



Readfield Messenger

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**Annual
Town
Meeting**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Annual Town Meeting &
RSU #38 Referendum**

Important Dates:

Monday, May 1; 6:30 PM: Meet the Candidates Night, Readfield Town Office

Wednesday, May 10; 7:00 PM: RSU#38 Annual Budget Meeting/On Floor Vote
Maranacook Middle School Gymnasium

Friday, May 12; 7:30 AM: Absentee Ballots Available

Wednesday May 31; 6:30 PM: Final Public Hearing on Completed
Budget/Warrant, Readfield Town Office

Friday, June 9; Last day to request Absentee Ballots (office closes at 3:30 pm)

Tuesday, June 13; 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Voting Day; Annual Town Meeting/RSU Referendum
Kents Hill School Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield

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The Town Office & Library
will be closed Monday,
May 29 in observance
of Memorial Day

Select Board Corner

Hello Friends,

April showers bring May flowers....and May brings plenty to Readfield.

Over the course of the next few weeks, you'll hear from and about candidates for Select Board and School Board. Signs will begin to pop up, letters will be written and published, and campaigning will be in full swing. That's democracy, and a great part of our town, state, and country.

We also find ourselves in Readfield Clean Up May.

Prior to the pandemic and 2020, Readfield would designate one day for roadside clean up. If you couldn't do it on that day, you were simply out of luck.

Then 2020 came and we decided that, in order to keep safe, we would offer the entire MONTH to help clean up our community and people could do it at their leisure.

This year, we are combining the two!

You will still be able to sign up, volunteer, and clean your (or another) road in Readfield all month long. However, we are announcing Saturday, May 13th as an official day of cleaning up.

Pick any day of the month OR sign up for May 13th...either way, by doing so you are contributing to your community and helping to keep our town clean. That's #ReadfieldTogether.

Campaigns, community, and cleaning up...all a part of May in Readfield.

April showers bring May flowers...and Readfield is ready to bloom!

Take care of yourselves and your neighbors,

Dennis

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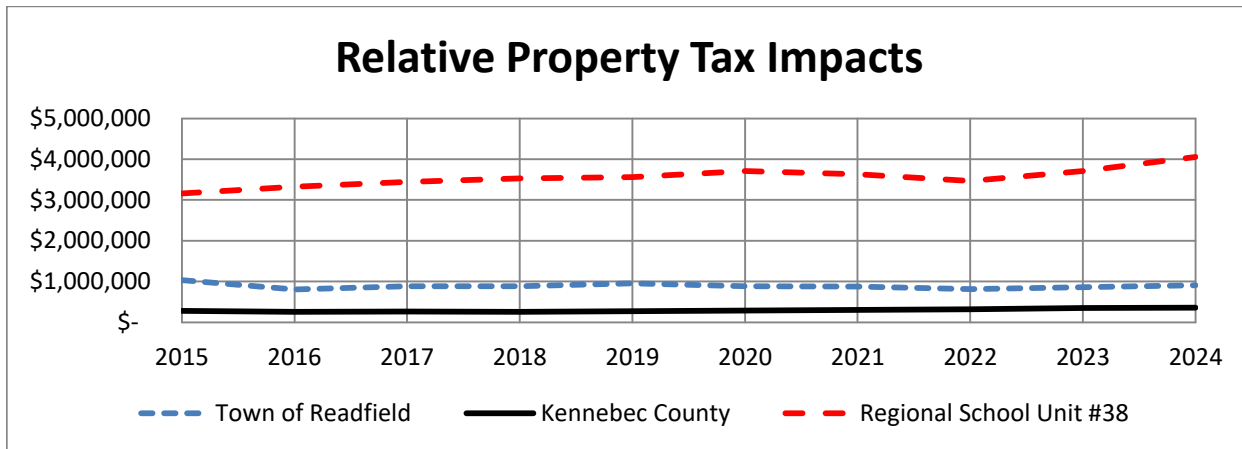
News from the Town Manager

Town Manager’s Report - Budget Update IV - Final Budget Summary

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. In April the Budget Committee and Select Board finalized the budget and Town Meeting Warrant. This month I will once again discuss 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 about \$260,000.

