



# Readfield Messenger

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## 2023 Spirit of America Awards

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine Municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for outstanding community service.

*The Town will be accepting one page nominations through Friday, May 19, 2023*

Nominations will be submitted to the Select Board and recipients will be recognized later in the summer.



Please send nominations to: [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org); by mail to Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355 or drop off at the Town Office.

### June 13, 2023 Town Meeting Nomination Papers

**Now Available!**

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



**Due Friday, April 14th by 3:30 PM**

### Upcoming 2023-2024 Budget & Warrant Meetings

April 10 - Select Board - Final Budget/  
Warrant Review and Approval

April 12 - Budget Committee - Final  
Budget Review and Approval

May 31 - Public Hearing - Public Comment  
& Information on Completed Warrant

All meetings are at 6:30 PM at Giles Hall (or via  
Zoom) and are open to the public

Town Office &  
Library closed  
Monday, April 17  
in observance of  
Patriots Day



# Select Board Corner

Hello friends,

It's April, it's spring, and the sun is gaining more and more time in the sky as we hurtle into the golden days of summer.

Over the past few months, the Select Board has continued to work towards achieving goals that we set at our retreat in September, some of which were - be fiscally responsible, continue to update and refine ordinances, and strengthen relationships with RSU 38.

This year, our municipal budget will increase approximately 4%, taking us to a level of tax impact comparable to 2020. With all of the uncertainty and unforeseen modulation in the supply chain and the world, managing to deliver the quality of service our town expects this modest level of increase is a herculean feat, accomplished by the collaborative and diligent folks on town committees/commissions/boards and the Budget Committee. Along with Town Manager, Eric Dyer, these folks have managed to offer a budget that serves the best interests of our town.

On the warrant this year is also the approval of a Beach Ordinance. As the beach has evolved over the past few years, so, too, should the rules that govern it and how it is used. The Beach Ordinance is a great example of how rules and regulations evolve over time.

Finally, the Town of Readfield has been able to collaborate with RSU 38 in different ways. Two of the best ways involve the return of the Pre-School play group at Readfield Elementary School (Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am) and the Senior Cafe at Maranacook Middle School.

The play group allows parents and children in our community to meet, play, and grow up together. The Senior Cafe is a way for older adults in Readfield to interact with students at the Middle School and enjoy some refreshments, as well as conversation.

When the Select Board sets goals, we do our best to accomplish them, and then democracy takes over. The people of Readfield will decide how the budget goes, as they participate in the greatest process in the world - voting.

On June 13th at Kent's Hill School's Alford Sports Complex, you will be able to do just that - vote. It's your choice and your town.

Take care and watch out for the mud!

Dennis Price

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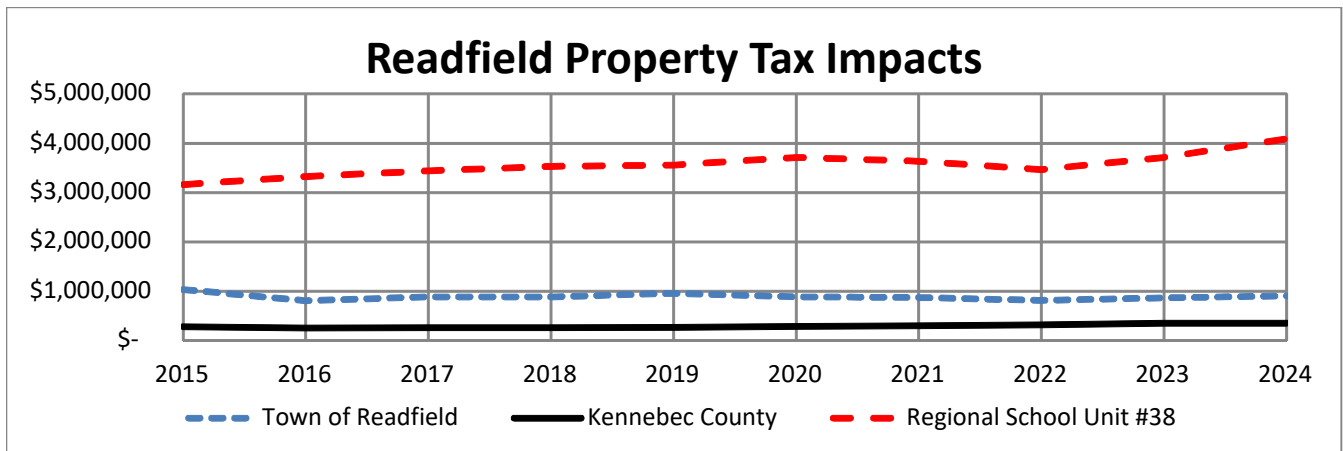
# News from the Town Manager

## Town Manager’s Report - Budget Update III - Municipal Services

The Select Board, Budget Committee, Town Staff, Volunteers, and many of our Residents have been working since October of last year to develop our current proposed budget. As always, I want to thank them for their thoughtful deliberation on how to provide the services our residents want, at the level of service they expect, as cost effectively as possible. Over the past few months I’ve given updates about where that process has taken us. This month, as we prepare to finalize the budget and Town Meeting Warrant in mid-April, I want to focus specifically on Municipal Services and their out-of-pocket cost to taxpayers. At a high level, Municipal Services include the following:

**General Government** (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Grants & Planning, Heating Assistance, General Assistance, Legal Services, Appeals Board, Planning Board), **Maintenance Services** (Buildings, Grounds, Vehicles, Equipment) **Regional Assessments** (Cobbossee Watershed, First Park), **Recreation and Open Space** (Town Beach, Conservation, Youth and Community Recreation, Heritage Days, Town Properties, Trails), **Roads & Drainage** (Roads & Drainage, Winter Maintenance and Materials), **Capital Improvements** (Building and infrastructure projects planned through our Capital Investment Plan, Reserve Savings), **Debt Service** (Debt Service payments), **Community Services** (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, KVCOG, Age Friendly initiatives, Public Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights), **Protection** (Fire Department, Fire Equipment, Ambulance, Water Holes, Tower Sites, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear, Emergency Operations), **Cemeteries** (Cemetery maintenance), **Solid Waste** (Transfer Station Operation, Backhoe and Equipment), **Unclassified** (Abatements and Overlay, Tax Relief, Non-profits, Contingency, Snowmobiling, Readfield Enterprise Fund, Revaluation).

