



# Readfield Messenger

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## Annual Town Meeting

**Annual Town Meeting &  
RSU #38 Referendum**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**  
**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**  
**1617 Main Street, Readfield**

### *Absentee Ballots are now available!*

#### How to request a ballot:

- In person at the Town Office by completing an Absentee Ballot Application (Page 4)
- 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 ballot application: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355

Absentee Ballot Applications and Voting Information can be found on the Town's Website:

[www.readfieldmaine.org/votingelectionstown-mtg/pages/june-13-2023-town-meeting](http://www.readfieldmaine.org/votingelectionstown-mtg/pages/june-13-2023-town-meeting)

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

*All absentee ballots need to be returned by close of polls (8:00 pm) on voting day*



Available at the Town Office &  
Beach! More Information on  
Pages 6 & 7

### Transfer Station Summer Hours Are Back!

**Sundays**  
**8:00 am -12:00 pm**  
**June 4 thru August 27**



The Town Office & Library  
will be closed Monday,  
June 19 in observance of  
the Juneteenth Holiday

# Select Board Corner

Hello Friends,

It is June, summer is on our doorstep, and things are heating up.... and not just outside!

June is voting season, and there's plenty to vote on for Readfield's upcoming election on June 13th at Kent's Hill School's Alford Sports Complex, where we have voted for the last three years.

It's called Town Meeting and we do it by secret ballot, meaning, you get your ballot, sit down, examine your choices, and take as long as you need to make your selections. Afterwards, you get your sticker and proudly display that you participated in our most treasured of civic duties.

On June 13th, you'll have a chance to vote on leaders of our town and schools. You'll decide about providing the Fire Department with updated equipment. You'll vote on whether or not the recreation plans continue at the fairgrounds, the updated Comprehensive Plan (which has been two years in the making), and you'll vote on ways we use town property with the Land Use and Beach Ordinances.

None of this would be possible without the legion of volunteers that help make our elections run smoothly. We are lucky to have a group of dedicated folks that help support our democratic process.

If you live in town, you should have received an informative mailer about the warrant articles. You can watch any of the public meetings that have happened on the YouTube channel. You can contact the Select Board to ask direct questions. You can visit [ReadfieldMaine.org](http://ReadfieldMaine.org). You can be involved as much as you want.

If you have any questions about the upcoming election, reach out to the town office or stop by. We want you to be informed when it comes time to vote.

Thank you for being a part of our process and for participating in what really makes America (and our town) great....the people.

Vote June 13th 8am-8pm at Kent's Hill School's Alford Complex.

Thank you,  
Dennis Price

## Select Board Contacts

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# Town Manager's Report - Budget Update V - Proposed Budget Highlights

The long-standing budgetary goal for the Select Board, Budget Committee, Town Staff, and Volunteers is to provide the services our residents want, at the level of service they expect, as cost effectively as possible. The 2024 Municipal Budget meets that goal with net tax impacts increasing less than inflation.

Over the years the net impact of providing Municipal services has fluctuated. Municipal Services cost taxpayers between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 each year and have 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. Municipal services account for about 17% of what residents pay in property taxes, with the County adding about 7% and the RSU coming in around 76%.

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 below 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	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 633.34</b>
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*

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

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

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





# 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

# Meet the Candidates

## Select Board Candidate - David Linton

Vote for Dave Linton for the Readfield Select Board!

Who is Dave Linton?

Dave owns and operates a small business Edgar, Clark and Sons Pallet.

He was a contractor for local tree work as ATL Tree service for 20 years.

Has two children that went through the Maranacook School system.

His wife Mandi is a 9th generation Readfield resident.

Dave Coached football and softball at Maranacook and Gardiner for 16 years.

Dave volunteered at the Elementary school in his children's classes during their years there. Teaching Jr achievement class for 4 years.

He is a Registered Maine Guide that loves to fish and hunt.

Enjoys boating with family at his camp on Maranacook Lake.

Dave is hard working, trustworthy, and honest.

He thinks Readfield should exercise responsible spending with your money!