| TAX YEAR | MUNICIPAL MIL RATE | HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION | EST. TAX * | ANNUAL DIFFERENCE | % CHANGE |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| 2024 | 2.69 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 633 | \$ 24.46 | 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 |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2.70 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 67.38 |
| 2.70 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 202.13 |
| 2.70 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 336.88 |
| 2.70 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 471.64 |
| 2.70 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 606.39 |
| 2.70 | \$ 260,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 633.34 |
| 2.70 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 741.14 |
| 2.70 | \$ 350,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 875.90 |
| 2.70 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 1,010.65 |
| 2.70 | \$ 450,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 1,145.40 |
| 2.70 | \$ 500,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 1,280.15 |

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:

- **Candidate’s Night** will be held on **May 1st at 6:30pm** via ZOOM and at the Town Office.
- The final **Comprehensive Plan Update** Informational Meeting will be held on **May 17th at 6:30pm** at the Town Office and via ZOOM.
- The final **Public Hearing** on the budget and Town Meeting Warrant will be on **May 31st 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 can be submitted at: www.readfieldmaine.org
- The **Annual Town Meeting / Secret Ballot** vote will be held on **June 13th from 8am until 8pm at the Kents Hill School Alford Athletic Center.**
- **Municipal Absentee Ballots** will be available at the Town Office beginning **May 12th.**

As always, visit www.readfieldmaine.org for more information!



Meet the Candidates Night !!!

Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled to be held on **Monday, May 1**, starting with Select Board Candidates at **6:30pm** followed by School Board Candidates at approximately **7:50pm**. This event will be held in person on the 2nd floor of the Readfield Town Office, and broadcast and recorded via Zoom.

Due to the number of candidates questions will be limited and response times will be tightly managed. In addition to a standard set of questions and questions submitted by residents the moderator will also take questions from the floor.

If you would like to submit questions for any/all of the candidates via email you may email:

clerk@readfieldmaine.org

Candidates Running for: Select Board / 3 Year Term:

- David Linton
- Dennis Price

(Please note as of 4/26 Robert Bittar has withdrawn his Candidacy)

**Candidates
information on
next page!!!!**

Candidates Running for: RSU#38 School Board / 3 Year Term:

- Brian Tarbuck
- Marie Rodriguez

Information for Candidates Night will be posted on the Town's website under Voting Information / Candidates Night & at the Town Office

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 207-685-4939 or email

Voting Information for the upcoming June 13, 2023 Town Meeting is available on the town website: www.readfieldmaine.org under the Voting Section and at the Town Office.

Participate via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88149608367> or

Call-in at +1 (929) 436-2866 and enter meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and passcode: 781405

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; by mail to Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355 or drop off at the Town Office.

Select Board Candidate - Dennis Price

Greetings Friends,

My name is Dennis Price, and I'm asking for your vote on June 13th.

I am seeking re-election because I love Readfield. I want to continue working with the members of the Select Board and others to continue bringing our town together. I believe Readfield is a special place.

I have been a part of a Select Board that has worked diligently with other Readfield boards, committees, and commissions to create opportunities in our town like new trails, tax relief programs, and a free-to-residents beach.

We have worked with businesses, old and new, to help our town grow including a free Readfield business registry listing, an Enterprise Committee for small business loans, and business open houses during Heritage Days.

We have battled uncertainty and unprecedented market fluctuations to help keep the municipal budget responsible while still delivering the level of services we expect.

More importantly, I have been a part of a Select Board that stands against misinformation, lies, and harassment of town employees.

I believe in the power of this community. I want to look through the noise and division, and see what's important - our community. Excelsior!

My name is Dennis Price. I am running for Readfield Select Board. You can email me anytime at dprice@readfieldmaine.org



School Board Candidate - Brian Tarbuck

I'm Brian Tarbuck and I'm running for a three year term for the school board. 35 years ago I graduated from Maranacook where I met my wife, Kathy. We've lived in Readfield for 18 years and our two sons are Maranacook students now. I have a degree in civil engineering and have a Professional Engineer license. I work full time as the General Manager at Greater Augusta Utility District where I've worked for over 21 years.

I'm interested in serving on the school board as it represents Readfield's largest single investment both financially and socially. As such, it requires engaged board members that can balance the cost of educating a diverse population against the success those individual students can achieve.

