



# Readfield Messenger

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# AUGUST

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## EVENT SCHEDULE



READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

### Friday, August 11

5pm - 7pm

Readfield Historical Society  
Wine & Cheese Social

7pm-9pm

Readfield Beach  
Oldies Dance and Sock Hop

### Saturday, August 12 - ALL DAY

Heritage Days Achievement Quest  
Children 15 and under

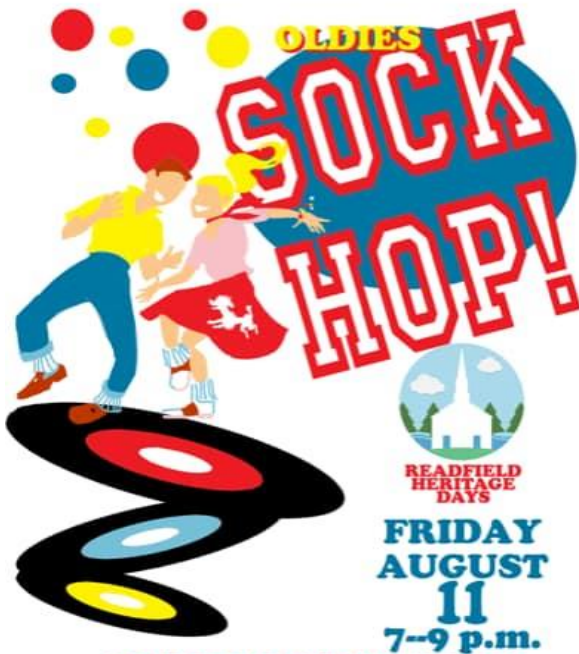
Unlock each achievement on the list and win CASH!

Quest forms available at the Town Office

<https://www.facebook.com/readfieldheritagedays>

- 7am - 10am Breakfast with the Masons - \$8  
Masonic Hall - Main St.
- 9am - 1pm Library Book Sale -  
Fire Station
- 10am -11:30pm History Walk with  
Dale Potter-Clark - Masonic Hall
- 10am - 2pm Kickball Championship -  
Fairgrounds
- 12pm - 4pm Maker's Market and  
Community Fair at the Beach!  
FOOD/GAMES/FUN!!!
- 12pm - 4pm Union Meeting House Vestry Open  
(1-3pm Ice Cream/Face Painting)
- 1pm - 4pm The Evan Haines Trio  
LIVE MUSIC - Beach
- 1pm - 3pm "Women of Color" - Artist Reception  
The Gallery
- 5pm Beach closes for fireworks prep
- 5pm - 7pm Volunteer Potluck and Spirit of  
America Awards - Town Hall
- 9:00pm Fireworks at the Beach

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Parking available at the beach!



READFIELD TOWN BEACH  
inclement weather:  
READFIELD TOWN HALL UPSTAIRS

*Hula Hoops Available!*

## Readfield: Making Progress by Working Together

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

July saw the town of Readfield making significant progress on multiple fronts and saving money along the way. This is the result of the diligent work of many employees and committee members who each deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The major construction work on Church Road was completed in spite of the extremely rainy weather and now provides a safe route of travel in and out of town that is expected to last for at least 15 years. This major project was the direct result of the Road Committee, Maintenance employees and the Town Manager working together with several contractors to complete the project timely and on budget. Another road project at the intersection of Nickerson Hill and P Ridge Roads that in the works saw bids come in more than double what was anticipated. Through the diligent efforts of the Town Manager and an abutting resident we are now pursuing an alternative solution that should come in under the original budget.

Two departments in town have exciting news concerning their capital purchases. The library has received two grants totally \$25,499 they applied for that will help enable the town to complete the needed construction work at the library as well as improve access to technology. Our Librarian and the Library Board work together diligently to provide a facility and services that enhance our town. The Fire Chief successfully negotiated a contract for the new fire truck approved at Town Meeting at a lower than projected cost. Working with the Town Manager they were able to secure an additional \$30,000 savings by committing to purchase the truck outright in July with funds the town currently have, which will be replaced with bond proceeds that will be received this fall. The Select Board is appreciative of the efforts of both departments working to benefit the town and provide cost savings and have approved the projects and contracts presented.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee discussed at length the possible solutions to provide more accessible services at the Transfer Station after the loss of the Thursday senior only hours. Those hours were deemed to be age discriminatory for a governmental facility and thus were discontinued. Upon further investigation our Town Manager was able to present a solution that will benefit everyone. Any permit holder who is having accessibility issues may ask an attendant to assist with removing bagged trash and recycling from their vehicle. Many thanks to all involved, and to our town employees, for making this policy change to benefit our residents.

Please enjoy all that Readfield has to offer this summer including Heritage Days August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and the public beach on Maranacook Lake.

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# News from the Town Manager

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Readfield Summer Residents Meeting Friday, August 4th - 5:00PM Gile Hall

Please join us to discuss issues affecting our summer residents and visitors. Light refreshments will be available.

### Welcome

Welcome (by Select Board Chair Kathryn Mills-Woodsum)

### Introductions

Group Introductions

### Informational Updates

Lake Association Check-ins - 10 minutes

Municipal Projects - 5 minutes

Readfield's Comprehensive Plan Update - 5 minutes

Land Use Changes (CEO Chip Stephens) - 5 minutes

Other

### Open Discussion, Questions, and Comments

Group Discussion

### Adjournment

All are Welcome!

*please  
join us*





# 2023 Readfield Heritage Days Scheduled for August 11th & 12th



Readfield Heritage Days 2023 offers two days of activities, fun & entertainment in Readfield!

Originally a fundraiser to assist the town library, Heritage Days has grown and transformed over the years to become a town-wide celebration of a great place to live. Join us for another year of celebrations!

On Friday, August 11th, Heritage Days kick off from 5-7pm at the Readfield Historical Society's Wine and Cheese Social. This fundraiser and membership drive gives attendees the opportunity to learn about Readfield history and meet your Readfield neighbors. Check it out at the Readfield Historical Society - 759 Main Street, Readfield.

