



Readfield Messenger

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July 2021



The Readfield Town Office & Library will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. There will be no Sunday Transfer Station hours on July 4th



2021

ANNUAL REPORT



For the year ending June 30, 2020

The 2021 Annual Town Report is available at the Town Office, on the town website at www.readfieldmaine.org or by scanning the QR code below



The June 8, 2021 Town Meeting Results can be found on the town website: www.readfieldmaine.org or at the Town Office

Select Board Corner

Hello Friends,

I wanted to take time and write a quick note to you on behalf of the Select Board, and as Vice Chair, as our former chair has moved on.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize Bruce Bourgoine and Chris Sammons for their work on the Select Board. Their dedication to Readfield was inspiring and appreciated, and I know that our newest members, Carol Doorenbos and Sean Keegan, will continue that same work.

This summer is going to be one that may seem a bit sweeter, a bit warmer (literally and figuratively), and a bit brighter after last year's. This summer in Readfield is going to be filled with swimming lessons, beach passes, concerts at the Meeting House, Heritage Days, and an entire town emerging from a pandemic that taught us to appreciate all the ways we can get outdoors.

There are a lot of great things about our town, and I hope you can get out there and discover some of them this summer.

Stay safe, take care, and enjoy #ReadfieldTogether.

Dennis Price
Select Board Vice-Chair

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From the Town Manager



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Date: June 21, 2021
To: Readfield Select Board
From: Eric Dyer, Town Manager
Subject: Town Manager Report - Article 38, Public Discourse, and the Mill Stream Event Center

Article 38 proposed a slate of changes to the Land Use Ordinance. Similar changes have been proposed and approved nearly every year since the ordinance was first passed. These changes seek to clarify the ordinance language and prevent conflict and conflicting uses of property. The dozen or so changes proposed in article 38 were intended to correct wording that could too easily be misconstrued or misrepresented, or have unintended consequences.

We all want to see community centers in Readfield to serve our residents. We have several already but could always use more. There were several provisions of article 38 that would have made it easier for community centers to successfully open and operate in areas where they fit in well with surrounding uses. The current definition of a Community Center / Club is very narrow, limiting, and conflicts with broader zoning rules.

Article 38 plainly asked about changes to the Land Use Ordinance. Despite what many residents were told it was not a referendum on the proposed community center and associated parking facility on Mill Stream Rd. The vote did not have any impact on the proposed project there because that project was already being considered by the Planning Board under the existing Land Use Ordinance. The vote was not a mandate to the Select Board - it is not clear why the article was voted down, or what portions of the article or ordinance changes voters objected to. We do know that there was a tremendous amount of misinformation presented around the intent, impact, and scope of Article 38. It would be unprofessional for town boards, committees, or staff to actively try to influence the outcome of a vote and it would only worsen the situation to get into a public back and forth with an aggrieved property owner prior to a vote. It was a difficult choice to make but we all deserve better than that, despite the many divisive and misleading statements being peddled door to door and delivered to our mailboxes. With the vote now behind us a few clarifying statements are necessary.

Mr. Bittar has directly and repeatedly misled the public in a negative way. While we are limited in our response due to a commitment to civil discussion and the very high legal bar we face as elected and appointed officials, we can state that dishonest and disingenuous speech should have no place in our politics or government. Mr. Bittar's threatening emails to members of the Planning Board accusing them of criminal activity are offensive and without merit. His statements that the Town of Readfield is corrupt and oppressive are absurd and groundless and should be offensive to all of our residents. His baseless attacks on Town staff and volunteers only serve to mislead and demoralize our community. Town Staff, volunteers, and the public deserve better. I encourage the Select Board to make a public statement condemning the many false and inflammatory statements that have been made, and asking for a change in tone going forward.

Town Manager Continued

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Bittar has repeatedly sought to open an event center designed and intended to hold about 200 people in the middle of a residential neighborhood. He has repeatedly violated state and local laws over the past several years in an attempt to dictate the outcome he wants despite the full awareness that it is at odds with the legal use of his property. His property sits on top of an irreplaceable historic site and natural resource protection area and is next to sensitive public infrastructure. The nearest neighbor to his concert barn is 50 feet away, building to building, not 1,000 as repeatedly claimed. Here are some recent facts about this issue:

- In 2018 Mr. Bittar applied to the Planning Board for a Community Center and Club and was denied on valid grounds.
- In 2018 Mr. Bittar tried to change the zoning of his property but was denied because the change would be illegal. He sued the town and lost.
- In 2018 he lied to the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer about his intent to use the property as a single family home and then attempted to open a concert venue. His ability to use the property was revoked. He sued the Town and lost.
- He does not currently have the ability to use the property for anything other than a single family home. He does not have a legal community center or event center.
- The Emporium was not closed by the Town and the vote on Article 38 did not reopen it. Reopening is at his option, with proper state and local permits.
- Town staff and officials have always supported the right to a legal process that is based in fact but have never guaranteed an outcome for any project on Mill Stream Rd.