That’s a lot when you put it all together! Over the years the net impact of providing these services has fluctuated, per the graph below showing the relative tax impact for the Town, RSU, and County:



As you can see the cost of providing Municipal Services costs taxpayers between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 each year and has been fairly stable over the past decade, with a “COVID Dip” from 2020 to 2022. Costs have increased in recent years and we have been careful to gradually adjust back to 2020 levels. We expect gradual increases over the next few years bringing us closer to 2018-2019 levels.

We expect a 4% increase in the cost of Municipal Services this year. For the average taxpayer that means you’ll likely pay about \$633, or about \$24 more than last year. The tables on the next page show what Municipal Services have cost in recent years and what the cost looks like this year depending on property value. The current average assessed value for a residential property in 2023 is \$260,000.

TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	EST. TAX *	ANNUAL DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
2024	2.69	\$ 25,000	\$ 633	\$ 24.44	4.0%
2023	2.59	\$ 25,000	\$ 609	\$ 6.83	1.1%
2022	2.80	\$ 25,000	\$ 602	\$ (20.41)	-3.3%
2021	3.19	\$ 25,000	\$ 622	\$ (17.08)	-2.7%
2020	3.55	\$ 20,000	\$ 640	\$ (60.70)	-8.7%
2019	3.89	\$ 20,000	\$ 700	\$ 42.79	6.5%
2018	3.65	\$ 20,000	\$ 657	\$ (18.04)	-2.7%

\* Estimated Tax Impacts are for the average residential property for Municipal Services only

MIL RATE	PROPERTY VALUE	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT
2.69	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 67.37
2.69	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 202.12
2.69	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 336.87
2.69	\$ 200,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 471.62
2.69	\$ 250,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 606.37
<b>2.69</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 633.32</b>
2.69	\$ 300,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 741.12
2.69	\$ 350,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 875.87
2.69	\$ 400,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,010.62
2.69	\$ 450,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,145.37
2.69	\$ 500,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,280.12

The Mil Rate is for Municipal Services for the 2023-2024 Tax Year

I hope that by providing more focused information on what Municipal Services are provided through taxes, and what they cost outside of School and County tax impacts, voters can make more informed decisions. We have a lot of additional information available on the Town Website.

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

- **Public Hearing** on the budget and warrant will be on **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 Alfond 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!





**READFIELD TOWN BEACH  
CANOE/KAYAK RACK RENTAL & LAUNCH PERMIT**  
2023 Season (May 1 – November 1, 2023)



*Please Print Clearly*

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Canoe/Kayak Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Canoe/Kayak Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Rack #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT  
FOR RENTAL OF CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK & LAUNCH - READFIELD BEACH**

1. **Rack space & launch permits are available to current Town Beach Pass holders over 14 years of age for non-motorized vessels only.**
2. Cost of one rental rack space is \$50 for May 1 – November 1. Fee must be paid prior to the start of storage.
3. Maximum length/width for the canoe/kayak racks is 18'0" / 2'4". Paddleboards, sculls, etc. may also be stored.
4. Cost of single vessel launch ONLY (no rack) is \$20 for May 1 – November 1. Fee must be paid prior to first launch.
5. **Rack rental & launch is not allowed for any watercraft used to access a moored or anchored vessel.**
6. Rack rental is on a first come, first served basis. Upon receipt of completed application and payment, racks will be assigned by number. Rack rental and assignment is at the discretion of the Town Manager or designee.
7. Before storage, Owner must attach their assigned rack number to the canoe/kayak by a secure means.
8. Owner agrees to remove canoe/kayak by November 1. Failure to remove canoe/kayak from rack by date stated will result in the inability to rent during subsequent seasons.
9. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak is reasonably secured in its assigned rack and will not pose any danger to any passersby. Owner must provide locking mechanism.
10. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak rack space is clean and tidy at all times. Nothing other than one canoe/kayak can be left on, in, around or by the rack at any time (e.g., paddles, floatation devices, etc.)
11. Canoe/kayak may not be left outside the designated storage area and should be carried (not dragged) to the launch.
12. The storage rack unit & launch may only be used for the one canoe/kayak listed above. Eight rack spaces are reserved for paired use. **There is a two space (or single paired space) limit per household.**
13. **Owner acknowledges that canoe/kayak launch and rack rental are at their own risk. The Town of Readfield accepts no responsibility for user injury, or loss of or damages to the canoe/kayak. Failure to comply with any terms will result in termination of this agreement with no refund of fees.**

**I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated above and I hold myself solely responsible for any mishap/injury to users of, or damage to, the canoe/kayak listed above.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Staff Use Only \*\***

Payment Type: ( ) Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Visa / MasterCard #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*All Credit Card transactions will incur a 2.95% convenience fee\*\***

Assigned Rack Space(s): \_\_\_\_\_ *Applicants will be notified of their rack assignments*

Make Check Payable to "Town of Readfield" • Send application with notation "Attn: Rack Rental"

## Readfield U Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who have participated in Readfield U this year, as presenters, attenders, tech. support and committee members. Our presenters were so generous with their time and with materials for their classes. What fun we had and we certainly learned some new

things and made new friends. Check out more photos in the gallery on the website [readfieldu.org](http://readfieldu.org)

We had 15 presenters, 16 classes, with only 1 needing to be cancelled because of snow. 70 people registered for the program, most of whom signed up for multiple presentations, and several of the programs had more people come than expected. The largest attendance was 32, with the next highest attendance being 27. Some hands-on classes were intentionally small to allow for sufficient instructor attention. All offered great opportunities to linger and get to know one another better.

If you have any feedback on the program you can email [readfieldu@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldu@gmail.com)

and if you might be interested in offering a program next year you can send details any time through the presenter form on the website: [readfieldu.org](http://readfieldu.org) (or use email)

ReadfieldU is sponsored by the Age-Friendly committee



Photo Above: "What is Encaustic Painting and Where did it Originate?" Presented by Camille Davidson

Photo Below: "Maine Wildflowers from the Usual to the Unusual" presented by Marianne & John Perry



Photo Above: "Iris Paper Folding with Greeting Card" Presented by Holly Maffei

## Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of March 29, 2023)

- 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: 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)**



# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## LONG LOST STORE LEDGER FINDS ITS WAY “HOME”

A recent phone call from Bob Staples, a retired history teacher and owner of “Mainely Memories” in North Jay, brought good news. He had an 1803-1804 store ledger that he thought originated in Readfield because he had found some research posted online by Dale Potter-Clark twenty-two years ago. As Staples read some of the names in the ledger over the phone, Potter-Clark immediately recognized they were residents of early East Readfield village. Some of the names include Morrill, Prescott, Johnson, Gordon, Dudley, Whittier, Carleton, Mace and many others. There are also some Winthrop and Mt. Vernon names. “There was a lot of rum sold in the amount of 1 gill, so perhaps it was also a tavern,” said Potter-Clark. Included are dates, names, purchases and costs. RHS plans to transcribe the info so researchers can sort the information according to interests. “We expect to find patterns with some of the store customers and perhaps happenings in town at the time such as illnesses, building construction and the evolution of the store’s inventory,” said Potter-Clark.



