



# Readfield Messenger

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## 2023-2024 Upcoming Budget & Warrant Meetings for March

All meetings start at 6:30 PM and are open to the public



Wednesday 03/08/2023	Budget Committee Meeting: Budget Review
Monday 03/13/2023	Select Board Meeting: Budget & Warrant Review
Wednesday 03/15/2023	School Board Meeting with Select Boards
Wednesday 03/22/2023	Public Budget Meeting/Hearing: Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget

More information can be found online at the link below:

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/budget-information/pages/2023-24-budget-information>

Change your  
**CLOCKS...**



Change your  
**BATTERIES!**

Daylight Savings time  
begins March 12

Would you like to have your photo or artwork on the front cover of the Annual Town Report? Must be a place in Readfield. Submit by March 31st. Email [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)

**SUBMIT  
YOUR PHOTO!**



## June 13, 2023 Town Meeting

### Nomination Papers:

**Now Available!**

Due Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 by 3:30 PM

Select Board	1 – 3 Year Term
RSU #38 Board	1 – 3 Year Term
Local School Board	1, 2, 3 Year Terms

# Select Board Corner

**Hello Friends,**

It's already March, if you can believe it.

As we head into the promise of Spring, we are also in the depths of our annual "Budget Season."

At this time of year, the budget for each town department is being proposed and scrutinized by a group of folks known as the Budget Committee. This committee, appointed by the Select Board, reviews each department's request, and with the help of the Town Manager, they compose the budget for the town.

The Town Manager, along with the five members of the Budget Committee, go through each item and determine if it is the best thing for Readfield. That's six pairs of eyes, combing through each detail to determine the best path forward.

When these citizens do this work, they always have that goal in mind: What is best for Readfield?

The Select Board is committed to a fiscally responsible budget.

The Budget Committee is committed to a fiscally responsible budget.

Anything else would run contrary to our core belief - offer the best level of service at the most reasonable price.

If you want to know what's happening with the budget, go to our website - [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) To watch Select Board discussions about the budget, visit our channel on YouTube. You can find minutes online, as well. If all else fails, call someone on the Select Board and ask them directly. If you're curious about numbers you've seen or figures you've heard, there's always a way to find out the truth, if you want it.

If you've heard something outrageous, seek the truth.

If you've read something on Facebook that made you pause, seek the truth.

If your neighbor's nephew's second cousin said something that sounds ridiculous, seek the truth.

John Adams said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

Stay informed and remember to vote on June 13th, 2023!

*Dennis Price, Chair, Readfield Select Board*

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# News from the Town Manager

## Town Manager's Report - Budget Process and Draft Budget Update II

We are seeing lingering impacts from the pandemic including inflation and adjusting to two years of unsustainably high revenues. As a result we are faced with increasing costs to maintain the modest services currently provided by the Town relative to one or two years ago. We do have a few things going in our favor. Nearly a decade of stable and responsible governance, which continues with this year's budget has put the Town of Readfield in a position to minimize impacts to taxpayers. We anticipate a net increase in taxes, likely driven by anticipated County and Regional School Unit #38 budget increases, not by municipal spending. The Town does not set these budgets but does estimate their impacts as part of our budget process. All together, the total projected increase in tax impact is about 5.4% from levels in 2020, or about 1.5% annually - this is far less than inflation. Here are a few summary budget highlights from the PROPOSED municipal budget (not the RSU or County budgets):

- Many operating expenses are budgeted to rise as a result of increased material, transportation, and energy costs. Some expenses are being reduced because of savings or efficiency.
- In the State of Maine inflation stood at 8.7% in 2022. This resulted in an 8.7% increase in the State Minimum Wage. Wages in Readfield are subsequently proposed to increase by 8%. Salary and contract employees have a proposed 5% increase. Stipends for Firefighters and other volunteers, which have not seen an adjustment for several years, are proposed to rise 10%.
- We are able to budget for expenditures for several planned capital expenditures, including a new Fire Truck, paving projects, and the proposed Church Rd. Sidewalk, with minimal impact due to savings and responsible borrowing. The Fire truck was originally set to be replaced in 2018 but was "stretched" an additional 5 years. The proposed bond is estimated at 5% for 10 years.
- Several non-tax revenue streams are up as a result of consumer spending on things like home improvements relative to pandemic era levels. Other revenue sources are down as we consider the impacts of inflation and persistent supply chain issues. As stated earlier, intergovernmental revenues are less than what we have seen recently due to the end of COVID grants and subsidies.
- Bond proceeds are a major budgeted revenue to cover the new proposed Fire Truck.
- Assigned and unassigned municipal fund balances are being used to minimize tax impacts. We have developed healthy reserves for use in times like these but this too is temporary revenue.

Here are the key details on the budget and warrant process:

- **Public Hearing** on the budget and warrant will be on **March 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.** They will be held via ZOOM and at the Town Office.
- Candidate's Night will be held on **May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** via ZOOM and at the Town Office.
- Remote / virtual participation for all of the above events will be the same:  
The public may participate by calling (929) 436-2866 or using the online ZOOM platform with Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405.  
Written comments and questions for the Candidates can be submitted in advance on the Town Website: [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)
- Budget Committee meetings are public and a schedule is on the Town Website
- The **Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot** vote will be held on **June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 8pm at the Kents Hill School Alford Athletic Center.**
- Municipal **Absentee Ballots** will be available at the Town Office beginning **May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

As always, visit [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) for more information!