Given the public interest in this issue, several years of documents have been placed on the Town website under a “Mill Stream Rd. Land Use Information” page so the public can have full access to these facts and documents.

All property owners have a right to use their property legally and have a right to due process, but they are not simply entitled to the outcomes they want, no matter how idealistic. That includes building a 200 person concert and event center 50 feet from an abutter’s house. The rights and responsibilities of all property owners are established and protected by the Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan at the local level. These are the legally established documents the Planning Board, Appeals Board, and Select Board use in reviewing land use activities.

As a community we support the arts, cultural experiences, and diversity. We recognize beauty in old buildings and celebrate our history. But we also support the right to maintain the rural and residential character of our town and the sanctity of our homes. We need to agree that divisive politics and dishonesty have no place in our community. We need to adopt a civil tone as this issue moves forward. We can encourage that by discussing facts and considering the rights of all of our property owners, not just the loudest ones.

Eric Dyer, Readfield Town Manager

Free Event

Hosted by your Town and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

July 11th, 2021 at the Readfield Transfer Station 14

Recycle Rd, Readfield 8am - Noon

Household Hazardous Waste collection for Readfield, Wayne, Fayette, & Belgrade

Do Bring:



All Battery Types



Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels. (Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene, etc.)



Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not need to be mixed with sand or sawdust)



Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides.



TV's Computers, and other electronic waste



Fluorescent bulbs (CFL's)



Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals

Please Do Not Bring:

- Explosives & Ammunition
- Recyclable Items (Cardboard, all Plastics #1- 7, Glass, Metal, Aluminum)
- Solid Waste/Trash
- Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.)
- Asbestos Containing Materials
- Large quantities of waste (ask first)
- Commercial waste or waste from a business

**Pre-Registration
REQUIRED**

Pre-registration at your Town Office is required!

You will be assigned a time to arrive at the Transfer Station. Early arrivals may need to wait. Questions on accepted materials can be directed to your Town Office or to Gabe Gauvin:

KVCOG Environmental Planner

207-453-4258 ext. 220

ggauvin@kvkog.org



TOWN OF READFIELD

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Pre-registration Form

Sunday July 11th, 2021 8am – 12pm

Collection taking place at 14 Recycle Road, Readfield ME

Resident Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

<u>Actual Volume:</u> (Estimate)	<u>#Units:</u> (5gal/20lbs = 1 unit)	<u>Garage & Workshop Related</u>
gallons		Water-based/Oil-based/Latex Paints, Stains and Primers in cans
gallons		Anti-freeze
gallons		Cleaners/ degreasers e.g. acetone
gallons		Flammables e.g. gasoline, kerosene, charcoal lighter
gallons		Misc. e.g. brake/transmission fluid, waxes, polishes
gallons		Solvents, paint strippers, thinners
gallons		Adhesives
gallons		Driveway Sealers
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<u>Kitchen/Bath/Home</u>
		Cleaners
gallons		- bleach-based
gallons		- alkaline (e.g. lye, sodium hydroxide, Drain cleaners, Easy-Off)
gallons		- ammonia based (e.g. Windex)
gallons		- acid (e.g. muriatic acid)
gallons		- other, Toilet bowl, oven, drain openers, lye, mildew removers, lime/rust stain removers, hydrofluoric acid, ammonium bifluoride
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<u>Lawn & Garden</u>
Gals/lbs		Pool cleaners
Gals/lbs		Pesticides/Herbicides/Fungicides – solids/liquids
Gals/lbs		Poisons e.g. rat/mouse poison, arsenic, strychnine, cyanide, formaldehyde, mothballs
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		<u>Misc.</u>
Gals/lbs		Photography chemicals
Cans		Aerosol cans/ flammable
cans		Fire Extinguishers (Carbon Tetrachloride only)
#of/type		<u>Electronics</u>
		Televisions/Monitors/Household Electronics
		Batteries – all types. Alkaline/lead-acid/lithium/etc.
Gals/lbs		Other (list)
		Waste oil (Not tallied as units)
# of bottles/types		Unwanted Medications (leave in original container, black out your name with marker)
		(not tallied as units)
		Total Estimated "Units" this Participant

Form available on Town Website:
www.readfieldmaine.org

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Old Paint by the Bucketful? We Can Help!

Welcome to PaintCare!

The Readfield Transfer Station is now a proud participant in the PaintCare program! This means that Fayette, Readfield, and Wayne residents have a convenient way to dispose of most liquid paint products used in their homes for FREE! Just read the program guidelines below and ask an attendant at the station where to put your paint when you get there!

What Products Are Accepted?