Dale Potter-Clark (holding the ledger) and Bob Staples from “Mainely Memories” in North Jay.

Staples shared that Potter-Clark’s website included information about a man named Daniel Dudley from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century who was a “devotee of rum.” He checked the ledger and sure enough, he found that one Daniel Dudley had bought his share of rum at that store in East Readfield. “He’d recently lost his wife leaving him with a newborn and three other children under ten years of age,” Potter-Clark related. “Sadly, perhaps he was trying to drown his sorrows. He left his children with families in this area and returned to New Hampshire where he died poverty stricken in 1813. A sad case, but from what the Dudley family history tells us all of his children did well in spite of their rocky beginnings.” Dudley’s is but one of the many stories that will surely surface as this ledger is examined.

## BILL ROURKE HONORED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

RHS honored and thanked Bill Rourke at our annual meeting in March for the contributions he has made, in many ways. His memory is remarkable and no one can tell a good story better than Bill. We draw from his memory from time to time and it is always intriguing how much detail he can recall. Since he retired in 2018 he has generously restored the old Whittier Cemetery near Tallwood – complete with a new fence and gravestones to replace some that were in poor shape and one where there was none before. He also took on the task and expense of restoring two historical site signs that were in very bad shape, having been abandoned and recovered from nearby woods. The signs had been installed during Readfield’s Bicentennial at Waugh’s Landing and at the former location of East Readfield village. When Bill was done restoring the signs, which took him most of two winters, he re-set them where they belonged. He did all of this not because anyone had asked him to, but because he is Bill Rourke. We thank Bill for all he has done over the years and what we know he will continue to do for Readfield and her people. But watch closely because he’ll just go about it without fanfare, like the quiet and gentle man he is.



Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

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*Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine*

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

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

Did you remember to register? — Late fee after March 31st!

## 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



# 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 Facebook: 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.

If you would like to support the food bank, a fundraiser is coming up. The Maine State Credit Union is having their annual 5K Walk to End Hunger on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am-11 am at Capitol Park in Augusta (The Kennebec River Trail, YMCA Entrance). If you are interested register at [RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/ME/AUGUSTA/FEEDME5K](https://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/ME/AUGUSTA/FEEDME5K). And if you do participate in this event, please let them know that you are walking for the Mount Vernon Food Bank and then we will get the proceeds. It's a fun and fairly easy walk to do with your friends and for a good cause. Thank you.

## Maranacook Food Pantry

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



Lafayette Lodge #48, of Readfield, presented a \$3,000 check to the Maranacook Food Pantry. Members of Lafayette Lodge #48 held a Pancake Breakfast as part of the Readfield Heritage Days in August. This donation was possible by the proceeds from the breakfast and with the help of the Maine Charitable Foundation Matching Grant Program. The Food Pantry is available to any that may need food and is run by students at Maranacook Community School and supported by local volunteers.

Those present at the presentation are pictured above (left to right):  
R.W. John E. Lord, Jr., Mary Ellen Tracy, Greg Durgin, Kim Fletcher, Ralph Eno and PM Ed Dodge.

*thank you*

# MARANACOOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) NEWS

The MAFP attempts every other month or so to update the residents of Readfield and those from neighboring towns who read the Readfield Messenger of events etc. surrounding the pantry. This month we have a wonderful monetary donation to note as well as highlighting a couple of our volunteers who provide vital support to the pantry and those who rely on the pantry to help with weekly food boxes.

In February I received a call from Readfield resident Ed Dodge who is also a member of the Readfield Masons. Ed's call provided some fabulous news for the pantry. The Masons do fundraising each year and provide needed support to local organizations. The money the Masons raised this year at their annual Readfield Heritage Days breakfast has been donated to the MAFP. The Masons applied for a matching grant from the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine and on March 2<sup>nd</sup> presented a check for \$3,000 to the pantry. Thank you to Ed, John Lord, Donald Damon (photo op!) and the rest of the Readfield Masons Lodge #48 for the support you have provided to those in our communities who face daily shortages of healthy food for their families.



Support for the pantry comes in all shapes and sizes as evidenced above and in quiet and anonymous ways. Recently a bag of canned vegetables was left at the door of Maranacook Middle School. A \$50 Hannaford gift card was dropped at a volunteer's house to support the pantry. A local woman arrived at the pantry distribution day on March 16 with a donation check for \$100 to honor a relative who recently passed away. A Mt. Vernon couple donates their rewards program points from a pharmacy to purchase essential non food supplies such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc. A local family that owns a business in Jay recently dropped off 7 huge cartons of essential food items in early February that we are still using. There are many more stories of people and organizations that support the pantry. We appreciate each and every donation. They all matter and our pantry would not exist without them.

To end this note, we want to recognize a couple “behind the scenes” volunteers who donate their time and effort that the public never sees. Sonya Potter Clark has for many years driven into Augusta weekly to pick up and deliver donated bread to the pantry. The pick up is around 7am on Thursday mornings and Sonya is “competing”, if you will, with other non profit organizations on a first come first served basis. Sonya gets it done! Volunteer Jim Perkins from Wayne appears every Thursday and transports and delivers to 4 families in Wayne who face transportation difficulties. Sonya and Jim are two vital cogs that keep the MAFP on track every week Thank you both.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance for a week, month, or more contact [foodpantry@maranacook.com](mailto:foodpantry@maranacook.com) or a RSU #38 school nurse. All confidential.

The pantry is open from 3:30 to 4:30 every Thursday unless school is canceled and we shift to the next day. Donations can be dropped off at Readfield Town Office, the Middle School, or call Greg Durgin at 685-4481 for a pick up. Monetary donations can be sent to Maranacook Education Foundation at P O Box 133 Readfield, ME 04355 or checks made out to MAFP c/o RSU # 38 Superintendent's Office 45 Millard Harrison Drive Readfield ME 04355

*Submitted by Greg Durgin for the MAFP*

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

## 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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# April Transfer Station News



## Roadside Cleanup in Readfield

The Select Board set the month of May as our time to gather discarded materials left on the roadways throughout town. Saturdays have been designated as the official drop-off and pick-up days at the Transfer Station. Volunteers who are interested can adopt a road and clean it up at their pace. More info coming next month!