After the Wine and Cheese Social, join us at the Readfield Beach for a good old fashioned Oldies Dance and Sock Hop! Free admission with refreshments available from 7pm - 9pm. *Rain location is at Asa Gile Hall (Town Office).*

Saturday, August 12th is packed with even more events this year!

Our all-day activity on Saturday is the ever-popular Heritage Days Achievement Quest for Kids! Check off each quest and bring it to the Heritage Days staff at the beach to win a CASH PRIZE! Get your form at the Town Office to participate!

To begin the day, there is a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall from 7-10am. The cost is \$8 for ages 11+ and kids 10 and under eat free! Proceeds benefit the Maranacook Food Pantry!

The Readfield Community Library's book sale is at the Readfield Fire Station (1154 Main St.) and runs from 9am - 1pm.

At 10:00am, a historical walk about the Readfield water system will be led by Dale Potter-Clark. This walk will begin at the Masonic Hall, downtown Readfield.

The Readfield Historical Society building (759 Main St.) will be open Saturday, August 12th from 10am-2pm.

The Readfield Recreation Committee is bringing back their popular Readfield Kickball Championships, which include prizes for best team outfits, and winner! The championship tournament begins at 10am! To register, call 207-620-2844.

At noon, the beach will feature makers and community organizations all set up for selling and informing you of what they do! Knitted bears, fabulous mushrooms, fine art, glass crafts, lavender, metal works, wood turning, lawn decorations, earrings, and more will be featured for our Heritage Days Maker's Market PLUS community businesses, organizations, and groups will also be there!

Also from noon until 4 pm, the Union Meeting House (22 Church Rd) will host an Open House showcasing the incredible work that has been done to the Vestry building. From 1-3pm an Ice Cream Social and face painting will take place.

At 1pm, LIVE MUSIC happens at the Beach from 1pm-4pm. We are so glad to have the Evan Haines Trio bringing tunes to everyone! Bring a chair and chill with us!

Also at 1pm, The Gallery on Main St. presents Martha Miller "Women of Color" and hosts an open house with the artist. Stop by and see these great works!

***Due to fireworks setup and safety, the Readfield Beach will close at 5pm on Saturday, August 12th.***

At 5pm, the Readfield Community Potluck comes to the Town Office as a way to celebrate town volunteers AND deliver the 2023 Spirit of America Awards! All are welcome! Bring a dish!

We end Heritage Days with a spectacular fireworks display at the beach around 9pm!

Heritage Days is a day for exploring all of Readfield via our sidewalks and trails! See it all!

Visit us online at [Facebook.com/readfieldheritagedays](https://www.facebook.com/readfieldheritagedays)

Readfield is a great place to live and we're looking forward to seeing you at Heritage Days 2023!

# Readfield Heritage Days Volunteer Appreciation Community Potluck

**Saturday August 12, 2023**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm at Gile Hall**



READFIELD  
HERITAGE DAYS



All are welcome to attend this community event to share some food and celebrate the contributions of our many dedicated volunteers!

## Potluck Dinner (starts at 5:00 pm):

It's a potluck, so please bring serving utensils and a dish or dessert to share. Paper products (plates, cups, and bowls) and utensils will be provided but please feel free to bring your own. We'll have lemonade, iced tea, and a pot of coffee!

## Volunteer Appreciation (starts around 6:00 pm):

1. Welcome - *5 minutes*
2. Volunteer Appreciation Statements - *5 minutes*
3. Spirit of America Awards - *15 minutes*
4. Open mic for those wishing to thank or recognize our volunteers

*Let's  
Celebrate!*

~READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS~

# KICKBALL *Tournament*

**SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2023 10AM-2PM**

**GRAB YOUR STRONGEST, MOST COMPETITIVE FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR  
THE ANNUAL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT!**

**\$20 PER TEAM FOR ENTRY  
9-14 PPL/TEAM**

**SIGNUP BY 8/9/2023**

TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS ON  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 10AM-2PM,  
SHOW UP BY 9:30AM FOR ROLL CALL

PRIZES FOR BEST UNIFORMS, BEST DANCE MOVES,  
AND WINNER



CONTACT JEN WORTHING WITH YOUR FULLY ROSTERED TEAM BY  
8/9/2023 TEXT OR CALL FOR ENTRY AT (207)620-2844  
COME COMPETE OR CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE ATHLETES! MANY  
OTHER EVENTS AND FUN AT READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS FOR ALL  
AGES!



# Heritage Days Achievement Quest

## Children 15 and Under

### Saturday, August 12 - All Day

*Unlock each achievement on the list and win CASH!*

#### 2023 READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS ACHIEVEMENT QUEST!

	Description		Verified (signed by staff)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Have breakfast with the Masons (7-10am)</b>	<i>Masonic Hall - Above Post Office.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to the library book sale and meet a member of the staff!</b>	<i>Staff available all day 9am-1pm.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Take a picture of the Meeting House</b>	<i>Inside or outside, it's history before your eyes.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visit the fairgrounds and go to the ball field!</b>	<i>Get a pic, or play kickball!</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Go to the Gallery</b>	<i>Check out "Women of Color" at the Gallery</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Makers, Makers, Makers!!!</b>	<i>Get a picture of one of our Makers!</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>KICKBALL MADNESS</b>	<i>Go get Hannah to sign your form at the ball field 10am-2pm!</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Evan Haines Trio</b>	<i>Get a photo of Evan and his bandmates!</i>	



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**READFIELD REC**

# **FALL SOCCER SIGN-UPS**

**BOYS & GIRLS PREK-6TH GRADE**

**1ST CHILD : \$25**

**2 CHILDREN : \$50**

**3 CHILDREN : \$70**

**\$70 MAXIMUM FAMILY FEE**

Sign-up by September 1, 2023 to avoid a \$10 late fee

**Our coaches are  
volunteers, please consider  
coaching a team!**

**Registration Link:**

**<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/recreation/pages/soccer-registration-sign-ups>**

**If you have any questions email our recreation  
department at [readfieldreccom@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldreccom@gmail.com)**



