



Readfield Messenger

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Readfield Heritage Days



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Readfield: Winding Down & Gearing Up

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

August turned out to be a better month for being outside and doing activities without as much rain as we had in June and July. Heritage Days was a great success with activities at the Beach, Fairgrounds, Fire Station and Library, Union Meeting House Vestry, Masonic Hall, Gallery, Giles Hall, Historical Society and a walking tour downtown. A good time was had by folks at each location throughout the two days capped off by many folks at the beach and out on Maranacook Lake in boats watching the Fireworks. A big thank you to everyone who helped in planning and executing the various events and especially to Dennis Price for his sixth year of leading the Heritage Days event.

As summer draws to a close the Transfer Station ends their Sunday hours until next summer, and the beach will end having regular hours and parking restrictions on September 16th. The Town Office staff have finished all the work associated with the past fiscal year and are busy finishing up summer projects. Our children are packing away their summer toys and getting geared up for school starting.

Fall brings a wide variety of activities for residents to enjoy including boating on our lakes, walking on our sidewalk and many trails throughout town, signing the kids up for fall sports, enjoying high school sporting events at Maranacook and Kents Hill Schools, and joining in with town committees as meetings continue on with important work to help keep our town vibrant including more discussions about the sports fields at the Fairgrounds.

The Select Board will be holding their annual retreat on Monday September 11th to review the accomplishments of the past year and to plan for this year. This is a productive workshop where your elected officials discuss their interests and agree on what items to prioritize for the year and take on leads in various projects. The budget process and goals will also be discussed. The town office staff will then begin the work of developing next year's budget while continuing work on the various projects approved by voters at the June annual town meeting. Please stay informed about budgeting by reading the Messenger and attending meetings in person or on Zoom. All Select Board meetings are recorded and available to view on the town website, readfieldmaine.org, by going to the Select Board button on the home page.

Please enjoy the coming weeks as the weather cools down and the leaves begin to change color.

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News from the Town Manager

Town Manager's Report - Stormwater Management

Breaking Records

In December of 2022 we faced severe flooding and costly damage to road infrastructure as a mix of slush, ice, and rain overwhelmed ditches and culverts and worked away at partially frozen and saturated soils. We even had a section of snowbank the size of a small truck float out onto Chase Rd. The immediate cost to the Town was over \$40,000. In April of this year we had more unprecedented rainfall that caused another \$10,000 in damage, but fortunately not as much as was seen in other towns. The extreme weather has continued through the summer - one of the wettest in decades with records being approached or set around the state for both monthly averages and single day events. All this water has created new problems and compounded existing issues. Garden crops have failed, yards have been submerged, erosion and sedimentation have accelerated in our lakes, and we have seen drainage issues town-wide. While we cannot control the weather we can do a few things to help address these problems.

An Ounce of Prevention

The Town is taking steps to improve our ability to prevent damage from heavy rain events and make better, longer lasting repairs to town roads.

- Pursuing regular ditching, culvert, and shoulder maintenance - Each year we have a Request For Proposals (RFP) to partially address this need. The current RFP will be awarded in September. The cost of contracted road maintenance continues to rise and we cannot perform all of the work that is needed all at once. Work must be prioritized within the scope of approved budgets.
- Working to minimize the use of winter sand (while maintaining safe road surfaces) - Winter sand physically fills in ditch lines and culverts, but it also makes road shoulders softer, encourages “channeling” from roadside wheel tracks, and creates berms that prevent water from reaching the ditch - all of these things contribute to erosion and damage to the roadway.
- Developing and following a vegetation management plan - Brush and excess plant growth along the roadside limit visibility, but they also contribute to the infill of ditches. Twice annual mowing is essential but many areas need aggressive cutting to remove brush and trees as was done on Church Rd. this spring. We are working on plan that addresses priority areas first and then transitions to more cyclical vegetation management.
- Investing in equipment - The Town recently purchased a brush and leaf chipper to help keep the roadsides and ditch lines clear. Last year we purchased a plate compactor to firmly pack small repairs. This equipment makes our maintenance activities more efficient and effective.
- Working with engineers and other professionals - Engineers can help design drainage improvements in areas where we see chronic issues. We are currently looking at Plains Road. We also have an outstanding Road Committee that helps guide roadwork in Town.

How You Can Help:

If you are willing and able, here are a few things you can do as a resident to help minimize damage from heavy rains and the associated cost of repairs to both public and private property:

- Rake up fall leaves, and rake them out of the ditch (not into it, as tempting as it may be!).
- Keep your driveway culverts clear of leaves and sand that build up over time.
- Mow or cut back brush from the roadway in front of your property.
- Ensure that your property has sufficient drainage to handle the record rainfalls we have seen.
- Support the road maintenance budget at Town Meeting. We have separate warrant articles for maintenance (ditching, culverts, brush, etc.) and capital work (paving).



THANK YOU READFIELD!



READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

OUR INCREDIBLE HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE HELP AND DEDICATION OF OUR ENTIRE TOWN. FROM VENDORS, ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND FIREWORKS, WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO LIVE IN READFIELD AND CELEBRATE WITH YOU ALL!

JOIN US NEXT YEAR AUGUST 9TH AND 10TH FOR HERITAGE DAYS 2024

DENNIS PRICE - HD CHAIR 2023

2023



Lydia Adelson



Lydia Adelson: For her time volunteering on various Town Boards & Committees and her service and support to the Readfield Aging Community. For all her generosity and community-oriented spirit, we extend our special appreciation and thanks.