## Food Composting

Now that the snow is gone it's easier than ever to bring your food waste to compost!



## Save the Date Sun., July 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 12:00 Noon Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer Station!  
No charge for permit holders

Registration required; Contact your Town Office for more information and to register



**Do Bring:** All Battery Types; Unwanted mixed and unmixed Fuels; Household cleaners, chemicals & pesticides; Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals.  
**NO Explosives.**

## Please Remember to 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.



Now Open! Please bring items in and feel free to take items you can use.  
Recycling Through Re-Use

## 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

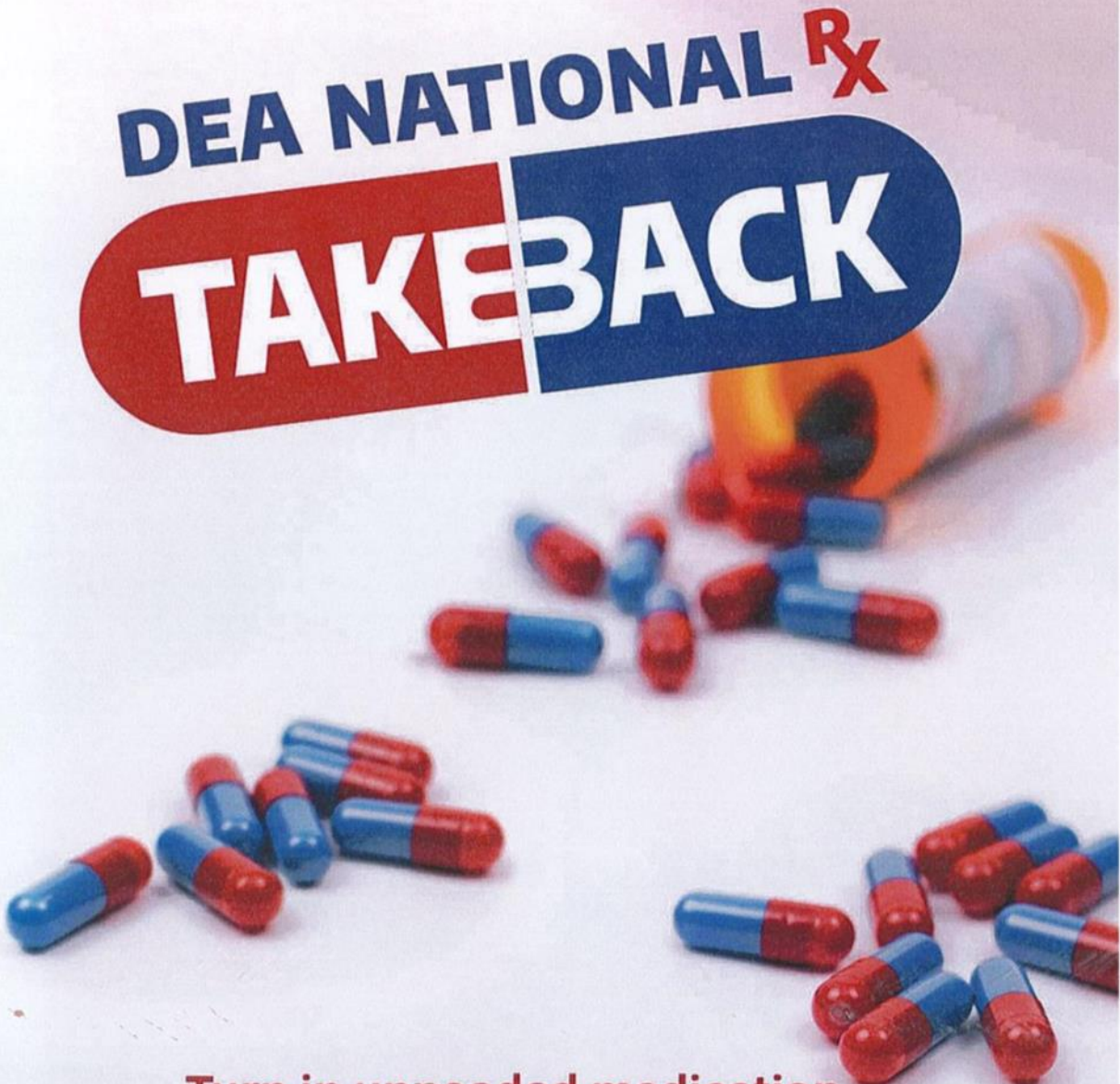
WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



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**DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK**

**Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, April 22  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.**

Visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

**Readfield Transfer Station, 14 Recycle Road, Readfield**



All interested parties,

I must apologize for being so wrong about Spring coming forth early this year! I no sooner got my message typed and sent to the newsletter and we got a sizable dump of snow and soon after another foot of snow. Although the volunteers tried very hard to keep the trails passable, water holes and the lake did not cooperate making it difficult. I know the boys are very proud of trail conditions – they tend to be perfectionists! Okay, I cry uncle and I’m done with this winter and will anticipate a better one next year. With temperatures pretty mild and living on a very muddy

camp road, I’m ready for all this snow to melt and the ground to finally dry up. Summer is right around the corner with all the many varied activities that Readfield has to offer its residents and visitors. Ice houses will be gone by April 1<sup>st</sup> and we will welcome our boating adventures.

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club held its annual meeting at the Weathervane Restaurant on April 5, 2023. The following officers were being nominated for officer and director position: Bill Brann - President, Spencer Fike - Vice President, Lee Livingston – Treasurer and Marge Livingston – Secretary. Non-Officer Directors are Kirk Gettig, Donny Clark and Peter Zarella.



A huge thank-you to Weathervane Restaurant for so graciously hosting our monthly meetings and Peter Zarella for doing a fabulous job as trailmaster. He is a true professional and the community benefits from his years of knowledge about grooming our trails. We would be remiss if we didn’t also thank our landowners who make it all possible by generously allowing access to their land for our winter pleasure. And last, but not least, we thank our financial supports for their donation and membership in the club. See you next season.....Be happy and stay healthy and safe.....