I serve on boards at the New England, state and local levels and enjoy learning about organizations and how they can operate better.

That service has taught me that the most effective Boards act like tugboats that nudge the organizational ship through complex harbors. Effective board members are informed, engaged and respect one another and the constituents they serve by leaving their own agendas at the door and listening to different ideas - like we do in engineering. I feel that I can bring that approach to the school board and help find ways to provide an outstanding education for our future neighbors at a cost to taxpayers that is reasonable and transparent. If that approach makes sense to you, I'd be honored to have your support.

All candidates were given the opportunity to submit an article & photo. The information was submitted by the above candidates for the May Messenger - look for updates on candidates on the Town website and in the June Messenger (as provided).

Information about obtaining an

ABSENTEE BALLOT



June 13, 2023 Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Absentee Ballot requests are currently being accepted and will be available starting May 12th.

You must be a registered voter in the Town of Readfield to vote in Readfield
To register to vote, or for questions concerning voter registration, contact the Town Clerk at
685-4939 or clerk@readfieldmaine.org

How to request a ballot:

- In person at the Town Office. Friday, June 9th is the last day to request your absentee ballots – the Town Office is open regular office hours; 7:30am to 3:30pm on this day.
- Online, visit the Town website www.readfieldmaine.org for more information and link.
- Call the Town Office at 685-4939 and we can take your request over the phone – *phone requests must be made directly by the voter and the voter must speak with Town Office staff; voice mail and email requests are not accepted per State of Maine law.*
- Mail a ballot application to: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355

Absentee Ballots will be mailed starting Monday, May 15th, if requested early.

Absentee Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the Town Office DROP BOX by the voter OR an immediate family member.

All absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Tuesday June 13th.

To return your ballot on Election Day; return to the voting place at: Kents Hill School - Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield ME

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE
at 685-4939 or at www.readfieldmaine.org under VOTING**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Kents Hill School - Alford Athletic Center,
1617 Main Street, Readfield ME



Ballots will be available after May 12, 2023 but you may submit your written request before if you would like it mailed to you once they become available.



Application for Absentee Ballot

June 13, 2023

Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Application Received: | |
| Date: _____ | Time: _____ |
| Ballot Sent/Delivered: | |
| Date: _____ | Time: _____ |

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on Friday, June 9, 2023 unless special circumstances exist.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8:00 pm on June 13th, 2023

1. Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot _____
2. Residence Address of Voter _____
3. Voter's Date of Birth ____/____/____
4. Daytime Phone Number ____-____-____
5. Email Address: _____
6. Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter
 - a. Issued to Voter (Application only Required if Voter will Vote Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence)
 - b. By Mail to this Address: _____
 - c. By Immediate Family Member of Voter: _____
(name of family member and relationship)
 - d. By this 3rd Person (Designated by the Voter) Name: _____ Phone: _____
7. Signature of Voter OR
Immediate Family Member of Voter: _____ Date: _____

Note: If an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 5(c) above. The absentee ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 5(b).

8. Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot: _____
Relationship to Voter _____
(Complete Section #7 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)

AIDE CERTIFICATE (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below) The voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.

I helped this voter: read the application sign the application read and sign the application

Signature of Aide _____ Printed Name of Aide _____

Application may be mailed to: Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd., Readfield, ME 04355

The Town of Readfield Presents Clean Up May!

This May, the Town of Readfield invites you to clean your road and community of trash and debris!

In the past, this has happened on one-day. Due to Covid, we switched to ANY day in May. This year, we're combining both!!!

Our official Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 13th beginning at 8:00 am but you can clean up any time in May!

If your schedule doesn't work for our official day, May 13th, you can still sign up for any help during the month. We want you to choose the best way you can help!

Using the online signup sheet (link is below), you and your band of helpers can sign up to clean your roadside areas and others!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B44AAA623AAFF2-2020>

Bags, disposable gloves, picking tools, and other supplies can be picked up at the Transfer Station all month AND will also be available at the Fairgrounds at 8:00 am on May 13th.

Readfield provides the tools, and you provide a valuable service back to the town!



Readfield Clean Up May is dedicated to late Select Board member and friend of Readfield, John Parent. Help continue his legacy of responsible citizenship by signing up for your road (or others) and being a part of this great community effort.