Greg Durgin



Greg Durgin: For his many years of ongoing volunteering, service and support to the Readfield Community on various Town Boards & Committees and other community based activities. For all his generosity and community-oriented spirit, we extend our special appreciation and thanks.

Jason Foster



Jason Foster: For his many years of volunteering, service and support to the Readfield Fire Department and Community. For all his generosity and community-oriented spirit, we extend our special appreciation and thanks.

News from the Conservation Commission:

What is Open Space?

Part 2 – Where is the Public Access Open Space?

Part 1 pointed out that the public does not have access to some open space, even if it's owned by the town. So, where is publicly accessible open space and is it all owned by the town of Readfield? Here is a short list of especially nice properties that are open to the public. They all are owned by the town of Readfield. One has been identified by the Bangor Daily News as one of the best trails in the state for "Forest Bathing"! Read on to find out which one.

1. The Readfield Town Beach – free to town residents and you need to get a permit for your car. Get one at the town office. There is a sand beach for wading and swimming (no lifeguard) and a hand-carry launching site for canoes and kayaks. There is a parking lot.
2. Readfield Fairgrounds – free to everyone, no permit needed, on the east side of Church Road just before you get to the cemetery. There are groomed bluestone trails that meander through the woods and skirt the RSU 38 fields. You can walk through examples of 3 types of ecosystems: transitional woodlands, old hemlock forest, and grassland. Trails vary from short, flat trails to over a mile long and including hills. It's a good place to birdwatch, also. There is a parking lot.
3. Torsey Pond Nature Preserve – free to everyone, on the east side of Rt. 41 at the end of the wooded area as you drive towards Mt. Vernon. This is the trail that made the Bangor Daily News' "11 Best Trails for Forest Bathing". Quick comment – "Forest Bathing" is a term to describe immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of the woods, no swimming involved. There are long, rustic trails through 3 ecosystems: old hemlock forest, transitional hardwood forest, and wetlands. The property includes waterfront where ducks, loons, and kingfishers live. There is a covered observation blind to use there, also. There is a parking lot off Route 41.

Visit the Town Office to get a copy of the trail map, or download the map from <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/recreation/pages/outdoor-recreation-conservation-areas> Enjoy!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT DOG REGISTRATIONS & RABIES VACCINATIONS!

2024 Dog Registrations begin **starting October 15th** - Be prepared and get your dog(s) rabies shots done early and avoid the hassle and late fees in the end!

Here are some upcoming Vaccination Clinics in the area

Sept. 9th & 14th / Petco in Augusta - <https://www.vetclinics.com/> *Register online*

Sept. 9th & Oct. 7th & 28th / PetSmart in Augusta - <https://www.shotvet.com/> *Register online*

Sept. 10th; 1:00 PM / Tractor Supply in Augusta - No appointment needed!

Sept. 30th, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon; Drive Up Rabies Clinic at Jay Hannaford Parking Lot



The Cost to register your dog is:
\$6.00 (altered) / \$11.00 (unaltered)

Dog registrations are due Dec. 31st
There is a \$25.00 late fee for dogs
that are not registered by the due

*Thank you from the Town Clerk &
Animal Control Officer*



State Referendum Election

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 / 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

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

Referendum Elections are held to provide Maine's citizens an opportunity to vote on People's Veto Referenda, Direct Initiatives of Legislation (i.e. Citizen Initiatives), Bond Issues, other referenda proposed by the Legislature, and Constitutional Amendments. Referendum elections are an important part of the heritage of public participation in Maine.

Absentee ballots will be available beginning the week of October 2

How to request your ballot:

- ⇒ Online by going to <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> and complete the online application
- ⇒ Print off and complete an Absentee Ballot Application under the voting section at www.readfieldmaine.org and mail to Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield ME 04355
- ⇒ Complete the form on the next page or at the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours.
- ⇒ Call the Town Office at 207-685-4939 and talk to a clerk; voice messages/emails cannot be accepted and we need to speak to the voter who is requesting the Absentee Ballot.

Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of August 22, 2023)

- Board of Appeals: 1 Members (2025)
- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Connectivity Committee: 3 Members (2025)
- Conservation Commission: 1 Member (2026), 2 Alt. Members (2025 & 2026)
- Fairgrounds Working Ad-Hoc Group: 1 Public Member, 1 Student Member (2024)
- Heritage Days Committee: Multiple Positions Available
- 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)
- 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 complete an Appointment Application online www.readfieldmaine.org or at the Town Office

Call 207-685-4939 or email clerk@readfieldmaine.org for more information



Application for Absentee Ballot November 7, 2023 Referendum Election

Absentee ballots will become available and will be provided to voters beginning in early October.

<u>Application Received</u> (Date/Time)
<u>Ballot Sent/Delivered</u> (Date/Time)

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on **Thursday, November 2, 2023**, unless special circumstances exist.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on November 7, 2023.

- Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot _____
- Residence Address of Voter _____
(Street Address) (Municipality)
- Voter's Date of Birth - - - - - - -
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- Contact Information – Please complete. Clerk will use only to notify the voter if there is a problem with the application or ballot.
 Daytime Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
- Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter
 - Issued to Voter (Application Required if Voter will Vote Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence)
 - By Mail to this Address _____
 - By Immediate Family Member of Voter
 Designated Here _____
(Name) (Relationship to Voter)
 - By this 3rd Person (Designated by the Voter) _____
(Name) (Telephone #)
- 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).
- 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)

<p><u>AIDE CERTIFICATE</u> (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below)</p> <p>If the voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.</p> <p>I helped this voter: <input type="checkbox"/> read the application <input type="checkbox"/> sign the application <input type="checkbox"/> read and sign the application</p> <p>Signature of Aide _____ Printed Name of Aide _____</p>

LATE FEE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST

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

Player Name Birth Date Gender Grade Shirt Size

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 - **\$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: _____

Office Use Below

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ CC _____ Date _____

Transfer Station News - September 2023

Assistance Available

NEED HELP?

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

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.


Kindness Matters.

7 Ways To Rethink Your Footprint In The Office

1. Reduce your waste. Think what could be reused.
2. Improve your purchasing. Buy in bulk and consolidate orders.
3. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Paper.
4. Consider Specialty Waste: E-Waste, batteries and Ink cartridges.
5. Bring items to the Swap Shop. Good usable items to share.
6. Go digital. Save files on your computer and print less on paper.
7. BYO water bottle.

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

Fall/Winter Transfer Station Hours

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

Saturday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



SEPTEMBER 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The library will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

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

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION WORK



Construction has begun!! The main (side) entrance to the Library will 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! (reprint of last month's article)

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 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.

Link to Kennebec Journal article about the grant: <https://www.centralmaine.com/2023/08/09/three-central-maine-libraries-receive-over-80000-to-make-spaces-more-usable-for-remote-workers/>

ALL AGES "NIGHT WALK" EVENT on September 20th

Please join us for a community all-ages "Night Walk" evening event on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00pm! We hope to have participants from age 1 to 80+ and everything in between, just like our Full Moon Snowshoe events in the winter!! We will meet at the Library parking lot and first enjoy the Story Walk together along Library Trail, which will feature a book called *The Night Walk* by Marie Dorleans, and we will then continue to the Fairgrounds trails at your own pace. Trails Committee members may provide some night time nature information along the walk. After the walk, enjoy apple cider and cookies back at the Library! Dress warmly, and bring your own headlamp/flashlight and water bottle. The Library is pleased to offer this event in partnership with the Readfield Trails Committee. This event is part of the Library's 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant. Note: if weather does not cooperate, we will try to reschedule.



EFFICIENCY MAINE RESIDENTIAL OFFERINGS: Heat Pumps, HP Water Heaters, Electric Vehicles, Insulation, and More! on September 21st

Do you have questions about energy efficient updates for your home and available rebates? Please join Andy Meyer, Residential Program Manager at Efficiency Maine, for a virtual Zoom talk on Efficiency Maine's residential offerings including heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, electric vehicles, insulation, and more! This event will be by Zoom on Thursday September 21st at 6:30pm. In this presentation, Andy will cover the most cost-effective energy efficiency investments you can make, how to find contractors, and how to pay for them. The focus will be on heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, insulation, and electric vehicles, and there will be plenty of time for Q and A. Please contact the Library to register for the Zoom event. Efficiency Maine runs the state's energy efficiency program offering rebates, financing, technical information, and a network of independent installers. This event is part of the Library's 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant.



September is NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

A Readfield Community Library card is FREE to all Readfield residents—stop by to get yours today!!!

- Are you new to Readfield? Visit the Readfield Community Library to get your new library card!

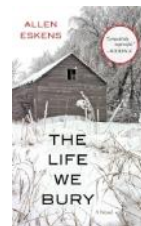
- Have you been in town many years but have never made use of the Library?

Please stop by to see how our library services, information, entertainment, programs, and books/materials can benefit you!

- Do you have children or grandchildren starting a new school year? A library card and a weekly trip to the public library is a great way to start a new year!

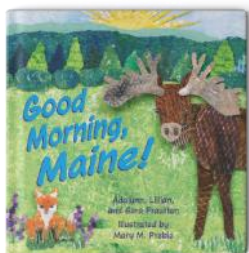
LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, September 9th from 10am-4pm

Please stop in for cider/treats and to sign up for a library card!!



September BOOK GROUP—*The Life We Bury*

Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! For September, we will discuss the mystery novel *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens on Monday September, 25th at 6:30pm. We will try to meet outdoors and in-person if the weather allows. If rain, we will either Zoom or meet indoors. Please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.



NEW Children's Book by Local Authors—*Good Morning, Maine!*

We are excited to announce a new book published September 1st by 3 local authors, Sara Frautten (of Winthrop) and her granddaughters Adalynn and Lillian (of Readfield). This lovely picture book is about how animals in Maine start their day and features illustrations by Mary Preble. The Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Elementary School will host an event with the authors for the students at Readfield Elementary School during the school day in later September. The book, *Good Morning, Maine!* can be enjoyed by all families throughout the month of September in the Story Walk behind the Readfield Elementary School. The book is available at:



<https://www.mcseabooks.com/product/good-morning-maine/>

DEMENTIA INCLUSIVITY & AWARENESS PROJECT

Please check out our new collection of books and materials specifically for people living with dementia and their care partners, which will be on special display in the library during the month of September. One of the new books 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/>. We are grateful to AgingME GWEP (Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project) at the University of New England and the University of Maine Center on Aging for providing micro-grant funding to the Readfield Community Library and Age-Friendly Readfield for this Dementia Inclusivity & Awareness Project.