You are welcome to contact Dave at [ATLtree@gmail.com](mailto:ATLtree@gmail.com) or CALL 207-441-7394.



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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**

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**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!**





**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"



# Transfer Station News - June 2023

## 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.**

Sunday Summer Hours Are Back!

June 4<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM - Noon



## Food Composting

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



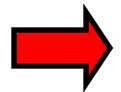
## Please Remember to Practice Kindness

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. 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.

## Composting Event!

Sunday, June 11th  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See Flyer on next page



## 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.

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



## 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



# ***Readfield Area Summer Composting Open House***



Bring the whole family for face painting, a backyard composting demo, and games!



We will be giving away **FREE backyard composters** to Readfield-Wayne-Fayette residents. You'll also have a chance to win some **garden-themed prizes and raffles!**



Coffee, donuts, and watermelon will be provided!

**Sunday, June 11th from 9-12pm  
Readfield Transfer Station**

## ***Questions?***

Send them to  
[dominique.dispirito  
@Maine.gov](mailto:dominique.dispirito@Maine.gov) or call  
207-446-2611!



# Free Event

Hosted by your Town

July 9th, 2023 at the Readfield Transfer Station

14 Recycle Rd, Readfield 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

## Household Hazardous Waste collection for Readfield, Wayne, Fayette, Belgrade and Mt. Vernon

### Do Bring:



All Battery Types



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



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



Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides.



TV's Computers, and other electronic waste



Fluorescent bulbs (CFL's)

### Please Do Not Bring:

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

### Pre-registration at your Town Office is required!

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

**207-685-3144**



Town Of Readfield  
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Pre-Registration Form

Sunday July 9, 2023, 9AM-12 Noon

Collection taking place at the Readfield Transfer Station 14 Recycle Road, Readfield, ME

**Pre-Registration is Required. Pre-Register at your Town Office**

Resident Name:	
Physical Address:	
Telephone Number:	Assigned Time-Office Use Only:

Actual Volume: Estimate	# Units: 5 gal/20 lbs=1 unit	Garage and Workshop Related
gallons		Water-based/Oil-based/Latex Paints, stains, and primers in cans
gallons		Anti-freeze
gallons		Cleaners/Degreasers e.g., acetone
gallons		Flammables such as Gasoline, Kerosene, Charcoal Lighter Fluid
gallons		Aerosol cans/flammables
gallons		Misc. e.g., Brake/Transmission Fluid, waxes, polishes
gallons		Solvents, Paint Thinners, Paint Strippers
gallons		Adhesives
gallons		Driveway Sealer
gallons/lbs.		Other List:
		<b>Kitchen/Bath/Home</b>
		Cleaners:
gallons		-Bleach- based
gallons		-Alkaline such as Lye, Sodium Hydroxide, Drain Cleaners, Oven cleaners
gallons		-Ammonia-based such as Windex
gallons		-Acid such as Muriatic acid
gallons		Other: Toilet Bowl cleaner, drain opener, mildew remover, lime/rust stain remover, hydrofluoric acid, ammonium bifluoride
gallons/lbs		Other List:
		<b>Lawn and Garden</b>
gallons/lbs		Pool cleaners
gallons/lbs		Pesticides/Herbicides/Fungicides-solids or liquids
gallons/lbs		Poisons: rat/mouse poison, arsenic, strychnine, cyanide, formaldehyde, mothballs
gallons/lbs		Other List:
		<b>Miscellaneous</b>
gallons/lbs.		Photography chemicals
Per item		Fire Extinguisher-Carbon tetrachloride only
		Other List:
		<b>Electronics</b>
Per item		Televisions/Monitors/Household Electronics-LIMIT OF 2 Per Household
		List Electronics:
		Batteries-All types
gallons		Waste Oil
		<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED UNITS</b>

Questions?? Call your Transfer Station or Town Office

# Summer Beach Attendants

The Town of Readfield has immediate openings for seasonal Beach Attendant Positions.