For more information, visit the town website - www.readfieldmaine.org or call the Town Office, 685-4939

Thank you!

Transfer Station News - May 2023

Save the Date

Sun., July 9th 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.

Sunday Summer Hours Are Back!

June 4th through August 27th

8 AM - Noon



Food Composting

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



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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday Summer Hours
June 4th through August 27th
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Passes available starting May 1st at the Readfield Town Office!

2023 Readfield Beach Pass Application

RESIDENT PASS: (Readfield Residents & Non-Resident Taxpayers) **FREE / year**
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger living in household, and grandchildren.

NON-RESIDENT PASS: **\$100 / year**
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger living in household, and grandchildren.

GUEST PASSES: Guest Passes are required for those who do not have a Resident or Non-Resident Pass.

- **DAY GUEST PASS:** Max. of 10 guests: _____ **\$5 / guest**
- **WEEK GUEST PASS:** Valid for seven (7) consecutive days starting: _____ **\$20 / guest**

NAMES: _____ **MAILING ADDRESS:** _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ **TOWN:** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TEL#: _____ **CELL#:** _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

LICENSE PLATE # 1: _____ **LICENSE PLATE # 2:** _____

I am a legal resident of: _____ . I am the legal parent/guardian or grandparent of all the children listed below and they are all 21 or younger. They will be using the Town Beach under this permit and I will be supervising any under the age of 15 at all times.

| | Name | Age | Name | Age |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|
| 1 | | | 5 | |
| 2 | | | 6 | |
| 3 | | | 7 | |
| 4 | | | 8 | |

I am interested in learning more about **Swim Lessons** (price TBD) ___ Yes ___ No, for a child age ____, ____, ____, ___

I am interested in learning more about **Canoe / Kayak Launch & Rack Rental Permits** ___ Yes ___ No

I hereby acknowledge that the Town of Readfield does not provide lifeguard services or supervision at the Readfield Beach and therefore users must exercise constant observation and supervision of children and guests at the facility. I understand that this permit can be revoked at any time if Town Beach Rules are abused or inaccurate information provided. Town Beach Rules are attached.

- CHILDREN UNDER 15 MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT ON THE PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES.
- You will be issued **ONLY two (2) permits per family**.
- Permits **will not be issued** without license plate numbers.
- **ALL Passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Town Clerk Initials: _____ Payment: _____

| | |
|--|---------|
| ** Staff Use Only ** | |
| Permit # A _____ | B _____ |
| Payment Type: () Cash Amount: _____ () Check # _____ Amount _____ | |
| () Visa / MasterCard #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code _____ | |
| **All Credit Card transactions will incur a 2.95% convenience fee** | |

Make Check Payable to "Town of Readfield" • Send application with notation "Attn: Beach Pass"

RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH

As established by the Town Beach Ordinance, the purpose of these Beach Rules is to provide for the enjoyment, health, welfare and safety of all persons using the Town Beach; to provide a family-oriented atmosphere for lawful users of the Town Beach; to support the maintenance and operation of the Town Beach; and to maintain accepted environmental standards to preserve the ecological quality of the Town Beach and waterways for future generations.

- All users of the Town Beach are required to have a season pass or purchase a guest pass.
- All users of the Town Beach assume all risk. There is **NO LIFEGUARD** at any time.
- Town Beach Hours: 5:00 am – 9:00 pm. No after-hours activity is allowed.
- All users of the Town Beach must follow the direction of Beach Staff. Beach Staff have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is disruptive, dangerous, or damaging.
- Children under 15 must be supervised by an adult remaining on the property at all times.
- When arriving at the Town Beach you must drive slowly and use caution in parking area, show your pass to Beach Staff on duty (or purchase guest pass from attendant), and keep your pass visible on the dashboard at all times.
- No bicycles are allowed outside of the parking areas.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
- No glass of any kind is allowed at the Town Beach.
- No domestic animals are allowed at the Town Beach. Documented Service Animals by written permission of the Town Manager.
- No fishing allowed within 100 feet of the beach or buoyed swim area.
- No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
- The use of any floats in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the Beach Staff on duty.
- Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake.
- No bathing with shampoo, soap, or other compounds.
- Trash and recycling cans are available at the Town Beach but we encourage a “carry-in, carry-out” policy to reduce the risk of attracting nuisance pests like wasps, rats, and skunks.
- There is absolutely no smoking, vaping, or tobacco use allowed anywhere on the property.
- All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
- No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
- All noise must be kept to a level as to not to disturb others using the beach.
- All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving. No fires outside of the grills.
- Sun umbrellas and shade canopies are allowed, no enclosed tents.
- No camping without written approval of the Select Board.
- Pass holders wishing to have any group function should call the Readfield Town Office at 207-685-4939 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
- Non-recreational use of the Town Beach is prohibited outside of designated non-recreational use areas.
- The Town of Readfield and our authorized representatives reserve the right to revoke any Beach Pass for violation of any of the above rules.

Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!



News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

The calendar shows it is mid April as this article goes to press. The temperatures have been above average and the April showers have been almost non-existent. Grass is getting green and memories of the last couple of snow storms seem to be fading. More and more people are using the trails, especially at the fairgrounds. The trails seem to have held up pretty well and there was no repeat of washed out trails and the need for re-routing as happened last year.

With the fairgrounds trails in close to excellent shape, our committee has decided to use the volunteer efforts from Kents Hill School students and staff to re-surface the Community Pathway trail that extends from behind the library and finishes on Church Road. This is a popular short hike especially since the library has their book walk program that provides a new book enclosed in small kiosks lining the trail. New books appear monthly throughout the year. Walking and reading the books along the path is great activity for all ages. We want to make the walk as pleasant as possible so the effort to upgrade the surface has become a priority this spring. Committee members and resident volunteers will work with the Kents Hill School folks on Thursday, April 27th. Thank you to all involved.

New trail maps are on the way. Community volunteer Don Rahmlow and committee members have been working to update the current map. The newest version will include the newest trail located at Carlton Pond as well as adding Maranacook hiking trails. The Carlton Pond trail (parking available off of Route 17 through the first gate) has already had an influx of hikers this spring. Expanded directions including parking information will make the trails maps more user friendly.

No sign of snow as April ends and we can be sure some warmer weather is coming in the not too distant future so head out! If you see any issues that need attention on our trails feel to call the town office (685-4939) or Greg Durgin (685-4481) to hopefully get the issue resolved. One last reminder to clean up after your pets on the trails so hiking, biking, running etc. can be as pleasant as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Durgin

Join the Readfield Tax Club!

Break your upcoming 2023 Property Tax Bill into
affordable, interest free, monthly payments.

Must be up to date with your taxes

For more information call Teresa at: 685-1817



www.readfieldmaine.org/subscribe

Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of April 27, 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: 2 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.

Cemetery Committee Update

The Cemetery Committee has been working on balancing the continued maintenance of the Town's Cemeteries while minimizing the cost to our residents. The budget we proposed, and that the Budget Committee and Select Board approved, is bottom line flat funded. In addition, the budget will utilize funds from the Perpetual care and operating reserve accounts to reduce the need for new tax collection. Only \$4,500 of the \$19,500 proposed budget will be funded by current taxes. The budget provides for ongoing maintenance of trees, old gravestones, stone walls, plantings, and Veteran's flags and memorials.



Age-Friendly Update



The Age-Friendly committee is delighted to welcome two new members, Deb Carey and Marge Livingston.

The committee has updated the Handy Helpers brochure and resources list. A separate one-sided card listing resources is available with a magnet attached. Copies of both are available at the Town Hall. The Senior Café has been running every Tuesday from 9-11 at the Middle School with attendance in the range of 8-10. There have been numerous presentations and chances for interaction with students. The committee will be looking at possibilities for continuing the Senior Cafe once the school year is finished.

The committee appreciates having representation, and therefore two-way communication, with various other community groups such as the Comprehensive Plan committee, the ad hoc Fairgrounds committee, Neighbors Driving Neighbors and the Library. The committee is actively seeking ways to collaborate on projects with other committees. We look forward to participating in the kick-off for the NDN program in June and have several members already participating as volunteer drivers.

We're grateful to former chair of the committee, Romaine Turyn, for returning to assist us with the committee's 5-year progress report for AARP.