STORY WALK® –Two sites in Readfield for families to enjoy in September!



September 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 September 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.



September STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Good Morning, Maine!*

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 September is *Good Morning, Maine!* by local authors Adalynn, Lillian, and Sara Frautten.**

Weekly In-Person STORY TIME on Tuesday Mornings (Back to the Library in September!)

Note that we will move back to the Library (instead of the Beach) beginning in September. Join us outside the Library on **Tuesdays at 10:00am** for theme-based books, songs, and crafts. We will meet outside the Library in good weather through the fall, and move inside the Library in case of rain.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM SUCCESS and PRIZES



Wow!! Participants in the summer reading program read just under **2000 collective hours** this summer!

We had record participation numbers, with **97 children/teens participating and 40 adults!** At the end of August we celebrated our 2023 Summer Reading Program with a fascinating Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program "The Bugmobile." The winners of the summer reading raffle prizes included kids/teens

Emily, Cole, Rosie, Rowan, and adults Emily and Lanie. Congratulations! **All children/teens who participated also received a coupon for a free ice cream treat at the Readfield Family Market.** Please stop by the library to get your coupon if you have not already. Many

thanks to the **Friends of the Readfield Community Library** for providing funds to purchase these awesome (and local!) end-of-summer RAFFLE gift card prizes for our Summer Reading Program: gift cards to [The Apple Shed Kitchen](#) in Kents Hill; [Fielder's Choice Ice Cream](#) in Manchester; [Oliver & Friends Bookshop](#) in Belgrade; [Weathervane Restaurant & Lounge](#) in Readfield; [Cake Deliberately](#) in Readfield; and a LEGO set of choice.



ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE WRAP-UP

Thanks to all the volunteer helpers, people who donated books, and people who purchased books at the sale. This fundraiser brought in over \$945.20 for the Library!! It was quite incredible to see the crew that came together the day of the Sale to move and set up the books, run the sale, and break down the event at the end of the day.

Special thanks to the entire Board of Trustees for their dedication to this annual event for the Library. And, a special thanks to Lee Mank and the Fire Dept. for use of the fire station, and to Howard, Greg, Nancy, and Jean for your extra help!

MAINE AUTHORS RAFFLE BASKETS Winners

Thanks to all for support library through raffle ticket purchases. We made \$228! Thanks to community members who have donated these Maine author books. The basket winners were: **Maine Children's Books** basket won by Mel; **Chocolate and Maine Mysteries** basket won by Jessica; **Maine Outdoors** basket (including **Paul Doiron** books!) won by Sue; and **Maine Beach Reads** basket won by Jessica. Congrats!

LIBRARY CAFÉ Wrap-Up

Thanks to the Age Friendly Readfield Committee for helping with our Library Cafe this summer, and to all who attended. It was such a delight to share coffee, treats, and conversation all summer long!

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.



SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION Series Wrap-up

Thanks to all who participated in our Book Discussions this summer! We had lots of new faces at our discussions and it was wonderful to hear new voices in our book talks!! Special thanks to Kartika Wright for doing a fabulous job facilitating, and to Maine Humanities Council for making this Book Discussion Project possible for our library this summer.

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

Fall is a great time to explore! 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 FALL 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 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. Last day is October 8th.

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 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. Last day is October 22nd.



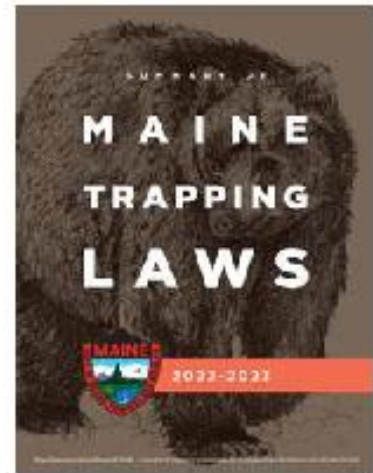
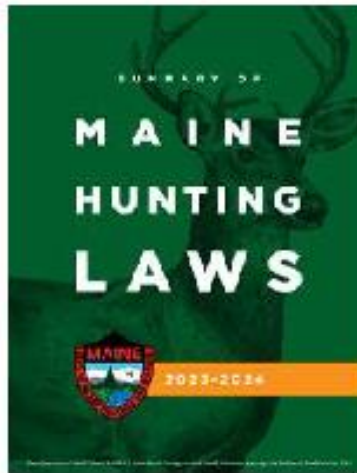
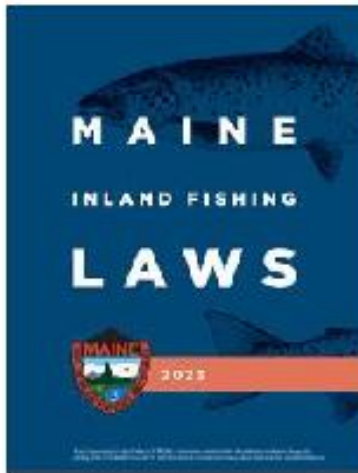
MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out



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. Pass is for year-round use.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Laws of the Maine Outdoors



Open your phone's
Camera / QR reader
and scan the code

Week 1 – Medicare Data Breach

Last month Medicare announced that one of their contractors had been hacked and the personal information of 612,000 Medicare beneficiaries were stolen. The security breach put Social Security numbers, birth dates, driver’s license numbers, health insurance claims, medical history notes, prescription information and other personally identifiable information at risk.

