



# Readfield Messenger



## Last Chance Rabies Clinic

**\$15.00**  
per dog/cat



**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
**5:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Readfield Town Office**  
**Pre-Registration &**  
**Payment Required**

**Call 207-685-4939 to schedule**  
**2023 Dog Registrations are due NOW!**

**\$25.00 late fee per dog after January 31, 2023**  
**\$6.00 if spayed/neutered, \$11.00 if unaltered**

### Fast & Easy ways to register your dog:

In person at the Town Office; Online at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) under online services; By Phone or Mail



### January Holiday Closures:

The Town Office & Library will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Years Day & Monday, January, 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# Select Board Corner

Happy New Year from the Select Board!

It's 2023 and a new year means new beginnings. Some may choose to make personal fitness a goal for this year. Others may look to different goals for the new year, but the intention is always the same - improve on last year, to make this year the best ever.

In the coming months, the Select Board will be working with stakeholders to find a way to bring an outdoor recreation and park area to the fairgrounds without impacting Readfield's taxes or tax rate.

To be clear, this is **not** the same from June of 2022.

This new approach to the recreation project seeks funding through community grants and private donations, some of which depend on an affirmative vote from residents to receive the funding. We are not asking the people of Readfield for any taxpayer support, which we think is a critical difference.

Over the next few months, there will be meetings, memos, and other gatherings from everyone involved in order to ensure that this important recreation and outdoor opportunity has full support. We want the process to be followed to the letter...but rest assured, we are thoroughly prepared to clear any and all hoops that may be a part of that process.

We are taking this new direction because we've heard from parents, coaches, and concerned adults in our community that having equitable recreation activities in our town is not only important, but it's simply what is right for our future.

The Select Board is committed to bringing the revised Fairgrounds Park to fruition and we hope you can join us in creating a long lasting, outdoor recreation area where it should be - in the heart of our wonderful town.

Stay tuned here to follow the developments and watch as we work together to bring this opportunity to Readfield.

We hope 2023 brings you an abundance of joy, hope, and health.

*Dennis Price, Readfield Select Board*

## Select Board Contacts

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Town of Readfield  
8 Old Kents Hill Rd.  
Readfield, ME  
04355



# Town of Readfield Comprehensive Plan

Readfield's Comprehensive Plan is our "blueprint" to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas, preserve the Town's rural character, protect natural resources, make efficient use of public services, and build a community in which we love to live. Readfield last updated our Plan in 2009. The 2022 update process currently underway will help us:

- Find out how our town has changed in the last decade
- Assess the effectiveness of the current plan and 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 thoughtful future for the Town of Readfield.

## We Need Your Help

Take the Survey - Attend the Public Hearings - Talk to the Manager - Vote!

(See reverse side for details)

# 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! Scan the QR code, visit [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org), or call the Town Office at 685-4939 and we'll mail you a survey and return envelope!



# Attend The Hearings

Attend any of the upcoming **Public Hearings** at the Town Office:

- January 28, 10:00am (Saturday)
- February 25, 2:00pm (Saturday)
- March 22, 6:30pm (Wednesday)
- May 31, 6:30pm (Wednesday)



We will have remote participation options - check the website for details!

# Talk To The Manager

Every Thursday morning in January from 7:30am to 9:30am stop by the Town Office for a **cup of coffee with the Town Manager** and talk about the Comprehensive Plan or other issues. You can also call 685-4939 or email [manager@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:manager@readfieldmaine.org) any time.



# Vote!



The Comprehensive Plan will be on the **Town Meeting** Secret Ballot for voter approval on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please Vote!

