



Readfield Messenger



www.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 under online services
- ⇒ By mail: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355
- ⇒ Over the phone by calling 207-685-4939



*2022 Dog Licenses
Expire December
31, 2022*

\$6.00 if spayed/neutered ~ \$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. A \$25.00 late fee per dog goes into affect if not registered before the deadline.



Town Office Closed:
 Mon., 12/26 in observance of Christmas
 Mon., 01/02 in observance of New Years Day
Transfer Station Special Holiday Hours:
 Sat., 12/24: Open 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
 Sat., 12/31: Open 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Annual Tree Lighting
 An all outdoor event at the Readfield Community Library
Fri. Dec. 2 @ 6:30 PM
 Rain/Snow Date:
 Sun. Dec. 4 @ 4:30 PM



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

Hello Friends,

Happy December from the Select Board.

In "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, Scrooge's nephew barges into his uncle's office and begs his unmoving uncle to come to Christmas dinner with him and his wife. He tries hard to understand why Scrooge, a man of such wealth, could come to hate such a time as Christmas. He says....

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say, Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas-time, when it has come round as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

We hope that this time of the year finds you with spring in your step and a lift in your heart.

Here's the a healthy and happy 2023.

Sincerely,

Dennis Price

Select Board Contacts

Next meeting!
December 12, 2022

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<u>Carol Doorenbos:</u>	(207) 446-7535	cdoorenbos@readfieldmaine.org
<u>Sean Keegan:</u>	(207) 446-8725	skeegan@readfieldmaine.org
<u>Dennis Price:</u>	(207) 577-4919	dprice@readfieldmaine.org
<u>Kathryn Mills Woodsum:</u>	(207) 685-9094	kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org

From the Desk of the Town Manager

Emergency Operations Plan Update

The Town of Readfield has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to ensure timely and effective responses to any disasters that might confront our community. It is reviewed and updated annually. This year the Select Board will be reviewing the plan at their December 12th meeting and running a “tabletop exercise” to dig deeper into the plan with Fire Chief Lee Mank at their January 9th meeting. Come to the meetings or tune in on Channel 7 or via Zoom to learn more about the EOP and how the Select Board, Town Staff, and community volunteers work together to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The plan importantly includes a contact list of residents who might need a check-in or assistance during an emergency situation. Community members are encouraged to complete a voluntary Emergency Contact Form available in this issue of the Messenger, on the Town website, or in hard-copy at the Town Office. The form advises Town staff and emergency personnel that you or another community member may be at increased risk during severe weather events, prolonged power outages, or other emergencies. Examples of community members who might need a check-in or assistance during an emergency situation include those with special medical needs, powered medical equipment, mobility issues, isolated locations, or anyone with general concern for their safety or wellbeing during emergencies. Names and contact information are kept confidential and are used exclusively to perform check-ins during emergency situations.

If you are signing up a friend or neighbor, please check the appropriate box so we can contact the individual and confirm their interest in being on the list.

Finally, if you're interested in volunteering to assist town staff and emergency personnel in making emergency contacts please fill out the "Volunteer" section at the bottom of the online form or contact the Town Office. I also encourage community members to consider other ways to contribute and volunteer their time.

Taking care of everyone in our community is something Readfield does well, and is something I am personally grateful for this holiday season.

Thank you, and be safe!

Eric Dyer, Town Manager

A current photo of “The Giving Tree” at the Readfield Town Office. Ideas of gift cards from local businesses to help those in need during the holiday season. Donations for heating assistance can also be made at the Town office.





2022 Request for Voluntary Emergency Contact Information

The Town of Readfield has developed an Emergency Operations Plan to ensure timely and effective responses to any future disasters that might confront the community.

The plan includes a contact list of residents who might need assistance during an emergency situation. This sign-up is for individuals with mobility, medical or other needs that might prevent them from keeping themselves safe during an emergency.

During an emergency, the Town’s Fire Department and/or Town Office would contact these residents to ensure that **“everything is OK and further support may not be needed.”**

Participation in this effort is **strictly** voluntary. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of emergency notification; please provide the following contact information either by calling the Town Office at **(207) 685-4939**, email at **info@readfieldmaine.org** or by filling out the form below and returning back to the Town Office.

Please print the following information:

First Name: _____ MI: ____ Last Name: _____

Full-time Resident: Seasonal Resident: Usual months of residence: _____

Primary Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Secondary Contact Person: _____

Secondary Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Secondary Contact Email Address: _____

Special Needs (i.e. oxygen, wheel chair, etc.): _____

Mail or return to: Town of Readfield
Attn: Anjelica Pittman
(207) 685-4939
info@readfieldmaine.org
8 Old Kents Hill Road
Readfield, ME. 04355

~ Interested in volunteering to help with emergency contacts? Let us know (see above) - Thank You! ~

~ If you are currently on the list please contact the Town Office or complete the above form to make sure all information is up to date and accurate. – Thank you, Town of Readfield Office Staff ~

Readfield Comprehensive Plan Update

Take the Survey!



Tell us about **your priorities** for our town, what makes Readfield so special, and what we can do to make it a better place in the future!

Readfield's Comprehensive Plan has sought to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas while protecting the Town's rural character and natural resources, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl. We want to know if that direction is still relevant, and what's next for our community.

