



# Readfield Messenger

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## Tuesday, November 7, 2023

### Referendum Election

Kents Hill School, Alford Athletic Center

1617 Main Street, Readfield

Polls Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Last day to request absentee ballots is Thurs., Nov. 2 by 5:00 pm**

Request your ballot: In person at the Town Office; Call 207-685-4939, Online at: <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> or by mail (please give enough time for the postal service to deliver)

Not registered in Readfield? No problem! Register in person at the Town Office before election day or at the polls on election day. **Proof of ID and Residency are Required.**



### November Holiday Hours/Closures

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Town Office **CLOSED**; Transfer Station **OPEN**

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Transfer Station & Library **CLOSED**

Special Veterans Day Event - FMI Page10

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Town Office **OPEN** 8:00am - 12:00pm\*

Transfer Station **OPEN** 11:00am - 6:00 pm

Library **OPEN** 1:00pm-5:00pm\*

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday, November, 24<sup>th</sup>

Town Office & Transfer Station **CLOSED**



Keep an eye out for the Annual Giving Tree at the Town Office!

Tags will be on the tree as soon as the elf's are done getting those Christmas wish lists organized.

For more information contact

Kristin at 685-4939 or

[clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)



**Planning Ahead: The Fiscal Year Budget for 2025**

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

It is that time of year when the budget process begins and we invite all of the town’s residents to be actively involved. Annually we set a calendar for meetings and public hearings and publish our motions and discussions in writing and in video recordings. We welcome constructive input at all junctures and encourage participation early as that is the best time for discussion and changes to be considered. We have developed meeting schedules specific to the budget process that are posted on the town website under both Select Board and Budget Committee pages.

The underlying theme in Readfield is to provide the services our residents expect at the most affordable cost possible in a timely manner. What services we provide is based on what was offered in the current year, what is listed on the CIP (our Capital Investment Plan) and what requests are made by various committees and boards. The Budget Committee has primary responsibility to review all items and listen to presentations, then make recommendations for spending and revenues to the Select Board. Both groups hold joint meetings and public hearings throughout the process. A distinction should be noted between the Public Budget Meeting/Hearing on March 20<sup>th</sup> where residents can comment and make recommendations for changes, and the Public Hearings on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> where residents can make comments but no changes can be made as the budget is final at that time. The purpose of the two hearings is to inform voters about the budget and warrant articles and answer questions they have about the items prior to voting. The town is required by law to hold one hearing and this year we are holding two so that folks voting early or absentee can participate prior to their voting, in addition to the second hearing held closer to town meeting day.

At our most recent meeting the Select Board discussed their goals for the coming year. We all agreed that we want to hold spending to only the items we have previously been spending for and those that have been planned for in the CIP, with the exception being for necessary new expenses. We also agreed that we should focus on completing projects already underway or fully approved, rather than take on new projects this year. Suggestions made by Select Board members were to evaluate the effect of the upcoming increase in Maine’s minimum wage on our employee pay schedule, to spend less on professional services by asking residents to volunteer their services, to draw clearer lines between items of town responsibility versus personal responsibility, and to ask the Planning Board to consider how we might allow for more affordable housing for our town through revision of our Land Use Ordinance.

With these goals in mind, the Town Manager is asking all employees and board and committee members to develop their budgets to meet the dates in the budget calendar. The Select will discuss the budget process at most meetings and consider the various requests as the budget is developed. Please follow along in the Messenger for updates, and consider getting involved by attending meetings in person or on Zoom. Together we can construct a budget and develop warrant articles that meet the needs of the town and gain voter approval.

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Contacts**

# News from the Town Manager

## Readfield's Comprehensive Plan Approved by the State of Maine - What's Next?

On October 6, 2023 the Town of Readfield received confirmation that our updated Comprehensive Plan or "Comp Plan" as it is often called was approved by the state of Maine. Specifically their letter stated:

*"We are now happy to report that we find the 2023 Readfield Comprehensive Plan to be complete and consistent. This means that we have found all sections of the plan, including the future land use section, to be consistent with the Growth Management Act."*

*"We appreciate the efforts of community members, officials, KVCOG, and municipal staff who contributed to this plan. All involved clearly dedicated a lot of time and discussion to draft this very complete plan. Thanks to the skill and hard work of all involved, this plan will provide important guidance to the community's decision-makers for years to come."*

This is certainly a milestone and an accomplishment. I want to again thank the Comp Plan Committee and the many members of the public who participated in the plan's development for their time and effort. Well done! We have a roadmap for our community, developed by the community, for the next decade. So now what do we do with it?

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (the agency that oversees plan review and approval) did give us a starting point as they made note of several items the Town may wish to consider, including amending the plan to incorporate minor corrections and suggestions found in the agency comments. Per Chapter 208 the Town may incorporate the agency comments without resubmitting the Plan to the state. This is something that is typically tasked to an "Implementation Committee." An Implementation Committee can also help ensure the community vision we developed is consistently considered in our local decision making and help to bring about some of the great ideas we saw proposed in the Comp Plan update. Not necessarily by doing the work, but by acting as stewards and advocates for the Plan and the associated goals and strategies. The Select Board may choose to appoint such a committee and while they have not made an official call for volunteers I encourage anyone with an interest to fill out a [Board and Committee Appointment Application](#) online or at the Town Office. Knowing there is interest will help inform the decision of whether to form a committee or look to other mechanisms and tools.

A step the Select Board has already taken based on past precedent is to establish a quarterly review schedule of Comp Plan goals at their regular meetings. This enables them to be aware of activity related to the Comp Plan happening in town and to offer direction and resources as appropriate. Another step has been to ensure that all of the goals and strategies identified in the Comp Plan are associated with, and readily available to, municipal Boards, Committees, Commissions, Staff, members of the public, and partner organizations. This has taken the form of a summary spreadsheet available at the Town Office and on the [Comp Plan Webpage](#).

Some groups, like the Planning Board, are required to consider the Comp Plan in granting permits for certain development activities and have checklists that include this review criterion. In this way the vision put in place by the community isn't overlooked by activities that can have lasting impacts on how our town looks and functions, and the quality of life that our residents have told us they want to maintain.