# Early Spring Weather Town Roads Posted

During the spring local roads weaken and they need to be protected. As temperatures warm and the ground thaws, soil under pavement and gravel becomes saturated with water, making the surface unstable. As a result many roads cannot support heavy loads. This spring is arriving early, and bringing road condition issues with it.

To protect our roads from serious damage - and subsequent repair costs that have to be paid for by taxpayers, the Town of Readfield has posted heavy load limits on vehicles over 23,000 pounds through April 15 unless removed earlier. Our roads are posted in accordance with Title 29-A MRSA 2395.

Here are a few tips to help navigate posted roads:

The Maine DOT has a great video on road posting and weight limits. It helps explain the need and value of protecting our infrastructure.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_bXdznMgwk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_bXdznMgwk)

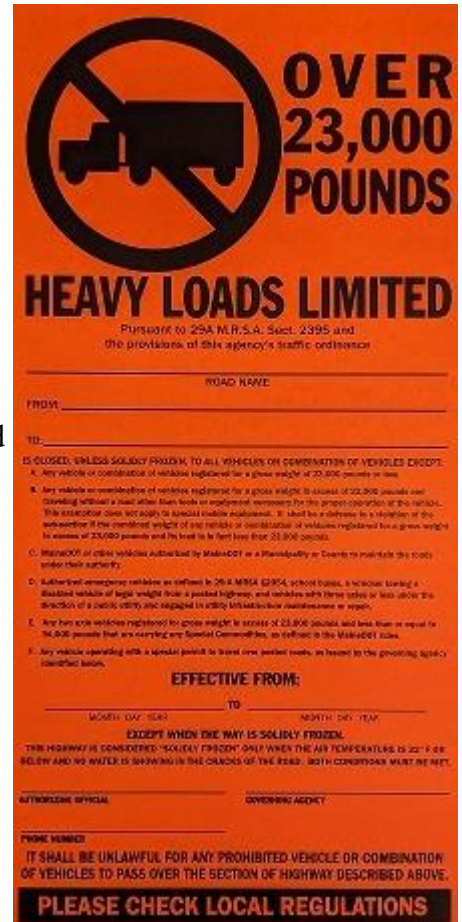
- Weight restrictions do not apply to certain materials like heating oil and propane, animal feed, and other necessities.
- Weight restrictions do not apply if the road is solidly frozen - this means that during a significant portion of the posting period heavy loads are able to travel in the early morning with just a little advanced planning.
- If you are ordering appliances from any box store be sure to let them know at the time of purchase that your local roads are posted and they will need to use a smaller delivery vehicle.

The Town does sometimes allow for exemptions under extraordinary circumstances. This will require permission from our Road Commissioner or Deputy Road Commissioner. The Road Commissioner can be reached by calling 685-4939 or 931-7680 or by email. An exemption certificate will be issued to anyone with permission and must be kept in the vehicle during travel.

- If someone is caught traveling on a posted road (in a vehicle weighing more than 23,000 pounds) without permission they may be issued a fine and may be subject to possible restitution to the Town for damages to the road. To report weight limit violations, contact the Town Office or Road Commissioner.

Thank you in advance for helping to protect our roads, maintain road access, and save tax dollars on unnecessary road repairs!

*Eric Dyer, Road Commissioner*



## E-Alerts Subscription & 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 the categories

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



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>

Fellow Residents,

Unfortunately, it looks like Spring has come forth very early this year. The 2022-2023 snowmobiling season was almost non-existent in the immediate Readfield area. With unseasonably warm temperatures, rain, no snow and a slushy lake, it's been a very disappointing season for snowmobilers almost everywhere in Maine. Snowmobile clubs, including Readfield Blizzard Busters, have completed all the work preparing and keeping the trails up to par, with little opportunity for everyone to enjoy them. You might remember volunteers replacing several bridges due to early extreme



flooding and washouts. It became impossible to eliminate water holes. There were many tree limbs and trees removed from the trail providing clear access. Most of our many bridges are in great shape and ready for the next season. The good news is the Club members are diehard Mainers who leave the 2022-2023 season with our eyes not on the past season, but on next year with hopes of lots of snow and cold temperatures. The town has put up its usual weight restrictions on certain roads, a clear sign that Spring and a vibrant mud season is here. Not my favorite Maine season, by the way. Keep in mind we could be blessed with a late season snowfall, which would be welcomed only if it comes with low temperatures. Looking forward to seeing what future winters bring to the sports-minded individuals of Readfield.

*Marge Livingston, Secretary Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club*

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK



The First Baptist Church Mount Vernon Food Bank serves the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette. We are located at the First Baptist Church on 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon. You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141.

Our hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 Saturday mornings.

If your SNAP benefits are being reduced starting March 1 and you need help meeting your food needs, please feel free to come see us at the food bank.

