



Readfield Messenger

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Readfield Rabies Clinic

Appointments & Pre-Payment Required!



\$15.00 per Dog / Cat

Wednesday, October 25, 2023; starting at 4:00 PM

Call 207-685-4939 to schedule your appointment

Previous record of vaccination must be shown to receive a 3 year vaccination

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!

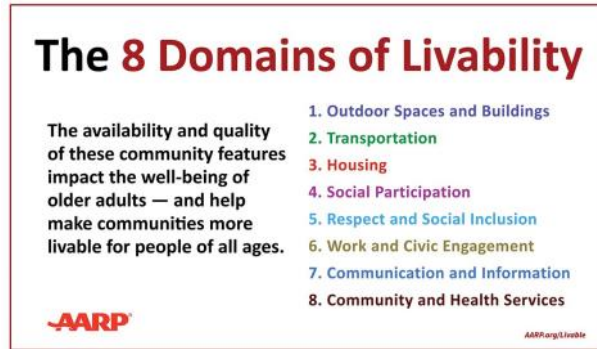
TRUNKS NEEDED!

corner

Appreciation

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

At the September Select Board meeting the board heard a report from the Age Friendly Committee presented by Maggie Edmondson. What a pleasant surprise we had in meeting Maggie and several of her fellow committee members and hearing a multitude of accomplishments from this highly active group. The focus of the report was the progress the committee has made in the 8 Domains of Livability from AARP, the national group that supports this initiative and provides grant opportunities, listed below.



This is an abbreviated account of the projects in Readfield, listed by domain number:

1. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings: The group has worked to provide benches and bathroom facilities at the Fairgrounds and tables and chairs at the library by securing grants and working with the budget committee.
2. Transportation: The group became involved with Neighbors Driving Neighbors, an organization formed by members of surrounding towns, and was able to have the program expanded to Readfield. Go to Neighborsdrivingneighbors.org to utilize this service available to folks of all ages.
3. Housing: Handy Helpers was formed by committee members and other volunteers to assist residents with small jobs at home, providing filled sand buckets for winter use, free smoke detectors, and tech and computer assistance.
4. Social Participation: The Senior Café was created and is held monthly during the school year at Maranacook Community Middle School, and this year began meetings at the Town library during the summer months.
5. Respect and Social Inclusion: Readfield U was developed based on a model from a Vermont town and was a tremendous success immediately. The focus is on bringing folks together annually in various town locations and sharing talents and interesting information during the month of March. Go to ReadfieldU.org for information.
6. Work and Civic Engagement: Committee members also work on other committees in town, and they are present at voting locations to provide information for all citizens.
7. Communication and Information: There is a fridge magnet available to all that lists many important contact numbers for help available locally.
8. Community and Health Services: The group works locally and with the county and state to advocate for improved emergency response services, and is working to develop a local winter warming center as well as a ‘Welcome to Readfield’ packet.

It is important to note that seniors have a multitude of skills to share with their community in addition to needs for the aging population. One comment I heard recently is that age friendly doesn’t just mean for older folks but for folks of all ages. The projects that our local committee has worked on benefit residents and visitors of all ages and aim to bring together folks in positive ways. This is a shining example of success that is the result of hard work and commitment by dedicated volunteers in our town.

Select Board Corner Continued

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.

Upcoming Select Board Meetings

Monday, October 16, 2023

&

Monday, October 30, 2023

Starting at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated



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Upcoming Holiday Closure
The Readfield Town Office & Readfield Library will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day

2024-2025 (FY 25) BUDGET & WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE *As Amended 9/15/2023*

Date	Meeting / Event / Task	Time
09/18/23	Select Board Meeting - Budget process review	6:30 PM
10/16/23	Select Board Meeting - Budget goals discussion	6:30 PM
11/13/23	Select Board Meeting - Warrant discussion	6:30 PM
11/15/23	Budget Committee Meeting - Organizational meeting and budget goals	6:30 PM
11/17/23	Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s	N/A
12/11/23	Select Board Meeting - Capital Investment Planning Discussion	6:30 PM
12/30/23	Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s due	N/A
01/10/24	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I	6:30 PM
01/22/24	Select Board Meeting - First Budget Draft	6:30 PM
01/24/24	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II	6:30 PM
01/31/24	Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting - Capital Investment Plan Review	6:30 PM
02/12/24	Select Board Meeting - Second Budget Draft	6:30 PM
02/15/24	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III	6:30 PM
02/21/24	100 days before vote - Nomination Papers available	N/A
03/01/24	Deadline for warrant article and ordinance submissions - Select Board Review	N/A
03/06/24	Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review	6:30 PM
03/11/24	Select Board Meeting - Budget & Warrant review	6:30 PM
03/13/24	Possible School Board meeting with Select Boards - About 75% of tax bills is education spending	6:30 PM
03/15/24	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
03/20/24	Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget	6:30 PM
04/08/24	Select Board Meeting - Final budget & Warrant review and approval	6:30 PM
04/10/24	Budget Committee Meeting - Final budget review and approval	6:30 PM
04/12/24	60 days before voting - Nomination Papers & Referendum Questions due - Warrant due to Clerk	3:30 PM
04/26/24	Draft annotated Warrant due & Official Ballot sent to printer (46 days prior to voting)	N/A
05/08/24	Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant	6:30 PM
05/10/24	30 days before voting - Absentee Ballots available (actually 32 as the 12th is a Sunday)	3:30 PM
05/29/24	Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant	6:30 PM
06/01/24	10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings (Saturday)	N/A
06/04/24	7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)	N/A
06/11/24	Town Meeting - 8am to 8pm, Kents Hill School Alford Center	8:00 AM