Readfield last updated our Comprehensive Plan in 2009. The update process currently underway will help us:

- Find out what has happened in town in the last decade
- Assess the effectiveness and validity of the current plan
- See how we are doing on the current goals
- Set new goals for where the town's residents want to be in the future
- Develop strategies to get us there

The comprehensive planning process is critical to a deliberate and thoughtful future for the Town of Readfield. Please take the survey and get involved!

- Scan the QR code above
- Visit www.readfieldmaine.org
- Or request a paper copy from the Town Office and we'll mail you the 50 question survey!

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH



WREATHS
— *across* —
AMERICA

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY



Saturday, December 17th
12:00PM



at the Readfield Town Office
8 Old Kents Hill Rd, Readfield, ME 04355

For More Information on Wreaths Across America and Their Mission Visit:
WAA Website- <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>
Be on the lookout for more information on - the Town of Readfield Website, in the Readfield Messenger and on Facebook
+ Contact Ben Rodriguez (Sexton for the Town of Readfield)
Office Phone: 207-685-4939 Email: sexton@readfieldmaine.org



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

(Positions advertised are as of November 28, 2022)

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 Member (2024), 1 Associate Members (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: 2 Alt. Members (2023 & 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

Transfer Station News - November

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're 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, TVs, 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, the Readfield Select Board has approved a new fee schedule with increased prices which 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 your 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 - 6:00 PM

Thursday
Senior-Only Hours
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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



New Fee Schedule Starting January 1, 2023

READFIELD TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

RECYCLABLES, HOUSEHOLD WASTE (MSW), SCRAP METAL, RETURNABLES, AND BRUSH
FREE - No charge to authorized Residents or Licensed Commercial Haulers

SPECIAL WASTE MATERIALS

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DEMOLITION DEBRIS (Lumber, Sheetrock, PVC, Misc. Household Items)
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Cost per Cubic Yard ^	Pick-ups											
	Compact		Full Size			Trucks			Trailer Loads			
	Standard 1.5 cy	Long 2 cy	Short 1.5 cy	Standard 2 cy	Long 2.5 cy	1.5 Ton 4-6 cy	2 Ton to 6 Wheel 6-10 cy	6 Wheel 10-14 cy	Under 27 Sq. Ft.	27 to 41 Sq. Ft.	42 to 54 Sq. Ft.	55 to 68 Sq. Ft.
\$45												
Full Load	\$68	\$90	\$68	\$90	\$113	\$270	\$450	\$630	\$135	\$203	\$270	\$338
2/3 Load	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$180	\$300	\$420	\$90	\$135	\$180	\$225
1/3 Load	\$23	\$30	\$23	\$30	\$38	\$90	\$150	\$210	\$45	\$68	\$90	\$113

Barrels & Plastic Bags of Demo ^ \$ / Item	
Large Barrels/Bags (50 Gal)	\$11
Medium Barrels/Bags (30 Gal)	\$7
Small Barrels/Bags(15 Gal or less)	\$3

^ Fees are calculated based on actual volume and the schedule is only a guide
* Multiple bags (more than 2) will be charged by the cubic yard

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS

Minimum Fees and Why We Charge for Some Items:
 There is a minimum \$3 fee for any and all demolition debris, bulky waste, and other special waste. The fees associated with these items marginally cover the cost of disposal and are in place to ensure personal accountability for special waste disposal and that these items are not paid for by other taxpayers.

Fee Schedule Establishment and Changes:
 The current Fee Schedule is effective 1/1/2023. All fees and conditions are subject to changes adopted by the Readfield Select Board upon recommendation of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, in accordance with Ordinances and Interlocal Agreements adopted by voters.

Payment Methods (Cash or):
 Electronic Payment - The Transfer Station accepts electronic payments but transaction fees are paid by the cardholder.
 Checks - The Transfer Station accepts checks for less than \$250 at the discretion of the Transfer Station staff.
 Receipts - A receipt will be issued for all fees collected.

Transfer Station Conduct:
 See an Attendant before dropping any waste or if you have any questions about how or where to dispose of items. Everyone at the Transfer Station must be respectful to staff and other users and follow all rules of the facility. Inappropriate behavior may result in temporary or permanent restriction of access. Transfer Station staff will make decisions to accept or reject materials, to assess disposal charges, and to verify payment of appropriate fees. Disagreements over these matters may be brought to the Transfer Station Manager or Town Manager.

How to stay on the recycling "Nice" list this holiday season



Happy Holidays from ecomaine! 'Tis the season for "decking the halls" and potluck parties galore. Here at ecomaine, we receive about a third of Maine's recyclables, or roughly 41,000 tons annually, which means we see evidence every day of serve ware, packages and decorations that are ripe with opportunity to be recycled right.

That's why we have created this Naughty and Nice list to remind you of what can be recycled.

RECYCLING DOs to get you on the Nice list this holiday season: Aside from all of your standard household mixed paper and assorted rigid containers made of cardboard, plastic, glass, tin or aluminum, there are a number of items that are commonly used at the holidays that you can recycle. Here are the top five:

1. **Wrapping paper that rips:** If it rips, it recycles. Put it to the rip test and if it passes, place it in your bin.
2. **Holiday cards:** even if they have glitter on them, they are recyclable. Don't let all of that recyclable paper go to waste this season, put them in your recycling bin!
3. **Aluminum foil pans:** Whether its pie plates, fruit cake pans or any other aluminum pan, remember the rule that if the pan is not caked with sticky, thick food residue, then the pans are recyclable. The same goes for aluminum foil! Aluminum is a very nice material for your recycling bin!
4. **Cardboard and gift boxes:** With the rise of cybershopping, you might have a bigger inventory of cardboard boxes, never mind those gift boxes that make such pretty packages under the tree. Break them down flat before placing them in your bin to ensure enough space for the higher volume of recyclables you are likely to incur through the holidays.
5. **Cookie tins:** When you receive tins of cookies, consider saving them to contain your own baked gift next year, or donating them to Goodwill or any other salvage shop. But if they are no longer useful, do place them in your recycling bin!