We now have a Facebook page (Mount Vernon Food Bank), please check us out on Facebook.

In case of inclement weather, please call us at 293-2141 before heading out to see if we are open or check our Facebook page.

We offer full pantry items, eggs, meats, meals and toiletry items on the first and third Saturday of the month; however, customers may come in every Saturday for fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, pastry items and deli items.

We also have a small supply of clothing and miscellaneous items.

If you are a new customer, you may come in any Saturday and we will provide you with enough food to get by until your next scheduled visit.

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

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and program on Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road. Our annual appreciation award will also be presented to a (hopefully) surprised Readfield resident and the election of officers will take place during the business meeting. A program will follow the brief business meeting.

Willi Irish of Livermore will provide our program, in character as Mercy Lovejoy, 19<sup>th</sup> century pauper. Irish has decades of experience in historical interpretation as the widow Clara Howard, 1853 school teacher, among other 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century women. Mercy's life was a sad one in some respects but she tells her stories with a touch of humor while enlightening her listeners about a pauper's experience in days of long ago. We feel confident in saying that anyone who has observed Willi Irish in her role as a historical interpreter, at Norlands Living History Center, can attest to her skill at making history come alive. All ages are welcome including interested school-aged children with their adults.

Items from our gift shop will be available to purchase including The Paupers and the Poor Farms: Support and Care of the Poor in Readfield 1791-2018 by Dale Potter-Clark. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this event, donations are appreciated. New and existing members who wish to vote at the business meeting can pay or renew their dues at the door.

### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2022 annual report has gone to press and will arrive in members' USPS mailboxes soon. If you are not yet a member it's not too late. Annual dues are \$10.00 or \$5.00 for seniors. Lifetime memberships are \$100. Copies of the annual report will also be available at the annual meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Willi Irish is pictured here in character as Mercy Lovejoy, 19<sup>th</sup> Century town pauper. Irish will provide the program for our annual meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Gile Hall.



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

*RHS is open by appointment when weather and temperatures allow. Appointments can be made by contacting Bob Harris at [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or (207) 377-2299. Dues, in the amount noted above, can be mailed to RHS at PO Box 354, Readfield ME 04355.*

**The 3rd Annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby that was scheduled for Sunday, March 5th has been cancelled due to the upcoming weather conditions.**





# Readfield Union Meeting House

The Readfield Union Meeting House Board of Directors wants to announce that a Letter of Intent has been signed with Preservation Timber Framing, Inc of Berwick, ME. The document formalizes the long awaited structural restoration of the bell tower and belfry to take place in 2024. This letter secures our spot in their work schedule. The preliminary project total is just under \$600,000. Once final details are agreed upon a contract agreement will be signed.



The RUMH Board will now work on securing funds for the project through grants, pledges, donations, and fund raising events. Actually, there is a “Sponsor-a-Louver” campaign going on right now. Visit our Facebook or web site [www.unionmeetinghouse.org](http://www.unionmeetinghouse.org) for more information. Also available are copies of Standing Tall: A History of the Union Meeting House Readfield, Maine by Marius Peladeau.

The bell wheel which was taken to Joe McSwain, Mid-Maine Millwork in Edgecomb returned this week. It is a replica of the old wheel which was too far gone to restore. So now we have the bell wheel, 3 new clock faces, and the restored original clock ready to go back in the tower in 2024.

In last month's Messenger there was a focus on all the work being done in the Vestry. If you missed it, please take a mintue to read the article. Under the direction of Larry Dunn wonderful progress is taking place.

Painting in the kitchen, bathroom and storage closet has been completed. Installing window trim, flooring, and baseboards are some of the next projects to tackle.

If you want to get involved with the restoration efforts taking place at the RUMH, please reach out to us.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin, 207-685-4481, [nancydurginumh@gmail.com](mailto:nancydurginumh@gmail.com)

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## Time to Register/Re-Register Your Vehicle?

Please make sure to have the following:

### NEW REGISTRATIONS:

#### **Dealer Sale:**

- Monroney Label
- Odometer Reading
- Proof of Insurance
- Sales Tax Form
- Title Application

#### **Private Sale:**

- Bill of Sale
- Odometer Reading
- Previous Owner's Title Signed Over to New Owner(s)
- Proof of Insurance

### RE-REGISTRATIONS:

Previous/Current Vehicle Registration, Odometer Reading, Proof of Insurance

### IF TRANSFERING:

#### **Dealer Sale:**

- Monroney Label
- Odometer Reading
- Proof of Insurance
- Sales Tax Form
- Title Application
- Registration of vehicle you are transferring from

#### **Private Sale:**

- Bill of Sale
- Odometer Reading
- Previous Owner's Title Signed Over to New Owner(s)
- Proof of Insurance
- Registration of vehicle you are transferring from



# March Transfer Station News

## Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse

- **Think Green Before You Shop.** Reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions by thinking green when you shop.
- **Reduce your food waste** by shopping smart, buying what you need, composting food scraps, and donating unused food to food banks or shelters. More ways to [reduce](#) your impact.
- **Reuse or repurpose items** such as old clothing, cloth grocery bags, and containers to prevent waste.
- **Buy used items** to reduce waste as well as the emissions created by producing new materials or disposing of them in landfills. [Donate](#) unused clothing, electronics and building materials to make sure others can reuse them too!
- **Buy products made with recycled content.** Check labels to see if a product or its packaging is made from [recycled materials](#).
- **Know before you throw.** Know what items [your local recycling program](#) collects and encourage your household to [recycle right and recycle more](#).
- **Learn about** what else [you can do](#) at home, at school, at work and in your community!
- **Maintain and repair products**, like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.
- **Borrow, rent or share items** that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools or furniture.