Notes:

^ Involvement - The Select Board, Budget Committee, Other Boards & Committees, Town Manager, Finance Officer, and interested Residents will have ongoing roles in the budget process. All meetings are public open to public comment.

Select Board Attendance - Joint meetings and regular Select Board meetings will have full Select Board attendance and budget meetings may have members of the Select Board in attendance.

^ Public Budget Meetings - These meetings are intended to provide opportunity for extensive public comment, feedback, and recommendations on the draft budget, budget process, and final budget in conjunction with budget presentations / information.

Departments I - Includes the following: **General Government** (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Grants / Planning, Heating Assistance, Legal), **Maintenance** (General, Buildings, Vehicle / Equipment, Interlocal) **Boards & Committees** (Appeals Board, Planning Board), **Regional Assessments** (Cobbossee Watershed, First Park), **Kennebec County Tax** (County Tax), **General Assistance** (General Assist.)

Departments II - Includes the following: **Recreation and Open Space** (Beach, Conservation, Recreation Board, Heritage Days, Town Properties, Trails), **Roads & Drainage** (Roads & Drainage, Winter Maintenance), **Capital Improvements** (Admin Technology, Library Building, Cemetery, Roads, Equipment, Leases, Transfer Station, Maranacook Lake Dam), **Debt Service** (Debt Service),

Departments III - Includes the following: **Community Services** (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, KVCOG, Age Friendly initiatives, Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights), **Protection** (Fire Department, Fire Equipment, Ambulance, Water Holes, Tower Sites, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear, Emergency Ops), **Cemeteries** (Cemeteries), **Solid Waste** (Transfer Station, Backhoe), **Unclassified** (Abatements / Overlay, Tax Relief, Non-profits, Contingency, Snowmobiling, Enterprise Fund, Revaluation)

Legend:

- Select Board Meetings ^
- Budget Committee Meetings ^
- Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meetings ^
- Statutory Deadlines
- Formal Public Hearings ^



Tuesday, November 7, 2023 State Referendum Election

Absentee Ballots will be available the beginning of October

**Kent's Hill School, Alfond Athletic Center
1617 Main Street, Readfield ME
Polls open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm**

To request your absentee ballot:

- ⇒ Online: <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> and complete the online application
- ⇒ 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 last day to request your Absentee Ballot is Thursday, Nov. 2
unless special circumstances exist.

The Town Clerk will be in the office for the purpose of fulfilling absentee ballot requests until 5:00 pm on this day.

Ballots need to be received by 8:00 pm, the close of polls, on voting day; Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Voter Registration - Readfield Residents may register at the town office during regular hours or at the polls on the day of elections. **Proof of identity and residency are required in order to register to vote** (Title 21-A Section 121,(1-A))

If you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk, Kristin, at 207-685-4939 or clerk@readfieldmaine.org



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>

2024 Dog Licenses

Available
starting
October 15th

Ways to register your dog:

- ⇒ In person at the Town Office during regular business hours
- ⇒ Online at www.readfieldmaine.org under online services
- ⇒ By mail: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355
- ⇒ Over the phone by calling 207-685-4939

\$6.00 if spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if unaltered

Proof of rabies and spay/neuter (if applicable) are required to register

Dogs 6 months & older are required to be registered in the town they live in by state law.

Registration deadline is December 31, 2023



Need a Rabies Shot???

Register for our Rabies Clinic at the Readfield Town Office!

Wednesday, October 25, 2023; starting at 4:00 PM

Registration & Pre-Payment Are Required!

Call 207-685-4939 to schedule your appointment

When calling to make your appointment please have all your information on your dog/cat so we can complete the registration form in advance, thank you!

Previous record of vaccination must be shown to receive a 3 year vaccination

This clinic is open to anyone – not just Readfield residents!

Other Local Vaccination Clinics

Petco in Augusta - <https://www.vetcoclinics.com/> Register online — Multiple Dates

PetSmart in Augusta - <https://www.shotvet.com/> Register online — Multiple Dates

Tractor Supply in Augusta - 1:00 - 2:30 PM - No Appointments Needed

⇒ Sunday, October 08th | Sunday, October 22nd | Sunday, November 05th | Sunday, November 19th

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2023 READFIELD HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



**SATURDAY
OCT 28TH**

TRUNK OR TREAT
4:30pm - 6:00pm

PUMPKINS A-GLOW
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Presented by
Readfield Union Meeting House &
Readfield Community Library!

