



Readfield Messenger

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Town of Readfield Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Referendum Voting at 6:00 PM

Kents Hill School, 1617 Main St, Readfield

Special Town Meeting is a On Floor Only Referendum Vote - There is NO absentee ballot voting. More information on Page 6. The Full Warrant is available for review online: www.readfieldmaine.org under [Voting/Special Town Meeting](#), the Town Office & Post Offices.



March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Elections
Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield ME
Polls Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

SEMI-OPEN PRIMARIES: This year marks the beginning of Maine's shift to Semi-Open Primaries. If someone is enrolled in a specific party, they may only vote in that party's primary. If someone is unenrolled (has no party affiliation), then they can vote in any ONE party's primary of their choice. Only those in the following parties will be able to request a ballot for the upcoming election: Democratic, Republican & Unenrolled - More information on pages 7-9 and online <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/votingelectionstown-mtg>

**Special Town
Meeting
Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, February 13
6:30 PM**

**Readfield Town Office
8 Old Kents Hill Rd**

In observance of
Presidents' Day

We will be closed

**Monday,
February 19th**

Winter Update

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

The Select Board met twice in January and had some interesting discussions. We hold our meetings upstairs at the Town Office and have a zoom link available in addition to recording the meeting and posting it on our website. We often have a few folks in attendance to deal with specific items on the agenda. Please feel free to join us.

One issue that has been discussed at length for several years is the project at the Fairgrounds. The working group established to consider the proposals and to aid in planning has essentially completed their work and did a fine job. Several members have mentioned that it was rewarding to work in a group setting where folks actually listened to each other and developed shared goals that garnered the backing of all involved. Each Select Board member attended the public presentation on January 17th to show our support. Please look for more information in the Messenger and online about the fundraising efforts beginning to take place to help turn the plans into reality. This item will be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in June.

Lee Mank, our Fire Chief, joined us on January 8th to discuss our Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). This is an annual discussion that sometimes entails a table-top training where we consider a scenario and how that would be handled here in Readfield. This year we discussed the December 18th storm response and a bit from the October mass shooting event in Lewiston. The role of the Select Board in any event is to support operations through authorizing payment for needed services. In December the town was able to absorb the costs of response within our current budget and reserve amounts and our services were not needed. (The town did send cost information to the State for possible reimbursement if FEMA funds become available.) The Fire Department did an outstanding job in responding to calls and protecting the public. Lee noted several items that can use attention such as having radios available to more department members and town staff as cell phones are not reliable in many emergency situations. Also, we have a need for more and larger road barriers as they found folks moving and driving around the barriers they set up. We also discussed the need for all Select Board members to complete required safety trainings and hope to hold a session in Readfield for surrounding towns to attend with us. Lessons taken from the tragedy in Lewiston revolve around communication issues and how supporting agencies are requested and deployed. We are grateful for the dedication of the fire department members who give selflessly and without complaint to protecting us.

Readfield will be holding a special town meeting in February to deal with a zoning issue. This will be an on-the-floor meeting where interested residents can hear the two items to be considered, ask relevant questions and then vote on the items. There is information in the Messenger and on the town website so please read about the items and come be involved in town government by voting.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our Town Manager, Eric Dyer, on completion of another successful year here. The Select Board held a 360-degree review which involved soliciting input from all who work with Eric: vendors, employees, committee chairs and the public. All of the responses were positive and they expressed their desire that Eric stay on with the town. We concurred and are happy that Eric has agreed to stay with us at least for the next three years!

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Select Board Contacts



News from the Town Manager

Town Manager Report - A Tale of Two Public Hearings

We have two important Public Hearings coming up in February that we hope to see you at! More information on both of these Public Hearings can be found on the Town Website at www.readfieldmaine.org or by contacting the Town Office.

One:

The first **Public Hearing is on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Town Office** to discuss Warrant Articles for an upcoming **on-floor Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 6:00pm at Kents Hill School**. The articles are below and are being brought to voters under provisions in our Land Use Ordinance that give residents a chance to weigh in on zoning changes for certain kinds of commercial and industrial uses. It is important to note that this is an on-floor meeting where residents need to be in-person to vote, which is a format we have not used for several years. We expect the discussion and vote to take less than an hour. Another key point is that the public vote established the zone only, and the projects being considered still need extensive review and approval by the Planning Board. The first Warrant Article is to elect a moderator and so is not listed below...

“Article 2: Shall Map 121 Lot 020 located in the Village District be rezoned to include a Commercial and Industrial District overlay which may accommodate commercial industrial or infrastructure uses with structures in excess of 5,000 square feet subject to the Town of Readfield Land Use Ordinance; following the positive recommendation by the Planning Board of an application by Cushing Construction, LLC requesting the zoning change for a Self-Storage project?”