These are just a few of the things that have happened and will happen as we work to integrate the Comp Plan in our regular governmental business. We owe it to our residents to pursue the things they see as important and mind the things they have concerns about, all the while recognizing that those things may not always be in concert. We have said from the very beginning that the Comp Plan is a starting point and basis for discussion. The most important thing we can do now that we have a Comp Plan is to continue the conversation!

Respectfully submitted, Eric Dyer, Town Manager

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**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	<b>Possible School Board meeting with Select Boards - About 75% of tax bills is education spending</b>	6:30 PM
03/15/24	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
03/20/24	<b>Public Budget Meeting / Hearing - Public Comment and Recommendations on DRAFT Budget</b>	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	<b>Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant</b>	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	<b>Public Hearing - Public Comment and Information on COMPLETED Warrant</b>	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	<b>Town Meeting - 8am to 8pm, Kents Hill School Alford Center</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

**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 ^

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  Select Board    
   Budget Committee    
   Joint Select Board & Budget Committee    
   Town Meeting    
   Holiday

# November Select Board & Budget Committee Meetings

**Select Board: Monday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Budget Committee: Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Starting at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated*



## Readfield Calling Tree

The Age Friendly Committee would like to create a Readfield Calling Tree.

If you would like to receive a weekly call from an Age Friendly volunteer or if you would be willing to be a Calling Tree volunteer, please reach out to Elaine at [elainekatz03@gmail.com](mailto:elainekatz03@gmail.com)



# Tuesday, November 7, 2023 State Referendum Election

***LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT IS NOV 2nd!***

**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](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)



## Readfield Boards/Committee Openings (As of October 31, 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)
- 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: 3 Members (2-2024 & 1 Alt. Member-2026)



If you are interested in joining any of the above committees complete an Appointment Application online [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) or at the Town Office

Call 207-685-4939 or email [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org) for more information

# 2024 Dog Licenses

**Available  
NOW!**

### Ways to register your dog:

- ⇒ In person at the Town Office during regular business hours
- ⇒ Online at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://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*

**If you no longer have a dog please let us know!**







## Frequently Asked Questions Dog Licensing

### When does my dog need to be licensed?

Maine State Law Title 7, Chapter 721 requires that dogs be licensed upon reaching the age of 6 months or after it has been with the family for 10 days if adopted. The yearly renewal deadline is December 31st

### Where does my dog need to be licensed?

Dogs need to be licensed in the town of residence.

### What is the cost to license my dog?

For an "altered" or "fixed" dog the cost is \$6.00. For a dog that is not "altered" the cost is \$11.00. There is an additional cost of \$1.00 to license your dog on-line

### What should I do if my dog loses its tag and it's not time to renew the license?

You will need to obtain a new tag from your town office or city hall

### What if I need a special license?

If you are licensing a wolf hybrid, service/search or rescue dog or need to obtain a kennel license, please contact your local municipal office

### Can a dog run "at large" in the State of Maine?

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when it is used for hunting. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person.

### What does my dog license pay for?

When you license your dog you help support the following:

- Local Animal Control Officers and District Humane Agents
- The investigation of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of animal welfare laws
- Compliance with rabies vaccinations for dogs
- Care for sick and stray animals
- The return of lost dogs to their owners

### What is needed to license my dog?

- Credit card (online)
- Current rabies certificate
- Veterinarian's name and phone number
- Proof of spay or neuter (if your dog has been "fixed")

Contact Animal Welfare Program

(207) 287-3846

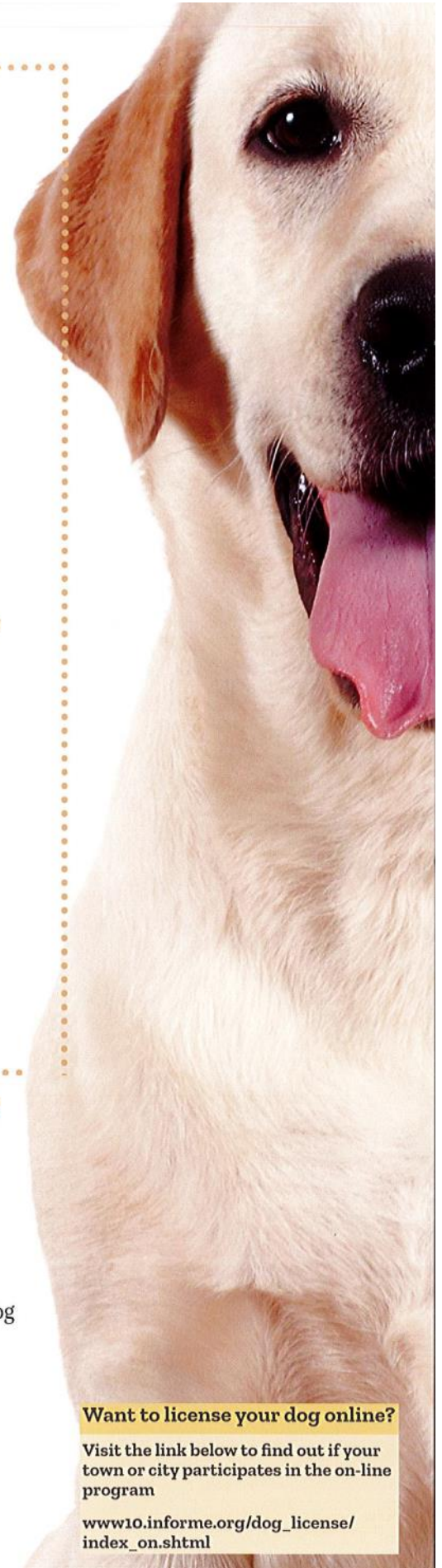
Or email:

[animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:animal.welfare@maine.gov)

### Want to license your dog online?

Visit the link below to find out if your town or city participates in the on-line program

[www10.informe.org/dog\\_license/index\\_on.shtml](http://www10.informe.org/dog_license/index_on.shtml)





## VETERANS' DAY EVENT

Veterans, Friends, Family, One and All are  
Welcome!

Help Honor our Deserved Veterans during all  
or any part of this event!!

Saturday, November 11, 2023

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

- 10:00 a.m.\*      Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road
- 11:00 a.m.      Ceremony in honor of all Veterans at the  
Readfield Town Office
- 11:45 a.m.      Following the ceremony, FREE Crockpot  
lunch will be available upstairs at Gile Hall,  
8 Old Kents Hill Road

With desserts provided by  
Readfield United Methodist Church

\* Parking available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot on Church Road or  
at the north end of the cemetery.