MOVIE NIGHT
6:00pm - 8:00pm

@ READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS ON CHURCH ROAD

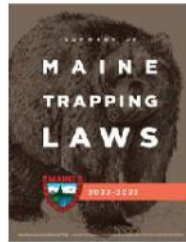
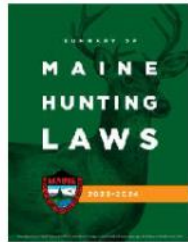
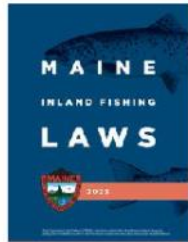
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THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL





Updates from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
Laws of the Maine Outdoors



SCAN ME



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

FEE INCREASE ON ALL ATV & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS!

Beginning on October 25, 2023, the fee for ATV and Snowmobile registrations will increase by \$5.00 on all ATV & Snowmobile registrations.

The fee will apply to new, renewal and rollover transactions for both ATV and Snowmobiles.

New boater safety and education requirement effective January 1, 2024

This January, Maine will join 44 other states in requiring some level of boater education for those operating a boat on Maine's waters. The boater education law was recently passed by the legislature, and goes into effect in 2024.

Beginning January 1, 2024, a person born on or after January 1, 1999, may not operate a motorboat of twenty-five (25) horsepower or greater for recreational boating purposes on inland waters of this State or territorial waters, unless that person is 12 years of age or older and has completed a boater safety and education course.



There are a few exemptions, such as for registered Maine guides (hunting, fishing, and recreational guides only), the commercial fishing industry, daily boat renters, and merchant mariners.

The course teaches participants how to safely operate and maintain a boat, Maine boating laws, how to prepare for boating emergencies, environmental concerns including how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and more. The course may be taken in-person or online.

Learn More: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/educational-programs/safety-courses/boating-safety.html>

News from the Conservation Commission

Can you hunt on town-owned land in Readfield? That depends. See the table below for information. Keep reading to find out about other properties that are open to hunting.

Readfield Town Property (TOR)		
Property	Hunting	Comments
Fairgrounds	No	
Water Association	No	
Readfield Beach	No	
Fogg Farm Conservation Area	No	Houses within 300 ft of north and road boundaries
Torsey Pond Nature Preserve	No dry land hunting	Waterfowl hunting from a boat is allowed.
Readfield Town Forest	Yes	Treestands and blinds with approval. Applications - Town Office or go to: https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf3746/f/uploads/hunting_blind-treestand_application_10-2020.pdf

Pick up an Outdoor Recreation and Conservation map at the Town Office. Look for the list of properties on the map side with the ownership listed. TOR = Town of Readfield. KLT = Kennebec Land Trust. NEFF = New England Forestry Foundation.

With the exception of the Avery-Smith Shoreland property on Maranacook Lake, you can hunt on land owned by Kennebec Land Trust (KLT), as well as land owned by New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF). This includes the 5 contiguous properties from the Luce Memorial Forest (NEFF), Draper Forest (NEFF), the Readfield Town Forest (TOR), Macdonald Conservation Area (KLT), and Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest (KLT). The Draper Forest connects the other 4 properties together and is not on the map because it's newly acquired.

Check out the Kennebec Land Trust properties at <https://www.tkl.org/guidelines-and-policies#hunt> and the New England Forestry properties at <https://newenglandforestry.org/explore/recreation/hunting/>

Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of September 29, 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

Transfer Station News

Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Go Green on Halloween Compost Your Pumpkin!



Begin with the Bin

BE SMART WITH YOUR RECYCLING & GARBAGE

www.BeginWithTheBin.org • Environmental Industry Associations

Carving a jack-o'-lantern is a time-honored Halloween tradition. More than 44 percent of Americans say they plan to buy and carve a pumpkin this year.

But what happens to all those millions of spooky gourds on November 17? Likely, they will end up in the trash. Americans generate roughly 70 million tons of yard trimmings and food waste every year.

This year, instead of tossing Jack, turn him into something useful — compost for your garden! Here's how:

1



Remove any candles, wax, aluminum foil or other items from the pumpkin. (Remember — if it was never living, it can't compost.) Also make sure to remove any remaining seeds — they may later grow into unwanted new pumpkins!

2



If you don't already have a compost pile, find a shady spot in your garden to place your hollowed-out pumpkin.

3



Smash it up! Breaking the pumpkin into smaller pieces increases its surface area and will help it turn to compost faster.

4



Loosely cover the pumpkin pile with carbon-rich compostable materials like leaves, sawdust or wood chips. The covering will protect the pumpkin from insects and pests while airing it out to ensure a balanced breakdown.