## Practice Kindness Please

Please remember to be patient with everyone while you are at the Transfer Station. There are many challenges presented to using the space safely and efficiently and everyone handles those in their own way. But please try to be patient and understanding of other patrons and our employees. Everyone is doing the best they can and deserves to be treated respectfully and with kindness. Thank you for your efforts to make this Town operated facility function well.

### General Operation Practices

All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee.

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

### Transfer Station Hours Fall/Winter/Spring

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

WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



**A FREE “POP-UP UNIVERSITY”  
MARCH 2023  
READFIELD MAINE  
ALL CLASSES ARE FREE!**



**FULL DETAILS OF CLASSES can be found at [www.readfieldu.org](http://www.readfieldu.org)**

**“Escape from Bunker Hill”, a journey on the Underground Railroad** Dale Potter Clark. Dale will speak about and read from her latest book, “Escape from Bunker Hill” and what she discovered right here in Readfield that inspired her to write it.

**Sunday March 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Ages Middle School through Adult *Gile Hall***

**“Written in Stone”- an overview of the geology of Readfield and central Maine** Bob Marvinney. Explore over 400 million years of Earth’s history, from the formation of the bedrock to the scouring by continental glaciers.

**Monday March 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any age *Gile Hall***

**AUTHOR EVENT WITH CLAIRE ACKROYD: the Maine Maple Industry and “Murder in the Maple Woods”** Organized by Readfield Community Library. Join Claire as she discusses her book and the Maine maple industry.

**Tuesday March 7, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Snow date Wednesday March 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adults *Gile Hall***

**Neighbors Driving Neighbors Comes to Readfield! Learn more about it!** Joe Austin, executive director NDN

**Wednesday March 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All adult ages *Gile Hall***

**“What is Encaustic Painting and Where did it Originate? Would you like to give it a try?”** Camille Davidson. Camee operates “The Gallery” in Readfield. She will introduce this way of painting and let participants try it for themselves.

**Thursday March 9, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Ages Teens and older “The Gallery” 1138 Main St.**

**“My Ancestor is Who???”** Amy Gove. How to begin delving into your family history with an experienced genealogist.

**Friday March 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ages 12 and up *Gile Hall***

**“Maine Wildflowers from the Usual to the Unusual”** Marianne and John Perry. Told in words and pictures.

**Sunday March 12, 2:00-3:15 p.m. Ages 6-106 *Gile Hall***

**“On a Healing Note”** Ellen Bowman. Join Ellen as she shares her recent expedition through breast cancer and how music continues to be a vital thread toward ongoing healing. There will be time for participants to share and to ask questions.

**Monday March 13, 2:00-3:15 p.m. Ages Teens and Adults *Gile Hall***

**“An Overview of Climate Resilient Farming Practices Used in Maine”** Nicholas Rowley. This class will focus on farming practices that Maine farmers are adopting to buffer climate changes, including soil health, tillage and cover cropping.

**Tuesday March 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Ages High School/Adult *Gile Hall***

**“A Story to Tell”** Donna McGibney. A series of three writing workshops to help participants tell the story of their own life or the lives of loved ones.

**Tuesdays March 14, 21 and 28, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Age 18 and up. *Gile Hall***

**“Let’s Play Canasta”** Elaine Katz and Marty Hanish. A series of three sessions teaching the basic rules of Canasta.

**Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m. All ages *Gile Hall***

**“Iris Paper Folding with Greeting Card”** Holly Maffei. Learn how to fold paper in creative ways, allowing you to create a beautiful card by the end of the class. A list of easy-to-find supplies will be sent to each participant. One class offered twice.

**Thursday March 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday March 23, 3:00-5:00 p.m. All Ages *Gile Hall***

**“Readfield in the Good Old Days” Moderated by Dale Potter Clark.** A panel of longtime Readfield residents sharing recollections of their lives in this community.

**Saturday March 18, 1:00-2:15 p.m. Any age Masonic Hall**

**“Readfield Union Meeting House and Vestry – downtown gems”** Come and hear about two local buildings with the missions to preserve the architecture and artwork of the past, while providing multi-use public facilities for the community.

**Sunday March 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Ages 8 and up Gile Hall**

**“Cathy’s Talk-Song”** The power of music to reach non-verbal places. Ellen Bowman’s work with an autistic woman for whom music is a central language

**Monday March 20, 2:00-3:15 p.m. Ages Teen and Adult Gile Hall**

**“Overview and history of the Readfield Comprehensive Plan”** Eric Dyer, Town manager.

**Tuesday March 28, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Teens and Adults Gile Hall**

**“Kennebec Land Trust – Baldwin Hill Conservation Cemetery”** Susan Caldwell and Janet Sawyer. Learn about KLT’s development of Baldwin Hill Conservation Cemetery in Fayette, providing ecologically- sound burial for people of all faiths.