**WE'RE HIRING!**

For more information stop by the Town Office or our website [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) under employment opportunities



Just a friendly reminder that the final day to pay your 2022 property taxes is June 30, 2023. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Town Office 685-4939 during regular business hours or email [info@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:info@readfieldmaine.org)

## 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**



Sign Up for  
**Text Alerts**

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# News from the Recreation Committee

A Fairgrounds Working Group of volunteers from multiple town committees was created last January to address the need for a girls softball field and other amenities supporting outdoor recreation in the village area of town. On May 16th, a rough concept for a municipal softball field at the Fairgrounds property along with other potential amenities such as utilities, expanded parking, improved access to trails and field areas was presented to the public. The working group heard strong support for an outdoor basketball court.

If article 11 on the annual town meeting warrant is approved, the group will reconvene and incorporate this guidance into its work, seek partnerships and apply for grant funding to get it done. If article 11 passes, a final development plan will be presented to Town residents for approval in November, 2023 along with an estimated budget and plans to raise the necessary funds from outside sources.

Please vote yes on article 11 on June 13th to allow our work to proceed to improve the livability of our town and create a space for folks of all ages and abilities to enjoy in Readfield.

***Article 11: Shall the Town vote to pursue the development of an expanded multi-use recreational field area at the Fairgrounds property, consistent with the Town's Fairgrounds Management Plan; with any final project plans coming before the voters for approval; and with the project construction to be funded exclusively by Federal, State, and private grant sources and donations which the Town is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend?***



Hannah Flannery & Greg Leimbach  
Rec Board representatives to the Fairgrounds Working Group

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## Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of May 26, 2023)

- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Connectivity Committee: 4 Members (2025)
- 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: 1 Member (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.***

# News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Hello Readfield Trail Enthusiasts,

I would like to start off by thanking our volunteer tractor operators and the students and teachers from Kents Hill School (see photos below) whose efforts allowed us to re-surface the Community Pathway from the Readfield Community Library to the Church Road. This included widening from the corner behind the Union Meeting House along the Alpaca enclosure to the Church Road. Our other bluestone trail system at the Readfield Fairgrounds, accessible from Church Road or the School Superintendent's office, remains in good shape. These are our most accessible trails for all ability levels.



The trails committee has received permission from the Maranacook Community School to explore putting a trail through the school property on the town trail map. There are existing trails on the property that have not been maintained consistently that we will focus on, so it is unlikely we will need to clear much new trail. Any trail that we may mark and map will connect to the existing bluestone trails on the school property and the Fairgrounds.

Trails Committee representatives continue to represent trail users interests on the Fairgrounds Work Group for consideration of additional recreational developments thereon. The consensus so far is that a women's softball field and an improved porta-potty area should be developed. The concept plan also includes improvements to our trails, re-designed parking, and a pollinator garden area. The proposed trail improvements will significantly improve accessibility. No decision has been made on the basketball/pickleball court but there is strong interest in having an outdoor court somewhere in the village area so that discussion will continue. You have the opportunity to vote to allow the town to proceed with these additional developments on this month's election warrant (article 11). No town property taxpayer funding will be used for materials and construction. Donations and private and/or public grants will be used to fund the work. If warrant 11 passes, the Fairground Work Group will continue to meet to help create final design plans, and the search for outside funding will begin. Final engineered design plan approval will require a second vote possibly in November.

Lastly, now that summer is approaching and the ground is drying up, don't forget to take some time to experience the many trail opportunities we have in Readfield. There are trails for all abilities maintained by town committees and volunteers, and the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). They range in length from short connector trails such as the Morrill Road Connector to networks over three miles in length such as the Carlton Pond Trail or the KLT's Rosmarin Property trails. See below for more information.

Our trail maps (not including the Carlton Pond Trail or Morrill Road Connector at this point) continue to be available at the town office and on-line ([www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield\\_trails\\_2019\\_map.pdf](http://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf)). Kennebec Land Trust trail information can be found on their website at <https://www.tkl.org> 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 by Rob Peale, Chair, Readfield Trails Committee. [rnpreadfieldgov@gmail.com](mailto:rnpreadfieldgov@gmail.com) 207-458-4259*



READFIELD  
HERITAGE DAYS

# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY WALK # 63

Saturday, August 12 th

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Meet behind the Masonic Hall at Readfield  
Corner. Our co-hosts will do a  
Walk n Talk starting from there...