We accept house paint and primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish) but we do not accept aerosols (spray cans), solvents, and products intended for industrial or non-architectural use. The products we accept are referred to as “PaintCare Products” or “architectural paint” and they must be in containers that are no larger than 5 gallons in size. **Paint must be in its original container and the container must have the original manufacturer’s printed label and a secured lid to be accepted at the Readfield Transfer Station.** We cannot accept open or leaking cans. Please review the following detailed list to find out what can be accepted, prior to dropping off your paint.

PaintCare Products

These products are part of the program. They have fees when you purchase them, and they are accepted for free when you take them to the Transfer Station.

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
 - Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
 - Primers, sealers, undercoaters
 - Stains
 - Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
 - Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
 - Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

Non-PaintCare Products

These products are not part of the program. They have no fees when you purchase them, and they are not accepted at the Readfield Transfer Station.

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes



Please also take note that we don’t accept paint that has been mixed with a hardening agent or “kitty litter”. These paints can not recycled and must be disposed of in the demolition bin or at a special hazardous waste collection event.

Readfield Heritage Days

August 13, 14, and 15

Readfield Heritage Days returns this year for three days of celebrating our town!

Friday, August 13th from 5-7pm is the annual Wine and Cheese event at the Readfield Historical Society. This event helps bring new members to the Historical Society and provides a great way to spend your Friday night.

Saturday, August 14th finds Breakfast with the Masons starting at 7am; a book sale at the fire station; author's visits and signings at the library; dedication of the historic pulling stones at the old fairgrounds field; music, food, and games at the beach; and a special organ concert at the Union Meeting House.

The day is capped off with a fireworks display at dusk!

On Sunday evening, August 15th, the Rec Department presents "The Sandlot" at the Old Fairgrounds ball field!

Look for a final schedule in next month's Messenger!

For more information/volunteering, follow us on Facebook or email dprice@readfieldmaine.org



Readfield Church

A Place For All

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME 207-685-4211 readfieldchurch.org

Come Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to Worship from the comfort of your own home, please visit our website for the link. We are now following Maine CDC guidelines and if you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask. Unvaccinated individuals will still need to wear them. Our services until further notice will be shortened and there is no nursery or Sunday School. July-August we will be welcoming Rev. Audrey Ward to the pulpit

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for July 17th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.



YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

At the

READFIELD BEACH

Monday—Thursday July 12-August 12

PARENTCHILD A /B (6 months to 3 years)

Introduces infants and toddlers to the aquatic environment, exploring body positions, blowing bubbles, and fundamental safety. **One or both parents must swim with each child.**

10:00-10:30am

PRESCHOOL 1/2 (3-5 years)

Increases comfort with underwater exploration and introduces basic self-rescue skills and encourages forward movement in the water. **Must be comfortable in water without parent.**

9:20-9:50am and 10-10:30am

PRESCHOOL 3/4 (3-5 years)

Increases comfort with underwater exploration and introduces basic self-rescue skills and encourages forward movement in the water. **Must be comfortable in water without parent.**

8:40-9:10am

YOUTH 1-3(6-12 years)

Students learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by learning benchmark skills.

8:00-8:30am and 9:20-9:50am

YOUTH 4 (6-12 years)

Introduces basic stroke technique in front and back crawl and reinforces water safety. **Must be able to swim 15 yards on front and back.**

8:40-9:10am

YOUTH 5/6 (6-12 years)

Introduces breaststroke and butterfly and reinforces water safety. Also refines stroke technique on all major competitive strokes. **Must be able to swim 15 yards of front and back crawl.**

8:00-8:30am

Classes are taught by KVYMCA instructors
KENNEBEC VALLEY YMCA
31 Union Street, Augusta ME 04330
40 Granite Hill Road, Manchester ME 04351
(P) 207 622 9622 (W) kvymca.org



2021 READFIELD BEACH SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

July 12 - August 12 (Five weeks, Monday - Thursday)

PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION (please print and complete one application per child)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone #: _____ Cell #: _____
Email : _____

SESSION INFORMATION (See reverse for session descriptions and contact the YMCA with placement questions)

Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Session 1 (8:00-8:30):

Youth 1-3 (6-12 years): ____

Youth 5/6 (6-12 years): ____

Session 2 (8:40-9:10):

Youth 4 (6-12 years): ____

Pre-School 3/4 (3- 5 years): ____ *parent or legal guardian must remain with child in the water*

Session 3 (9:20-9:50):

Pre-School 1/2 (3- 5 years): ____ *parent or legal guardian must remain with child in the water*

Youth 1-3 (6-12 years): ____

Session 4 (10:00-10:30):

Pre-School 1/2 (3- 5 years): ____ *parent or legal guardian must remain with child in the water*

Parent & Child A/B (6 months - 3 years): ____ *parent or legal guardian must remain with child in the water*

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

Every effort will be made to accommodate the sessions requested above, but this may not always be possible.

COST (\$45 per child per session)

Amount Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ *Please make checks payable to the Town of Readfield*

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Town of Readfield, its agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, suits, legal actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participating in this activity. I understand there are inherent risk and dangers in participating in these types of activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child or children.