*Submitted by, Marge Livingston, Secretary, Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club*

## **Readfield Play Group Offers Egg Hunt**

Readfield Play Group will offer toddlers and preschoolers an opportunity to “hunt” for eggs Thursday morning April 6. If weather permits, Readfield Elementary School will allow us to search for eggs outside between recesses. Children will also have a chance to consider spring and new life. In order to have enough eggs, please contact Pat Clark 207-685-4101 or [pclark@maine.edu](mailto:pclark@maine.edu) if you and your child plan to attend. Dress for the weather.

Future plans include reading the story on the walk at the edge of the playground once the snow and mud are diminished. The books change monthly and are shared with the

Readfield Community Library. The play group offers young children an opportunity to play with others and become comfortable in a school setting. Songs, fingerplays, stories and crafts are offered.



The play group meets each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Readfield Elementary School breakfast room. Please use the front door and sign in by the office and in the room.

Hope to see you soon!



# News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Hello Readfield Trail Enthusiasts,

Spring is on the way which means thawing of frozen trails. This is not necessarily a problem but if you go on a trail and find mushy conditions please go to a different trail if the mush cannot be avoided. If there are sections that are particularly bad please let us know so we can consider re-routing or other improvements so we can wet-proof the trails and make them truly four season.

The trails committee continues to represent trail users interests on the Fairgrounds Workgroup for consideration of additional recreational developments thereon. The workgroup has reached a consensus agreement including that a girl's softball field and improved toilet facilities should be developed. We also agreed that the amount of existing trails should be maintained and the trails, particularly adjacent the parking lot area, should be improved and made more easily accessible. Our work group will continue to meet as the development process continues.

Lastly I would like to remind trail users that we have a Facebook page called Readfield Maine Trail System. It is a good place to share information, experiences, and trail comments with other trail users. We also periodically post informational items and announcements there.

Our trail maps (not including the Carlton Pond Trail at this point) continue to be available at the town office and on-line ([https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield\\_trails\\_2019\\_map.pdf](https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf)).

The map for the Carlton Pond Trail can be accessed using your smart phone camera and the QR code shown on the kiosk at the trailhead.

Please let us know if you encounter damage or other issues when on our town trails. We appreciate feedback. Dog owners please note: Dogs are required to be on leash or under voice control on all town properties including our trails. We also request that pets be leashed on the Carlton Pond Trail in the interest of water supply and wildlife protection.

*Respectfully submitted Rob Peale, Chair, Readfield Trails Committee; [rnreadfieldgov@gmail.com](mailto:rnreadfieldgov@gmail.com) 207-458-4259*



## Readfield Cemeteries Spring Clean-Up

The Readfield Sexton, Ben Rodriguez, will be starting spring-clean up and is asking for your help. If you have a loved one laid to rest in one of the cemeteries and have left items through the winter on their lot please go by and pick-up any items you would like to keep by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Sexton may throw out any items that are faded, worn or not seasonally appropriate. Road conditions in the cemeteries will continue to be monitored and will be opened for vehicular traffic as soon as conditions allow. If you have any questions or would like to make special accommodations related to the removal of personal items please contact the Sexton at:

Office Phone: (207)-685-1812 / Cell Phone: (207)-931-7682 /

Email: [sexton@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:sexton@readfieldmaine.org)





# **Annual Egg Hunt**

## **Saturday, April 8 - 10:00 AM**

**Readfield Fairgrounds, Church Road**

**BYOB: Bring Your Own Baskets & Boots!**

**Questions: Hannah Flannery**  
**207-685-7385**

**Sponsored by Readfield Recreation Association**

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# Readfield Road Committee News

The Town's engineering consultant has drafted preliminary design plans for a proposed sidewalk along Church Road. The plans, prepared by the South Portland firm Gorrill Palmer, show how the project would impact each side of the road. These are draft plans and represent just a few of several different design options that may be considered in the future.

The Road Committee will review the preliminary layout at its April meeting. Public meetings will follow in late spring to solicit comments that will help the Town determine where the sidewalk could go. The Town has set up a web page that will include the concept plans, meeting notices, schedule and other documents:

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/road-commissioner/pages/church-road-sidewalk-project>

The Town in 2021 was awarded funding from the Maine Department of Transportation to design a sidewalk for about one-third of a mile, leading from the existing Route 17 sidewalk to the Fairgrounds Community Park. The project would tie into trails near Maranacook Community School, creating a loop. MaineDOT will cover about 80 percent of the cost. The Town will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent.

Gorrill Palmer was selected from five firms that responded to a request for proposals for design services. The Town asked the consultant to prepare layouts for the eastern and western sides of Church Road, given the amount of public interest in the project. Once the Road Committee has reviewed the initial plans, the consultant will lead a series of meetings with neighbors and the public to gather feedback. Gorrill Palmer will prepare final design plans and a construction cost estimate once the Town chooses the final alignment for the project.

The Town so far has been awarded funding for design services. MaineDOT will provide construction funding once the Town's consultant has developed an updated construction cost estimate and the Town has raised its 20 percent matching share.

The proposed schedule calls for engineering design and right-of-way work, if necessary, to continue into 2024. Bidding and construction would likely take place in 2025.

The public may submit written comments on the sidewalk project using a standard form: <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/home/webforms/comments-questions>

## Need a ride?

For residents of Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Readfield, Rome and Vienna.



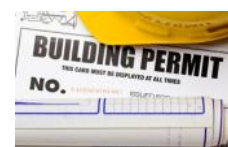
NDN provide **free** and confidential rides within our service area (listed at left) for adults who are not able to drive. We can take you to:

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

Call, email or visit our website for details about volunteering to drive or if you need a ride.

### Neighbors Driving Neighbors

P.O. Box 142  
Mount Vernon, ME 04352  
phone: 207-860-0677  
email: [neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com)  
web: [neighborsdrivingneighbors.org](http://neighborsdrivingneighbors.org)



Spring is near and it's a busy time for home improvements.

Don't forget to check with your Local Code Enforcement Officer, Chip Stephens, for your building project and permit needs.