Walkers will first learn about the water source for several 18th and 19th century homes at Readfield Corner , as told by Dale Potter-Clark. From there we will venture to the Readfield Corner Water Association on Bill Bourret Drive to hear from Bill Bourret and Ed Dodge, two of the original board members of the Readfield Water Association, about how the Water District came to be.

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





You're  
invited to  
the

## **Neighbors Driving Neighbors Readfield Launch**

**Sunday, June 25, 2–4 pm  
Readfield Town Office**

Please join us to celebrate NDN's expansion to include Readfield in our service area. Stop by to learn about NDN's mission, how to become a volunteer driver or how to register as a rider.

Light refreshments will be served.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

Neighbors Driving Neighbors | 207-860-0677 | [neighborsdrivingneighbors.org](http://neighborsdrivingneighbors.org)



# Readfield Union Meeting House

If you have traveled past the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) lately, you read on our sign that Saturday morning “Open House” is starting June 17 from 10-12 noon. If you'd like to visit at a different date and time, we will do our best to accommodate you. A small sign will be posted on the left front Meeting House door with names and numbers to call.

Below is the Events Schedule for the Meeting House & Friends of the Vestry. Be sure to mark your calendars!

- ⇒ Open to the public- Free tours 10:00- 12:00 Noon
- ⇒ Saturday July 1, Strawberry Shortcake Festival 1-3pm
- ⇒ Saturday July 15, Sandy River Ramblers 7pm
- ⇒ Saturday July 22, Crafters Fair 10-2 Light food and drinks
- ⇒ Saturday August 5, Baroque music quintet 6pm
- ⇒ Saturday August 12, Members & Family Ice Cream Social 2pm
- ⇒ Tuesday August 22, Stan Davis 6pm
- ⇒ Saturday August 26, Pie Sale 10-12noon
- ⇒ Friday September 29 Turkey Pie To Go 4:30 – 6pm
- ⇒ October Chili To Go TBD
- ⇒ Saturday October 28 Pumpkin Carving 10-12noon followed by Pumpkins Aglow at Readfield Fairgrounds (time TBD)
- ⇒ Tuesday November 21, Quiche To Go
- ⇒ December 9, Christmas Through the Ages Sponsored by Readfield Historical Society and the Readfield Union Meeting House

[A couple of pictures showing progress in the Vestry:](#)



*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin, 685-4481*



# JUNE 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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

## Welcome back SUMMER RESIDENTS!!



A very warm "welcome back" to our Summer Residents!  
Please stop by the Library soon!

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM—"All Together Now"—for children/teens, and an adult program too!

The Summer Reading Program at the Readfield Community Library will run for 10 weeks this summer from June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup> and will be open to all ages. We will have the traditional **children/teen program**, but will also have an **adult option** as well. More details and info about prizes will be forthcoming in a separate email, but for now, here are the important dates:



**Summer Reading Program: June 14th through August 21st;** readers will be able to log their minutes on paper log forms (sorry, no Beanstack app this year!)

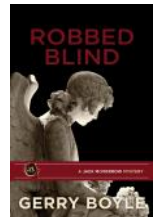
**Kickoff Event, Registration, and Ice Cream: Wednesday, June 14, 6:00pm** at the Library

**Final Celebration:** Chewonki's "The Bugmobile" program on **Monday, August 21, 6:00pm** at the Library

## AUTHOR EVENT WITH MAINE CRIME NOVELIST GERRY BOYLE on June 28th!



The Readfield Community Library is excited to host **Maine crime novelist Gerry Boyle** this summer! Please join us **outdoors behind the Library on Wednesday June 28th at 6:30pm** for this amazing author event! Rain location will be the Readfield Union Meeting House. Boyle will read from his latest book, *Robbed Blind*, and will answer audience questions and sign books. Oliver and Friends Bookshop of Belgrade will be on hand to sell copies of Boyle's books. Don't miss this event!