Why Compost?

- Food waste makes up the largest component of household trash headed for landfills or waste-to-energy plants.
- The U.S. EPA estimates that only 2 percent of all food waste was recovered for composting in 2011. Compared with recycling rates for paper and paperboard (more than 50 percent was recycled), that's a drop in the bucket.
- Composting reduces greenhouse gas emissions. According to the EPA, composting almost 20.7 million tons of yard waste and food waste in 2011 saved more than 1.9 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions — the same amount emitted by more than 400,000 cars in a year.
- Composting also reduces global impacts from climate change by decreasing the emission of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

5



Let Mother Nature take over! In a few weeks, your pumpkin will transform into nutrient-rich compost. Spread it around the plants in your garden for a special treat during the winter months.

Sources:

Environmental Industry Associations (www.beginwiththebin.org)

National Retail Federation (www.nrf.com)

Environmental Protection Agency Municipal Solid Waste Generation, Recycling, and Disposal in the United States: Facts and Figures for 2011 (www.epa.gov/epawaste)

U.S. Composting Council (www.compostingcouncil.org)

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



WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste
and Recycling Committee

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With single stream recycling nothing needs to be sorted or kept separated. Everything is placed in the same container. Here's a look at what is (and isn't) recyclable at ecomaine:

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DO recycle

PAPER

- All clean cardboard, paperboard, & pizza boxes (**NO FOOD**)
- Newspaper & inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & catalogs
- Paper bags
- Office paper, envelopes, & window envelopes
- Wrapping paper
- Phone books
- Books
- Paper plates (*clean*)
- Milk & juice cartons
- Drink boxes & aseptic containers
- Shredded paper (*put in clear plastic bags - this the ONE exception to our 'no plastic bags' rule!*)

PLASTIC

- Water bottles
- Milk jugs
- Detergent bottles
- All rigid containers marked #1-7 (*except Styrofoam*)

METAL

- Tin cans
- Aerosol cans (*empty*)
- Aluminum cans & foil
- Pots & pans

GLASS (all colors)

- All glass bottles & jars

All rigid containers must be EMPTY (not perfectly clean)

This is not a complete list! Search more than 1,500 items at ecomaine.org/101

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DON'T recycle

NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Plastic bags & wrap:

- Trash & shopping bags (*empty or full*)
- Plastic wrap or film
- Bubble wrap or mailers
- Tyvek or plastic envelopes
- Bread bags
- Potato chip & snack bags
- Sandwich baggies
- Animal food bags
- Frozen vegetable bags
- Pellet bags
- Newspaper bags
- Boat wrap or tarps
- Straws & cup lids
- Styrofoam (*even if it's #6!*)
- Paper towels, napkins, or tissue
- Needles & sharps
- Large metal parts
- Gas tanks (*propane, helium, oxygen, etc.*)
- Wood & lumber
- Pipes (*metal or plastic*)
- Clothing & shoes
- Bedding & pillows
- Batteries:
 - alkaline*
 - button-cell*
 - rechargeable & lithium-ion*
- Light bulbs (*any type*)
- Garden hoses
- Diapers (*baby or adult*)
- Food or plants (*compost these*)
- Kitty litter
- Knives & blades
- Toys
- Vinyl siding
- Wax-coated paper & boxes
- Rope, string, chain

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Do not bag recyclables
No garbage

No plastic bags or film
Return to retailers
(Check out www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)

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THREE RULES OF PLASTIC RECYCLING

Plastic containers - except Styrofoam - are recyclable if they meet ALL three of these rules:

1. It must have a #1-7 recycling symbol
2. It must be rigid, or hard plastic
3. It must be a container

No batteries
of any kind
No electronics

No "tangles"
No cords, electronics,
hoses, ropes, etc.

No hazardous waste
No explosives - No sharps

No clothing or linens
Use donation programs

No food or liquid
Empty all containers

Questions? Look up more than 1,500 items on ecomaine's FREE Recyclopedia app! www.ecomaine.org/101

www.ecomaine.org

Download the FREE Recyclopedia app

When in doubt, throw it out! If it's not on the **DO side, it should be considered on the **DON'T** side!**

Updated 3/31/2023

Food Composting

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

You can take home finished compost at no charge.