**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 Union Meeting House

A thank you goes out to Maureen Whitestone and the Kents Hill students and staff who helped with yard work around the Meeting House and window washing at the Vestry on April 27th. (this is written with the assumption that the weather didn't cause a cancellation.) For over 5 years Maureen has set up Kents Hill students for a Community Service Day in the spring and another in the fall. Again, thank you Maureen for the hours of prep work required to pull off such worthwhile COMMUNITY work sessions.

The Events Committee is seeking CRAFTERS for a Craft Fair on Saturday, July 22nd, with a rain date of the 23rd. The fair will run from 9-2pm on the lawn of the Union Meeting House at 22 Church Rd. This was a very successful event last year and we hope to see an increase in attendance. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Flo Drake at dracotsb@gmail.com

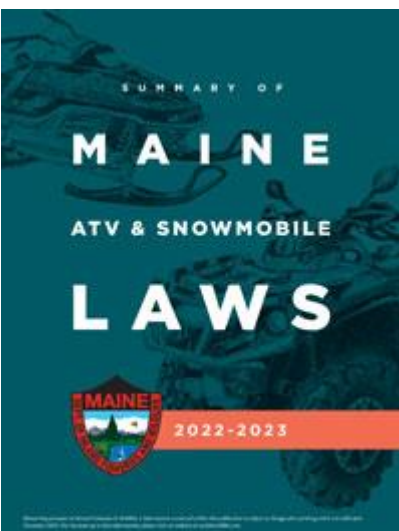
The Readfield Union Meeting House will be opening on Saturday mornings starting June 17th thru the end of August from 10 AM to 12:00 noon. Stop in to see changes that have taken place since last September. If this is not a convenient time for you or your guests, please call Nancy Durgin at 685-4481. She's willing to open our showcase historic community buildings.



Work continues on the Vestry. Under the direction of board member Larry Dunn, a new floor has been laid in the kitchen area, the furnace has been reinstalled, and closet and bathroom doors have been installed. Volunteer help by Larry, Jim Tukey, and some Friends of the Vestry has saved the Vestry building committee hours of labor costs.

The Friends of the Vestry and Meeting House had a very successful “Pizza to Go” event on April 13th with the profits going to help with material costs. The Friends also had a “clean up afternoon “ in the main vestry room on April 10th, to get ready for interior painting in the near future.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin



**2023 ATV
Registrations
Now Available!**



Scan the QR Code to go to the IF&W website for Laws & Trails/Map Information

| Residents | Nonresidents | Antique ATV** |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| \$71* <i>Prior to registration, sales or use taxes are due.</i> | Season: \$116* 7-Day: \$101* | \$45* <i>Residents** & Nonresidents</i> |

E-Alerts Subscription & Text Alerts!

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!
Go to www.readfieldmaine.org and click on E-Alerts to sign up.



MAY 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURE The Library will be **CLOSED Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.



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>

Two upcoming events from this series are listed below:

"FIX-A-BIKE" Bike Maintenance Workshop for Adults and Teens on May 1st

Curious about bicycle mechanics? Looking to maintain your faithful steed or conduct long overdue TLC? Perform a roadside repair and keep that bicycle mojo elevated? Yes, yes, yes! This Fix-A-Bike Workshop will cover all the above and answer any other bicycle related questions you bring along for the ride. This is a 2-hour hands-on workshop, open to teens and adults. Please bring your bike along! All tools and instruction will be provided. (Feel free to bring your own tools if you'd like, but that is not necessary. You may also bring your helmet for a fit inspection.)

Please register ASAP—only a few spots left for each workshop! Please register for the workshop site and time that works best for your schedule, regardless of the town you live in.

Monday, May 1—2:30-4:30pm @ Dr. Shaw Memorial Library in Mt. Vernon (outdoors)

Monday, May 1—5:00-7:00pm @ Readfield Community Library in Readfield (outdoors)

To register for the Mt Vernon workshop, call 207-293-2565 or email – librarian@drshawlibrary.org

To register for the Readfield workshop, call 207-695-4089 or email – librarian@readfieldmaine.org



The **Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM)** works to make Maine a better place to bike and walk. We work to expand biking in Maine, improve bike and pedestrian safety, pass bike- and ped-friendly laws, and spread a love of being active to children and adults alike. The BCM is a 501c3 non-profit organization funded predominantly by donations—help make Maine better for biking and walking, visit bikemaine.org to learn more!