For More Information Visit:

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/comprehensive-plan-committee>

**2023-2024 (FY 24) BUDGET & WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE** *As Amended 11/29/2022*

Date	Meeting / Event / Task	Time
10/17/22	Select Board Meeting - Budget process review & goals discussion	6:30 PM
11/14/22	Select Board Meeting - Warrant discussion	6:30 PM
11/17/22	Budget Committee Meeting - Organizational meeting and budget goals	6:30 PM
11/18/22	Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s	N/A
12/12/22	Select Board Meeting - Capital Investment Planning Discussion	6:30 PM
12/30/22	Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s due	N/A
01/11/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I	6:30 PM
01/23/23	Select Board Meeting - First Budget Draft	6:30 PM
01/25/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II	6:30 PM
02/01/23	Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting - Capital Investment Plan Review	6:30 PM
02/13/23	Select Board Meeting - Second Budget Draft	6:30 PM
02/15/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III	6:30 PM
02/23/23	100 days before vote - Nomination Papers available	N/A
03/03/23	Deadline for warrant article and ordinance submissions - Select Board Review	N/A
03/08/23	School Committee meeting with Select Boards - school budget - ESTIMATED ONLY!	6:30 PM
03/08/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review	6:30 PM
03/13/23	Select Board Meeting - Budget & Warrant review	6:30 PM
03/17/23	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
03/22/23	<b>Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget</b>	6:30 PM
04/10/23	Select Board Meeting - Final budget & Warrant review and approval	6:30 PM
04/12/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Final budget review and approval	6:30 PM
04/14/23	60 days before voting - Nomination Papers & Referendum Questions due - Warrant due to Clerk	3:30 PM
04/28/23	Draft annotated Warrant due & Official Ballot sent to printer (46 days prior to voting)	N/A
05/12/23	30 days before voting - Absentee Ballots available (actually 32 as the 14th is a Sunday)	3:30 PM
05/31/23	<b>Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant</b>	6:30 PM
06/03/23	10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings (Saturday)	N/A
06/08/23	7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)	N/A
06/13/23	<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

**Notes:**

^ **Involvement** - The Select Board, Budget Committee, Other Boards & Committees, Town Manager, Finance Officer, and interested Residents will have ongoing roles in the budget process. All meetings are public open to public comment.

**Select Board Attendance** - Joint meetings and regular Select Board meetings will have full Select Board attendance and budget meetings may have members of the Select Board in attendance.

^ **Public Budget Meetings** - These meetings are intended to provide opportunity for extensive public comment, feedback, and recommendations on the draft budget, budget process, and final budget in conjunction with budget presentations / information.

**Departments I** - Includes the following: **General Government** (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Grants / Planning, Heating Assistance, Legal), **Maintenance** (General, Buildings, Vehicle / Equipment, Interlocal) **Boards & Committees** (Appeals Board, Planning Board), **Regional Assessments** (Cobbossee Watershed, First Park), **Kennebec County Tax** (County Tax), **General Assistance** (General Assist.)

**Departments II** - Includes the following: **Recreation and Open Space** (Beach, Conservation, Recreation Board, Heritage Days, Town Properties, Trails), **Roads & Drainage** (Roads & Drainage, Winter Maintenance), **Capital Improvements** (Admin Technology, Library Building, Cemetery, Roads, Equipment, Leases, Transfer Station, Maranacook Lake Dam), **Debt Service** (Debt Service),

**Departments III** - Includes the following: **Community Services** (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, KVCOG, Age Friendly initiatives, Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights), **Protection** (Fire Department, Fire Equipment, Ambulance, Water Holes, Tower Sites, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear, Emergency Ops), **Cemeteries** (Cemeteries), **Solid Waste** (Transfer Station, Backhoe), **Unclassified** (Abatements / Overlay, Tax Relief, Non-profits, Contingency, Snowmobiling, Enterprise Fund, Revaluation)

**Legend:**

Select Board Meetings ^	
Budget Committee Meetings ^	
Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meetings ^	
	Statutory Deadlines
	Formal Public Hearings ^

On Saturday, December 17 we took part in National Wreaths Across America.



These are some wreaths on display in front of the Readfield Town Office.

*Thank you!*



★ *Thank You!* ★  
FOR YOUR DONATION

**Thank you to all who donated to the Annual Gift Card Giving Tree.**

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

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

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 Member (2024), 1 Associate Members (2024)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. Member (2025)
- FirstPark: 1 Representative, 1 Alt. Representative (2023)
- 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 or [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)**

# Transfer Station News - November

Our three towns spend over  
**\$340,000**  
 to dispose of trash each year!