Anyone whose information was compromised in the breach will be notified by Medicare and offered two years of free credit monitoring. However, even if your data weren’t stolen, this incident reminds us all of one stark reality – we have little control over much of our personal data.

So many companies and government entities have our personal data and so many have been hacked in the past that the most practical thing for people to do is assume that your information is out there and take the necessary precautions. Two things you can do to protect against ID fraud are to [check your credit reports](#) regularly for suspicious activity (www.annualcreditreport.com), and be sure that you are using strong and unique passwords for all websites and storing them securely.

Week 2 – Tech Support Scams Trending

Some of the top scams are the ones that have been around the longest. One might think that a crime like the tech support scam, which has been around for 15 years, might fade away but it is more common than ever. According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center, the tech support scam was reported by nearly 18,000 victims who had a combined \$588 million stolen from them last year.

These scams start with an unsolicited phone call or a pop-up alert on your device, claiming to be from Microsoft, Norton, or another related company warning of grave problems. The goal is to persuade you to allow them to remotely connect with your device where they can convince you they find something terrible. They are actually seeking to install malware to harvest personal information and logins, creating ways to get back into your device or convincing you to pay for expensive repair and protection – all of which if fake.

Bottom line, the urgent phone call or popup message is a sham. Don’t answer (or hang up immediately if you do), and to rid your screen of the message, exit out of your browser, power down your device or do a hard shut down. Keeping your operating systems and security software up to date is an important way to keep real viruses and malware out.

Week 3 – Employment Scams Haven’t Gone Away

When it comes to the labor market, the supply of jobs is outpacing demand but that doesn’t mean that employment scams have gone away. Just because there are more job openings than job seekers doesn’t mean that criminals have closed up shop. With many Americans looking for a side hustle to help make ends meet or an opportunity to make more money or work remotely, there are still enough potential victims to fuel these schemes.

Here's what you need to know to avoid employment scams. Beware of any job that offers a large income with little to no training or experience. Business offers that are guaranteed to “pay off quickly” or “double your investment” are also highly suspicious. Lastly, avoid any job offer which requires you to pay in advance for certification, training or materials.

Many of these employment scams are advertised as “work from home” which is particularly dangerous with so many people looking for these opportunities. Before accepting any work from home position, do your homework and ensure that the company you are agreeing to work for is indeed a legitimate one.

Week 4 – Celebrity Impostor Scams

This October is National Cyber Security month and AARP is focused on shining a light on the most prevalent online scams including celebrity impostors. Stars like Bruce Springsteen, Trace Adkins and Oprah Winfrey are among thousands of celebrities whose personas have been used by scammers online to solicit money from fans.

These days, celebrities share career news, personal views, even travel videos on social media and interact with fans in comment threads. Criminal scammers take advantage of that by trying to convince fans that they have special direct access to that celebrity online. The way it works is a fan will get a direct message out of the blue from a favorite musician, actor or athlete. They will send out tens of thousands of these messages knowing that while most people will be skeptical – it only takes one person who is excited to make money.

While the ask might vary between money for charity or an investment opportunity or limited access event and even love, it is always a scam. Remember, never share your personal information with or send money to someone you don't know and have only communicated with online, no matter how supposedly famous they are.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Need a [scam prevention speaker](#) for your group? Go to aarp.org/me or call 1-866-554-5380.

Town of Readfield's Annual



HALLOWEEN
TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28th
Readfield Fairgrounds
Contact Readfield Rec @
readfieldreccom@gmail.com
if interested in
hosting a trunk!

TRUNKS NEEDED!



Manchester Lions Club



Celebrating 70 years of Community Service
Presents Dinner and a Show

Saturday, October 28th
6 pm to 8 pm

Dennis Price ~ Local Comedian
will share his Improve Style Comedy
following dinner by the Manchester Lions

\$25 for Dinner & Show
Tickets call: Deb 441-9906

Dinner options: Roasted Pork Loin or
Portabella Mushroom Cap stuffed w/ Roasted Veggies
and
Garden Salad, Mashed Potato, Green Beans & Roll
Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Lemonade

**All proceeds from
this event will go
to support Honor
flight Maine!**



Readfield Historical Society

READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

First of all, we wish to thank Dennis Price for yet another tremendous job of planning and coordinating Readfield Heritage Days. He has done so for several years and under his leadership each year has gotten better and better. We hope that Dennis will continue to lead us to and through another successful celebration of Readfield's heritage!

FRIDAY, WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL: About seventy RHS members attended the Wine N Cheese on Friday evening as the kick-off to Heritage Days. Winthrop Federal Credit Union sponsored this event at which delicious hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, non-alcoholic drinks, wine and sangrias were served. We welcomed both established and new members, and were pleased to have many summer residents attend. Guests enjoyed the camaraderie and tours of the museum.

SATURDAY, HISTORY WALK #63: The main focus was how, when and why the Readfield Corner Water Association (RCWA) came to be in 1988 as told by founders Bill Bourret and Ed Dodge. Among the thirty attendees were some of the twenty-two owners whose properties are currently served by RCWA. Additional speakers were Rick Wilson, RCWA president, and Andy Tolman, a geologist who began a long career in 1980 with the Maine Geology Survey.