BUDGETING BASICS WORKSHOP with New Ventures Maine on May 11th



Do you need help thinking about your **personal/family financial sustainability**? In this interactive workshop with staff from New Ventures Maine, we will explore **building a budget** that works for you. We will cover **money tracking, goal setting**, and how having a sense of your overall financial situation can assist you in creating and using a budget. This will be a live, in-person event at **Readfield Town Office on Thursday May 11th at 6:00pm**. A Zoom option is also available. We will need a minimum of 5 participants to run the class. Please register by May 8th—email/call the library

to register for the live, in-person class OR use this link to register for the Zoom option:

<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcucqspzqEtbN4aks9dWBIHmzm87fPuSq>

STAR WARS NIGHT at the LIBRARY on May 3rd!

Calling Star Wars fans of all ages!! On Wednesday May 3rd, the eve of Stars Wars Day ("May the Forth/Force Be With You"), we will celebrate the Star Wars universe with:

- ~ Star Wars music
- ~ Star Wars themed treats
- ~ crafts and activities (themed, of course!)
- ~ Star Wars stories/books
- ~ wear a costume (optional)



And the highlight of the night...**get your photo taken with a life-size and fully functional R2D2**, pictured here and built by a Readfield resident!!! So cool!

SHAPE NOTE SINGING WORKSHOP on May 6th



The Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Historical Society invite you to participate in a workshop with live music of one of America's oldest musical traditional: **SHAPE NOTE SINGING!** The workshop will take place on **Saturday May 6th at 2:00 pm at the Readfield Town Office** and will be facilitated by the **Maine Shape Note Singers**, an informal chapter of an international organization devoted to preserving a form of music that has been associated with Maine and New England since the mid-eighteenth century. Shape note singing is rooted in community music-making as a way to promote, cultivate, and encourage singing and musical literacy. This form of music became so popular in New England that over 4,000 pieces of music were composed by amateur musicians in this part of the country before the 1820s. This workshop will feature both discussion and live music demonstration.

The workshop will begin with an introduction to the history of this music in Maine and New England with special emphasis on the early composers active in Readfield before 1820 and the Methodist movement of Jesse Lee. The Maine Shape Note Singers will then present a variety of songs that span 500 years of music included in *The Sacred Harp* that link it to the original Protestant revolution, the

singing school movement of eighteenth-century New England, its cultivation in the American south of the 19th and 20th centuries, and its continued popularity throughout the world by living composers. Come experience a great 300-year-old American musical tradition.

FMI about the Maine Shape Note Singers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221036991368952/>

MAINE ARBOR WEEK

Learn all about TREES at the Library with informational handouts, activities for kids, and books (of course) on special display during Maine Arbor Week which is celebrated May 21st to 27th this year. We will have spruce seedlings to give away (first come, first served), courtesy of the Maine Forest Service.



Weekly In-Person Outdoor STORY TIME is back!!



Weekly outdoor Story Time will start up again on May 2nd. Join us behind the library on Tuesdays at 10:00am for books, songs, and crafts. Watch Facebook events for details or call the Library. In May, themes will include gardens, mothers/grandmothers, flowers, farms, and frogs. Note we will transition to our summer location at the Readfield Town Beach in mid-June.

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



May STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Eyes that Kiss in the Corners*

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 May is *Wiggle* by Joanna Ho, sponsored by the Kents Hill School "Community Design Build" Class of Spring 2021. 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.



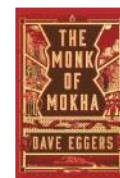
May STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Duck on a Bike*

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 May is *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon, sponsored by Marc Loiselle and Lynette Miller.

STORY WALK® EVENTS on May 2nd and 13th Join us as we enjoy the May Story Walk (Library location) together, plus music and crafts! Meet outdoors behind the Library. Check Facebook for any cancellations due to weather.

- Tuesday May 2nd at 10:00am and Saturday May 13th at 1:00pm

May 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. However, our May meeting will be one week early on May 22nd due to the Memorial Day holiday. We will discuss the book *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers. We may meet in person outdoors if the weather cooperates. If not, by Zoom. Please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.