Boyle is the author of over a dozen novels, including the acclaimed [Jack McMorrow mystery series](#), featuring ex-*New York Times* reporter Jack McMorrow and his social-worker girlfriend Roxanne Masterson. Boyle is also the author of a second mystery series featuring rookie Portland cop Brandon Blake. A former newspaper reporter and columnist, Boyle was the long-time editor of the alumni magazine of Colby College, his alma mater.

## NEW! LIBRARY CAFÉ! Tuesdays at 10am

**Beginning on June 20th**, please drop in on **Tuesdays between 10:00-11:00am at the Library** (indoors or outdoors, based on weather) for **coffee, lemonade, and a muffin/scone from the Apple Shed Bakery**. This informal "coffee chat" offers time and space to gather and visit with neighbors. All are welcome! If you are in need of a ride, please sign up with Neighbors Driving Neighbors! If people enjoy this Library Café, we will continue it through the summer.



The Library Café is offered as a collaborative project of the Readfield Community Library and Readfield Age Friendly Committee, with support from the New England Small and Rural Libraries Grant received by the library.

## Weekly In-Person Outdoor STORY TIME on Tuesday Mornings!

Join us outside on **Tuesdays at 10:00am** for theme-based books, songs, and crafts. Watch Facebook for weather cancellations or call the Library. Note locations below.



**June 6th:** meet behind the Library for Story Walk

**June 13th, 20th, 27th:** meet at the Readfield Town Beach for Story Time



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



### June STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*The Night Walk*

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 June is *The Night Walk* by Marie Dorleans, sponsored by Marc Loiselle and Lynette Miller.** 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.



### June STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Rainbow Stew*

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 June is *Rainbow Stew* by Cathryn Falwell, sponsored by the Davidson Family and The Gallery.**

## THANK YOU!!

...to the **Maine Shape Note Singers** for a fantastic historical and musical workshop in May, and to local resident Nick for helping to organize the event!

...to **all who attended Star Wars Night**—what a joyous intergenerational event! Thanks especially to local resident Bryan for sharing R2D2 with us and for the inspiration for the event! Funding for treats at the event was made possible by the **New England Small and Rural Libraries grant** that the Library received through The Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

...to local resident Jean for the donation of plants to beautify our library space and to Christy for the plant pots!

## 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/>


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### Three FREE Library Passes available for your summer fun!!


#### NEW!! BOOTHBAY RAILWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM Library Pass for Free Admission (opens June 18th)

The Library is pleased to offer this summer a new pass for Readfield library cardholders to **enjoy the Boothbay Railway Village Museum in Boothbay for FREE!** This pass program is made possible by a **New England Small and Rural Libraries grant** that the Library received through The Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to reserve a date. The pass is good for up to 2 adults and unlimited number of children. The Railway Village is open for the season of June 18 through October 8. Note they are closed on Mondays.

#### COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS Library Pass for Free Admission

 The Library is pleased to offer again this summer a wonderful opportunity for Readfield library cardholders 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 through The Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto: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 maximum. If you are planning a trip, you may be able to reserve the pass in advance. This pass is offered this year **in memory of local resident Will Harris**, who for many years donated the pass to the Library so that Readfield residents could enjoy the great outdoors and Maine's beautiful State Parks. This pass program is funded this year by a **New England Small and Rural Libraries grant** that the Library received through The Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

# THE GALLERY, Readfield, Maine

We hope you can join us

## 3 GENERATIONS OF ART

Opening Saturday, June 3, 2023

12:00 - 4:00 pm

Show runs until June 30th



Betsy Cook, Granny



Sophie Cook, Mom



Mirele Ciccarone, 7 Year old



Cup Cake bar by Cake Deliberating  
June 3rd 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Gallery

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

All the volunteers at the Mt. Vernon Food Bank would like to thank all who donated to the U.S.P.S. annual Stamp Out Hunger Campaign. Your donation helps us support those in our community who are in need and is greatly appreciated.