In the mid-1970s Nanou's Store and the Masonic building at Readfield Corner were the first sites in town where wells became contaminated by gasoline. At that time, both were provided with water filters by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In 1976 Dodge discovered several inches of gasoline atop ground water seepage in the basement of the Masonic block, which was only the beginning of further problems. In December of 1981, Bourret discovered gasoline in his own well two houses east of the Masonic building, due to ground water contamination from tanks that had leaked at Nanou's Store. Bourret asked for help from the DEP but was not satisfied with the solution they offered, so he and his wife, Kay sought legal advice and were the first Readfield Corner residents to enlist an attorney. Several neighbors who'd also been affected asked to join them and at their attorney's suggestion the group appealed to the DEP for compensation through the "super fund" that had been established to clean-up ocean spills. Tolman related that Readfield residents were pioneers in such an effort, which eventually led to other Maine towns receiving public water systems through DEP funding. By 1985 one-hundred twenty five towns had actually been identified as having water contamination issues. Wilson explained that RCWA invested monies they were awarded for maintenance and repairs of the system which has made it possible for them to continue functioning as a self-supporting, non-profit organization for the past thirty-five years. Throughout that time, the RCWA has contracted with the Winthrop Utility District to maintain their system and grounds.

A more complete history of the RCWA will be included in the RHS fall-winter newsletter and a file containing several articles that appeared in Maine newspapers 1983-1988 and one dated Aug. 13, 2023 are available for viewing at the Readfield Historical Society.



Bill Bourret (center) sharing information about the Readfield Corner Water Association (RCWA). The group then walked from Main Street to Bill Bourret Drive and the RCWA grounds.



Included on the History Walk was a stop at the Union Meeting House vestry. The building was open for tours, to show-off the lovely new kitchen and other improvements that have been completed. Pictured here are Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Bourret inside the new kitchen.

The Readfield Historical Society (RHS) will be open by appointment only through Memorial Day weekend, 2024. Annual dues are \$5 for seniors or \$10 for others or \$100 for lifetime memberships. Checks made out to the Readfield Historical Society can be mailed to PO Box 354 Readfield 04355. FMI or to make an appointment call (207) 377-2299 or

readfieldhistorical@gmail.com

Readfield Union Meeting House

The Readfield community pulled off another wonderful Readfield Heritage Days celebration. Whoever ordered the gorgeous weather for Saturday, thank you very much! For the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) and Vestry it gave us an opportunity to show off the renovations of the Vestry. A building that has many potential uses for the community in the future. Thank you to the people that took the time to add their suggestions for use to the flipchart.

The Ice Cream Social and Face Painting drew many to the event. One hundred people were served sundaes by Sharon Dunn and Linda Tukey. Children surrounded our face painting table that was set up on our front lawn. Thank you Mary Jernigan and her daughter Amelie Hopkins for creating adorable and scary images per the children's requests.

The RUMH has received letters from Senators Collins and King that our requests for money from the FY24 Congressional Direct Spending has their full support. Funds now will depend on the actions of Congress. We will keep you updated.

Members of the RUMH Board and the Friends closed out August 2023 with a free music concert on August 22 with a performance by Stan Davis. Stan, who has played the guitar since he was 12 years old, loves playing in the Meeting House where the crowd comes to listen! The bar scene is not his preferred gig anymore. If you are interested in purchasing his latest CD, REFUGE, you can contact him at standavismusic.com.

On Saturday August 26th our pie sale was sold out in a little more than an hour. Thank you to all who baked or purchased the "goodies."

What will September bring to the RUMH and Vestry?

- ◆ Two Open House coffees, one on Sept. 16th and the second on Sept. 30th both to be from 9-11:00 AM. Stop in to view the Vestry and to leave your ideas on how the Board might serve community needs.
- ◆ The Friends of the Vestry and Meeting House will hold a "Turkey Pie To Go." at the end of September or early October. Watch for ads in the Community Advertiser, posters about town, and emails that will be sent to members and friends.

The summer Saturday morning open hours from 10:00 to 12:00 noon to visit the Meeting House will be ending September 2. However, you are encouraged to call a Board members that you might know who will open the buildings for your visit. Also phone numbers for the three Board officers are posted on the front door of the Meeting House. Give us a call , we love to show off both the Meeting House and Vestry.



Included are a couple of pictures from August events, please enjoy them.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Durgin,
Pres. Board of Directors



- ⇒ Open to the public- Free tours 10:00- 12:00 Noon
- ⇒ 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

MARANACCOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) NEWS



First and foremost we would like to thank all our residents and visitors who helped support the MAFP during the recent Readfield Heritage Days. The pancake breakfast put on by the Masons in their building was a huge success and the Masons planned on donating profits to the pantry. This is the second time this has occurred and our pantry stretches those dollars as far as we can to support our neighbors and friends who face food insecurity. The Maine maple syrup that appeared on the breakfast tables was donated by Karen and David from Dead Stream Alpaca & Maple Farm. A great tasty topping for those pancakes! Thank you to the Readfield Masons and Karen & David for their support of the pantry.