Register Online:  
<https://readfield.androgov.com>

**REGISTER  
NOW!**



## 2023 Maranacook Youth Soccer Registration Pre K - Grade 6 Boys and Girls

Commissioner: Hannah Flannery  
Phone: (207) 446-7865 ~ Email: [hhinckley@roadrunner.com](mailto:hhinckley@roadrunner.com)

Player Name	Birth Date	Gender	Grade	Shirt Size
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Cost:** 1 Child: \$25.00; 2 Children: \$50.00; 3 plus Children: \$70.00 (Maximum Family Fee)

Payment: Cash, Checks (Payable to Town of Readfield), Credit Cards at Town Office (Additional Fee) or online at [readfieldmaine.org](http://readfieldmaine.org) - **\$10.00 late fee if registering after September 1, 2023**

Parent/Guardian Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. Please indicate if you would be willing to help. \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions or concerns (asthma, allergies, etc...) to be brought to the coaches' attention.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Release of Liability The undersigned hereby releases the Readfield Recreation Association, the Town of Readfield, its agents and volunteers from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand there are inherent risks and dangers in participating in these types of activities. I accept responsibility for my child/ children.

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

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**Office Use Below**

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ CC \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of July 25, 2023)

- Board of Appeals: 1 Member (2026)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Connectivity Committee: 3 Members (2025)
- Conservation Commission: 1 Member (2026), 2 Alt. Members (2025 & 2026)
- Heritage Days Committee: Multiple Positions Available
- Library Board of Trustees: 1 Member (2025)
- Local School Board Advisory: 3 Members (2024, 2025 & 2026)
- Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Planning Board: 1 Alt. Member (2026)
- Recreation Committee: 1 Member (2026)
- Road Committee: 1 Member (2025)
- RSU#38 School Board: 1 Board Member (2024)
- Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 1 Member (2025)
- Trails Committee: 4 Members (2-2024, 1-2025 & 1 Alt. Member-2026)

*If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please complete the Appointment Application on our website under Volunteer Opportunities or stop by the Town Office.*

**For more information: 207-685-4939 or [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)**

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

- . Be courteous, patient, and civil.
- . Keep emotions in check.
- . Respect others' points of view.
- . Assume opponents have positive intentions.
- . Don't take things personally.
- . Identify problems, propose solutions
- . Understand before disagreeing.
- . Disagree without being disagreeable

*Remember we are all neighbors and community members.*

# Transfer Station News - August 2023

## Assistance Available



If you have an accessibility issue, please ask the attendant on duty at the check-in building for a hand with your recycling and trash bags.

An attendant will remove bagged trash and recycling from your vehicle upon request.

Many thanks to our town employees for making this policy change to benefit our residents.

## Food Composting



Bring your food scraps to the compost pile at the Transfer Station!

You can take home finished compost at no charge



Sunday Summer Hours through August ~ 8 AM - Noon

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART



# DO NOT BAG

## Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.

Return plastic bags to retailers.

Questions about recycling? Check out the free RECYCLOPEDIA mobile app at [ecomaine.org/Recyclopeda](http://ecomaine.org/Recyclopeda) or call (207) 773-1738!



## 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.

## 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





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# **READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Annual Wine N Cheese**

**For RHS Members  
Friday, August 11th  
5:00 -7:00 p.m.**

**759 Main Street, Readfield Depot**

**New and current members can pay dues at  
the door ~ Annual dues \$10 or \$5 for seniors**

## **READFIELD HISTORY WALK #63**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th 10:00—11:30 A.M.**

**Meet in the parking lot behind the Masonic Hall,  
Readfield Corner. Walkers will learn about the reasons  
for and history of the Readfield public water district,  
from founders Bill Bourret and Ed Dodge.**

**Readfield Historical Society  
IS OPEN EVERY**

**Thurs. & Sat. through Labor Day weekend**

**And by appointment by contacting**

**(207) 377-2299 ~ [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com)**

## 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				
2				
3				
4				

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"

# MARANACCOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) NEWS

First we would like to publicly thank the anonymous summer resident who so kindly dropped off a large quantity of food at Readfield Town Office for the food pantry. Your help is greatly appreciated and has been put to good use. We would like to ask all our summer residents to think about doing a “copy cat” style donation, especially this summer, as the need for help by families has increased by about 12% since school let out in early June. Our year round residents from Readfield and the other towns in RSU # 38 have been so generous over the past three and a half years with their monetary and food donations that have kept us going and enabled us to offer food assistance to residents of the towns in our district. Any donations dropped at the Town Office result in town office staff notifying a MAFP committee member for a speedy pick up. Monetary donations can also be dropped there or mailed to:

Superintendent of Schools RSU # 38 / MAFP, 45 Millard Harrison Drive, Readfield ME 04355.

Again the Readfield Masons have stepped up by donating their proceeds to the MAFP from their annual Heritage Days Breakfast on Saturday, August 12, from 7 to 10 am at their hall located over the Readfield Post Office. Their generosity is very much appreciated and we hope you can go and enjoy a great Maine pancake breakfast with real maple syrup brewed locally and donated by Dead Stream Alpaca & Maple Farm on Route 41! The breakfast is a great way to start off Heritage Days before you hit up the library book sale, history walk, the Union Meeting House and Vestry open house and all the other great events put together by Dennis Price and the Heritage Days Committee. Enjoy the festivities and look for the MAFP table at the Readfield beach from 12-4 for a free kids activity and 50 /50 raffle. We look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The MAFP is open to all residents of the RSU #38 community. No registration is necessary. Food boxes are available weekly from 3-4 pm every Thursday. Curbside pick up is located at the lower parking lot at the Maranacook Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Durgin at 685-4481. All inquiries are confidential to the fullest extent possible.