## Practice Kindness

Please remember to be patient with everyone while you are at the Transfer Station. There are many challenges presented to using the space safely and efficiently and everyone handles those in their own way. 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.

## What's wasted in our trash?

Paper/cardboard	Food	Plastic	Textiles	Yard	Metal
21%	18%	16%	6%	4%	3%

We're too **GOOD** for the trash



**WASTE LESS  
 SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE  
 COMPOST**

### 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

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

<b>SPECIAL WASTE MATERIALS</b>
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<b>DEMOLITION DEBRIS (Lumber, Sheetrock, PVC, Misc. Household Items)</b>
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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.
<b>\$45</b>												
<b>Full Load</b>	\$68	\$90	\$68	\$90	\$113	\$270	\$450	\$630	\$135	\$203	\$270	\$338
<b>2/3 Load</b>	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$180	\$300	\$420	\$90	\$135	\$180	\$225
<b>1/3 Load</b>	\$23	\$30	\$23	\$30	\$38	\$90	\$150	\$210	\$45	\$68	\$90	\$113

Barrels & Plastic Bags of Demo ^	\$ / Item	^ Fees are calculated based on actual volume and the schedule is only a guide
Large Barrels/Bags (50 Gal)	\$11	* Multiple bags (more than 2) will be charged by the cubic yard
Medium Barrels/Bags (30 Gal)	\$7	
Small Barrels/Bags(15 Gal or less)	\$3	

<b>NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS</b>
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**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.



# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## CIRCA SIGNS CONTINUE TO BE POPULAR

We placed the first order for house circa signs in 2015 having sold twenty that year. Every year since then we've received more requests and now place orders in the spring and fall (in time for holiday gifts). This fall eight more were delivered, including some in Winthrop, Sidney and Belgrade, those three being special requests by some RHS members. The ages of these latest houses cover a time span of 251 years. Each sign is accompanied with the research done on the families who once lived there in addition to the deeds of transfer. The oldest one researched in Readfield *this time* was built in 1797 and the newest in 2020. With newer homes the land is researched plus if a house had once existed there we include information about those and the families who lived there. Several have been sold under those conditions.

We have been asked by some other historical societies to do presentations on how we research and create these signs, which Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Adams did for the Wayne Historical Society this year. Winthrop Historical Society has expressed interest in an all day workshop by Dale and Bill in 2023.

The next circa sign order will be placed in the spring of 2023 when a minimum of six orders has been acquired. Cost is \$85 each which includes our research notes and photos (when available). Homeowners have input into the wording on their signs based on the research. FMI or to receive an order form, contact Dale at (207) 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 18, 2023


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.



### PHOTO CAPTION:

Tom and Francine Belz on Sturtevant Hill Road acquired a circa sign for their house this fall. Theirs was the oldest house researched in Readfield *this time*, but not the oldest standing house we have found in town to date.

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

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RETURNING IN MARCH, sponsored by Readfield's Age-Friendly Committee



# Readfield U

Learn  
Something New!

Readfield U is designed to:

- Help get us through the tail-end of winter
- Showcase local talents and skills
- Provide a way for us to get together as neighbors, to know one another better, and to build relationships in our community.

A wide variety of classes, workshops, travelogues, get-togethers are being planned for the month of March in Readfield and **ALL FREE** of charge.

In March 2020 the program was cut short because of the pandemic but we are hopeful that everything can run as planned in 2023, culminating in a celebratory potluck dinner at the end of the month.

This is not an academic program but a light-hearted, intergenerational "Pop-Up University" sharing knowledge, skills, talents, ideas.

Examples of offerings are on the wildflowers of Maine, Readfield history, various arts and crafts, animal husbandry, travelogues, and card games.

Do you have knowledge or skill you would like to share, or something interesting to present? Are you a gardener, musician, artist, crafter, scientist or a tech-savvy person? Do you have an interesting hobby, or some wonderful photos of your travels? Don't be shy. We'd love to have you join the program.