Office: 207-685-3290

Cell: 207-931-7689

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Don't forget to check for posted roads!**





## APRIL 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

### Library Hours

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



The Readfield Community Library is hosting a 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program & Speaker Series, with a special focus on issues related to the local Readfield area and/or Maine. Funding for this program series is through a Maine Public Libraries Fund grant received by the Library. 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>

An upcoming April event from this series includes:

### PFAS: The Far Reach of 'Forever Chemicals' on April 26<sup>th</sup>

Maine is among the first states to confront the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a vast class of toxic "forever chemicals" in widespread use for more than 60 years. Learn about how PFAS cycle through ecosystems and get into waters and food webs, what actions the state is taking to address this challenge, and what measures you can take to minimize exposure. Most of the session will involve Q&A. Presenter **Marina Schaffler**, an independent journalist, recently wrote a series on PFAS that appeared in *The Maine Monitor* and was supported by the Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Journalism Fellowship, awarded by the Center for Media Innovation at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. This event will take place on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** and will be a **virtual event using Zoom**. Please register at:

[https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqfuusTlpGteyLEtWL1MSEtgW3ml-6\\_mh](https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqfuusTlpGteyLEtWL1MSEtgW3ml-6_mh)

### SENIOR CAFÉ WORKSHOP: Online Resources—April 11<sup>th</sup>



Please join the Readfield Librarian at the **Senior Café at Maranacook Middle School on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am** for a workshop on how to access great online content, all for **FREE** with your Library card. We will explore how to access and use **CloudLibrary** (e-books and audiobooks), **Bendable Maine** (courses and learning opportunities), **CloudLibrary NewsStand** (digital newspapers and magazines), **The New York Times**, **Consumer Reports**, and more! Bring a phone/tablet/laptop and your library card, or just bring yourself.

### CRAFTERNOON for KIDS on April 18<sup>th</sup> (school vacation week)

A fun and free outing during school vacation! Kids/teens of all ages are welcome to participate in an open house Crafternoon (an afternoon of arts and crafts) at the Library on **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> between 2:00-4:00pm**. Bring your sense of creativity; we will provide table space, project ideas, and materials. Snacks too!



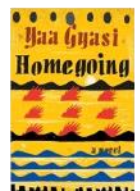
### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (April 23-29)



Please stop by during National Library Week to let us know what you appreciate about the Readfield Community Library, and tell us how we can best serve the community of Readfield. Note that for **National Library Week**, we will have special displays of fiction and nonfiction books related to libraries and books, of course!

### April BOOK GROUP MEETING on April 24<sup>th</sup>

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 April meeting will be on **April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the novel Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi**. We may meet in person outdoors if the weather cooperates. If not, by Zoom. 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.



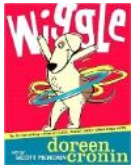
### SLUGGER'S READING CHALLENGE for KIDS in GRADES K-8

Kids in grades K-8 can READ their way to a **FREE** early season **Portland Sea Dogs** game ticket with Slugger's Reading Challenge! We have forms (and books!!) at the **Readfield Community Library**. Deadline is **April 21st**.

FMI: <https://www.milb.com/portland/community/readingchallenge>



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



### April STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Wiggle*

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 April is *Wiggle* by Doreen Cronin. The last week of the month will feature local poetry.** 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.



### April STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*A Stick Is An Excellent Thing*

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 *A Stick Is An Excellent Thing* by Marilyn Singer, sponsored by the Molokie Family.**

## STORY WALK® EVENTS on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<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 April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

## 4th Annual POETRY STROLL on April 25<sup>th</sup>



Please join us in-person, outdoors behind the library on **Tuesday, April 25th from 3-4pm** for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **POETRY SHARE with an AFTERNOON POETRY STROLL** to celebrate April as **National Poetry Month!** This event is for all ages.

### CALLING POETS OF ALL AGES!

We also welcome advanced submissions of local/Maine poetry to be featured along the Story Walk Trail during the last week of April and for the Poetry Stroll on April 25th. **Submission guidelines for patrons:** Please submit an original poem YOU have written, OR feel free to suggest a favorite poem written by a local/Maine poet for us to feature. We welcome poems from poets of all ages! **Submission deadline is April 19th.** Please submit in person at the library or by email to [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org).

## THANK YOU, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS! ~ National Volunteer Week, April 23-29

We would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of our incredible library volunteers! The Readfield Community Library is a thriving community library quite simply because of the dedication of many truly amazing volunteers who help with circulation, story time, crafts, book displays, special projects and programs, book repair, and more! Thank you for your selfless commitment to our library and our community!



## SAVE THE DATES! A few upcoming programs in May...



~ Wednesday, May 3 = **Star Wars Night** (on the eve of May 4<sup>th</sup>!)

~ Saturday, May 6 @ 2pm = **Shape Note Singing Workshop**

~ TBD Mon/Wed evening in May = **Spring Bike Tune-Up Workshop**



## TOP CHECKOUTS in February/March

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

*A World of Curiosities* (Penny)

*Horse* (Brooks)

*Hatchet Island* (Doiron)

*Mad Honey* (Picoult/Boylan)

*The Invincible Miss Cust* (Haw)

*Robbed Blind* (Boyle)

*The Nazi Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to*

*Kill Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill*

(Meltzer)

*The Banshees of Inisherin* (DVD)

*A Man Called Otto* (DVD)

*Tar* (DVD)

## 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/>

# Readfield Union Meeting House

This is no April Fools joke! The Friends of the Readfield Union Meeting House and Vestry are kicking off Spring with a "Pizza To Go" and "Everyone Wins" Raffle fundraiser. This is a pre-order only event, so don't miss the April 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. Delivery pick up will be on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00pm in the Vestry parking lot.

What a great way to kick-off April School Vacation! To order go to this- Direct Link to order form : <https://forms.gle/SCpun4xyDgvYnXmY7>

The Vestry Building Committee, under the guidance of Larry Dunn, is getting ready to order bathroom fixtures, lights, sinks and countertops. A new laminate floor has been laid, and the furnace has been re-installed. When you stop by to pick up your pizza, take a look at the kitchen renovation to date.

Membership reminders for 2023 will sent out within a week. Our community is reminded that RUMH membership is open to everyone who wants to support the on-going maintenance and restoration projects of Readfield's historic Meeting House.

See our website- [unionmeetinghouse.org](http://unionmeetinghouse.org)- for the wide range of membership levels.

Fundraising efforts for the clock tower, belfry and spine continue. John Perry and Nancy Durgin submitted requests for the FY24 Congressional Direct Spending to Senator Collins and Senator King. Of the hundreds of organizations and businesses from Maine that submit requests, we are hoping to be one of the recipients of this funding.