*Respectfully submitted, Greg Durgin for MAFP; durgie@roadrunner.com*

## Maranacook Food Pantry

Every Thursday / 3:30-4:30 PM / Call 207-685-4923

# 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





## AUGUST 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

### Library Hours

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

### LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION WORK



Beginning on **August 21st**, the main entrance to the Library may be closed for a week or two so that our ramp/stairs can be replaced. During this time, entry into the library building will be through the front door (facing Main street), which includes **2 steps up to the building**. **If you are unable to use the front entry during this brief construction period please call/email the Library and we will gather your materials for you and deliver them curbside.** We apologize in advance for this temporary inconvenience, but **we are very excited that we will have a proper**

**and updated ADA ramp/stairs to replace the current one which is in disrepair.** This work is being done with voter-approved town funds, as well as with grant monies received through the ‘Remote Work through Libraries’ Grant described below. The contractors will also be installing a door and outside fire escape stairs from the second floor, in preparation for the future use of some of our upstairs space by the public. This portion of the construction project should not impact public use of the library, entrances, etc.

### REMOTE WORK THROUGH LIBRARIES GRANT AWARD!

Readfield Community Library is excited to announce that we have **received a grant from the Maine State Library (MSL) totaling \$24,999** as part of MSL’s “Remote Work through Libraries” Grant Program. This money will be used for our **“WORK FROM YOUR LIBRARY!”** project, with the **purpose of making modifications inside and outside of the library to create suitable and accessible work spaces** for remote and home-based workers, including for both year-round residents and seasonal residents. **These modifications will also make our library a better place/space for ALL**, including people trying to quietly read or write or students needing a place to do coursework or training.

Most immediately, these funds will be used to help pay for our new ADA entrance ramp/stairs (described above) to provide better accessibility for all to the library. Additionally, we will have electrical work done outside to provide outlets for device charging in our Library yard, where many use our robust 24/7 WiFi access and our outdoor furniture to work, particularly in the non-winter months. We will also have indoor electrical work done, to provide outlets in the adult room on the first floor (where there are currently none!) and lighting and outlets upstairs where needed to prepare to have second floor space available for patron use.

We are thrilled that this project will help us to better serve our patron’s work-related, employment, and job training needs. Whether someone needs a quiet place to have a meeting or get out of their home office for the day, is on vacation and can’t 100 percent get away from work, needs to attend online trainings, requires robust internet access during a power outage, etc., we hope that our “Work From Your Library” project modifications will allow people of all ages to see the Readfield Community Library as a comfortable, accessible, and practical place to get work done, be productive, and have work-related needs met. In the near future, we are planning some technology upgrades as well! We are incredibly grateful to the Maine State Library for providing us with this funding which will allow us to better serve our patrons.

### STORY WALK® EVENT with Maine Children’s Author Jean Flahive on August 1st

We are delighted to host Maine author Jean Flahive, whose stories for young people capture interesting and important pieces of Maine history. Join us **outdoors at the Readfield Community Library for an Author Event, Story Walk, and related activities on Tuesday August 1st at 10:00am.** The Story Walk will feature Jean’s book, *The Canoe Maker*, and Jean will have books available for sale/signing after the event (cash/check accepted). Rain date will be August 3rd at 10:00am. This event is part of the Library’s 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant.

**About Jean:** After a long career in higher education, including serving as a dean of students at a community college in Maine, Jean rediscovered a passion she had not followed since childhood—writing. In all her writings, Jean enjoys shedding light on lesser known pieces of Maine history. She is the author of three children’s books: *The Old Mainer and the Sea*; *The Canoe Maker*, *David Moses Bridges*, *Passamaquoddy Birch Bark Artisan* co-authored with Donald Soctomah; and *Remember Me: Tomah Joseph’s Gift to Franklin Roosevelt*, which won a 2009 Moonbeam Gold Award. She is also the author of three young adult historical novels, *Teddy Roosevelt*, *Millie*, and *the Elegant Ride*, which won the 2020 Eric Hoffer Gold Medal for Middle Grade Readers and the 2020 Moonbeam Bronze Award; *Billy Boy*, *the Sunday Soldier of the 17<sup>th</sup> Maine*; and *Railroad to the Moon: Elijah’s Story*. Jean and her husband live on the coast of Maine. FMI about Jean:

<https://www.jeanflahive.com>





## HELP ME GROW Visits Story Time on August 8th

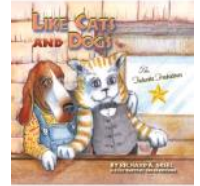


Help Me Grow (HMG) Maine is a free information and referral service available to pregnant parents and families with children through the age of eight. We are delighted that **Melinda Corey, Help Me Grow Outreach Specialist, will join our Library's STORY TIME to offer free developmental information and screenings to anyone who is interested**, as well as take-

home books for kids, on **Tuesday August 8th at 10:00am at the Readfield Town Beach**. Rain date is Tuesday August 22nd.

## Children's Book Launch EVENT on August 15th: *Like Cats and Dogs* by Richard Skeel

Please join us at the **Readfield Beach on Tuesday, August 15th at 10:00am** as we honor the memory of local **Readfield author Richard Skeel with a Book Launch event of his children's book, *Like Cats and Dogs***, recently published in April 2023. We will be reading the book together and enjoying a related craft. Renee from Oliver & Friends Bookshop will have copies available for sale. Event is free, open to the public, and a perfect summer family outing! (Rain date is Tuesday, August 22 at 10:00am at the beach).



## AUTHOR EVENT WITH MAINE AUTHOR MATT COST on August 16th



**Matt's new Goff Langdon mystery, *Mainely Wicked*, has a Maranacook connection!**

*"Langdon faces his most WICKED case yet, and not everyone will survive. When Chabal is taken, the chase takes Langdon to a climactic scene on an island in the middle of Maranacook Lake outside of Readfield..."*

Please join us **outdoors behind the Library on Wednesday August 16th at 6:30pm** for this amazing author event! Rain location will be the Readfield Union Meeting House. Matt will read from his latest book, *Mainely Wicked*, and will answer audience questions and sell/sign books. Don't miss it! **About Matt:** Matt was a history major at Trinity College. He owned a mystery bookstore, a video store, and a gym, and then taught middle school social studies for 10 years. He now writes histories and mysteries and lives in Brunswick, ME. FMI about Matt and his books: <https://www.mattcost.net>

## DEMENTIA INCLUSIVITY & AWARENESS PROJECT

### New resources and upcoming event on August 17th

The Readfield Community Library, in partnership with Age-Friendly Readfield, has received a \$500 microgrant from AgingME GWEP (Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project) at the University of New England and the University of Maine Center on Aging for a Dementia Inclusivity & Awareness Project. With these funds:

—we will soon add a small **collection of books and materials specifically for people living with dementia and their care partners**, and we will have a display in the library to highlight these new materials.