Recycling DON'Ts that will land you on the Naughty list:

1. **Bows and ribbon:** there is no way to recycle these, so your best bet is to save them and reuse them each year or do away with disposable gift wrap altogether with decorative cloth gift bags. Bows and ribbon are naughty for the recycling bin.
2. **Wrapping paper that doesn't rip:** If your wrapping paper doesn't rip, then it is probably made of plastic vs. paper and therefore cannot be recycled. We'll talk about the wrapping paper you can recycle when we list the "Nice" to recycle list.
3. **Christmas tree lights:** Maybe you're trimming the tree only to discover that last year's lights are no longer repairable. In this case, your best bet is to donate them to a local Goodwill store. They can sell broken lights onto the market because of the valuable copper wires usually contained inside. Whatever you do, don't put them in your recycling bin, as they will end up clogging ecomaine's sorting equipment. They go in the metal collection bin.
4. **Foil caked with residue:** Aluminum foil is endlessly recyclable – if it is not caked with cheese or another sticky, messy residue. If it is caked with residue, you are best off tossing it in the trash.
5. **Plastic cutlery:** If you can avoid it altogether, that is the best strategy, but if you need to use it, consider reusing it again and again. When you can't use it any longer, you should put this type of plastic in the trash, not your recycling bin.

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FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Here is looking forward to a Merry and Happy Christmas and every other holiday you may celebrate!

This is a heartfelt urgent request from your LHO.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. Make sure your house has a visible number identification on your road side, be it a mail box, front porch or sign. Your house address number needs to be displayed for emergency vehicles to find you in an emergency. The Fire Department, Ambulance, and Police cannot respond to your call rapidly unless your address number is visible from the road. Numbers that contrast with their background 2 inches or larger will get them to you when you need their services ASAP, STAT, and RIGHT AWAY!

I have requested attention to this before here in the messenger but there are still many un-numbered homes around town. I see it in my work, and others like our Fire Chief, our ambulance responders, the sheriff, and our Code Officer have all expressed urgency in getting every house to comply.

Head down to Audette's or Walmart and grab the 2-inch numbers for your address location and paste them on your mailbox or home. It **WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE** when you need it.

Happy New Year, Chip Stephens - LHO

P.S. The numbers also will assist Fed Ex, USPS, UPS and of course..... SANTA

Highlights from the Age Friendly Committee



The AFC has had a busy fall season. In September we welcomed two new members – our newly elected Selectperson Steve DeAngelis and Eric Johnson better known as “ Alpaca Man.” Both bring lots of ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

At our August meeting we decided to invite representatives of other Readfield committees to come to our AFC meeting to share ideas. In September, Melissa Small attended and we had an energetic brainstorming session of all the different ways the Readfield Community Library and the AFC could collaborate on different projects. Within a week after that meeting, Melissa presented us with the opportunity to co-host the Marti Stevens Interactive and Improvisational Theater Group. The event took place on the afternoon of Nov 1. with 21 attendees. This theater group is known for presenting different scenarios of challenges seniors and their families may be dealing with at home and in their communities. All of the skits end with open discussion from the audience. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and as an added treat, there was time for refreshments and socializing. All in all, a wonderful afternoon.

Among the many projects the AFC is working on is updating our Handy Helper flyer and volunteer lists. At both the June and November elections, AFC volunteers manned a table to share information about our activities and to enlist new volunteers. As a result, we have added many new volunteers with a variety of different talents and offerings. Many residents were also surprised to learn of all the services our Handy Helpers can provide. We plan to finish the newly updated flyers early next year.

In other exciting news, Steve DeAngelis is working with Maranacook Middle School principal, Rick Sirois, to restart the Senior Café program. This program hopes to bring together middle school students and seniors for a morning of stories and conversation... a way for different generations to get to know each other.

At our November meeting we were delighted to have Jim Tukey as our guest speaker to bring us a progress update on work being done to renovate the Vestry. Jim shared the fascinating history of this historic landmark and what the goals are for its future role in our community. All of the materials and labor have been donated. If you would like to support this project you may contact the Friends of the Meeting House and Vestry.

Finally, what may be the most exciting news of all – Readfield U is back on the schedule for March 2023! This will be a month-long schedule of light hearted enrichment “classes.”

At a time when it feels like winter will never end, this is a wonderful way for community members to connect with one another and beat the feelings of isolation.

Classes will take place in a variety of venues around town – at different times of the day. Best of all, IT'S ALL FREE!

Some of the topics that were scheduled in 2020 – storytelling, an introduction to genealogy, travel adventures, knitting, history of Readfield, Mah Jongg, Game Night, beginning Ukulele, and many more topics of social interest. We hope to bring back these presenters and add many more.

If you would like to offer a class or have a suggestion for a class you would like to see offered, please contact readfieldu@gmail.com or keep an eye out for our updated website readfieldu.org

Stay Tuned!