Another part of the pantry's presence at Heritage Days was holding a 50/50 raffle to benefit our pantry account held at RSU #38 Superintendent's office. Pantry volunteers Ralph Eno and Mary Ellen & Jeff Tracy started selling tickets bright and early at the pancake breakfast and then volunteers Deb Hart, Katie Baker, and Kim Fletcher sold tickets all afternoon at Readfield Beach. The \$50 Weathervane gift certificate was won by Nancy Harris from Wells, ME who had purchased a minimum of \$20 worth of 50/50 tickets to gain entry into the special gift card drawing. The winner of the 50 /50 raffle was Barbara Hunt from Naples, ME who was visiting family from Manchester and came to Readfield for Heritage Days. Barbara, without blinking an eyelash, promptly returned her share (\$370.00) to the pantry! Thank you Barbara for your generosity. During the beach part of Heritage days in addition to the raffle, we asked ticket buyers if they would like to submit a food related drawing to be used for our new "Thank You" notes we send out. We hope to have the new cards displayed on the RSU # 38 website soon. Thank you Scarlett, Sarah, Dayna, and Cameron for sharing their creativity and committee member Mary Anne Libby for her efforts organizing the event and getting the cards ready to send.

Just a reminder to our summer residents that upon departing for home should you find extra food in your cupboards, the pantry is very willing to accept any donations, These can be dropped off at the Readfield Town Office or call Greg Durgin (# below) for pick up on a weekend. To any local farmers (large scale or backyard green thumbs) the pantry welcomes any produce you care to donate.

With the ending of the SNAP food program in early summer, the MAFP has seen a substantial increase of families and individuals from the district seeking weekly assistance. With school starting it is difficult to predict the need for assistance, but we are prepared to assist as much as we can given our monetary donations.

The pantry is open every Thursday from 3-4 pm and is located at Maranacook Middle School's lower parking lot. For confidential assistance regarding the pantry go to foodpantry@maranacook.com

We hope summer has been good for you and hopefully the overabundance of rain will taper off and a pleasant fall will greet us.

Respectfully submitted for the MAFP,
Greg Durgin (207) 685-4481
durgie@roadrunner.com



Need a ride?

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



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

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

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

Neighbors Driving Neighbors

P.O. Box 142

Mount Vernon, ME 04352

phone: 207-860-0677

email: neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com

web: neighborsdrivingneighbors.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

If you are struggling to make ends meet and need some assistance with food, please come to the First Baptist Church Mount Vernon Food Bank for help. We serve the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette.

We are located at the First Baptist Church on 321 Pond Road in Mount Vernon. Our hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 on Saturday mornings and you can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141. We follow the Federal Guidelines but will never turn anyone away.

On the first and third Saturdays of the month, we serve full meals which include meal kits, meat boxes, eggs, bread and butter, dry goods and personal items. Fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, bread and miscellaneous items are offered every Saturday of the month and all customers are welcome to come for these items. In addition to food, the food bank provides a wide array of personal care items, clothing and school supplies.

New customers are welcome to come any Saturday and we will provide enough food to get you through to the next full food bank day.

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



Readfield Play Group

Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 AM
at Readfield Elementary School
beginning September 14th!



What:

For toddlers/preschoolers in the community, and their caregivers

When:

Thursdays, 9:30-11:00AM beginning 9/14/23 (follows school calendar)

Where:

Readfield Elementary School Breakfast Cafeteria
~ use front door to be buzzed into school ~

Why:

Offers children and caregivers a time to play, talk, and connect

FMI:

Contact Patricia Clark 207-685-4101 or pclark@maine.edu



Thanks to all who helped get
this program running again!

**Come join the fun!
Learn through play!**

Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Association

Upcoming Select Board Meetings

September 11, 2023

September 18, 2023

Starting at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated



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 1st and 3rd 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 (4th Wednesday)

March 6 – Business Meeting

March 20 – Budget Workshop Meeting

March 27 – Budget Workshop Meeting (4th Wednesday)

April 3 – Business Meeting

April 10 – Vote on budget; Workshop Meeting (2nd Wednesday)

May 1 – Business Meeting

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

June 5 – Business Meeting

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

June 11 – Referendum vote at individual towns



Do you need to obtain or renew your driver's license / State ID?

You will need:

Acceptable Proof of Residency

One from this list

- Needs to have your name and physical address*
- Document Issued by a Government Entity
 - ✚ Maine License/State Id with a physical address
 - ✚ Property Tax Bill
 - ✚ Property Deed
 - ✚ Maine Vehicle Registration
 - ✚ Maine Fishing/Hunting License
 - ✚ Concealed Firearms Permit
 - ✚ Vehicle Title
 - ✚ Marriage Certificate
 - ✚ Conditional Order of restoration
 - ✚ Dept Health and Human Services Compliance
 - ✚ School Transcript
 - Utility Bills (cable TV, phone, satellite, etc.)
 - Lease (automobile, property, etc.)
 - Lien Agreement
 - Mortgage Agreement
 - Insurance Binder, Card or Policy
 - Tax Return, W-2
 - Paycheck Stub
 - Home Services contract (lawn care, painting, etc.)