—we will host a discussion with 2 leading Maine experts on the Aging Brain (please see the full-size version of this flyer elsewhere in the Messenger). This **Aging Brain talk will take place on Thursday, August 17th at 10:00am at the Readfield Town Office**.

—One of the new resources at the Library is an excellent resource book called ***Pathways to Well-Being with Dementia: A Manual of Help, Hope and Inspiration***, which is also available **FREE** as a PDF online at:

<https://daanow.org/pathways-to-well-being-with-dementia/>

**THE AGING BRAIN**  
A discussion on "dementia worry" and the other fears that come along with the aging brain  
**SUSAN WEHRY, M.D. AND GRACE SIMONSON, OMS-I**

**ABOUT THE TALK**  
This seminar on the aging brain helps alleviate "dementia worry" (aging anxiety) which develops as fear of developing Alzheimer's disease or related conditions. The seminar is 1 hour in length, with a voluntary, uncompensated pre- and post-survey.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**  
**Grace Simonson** is a medical student on the board of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Club at UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her clinical and personal experiences have made her passionate about dementia-care for older adults and she is eager to join Dr. Wehry and AgingME in their mission.

**Susan Wehry** is a board certified geriatric psychiatrist with almost 40 years of experience. She is the director of AgingME, a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Project to create a more age-friendly health system. Learn about Dr. Wehry & her career at [www.agingme.org](http://www.agingme.org).

**A FREE** research seminar helping to alleviate worries of dementia among older adults.

**Join us on August 17th at one of 3 Central Maine Locations:**

- 10-11AM @ Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Rd. Readfield, ME
- 12-1PM @ Cumston Public Library** 796 Main St. Monmouth, ME (light lunch provided)
- 2 - 3 PM @ Julia Adams Morse Memorial Library** 105 Main St. Greene, ME

**WWW.AGINGME.ORG**

## LIBRARY CAFÉ continues on four August Tuesdays at 10am (August 8, 15, 22, 29)

Please drop in on **Tuesdays between 10:00-11:00am at the Library** (indoors or outdoors, based on weather) **for coffee, lemonade, and light refreshments**. This informal "coffee chat" offers time and space to gather and visit with neighbors. All are welcome! NOTE: We will NOT meet on Tuesday August 1st due to an Author Event at the Library that morning. If you are in need of a ride, please register with Neighbors Driving Neighbors: <https://www.neighborsdrivingneighbors.org>. 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 (through the Association for Rural and Small Libraries) received by the library.



**DID YOU KNOW?**...the library stopped ordering Mylar library book covers for adult books beginning September 2022? This has avoided the use of plastics, and has saved money as well!

## SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>

# Book Sale



The Annual Library Book Sale will be held during Readfield Heritage Days weekend on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Readfield Fire Station. All sale proceeds benefit the Readfield Community Library; thanks to the Library Board of Trustees for organizing this annual event! If you would like to donate books for the Sale, please save them and drop them off at the Fire Station the morning of the sale starting at 7:30am (best if before 9:00am). Unfortunately, we do not have space at the library to store donations ahead of the sale date. Please do NOT place donations



in the Book Drop. We appreciate donations of items in good condition; please no ripped/musty/moldy items and no textbooks.

## MAINE AUTHORS RAFFLE BASKETS!

A raffle of book baskets that celebrate Maine authors! Take your chance at one or more of these fabulous Maine Authors baskets:

- Maine Children’s Books basket
- Chocolate and Maine Mysteries basket
- Maine Outdoors basket (including Paul Doiron books!)
- Maine Beach Reads Basket

Baskets will be on display at the Readfield Community Library beginning August 1st (with photos forthcoming on Facebook/website). Tickets (\$1 per ticket or 10 tickets for \$5 ) will be on sale at the Library from August 1st through August 11th, and at the Heritage Days Book Sale and Makers Market & Community Fair on August 12th. Drawing will take place the evening of August 12th. Winners will be called and can pick up their baskets at the Library. Thanks to community members who have donated these Maine author books...some are signed by the author, some brand new, and a few are gently used. All proceeds to benefit the Library.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM updates

Wow! We have over 90 kids/teens and over 40 adults signed up for the Summer Reading Program this year. The program runs through August 21<sup>st</sup>, so it is not too late to sign up—simply stop by the Library or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org). Readers can log their minutes read on paper logs available at the library. Each hour read earns a free small prize or book (all donated), as well as a ticket for a chance at great raffle prizes from local businesses!



### Save the Date! Summer Reading Final Celebration & Raffle Drawing:

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

Many thanks to the Friends of the Readfield Community Library for providing funds to purchase these awesome (and local!) end-of-summer RAFFLE prizes for our Summer Reading Program:

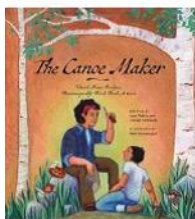
#### Raffle Prizes FOR KIDS/TEENS:

\$25 Gift Card to [The Apple Shed Kitchen](#) in Kents Hill; \$25 Gift Card to [Fiedler's Choice Ice Cream](#) in Manchester; \$25 Gift Card to [Oliver & Friends Bookshop](#) in Belgrade; \$25 Gift Card towards LEGO set of choice

#### Raffle Prizes FOR ADULTS:

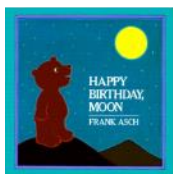
\$25 Gift Card for [Weathervane Restaurant & Lounge](#) in Readfield; \$25 Gift Card for [Cake Deliberately](#) in Readfield

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



### August STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library —*The Canoe Maker*

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 August is *The Canoe Maker: David Moses Bridges, Passamaquoddy Birch Bark Artisan* by Maine authors Jean Flahive and Donald Soctomah, sponsored by a Maine Public Library Fund grant. 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.