**Wednesday March 29, 6:30-7:45 p.m. All ages welcome Gile Hall**

**Locations (All accessible): Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield (Upper level of Town Hall)**

**Masonic Lodge, Lafayette Lodge, 1138 Main Street, Readfield (Above Post Office)**

**The Gallery, 1138 Main St. Readfield (Next to the Post Office)**

## WAYS TO REGISTER:

⇒ Sign up online at [ReadfieldU.org](http://ReadfieldU.org) **OR**

⇒ Send an e-mail to [ReadfieldU@gmail.com](mailto:ReadfieldU@gmail.com) giving your name, phone number and the class/classes in which you are interested. **OR**

⇒ Send a letter through the mail giving your name, phone number and the class/classes in which you are interested to:

Elaine Katz, 230 Sturtevant Hill Rd, Readfield ME 04355.

*Your registration will be confirmed after it has been received and you will be notified close to the time if there is insufficient registration for the class to run.*

*Cancellations because of snow will follow school closure.*

**Some of your neighbors offering “classes” have asked for a maximum or minimum number of people to be registered in order to run them, so we encourage you to sign up ahead of time.**

Masking/social distancing will be at the discretion of the Presenter.

Readfield U is sponsored by Readfield’s Age-Friendly Committee



# 2023 Readfield Registration Form

## T-Ball/Baseball/Softball

Registration fees are as follows (Maximum Family Fee \$95.00)

Age*	League	# Per League	Age*	League	# Per League
7-8	Rookie Baseball	\$35 _____	5-6	T-Ball (Co-ed)	\$30 _____
9-10	Minor Baseball	\$45 _____	7-8	Rookie Softball	\$35 _____
11-12	Major Baseball	\$50 _____	9-10	Minor Softball	\$45 _____
			11-12	Major Softball	\$50 _____

A \$10 late fee per family will be added to registrations and payments received after March 31st, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Players Name (first/last)      League      Grade      Age      Date of Birth      Shirt Size/Pant Size

2<sup>nd</sup> Players Name (first/last)      League      Grade      Age      Date of Birth      Shirt Size/Pant Size

3<sup>rd</sup> Players Name (first/last)      League      Grade      Age      Date of Birth      Shirt Size/Pant Size

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions (asthma, allergies, etc.) that the coach needs to be aware of:

The success of our program depends on volunteers. Please mark the activity you could help with:

Team Coach      Asst. Coach      Umpire      Scorekeeper

### Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, its agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand the inherent risks and dangers in participating in these activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

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

### Uniform Agreement

I agree to return any uniform (shirt and/or pants) assigned to my child(ren) by my coach or Matt Lajoie by July 1, 2023. This does not apply to T-Ball shirts. If I do not return the uniform by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, I understand that I will be billed \$30 for shirts and \$10 for pants. I also understand I will be billed for any uniform damage considered to be beyond normal wear and tear.

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

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Lajoie at 592-1398

# News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Ah, March has arrived just ahead of the “cruellest month of all” as the poet T.S. Elliott nicknamed April. Guess we will wait and see. February certainly had its moments: sleet, frozen rain, ice, some snow, record warm temperatures, thaws, refreezing etc. During the aforementioned weather events, our trails continued to see activity. Alongside the deer trails were snowshoe tracks, dog paw prints, boot prints, and ski pole holes. Weather hold Readfield residents and neighbors back from time on the trails? Does not appear so.

Last year at about this time a resident called me to report a huge snow / ice sinkhole located just below the backstop area at the Fairgrounds. That section was closed off with tape and orange cones to maintain safety. Trails member Steve Hayes worked to unclog the frozen drainage area. The trail was rerouted through the woods until the clog became “flowable” once again. During the summer Trails Committee members worked on that area with the intention of not having a repeat event. So far, so good.

A few months ago in this space, I wrote about the rocks surrounding the Fairgrounds parking lot and promised more information on the numbers that appear on some of them. Ellen Blanchard, a former resident, created a project related to the sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks that had been deposited thousands of years ago in a nearby gravel pit by the retreating Laurentide Glacier. They were excavated in 2014 to edge the Fairgrounds parking lot. There were 49 rocks with each one numbered on the lower right side facing the kiosk. The parking lot has since been expanded so the order of the rocks has been altered. Rocks added during the expansion are not numbered. Informational pamphlets that include pictures and information about each type of rock are available at the town office on the table in the foyer as well as at the Fairgrounds kiosk. A thank you and acknowledgments go out to several folks who helped out with the project and my research: Ellen Blanchard, Bob Marvinney, retired State Geologist, identified the rocks and provided editing help, Cheryl Ring for her photographs, and Melanie Lanctot for locating some “lost” pamphlets. After the snow melts, a contest will appear in the Messenger regarding the rocks at the parking lot. Yes, there will be a prize offered!