Thank you to all who wrote Letters of Support, an important part of the application process. Listed in no special order: Tavis Hasenpus- ME. State Representative, Craig Hickman- ME. State Senator, Earle Shuttleworth, Jr-ME State Historian, Tara Kelly-Maine Preservation, Eric Dyer- Readfield Town Manager, Andrews Tolman- VP, RHS, Pamela Osborn, Readfield resident and two out of state supporters-Don Shook, Las Vegas, NV, and Tom Wilson, Vice Admiral USN (ret) Williamsburg, VA. A special thank you to John Perry for his help in getting me through the long drawn out application process.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin*

**"Pizza To Go" &  
"Everyone Wins"  
Raffle Fundrasier  
April 13th  
4:30 - 6:30 PM**



**Deadline April 6 - Direct Link to order: <https://forms.gle/SCpun4xyDgvYnXmY7>**

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

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!  
Go to [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and click on E-Alerts to sign up.

# 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

**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>

## RSU 38 ~ Maranacook Adult Ed News

**Lots of new classes starting soon!!**

### Enrichment Classes

### Start Date

HiSET Test Preparation	Ongoing
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 Beach	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



Dear Maranacook School Community,

RSU #38 is beginning the process of developing a 5-year Strategic Plan for 2024-2029. The current plan is due to expire in January 2024. We are seeking a group of community members, staff and students, who want to participate in this important work. Please review the following information and use the link at the end of the document if you want to be a part of this process.

Sincerely,

Jay Charette

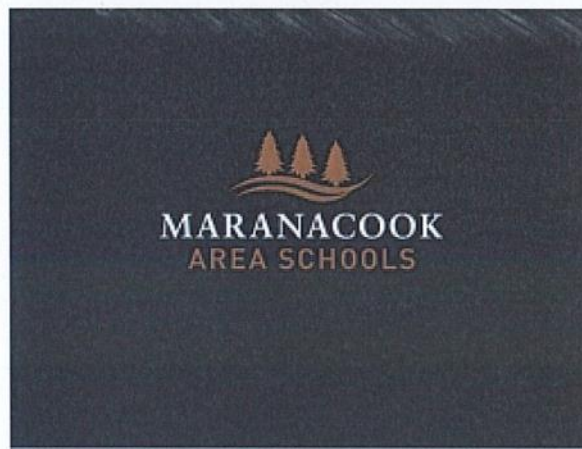
Superintendent of Schools



## **RSU #38/ Maranacook Area Schools**

### **5 year Strategic Planning Process**

**Plan term 2024 - 2029**



March 6, 2023

## Scope and timeline of work

Meeting Dates (4th Tuesday of Month except where noted*) 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Work to be Completed at each meeting
Mar 29, 2023 *	Identify Needs, Process - Self-Directed, Agenda Planning, Prepare Current Data, Look at sample plans
Apr 26, 2023 *	Set norms, review time and process, Review current data and sample plans
May 24, 2023 *	Identified preferred Components, Plan Staff Feedback loop, Review Current mission/vision
Jun 19, 2023 *	Community Forum planning
July - No meeting	
Aug 22, 2023	Staff Feedback loop - SWOT Loop 1 Review input from Community Form, Develop draft 1 of Mission/vision/beliefs, Confirm preferred components
Sep 26, 2023	Draft 2 Mission/Vision, Draft 1 additional components, Identify 3 - 5 Focus areas, Member select focus area to work (subcommittee), Focus area set work schedule expectations
Oct 24, 2023	Draft 3 Vision/Mission, Draft 2 additional components, Draft 1 focus area, Begin discussion of performance targets
Nov 28, 2023	Draft 3 additional components, Peer Review of Draft 2 focus area work, Draft 1 performance indicators, Develop Table of Contents
Dec 19, 2023 *	Staff Feedback loop 2, Review staff feedback, Draft 3 Focus Areas, Draft 2 Table of Contents, Prepare for community Forum 2
January 23, 2024	Review Components from Community Forum 2, Edit as needed, Draft 3 Table of Contents, Draft 2 of Performance indicators
February 27, 2024	Finalize Core Components, Drafts 3 Performance Indicators
March 26, 2024	Final edits, prepare for School Board Presentation
April - TBA	Board Approval - Public Release

March 6, 2023

## Team Makeup and Responsibilities

Stakeholder Groups	
<i>District Leadership (Leading)</i>	2
<i>Staff</i>	6 one representative per building
<i>Administration</i>	3 one Representative per level (Elem, Mid, High)
<i>Board Members</i>	4 one Representative per town
<i>Community</i>	8 Two representatives per community
<i>At large students</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

### Participant Commitments:

- 1) Attend all meetings
- 2) Meaningful contribution to all discussions in the process
- 3) Participate in subcommittee work as necessary
- 4) Ability to stay task focused
- 5) Meet timelines for deliverables
- 6) Be prepared for meetings by reading, researching and studying provided documents
- 7) Have a future focused mindset

All interested individuals should go to this [link](#) and submit your information. If necessary all names will be entered into a random drawing for the available seats on the work committee. Please respond no later than March 24, 2023 if interested in serving on this committee.

March 6, 2023





**RSU #38  
Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne  
FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR  
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

RSU #38 is seeking all Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please call your local elementary school to add your name to the list for further information.

- Manchester Elementary – 622-2949
- Mt. Vernon Elementary – 293-2261
- Readfield Elementary – 685-4406
- Wayne Elementary – 685-3634

**Age requirements by October 15, 2023:**

Pre-K – 4-years old

Kindergarten – 5-years old

Readfield United Methodist Church is seeking a custodian for 3-4 hours/week.



Must be able to work independently, use good judgement, and set priorities when confronted with multiple tasks. \$23.00/hour.

If interested please send resume to RUMC, PO Box 286, Kents Hill, ME 04349, attention SPRC.

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- PRESENTATIONS ON ARTS, TRAVEL, EVENTS, AND MORE.
- HOSTED BY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING.
- BRING CRAFTS, GAMES AND FRIENDS!

**TUESDAYS**  
9-11

**Interested?**  
CONTACT DAN HOLMAN AT  
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

Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Association

Thanks to all who helped get this program running again!



# The Gallery at 1138 Main Street, Readfield

is proudly sharing a wonderful Art show by Christine Nilles with a closing party on April 30th. And an afternoon of poetry and music on April 29th. More information on both events below.

The April gallery hours will be Fridays 10:00 am -12:00 Noon beginning April 14th.

In May we will be hosting an open mic once a month. Saturday evenings of stories, poems, and music. Get your stories ready!

If you are a local artist and would like to be featured on the art wall at the town office for 2 months please send Camille an email at [cameedavidson@gmail.com](mailto:cameedavidson@gmail.com) We have openings and would LOVE to have your art displayed! Current displayed artist is Chris Olson.