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 at 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.

Donations can be dropped off at the  
Readfield Town Office



# Readfield Play Group Will Enjoy the Beach Beginning June 15



The final day for the play group at Readfield Elementary School is June 8. The Readfield Play Group will begin playing at the Readfield Beach starting Thursday, June 15 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All are welcome. If you are there for play group in the upper park, you do not need a beach pass, which are free to Readfield residents. Toddlers and preschoolers can actively participate outdoors for the summer months. Focus of the group remains the same to encourage children to play with others as they acquire social skills. Literacy, gross, and fine motor activities will be offered. There is no cost. A craft tied to the book or theme will be available. The time also offers parents, grandparents, and caregivers an opportunity to talk and play. For more information, contact Patricia Clark at [pclark@maine.edu](mailto:pclark@maine.edu) or 207-685-4101. In the event of hard rain, we will not meet. A notice of cancellation will be e-mailed to all on the play group e-mail list by 9 a.m. if this occurs.



The Town of Readfield's 2023 Annual Town Report will be available soon and ready to be picked up at the Readfield Town Office & at the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2023!

## tick removal

Remove ticks immediately. They usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease. Consult a physician if you remove an engorged deer tick.



### Using a tick spoon:

- Place the wide part of the notch on the skin near the tick (hold skin taut if necessary)
- Applying slight pressure downward on the skin, slide the remover forward so the small part of the notch is framing the tick
- Continuous sliding motion of the remover detaches the tick

### Using tweezers:

- Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers
- Pull gently until the tick lets go

1-800-821-5821  
www.mainepublichealth.gov



## tick ID

KNOW THEM. PREVENT THEM.



Deer Tick (Black-Legged Tick)

nymph      adult male      adult female

(actual size)

nymph (1/32"-1/16")      adult (1/8")      engorged adult (up to 1/2")



Dog Tick

adult male      adult female

(examples are not actual size, dog tick nymphs are rarely found on humans or their pets)

## just the facts

### Deer Ticks

- Deer ticks may transmit the agents that cause Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis
- What bites:** nymphs and adult females
- When:** anytime temperatures are above freezing, greatest risk is spring through fall

### Dog Ticks

- Dog ticks do not transmit the agent that causes Lyme disease
- What bites:** adult females
- When:** April–August

## prevent the bite

- Wear light-colored protective clothing
- Use EPA-approved insect repellent on skin or clothing
- Use caution in tick infested areas
- Perform daily tick checks
- Protect your pets, use repellents, acaricides, and a Lyme disease vaccine for dogs

## lyme disease

Ticks usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease.



Often, people see an expanding red rash (or bull's-eye rash) more than 2 inches across at the site of the tick bite, which may occur within a few days or a few weeks.

### Other symptoms include:

- fatigue
- muscle and joint pain
- headache
- fever and chills
- facial paralysis

Deer ticks may also transmit the agents that cause other diseases such as babesia and anaplasmosis.

People that remove an engorged deer tick should consult their physician as quickly as possible.

## **Are you interested in Cub Scouts?**

Cub Scouting is for girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grades, or 5 to 10 years of age.

My name is Tom Bartol and I have been a Cub Scout leader and currently am Scoutmaster of Scout Troop 622. In the past there has been a Cub Scout Pack working with elementary school girls and boys. During Covid there were some transitions and the Pack became inactive.

I am interested in helping get a Cub Pack started in the Maranacook area schools. Cub Scouting is a wonderful program and has made a difference in the lives of my kids.

My plan is before the end of the school year to find some interested adults who would like to help make this happen. With a core group of interested adults, we could connect over the summer to organize and plan for fall recruitment at the beginning of the school year. My plan is not to lead the Cub Scout group, as I already am leading the older kids in the Scout troop, but to help with logistics and organization to get some other adults off the ground getting a Cub Pack started. I would be there to help you and to work through the process.