Check out the website at:  
[www.readfieldu.org](http://www.readfieldu.org)  
You can also e-mail:  
[readfieldu@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldu@gmail.com)  
or call Maggie Edmondson  
at 207-685-4797

Registration will be available in February after the schedule of offerings is set.



## WINTER IS HERE & READFIELD'S SAND BUCKETS ARE READY!

Good news for all you folks needing a little assistance when icy sidewalks and steps try to keep you indoors. If you appreciate and need help getting sand, here is all you have to do: Call the Town Office at 685-4939, give them your name and address, and let them know you would like a bucket of sand. A volunteer will soon be at your door with the sand. If you want help spreading the sand, that will be done for you as well.

Last winter households were provided with this service, thanks to volunteers in our community and efforts of the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield. We encourage you to call soon. Have a Happy Winter—Be Safe and Warm.

*This message is from the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield*



# January 2023 State Scam Alerts

## Week 1 – New Year’s Resolution: Avoid Crypto Scams

Here’s a New Year’s Resolution we could all benefit from: be vigilant about cryptocurrency scams. Fraud involving crypto investment schemes and crypto as payment in other schemes skyrocketed in 2022, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Reported losses exceeded \$1 billion.

Last year, the evergreen online romance scam turned into crypto “investment opportunities” – starting on such platforms as Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn in addition to dating sites and apps. The target can see their assets gaining value as they continue to invest more money, only the crypto exchange they are on is fake. When they try cashing out, they’re told they must first pay excessive fees, and they don’t get their money back.

In the ‘crypto as payment’ schemes, criminals convince targets that some urgent matter requires quick payment and direct them to a nearby crypto-ATM machine that converts cash into electronic currency. These losses are virtually unrecoverable. The best way to avoid these scams – really any scam – is to know about them so you can avoid engaging from the start. Seek a financial advisor’s guidance on investing, and anyone pressuring you to pay by crypto to address and urgent or time-sensitive matter is a criminal.

## Week 2 – Credit Repair Scams

If you’re like a lot of Americans, you spent a lot this holiday season and you might be in the mood to tackle your debt in the New Year. Getting yourself out of debt is hard work and it is time intensive. Be wary of offers of guaranteed quick fixes.

Criminal scammers prey on financial fears by offering simple solutions. These offers usually involve up-front fees (which are illegal), bad advice like stopping communication with your creditors and vague details on what services they provide. If you need help getting out of debt, turn to an organization like the nonprofit [National Foundation for Credit Counseling](https://www.nfcounseling.org/).

## Week 3 – When a Favor is Really a Scam

We all want to be helpful, especially when the request comes from our boss, a friend or a community leader. This instinct is something criminals take advantage of. That’s why you should be suspicious of any urgent message that asks you to “do me a favor.”

These scams can impersonate a boss needing last-minute gift cards for an employee appreciation event, or a local faith leader who needs a quick favor of you to buy gift cards to support a family in need. These quick gift card requests promise reimbursement, which never comes.

Be aware of short, urgent text messages, emails or social media messages asking for your help purchasing gift cards. Criminals can hack into the profiles of friends, family, and community members to send messages in their name. In the professional space, the message often looks like it’s from your employer, but the criminal may have added a letter or number to the sender information.

Like so many scams, this one relies on getting the target into a heightened emotional state – of course you want to respond to your boss quickly or help your faith community support those in need. If you ever get a message asking for your help buying gift cards, contact the sender in a way you know to be legitimate and verify. Chances are the request was from a criminal scammer.

## Week 4 – Utility Bill Scams

Winter is upon us and with temperatures plummeting in many areas, keeping the heat on is critical – a fact that criminals try to take advantage of. They impersonate utility companies, threatening to cut off service if an immediate payment isn’t made. The goal of these crooks is to create a sense of urgency so the target acts quickly to pay the alleged past-due balance.

If you get a surprise visit or call from the “utility company” this winter, hang up and don’t engage. Contact your utility company in a way you know to be legitimate (online account, app, or customer service number from a prior bill) to determine if there is a problem with your account. And know that no legitimate company will seek immediate payment for a new-to-you issue.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](https://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork).



## Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

Good tidings to our Readfield friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah! Now that the holidays have past we can settle in for a happy and healthy new year filled with all the outdoor fun that Readfield has to offer. Seems it is taking longer this year for Maranacook Lake to freeze over and the real trail riding to begin. So many of our trails are connected using the lake for access. I have a tendency to be quite impatient, but in truth I know that, in due time, the lake will freeze. It always does! Meanwhile we wait for ice fishing and lots of snow, light powdery stuff that grooms well. The two late December storms were not the best for snowmobiling. As I write this message, we do have snow, heavy wet snow and another storm, which the weather people are calling for an apopleptic storm or, in new terminology, a snow bomb with heavy winds which may render us powerless again. Thank-you Central Maine Power for the many hours restoring power for the first storm. We are Mainers, we can get through anything!

Trailwork was complete the beginning of December, including most signage in place, however it appears more will be necessary after the storms pass. Trust me, our volunteers will be out cleaning up any fallen debris as soon as feasible. If you do see us on the trails, proceed with caution and give us a thumbs up as you continue to enjoy the day.

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club needs your support in order to be successful. Please consider club membership for a small fee of \$30.00 per family. Payment can be sent to RBBSC, PO Box 62, Readfield, ME 04355. Thank you in advance.

*Be safe and enjoy..... Marge Livingston, Secretary, RBBSC*



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

We all hope you had a wonderful holiday. All the volunteers at the food bank would like to thank all who supported the food bank in one way or another throughout the year, especially during the holidays. We live in a very generous and caring community.

We will return to our normal schedule. We will be giving out full pantry items on the first and third Saturdays of the month. However, customers may come in every Saturday for fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and pastry items. However, during the winter months if there is inclement weather on Saturday, please call the Food Bank to make sure we are open.

Again, we are located at the First Baptist Church in Mount Vernon at 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon. Our hours are Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30. You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141.

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



## JANUARY 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

### Library Hours

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

### IMPORTANT! LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be CLOSED on the following days:

- Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day
- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### HAPPY NEW YEAR from the "New Year Gnome"



Hey kids! Find the "New Year Gnome" on your next visit to the library, and win a free book (your choice from a box of gently used books)! The gnome will be hiding somewhere amongst the library stacks during the month of January. He will move around frequently!

### Maine Public Library Fund GRANT RECEIVED for \$2,015!



Exciting news—the Readfield Community Library was recently awarded a Maine Public Library Fund (MPLF) Grant for \$2,015!! These grant funds will be used for a **2023 Environment/Sustainability Program & Speaker Series**, with more details on all the interesting programming forthcoming (including some listed below!). Funding for the MPLF comes from Maine income taxpayers who choose to make a donation on their Maine Income Tax Form

"Schedule CP Charitable Contributions." The Maine State Library makes funds available to Maine public libraries through this grant program to encourage and support innovation in the creation and expansion of new library programs/services.

### MEET MAINE OUTDOORSMAN AND AUTHOR TOM ROTH

Tom Roth, 25-year regional columnist for *The Maine Sportsman*, recently published his first book *A Sporting Year in Maine*. Please join us for an **Author Event with Tom on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Readfield Town Office** to hear about his new book and his 4-season adventures as a Maine outdoorsman. Tom will have books available for purchase and signing after the event. If you are unable to attend in-person, you may attend by Zoom instead. Contact the Library for the Zoom link.

From the publisher: "In *A Sporting Year in Maine*, Tom walks you through each month, detailing what the great state of Maine has to offer, complete with how-to, some where-to and a healthy dose of humorous events that happened along the way. Written in his folksy, conversational tone, Tom brings the reader along on all his forays and will entertain sporting and non-sporting folks alike."



