\_\_\_\_ MUZZLE-LOADING    \_\_\_\_\_ ARCHERY/CROSS-BOW

IDENTIFY PROPOSED LOCATION ON ATTACHED MAP IF KNOWN

**ATTACHED COPY OF RULES TO BE GIVEN TO APPLICANT AND FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES**





# Kennebec Land Trust Macdonald Conservation Area\* and Town of Readfield Readfield Town Forest

Map prepared by the  
Maine Natural Areas Program

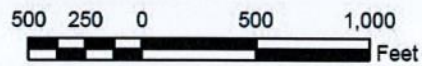
Readfield and Wayne, ME

\*100 Acres Donated to the Kennebec Land Trust, 2003



### LEGEND

- Trails
- Boundary Line



January 10, 2008



# WOODSTOVE TIPS FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

- Have your chimney inspected regularly - now is the time to schedule a cleaning! A well maintained chimney is a safe chimney.

- Always maintain a minimum of 36 inches of space around your wood or pellet stove.

## NEED HEATING ASSISTANCE?



[www.maine.gov/mpuc/consumer-assistance/programs](http://www.maine.gov/mpuc/consumer-assistance/programs)



2-1-1 (OR 207-874-2211)



The Gallery at Readfield  
1138 Main Street  
Readfield ME 04355

207-522-7325

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

The Gallery is featuring Brunswick  
Artist Kat Logan

Hours: Friday & Saturdays  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon or  
by appointment; 207-522-7325,  
don't hesitate to call.







Readfield United  
Methodist Church  
1564 Main St, Readfield, ME  
207-685-4211



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for November 19th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church.

If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office. 685-4211

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Readfield United Methodist Church  
1564 Main Street  
Readfield

November 24  
12 - 2

*Everyone Welcome!*

Take out and local delivery available. Call 624-2290

*Good food, friends & Music*

**Save the Date!**  
**Christmas Fair**  
**December 3rd**

Readfield UMC will be having our beautiful wreaths at our Christmas Fair for \$30. If you feel uncomfortable coming on the day of the fair you can pick them up on Friday Dec. 2nd between 2-5 pm or if you wish to preorder please email the office at

[office@readfieldchurch.net](mailto:office@readfieldchurch.net)

**Join us for Nov. Movie Night @ Readfield UMC**  
*Blue Miracle!*

Free Movies Every 3rd Friday

Nov. 18  
concessions start @ 6:15, and movie begins @ 6:30 pm

1564 Main Street Readfield ME 04355







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**Mt. Pisgah Full Moon Hike**  
Monday, November 7, 5:30 PM  
Mt. Pisgah Conservation Area, Winthrop

Join Kennebec Land Trust staff and the Winthrop Conservation Commission to take advantage of the full moon for a hike at the Mt. Pisgah Conservation Area on Monday, November 7 at 5:30 PM. Please bring what you need to be comfortable for a night walk, including a headlamp or flashlight, warm clothes, water, snacks etc. The family-friendly hike will be approximately two miles long. RSVP required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848

Directions: From Route 133 in Wayne turn south onto Fairbanks Road. At the end, turn left onto the Mt. Pisgah Road. Travel south about 1.7 miles – the parking lot is on the left. From Route 202, turn onto North Main Street and go into North Monmouth. After about 0.7 mile, turn right on New Road, which becomes Mt. Pisgah Road. Continue for approximately 1.6 miles – the parking lot is on the right.



Hello all,

Its finally beginning to feel like Fall. Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club hosted its annual Landowners appreciation supper on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, delivering over 87 meals to landowners who generously allow trail access over their private property for the purpose of snowmobiling. Without these landowners the trails would not exist. And, as we do every year, we ask that you respect this privilege and stay on the marked trails. In addition, please take out any trash that you bring with you. So many trails are routinely closed across the state due to unacceptable behavior. We have been very fortunate in Readfield.

Recent statistics regarding snowmobiling in Maine might surprise you. There are eighty-eight thousand registered snowmobiles operating in the State of Maine and snowmobile related businesses bring in an annual income of over five-hundred and fifty million per year. There were nearly 200 snowmobiles registered in Readfield alone. Snowmobiles are an important part of Maine’s economy.

Trail work has begun. Volunteers meet every Sunday at the Readfield firehouse at 8:00am to set the morning projects. We may be rerouting a trail at the landowner’s request, redecking, repairing or replacing a bridge, clearing brush or removing any fallen limbs or trees that may impede riding the trails . Trailmaster, Peter Zarella, organizes the work party and has a solid handle on what needs to be done to make the trails the best in the area. Volunteers are always welcome and will be paired to work with a regular Club volunteer.

Let it snow.....

*Marge Livingston*

*Readfield Blizzard Buster Snowmobile Club Secretary*

Sunday trail work..... ➡

← Chef Jurgen & Sonya preparing Landowners supper





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# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots Clerk in 8:00 am - 5:00 pm for voting purposes	4 Assessor In (By Appointment)	5
6	7	8 General Election 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Conservation Comm. 6:30 PM	9 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Library Board 6:30 PM	10 Road Committee 6:00 PM	11 Veterans Day Holiday Town Offices/Transfer Station Closed Veterans Day Event 10:00AM - 12:00 PM	12 Backyard Composting Demo at Transfer Station 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
13	14 Select Board 6:30 PM	15 Planning Board 6:30 PM	16 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	17 Budget Committee 6:30 PM	18 Assessor In (By Appointment)	19
20	21 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM	22 Planning Board 6:30 PM	23 Town Office Special Holiday Hours 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Transfer Station Open Normal Hours 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday Town Offices/Transfer Station Closed	25 Thanksgiving Holiday Town Offices/Transfer Station Closed	26
27	28 December Messenger Articles Due	29	30 Trails Committee 6:30 PM			