### August STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Happy Birthday, Moon*

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 August is *Happy Birthday, Moon* by Frank Asch.



## 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.

August 1st: meet at the Library

August 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th: meet at the Readfield Town Beach

Story Time NOTE: On August 1st, 8th, and 15th, we will have special guests, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

## NEED AFFORDABLE INTERNET ACCESS? Check out the ACP!

### (Affordable Connectivity Program)

Do you or someone you know need access to affordable internet? You may be eligible for a \$30 per month discount off your internet bill. Check out the Affordable Connectivity Program offered in partnership with Maine Connectivity Authority. <https://getacp.org/Maine>

Call or stop by the Library if you need help with the enrollment process.



## End of BENDABLE MAINE; Enhancement of DIGITAL MAINE LIBRARY



Bendable Maine users, please note!!! We received word from the Maine State Library that, unfortunately, the Bendable Maine online learning platform will be discontinued on August 23rd. The good news, however, is that some of the

Bendable content will be offered through the Digital Maine Library platform, where there is already lots of great FREE content! Look to see new content and improvements to the Digital Maine Library in the months ahead! Check it out at <https://library.digitalmaine.org/>

## SUMMER "Read ME" PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING MAINE AUTHORS

The Readfield Community Library will participate again this summer in the statewide "Read ME" summer reading program highlighting Maine authors. We have multiple copies of these two books available at the library for anyone to check out, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Readfield Community Library. Please note the following online event with the authors. These events are free and open to all, using the Zoom platform.

### Statewide Virtual Events

Online Author Talk with Morgan Talty (*Night of the Living Rez*)

Wednesday | August 9, 2023 | 6:30pm | [Register now](#)

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Readfield Community Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer facilitated Book Discussion Projects this summer featuring these books!! We invite you to participate in these Book Discussions. Please

feel free to invite a friend you think may be interested. Each participant will receive their own copy of the book to KEEP! These discussions are free and open to all, but please register by August 7th so that we may get you a copy of the book. Copies of these titles are available now at the Library. Our discussions will meet in person outdoors behind the library if the weather cooperates. In case of rain, we will meet indoors just down the Library Path at the Readfield Union Meeting House. Please let us know ASAP if you would like to participate. Limited to 15 participants; please register soon!

Book Discussion of *Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty

Monday | August 28, 2023 | 6:30pm | Outside behind Library



## Outdoor "LAWN LIBRARY" and 24/7 WiFi Access



Do you need a great outdoor space to read a book/magazine, have coffee or lunch with a friend, or check your email?

- Behind the Library we have a picnic table as well as Adirondack chairs and café-style tables and chairs to sit and read, relax, work, and/or connect with friends and neighbors. The outdoor furniture was purchased last year with funds the town received through an AARP "Community Challenge Grant."
- We offer 24/7 WiFi access to the library yard, parking lot, and library park area, thanks to free equipment upgrades received last year through ITDRC Project Connect. The WiFi network name is "Readfield Community Library" with no password required.
- We also have free magazines (oldies but goodies) for the taking available outdoors all summer.



## SUMMER is a great time for PUZZLES!

The Library has a large variety of jigsaw puzzles for all ages to borrow, from toddler and children's puzzles through 500, 100, and 1500 piece puzzles for teens and adults. A great way to spend a quiet summer evening!



## MAINE AUDUBON NATURE EXPLORER BACKPACKS (Themes: Birds, Plants, Wildlife)



The Library has 3 themed backpacks available for checkout by families, filled with books and activities about the theme! Go on a family adventure and explore Birds, Plants, or Wildlife with a Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Backpack! These backpacks are made possible by ARPA 2021 grant funds administered through the Maine State Library and received by the Readfield Community Library.

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

### NEW!! BOOTHBAY RAILWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM Library Pass for Free Admission



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.

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
Celebrity Chef Challenge**  
Monday, Sept. 18 • 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.spectrumgenerations.org/celebrity-chef](http://www.spectrumgenerations.org/celebrity-chef).



# THE AGING BRAIN

A discussion on "dementia worry" and the other fears that come along with the aging brain

**SUSAN WEHRY, M.D. AND  
GRACE SIMONSON, OMS-I**

## ABOUT THE TALK

This seminar on the aging brain helps alleviate "dementia worry" (aging anxiety) which develops as fear of developing Alzheimer's disease or related conditions. The seminar is 1 hour in length, with a voluntary, uncompensated pre- and post- survey.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Grace Simonson** is a medical student on the board of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Club at UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her clinical and personal experiences have made her passionate about dementia-care for older adults, and she is eager to join Dr. Wehry and AgingME in their mission.

**Susan Wehry** is a board certified geriatric psychiatrist with almost 40 years of experience. She is the director of AgingME, a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Project to create a more age-friendly health system.

Learn about Dr. Wehry & her career at [susanwehrymd.com](http://susanwehrymd.com).

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A **FREE** research seminar helping to alleviate worries of dementia among older adults.

Join us on  
**August 17th**  
at one of 3 Central  
Maine Locations:

**10-11AM @ Readfield Town  
Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Rd.  
Readfield, ME

**12-1PM @ Cumston Public  
Library** 796 Main St.  
Monmouth, ME  
(light lunch provided)

**2 - 3 PM @ Julia Adams  
Morse Memorial Library** 105  
Main St. Greene, ME



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# Readfield Union Meeting House

August activities at the Meeting House and Vestry will range from classical music, The Filiferous Five on Sat. August 5th at 6 pm to a favorite local songwriter & storyteller Stan Davis from Wayne on Tuesday August 22nd at 6 pm. Both music events will be by donation only, so don't miss out on some wonderful music.

During Heritage Days we will be hosting an Open House at the Vestry from noon to 4pm. Saturday August 12th. During the Open House hours there will be a special Ice Cream Social from 1-3 pm. with face painting be offered to young children.