If you are interested in getting Cub Scouts started in the Maranacook Schools, please contact me before the end of the school year. Can be reached by email at: [bartolnp@gmail.com](mailto:bartolnp@gmail.com) or by phone: 207-248-7924



# Torsey Pond Watershed Project Underway

A two-year project aimed at improving and protecting the water quality of Torsey Pond is about to kick into high gear. The **Torsey Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase I** is sponsored by the Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD) and is aimed at reducing nonpoint source (NPS) phosphorus pollution to the pond via the upgrade of private camp roads and public roads, repair and stabilization of severe erosion sites, shorefront stabilization and reduced phosphorus runoff, and general public education and outreach. Assisting the CWD on the project are the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (FOCW) with support from, and in cooperation with, the Torsey Pond Association (TPA). This project follows the 2015 Torsey Pond Watershed Survey Project that identified numerous NPS sites that contribute pollution, particularly phosphorus, to the pond, and follows recommendations of the Torsey Pond Watershed-Based Protection Plan (2020). According to CWD's Executive Director, Bill Monagle, the pond has maintained consistently good water quality over the past four decades, but measures should be taken to address NPS sources to provide long-term protection to Torsey Pond.

Key phases of the project involve 1) providing shoreline stabilization and/or buffer strip installation on shorefront properties around the pond, 2) upgrading and improving private and public roads and addressing other land uses that suffer surface erosion and other drainage problems, and 3) developing a watershed-wide community education and outreach program. Shorefront property owners will be eligible for cost-sharing opportunities to have work performed on their properties that will benefit the pond's water quality, as will private camp road owners and road associations that surround the pond. The latter will be eligible for up to 60% cost-sharing on selected projects.

The project is partly funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental protection in partnership with EPA. To learn more about the project, or to seek to participate, please contact either CWD's Executive Director, Bill Monagle at 377-7109 (or email: [cwd@fairpoint.net](mailto:cwd@fairpoint.net)), or the FOCW at 395-5239 (or email: [info@watershedfriends.com](mailto:info@watershedfriends.com)).

## Maranacook Food Pantry

Every Thursday

3:30-4:30 PM

Call 207-685-4923

## April 22, 2023 National RX DEA Take Back Day Results

- Total Law Enforcement Participation: 4,497
- Total Collection Sites: 4,955
- Total Weight Collected: 663,725 lbs.  
(332 Tons)
- Total Weight All Time: 17,300,454 lbs.  
(8,650 Tons)

Tel: 685-4064



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

## An important message from Winthrop Area Rotary Club

Were you overwhelmed by your heating costs over this past winter? Do you need help to reduce window drafts and keep your home warmer next winter? As a community service, the Winthrop Area Rotary Club is sponsoring our second Window Dressers Community Build this fall! This project will encourage homeowners and renters in Winthrop, Readfield, Wayne, Manchester and Monmouth to order indoor window inserts at no cost to you! Last year we built 190 window inserts and everyone who used them were very happy with the results. You can learn about these window inserts and how they are made at [www.windowdressers.org](http://www.windowdressers.org). Find out more and discuss the product with our trusted Rotary members. To discuss and potentially schedule an appointment to measure and order your window inserts contact us at [winthropwindowinserts@gmail.com](mailto:winthropwindowinserts@gmail.com). There is no obligation to learn details.



WindowDressers Insulating Window Inserts let in light while stopping drafts. Each insert is made of a custom-made pine frame wrapped on each side with tightly-sealed, clear polyolefin film, creating an airspace between the two layers for additional insulation. The insert is finished with a compressible foam gasket. The foam allows enough give for the inserts to be easily slid into place in the fall and removed in the spring, while holding firmly enough to provide a tight, friction-based seal. The inserts are installed inside of your existing window frame with no fasteners required.

The Winthrop Area Rotary will provide these inserts at **no cost** to participants. We rely on voluntary donations from those who are able to help support this important community project. Trained Rotary members will conduct the measuring visits and solicit participants to help in the construction or “build” of the frames based on individual orders this October in Winthrop at the Winthrop Middle School.