As the Messenger goes to press, a winter storm warning has been issued for Central Maine that could deposit 6-10 inches of snow. Appears winter has recovered its breath during February and is ready for action. Get out and enjoy the white stuff.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Durgin, Readfield Trails Committee



Did you remember? The 2nd half of the 2022 Taxes were due Friday, February 24, 2023.

Please give us a call if you have any questions. 207-685-4939



# MARCH 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

## Library Hours

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



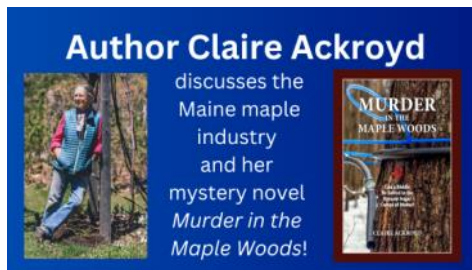
**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**  
2023  
PROGRAM SERIES

The Readfield Community Library is thrilled to be able to offer a 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program & Speaker Series, with a special focus on issues related to the local Readfield area and/or Maine. We are planning events each month, which will include some authors, local speakers, and events for children as well. Funding for this program series is through a Maine Public Libraries Fund grant received by the Library. MPLF monies come 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 MPLF 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.** We are excited to be a grant recipient this year!

Note that all program offerings are **free and open to the public.** All programming will be listed on our website <https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/> and will be continually updated as more programs are scheduled through the year. All events will also be posted to our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ReadfieldCommunityLibrary>

Two upcoming events from this series are listed below:

### AUTHOR EVENT WITH CLAIRE ACKROYD: the Maine Maple Industry and *Murder in the Maple Woods*



Claire Ackroyd, author of the mystery novel *Murder in the Maple Woods*, is a landscape designer and an independent organic certification inspector in Maine. Working for many years for MOFGA led her to inspections in the sugar camps in the remote woods above Jackman. She felt that the tough, unique, and little-understood life in the sugar camps deserved an authentic portrayal. The idea of writing a mystery that could be solved through an understanding of the organic certification process grew over the years and resulted in the publication of *Murder in the Maple Woods* in 2020. The book was nominated for a 2021 Maine Literary Award and has been reprinted multiple times and is a consistent top seller from Maine Authors Publishing.

Join Claire as she discusses her book and the Maine maple industry. This live, in-person event will take place on **Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Readfield Town Office.** This event is also being offered as part of "Readfield U"—please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/readfieldu/registration> for info on how to register for the in-person event.

If you would prefer to attend by Zoom, we will have that option as well. Please register here for the Zoom option:

[https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-2vpzoiHtS8vgG\\_3z5Cjvo7znm5WMDf](https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-2vpzoiHtS8vgG_3z5Cjvo7znm5WMDf)

[Note: Snow date is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.]

### "GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL FARMERS" EVENT

Our local farmers are an important part of our community! Please come meet some of them and learn about their farms and what they offer, and find out how/where you can purchase their products, support their farms, and eat local! Plenty of time for Q & A! **Event will take place live and in-person on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Readfield Town Office.**

A Zoom option will be available as well, for those who would like to attend virtually...please register for the Zoom option at: <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsd-2urjkrG9BqUu3goq41SkhW-wEFglDa>



### TOP CHECKOUTS in January/February

Interested to know what is **currently popular in Readfield**? Here are the top items checked out for Jan/Feb 2023:

- Hatchet Island* by Paul Doiron
- The Invincible Miss Cust* by Penny Haw
- Spare* by Prince Harry
- Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

- Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boylan & Jodi Picoult
- A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny
- It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover
- Top Gun: Maverick* (DVD)

### A (Musical) NOTE OF THANKS



Anyone who stopped in the library on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> was in for a treat...we had 2 sets of musicians creating music for us to enjoy! Thanks to Betsy Kobayashi and students of the Pineland Suzuki School for our morning violin music and to Ellen and Nick for our afternoon set featuring accordion and fiddle. The muffins and cookies were a delight; thanks to Library Board members for the baking!



## DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS FREE RESOURCE?

Bangor Public Library cards are FREE, available to any Maine resident, and provide access to incredible online resources such as *Consumer Reports*, *The New York Times*, *Value Line* and *Morningstar* (investment information), *CloudLibrary NewsStand* (digital magazine and newspaper service with over 7000+ titles in over 60 languages), and more!! Check out all the resources at: <https://www.bangorpubliclibrary.org/onlineresources>



Best of all, you **DO NOT** need to travel to Bangor to get your Bangor Public Library card!

Simply visit: <https://www.bangorpubliclibrary.org/contact-us>

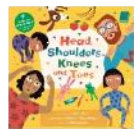
Provide your name, address, and email on the "contact us" page and they will send your BPL card in the mail, along with a form to sign and mail back to them. Easy, and worth it!!!

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



### March STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story*

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 March is *Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story* by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss. 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.



### March STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

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 March is *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* by Skye Silver, sponsored by Betty and Bob Peterson.