Hundreds of hours have been provided by board member, Larry Dunn, plus board & committee, and community volunteers to create a new kitchen and ADA accessible bathroom, and ramps.

Closing out the August schedule will be a Pie Sale on Saturday 26th; 10:00 to noon (or when the pies sell out ).

A grateful thank you goes out to the crafters who brought their wares to the July 22 fair. Once again the rains took a break, as it did for the Strawberry Festival on July 1, and the day was perfect for visiting a craft fair.

A reminder that the RUMH and Friends of the Meeting House and Vestry welcome people interested in joining our Board of Directors, Friends of the Meeting House & Vestry. There is currently a secretary vacancy and we are always looking for help with publicity.

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

## 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 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



## Upcoming Select Board Meetings

August 21, 2023  
September 18, 2023

*Starting at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated*





# You could lower your internet bill by \$30 a month!

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) offers eligible **Maine families** up to \$30 a month off their internet bill.

## Who qualifies for the Affordable Connectivity Program?

A HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE IF EITHER their total income is **below 200%** of the Federal Poverty Level, or one family member meets any of the criteria below:

- **Participates in assistance programs**, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- **Participates in one of several Tribal-specific programs**;
- **Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program**, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- **Received a Federal Pell Grant** during the current award year;
- **Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.**

Household/Family Size	200% of the Federal Poverty Level
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120

For questions or help call 207-259-5010 or <https://digitalequitycenter.org/need-help/>

**You could lower your internet bill by \$30 a month!**

Learn more or apply today at [www.getacp.org/Maine](http://www.getacp.org/Maine).



**MAINE  
CONNECTIVITY  
AUTHORITY**



Use the QR Code to apply to get \$30 off your internet:





# RSU 38 School Board Vacancy

We have an opening for a Readfield representative to the Regional School Unit (RSU) 38 School Board. This is normally an elected position but state law establishes that following a resignation the Select Board is tasked with appointing an interim member until the next municipal election (in June of

2024). The Select Board accepted the resignation of Patricia Gordon with regret at their July 24 meeting.

Anyone interested in serving in this position should complete and submit an Appointment Application by Wednesday, August 16. The Select Board will consider applications at their August 21 meeting.

Questions about the position are best directed to acting School Board Chair David Twitchell:

[David.Twitchell@maranacook.com](mailto:David.Twitchell@maranacook.com) or Superintendent Jay Charette: [Jay.Charette@maranacook.com](mailto:Jay.Charette@maranacook.com)



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

## RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule - 2023-2024

The following is a schedule of meetings for the RSU #38 Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings will be held at the Maranacook Middle School Cafeteria, with a zoom option on Wednesdays (typically the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday), beginning at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please refer to the Maranacook Area Schools website for changes during the school year <https://www.maranacook.org/>

September 6 – Business Meeting

September 20 – Workshop Meeting

October 4 – Business Meeting

October 18 – Workshop Meeting

November 1 – Business Meeting

November 15 – Workshop Meeting

December 6 – Business Meeting

January 3 – Business Meeting

January 17 – Budget Workshop Meeting

February 7 – Business Meeting

February 28 – Budget Workshop Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

March 6 – Business Meeting

March 20 – Budget Workshop Meeting

March 27 – Budget Workshop Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

April 3 – Business Meeting

April 10 – Vote on budget; Workshop Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

May 1 – Business Meeting

May 8 – RSU #38 Annual Budget Meeting, MS Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) (in person only)

June 5 – Business Meeting

June 12 – Business/Workshop Meeting (accept referendum votes and set local assessments) (2<sup>nd</sup> Weds.)

June 11 – Referendum vote at individual towns





## Readfield Play Group to Move Back Inside After Summer Intermission



Make new friends and bring the old for the final day at the beach for Readfield Play Group this summer. Come play with bubbles on **Thursday, August 3, from 10 to 11 a.m.** at Readfield Beach on Route 17 behind the Weathervane Restaurant in Readfield.

Fall session of the play group begins **September 14 at 9:30 a.m.** at Readfield Elementary School.

Watch for more information in the September *Messenger*, the Readfield online newsletter, and other media at

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/town-publications/pages/readfield-messenger>.

### Are you in the Tax Club?

*Be on the look out for your 2023 Tax Club Booklet(s) in the mail!*



[www.readfieldmaine.org/subscribe](http://www.readfieldmaine.org/subscribe)

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

### Food Bank Update & Information on Heating Assistance

With the high price of food in the grocery stores and reduction in SNAP benefits, you may be having a hard time feeding your family. If that sounds like you, please come to the First Baptist Church – Mt. Vernon Food Bank at 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon any Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30. The food bank has excellent selection of fresh, frozen, canned and dry foods. A local church purchases farm shares from a local farm to provide the freshest produce during the summer for customers.

In addition to food, the food bank provides a wide array of personal care items, clothing and school supplies.

Though summer has just begun, it is time to begin applying for HEAP (home energy assistance program). Applying early means that you will have heat once cold weather arrives.

KVCAP is the organization that coordinates this program in our area. The best way to start the process is online. Go to their website [kvcap.org](http://kvcap.org), go to For the Home tab, then Heating Assistance. If you do not have internet at home, do not despair. The Mt. Vernon, Readfield and Fayette libraries all have fast internet and public computers.

Donations can be dropped off at the  
Readfield Town Office







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## DID YOU KNOW...

Changing the address on your vehicle registration is **FREE?**

If you moved within Maine and need to update your address to Readfield, it is 100% free. You don't need to wait until your registration expires to make the change.

Bring in a piece of first-class mail or other proof of residency to the Town Office during normal business hours to update your registration. You can also change your voter registration over at this time and it will make it easier to change your license over.

New to Maine? Just call us and we will tell you what to bring in to register your vehicle in Maine.



## Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME / Phone number: 207-685-4211

Email: [office@readfieldchurch.net](mailto:office@readfieldchurch.net) Website: [readfieldchurch.org](http://readfieldchurch.org)

Come worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m. / The church is handicap accessible



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for July 15th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.