Have a Happy and Healthy holiday season,
Respectfully submitted, Elaine Katz



Maranacook Food Pantry

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

MARANACOOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) THANK YOU NOTE!

The MAFP Committee wishes to thank the residents, churches, organizations, school staff and students from our four RSU #38 towns and Fayette for their help providing Thanksgiving meal baskets. On Monday, Nov. 21, 31 families received their holiday baskets and all expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the assistance.



In the November Messenger, we wrote asking folks for help by donating a turkey to the pantry that we could add to the meal baskets we put together. Each basket contained a turkey or ham, new potatoes, fresh squash, cranberry sauce, green beans, pumpkin pie filling, pie crust, stuffing, and a box of corn muffin mix. Along with the food donation, we received \$450 in cash donations. Wow(!) and thank you for all the kindness and generosity. Many donors told us they did not need to be recognized but we do attempt to get a personal thank you note out to the donors we do know.

We need to acknowledge the students and staff at the Maranacook Middle and High Schools for their food drives and cash donations. Thank you Manchester Lions Club, Wayne Community Church, Readfield United Methodist Church, and Mt. Vernon Food Pantry for their never ending support for the pantry. The MAFP relies heavily on the RSU # 38 school nurses who coordinate the food baskets for their own school families. A special note needs to be added for a staff member and community members for their unwavering commitment to deliver boxes weekly since March, 2021 to families who either are shut ins or have no transportation to our curbside pick up. Middle School staff member Kim Fletcher and community volunteers Sandy Hunter from Readfield, Jim Perkins from Wayne, and Mary Ellen Tracy from Winthrop make their deliveries every Thursday afternoon and Readfield resident Jill Harriman makes her biweekly trek to Farmer Kev's LLC in West Gardiner for fresh vegetables we provide.

Dare I go to the well one more time and try to tap into our town's generosity? With Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa fast approaching, the MAFP will be once again be providing holiday baskets. Last year we provided 41 and anticipate more this year. If you made a donation for Thanksgiving, perhaps sit this one out and hopefully others may take a turn? Turkey or ham donations may be dropped off at the Middle School on December 20 from 3-4 pm or call Greg Durgin (685-4481) or durgie@roadrunner.com for alternate day / time or pick up. Thank you past, present, and future donors. Enjoy the upcoming holidays with friends and family.

Greg Durgin for the MAFP

**Donations can be dropped off
at the Readfield Town Office**



Thank you to all who support our local food banks!

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY EVENT

The Veterans Day event was attended by about sixty-five people and went well – thanks to the organizations that took a part. Those included members of the 3rd Maine Infantry Volunteers, the Readfield Historical Society, United Methodist Church (RUMC), Cemetery Committee, Community Library, Fire Department, American Legion Post #40 from Winthrop and Girl Scouts Troop #2098 from Readfield and Mt. Vernon. Doug Gorden of Mt. Vernon drove his WWII deuce-and-a-half in the procession from Readfield Corner Cemetery to Gile Hall. The Kennebec County Sherriff Dept. provided an escort, with a VFW member driving. Ben Rodriguez and Dale Potter-Clark spoke at Readfield Corner Cemetery. Speakers during the ceremony at Gile Hall included selectman Dennis Price, State Rep. Tavis Hasenfus and Rev. Shannon Keeney, RUMC. American Legion Post #40 did a flag raising ceremony, the Girl Scouts led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 3rd Maine conducted volleys, at the Cemetery and again at Gile Hall. Dale Potter-Clark led the naming of Veterans, as those in attendance spoke the name(s) of Veterans they felt moved to name. RUMC members provided free lunches after the event. There were many people present with cameras so some great photographs were captured from various perspectives, including some on a front page, headline spread in the Nov. 12th issue of the Kennebec Journal. A few photos are shared in this newsletter but many more can be seen on the RHS, RUMC and Town of Readfield Facebook pages. A special thanks to the event planners Chris Sammons, Nancy Perkins and Dale Potter- Clark, who coordinated the event

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The RHS annual meeting and program will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. at Gile Hall. Details will be announced soon.

RHS will open by appointment for as long as weather and temperatures allow. Appointments can be made by contacting 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 04355.

Kennebec Journal, front page on 11.12.2022.

Joe Phelan photos



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OLDE FEDERAL BUILDING — AUGUSTA

Historic building could be renovated

Proposal calls for apartments, retail space, rooftop bar

BY JESSICA LOWELL
Kennebec Journal

AUGUSTA — The Old Federal Building, a downtown Augusta architectural icon, could be redeveloped by new owners under a proposal that goes before the city's Planning Board on Tuesday.

The Goldman Group, a real estate investment, redevelopment and management group based in Boston, has submitted a conditional use application to the Augusta Planning Board for the adaptive reuse of the landmark building into luxury apartments with a wide range of amenities and retail space.

The building at 292 Water St., currently listed for sale for \$2.65 million, has not changed hands. The Goldman Group and seller Victory-Dwelling Association,

REGIMENTAL CEREMONY IN READFIELD



Joe Phelan/Kennebec Journal photos

Company A, 3rd Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry re-enactors march past the grave of Civil War soldier Charles R. Kitteridge during Veterans Day observances Friday in Readfield Corner cemetery. After observances in the cemetery, the group paraded about a mile to Ann Gile Hall for a flag raising, youth laying and speeches.



Above: Dale Potter-Clark talks about Civil War history with the Company A, 3rd Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry re-enactors behind her. Right: Girl Scouts Troop No. 2098 leads the Pledge of Allegiance.