# Transfer Station News

## America Recycles Day:

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

This day was first established in 1997 as a way to promote recycling and inspire people to get involved in their local communities. Here is how you can celebrate!

- Reduce your waste.** Assess your daily activities and look for ways to reduce the amount of waste that you produce. This could include bring your own reusable bags to stores, avoiding single-use plastics, and opting for products with less packaging.
- Recycle your items.** Be sure to properly sort and recycle your items. Check with ecomaine's Recyclopeda to see what can and cannot be recycled.
- Reuse items whenever possible.** Look for ways to reuse items before recycling or throwing them away.
- Shop secondhand.** Choose to shop secondhand whenever possible. Consider thrift store, yard sales, flea markets, consignment stores, and online secondhand stores for furniture, clothing, books, toys, and more.
- Support eco-friendly brands.** Research companies that are committed to sustainable practices and support them with your business. Look for brands that use eco-friendly packaging, use renewable energy sources, and donate a portion of their profits to environmental causes.

#### Why America Recycles Day is Important

**Recycling prevents waste.** By recycling our paper, plastic, metal and other materials, we can prevent tons of unnecessary waste from ending up in landfills. This not only helps preserve our natural resources but also reduces the amount of carbon dioxide emissions released into the atmosphere.

**Recycling creates jobs.** The process of collecting, sorting and shipping recycled materials requires employees who collect the recyclables and sell them to manufacturers. These businesses help create jobs for Americans who are then able to earn an income and contribute back to their community.

**Recycling helps reduce pollution.** When we recycle materials like paper and plastics, it helps reduce the amount of energy used in production because the new products don't require as much processing or manufacturing. This decreases the demand for coal and oil, which both contribute to pollution and environmental degradation.

Article adapted from <https://www.holidaycalendar.io/holiday/america-recycles-day>

## Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday  
& Friday

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## 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.



Now Open!

Please bring items in and feel free to take items you can use.

Recycling Through Re-Use



## Assistance Available

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

## 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.



## Food Composting

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

You can take home finished compost at no charge.

WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste  
and Recycling Committee

**MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS**

**WINTER**  
**BASKETBALL**



**GRADES 1-6 BOYS AND GIRLS**

**GRADES 1-2 SKILLS AND DRILLS**  
**SATURDAYS 9-10AM 12/2-2/3**  
**\$35/CHILD**

**GRADES 3-6 EVALUATIONS SATURDAY, 11/18:**  
**3/4 BOYS 8:30-9:15AM**  
**5/6 BOYS 9:30-10:15AM**  
**3/4 GIRLS 10:30-11:15AM**  
**5/6 GIRLS 11:30-12:15PM**

**\$50/CHILD, INCLUDES REVERSIBLE JERSEY TO KEEP**

**REGISTER ONLINE OR AT READFIELD TOWN OFFICE BY 11/17**

**COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT TOM LABRIE**  
**(207)240-3774 OR LABRIETHOMAS@GMAIL.COM**

**Please note: There is no Pre-K / Kindergarten Basketball this year**

# 2023 Readfield Recreation & Maranacook Area Basketball Registration

## Grades 1 – 6 Boys & Girls

(Readfield, Mt. Vernon, Wayne, Manchester, Fayette)

Questions? Contact Tom Labrie 207-240-3774 or labriethomas@gmail.com

Register at the Readfield Town Office or Online: [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

Player Name	Town	Grade	Gender	Shirt Size
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S - M - L - XL

**Cost:** Grades 1 – 2: \$35.00 per child / Grades 3 – 6: \$50.00 per child

**Max Family Fee (\$110.00)**

*(No Pre-K/K this year)*

**LATE FEE of \$10.00 after November 17, 2023**

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Town of Readfield**

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The success of our program is dependent on our volunteers. Please indicate if you are able to assist as:

Team Coach                      Assistant Coach                      Your Shirt Size

Coaches are required to attend a pre-season coaches meeting and pass a background check

Please list any medical condition of your child (asthma, allergies, etc.) that must be brought to the coach's attention:

\_\_\_\_\_

Release of Liability: The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, the Town of Readfield, it's 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 participation in these types of activities and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

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

This is a NON RSU #38 Sponsored Event – Revised 10-27-2023

**If you are signing up and paying after November 17th, please bring this form with your payment to the Readfield Town Office.**

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### Office Use Below

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

# Conservation Commission News

Signs at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve? by Linnea Koons

**Black and red No Hunting signs at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve? What's up with that?** Well, hunting on the TPNP land has been prohibited since the Town of Readfield acquired it. Why wasn't it posted before?

Actually, it has been posted, with small, tastefully crafted brown signs. You might not have seen them. I didn't either until I really looked for them. The red and black signs are much easier to see.

**Can you still walk in there?** Yes, you can! In fact, the Conservation Commission chose those signs because they say only No Hunting. Hike around and explore, and wear orange because that's a good idea.

**What about duck hunting?** As long as you are hunting from a boat on the water you can hunt waterfowl. Please do not use the observation blind to hunt ducks, because that is not on the water.

**If you can't hunt there, where can you hunt?** . Readfield Town Forest is one town-owned property that you can hunt on. 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/>





**Deer Hunting Blind and Treestand Policy  
at the Readfield Town Forest  
Readfield Conservation Commission  
Adopted October, 2020**

**Town of Readfield**  
www.readfieldmaine.org  
8 Old Kents Hill Road  
Readfield ME 04355  
Phone: 207-685-4939

Hunting blinds, treestands and other hunting-related structures are permitted for deer hunting on the Readfield Town Forest during the regular firearms season as well as for archery/crossbow and muzzle-loading seasons provided that any such structure:

1. Shall not be permanently attached to the ground or a tree and shall not be attached to a tree in a manner that damages the tree;
2. Shall be located greater than 300 feet from a trail and the cleared historic farmstead area;
3. Shall be registered with the Town prior to placement and labelled with the identification of the owner and contact information;
4. Shall not be placed more than seven days prior to the start of the relevant hunting season and shall be removed within three days after the close of the season;
5. Shall be free from litter at all times and the site shall be left clean and undisturbed; and
6. Shall otherwise comply with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rules and regulations.