DROP OFF LOCATION:
Readfield Transfer Station
14 Recycle Road,
Readfield

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

**Saturday, October 28
10:00am–2:00pm**

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

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



OCTOBER 2023 LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Library Hours

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The library will be **closed on Monday, October 9th** in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

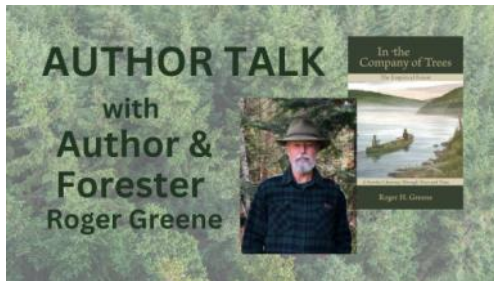
The main entrance ramp/stairs work and the new 2nd floor fire escape are complete—please come by to check them out! We will post some photos to Facebook soon! The electrician will begin work shortly on electrical updates to the upstairs, the adult room, and outdoors. The electrical work will be paid for by the recently received “Remote Work through Libraries” Grant. We also have some cosmetic work and painting to do before the large front room of the upstairs will be available to patrons. Getting closer! If you have indoor painting experience and may have time to volunteer to paint in later October or November, please connect with the Librarian at librarian@readfieldmaine.org

Visit the LIBRARY TABLE at the FAMILY APPLE FESTIVAL on October 7th

Head up to **Kents Hill Orchard on Saturday October 7th from 11am-2pm** for free family apple fun! This event is hosted by the Kennebec Family Enrichment Council/KVCAP, with many local organizations participating, including the Readfield Community Library. Lots of free crafts and activities for the kids, and apple picking too!



AUTHOR EVENT with Author and Forester Roger Greene on October 12th



Join Maine author Roger Greene as he shares 50 years of forestry experience with emphasis on a current project at the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust (Hancock County) to rehabilitate a fully depleted forest. Roger will also discuss his 2021 novel, *In the Company of Trees - The Empirical Forest*. This event will take place **Thursday, October 12th at 6:00pm at the Readfield Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Road**. Plenty of time for questions and answers; Roger will be on hand after the presentation and discussion to sell and sign books. Cash and check accepted. Please join us—free, open

to the public, and held in-person, but a Zoom option is also available. No registration needed for the in-person event; but if you would like to attend by Zoom, please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlduuhzrpgHdKwd-ekGpNzkJNEkEOXZ0Ao>

This event is part of the Library's 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant.

About the Author: Roger Greene has been a consulting forester for over 50 years and is a specialist in forest mensuration and biometrics, silviculture, remote sensing, and forest planning. He is the author of 23 scientific publications. He has practiced forest management on large private and industrial ownerships and has supplied forest management advice and counsel for public agencies as well as industrial, financial, and private landowners in the Northeast, Lake States, Southern, and Western United States. He has held positions in management operations and forestry research. Retired in 2014, he currently manages a 5,100-acre forest in Maine for a local land trust.

Weekly In-Person STORY TIME on Tuesday Mornings at the Library

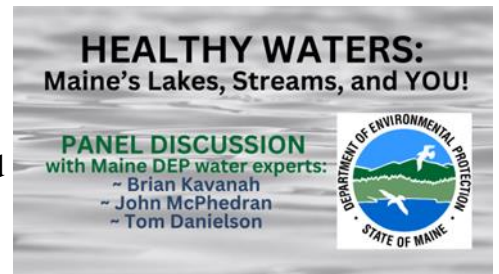
Join us at the Library on **Tuesdays at 10:00am** for theme-based books, songs, and crafts. We will meet outside the Library in good weather through the fall, and move inside the Library in case of rain.



HEALTHY WATERS: Maine's Lakes, Streams, and YOU! Panel Discussion on October 26th

State of Maine water experts will participate in this informative and interactive panel discussion on Healthy Waters in Maine on **Thursday October 26th at 6:30pm at the Readfield Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Road**. Please join these experts from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection—Brian Kavanah (Director, Bureau of Water Quality), Tom Danielson (Biologist in the Aquatic Toxicology Program), and John McPhedran (Biologist in the Invasive Aquatic Species Program)—to learn about the work they do, the

current state of Readfield's/Maine's waters, why the health of Maine's waters is important, and ways individuals can play a part in maintaining healthy waters. Plenty of time for questions and answers! This event is free and open to the public and will be held in person, but a Zoom option is also available. No registration needed for the in-person event; but if you would like to attend by Zoom, please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>



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GUESS the PUMPKIN WEIGHT CONTEST!



Stop by the library any time **before October 25th at 6:00pm** to make your guess as to the weight of our pumpkin for our annual contest! Closest guess will win the pumpkin! Special thanks to [Christianson Farm](#) in Readfield for donating the pumpkin, and to volunteer Jan for organizing this annual contest!

FREE PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT for All Ages, Saturday October 28th

The Readfield Community Library and the Readfield Union Meeting House are hosting a Pumpkin Carving Event **at the RUMH Vestry at 22 Church Road on Saturday, October 28th from 10am-1pm**. Pumpkins and tools provided!! The carved jack-o-lanterns will be used to decorate the "Pumpkins Aglow" Trail at the Halloween Spooktacular Event hosted by the Readfield Recreation Association at the Fairgrounds on Saturday evening. Join us for some Halloween fun!



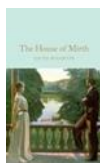
TRICK OR TREAT at the LIBRARY on Halloween!