Parent or Guardian Signature:

_____ Date _____

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TOWN OFFICE - THANK YOU!

ROAD COMMITTEE

Design work for a sidewalk along Church Road is expected to start later this year, now that the Town has entered into an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation. MaineDOT recently awarded the Town up to \$36,000 for preliminary engineering, contingent upon the Town raising \$9,000 in matching funds. The Select Board recently approved those funds and authorized Town Manager Eric Dyer to enter into the agreement with MaineDOT.

Construction funds would be awarded once design work is further along and the Town has developed an updated construction cost estimate. The sidewalk would connect the existing sidewalk on Route 17 to trails at the recreational complex at the former fairgrounds, completing a loop.

In other news, the Town's seasonal preservation paving program is well under way. Maine-ly Paving, of Canaan, which was awarded the paving contract on a competitive basis, has resurfaced Plans Road and Sturtevant Hill Road. Striping and shoulder work on those roads also was completed. The Town's goal is to resurface roads with a 1-inch overlay approximately every 12 years in order to protect them the taxpayers' investment and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Here are some other road-related items:

- Road striping work was awarded to Lucas Striping, of Readfield, which was awarded the contract based on past performance and its ability to respond quickly;
- The crack-sealing contract was awarded to Indus, Inc., which performed the work last year;
- Roadside mowing was scheduled to start in mid-June;
- All proposed municipal road expenditures were approved at Town Meeting;
- The Town has negotiated a sole-source winter roads contract with Cushing Construction, which most recently held the contract, after twice receiving no response to its RFP for the work. The contract is for a single year and the Town is moving actively toward a new RFP process for the winter of 2022 and beyond.



AGING FRIENDLY UPDATE

Readfield's Age Friendly committee is looking for two members. You can be young or old or some age in-between!

Our mission is to try to make Readfield a more livable community for all ages. We've added benches, a bike rack, bleachers and tables to the Fairgrounds. We planted a tree to celebrate the Bicentennial. Each year we provide sand buckets during the winter to those who need them and have a Handy Helper Program to assist with routine household tasks. Each November we work with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for free to any resident needing one.

We recently received a grant to add more amenities to public spaces. Stayed tuned for these improvements.

If you have ideas and enthusiasm, please join. We look forward to adding new energy to what we do.



JULY 2021—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

Did someone say PRIZES??!!—SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021

Our Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales in Maine" is for children and teens ages 0-18. If you missed the Kickoff Event, no worries! Simply stop by the Library anytime during open hours to sign up. Readers (and those being read to) log their minutes of reading time and earn small prizes or books throughout the summer. Readers also earn raffle tickets to put into one of 4 big raffle drawings, shown below:



- ~ \$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card
- ~ "Pizza Party" 1 large pizza, ½ gallon lemonade, 1 bag chips from Readfield Family Market
- ~ Lego Set of Your Choice \$25 Value
- ~ \$25 Gift Card at The Apple Shed Bakery

And, don't forget to SAVE the DATE for the Summer Reading Program Final Celebration Event featuring Chewonki's Traveling Natural History Programs, to be held Mon, 8/23 at 6:00pm at the Library.

ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE

The Annual Library Book Sale will be held during Readfield Heritage Days weekend on Saturday, August 14th from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Readfield Fire Station. Please come find some treasures for adults, kids, and teens!! There will be books, puzzles, DVDs, audio books on CD, and more! If you would like to donate books for the Sale, please save them and drop them off at the Fire Station the morning of the sale starting at 7:00am. Unfortunately, we do not have space at the library to store donations ahead of the sale date.



LIBRARY BENEFIT RAFFLE—Spinning Wheel



An Ashford Traveller Spinning Wheel has been donated to be raffled off for the benefit of the Readfield Community Library. This wheel is manufactured in Australia and is named the Traveller because of its light weight and portability. This is not a new wheel, but has been VERY gently used. It is a single drive, double treadle model and comes with four bobbins. Included in the package are two spinning instruction books, fiber to practice with, and a braid of luxury fiber. Also included are 3 lessons with an instructor who formerly taught spinning at Maranacook Yarns!! This wheel currently retails for between \$675.00 and \$825. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 and will be available at the Library beginning on Monday, July 12th and also at the Annual Book Sale. The drawing will take place on Saturday, August 14th at 4:00 p.m. Many thanks to the generous donor!

KIDS WORKSHOP & AUTHOR TALK—*The Acadia Files: Summer Science* with Maine Author/Teacher Katie Coppens on July 12th

Limited numbers for this author talk and workshop, so please register early! Join Maine author and science teacher Katie Coppens to explore her book *The Acadia Files: Summer Science* and participate in a "summer science" workshop on Monday July 12 at 6:00pm outside behind the library. Participants will receive a small science kit to take home with them. Katie will also have her books available for sale/signing. Register ASAP with the Librarian at 207-685-4089 or librarian@readfieldmaine.org. This program is ideal for children ages 8-12, but kids younger/older are welcomed as well!