### MAINE HOME FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE 2023



High food costs getting you down? Tired of throwing perfectly good food into the trash? Enjoy some fun competition? **Join the Maine Home Food Waste Challenge** and compete with your fellow Mainers to reduce your household food waste - and become a **Maine Food Waste Hero!**

The **Maine Home Food Waste Challenge 2023** is a fun and easy way to reduce your home food waste. The Challenge will allow participants to save money, stretch their food dollars, help feed their community, and fight climate change by participating in this fun and friendly statewide competition! Sign-up in early January at the **Food Rescue MAINE** website - [umaine.edu/foodrescuemaine/](http://umaine.edu/foodrescuemaine/). Follow-up emails will provide simple instructions, tips, ideas, resources, reminders and a "help line" to make participating easy. The **Maine Home Food Waste Challenge 2023** will officially start on **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** and continue for four weeks. Participants will compete by tracking and sending in *weekly* food waste totals.

### SHARE & LEARN EVENT: Tips and Tricks for Reducing Food Waste at Home

Join us by **Zoom at 6:00pm on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>** to share personal/household food waste tips, ideas, recipes, photos, and success stories. We will also share and learn about how/where to donate, recycle, or compost food locally. Supporting each other in waste reduction efforts is a great way to take action during this time of rising food prices, food insecurity, and climate concern. Let's learn from our friends and neighbors! A representative from the University of Maine/Mitchell Center's **Food Rescue MAINE** program will help facilitate the event and be available for questions and ideas as well. This event is for anyone interested, regardless of participation in the Maine Home Food Waste Challenge.



### ROBERT BURNS NIGHT Annual Celebration



We are unable to host a full dinner this year for Robert Burns Night...however, we **WILL** offer a revised celebration of the Scottish poet's birthday again this year! Please stop by **OUTSIDE the Library on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** for hot tea, mulled cider, Scottish treats, music, and some poems!

## WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO "BENDABLE MAINE," an exciting lifelong learning resource!

What is BENDABLE MAINE, and how can it benefit YOU?! Please join us by **Zoom on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** to explore this great new FREE lifelong learning resource for Maine residents! This event will be hosted by Bendable Maine staff member Kate Hunter and is sponsored by the libraries in Fayette, Mount Vernon, Readfield, and Wayne.

Use this link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81221692674>

*A sampling of what you can learn about on the Bendable Maine platform:*

- ~ job and career readiness, sharpening professional skills, and work certifications
- ~ personal finance topics
- ~ crafting and making, arts, culture
- ~ personal well-being
- ~ learning new languages
- ~ better understanding technology
- ~ starting or finishing a high school diploma or college degree
- ~ interesting Maine community-specific topics, and much more!



## Bendable Maine

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



#### January STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*The Snowy Day*

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 January is *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.** 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.



#### January STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Learning to Ski with Mr. Magee*

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 January is *Learning to Ski with Mr. Magee* by Maine author/illustrator Chris Van Dusen, sponsored by Sue Halberstadt.**

### January 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. Our January meeting will be on **January 30<sup>th</sup>** to discuss the fiction selection ***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.** 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](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.



### SNOWSHOES AVAILABLE TO BORROW

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful Maine winter and all the incredible trails Readfield has to offer! Child- and Adult-sized snowshoes are available to borrow at the Library. We also have poles! Note: check-out period is for one week, and we ask that you return snowshoes when the library is open. This program is made possible by the generosity of patrons who have donated snowshoe equipment.



### HOLIDAY CELEBRATION THANKS

Two special holiday community nights spent with neighbors and friends!!



- For our Community Tree Lighting Event--Thanks to Mr. Ds Trees for donating our beautiful community tree, to Donna W. for the lovely wreath, and to the Library Board elves (and their partners) for helping with tree setup, decorating, and cookies and cocoa. A special thanks to Mr. Scarpone and the Maranacook Middle School Chamber Choir and to Santa for visiting with the children.

- For our Hanukkah Books & Activities Event—Thanks to Jackie, Elaine, Pam, and Pat for helping with the food and activities! It was fun to play the dreidel game, listen to Hanukkah music, and eat yummy latkes!