The Library will be open for trick-or-treaters on Halloween Tuesday October 31st from 5-8pm. Please stop by for a treat and show us your costume!



October Book Group—*The House of Mirth*

Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! For October, we will discuss the novel *The House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton on **Monday October 30th at 6:30pm**. We may meet in person or by Zoom (stay tuned, as we are working on a possible indoor location). Please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.



READFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OUTREACH

The library recently hosted a table at Family Night at the Scholastic Book Fair at Readfield Elementary School, with the purpose of meeting families, answering questions about library services, and issuing library cards to interested students/parents. We look forward to also attending Curriculum Night in October at the Readfield Elementary School as well—please stop by the library table if you attend this event!

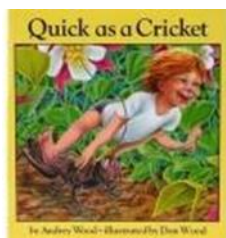


STORY WALK® EVENTS on OCTOBER 3rd and 14th

Join us as we enjoy the October Story Walk (Library location) together, plus music and crafts! Meet outdoors behind the Library. Check Facebook for any cancellations due to weather.

- **Tuesday October 3rd at 10:00am**
- **Saturday October 14th at 1:00pm**

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



October STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library— *Quick as a Cricket*
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 October is *Quick as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood, sponsored by Building Bridges Child Care in Kents Hill.** 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.



October STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School- *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn*
 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 October is *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak, sponsored by Brenda and Howard Lake.**

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 activities, tools, and books 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. Check out period is 2 weeks. Enjoy!



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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ~ **The Library delivers!** If you are homebound and unable to make it into the library, we have volunteers who will deliver Library materials to you! Please contact Librarian.
- ~ We help **homeschooling families** with their research needs! We are happy to help you find items to help supplement your curriculum, either from our own collection, or through InterLibrary Loan.
- ~ The Library is a place where your **teen can volunteer!** One or two hours a week or one or two hours a month... we love to have young people engaged in our community!

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. **Vehicle pass is for year-round use.**

This is not a part
of the Readfield Age
Friendly Community Group



Both links are active
until October 13, 2023

Maine Aging Study

Maine wants to improve community services that support older adults and their family caregivers. If you are an adult who is 55 years or older or a family caregiver of an older adult, Maine's Office of Aging and Disability Services wants to hear from you. In addition to Maine's State Plan on Aging, this input is also used to inform the planning and policy direction of the Governor's Cabinet on Aging.

The Maine Aging Study being conducted by the University of Southern Maine (USM) on behalf of Maine's Office of Aging and Disability Services will consist of a statewide survey for older adults, a survey for family caregivers, focus groups, key informant interviews, and listening sessions. Topics being addressed throughout this study include healthcare, food/nutrition, housing, transportation, receiving and giving care, safety, and socialization.

Information collected will be used to inform the development of the 2025-2028 Maine State Plan on Aging that outlines goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measures for Older Americans Act funded aging services and programs.

To participate in the survey, scan the QR code or type in the web address below that best represents if you are:

An adult who is 55 years or older



<https://bit.ly/Aging-survey>

An adult under 55 years who is either:

- **An informal caregiver of an adult 60 or older**
- OR**
- **An informal caregiver of an adult under 60 who has Alzheimer's or related dementia**



<https://bit.ly/Caregiver-survey>

Both links are active until October 13, 2023

Please contact James Moorhead, Healthy Aging Services Manager, Office of Aging and Disability Services at 207-287-9200 or James.Moorhead@maine.gov with questions about this study.



Enrichment Classes

Start Date

Zumba Fitness	09/19/2023
Exploring Mindfulness and Meditation	09/20/2023
Play the Ukulele, Your Journey Begins Here!	09/26/2023
Introduction to Chair Caning	10/04/2023
Pickleball: Learn to Play!!	10/05/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking/Watercolor Retreat	10/06/2023
History of Malaga Island	10/11/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking/Watercolor Retreat	10/12/2023
Map & Compass Level 1	10/16/2023
Women's Health Series	10/16/2023
Women's Health & Fitness 101	10/17/2023
Adult Coed Volleyball	10/29/2023
Instant Piano	10/30/2023
Instant Guitar	11/1/2023
Developing a Personal & Home Defensive Protection Plan	11/6/2023
Coastal Navigation Level 1	11/9/2023
Martial Arts For Women	11/10/2023
Driver's Ed	11/13/2023
Constitutional Carry & Legal Force Explained	11/13/2023
How to Become a Registered Maine Guide Info Night	11/15/2023
When Your Office is Someone's Home	11/20/2023
Registered Maine Guide Training	1/23/2024
15 iPhone/iPad Vision Accessibility Features	Ongoing
Cooking With BoomerTECH Adventures	Ongoing
Create & Deliver Online Zoom Courses	Ongoing
Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer	Ongoing
Fantastic Photo Finishes-Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone/iPad Photos App	Ongoing
Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad	Ongoing
Introduction to iPhone Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Mac Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Zoom Basics	Ongoing
Maximize Your iPad's Potential	Ongoing
More Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone & iPad	Ongoing
Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad Camera	Ongoing
Unlock Safari's Secrets on Your iPad in Just Five Lessons	Ongoing