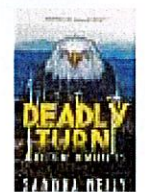
MAINE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR BARBARA WALSH at STORY TIME on July 13th



Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Barbara Walsh will read her children's books *THE GOOSE LADY*, *RHODA'S RESCUE*, and *SAMMY IN THE SKY* on Tuesday, July 13 at 9:30am at the Readfield Town Beach. Barbara will also be selling and signing her books after the reading. She accepts checks or cash for book purchases. All are invited! Please bring a blanket or chairs for your family. In case of rain, the event will be held upstairs at the Readfield Town Office. FMI on Barbara: BarbaraWalsh.com | [Author & Journalist](http://Author&Journalist.com)

AUTHOR TALK WITH MAINE MYSTERY WRITER SANDRA NEILY on July 14th

All are welcome! Please join us on Wednesday July 14th at 6:30pm outdoors behind the Readfield Community Library for an author talk with Maine author Sandra Neily. This event will feature a reading from her mystery book, *Deadly Turn: A Mystery in Maine*, a Q & A session, and an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of her books (cash/check for purchases if you are interested). Ms. Neily is also the author of *Deadly Trespass: A Mystery in Maine* (for which she did another Book Talk in Readfield in 2018) and recipient of the Mystery Writers of America Helen McCloy award. The Library has a limited number of metal folding chairs for seating; please feel free to bring your own chair! Note: In case of rain, event will be held upstairs at the Readfield Town Office.



MUSIC FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY with Wayne, ME musician Stan Davis on July 21st



The Readfield Community Library is delighted to host a fun musical program for all ages with Wayne musician Stan Davis on Wednesday July 21 at 6:00pm, outside behind the Library. What a great way to connect with community and enjoy a nice evening outdoors with family and friends! The Library has limited folding chairs; please bring along a blanket and/or chairs for your family if possible. Note rain date of Wednesday, August 18th at 6pm.

AUTHOR TALK with EMILY E. LB. TWAROG—*Politics of the Pantry*—on July 28th

Please join us for a Book Talk with author Emily E. Lb. Twarog, a labor historian and Associate Professor in the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois. She will discuss her research and her book *Politics of the Pantry: Housewives, Food, and Consumer Protest in Twentieth-Century America*. This event will take place Wednesday July 28th at 6:30pm outdoors behind the Library. The Library has a limited number of metal folding chairs; please feel free to bring your own chair! Note: Rain location TBD.



THANK YOU!

Thanks to participants for attending our first 2 LIVE events of the summer! Our 1st SUMMER AUTHOR TALK featuring Maine Mystery Author MATT COST was interesting and entertaining! Great questions from the audience! The Library now has a copy of the first 3 books in Matt's "Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery" series available for checkout for those interested. And, the families who attended our beach Story Time with special guest author Patty Farrin enjoyed some delightful morning stories with Patty (and her dog puppet!), along with a mini tea party with real tea cups! Thanks to all the hard work of our Library Board members to help make these programs possible.

MAINE STATE PARKS—2 Vehicle Passes Available to check out



Enjoy Maine's parks for FREE! The Library is offering not one, but two Maine State Park Vehicle Passes for patrons to check-out, beginning June 2021! Thank you to a very generous patron for the pass donation! Checkout period is for one week, and passes must be returned when the Library is open (not in the Book Drop, please). If you are planning a trip, you may reserve a pass in advance.

Note that all State Parks in Maine are currently open for Day Use. <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/covid19/parks/>

STORY TIME is LIVE and IN PERSON at the Town Beach each Tuesday at 9:30am



Please join us for our weekly STORY TIME each Tuesday at 9:30am at the Readfield Town Beach. Perfect for children 0-5 (older is fine too!) and their parents, grandparents, caregivers. Please bring your own chairs or blanket for your family.

Note: if inclement weather, we will meet by Zoom. Zoom meeting ID is available from the Librarian.

Special for Tuesday July 6th —Explore Books through Music and Music through Books with guest musician Ellen

Special for Tuesday July 13th —Special guest Children's Author Barbara Walsh (see separate article above for details)

BOOK BUDDIES—New Summer Program for Youth!

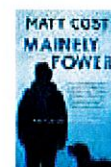
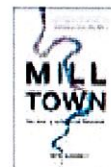
The Library is starting a Book Buddy program, pairing older students (middle/high schoolers) with younger children (Preschool-5th grade) where the older student reads to his/her younger "Book Buddy" once a week during the summer. If you know a middle/high school student who is looking for a volunteer opportunity (30 minutes each week) and a chance to make a difference in a young child's life, please let them know of this opportunity. Or, if you know a child in Preschool through 5th grade who would enjoy being read to by a "big kid," please spread the word. Book Buddy reading time would take place outside behind the library during library open hours, at a time agreeable to both of the Book Buddy partners. The Library will coordinate the matching up of a reader/listener pair, help with scheduling, provide support for volunteers/participants, and supply chairs and books! Please contact Melissa, Librarian, if you know children interested in volunteering or participating at librarian@readfieldmaine.org or 207-685-4089.

Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETINGS (for Adults)

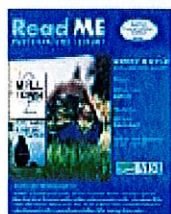
Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Please let the Librarian know ASAP if you would like a copy of any of the books listed below. The Book Group generally meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Note that these groups will meet outside, in person behind the library, weather permitting. A Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person is also available. To attend by Zoom, please call 685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

July Book Group Discussion: July 26th at 6:30pm
Mill Town (2020) by Kerri Arsenault (Maine author)

August Book Group Discussion: August 30th at 6:30pm
Mainely Power: A Goff Langdon Mainely Mystery (2020) by Matt Cost (Maine author)



SUMMER "Read ME" Program (for Adults)



The Readfield Community Library will participate again this summer in the statewide "Read ME" summer reading program highlighting Maine authors. We have multiple copies of these two books available at the library for check out, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Readfield Community Library. Please note the following statewide book events.

Author talk with Kerri Arsenault (*Mill Town*)
Thursday | July 15, 2021 | 6:00 – 7:00pm | [Join on Zoom](#)

Author Talk with Matt Cost (*Mainely Power*)
Thursday | August 19, 2021 | 6:00 – 7:00pm | [Join on Zoom](#)

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST—Save the dates and stay tuned for more information!

- August 2 (Monday, 6:00pm)—"Build-a-Book Kids Workshop" with Ellen Bowman and Aaron Neily
- August 11 (Wednesday, 6:30pm)—David Matson presentation, "GLADIATOR: Fight to the Finish, including Everything You Never Knew About Gladiators, How A Readfield Artist Took Over 40 Years To Design A Game, and a Demonstration of Play"
- August 14 (Saturday, 10:00am)—Book Event/Signing for *Percy's Patience* with local author Barbara Bourgoine & illustrator Jemelle Bessette
- August 14 (Saturday, 9am-1pm)—Annual Library Book Sale (please save books to donate the morning of the sale!)
- August 23 (Monday, 6:00pm)—Summer Reading Program Finale Celebration Event featuring Chewonki!

UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO as of May 24, 2021

The Readfield Community Library strives to continue to offer library services while keeping patrons, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic. Patrons should be aware that there is some risk inherent in using shared indoor spaces with shared materials. Library visitors are entering with this knowledge of risk. Please see the library website's "COVID-19 Response/Info" page for the most updated information:

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

Library Hours

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

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

Greetings Readfield residents and summer visitors.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank two of our valued committee members, who recently resigned, for their many years of outstanding efforts. Bob and Jean Harris have been stalwart volunteers who have done much of the physical work to create and maintain our trails. Their knowledge of Readfield history and residents have facilitated our communication efforts and provided valuable insights for helping us serve the community with our trails. I am happy to also report that they will continue to serve as trail stewards and volunteer for trail work when they can. Please thank them for their service when you see them.

Thanks are also due to our former Trails Committee chair Milt Wright who recently upgraded the blazing on the Esker trail, and current member Paul Bessette who cleared the area at the start of the trail along the bus garage fence to the transfer station road.

At our June meeting our committee filled our officer positions as follows: Rob Peale, chair; Greg Durgin, vice chair; Holly Rahmlow, Secretary; and Jackie Drouin, Treasurer.

On a less positive note I want to let you know that vandals have damaged our trail signs over the last few weeks. This included removal of signs and/or relocating signs inappropriately. We have fixed these problems when we became aware of them and will continue to do so. If you see something that does not appear to be right please contact me (207-458-4259) or vice-chair Greg Durgin (207-685-4481).

Hope you all have a great summer and have time to enjoy the many outdoor recreational opportunities we have in Readfield and the rest of Maine!

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Rob Peale, Chair
Readfield Trails Committee.



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THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE
22 Church Road ~ PO Box 451 Readfield, ME 03455
on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

Readfield Union Meeting House- July 2021 Messenger Article

The Meeting House has opened its doors for a full summer of events. Mark your calendars now so you do not miss out on some wonderful music presentations and scheduled activities. June 22nd kicked off the “Meet Me at the Meeting House” Tuesday summer series with an Open Mic show which was free to the public. Tickets for the 4 Tuesday shows listed below are \$10 each with a 7 pm start time.

- July 6- Ed Desjardins & Katie Daggett
- “ 20 - Brad Terry & Peter Herman
- August 3 - High Spirits
- “ 17 Kevin Libby

Saturday happenings at the Meeting House include: OPEN HOUSE from 10-12 noon for visiting and tours from June 25 thru August 28.