Acceptable Proof of Legal Presence

One from this list

- ### US Citizens
- Birth Certificate (must be an original certified copy from issuing agency; no photocopies)
 - Passport or Passport Card from the United States
 - Certificate of Naturalization
 - Certificate of US Citizenship
 - United States Citizen Identification Card
 - Identification Card for Resident Citizen in the United States

- ### Non-Citizens
- Permanent Resident Card
 - Resident Alien Card
 - Arrival/Departure form I-94 (Stamped)
 - Employment Authorization Card

For a complete list of acceptable documents visit www.maine.gov/sos/bmv or call 624-9000 ext. 52114



Readfield United Methodist Church

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

Email: office@readfieldchurch.net Website: readfieldchurch.org

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

Good luck to all new and returning students.

The Church Picnic is scheduled for September 9th



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for September 16th 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. 207-685-4211

Mechuwana: Join the Celebration 75 years in Ministry

WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:30 PM

WHERE: Mechuwana Lane, Winthrop, 04364

Phone: 2073772924

Email: campmechuwana@gmail.com

Contact: Norm Thombs

You are invited to come to Mechuwana any time after 12 noon on September 10th, with a worship service (and freewill offering) outside the Commons starting at 2:30 p.m., followed by an early supper so that everyone can get home before it gets too late.

If you plan to attend, would you please RSVP for planning purposes to campmechuwana@gmail.com Thank you!



Manchester Lions Club

BBQ Chicken or Lasagna Dinner

Drive Thru



\$15



Dinner Served with Green Beans, Garlic Cheddar Biscuit and Apple Cake

For More Information call

Lion Deb 207-441-9906

Date: September 30, 2023

Time: 4pm - 6pm



BBQ CHICKEN _____ @ \$15 = TOTAL \$ _____

LASAGNA DINNER _____ @ \$15 = TOTAL _____

TOTAL PAID \$ _____

Checks Payable to:

Manchester Lions Club

PO Box 1, Manchester, ME 04351

NAME: _____

Delivery Address: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

READFIELD RESIDENTS YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THE SOLAR ARRAY LOCATED ON MAIN STREET!

**Connect your CMP account to Readfield's Community Solar Array at
no upfront cost - support local clean energy & save on electricity**

Community Solar is a no-upfront cost renewable energy program designed to expand access to solar energy for all homeowners and renters.

Rather than installing solar panels on their rooftops, residents can now subscribe to a local, shared solar project, receive a share of its energy production, and collectively benefit from solar energy.



HOW YOU CAN JOIN THIS PROJECT

Readfield residents are encouraged to sign up today to secure a spot on this solar project. Don't wait to sign up, the solar array will be producing credits very soon and space may fill up!

Enroll Online:
solargardensme.com/readfield

Call us:
(207) 387-4189

WHY JOIN THIS SOLAR PROJECT?

- ✓ Free online enrollment in minutes
- ✓ Save up to 15% on electricity costs*
- ✓ Support local renewable energy
- ✓ Avoid rooftop solar panel installation

*Excludes Minimum Delivery Service Charge



HAVE A QUESTION?
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care@solargardensme.com
(207) 387-4189



**Grassland Bird and Pollinator Habitat Workshop, Surry Hill, Fayette
Thursday, September 21, 4:00 PM**

The Kennebec Land Trust has been working with Laura Suomi-Lecker, statewide grassland bird program manager for Ag Allies, and US Fish and Wildlife biologist Hannah Mullally to improve the Surry Hill fields for grassland bird and pollinator habitat. Join KLT staff, Laura, and Hannah for a field workshop focusing on the project. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Marie at mring@tklt.org or 207-377-2848

**Public Tour of Active Timber Harvest, Oak Hill Conservation Area, Fayette
Monday, September 11 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

The public is invited to tour an active timber harvest demonstration at Kennebec Land Trust's Oak Hill property on September 11, 2023 on the Norton Road in Fayette. Maine forester Harold Burnett of Two Trees Forestry will review the rationale for and the expectations of the selective harvest on a portion of the property. Ron Dostie, an Augusta logger, will also be present to describe how to efficiently harvest trees without damaging residual ones and their underlying soils. Andy Shultz from Maine Tree Farm will have more information about the Maine Tree Farm program and how woodland owners can realize the full potential of their woods.



The tour, which is co-sponsored by the Kennebec Woodland Partnership (<https://www.tkl.org/kwp>) and Local Wood WORKS (<https://www.localwoodworks.org/why>) will begin at 5:00 pm and likely last about an hour and a half. The Norton Road is just west of the intersection of Route 17 and the Fayette Corner Road in Fayette (<https://www.tkl.org/oak-hill-conservation-area>). Attendees should wear sturdy shoes/boots. For further information contact Harold Burnett at 377-7196 or KLT at 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, or visit www.kvcap.org

Tel: 685-4064



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 Assessor, David Ledew: assessor@readfieldmaine.org

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Summer Transfer Station Hours have ended					1 Assessor In (By Appointment) <i>Last day to register for soccer before late fee</i>	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day Town Office & Library Closed</i>	5 Recreation Committee 6:30 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11 Select Board Retreat 5:00 PM	12 Conservation Commission 6:30 PM Planning Board 6:30 PM	13 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library Board 6:30 PM	14 Road Committee 6:00 PM	15 Assessor In (By Appointment)	16
17	18 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	19	20	21 Board of Appeals 6:00 PM Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM	22	23
24	25	26 Planning Board 6:30 PM <i>October Messenger Articles Due</i>	27 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	28	29 <i>First Half of 2023 Taxes Due</i>	30