MAINE LEGISLATURE

Election results fuel big shake-up

GOP replaces leadership after Tuesday's losses

BY RANDY BILLINGS
Portland Press Herald

Republicans in the Maine Legislature are shaking up their leadership after a disappointing showing on Election Day.

The 11 Republicans in the Senate chose Sen. Troy Stewart of Brunswick as their minority leader in a single-ballot vote on Thursday. Stewart will replace Sen. Jeff Timberlake, a farmer and business owner from Turner.

"I am honored to be chosen by my colleagues to lead the Senate Republican Caucus. The 11 members of this team bring a diverse range of talents, expertise, passion and energy to the Senate and are eager to get to work for the people of Maine," Stewart said in a written statement. "We still have a job to do, and the Senate Republican Caucus stands ready to provide the most innovative and pro-economic solutions for Maine's people."

Republicans also elected Sen. Lisa Keim of Dixfield as an assistant minority leader. She will replace Sen. Matthew Poole of Augusta.

The five-way race to lead House Republicans was still underway Friday, with the party slated to choose new leadership on Monday.

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7th Annual

Veterans Day Event



The 3rd Maine led the procession down Church Road to Gile Hall. Photo: Mike Laberge



The Readfield United Methodist Church provided free lunches. Rev. Shannon Kenney delivered the invocation at the ceremony. Photo: Harvey Boatman



The Ceremony at Gile Hall. Three members of the Readfield Fire Department, with some of the American Legion Post # 40 in the distance. Photo: Dennis Price



Girl Scout Troop #2098 and friends waiting for the event to begin. Photo: Harvey Boatman

Doug Gorden drove his WWII deuce-and-a-half in the procession from the Cemetery to Gile Hall. Here, Doug is transporting the 3rd Maine. Photo: Harvey Boatman



Dale Potter-Clark speaking at the Cemetery, with members of the 3rd Maine behind her. Photo: Andy Tolman



With help from Ben Rodriguez, Melissa Small, Librarian displayed Veteran related books from the Readfield Community Library. Photo: Harvey Boatman



Jack Lynch, American Legion Post #40 played Taps twice as well as "To The Colors" at the American Flag raising ceremony. Photo: Mike Laberge



News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Hello Readfield Trail Enthusiasts,

Much news this month including Fairgrounds Trail work with Kents Hill School students and teachers, awarding of a Trail Blazer Award to Milt Wright, and finally the opening of the Carlton Pond Trail.

On November 1st the unexpected availability of a work crew from Kent's Hill School allowed us to complete the spreading of bluestone on the McDougal and Lower Fairgrounds Trails. With tractor help from Howard Lake and John Perry we were able to move our bluestone pile from the cemetery to the trail junction where it was needed. We had two teachers and 6 students along with trails committee volunteers to complete the work.

At our October committee meeting we gave a Trail Blazer Award to our long time member, chairman, and continuing volunteer Milt Wright. The award was the brainchild of member Steve Hayes and volunteer Bob Harris. Milt is well known for his work painting many of the very neat blazes that mark our trails. In honor of this work Bob Harris took a piece of bark containing one of Milt's blazes that fell off a tree, and framed it with a plaque.

Lastly I am very glad to announce that after several years of work, the Carlton Pond Trail is now open for your trail walking enjoyment. This is a joint venture of the Readfield Trails Committee and the Greater Augusta Utility District under General Manager Brian Tarbuck who is also a Readfield resident. Carlton Pond continues to be a back-up water supply for the City of Augusta so water quality protection remains paramount. I would also like to thank Deb Peale for creating the trail kiosk and trail signs.

Access to the trail is located on Route 17 just beyond the junction with Route 135 going toward Augusta. Parking is located inside or outside the open outer gate. The trail is a 3.2 mile long loop. Pass the inner gate and continue along the access road/ snowmobile trail. The trail that (mostly) follows the shore of the pond leaves the road on the right a short distance beyond a stream crossing. There is a connector trail back to the access road about halfway along the shore trail if you do not want to do the entire loop. The trail is a bit rougher than many of our other trails with some topographic relief and some wet areas. We recommend wearing trail shoes or hiking boots. At the kiosk between the gates hold your smartphone camera in front of the QR code to download a map of the trail for your hike.

Our trail maps (not including the Carlton Pond Trail at this point) continue to be available at the town office and on-line (https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf).

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

Dog owners please note: Dogs are required to be on leash or under voice control on all town properties including our trails. We also request that pets be leashed on the Carlton Pond Trail.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Peale, Chair, Readfield Trails Committee. rnpreadfield-gov@gmail.com 207-458-4259





DECEMBER 2022—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS



Click on the logo to visit the Library's public Facebook page for events and news!

Library Hours

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

IMPORTANT! LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please plan your library visits during the holidays! The Library will be CLOSED on the following days:

- Saturday, December 24th for Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday
- Saturday, December 31st for New Year's Eve
- Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's Day holiday

ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING on Friday, December 2nd 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. The Maranacook Middle School singers will also lead us in carols! This event will take place on **Friday, December 2nd at 6:30pm**, with a rain/snow date of Sunday December 4th at 4:30pm. Please dress warmly for this **ALL-OUTDOOR** event!



HANUKKAH CELEBRATION on Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm



Enjoy **books, activities, and music** related to the celebration of Hanukkah on **Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm**. Please dress warmly, as we will **gather outdoors** behind the Library. Some treats as well! Books and activities are geared towards children, but all ages are welcomed!