With rising costs everywhere, do yourself a favor and at least check out our community support project. You will not be disappointed.

*Marge Livingston, Winthrop Area Rotary Club member*



## Readfield United Methodist Church

**1564 Main Street, Readfield ~ 207-685- 4211**

*Join us for the return to our **Public Suppers***

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

*Chicken pot pie, Casseroles, Salads, & Desserts*

Adults \$10.00-Children 5-12 \$5.00

Take out is available by calling 207-685-4211 (From 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm)

Mark your calendar for the next summer supper on July 8<sup>th</sup>



[This Photo](#) by



## **Kindness Boxes**

Available the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at Jesse Lee Meeting House  
(Corner of Route 17 and Plains Rd. Readfield)

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30**

These boxes are available by just driving in a box will be put in your vehicle



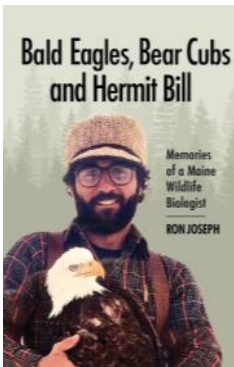
# Kennebec Land Trust June Events

## Volunteer Trail Work Day Saturday, June 10, 1:00 PM Hales Pond Woodland Preserve, Fayette

Calling all volunteers! Join Kennebec Land Trust's stewardship staff on June 10 at 1:00 PM for a trail work day at the Hales Pond Woodland Preserve in Fayette. This event is a part of the [Love Maine Trails Month](#). Work will include trimming and clearing vegetation to create a new trail from [Bamford Pond Rd.](#) to Hales Pond. All experience levels are welcome! Please bring water, a snack, and gloves, loppers if you have them and dress for the weather. We will have extra tools available. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848.



For more information about the Oak Hill Conservation Area, please visit <https://www.tklt.org/hales-pond-woodland-preserve>



## *Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs, and Hermit Bill: Memories of a Wildlife Biologist in Maine:* Reading by Author Ron Joseph Thursday, June 15, 6:00 PM Hubbard Free Library, Hallowell

Join the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) and retired wildlife biologist, Ron Joseph for a book talk at the Hubbard Free Library in Hallowell on June 15 at 6:00 PM. Author Ron Joseph will talk about his recently published book *Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs, and Hermit Bill: Memories of a Wildlife Biologist in Maine*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and 25% of the proceeds will go to KLT.

For more information about the event, please contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-277-2848.

## Maine Entomological Society Field Day Saturday, June 24, 10:00 AM Rain date: June 25 Oak Hill Conservation Area, Fayette

Join Maine Entomological Society and Kennebec Land Trust to explore the world of insects. Newcomers and more experienced entomologists alike are invited to come and learn about insect identification at this ecologically diverse conservation area.

This property features conifer and hardwood woodlands, wetlands along Hales Brook, and a four-acre field.

More information about the Maine Entomological Society is available on their [website](#).

To RSVP please contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-277-2848

Please bring water, snacks, a light lunch and dress for warm weather and ticks.

**Directions:** From the Fayette general store, continue north on Route 17 for 2.5 miles. Turn left on the Fayette Corner Road and take an immediate left onto Norton Road. Continue for approximately half a mile to a field on your right. Please park in the field instead of the parking lot for this event





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# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Assessor In (By Appointment)	3
4 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	5 Select Board 5:30 PM	6	7	8 Road Committee 6:00 PM	9 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots by 3:30 PM	10
11 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Summer Composting Open House 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	12	13 Town Meeting 8:00AM-8:00PM 1614 Main Street Conservation Commission 6:30 PM	14 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library 6:30 PM	15	16 Assessor In (By Appointment)	17
18 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	19 Juneteenth Holiday Town Office & Library Closed	20 Select Board 6:30 PM	21	22	23	24
25 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Neighbors Driving Neighbors Readfield Launch 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	26 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM July Messenger Articles Due	27 Planning Board 6:30 PM	28 Trails 6:30 PM	29	30 Last day for 2022 Tax Payments	