July 10 - STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TO GO from 1-3pm \$5

August 14 Heritage Days - Organ and Horn Recital 3pm & Pie Sale at 4pm

August 21- 1pm Special talk “Walk Down Memory Lane” with Ev Potter and Charlotte Killam

August 21- 7pm Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations * Tickets \$20 for this performance

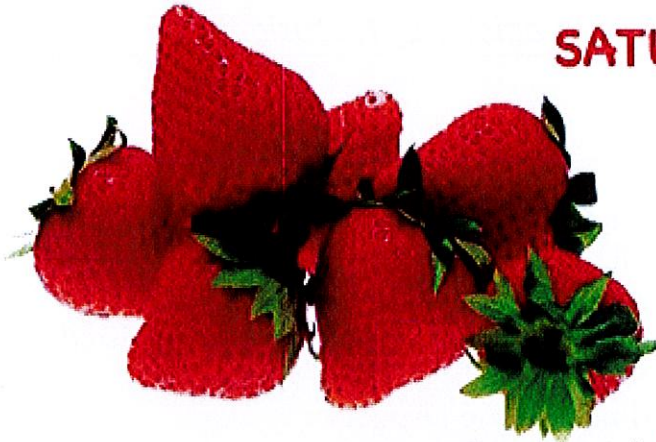
The Building Committee has secured storage for the three clock dials (faces) once they are returned from David Graf - Tower Clock Restoration & Repair of Kittery Point in late summer or early fall. Thank you, John Cushing for your generous offer of storage that will be necessary until next year.

Restoration work on the south side exterior windows that included sill work, painting, and cornice restoration and painting that was scheduled for June has been pushed to the first week in July.

The Vestry Building Committee is getting quotes on 2 exterior doors and a plumber has been lined up to work with Larry Dunn on the ADA accessible bathroom and kitchen area.

Our Fund Raising Committee continues to work on meeting the challenge to raise funds necessary for our “Push to the Top” Campaign. Our community and non-residents with ties to the Meeting House have donated to our restoration efforts, for which we are thankful. The committee is hopeful that a couple of donors will commit to sizable donations/pledges (\$50,000 or more to be paid within this next year) to Push Us Over the Top. Asking for money is not an easy thing to do, however, we still need funds to guarantee that Phase 1 on the tower can happen next year. So the Fund Raising committee will continue to reach out to you for any donations that you feel you can afford.

Submitted by Nancy Durgin



SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021

**1 - 3 pm,
RAIN or SHINE**

**22 CHURCH ROAD
READFIELD**

**Union Meeting House
Strawberry Festival
Curbside -- To GO**

**STRAWBERRY
SHORTCAKE
with real WHIPPED CREAM!**

\$5.00 each, exact change appreciated.

**Pay & pick up from your
car, in parking lot.
CDC precautions observed.
Non-vaccinated drivers
must wear masks.**



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

Mount Vernon Food Bank News

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

Now that warmer weather is upon us, First Baptist Food Bank intends to invite customers into the Food Bank for shopping starting June 5 unless COVID case numbers spike again. There will be some restrictions; only 2 customers (one per household) inside at a time, masks must be worn inside and there will be hand sanitizer at the door. We will be ensuring that there is adequate ventilation for customer safety.

Our farm share from Farmer Kev has started so there is an abundance of great fresh produce available each week.

Weather permitting, we will have clothing and personal care items displayed outside should it be necessary for customers to wait before entering the Food Bank.

We will continue to offer pre-packed boxes of shelf stable items and bags of fresh produce, baked items and toiletries for anyone who prefers.

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

Transfer Station

Summer Hours Are Back!!!

Open 8:00 am to Noon on Sundays!

Starting Sunday June 6 through
Sunday, August 22

(Not open the Sunday of Independence Day holiday)

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RHS PLANS FOR READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

Friday, August 13th 5:00-7:00 p.m. ~ RHS annual Wine & Cheese Social when guests can visit our museum and meet others with like interests. This year we will be pleased to unveil our new windows and corresponding plaques, noting donors who gave towards making this project possible. There will be wine, non-alcoholic beverages, cheeses, and an array of delectable appetizers and sweet treats for all to enjoy. Dues can be paid at the door: \$10 annual, \$5 for seniors and lifetime dues \$100.

Saturday, August 14th 9:00 a.m. ~ A History Walk and dedication of six historic site markers will begin at 9:00 a.m. when a sign for the Readfield Community Library will be dedicated during the Library book sale (at the Fire Department), Main St. Readfield Corner. From there a second sign will be dedicated (meet inside) the Union Meeting House, Church Road at 10:00 a.m. The next stop is slated for 11:00 a.m. at the "Old Fairgrounds" on Church Road where four additional signs will be dedicated at two locations, three in the parking lot and one on the "North Trail" where an oxen pulling stone demonstration will also be held. These signs are made possible through sponsorships, donations and a percentage from residents' acquisition of circa signs.

NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The RHS gift shop will be open during the Wine & Cheese Social on August 13th when copies of a new book will be available in addition to other items of historical interest. The new book is titled "*Brief Biographies c.1900 pertaining to some residents of Readfield, Maine*". Included are dozens of photos of some residents from that era, homes (some that are still standing) and the four villages as they appeared circa 1900. Copies are available for \$12.00 (+ \$3.00 S&H if mailed USPS). All profits benefit the Readfield Historical Society. These books can be purchased anytime by contacting crossings4u@gmail.com to make arrangements.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNVEILS FIRST HISTORIC SITE MARKER

Forty people from Readfield and beyond gathered on June 11th at Readfield Corner for a Readfield History Walk on the 100th anniversary of a major fire that occurred in that part of town. The first "History Walks Series" historical site marker was dedicated as part of the event.

The historical site marker is the first of many being planned and funded by the Readfield Historical Society, made possible through donations, sponsorships and the sale of house circa signs, of which eighty have been sold to date. More historic site markers will be installed in Readfield Corner and at the "old Fairgrounds" later this summer. Others will follow over the three years ahead in and around Kents Hill, East Readfield and Readfield Depot.

The historic site marker pictured here will be displayed on the Masonic Block at Readfield Corner. The photos and narrative includes the history of Masonic Lafayette Lodge #48 AF & AM which was established at Readfield Corner in 1826; and the devastating fire that destroyed most of Readfield Corner on June 11, 1921. This sign was sponsored in memory of Thomas Adell, by some of his family members, friends and members of the Masonic Lodge. Adell was a Mason from 1951 until his death in 2013 and postmaster at Readfield Corner 1962-1989. Historic site markers that are sponsored can include brief information about the sponsor and/or person(s) being memorialized or honored. A house circa sign is accompanied by research notes on the property and some of the people who lived there in years past. FMI about the historic site marker project or the acquisition of a house circa sign email Dale Potter-Clark at crossings4u@gmail.com.



Readfield Historical Society (RHS) is a 501C3 non-profit organization located at 759 Main St. Readfield Depot. It was established in 1985 to preserve the rich heritage of Readfield and its people. FMI about RHS call (207) 377-2299 or email readfieldhistorical@gmail.com

Photo Caption: L to R: Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Adams from the Readfield Historical Society, Ed Dodge and below right is John Lord. Dodge and Lord are Masons who worked with Potter-Clark and Adams to plan and implement a Readfield History Walk on June 11th that included the dedication of Readfield's first historic site marker. (Andy Tolman photo)



Job Opportunity with Training

Are you looking for a way to serve your community and help with your family's financial needs?

Did you ever think, "If only I had a career where I could make my son or daughters extra-curricular activity?"

Do you worry about providing health care to you and your family?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we may have something you are interested in.

We are seeking caring, responsible adults to join our outstanding team of bus drivers. Worried you do not have the qualifications? We can answer all your concerns. Now through June 10th, 2021 (while spots remain available) we are offering to pay for your Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Course. (must have a clean driving history) We will do so with a 1-year commitment of employment with RSU #38. This course is valued at \$2700. Plus, you would be able to use our Buses for your driver's test.

What can we offer you?

- Health Insurance – 100% MEA Choice Plan BC/BS single group insurance
- Employer paid single dental coverage insurance.
- Sick leave-
- Personal time
- 10 paid holidays
- Vacation time

Part- time work with full – time benefits. 20 hours per week 6:15- 8:15 a.m. and 1:45- 3:45 p.m (times may vary)

This is truly amazing!!!

If you would like to join our team! Interested individuals, please send a cover letter, application, certification(s), and three current letters of reference to: Superintendent of School Office, c/o HR Dept., 45 Millard Harrison Dr., Readfield, Me 04355 or

Kate_taylor@maranacook.org . Applicants must possess or be able to obtain a Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) through the Maine Department of Education upon hire, and pass a Pre-employment physical & drug screening,

www.maranacook.org

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Assessor In (By Appointment)	3
4 Independence Day Transfer Station Closed	5 Town Office & Library Closed for Independence Day Holiday	6	7	8 Road Committee 6:00 PM	9 Assessor In (By Appointment)	10
11 Transfer Station 8:00 AM - Noon Household Hazardous Waste Day 8:00AM-12:00 PM	12 Swim Lessons begin at the beach (registration required)	13 Storytime at the Beach 9:30 AM Planning Board 6:30 PM	14 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee Meeting 5:30 PM	15 Readfield Union Meeting House 6:00-8:00 PM	16 Assessor In (By Appointment)	17
18 Transfer Station Summer Hours 8:00 AM - Noon	19 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	20 Storytime at the Beach 9:30 AM	21 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	22	23	24
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