## STORY WALK® EVENTS on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

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

- Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
- Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

## March 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 March meeting will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please check in at the library or on Facebook after March 1 for the March book title. Note that for the 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.

## CALLING POETS OF ALL AGES!



National Poetry Month is in April, and we are hoping to celebrate at the Library with poetry featured along our Story Walk trail during the last week in April. Please submit an original poem YOU have written, OR feel free to suggest a favorite poem written by a Maine poet for us to feature. We welcome poems from poets of all ages! **Submission deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit in person at the library or by email to [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org).

## DISCOVER SAVINGS on your electric bill with Kill-A-Watt ELECTRICITY MONITORS from ELECTRICITY MAINE!

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



## SNOWSHOES AVAILABLE TO BORROW



Still snow to enjoy! Child- and Adult-sized snowshoes are available to borrow at the Library. We also have poles! Note: check-out period is for one week. This program is made possible by the generosity of patrons who have donated snowshoe equipment.

## 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/>



# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



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on fire, electrical and related hazards



# Manchester Lions Club

BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork

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100% of proceeds support our community!



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**For more information call Lion Deb 207-441-9906**



*Pre-orders are encouraged!  
Can't pre-order? No problem!  
Meals will be available while supplies last!*

## Soda and Water available for purchase

**When:** March 18, 2023 from 4:30 to 6pm

**Where: Manchester Lions Club House**

BBQ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_ @ \$12. = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_

PULLED PORK \_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID \$ \_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

FOR DELIVERY, PLEASE INDICATE ADDRESS:

CONFIRMED BY: LION \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO MANCHESTER LIONS CLUB  
PO BOX 1 MANCHESTER, ME 04351

# RSU 38 Maranacook Schools

RSU #38 – FY24 Budget Workshops  
Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Budget Goal Statement: *“To balance the needs of ALL members of the RSU #38 school community, and to promote student success in all areas, while maintaining fiscal responsibility”*

## BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- March 1\*** Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89405860759>  
Operations & Maintenance  
COVID grants overviews
- March 8** Budget Workshop – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81323836284>  
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 – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88645767758>  
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 – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447373319>
- April 5\*** Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82352204345>
- April 12** Workshop Meeting – vote on Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> week of April) – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449725610>
- May 10** Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.



\* Regular Business Meeting in addition to budget workshop

**June 12 – Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations**


Budget documents are available by visiting <https://www.maranacook.org/page/fy-24-budget-documents>

**Maine Department of Health and Human Services**

**Crisis Hotlines**

If your life or someone else's is in immediate danger, please dial 9-1-1

Maine Crisis Hotline: 1-888-568-1112  
Child Abuse: 1-800-452-1999  
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse: 1-800-624-8404  
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222



If you are not sure who to call, dial 2-1-1 for help getting connected with thousands of statewide services and programs.  
For those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, dial 7-1-1 for the Maine Relay Service.

**Maine Department of Health and Human Services**

**Additional Helplines**

If your life or someone else's is in immediate danger, please dial 9-1-1

Substance Use/Opioid Use Disorders: Dial 211  
NAMI Mental Health Helpline: 1-800-464-5767  
Domestic Violence Helpline: 1-866-834-HELP  
Sexual Assault Helpline: 1-800-871-7741  
Maine Tobacco Helpline: 1-800-207-1230



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# RSU 38 Maranacook Schools

## RSU 38 ~ Maranacook Adult Ed News

Lots of new classes starting soon!!

Enrichment Classes	Start Date
HiSET Test Preparation	Ongoing
Ukulele for Begginers	03/07/2023
Don't Get Pushed Around	03/11/2023
Driver Education	03/13/2023
Map & Compass Level 1	03/16/2023
Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney	3/23/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking Retreat - Kennebunkport, Maine	03/24/2023
Acadian Arts Watercolor Retreat - Kennebunkport	03/24/2023
Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People	04/03/2023
Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People	04/04/2023
Coastal Navigation Level 1	04/06/2023
History of Malaga Island	04/12/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking Retreat - York Beach	04/17/2023
Acadian Arts Watercolor Retreat - Willows York Beachach	04/17/2023
Home Repairs for Home Owners	05/02/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking Retreat - Prospect Harbor	05/26/2023
Acadian Arts Watercolor - Prospect Harbor	05/26/2023
Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer	Ongoing
Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone/iPad Photos App	Ongoing
Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad	Ongoing
Introduction to iPhone Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Mac Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Zoom Basics	Ongoing
Take Fabulous Photos of the Flora and Fauna in Your World	Ongoing
Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad Camera	Ongoing
Unlock Safari's Secrets on Your Mac in Just Five Lessons	Ongoing
More Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone & iPad	Ongoing

To register, view classes or for more details go to:  
<https://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

Or call the Adult Ed Office at  
 207-685-4923 x 1065

Tel: 685-4064



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**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*

# Neighbors Driving Neighbors Readfield Expansion!

Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich participating communities by coordinating volunteer drivers for those who do not drive, so they can more easily stay in their homes.

NDN provide free and confidential rides within our service area—Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna, and now, Readfield—for adults who are not able to drive. We can take you to:

- run errands
- exercise sessions
- classes
- medical appointments
- shopping
- socializing
- volunteering
- other

Part of the process of joining NDN includes identifying both riders and drivers.