**READFIELD TOWN FOREST  
HUNTING BLIND AND TREESTAND  
REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:     \_\_\_\_\_ HUNTING BLIND           \_\_\_\_\_ TREESTAND

WHICH SEASON:   \_\_\_ FIREARMS   \_\_\_ MUZZLE-LOADING   \_\_\_ ARCHERY/CROSS-BOW

IDENTIFY PROPOSED LOCATION ON ATTACHED MAP IF KNOWN

**ATTACHED COPY OF RULES TO BE GIVEN TO APPLICANT AND FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES**

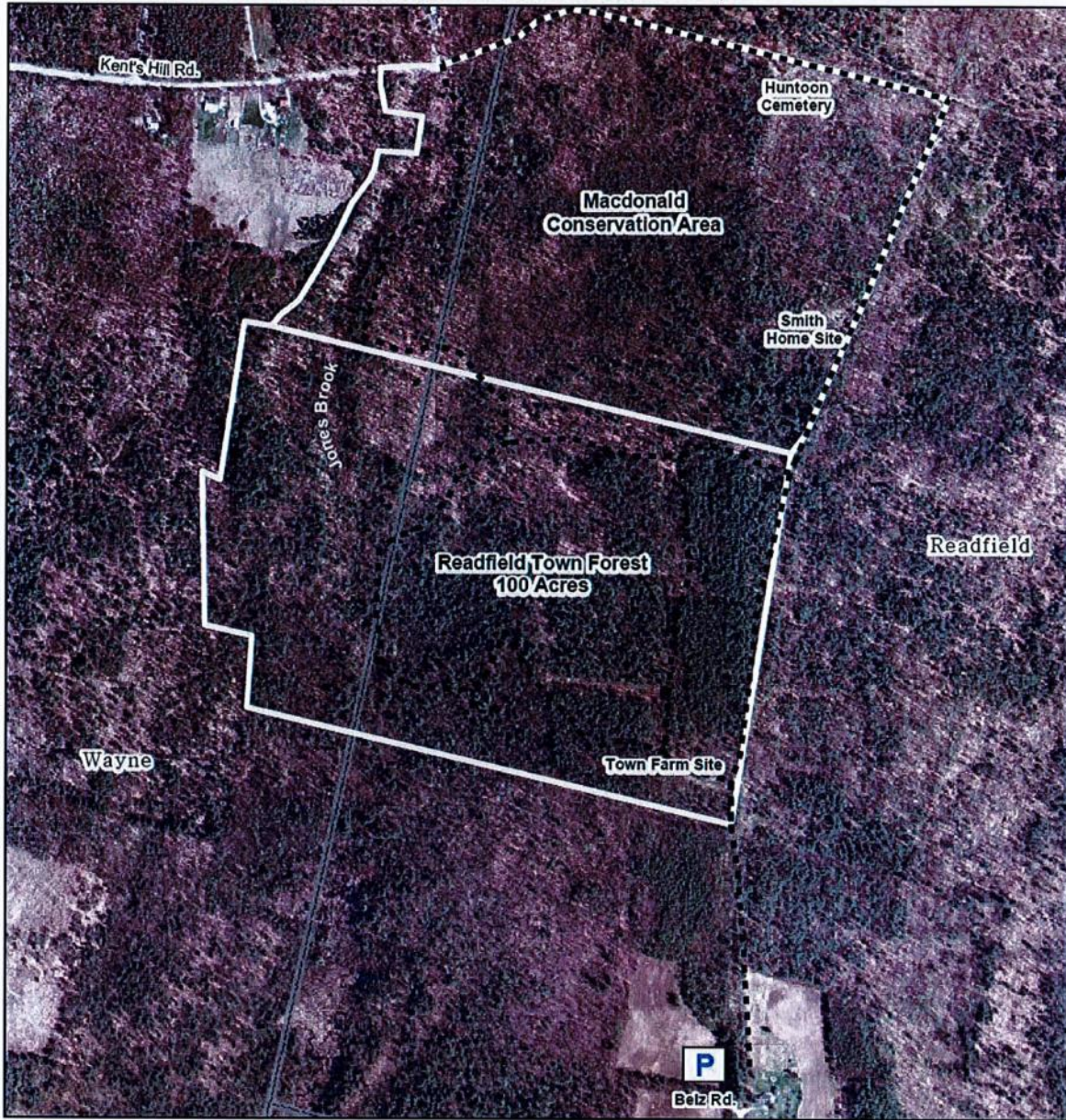


# Kennebec Land Trust Macdonald Conservation Area\* and Town of Readfield Readfield Town Forest

Map prepared by the  
Maine Natural Areas Program

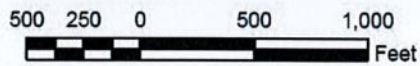
Readfield and Wayne, ME

\*100 Acres Donated to the Kennebec Land Trust, 2003



### LEGEND

- Trails
- Boundary Line



January 10, 2008



# News & Notes from the Readfield Trails Committee

Hello Readfield Trail Enthusiasts,

I hope you all enjoyed use of our trails during the summer and into this fall. While we recognize that some improvements are needed, our trails seem to be in very good shape overall. For the first time in recent memory we did not need to ask for a crew from the Kents Hill or Maranacook schools to provide labor for a large trail improvement project.

Last Spring the trails committee received permission from the Maranacook Community School to explore putting a trail thru the school property on the town trail map. There are existing trails on the property that have not been maintained consistently that we will focus on, so it is unlikely we will need to clear much new trail. Considerations at this point include bridge repair, wet areas, and how to avoid conflicts with the ski trails. Any trail that we may mark and map will connect to the existing bluestone trails on the school property and the Fairgrounds.

Trails Committee representatives continue to represent trail users interests on the Fairgrounds Work Group for consideration of additional recreational developments. The consensus so far is that a women's softball field and an improved porta-potty area should be developed. In addition the committee is in the process of identifying a location in the village area for a basketball court. At this point the choice is between locations on the Fairgrounds and the Maranacook Community School properties. The concept plan for the Fairgrounds also includes improvements to our trails, re-designed parking, and a pollinator garden area. The proposed trail improvements will significantly improve accessibility. You will have the opportunity to vote to allow the town to proceed with these additional developments next June. No town property taxpayer funding will be used for materials or construction. Donations and private and/or public grants will pay for this work pending both voter and grant approval.