To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:
<https://maranacook.coursestorm.com/browse>
 Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for more info

Readfield Union Meeting House

With Fall arriving, the Board of Directors of the Union Meeting House have several events/ projects in the works. Mark your calendars for the return of the "Pumpkins Aglow" walk at the Readfield Fairgrounds on Saturday October 28th evening from 4:30 to 6:30. We are providing FREE pumpkins for Readfield residents to carve at the Vestry, 22 Church Rd., from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The pumpkins will then be transported to the fairgrounds and placed on the trails by RUMH members and volunteers.

Community members are encouraged to bring pumpkins they have carved, painted, or decorated at home to add to the display. They can be dropped off at the fairgrounds on Saturday by 3:00 PM.

With the Readfield Library staff helping to carve pumpkins and the Readfield Recreation Committee putting on the "Trunk-a-Treat & a movie, the community is all set for a Spooktacular Halloween!



The Friends of the Vestry and Meeting House will be selling "Chili -To – Go on October 28th too! It is going to be a busy day, so why not plan on grabbing lunch while you're at the Vestry. Chose from three types of chili: vegetarian, white beans & chicken, or beef. A side of cornbread is included for \$8.00.

The Building Committee will be completing their biannual inspection of the buildings and grounds this month. Their findings will allow them to plan work projects for 2024.

The Readfield Union Meeting House and the Readfield Historical Society are in the planning stages for a "Christmas Through the Ages" walking tour on December 9th. Six houses in Readfield will be decorated in different eras of our history. Tickets will be sold in advance only. Much more to come !

Submitted by, Nancy Durgin



We are still looking for Trunks for this years Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th but if you would like to donate candy please feel free to drop it off at the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours!



- Thank you for all your support!

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

It's hard to believe that October is already here, kids are back in school and winter is just around the corner. If you or someone you know is in need, please visit us at the First Baptist Church. 321 Pond Road in Mount Vernon. We serve the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette.

We are open every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30. On the first and third Saturdays of the month, we offer the full pantry including our famous meal kits, meat boxes, shelf stable items, fresh produce, deli items, breads and baked goods.

On the second and fourth Saturdays, we have fresh produce, deli items, breads and baked goods. Of course, our volunteers will be happy to provide you with specific additional needs on these dates.

We always have personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc. Gently used clothing is also available on any Saturday.

Sign up for Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes is underway so check with our volunteers to make sure you are on our list.

Feel free to call us at 293-2141 on Saturday mornings if you have any questions.

**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:

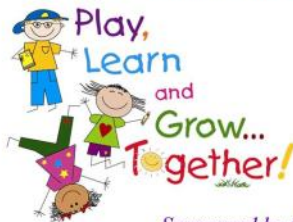
Readfield Elementary School Breakfast Cafeteria
~ use front door to be buzzed into school ~

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



Maranacook Food Pantry

Every Thursday
3:30-4:30 PM



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

Calling all singers out there! A choir is forming. Contact Wendy Large at wlsn@aol.com or call 207-685-4211

~ OCTOBER KINDNESS FOOD BOXES ~



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for October 21st 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.



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/>

- 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



07/21/23

E-Alerts Subscription & Text Alerts!

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Go to www.readfieldmaine.org and click on E-Alerts to sign up.

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**KVCAP FAMILY ENRICHMENT
COUNCIL**

Family Apple Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 2023

11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

KENTS HILL ORCHARD

1625 Main St, Kents Hill, ME 04349

**The first 25 families who register will get a
FREE 5lb Pick-Your-Own Apple Bag!**

**REGISTER HERE TO RESERVE YOUR BAG:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/H9RVPPFFMBPHM87QE8](https://forms.gle/H9RVPPFFMBPHM87QE8)**



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COUNCIL**
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Improving Lives and Opportunities for Children and Families

**Maine
Families** 

**CHILDREN'S
DISCOVERY MUSEUM** 

**KENTS HILL
KHO
ORCHARD** 

**United
Way** 
Community Partner


Family Violence Project

Readfield Community Library 



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!**



CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES

Presented by the
READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
and the
UNION MEETING HOUSE
Saturday, December 9th



Costumed hosts will share info about how Christmas was celebrated in various eras. Decorations, music and food will add atmosphere.

- * **Moravian at Union Meeting House**
- * **Colonial at the Community Library**
- * **Victorian at the Dyer home**
- * **1940s WWII at the Doorenbos home**
- * **1950's at the Doorenbos home (*the location of the Iron Fence Inn*)**
- * **Today at the Wilson home**



Tickets are \$15.00 each and are limited. No Refunds

FMI or to make reservations

Contact: (412) 779-4368

readfieldhistorical@gmail.com



STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!!