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 tote bag 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 10th**.



KIDS HOLIDAY CRAFT TABLE

During the month of December, we will have a crafting table set up in the children's room so that kids can make a simple holiday craft to take home. Be sure to schedule in an extra 15 minutes for your trip to the Library so your child can create a free homemade gift for someone special this holiday season!

STORY WALK® EVENTS on December 6th and 17th

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

- Tuesday December 6th at 10:00am
- Saturday December 17th at 2:00pm

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



December STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*My Wonderful Christmas Tree*

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 December is *My Wonderful Christmas Tree* by Maine author Dahlov Ipcar.** 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.



December STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Red & Lulu*

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 December is *Red & Lulu* by Maine author/illustrator Matt Tavares.** Matt Tavares visited the students at Readfield Elementary School for an author program in late November!

NO December BOOK GROUP MEETING

Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. **We will NOT meet in December.** Our January meeting will be on January 30th ...stay tuned for the title! Note that 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 if you would like to participate.

TOO MANY HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS?

Put your food waste to work by sending it back to the earth...simply bring ANY food waste along with you on your trip to the Readfield Transfer Station and dump it in the **community compost pile**. This saves the town money in waste disposal fees and it also provides those who need it with compost for their gardens. It is that easy!! To get a FREE countertop compost container, simply stop by the Library, the Town Office, or the Transfer Station to sign a composting pledge.



CAREER CENTER CONSULTANT available at the Library by appointment



Need help with a job search? Headed back to work and need assistance with applications or your resume? The "Career Center on Wheels" program **continues at the Readfield Library by appointment**. 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—make an appointment with Shane 207-816-0711; Shane.McKenzie@maine.gov.

"COMICS PLUS"—FREE SERVICE for Digital Graphic Novels, Comics, and Manga!!



Did you know your library card gives you access to ComicsPlus, a digital collection of over 20,000 comics and graphic novels, which are all available all the time with no check out limits and no HOLD queues? ComicsPlus works on the web and through an

app available for Apple or Android. If you would like to access this digital collection, you will need your Readfield Community Library bar code number to sign up by following the instructions at this link:

<https://www.maineinonet.org/comicsplus/> Please contact the Librarian if you need help accessing the site, using the app, or if you forget your card number! We hope you enjoy this free digital collection!

PUMPKIN Wrap-up!

Thanks to volunteers from the Library, the Readfield Union Meeting House, and the Recreation Committee, and to all our pumpkin-carving participants for all the work you did to help decorate the Pumpkins Aglow Trail and the Fairgrounds on Halloween! Also, Jackie D. was the winner of the Library pumpkin with the closest weight guess. Congrats!



Kill-A-Watt ELECTRICITY MONITORS from ELECTRICITY MAINE



Curious about the efficiency of your household appliances, which items cost you the most in terms of your electric bill, and how you might save on your monthly bill? Simply check out an easy-to-use Kill-A-Watt Electricity Monitor from the Library to see how you might start saving!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

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

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

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!



PUZZLES!!

Cold winter days and school vacation weeks are great times for puzzles! We have many puzzles for all ages available for check out...we even have some with holiday and winter themes!

Tree Lighting

An all outdoor celebration at the
Readfield Community Library
holiday songs, cookies, cocoa
&
Santa



Friday December 2nd-6:30pm

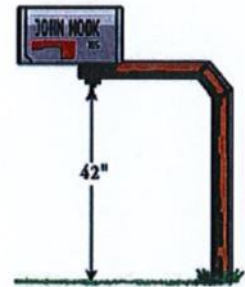
If snow/rain: Sunday Dec. 4th-4:30pm

Snow is coming.... Is your mailbox safe?

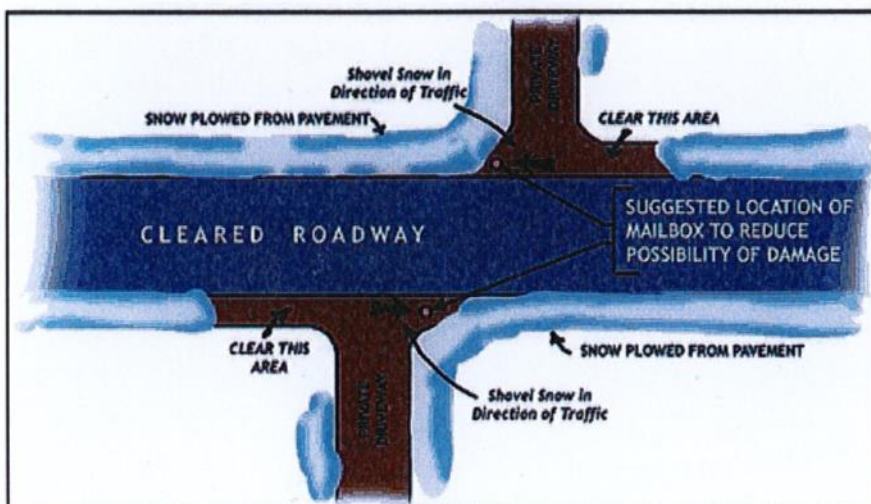
Mailbox Guidelines

Readfield's snowplow contractor will take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of the plow. Below are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce the chances of damage during winter plowing:

- Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" by 4" for a wooden post or 2" diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered "deadly fixed objects" and are not permitted within the Town's right-of-way.
- Mailboxes and any supports should be installed at least 42 inches high to provide clearance for the plow wing as shown in the picture. We recommend the use of an extended arm type of post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox. This allows snowplows to sweep near or under boxes without damage to supports and provides easy access to the boxes by carrier and customers.
- Below you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our driver to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.
- For uncurbed roadways set the mailbox back at the far edge of the road shoulder (at least 3 feet back from pavement edge, when possible) to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance. For curbed roads the face of the mailbox should be 8-12 inches back from the curb face.
- To assist emergency vehicles, please place reflective material on the side of the box visible to approaching traffic with 4" high letters to identify the address.