### MAINE AUTHORS BOOK RAFFLE

Raffle winner Jackie will enjoy the Maine Book Bundle! Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

### Save the Date! TAKE YOUR CHILD to the LIBRARY DAY—Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Stop by the library **any time from 10am-4pm on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>** to enjoy cookies, cocoa, crafts, music, and more! Also, we will host a group Story Walk event outdoors behind the Library, time TBA.



### 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/>

# Celebrating Readfield Artists!

Don't miss our new local art wall when you visit the Town Office!

Readfield is home to some incredibly talented artists, photographers, and artisans - we want to recognize and celebrate that and so have teamed up with Camille Davidson of **The Gallery In Readfield** to bring local artwork into the Town Office for our visitors to experience!



Our new art wall is located directly to the left of the double doors as you enter the building. We are excited to showcase different local art and artists every few months. Anyone with an interest in sharing their creations should contact Camille Davidson at 522-7325 or Eric Dyer at 685-4939. We hope to see you at the Town Office, and we hope you see your community reflected in the works on display!

## About the Artist:

Camille Davidson and her husband raised four children in Brunswick. When the children grew up they relocated to Readfield to their tiny cabin in the woods.

Camille is now a full-time painter and operates a commission free gallery in town; The Gallery, next to the Post Office. She paints the woods surrounding her and the lake she loves to kayak. Camille shows the work of a new Maine artist every month and pre pandemic hosted concerts and speakers during the cold winter months. All events are free and open to the public.

You can see more of her paintings on her website [camilledavidsonart.com](http://camilledavidsonart.com) and she encourages you to sign up on The Gallery website [galleryinreadfield.com](http://galleryinreadfield.com) so you will know when there are artist receptions and events. The hours of The Gallery are Friday and Saturday 10:00-12:00.

Camille lives a mile away from The Gallery and if she can she is more than happy to have you call her 207-522-7325 and she will come open the space for you .

## E-Alerts Subscription & NEW!!! Text Alerts!

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

You can now subscribe to receive Texts Alerts in addition to the E-Alerts via email from the Town of Readfield. Be informed of important closures and updates!



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

Pick the type of notifications you would like to receive by checking off the categories of your choice

*Your contact information will be treated as confidential information.*



# Readfield Play Group

Thursdays 9:30-11:00am

@ Readfield Elementary School

beginning January 5th

Come join the fun!  
Learn through play!



**What:**

For toddlers/preschoolers in the community, and their caregivers

**When:**

Thursdays, 9:30-11:00AM beginning 1/5/23 (follows school calendar)

**Where:**

Readfield Elementary School Breakfast Cafeteria

~ use front door to be buzzed into school ~

**Why:**

Offers children and caregivers a time to play, talk, and connect

**FMI:**

Contact Patricia Clark 207-685-4101 or [pclark@maine.edu](mailto:pclark@maine.edu)

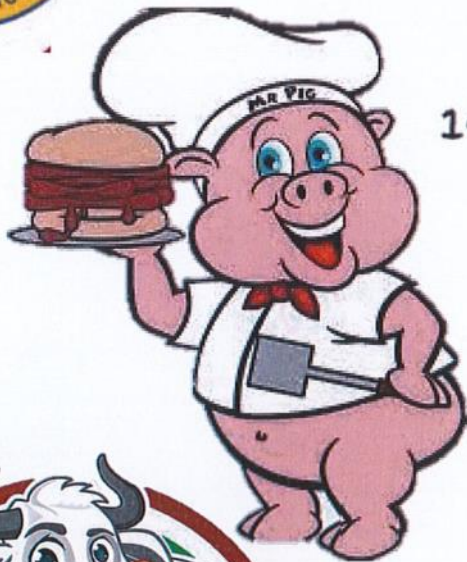
**Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Association**

Thanks to all who helped get this program running again!





Manchester Lions Club  
Beef Stew or Pulled Pork Dinner  
Eat-in or To Go



100% of proceeds support  
our community!

**\$12**



All dinners served  
with coleslaw,  
biscuit and dessert!