Our trail maps (not including the Carlton Pond Trail or Morrill Road Connector at this point) continue to be available at the town office and on-line ([https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield\\_trails\\_2019\\_map.pdf](https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf)).

Kennebec Land Trust trail information, including trails in Readfield, can be found on their website at <https://www.tkltr.org/>

Please let us know if you encounter damage or other issues when on our town trails. We appreciate feedback.

Dog owners please note: Dogs are required to be on leash or under voice control on all town properties including our trails. We also request that pets be leashed on the Carlton Pond Trail in the interest of water supply and wildlife protection.

Please call or email me if you would like to join our committee, volunteer for trail work, or comment on trail conditions: Rob Peale; [mpreadfieldgov@gmail.com](mailto:mpreadfieldgov@gmail.com); 207-458-4259



Business Card Size (3.5" x 2.0")

1 Month	\$12.00
6 Months	\$60.00
12 Months	\$100.00

Contact the Town Office:  
207-685-4939

[clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)

# Updates from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

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



Be a safe, responsible ATV and snowmobile rider by completing a safety course



Riding an ATV or snowmobile is a great way to enjoy the Maine outdoors. It's important to ride safely, responsibly, and to be prepared before you go. Many of Maine's ATV and snowmobile trails reside on private land. Respecting these generous private landowners by riding responsibly is critical to maintaining trail access in Maine.

Consider completing an ATV and snowmobile safety course to be a more safe and prepared operator! Maine offers safety courses online and in-person.

This month Maine introduced a NEW combined ATV and snowmobile course that can be taken completely online (for ages 12 and older). The online course is \$34.95 (*course fees go to the vendor who produced the online course*). This course combines both ATV and Snowmobile content, and while snowmobile education is not mandated by law, it is encouraged. Many of the in-person courses also combine both snowmobile and ATV information.

We hope to see you on the trails or at a course soon!

Official Maine ATV/Snowmobile Safety Course

Online: <https://www.offroad-ed.com/maine/>

Find an In-Person ATV Course: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/educational-programs/safety-courses/atv-safety.html>

Find an In-Person Snowmobile Course: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/educational-programs/safety-courses/snowmobile-safety.html>

## Do you need Maine ATV/Snowmobile education?

In Maine, youth ages 10 to under 16, must successfully complete ATV safety certification to operate an ATV on land other than their own. While snowmobile safety education is not currently mandatory in Maine, it is included in this course.

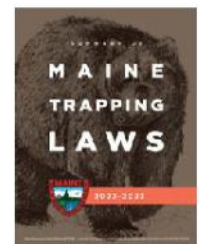
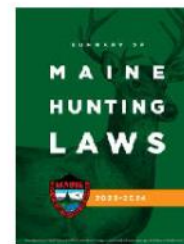
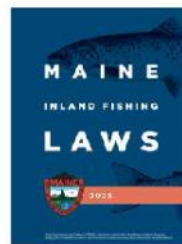
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## Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Requirements:

- You must be at least 12 years old to take this online course.
- You do not have to be a resident of Maine to take this online course.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Laws of the Maine Outdoors



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



## NOVEMBER 2023—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

### Library Hours

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

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

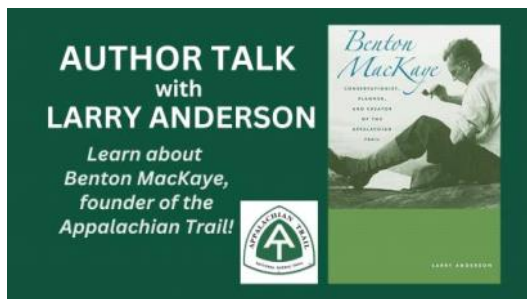
- The library will be **closed on Saturday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day.
- The Library will be **closing EARLY at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** (the night before Thanksgiving). We will be back to regular hours on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### OBSERVING VETERANS DAY

- The Library will be **closed** on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11.
- The Library will have a **table of books and information** at the Town's Veterans Day events/luncheon on Saturday.
- Thanks to the help of our Cemetery Sexton, Ben Rodriguez, the Library will have a **large Veterans Day book display** again this year, highlighting books about Veterans and their service and the experiences of Veterans. Stop by in November to check out a book!
- For children/families: The book featured in the **Library's Story Walk for the month of November** is *Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld and illustrated by Maine illustrator Matt Tavares. This is a great informational book for children/families to read and discuss together.



### AUTHOR EVENT with Larry Anderson, author of *Benton MacKaye: Conservationist, Planner, and Creator of the Appalachian Trail*



Are you interested in hiking, outdoor recreation, wilderness protection, conservation, environmentalism, land-use planning, and/or community development? If so, please join **author Larry Anderson** as he discusses his 2002 nonfiction book *Benton MacKaye: Conservationist, Planner, and Creator of the Appalachian Trail*. This virtual event will take place **by Zoom on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Plenty of time for questions and answers! This event is free, open to the public, and part of the Library's 2023 Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant.

You will need to register to attend this Zoom event at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuf-ggpzksHtZG6AisiW84BclroMARI5az>

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Larry Anderson, a freelance writer and independent scholar, is the author of *Benton MacKaye: Conservationist, Planner, and Creator of the Appalachian Trail* (2002), a biography of the visionary American environmentalist best known for his conception of the Appalachian Trail and as a co-founder of The Wilderness Society. He is also the author of *Peculiar Work: Writing about Benton MacKaye, Conservation, Community* (2012), a collection of articles and essays. Anderson lives in Little Compton, Rhode Island. Among other things, he has been a newspaper reporter, book publisher, president of a local land trust, public library trustee, and town moderator.

**ABOUT THE BOOK:** Planner and originator of the Appalachian Trail and a cofounder of the Wilderness Society, Benton MacKaye (1879-1975) was a pioneer in linking the concepts of preservation and recreation. Spanning three-quarters of a century, his long and productive career had a major impact on emerging movements in conservation, environmentalism, and regional planning. MacKaye's seminal ideas on outdoor recreation, wilderness protection, land-use planning, community development, and transportation have inspired generations of activists, professionals, and adventurers seeking to strike a harmonious balance between human need and the natural environment. This pathbreaking biography provides the first complete portrait of this significant and unique figure in American environmental, intellectual, and cultural history. Drawing on extensive research, Larry Anderson traces MacKaye's extensive career, examines his many published works, and describes the importance of MacKaye's relationships with such influential figures as Lewis Mumford, Aldo Leopold, and Walter Lippmann. This book will appeal to students, scholars, and professionals in preservation, conservation, recreation, planning, and American studies, as well as general readers interested in these subjects.

## LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The main entrance ramp/stairs work and the new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor fire escape are complete—please come by to check them out if you have not already! 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! And, thanks to a generous donation from a patron, we have new planters and fall mums to beautify our entrances!



## HEALTHY WATERS: Maine's Lakes, Streams, and YOU! Panel Discussion RESCHEDULED

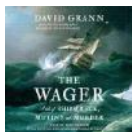
This event, originally scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, will be rescheduled. We are not yet sure of the new date...stay tuned! Likely in January.

## Save the date! ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Please join the Readfield community as we gather together outdoors in front of the Library to light the community tree, enjoy cookies and cocoa, and visit with Santa. This event will take place on **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**, with a rain/snow date of Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.



## NOVEMBER Book Group— *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*



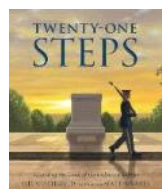
Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! For November, we will discuss the nonfiction title *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann on **Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. We may meet in person or by Zoom (stay tuned). Please call 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.

## 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.

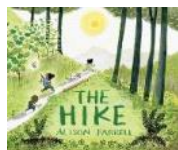


## STORY WALK® --Two sites in Readfield for families to enjoy in November!



### November STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library— *Twenty-One Steps*

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 November is *Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld.** 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.



### November STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School— *The Hike*

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 November is *The Hike* by Alison Farrell, sponsored by Barbara and Bruce Bourgoine.**

## WINNER—GUESS the PUMPKIN WEIGHT CONTEST

Our pumpkin this year weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces, and Henry T. was the closest guess with 7 pounds 0 ounces. Congratulations to Henry—enjoy the pumpkin! Brent and Noah had close guesses too! Thanks again to Christianson Farm in Readfield for donating the pumpkin.



## MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out YEAR-ROUND



Visit a Maine State Park for FREE with the Vehicle Pass from the Library! Checkout period is for one week maximum. 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.

# MARANACCOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP) NEWS

First, for any of our residents who may not know, it is with deep sadness we report that Ralph Eno, one of our most proactive and dedicated committee members, passed away suddenly in early October. His passing has left a void within our group and beyond. After Ralph finished serving on the Readfield Select Board, he quickly joined our committee by showing up one Thursday asking how he could help. He quickly became the guy who would do anything asked of him and always with a quick verbal retort of some kind that left us all chuckling. He would distribute food boxes making those who were there to receive help feel appreciated and welcomed. He would fill in delivering on short notice when one of our drivers could not make it. If a family showed up close to closing time and our prepared boxes were already spoken for, Ralph would quickly scoot into the pantry and make up a new one so no one was left wanting. Ralph single handily petitioned three of the RSU #38 towns asking to be on their town warrants to support the MAFP with \$1,000 donations. All three towns passed the requests; a testimony to his prowess. He searched out support from all the local grocery stores “pestering, cajoling, pleading”etc. (his words that I can print here!) including Wal Mart to support us. Ralph refused to sit on the sidelines during his time in Readfield and our town and certainly MAFP are better off for his efforts. Thank you Ralph and we miss you.

The pantry has been experiencing a steady upswing in requests all fall. Through the summer months, we averaged 15-18 box requests per week and currently reached a peak of 25 requests. The pantry does not turn anyone away. As a reminder, all donations go directly into our services. Food is stored and given out on Thursdays. Monetary donations are funneled through our account serviced by the Superintendent's office (thank you Katie Collier!) and we make every attempt to acknowledge any and all donations when we know the name of the provider. Some donors request to remain anonymous.

The pantry made a plea via the August Messenger for our summer residents to donate through the town office any non-perishable food they might have before leaving and we received several boxes and grocery bags full of donations. Wonderful and thank you to those who donated.

In the summer our expenses might average \$250 per week, excluding Farmer Kev delivery weeks, whereas the past few weeks since school started now average close to \$375 and you probably guessed where this is headed! Full disclosure here: as the holidays approach, traditionally we see requests for holiday assistance increase dramatically. So, the pantry could certainly embrace both food and monetary help. If you choose to donate a turkey or ham for the holidays to a family facing food insecurity and need it picked up, contact Greg Durgin at the number listed below. Food donations can be dropped off at the middle school, especially on Thursdays, from 3-4pm.

At this time of the year it seems appropriate to give a special thank you to our monthly donors who have helped to keep the MAFP up and running for over 3 and a half years. Checks can be sent to MAFP c/o RSU #38, 45 Millard Harrison Drive, Readfield, ME 04355.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Greg Durgin  
durgie@roadrunner.com; 685-4481



**Maranacook Food  
Pantry**  
**Every Thursday**  
**3:00-4:00 PM**

# Readfield Union Meeting House

Fall is upon us, with the Meeting House having had a busy summer season.

By the time you are reading this, the Meeting House will have had its annual Pumpkinfest, when the children of the community scare the willies out of their parents by using sharp pointy knives to carve faces into pumpkins. All this mayhem occurs in the Vestry, the little white building next to the Meeting House, and all the pumpkins get transported to the Fairgrounds for the Trunk and Treat Pumpkinfest celebrations. Thanks to Hannaford for their donation of 40 pumpkins, and to Stevenson's for lowering the price for us, all so no child would be disappointed. Also, thanks to the Friends of the Vestry ladies for their sale of chili -- 3 yummy kinds! -- during the carving. And thanks also to the Kents Hill students for raking around the Meeting House and Vestry. ( Unfortunately this volunteering by the students was put off a week.)

But wait! We aren't ready to close up shop yet! There's more to come before we put the building to sleep for the winter.

The "Christmas Through the Ages" program planning is going swimmingly well. A joint event between the Readfield Historical Society and the Union Meeting House on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the event will feature groups of 12 people visiting 5 locations in the town, each location displaying elements of how Christmas was celebrated in each time frame. The groups will arrive at the first location, have 15 minutes there, then walk to the next one, whereupon the next group will arrive, and so on until all the participants have visited all five venues. See Dale Potter Clark's info in this newsletter for further information. This will be a huge undertaking for our town, involving many volunteers hosting in the buildings, acting as guides leading groups to the venues, preparing foods, and more. We hope to see a good turnout that day.