It's time to make your appointment!

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 <https://www.kvcap.org>

Don't go hungry!

For more information, call 877-353-3771 or 207-287-3491

Free food for low-income adults 60+

<p>Maine Senior FarmShare Program</p> <p>MSFP</p> <p>Free local produce (\$50 value)</p>	<p>Commodity Supplemental Food Program</p> <p>CSFP</p> <p>Free monthly shelf-stable food box</p>
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Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Additional Helplines
 If your life or someone else's is in immediate danger, please dial 9-1-1

- Substance Use/Opioid Use Disorders: Dial 211
- NAMI Mental Health Helpline: 1-800-464-5767
- Domestic Violence Helpline: 1-866-834-HELP
- Sexual Assault Helpline: 1-800-871-7741
- Maine Tobacco Helpline: 1-800-207-1230

If you are not sure who to call, dial 2-1-1 for help getting connected with thousands of statewide services and programs.
 For those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, dial 7-1-1 for the Maine Relay Service.

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- Maine Crisis Hotline: 1-888-568-1112
- Child Abuse: 1-800-452-1999
- Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse: 1-800-624-8404
- Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

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Sign Up for **Text Alerts**

www.readfieldmaine.org/subscribe



History Walk at Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest and Macdonald Woods, Belz Road Readfield Saturday, October 14, 10:00 AM

Join Kennebec Land Trust and Readfield Historians Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Adams on Saturday, October 14 at 10 AM to learn more about the history of the Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest and Macdonald Woods. They'll share more information about foundations and families, including the John Dutton family, in the old "West Road neighborhood" where the buildings were inhabited until the early 20th century.

We'll meet at the end of Belz Rd in Readfield, walk past the Readfield Town Forest and Macdonald Woods, and then along the old West Rd. The walk is about 2.5 miles round trip. Hunting is allowed on the property, please wear orange.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Marie at mring@tklt.org or 207-377-2848.

Directions: We'll be meeting at the end of Belz Rd. From the North Wayne Rd. turn on Hathaway Rd. and continue 0.8 miles. Turn left on Belz Road and continue to the end. Please park along the road and be respectful of neighbors.



Volunteers Needed - Please help our community by assisting Winthrop Area Rotary Club in its efforts to ease local winter heating bills in the towns of Readfield, Winthrop, Monmouth, Wayne and Mount Vernon

Winthrop Area Rotary Club is hosting our second community build of Window Dresser window inserts to be held at the Winthrop Middle School beginning at 8:00am on Friday October 27, 2023, ending Wednesday, November 1, 2023. In 2022, the Club members, as well as many local volunteers, built 190 semi-permanent window inserts for local residents. We have raised our goal to 225 window inserts in 2023. Following the 2022 installations, the Club received a multitude of testimonial letters boasting the window insert effectiveness as well as the resident's appreciation for Rotary's community project. The Winthrop Area Club is committed to continuing its efforts this year; however, we do need volunteers to make this project as successful as it was last year. Trust me - no experience is needed, just your willingness to help. We have created 2 shift opportunities 8:00am to 12:00pm and 12:30pm to 4:30pm for each day. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon for both shifts. For further information about window inserts, and our community build, please search windowdressers.org online.

If you are available and willing to help, please sign up on windowdressers.org site or simply call my cell (203) 641-7040 (Marge Livingston) or email me at mlivingston1024@gmail.com. I will request your phone number, e-mail and shift you are able to help.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Marge Livingston, Winthrop Area Rotary Club





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 Town Clerk, Kristin Parks: clerk@readfieldmaine.org
 Code Officer, Chip Stephens: ceo@readfieldmaine.org
 Front Desk Clerk, Anjelica Pittman: info@readfieldmaine.org
 Maintenance, Matthew Seems: maintenance1@readfieldmaine.org
 Animal Control, Eric Johnson: 207-931-7684
 Sexton, Ben Rodriguez: sexton@readfieldmaine.org
 Assessor, David Ledew: assessor@readfieldmaine.org

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Absentee Ballots Available Starting this week (if available from state)	2 Church Road Sidewalk Project Public Hearing 6:30 PM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day Town Office & Library Closed	10 Conservation Commission 6:30 PM Planning Board 6:30 PM	11 Age Friendly 9:00AM Solid Waste & Recycling 5:30 PM Library Board 6:30 PM	12 Road Committee 6:00 PM	13	14
15	16 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Board 6:30 PM	25 Rabies Clinic 4:00 PM (By Appointment & Pre-Payment Required) Trails Committee 6:30 PM	26 November Messenger Articles Due	27	28 National RX Take Back Day 10:00-2:00 Readfield Transfer Station Halloween Spooktacular/Trunk or Treat 4:30 PM
29	30 Select Board 6:30 PM	31				