**Soda and Water available for purchase**

**When:** February 4, 2023 from 4:30 to 6pm

**Where: Manchester Lions Club House**

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# RSU 38 Maranacook Schools

## RSU #38 – FY24 Budget Workshops

### Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom

(Zoom links can be found at the link below)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Budget Goal Statement (FY23): ***“To balance the needs of ALL members of the RSU #38 school community while maintaining fiscal responsibility”***

#### BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- January 18** Budget Workshop – Goal Setting, School Enrollments, Superintendent’s Directives, Timeline
- February 1\*** Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools
- February 15** Budget Workshop  
Multilingual Learners (formerly ELLS)  
Gifted & Talented  
Technology
- March 1\*** Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop  
Special Education  
Operations & Maintenance  
COVID grants overviews
- March 8** Budget Workshop  
Co-and Extra-Curricular  
Transportation  
Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Educ., Food Service, Health Center, Professional Development/Assessment/ Curriculum, Systems Admin., Debt Service)
- March 15** Budget Workshop  
Annual Report from Auditor Ron Smith  
Joint meeting with local select boards re: draft FY24 budget  
budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 22** *Tentative meeting (if needed)* – Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 5\*** Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 12** Workshop Meeting – vote on Budget
- May 10** Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
- June 12 – Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations**
- Regular Business Meeting in addition to budget workshop

Budget documents are available by visiting:

<https://www.maranacook.org/page/fy-24-budget-documents>

*A Caring School Community Dedicated To Excellence*

### RSU38 Adult Education Classes

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

[https://  
maranacook.coursetorm.com/  
browse](https://maranacook.coursetorm.com/browse)

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

# For Notes from Readfield Recreation Association

We are well into our Rec League Basketball season. Programs run for the little kids, Pre K-2nd grade on Saturday mornings at the Maranacook Middle School. Games for the 3rd-6th grade teams start at 11 am at the Middle School and can go as late as 5 pm. Check our Readfield Recreation Facebook for the schedule of who is playing at home each week.

We are thrilled to have 156 kids participating in all of Rec Basketball. We have 12 Maranacook teams competing through the 3/4th and 5/6th grade levels against neighboring towns (Winthrop, Monmouth, Lisbon, Litchfield, Leeds and more). We have twice the amount of teams of our neighboring communities!! Basketball is growing in our community.

Rec is also looking forward to our annual Youth Fishing Derby to be held in March. Stay tuned for more details on time and rules. If you would like to donate for a giveaway, please email [readfieldrecom@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldrecom@gmail.com) We appreciate all the support.

Be on the lookout for Baseball/Softball signups coming in February too- while snow is still on the ground we want to get all the teams organized to be ready when everything melts and we can get outside!!



In December, two representatives from Recreation participated in a meeting with an independent moderator and other representatives from Trails, Conservation and the Select Board. The meeting was held to help all of us work through issues that had stalled the development of the Fairgrounds project. We all look forward to working through this process to get to a development worthy of use for all the towns residents, without any cost incurred to Readfield taxpayers.

*Happy New Year to all- Hannah Flannery, Readfield Recreation Assoc. President*



## Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main St, Readfield ME  
207-685-4211



This Jan, we invite you to join us for the most important question there is

# Who is God?

## Readfield UMC

Starting Jan 15th, we will spend 6 weeks looking at some of the Names and Attributes of God.

So if you ever wondered about Who you came from? Why you are here? Or what is the purpose of a Cactus? Then join us!

Monthly kindness food boxes are given away the third Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Jesse Lee Church (corner of Route 17/Plains Road).

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 at 207-685-4211



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# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Town Office Closed New Years Day Observed	3	4	5	6 Assessor In (By Appointment)	7
8	9	10 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm Meeting 6:30 PM	11 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Budget Committee 6:30 PM Library Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	12 Road Committee 6:00 PM	13	14
15	16 Town Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	19	20 Assessor In (By Appointment)	21
22	23 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	24 Planning Board 6:30 PM	25 Budget Committee 6:30 PM Trails Committee 6:30 PM	26 February Messenger Articles Due	27	28 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing 10:00 AM
29	30	31 Last Day to Register Dogs before Late Fee				