There is some whispering going on that there might be a Quiche-To-Go sale around New Year's Eve or Day. Stay tuned.

The Readfield Union Meeting House had its annual meeting in October, voting to keep Nancy Durgin as President, Jim Tukey as Vice President, and John Perry as Treasurer. The position of Executive Secretary was filled by Mary Jernigan by unanimous vote. Welcome, Mary!

We also learned that Deb Curtis, who has been patiently recording our board meetings for a few years, will be ending her time with us in January. Consequently, we are seeking someone who would be willing to show up at our monthly board meetings and take minutes. Anyone interested in helping us in this way please contact Nancy Durgin at 685-4481.

*Guess that's all for now, folks! Flo*



# CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES



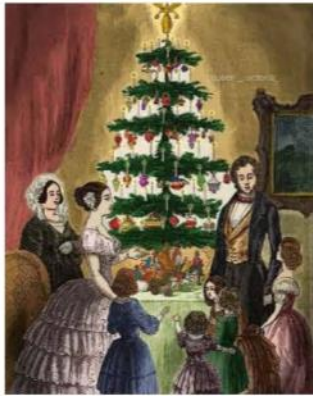
*To benefit both of these organizations*

**READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

Costumed hosts at six locations will share information about various eras of Christmas. Period decorations, refreshments and music will add a touch of atmosphere. All sites are within walking distance of the 4-way intersection at Readfield Corner. Guides will accompany guests from one building to the next.



**1. Moravian Celebrations**

Union Meeting House  
22 Church Road

**2. Colonial Maine**

Readfield Community Library  
1163 Main Street

**3. Victorian Christmas**

The Dyer home  
21 Old Kents Hill Road

**4. WWII—Wartime**

The Doorenbos home  
1163 Main Street

**5. The 1950s post-war**

The Doorenbos home  
Site of the Iron Fence Inn  
1163 Main Street

**6. Christmas Today**

Wilson home  
1124 Main Street

All tours will begin at 22 Church Road. A complete tour will last two and a half hours, the first to begin at 10:00 a.m. and the final begins at 12:15 p.m. Preferred times are assigned first come, first serve upon payment, until groups are full. You will be notified about what time you've been assigned after payment has been received. See the order form below for info about lunch at the UMH vestry 11:00-1:30.

FMI or questions: (412) 779-4368 ~ EMAIL: [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com)

## TICKET ORDER FORM

Start time will be assigned. Please indicate if you prefer to start within one of the following time spans:

10:00-10:40     11:15-12:15     my time is flexible/no preference

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # of TICKETS at \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ (non-refundable)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 enclosed (Additional donations gratefully accepted)

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

A HOT LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE UMH VESTRY 11:00-1:30 P.M. FOR \$8.00 donation/person

How many in your party plan to eat lunch \_\_\_\_\_ (Not a reservation but to help us plan food prep.)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Readfield Historical Society

MAIL TO: Readfield Historical Society ~ PO Box 354 ~ Readfield, ME 04355

Tickets are mailed upon payment. They will also be available on Dec. 9th at the Union Meeting House vestry but only IF space is still available. We suggest you call first to see if there are any openings left.

Total tickets are limited to 84. Group size is limited to 12 people per tour.

Reservations can also be made by PHONE: (412) 779-4368 EMAIL: [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com)

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

Just a reminder, to sign up for a Thanksgiving or Christmas box, if you have not already done so. Thanksgiving boxes will be given out on Saturday, November 18 and Christmas boxes will be given out on, Saturday, December 16. Call the food bank (293-2141) on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 or stop in to fill out a form.

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.

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



## 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



The Gallery at Readfield  
1138 Main Street  
Readfield ME 04355  
207-522-7325

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

The Gallery has been busy all spring, summer and early fall. I hope you've been able to get to see some of the wonderful art shows we've had.

We have a lot going on in November. The artist who is showing her art is a beautiful artist from Wiscasset, Kat Logan.

The show is called 'ALL AROUND ME PEACEFUL' Paintings by Kat Logan

**The dates are November 12th - December 3rd**

These are events associated with the show:

There will be an opening on **November 12th** from 1:00-5:00  
2:00-An Artist Talk; 3:00-Poetry readings from local artists and music by Kat.

On **December 3rd** from 1:00 - 4:00 there will be a closing Party and Holiday Sing Along with Kat on Piano at 2:00; Refreshments YES!

**November 19th:** We will have a special afternoon where two jewelers will be displaying their work for SALE. Handmade books by Cynthia Ahlstrin. Wine and cheese and lots of good cheer. Shop locally for the Holidays! We did this last year with great success. Plan on coming. It'll be great!

Any questions contact The Gallery at 522 7325

Gallery hours: Friday and Saturday 10-12 or by appointment or chance

## Depot Bottle Redemption

773 Main Street, Readfield ME 04355

Work (207) 685-3445

Cell (207) 462-7275

### “Business Hours”

Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Holidays & Storm Days

Bag Limits: 5 white bags; 3 large black bags; larger orders call Bunny to make arrangements.



Pre-Counted bags accepted.

All bottles & cans must be clean and empty.

*Thank you, Bunny Parks*



### Open Enrollment Seasons Means Medicare Scams

It's open enrollment season, which also means it's Medicare fraud season. Eligible beneficiaries have until December 7 to shop for the best deal for their health care dollar. Unfortunately, some of the deals offered won't be deals at all.

Just like in other years, Medicare scams spike during open enrollment season with criminals posing as insurance providers calling and emailing about free gifts or limited time offers. These ploys are designed to capture information criminals can use to bill Medicare for bogus services and treatment.

Be suspicious of anyone who calls, emails or visits you promoting a Medicare plan. Legitimate health plans can only contact you if you've requested information or if you have an existing relationship with them. Lastly, always review your Medicare or explanation of benefits statement to ensure fraudulent charges aren't included.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted.

Visit [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork)

or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360



# 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:**

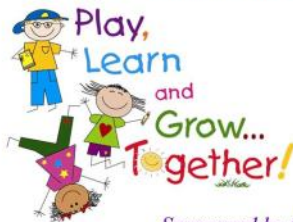
Readfield Elementary School Breakfast Cafeteria  
~ use front door to be buzzed into school ~

**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*

## Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### Crisis Hotlines

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

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



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

## Maine Department of Health and Human Services

### Additional Helplines

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

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



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# Have you scheduled your HEAP appointment?