In the event your mailbox is damaged by the plow we ask you to make any needed temporary repairs. If you are unable to make such repairs on your own please call our Snow Plow Contractor, Scott Horne 207-242-6111 and his crew will attempt to repair or replace the mailbox when time permits. Substantially damaged property will be replaced in the spring with a basic metal mailbox. Newspaper boxes will not be repaired or reset by the Town or plow contractor in any event.



The Town and plow contractor will not replace or reimburse for custom made mailboxes, ornate posts or granite post, etc., existing mailboxes with rotted posts or in obviously poor condition, or any mailboxes that have not been located according to these guidelines. State of Maine law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way put there at the owner's risk and municipalities are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations.

Readfield Union Meeting House

As we head into the last month of 2022, the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) Board of Directors wants to extend a thank you to the residents of Readfield for their support in our quest for the restoration of the RUMH to its 1868 historic, artistic beauty and to renovate the Vestry for events and community use. The town's forefathers envisioned the RUMH as a "meeting place" for its people.



Board member Jason Foster assisting with pumpkin carving

Included in this article are a few pictures of events that took place at the RUMH in 2022. Please enjoy them. As the Events Committee gears up for 2023, your suggestions of possible concerts, lectures, demonstrations, community gatherings are welcomed.

Possibly you'd like to be on this committee? Contact Flo Drake at bfdraco@gmail.com.

In November's Messenger article it was mentioned that this month we would mention committee members of the Friends of the Meeting House & Vestry (FOV) and Advisory Board Members. It's important to us for you to see who is volunteering in your community. When you see them, please thank them and consider volunteering too!

FOV: Deane Buuck, Cricket Blouin, Bonnie Harris, Deb Elwell, Rosalea Kimball, and Gail Letourneau

Advisory Board: Christopher Dumaine, Jack Smart, Evelyn Potter and Bob Harris (As a side note these four people have been very generous donors/supporters of the RUMH restoration projects over the years.)

Exciting news, we want to welcome Mary Jernigan to our Board of Directors. If her name sounds familiar, it is because Mary was treasurer of the Readfield Historical Society (RHS) for many, many years. She and her husband James have also been generous donors to both the RUMH and the RHS. Recently they purchased a house on Echo Lake and will be spending time between Spring, Texas and Readfield.

For 2023, we ask for your continued support for restoration projects. We look to receive a bid from Preservation Timber for the long awaited tower project. We look to have an exciting spring/summer schedule of events for the Readfield community.

Respectfully, Nancy Durgin, President, Board of Directors RUMH

Pumpkin carving inside the Vestry for Pumpkins-A-Glow



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

Thank you, The Age Friendly Committee

If you are a Senior and need a sand bucket delivered to your home please contact the Town Office at 207-685-4939

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed



Registered Maine Guide Information Night

Want to be a Registered Maine Guide? Don't know the process? Trying to decide how to train to take your tests? Want to know the rules about guiding?

Take this one hour interactive free class. Get your answers and create your future!

Instructor: Alice Bean Andrenyak

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Location: Live Online Cost: FREE

To register, go to: <https://maranacook.coursestorm.com/course/registered-maine-guide-information-meeting?search=guide>

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

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

Thanksgiving is now behind us and the food bank is planning for Christmas boxes. These will be given out on December 17, starting at 9 a.m. If you haven't signed up for a box yet, please do so no later than the 12th. You can call us at 293-2141 and leave a message.

If you normally get your full pantry items on the third Saturday of the month, please come on the 12th as the third Saturday is the holiday box day.

This year we plan to return to pre-COVID logistics. In the pews upstairs we will be placing holiday gift things, such as toys, books, clothing and miscellaneous items for your perusal. Volunteers will direct you as to where to park if you plan to partake in this "shopping."

We will be closed on December 24, Christmas Eve. However, we will be open on December 31 for fruits, veggies and baked goods, so feel free to stop in.

Happy Holidays.



Hello snowmobile and other outdoor enthusiasts,

December is finally here and with it comes hopes for a snowy and fairly cold season. I've learned that the ground freezing is very important for the forming of an ideal base. These past couple winters with fluctuating temperatures and freezing rain plays havoc with our trails and makes grooming more difficult. I also was told that grooming after most of the sleds are retired for the night works best. All the snowmobile tracks can be flattened and snow brought in from the edges creating a fine surface to freeze during the coldest time. No one likes ruts and

bumps mid trail. Speaking about the trails, currently our volunteers are diligently doing trail prep work, which includes bushwhacking, clearing fallen branches and sometimes rerouting trails, lest not forget bridge replacement and repair. The Trailmaster and four crew members were completely shocked at finding one of Readfield's bridges totally destroyed, and not due to natural causes. Volunteers will need to redirect their time to rebuild a bridge it had no intention of rebuilding. This is very costly and disrupts scheduled maintenance. We are determined to rebuild before the season starts, otherwise one of our main access trails will need to be closed, and that would disappoint more than just the club members. For updates on the trail follow Readfield Blizzard Busters on Facebook. In addition, if you would like to contribute to the Club maintenance fund - feel free. Our address is as follows: RBBSC, PO Box 62, Readfield Maine 04355.