### Public Supper

**August 12 from 4:30-6:00 pm**

Baked Beans, pot pies, casseroles,  
salads & desserts

*Adults \$10.00, Children 5-12 \$5.00, Under 5 free*

### *Interested in Hosting an International Exchange Student this year?*

Contact Amy Hayes

Community Outreach Advisor

Email: [ahayes@afsusa.org](mailto:ahayes@afsusa.org)

Tel: 1-646-381-3291 (preferred number)

Cell: 1-651-356-5181

[www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org)

Martha Miller  
**WOMEN OF COLOR**



**THE GALLERY IN READFIELD**

1138 Main Street, Readfield, Maine

**August 1st- 31st, 2023**

**Artist Reception Saturday, August 12th, 1-3pm**

[galleryinreadfield.com](http://galleryinreadfield.com)

Artist Reception  
Saturday,  
August 12  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
during  
Heritage Days  
at  
The Gallery,  
1138 Main St.

**Artist Statement**

George Floyd's murder in May of 2020 and the growing Black Lives Matter movement ignited in me a deep desire to contribute somehow to this critical cause. I prayed about it, using a mantra created by Julia Cameron, author of *The Artists Way*:

"I am willing to let God create through me."

A gift of mine is drawing portraits. In making a portrait, I lift an individual into the light to be recognized, acknowledged and seen. When the young poet Amanda Gorman walked onto the

stage at President Joe Biden's inauguration in January, 2021, wearing her brilliant yellow coat and gesturing expressively while she read her poem *The Hill We Climb*, I knew I had to do her portrait. In so doing, my prayer was unlocked: I knew what I could do. I could draw.

Gorman's portrait marked the beginning of a new series of portraits, the Women of Color Portrait Project. In late January 2021, I started creating a portrait a day. I worked throughout February, which is Black History Month, and into March, Women's History Month. I completed a total of 48 portraits during this time.

I worked from photos of Women of Color found on-line, and I used charcoal and mixed media to create larger than life portraits of WOC artists, politicians, abolitionists, musicians, poets, writers, actors and dancers, many of whom are well known and many who were unfamiliar to me.

I want to honor and amplify the stories of these beautiful, courageous women and it is my hope that their voices will ring out and be heard by all who view their portraits.

*Martha Miller, July 2023*





## Botanical Sketching Workshop Camp Bearstow, Mount Vernon Tuesday, August 1, 5:30 - 7:30 PM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Kennebec Land Trust and artists Alison C. Dibble, Ph.D. and Candace McKellar for a workshop on botanical sketching. Suspend your self-imposed limitations while you have fun being creative. Sharpen your observation skills, and appreciate plants even more. Materials provided. Limit: 12 people, age 16 and over.



Photo: Ostrich Ferns, Oil on panel by Alison Dibble

Our purpose, for the sake of this workshop, is not necessarily to represent a plant for identification purposes. Instead, we provide a method by which to sharpen your observation skills, allow yourself more time with a fascinating plant, and perhaps discover something about yourself. By calling this “sketching” we relieve ourselves of the expectations that we must produce a masterpiece. We can just have fun creating.

Cost: \$18 (\$13 for KLT members) - includes materials  
To register, email Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or call 207-377-2848.



Photo: Hales Pond Woodland Preserve by Marie Ring

## Hales Pond Woodland Preserve Dedication Thursday, August 17, 5:30 PM Hales Pond Woodland Preserve, Fayette

Kennebec Land Trust permanently conserved the 74-acre Hales Pond Woodland Preserve in 2022 thanks to a generous donation from Albert Ferguson and his wife, Effie, and John Moore’s companion Marilyn Donnelly.

Join KLT on August 17 to celebrate this conservation accomplishment and explore a new trail. There will be brief comments at 5:30 followed by refreshments and a hike on the new trail on the property.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848. RSVPs are helpful, but not required.

Directions: From Wayne, take Pond Road north to the four-way intersection with the Berry, Walton, and Richmond Mills Roads. Continue north onto Richmond Mills Road for approximately 1.3 miles; turn right onto Bamford Pond Rd.

## KLT's 35th Anniversary Annual Meeting Sunday, August 20, Camp Androscoggin, Wayne

Celebrate Kennebec Land Trust's 35th Anniversary and 2023 conservation accomplishments at KLT's Annual Meeting on August 20.

Join KLT for a walk at Perkins Woods Preserve, kids' nature art activities, or an open swim and paddle at Camp Androscoggin before the annual meeting. There will be live music by the Sandy River Ramblers during the bring-your-own picnic lunch with desserts and drinks provided.



Photo: Annual Meeting by Andy Tolman

For more info/RSVP visit [www.tklt.org/annual-meeting](http://www.tklt.org/annual-meeting) or contact Marie [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) 207-377-2848

## Home Energy Resources (HEAP)

KVCAP is scheduling appointments for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) 2023/24 heating season, for Kennebec and Somerset County residents. For more information, to see if you qualify, or to schedule an appointment please contact our team at 207-859-1500, email [energy@kvcap.org](mailto:energy@kvcap.org), or visit [www.kvcap.org](http://www.kvcap.org)







**Manchester Lions Club  
Lobster or Chicken  
Dinner To Go**

**August 19, 2023**



**4pm to 6pm**

**BBQ Chicken... \$15**

**Single Lobster... \$25**

**Double Lobster.. \$35**

**For More  
Information  
Call Deb  
207-441-9906**





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# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Assessor In (By Appointment) Summer Residents Meeting 5:00 PM	5
6 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	7	8 Conservation Commission 6:30 PM	9 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library Board 6:30 PM	10 Road Committee 6:00 PM	11 Readfield Heritage Days See Schedule on Front	12 Readfield Heritage Days See Schedule on Front
13 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18 Assessor In (By Appointment)	19
20 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	21 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	22 Planning Board 6:30 PM	23 Trails 6:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Transfer Stations Summer Hours 8:00 AM-12:00 PM	28 September Messenger Articles Due	29	30	31		