KVCAP continues to schedule appointments for the Home Energy Assistance Program 2023/24 heating season, for Kennebec County residents.

FAMILY SIZE	60% of SMI 70% of Points		
	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
1	2,723	8,168	32,672
2	3,560	10,681	42,725
3	4,398	13,195	52,778
4	5,236	15,708	62,831
5	6,074	18,221	72,883
6	6,911	20,734	82,936
7	7,069	21,206	84,821
8	7,226	21,677	86,706
9	7,383	22,148	88,591
10	7,540	22,619	90,476
11	7,697	23,091	92,361

For more information, to see if you qualify, or to schedule an appointment please call 207-859-1500, email [energy@kvcap.org](mailto:energy@kvcap.org), or visit: <https://www.kvcap.org/for-the-home/energy-housing-services-overview/heating-assistance>



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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

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

- November 1 – Business Meeting
- November 15 – Workshop Meeting
- December 6 – Business Meeting
- January 3 – Business Meeting
- January 17 – Budget Workshop Meeting
- February 7 – Business Meeting
- February 28 – Budget Workshop Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- March 6 – Business Meeting
- March 20 – Budget Workshop Meeting
- March 27 – Budget Workshop Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- April 3 – Business Meeting
- April 10 – Vote on budget; Workshop Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)
- May 1 – Business Meeting
- May 8 – RSU #38 Annual Budget Meeting, MS Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) (in person only)
- June 5 – Business Meeting
- June 12 – Business/Workshop Meeting (accept referendum votes and set local assessments) (2<sup>nd</sup> Weds.)
- June 11 – Referendum vote at individual towns



### **E-Alerts Subscription & Text Alerts!**

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!

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

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**Enrichment Classes**

**Start Date**

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



**Parks Towing**

Al Parks Sr. - Owner

Phone (207) 377-7963  
 Cell (207) 446-3881  
 Yard (207) 685-3444  
 Al (207) 931-8354  
 Donnie (207) 441-1366

138 Main Street  
 Winthrop, ME 04364

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# Manchester Lions Club Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday December 2, 2023

9:00 - 3:00

Lions Club House

Route 17, Manchester

Local Crafters & Artisans

Homemade Baked Goodies  
and Concessions



We Serve



# 2023 festival of TREES



**Tues Dec 5 - Thurs Dec 7 3pm - 7pm**

**Friday Dec 8 - 12pm - 7pm**

**Saturday Dec 9 - 10am - 7pm**

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Admission at the Door \$2  
\$5 for 10 Tickets for Silent  
Themed Tree Raffle

**30+ Themed Trees!  
Including Lottery Ticket Tree!  
50/50 Raffle / Bake Sale  
Hot Dogs, Popcorn,  
Hot Chocolate Available  
For Purchase**

**Santa Claus is Coming to Town!  
Thursday 5pm - 7pm  
Saturday 12pm - 2pm & 3:00pm - 5pm  
Face Painting 12 p.m. - 3**

**Proceeds to Benefit KVCAP**

**AUGUSTA ELKS LODGE #964**

**397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME 04330**



**Davidson Nature Preserve Full Moon Hike,  
Monday, November 27, 5:30 PM  
Davidson Nature Preserve, Vassalboro**



Join Kennebec Land Trust staff and volunteer property stewards to take advantage of the full moon for a hike at the Davidson Nature Preserve on Monday, November 27 at 5:30 PM. Please bring what you need to be comfortable for a night walk, including a headlamp or flashlight, warm clothes, water, snacks etc. The family-friendly hike will be approximately one mile long.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Marie at [mring@tklt.org](mailto:mring@tklt.org) or 207-377-2848

Directions: From Augusta or Waterville take Route 201 to Vassalboro. Turn east on Bog Road for approximately 2.2 miles to the intersection with Taber Hill Road. Turn north (left) on Taber Hill Road for approximately 1 mile. Look for the KLT sign, parking lot, and sign-in box on the left (west) side of Taber Hill Road, just before Hussey Hill Road.



**Readfield United Methodist Church**

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

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

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




We will again be hosting a **free** community Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, from Noon to 2pm.

A traditional menu of turkey & stuffing with all the fixings. An assortment of pies will be available for dessert. Please join us at the church to share the meal and enjoy time with your friends and neighbors.

Take out meals will be available.

Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for November 18th 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 685-4211




**Christmas Fair  
December 2nd 9:00-2:00**

- Cookie walk
- Homemade desserts & specialty food
- Fish & Corn Chowder/Sandwich/Pie Luncheon
- Custom wreaths
- Silent auction of theme baskets
- Handmade gifts

New Member Classes will be held on 11/5 at 11:15 part A and 11/8 at 6:30 part B. Or 11/12 at 11:15 part A and 11/15 at 6:30 part B. These are open to all new members and old members. They will be held at the Readfield United Methodist Church. 1564 Main Street, Readfield. Contact Reverend Shannon Keeney at 1-615-218-1532.

There will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving service on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. At the Jesse Lee Church on 198 Plains Rd., Readfield, Maine

Calling all singers out there! A choir is forming. Contact Wendy Large at [wlbsn@aol.com](mailto:wlbsn@aol.com) or call 207-685-4211



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# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Last Day to Vote by Absentee - Request your ballot before 5:00 PM Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM	3	4
5 	6	7 State Referendum Election Kents Hill School 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	8 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library Board 6:30 PM	9 Road Committee 6:00 PM	10 Veterans Day (Observed) Town Office Closed Transfer Station Open	11 Veterans Day Veterans Day Memorial Event 10:00 AM - 12:00P M Transfer Station & Library Closed
12	13 Select Board 6:30 PM	14 Conservation Commission 6:30 PM Planning Board 6:30 PM	15 Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17 Last Day to Register for Rec Basketball before late fee	18 Basketball Grades 3-6 Evaluations 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
19	20 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM	21	22 Town Office Open Special Hours 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	23 Thanksgiving Day Town Office & Transfer Station Closed	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Town Office & Transfer Station Closed	25
26	27 Select Board 6:30 PM December Messenger Articles Due	28 Planning Board 6:30 PM	29 Trails Committee 6:30 PM	30		