TRAVELING this SUMMER? Using an E-READER or listening to AUDIO BOOKS?

No need to spend money on Audible, Amazon, Kindle, etc.—simply use CLOUD LIBRARY, which comes absolutely FREE with your Readfield Community Library card. Please join the Librarian on Monday May 15th at 6:00pm for a workshop at the Library on "Getting Started with Cloud Library," where you can learn how to use the app on your tablet, computer, or smartphone and learn how FREE borrowing from the "cloud" works. Simply bring your tablet, smartphone, or laptop and we will get started! Please contact the Librarian at 207-685-4089 or librarian@readfieldmaine.org with questions.



COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS Library Pass—Gardens OPEN on May 1st!!

The Library is pleased to offer again this summer a wonderful opportunity for Readfield residents to enjoy the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay for FREE! This pass program is made possible by a New England Small and Rural Libraries grant that the Library received. Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to reserve a date. The pass is good for up to 2 adults and unlimited number of children. Gardens are open May 1 through October 22, 2023.



MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out



Visit a Maine State Park for FREE with the Vehicle Pass from the Library! Checkout period is for one week, and pass should be returned inside the library (not in the Book Drop, please). If you are planning a trip, you may reserve the pass in advance.

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/>

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

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 |
| 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  Visa/Mastercard

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RELIEF SAVAGE GORDON

Is returning to

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For a special appearance on opening day

Saturday, May 27th ~ 1:00-2:00 p.m.

~ NO FEE ~ Donations are Welcome



Relief was born in Hallowell in 1769, one of twelve children. She married Daniel Gordon of Readfield in 1796 and moved there to the back-country. Relief's life spanned more than nine decades—through the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars. With humor and insight she will take you on a historical journey through the eyes of a woman in her time.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

\$25 gift certificate to the RHS gift shop

Readfield Historical Society

759 Main Street

Opening Day is

Saturday, May 27th

10:00-2:00 p.m.

Open 10-2 every Thurs. & Sat. through Labor Day weekend

FMI or to make an appointment contact

(207) 377-2299 ~ readfieldhistorical@gmail.com

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

web: neighborsdrivingneighbors.org

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TUESDAYS
9-11

Interested?

CONTACT DAN HOLMAN
AT
DAN_HOLMAN@MARAN
ACOOK.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!

Geology of Howard Hill Historical Park , Augusta

Saturday, May 13, 10 AM

Join Kennebec Land Trust and Bob Marvinney, retired State Geologist, for a geological tour of Howard Hill Historical Park and the surrounding area. 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 and to RSVP please contact Marie at mring@tklt.org or 207-377-2848.

BOOK OF HOURS

drawings & collages by Sally Wagley
May 3 – 31, 2023
Reception: Sunday, May 7, 1 - 4 pm



The Gallery, 1138 Main Street, Readfield, Maine
More info: galleryinreadfield.com (207)522-7325

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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Maranacook Food Pantry

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



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 \$ ____

FOR DELIVERY, PLEASE
INDICATE ADDRESS:

TOTAL PAID \$ ____ NAME _____

PHONE# _____

CONFIRMED BY: LION

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May 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| | 1 Meet the Candidates Night 6:30 PM | 2 | 3 | 4 Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM | 5 Assessor In (By Appointment) | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Select Board 6:30 PM | 9 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm Meeting 6:30 PM | 10 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library 6:30 PM RSU#38 Annual Budget Meeting 7:00 PM | 11 Road Committee 6:00 PM | 12 Absentee Ballots Available | 13 Clean Up May Day 8:00 AM Readfield Fairgrounds |
| 14 HAPPY Mother's DAY | 15 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM | 16 Fairgrounds Plan Public Meeting 6:30 PM | 17 Comprehensive Plan Update Informational Meeting 6:00 PM | 18 | 19 Assessor In (By Appointment) Last day to submit Spirit of America Nominations | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Select Board 6:30 PM | 23 Planning Board 6:30 PM | 24 Trails 6:30 PM | 25 June Messenger Articles Due | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Town Office & Library Closed Memorial Day | 30 | 31 Public Hearing on Completed Warrant 6:30 PM | | | |