On a more positive topic, the sleds are being readied and with every dusting we become closer and closer to another fabulous winter throughout the state and especially in the town of Readfield on our own trails. We are patiently waiting Maranacook Lake to freeze, providing access to lots of trails and, of course, The Weathervane Restaurant. Do you have a favorite local trail? Mine is the Augusta Water District trail, which meets up with the Winthrop Hillandalers.

In the meantime, Let it snow, let it snow and let it snow again.

Submitted by, Marge Livingston, Secretary, RBBSC



Helping People. Changing Lives.



Schedule your appointment



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



Upcoming in Dec - we have lots of great holiday events like:

- Christmas Eve 7 & 11pm
- Outdoor Tree Lighting
- Mystery Theme Party "Who Stole the Silver Bells"
- Movie Night - The Preacher's Wife
- Blue Christmas Service
- Interactive / Theatrical Worship
- Advent Studies
- Caroling

and so much more!
We would love to have you join us in this Celebration of Christ!

Readfield United Methodist Church
Christmas Fair
Rte 17 Kents Hill

Come and see our bountiful cookie walk!
Saturday, December 3rd 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- ⊗ Famous Cookie Walk
- ⊗ Luncheon with chowders, sandwiches and pies
- ⊗ Wreaths and swags custom decorated while you shop
- ⊗ Silent Auctions of gift baskets and goods and services
- ⊗ Delicious homemade treats and baked goods
- ⊗ Fine crafts and handmade ornaments



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

You are invited to a fun evening of wine, cheese and light.

December 11, 3:00-5:00 pm at The Gallery in Readfield

Beautiful silver, handcrafted, one of a kind, glass bead necklaces made by California artist Katrina Smith.

Katrina will be on line to answer all your questions.

From \$39-\$149, from simple to more complex, from one color to many

Just come in to take a look and have a Holiday toast!





Explore Girl Scouts
 A New Member Sign-up Event
 Wednesday | Dec. 14th | 5:30 PM
 Readfield Elementary School
 84 South Road
 Readfield, ME, 04355

Girls in grades K to 3 and a caregiver are invited to join us to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Together at this event we will:

Sample a **FREE** hands on activity from one of our four program pillars, all designed to meet her where she is now and grow along with her.

-  Life Skills
-  STEM
-  Outdoors
-  Entrepreneurship

Discuss ways to participate:

- Join as an individually registered Girl Scout—Design your own experience with flexibility to participate.
- Join an existing troop in your community.
- Start a new troop—we're here to support you with all the tools and resources you need to succeed!

However you choose to participate girls can engage in:


 Badge & Journey Activities


 Council Sponsored Programs


 Girl Scouts at Home


 Cookie and Fall Product Programs

Answer your questions & if you choose, help you complete your online membership.

Can't make it to the event? No worries! We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. Find one that best fits your schedule:



You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsofmaine.org

This event is for families looking for information about joining Girl Scouts, not current members. Wearing a mask at this event is optional unless it is required by event location.

This is not a school sponsored event.

girlscoutsofmaine.org | 888-922-4763 | customercare@gsmaine.org



Ready 

BUILD AN EMERGENCY CAR KIT
 For more tips visit www.ready.gov/car

- Prepare your car by ensuring your emergency supply kit has:
- ⇒ Jumper cables
 - ⇒ Flares or reflective triangle
 - ⇒ Ice scraper
 - ⇒ Car cell phone charger
 - ⇒ Cat litter/sand for better tire traction
 - ⇒ Warm blanket, preferably wool
- FMI: www.ready.gov/car #WinterSafety

Manchester Lions Club Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday December 3, 2022
9:00 - 3:00

Lions Club House
Route 17, Manchester

Local Crafters & Artisans
Homemade Baked Goodies
and Concessions




We Serve



EMT'S NEEDED



Maine communities are in desperate need of Emergency Medical Technicians to provide emergency care. If you have been interested in obtaining your EMT license or have been looking to increase your license level,

NOW IS THE TIME!

Kennebec County Emergency Management has partnered with Kennebec Valley Community College to provide courses

at no charge to the students!

NEW CLASSES STARTING SOON

EMT Basic – Night
EMS Instructor/Coordinator

Please email all inquiries or questions to
EMSCLASSES@KCEMA.ORG
Include your name and phone number



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December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Assessor In (By Appointment) Annual Tree Lighting 6:30 PM	3
4 Annual Tree Lighting Rain/Snow Date 4:30 PM	5 Board of Appeals Meeting 6:00 PM	6	7	8 Road Committee 6:00 PM	9	10
11	12 Select Board 6:30 PM	13 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Library Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	15	16 Assessor In (By Appointment)	17 National Wreaths Across America 12:00 PM Readfield Town Office
18	19 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM	20	21 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Transfer Station OPEN 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
25 	26 Town Office Closed Christmas Observance	27 Planning Board 6:30 PM January Messenger Articles Due	28 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	29	30	31 New Years Eve Transfer Station OPEN 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM 2022 Dog Licenses Expire