## An Afternoon of Poetry & Music

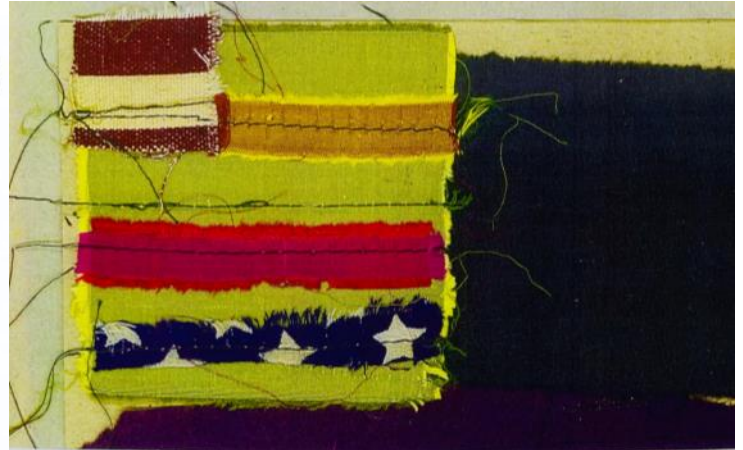
Saturday, April 29, 3-5 pm  
The Gallery in Readfield



"Sicily Afternoon" by Kat Logan

**Featured Poets:** Lori Clark, Claire Hersom, Rebecca Jones,  
Kat Logan, Marcia Simmons

The afternoon will include music by Kat Logan & light refreshments  
1138 Main Street, Readfield [www.galleryinreadfield.com](http://www.galleryinreadfield.com)



## UTOPIAN FLAGS *of* THE WORLD

wall hangings by CE NILLES

april 4 – april 30

There will be a closing Party April 30, 2 – 4pm.

The Gallery 1138 MAIN ST, READFIELD, ME 04335

**advertise  
YOUR  
BUSINESS  
HERE!**

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)

## Wilderness First Aid hosted by Kennebec Land Trust at Camp Mechuwana May 9 & 10, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The best and most comprehensive course of its kind to offer relevant and realistic first-aid training for seasonal outdoor activities or short-term wilderness endeavors and pursuits.

Wilderness First Aid is a two-day introduction to general medical concepts and basic life support skills. It is targeted to the outdoor enthusiast on day trips or short adventures. The course is taught by professional instructors with significant patient care and backcountry experience.

Licensed Training Company: Wilderness Medicine Leadership Collective

Location: Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, ME 04364 - United States

Cost: \$250 for course instruction (\$200 for KLT members)

Meals and lodging are available for an additional cost. Please indicate interest when registering.

Visit the Kennebec Land Trust website to register: <https://www.tkl.org/upcomingevents/2023/5/9/wilderness-first-aid-wfa>



## Geology of Howard Hill Historical Park, Augusta ~ Saturday, May 13, 10:00 AM

Bob Marvinney, retired State Geologist, will lead a geological tour of Howard Hill Historical Park and the surrounding area on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM. Learn about the metamorphic rocks and granite at Howard Hill that record over four hundred million years of Earth's history. Bring shoes you're comfortable walking in. We'll meet at the end of Ganneston Drive in Augusta. Please park alongside the road and be respectful of neighboring driveways.

For more information on these events or to RSVP please contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848



Your  
**Home is Key**

Struggling with home expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

**The Maine Homeowner Assistance Fund is here to help.**

Find out if you qualify at  
[MaineHomeownerHelp.org](https://MaineHomeownerHelp.org)



HAF may be able to help if you are struggling to pay for all of your home's expenses.

*The Maine Homeowner Assistance Fund is a federally funded assistance program that can pay up to \$50,000 in assistance to eligible homeowners in Maine. The program was created to help homeowners who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and may be at risk of losing their homes. The program can pay back and future mortgage payments, property tax and utility bills including sewer, water and heating fuel costs.*

#### How do I apply?

*MaineHousing has expanded eligibility for the HAF program in Maine and will reconsider applicants who may have been previously denied or were unable to complete an application under the former program rules.*

*To be eligible you must earn less than 150 percent of local area median income and have sustained financial hardship related to COVID-19 that occurred after January of 2020.*

#### What is considered a financial hardship?

*Examples of hardships include but are not limited to:*

- Income or job loss
- Increased household expenses
- Increased childcare costs
- Increase medical expenses
- Other increased household costs associated to COVID-19.

*Proof of income and an attestation of a financial burden or loss related to COVID-19 are requirements for program eligibility. Funding is limited so don't wait.*

To see if you are eligible and to begin the application process go to [MaineHomeownerHelp.org](https://MaineHomeownerHelp.org)



### Parker Pond Headland Preserve Mud Season Trail Closure

Kennebec Land Trust's (KLT) Parker Pond Headland Preserve on Fellows Cove Road in Fayette is temporarily closed to hikers during mud season (mid March - April/May). Currently, the Fellows Cove Road is only open to homeowners to minimize the impacts on the road.

During mud season, KLT recommends hikers visit the nearby Ezra Smith Conservation Area in Mount Vernon, Torsey Pond Nature Preserve or Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest in Readfield or Hutchinson Pond in Manchester instead. However, please help take care of all our local trails by staying off them when they are muddy.

To find driving directions and more information about these beautiful trails visit KLT's website: <https://www.tkl.org/property-list>, email [info@tklt.org](mailto:info@tklt.org) or call 207-377-2848





# Manchester Lions Club

BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork

## TO GO!

100% of proceeds support our community!



# \$12

Dinners served with Mac n cheese, Green Beans and Dessert!

**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:** May 13, 2023 from 4:30 to 6pm

**Where:** Manchester Lions Club House

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

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

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

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FOR DELIVERY, PLEASE  
INDICATE ADDRESS:

CONFIRMED BY: LION  
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CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO MANCHESTER LIONS CLUB

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# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Assessor In (By Appointment)	8 Annual Egg Hunt 10:00 AM Readfield Fairgrounds
9 Easter 	10 Select Board 6:30 PM	11 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm Meeting 6:30 PM	12 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library 6:30 PM Budget Committee 6:30 PM	13 Road Committee 6:00 PM Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM	14 Nomination Papers due by 3:30 PM	15
16	17 Town Office & Library Closed 	18	19 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM	20	21 Assessor In (By Appointment)	22 DEA RX Take Back Day 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Transfer Station
23	24 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	25 Planning Board 6:30 PM May Messenger Articles Due	26 Trails 6:30 PM	27	28	29
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