**Drivers:** We are looking for volunteers who like to drive, have a good driving record, and would enjoy being part of providing free transportation for adults who no longer drive. Flexible time commitment, great socialization and many thanks from the riders.

**Riders:** If you are a resident of Readfield and don't drive, Neighbors Driving Neighbors can help.

To become a driver or register as a rider, please call (207) 860-0677 or send an email to [neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com)

Another way to show our community support in Readfield is by making a donation to Neighbors Driving Neighbors online at [neighborsdrivingneighbors.org](http://neighborsdrivingneighbors.org) or by mail to:

Neighbors Driving Neighbors  
P.O. Box 142  
Mount Vernon, ME 04352



## SENIOR CAFE

AT  
**MARANACOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- TEA, COFFEE, AND MUFFINS PROVIDED.
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**TUESDAYS**  
9-11

**Interested?**  
CONTACT DAN HOLMAN  
AT  
[DAN\\_HOLMAN@MARANACOOK.COM](mailto:DAN_HOLMAN@MARANACOOK.COM)  
OR  
(207)500-1737

## 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!

## Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of February 27, 2023)

- Age Friendly Committee: 1 Member (2024), 1 Associate Members (2024)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. Member (2025)
- Enterprise Committee: 1 Resident 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: 2 Members (2023 & 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)**



THE GALLERY IN READFIELD IS PROUD TO PRESENT

# SUSTENANCE & JOY

RECENT WORK BY MARANACOOK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2023

**THE GALLERY IN READFIELD**  
1138 MAIN ST, READFIELD, MAINE, 04355  
**GALLERY WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEW ON  
SELECT DATES:**  
SATURDAY MARCH 11 & 18 FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM

OPENING RECEPTION:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4  
5 - 8 PM  
PUBLIC WELCOME!

PICTURED: DOGFISH BY SAM SESSLER

## KENNEBEC LAND TRUST'S 2023 CONSERVATION LECTURE SERIES

### Maine's State Parks & Public Lands:

#### Conserving Nature, Managing People, and Embracing the Future



The Kennebec Land Trust is pleased to announce the dates and speakers for its annual conservation lecture series. This year's in-person program is **Maine's State Parks & Public Lands: Conserving Nature, Managing People, and Embracing the Future** [www.tkl.org/lyceum/](http://www.tkl.org/lyceum/) KLT's popular annual March lecture series is modeled after the early New England lyceums that began in 1826 in Massachusetts. For many years New England lyceums hosted lectures, debates, and concerts for public audiences. The Trust's annual Lyceum lecture series is supported by Gloria Williams Ladd. All programs are free and open to the public.

KLT's 2023 Lyceum will be taking place at the **Winthrop High School Performing Arts Center in Winthrop** (212 Rambler Way, Winthrop, ME 04364).

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 -7:30 PM - **The Recreational and Cultural Importance of Maine's State Parks and Public Lands; Jocelyn Hubbell**, Interpretive Specialist, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL); **Rex Turner**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands - *Jocelyn Hubbell and Rex Turner* will speak about exploring the value visitors place on Maine's parks and lands; the cultural importance of the lands and recreation, and recreation now and in the future.

Thursday, March 23, 6:00 -7:30 PM - **The Conservation of Wildlife and Biodiversity in Maine's State Parks and Public Lands; Justin Schlawin**, Forest Ecologist, Maine Natural Areas Program; **Sarah Spencer**, Senior Resource Biologist, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - *Justin Schlawin and Sarah Spencer* will present about the contribution of parks and public lands to the state's biodiversity, BPL management for common and at-risk species and habitats, and what BPL and partners are doing to monitor and assess ecological changes over time as a result of climate change and other stressors.

Thursday, March 30, 6:00 - 7:30 PM - **Looking Forward: Land Acquisition Progress and Priorities; Bill Patterson**, Deputy Director, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands - *Bill Patterson* will speak about conservation needs, opportunities and recent and pending projects.

Kennebec Land Trust will also offer fall field workshops with Laura Suomi-Lecker, statewide grassland bird program manager for Ag Allies, US Fish and Wildlife biologist Hannah Mullally, and Readfield Historian Dale Potter-Clark.

#### For more information contact KLT

331 Main Street PO Box 261 Winthrop, ME 04364 207.377.2848 [www.tkl.org](http://www.tkl.org)

#### Business Card Size (3.5" x 2.0")

1 Month	\$12.00
6 Months	\$60.00
12 Months	\$100.00

Contact the Town Office:

207-685-4939

[clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)





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# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Board of Appeals Meeting/Hearing 6:00 PM Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM	3 Assessor In (By Appointment)	4
5 Readfield U Class 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  <b>Youth Ice Fishing Derby Cancelled</b>	6 Readfield U Class 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	7 Readfield U Class 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	8 Age Friendly 9:00AM Readfield U Class 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Library 6:30 PM Budget Committee 6:30 PM	9 Readfield U Class 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Road Committee 6:00 PM	10 Readfield U Class 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11
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