“Article 3: Shall Map 143 Lot 014 located in the Rural District be rezoned to include a Commercial and Industrial District overlay which may accommodate commercial industrial or infrastructure uses with structures in excess of 5,000 square feet subject to the Town of Readfield Land Use Ordinance; following the positive recommendation by the Planning Board of an application by Readfield Main Street Solar, LLC requesting the zoning change for a Solar Farm project?”

Two:

The second **Public Hearing is on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Town Office** to discuss the proposed Church Road Sidewalk we have been working on for several years beginning with resident concerns about the safety of children (and adults) walking and biking on Church Rd. to access the Fairgrounds property and adjacent school property. Initial voter approval for the idea happened in 2017, with periodic funding requests approved at Town Meeting since then. Thanks to a Federal grant and Maine DOT support, the project is slated for an 80/20 match, with the Town paying the 20% share.

We have held two prior Public Hearings and modified the sidewalk design in response to them. The current design includes a raised sidewalk, crosswalks, speed tables, and on-street parking that will both help support access to local businesses and slow down traffic. Drainage for the sidewalk is primarily underground and better manages existing water flow. The current budget anticipates a total cost of approximately \$1,200,000 with 80% of that cost being covered by Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant funds. The 20% Town share is currently budgeted to come from reserves that we have saved or appropriated while we developed the project. This means that we will not see any new tax impact for the construction of the project. We will of course have incremental maintenance costs to consider. Additional public hearings will be held as part of the budget and warrant process and the project will be on the regular Town Meeting Warrant in June.

2024-2025 (FY 25) BUDGET & WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE As Amended 10/25/2023

| 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 |
| 03/15/24 | 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 |
| 03/27/24 | School Board meeting with Select Boards - About 75% of tax bills is education spending | 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** (Cobossee 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:

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

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

February Select Board & Budget Committee Meetings

Select Board: Monday, February 12th & 26th
Budget Committee: Thursday, February 15th

*Meetings start
at 6:30 PM*



is your dog
licensed?

2024 Dog Licenses

were due by **January 31st**. As of February 1st all dogs who have not been registered are now considered late and are subject to a \$25.00 state late fee.

We have a long list of unregistered dogs, some going back to 2018. If you have been getting notifications that your dog is not registered either by mail, email or phone, we ask you to kindly either come in and

register your dog(s) or notify us if you are no longer the owner/keep of any dog(s) so we can update our records. It would be greatly appreciated to get our dog records/database cleaned up.

The Readfield Animal Control Officer may be reaching out to you as well to see about any unregistered dogs. Thank you!



Town of Readfield Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Referendum Voting at 6:00 PM

Kents Hill School, 1617 Main St, Readfield

**On Floor
Referendum Vote
starts at 6:00 PM**

*No Absentee
Voting Available*

Article 1: Elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

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(Full applications, including maps of the subject parcels, are attached to the Warrant which is posted online, and available for review at the Readfield Town Office, Readfield Post Office and Kent's Hill Post Office)

Upcoming Public Hearings

Special Town Meeting Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Church Road Sidewalk

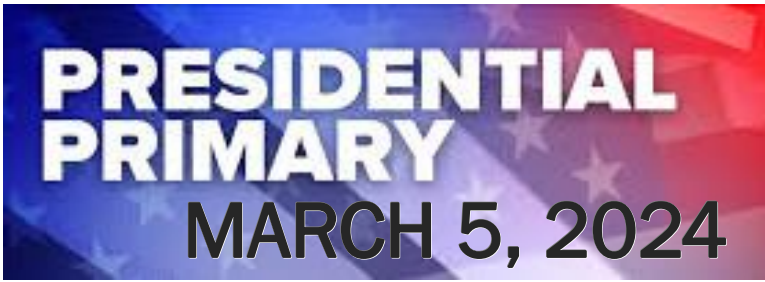
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Both public hearings are being held at:

Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Rd, Readfield



More information on both of these Public Hearings can be found on the Town Website at www.readfieldmaine.org or by contacting the Town Office



Absentee Ballots will be available the beginning of February to those eligible to vote in the Presidential Primary. See below regarding Semi-Open Primary Voting.

Kents Hill School, Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main St, Readfield
Polls Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

- Effective January 1, 2024, Maine is transitioning from a closed primary system to a **semi-open primary**. This means that unenrolled voters can now participate in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary and June 11, 2024 State Primary.
- ⇒ Voters enrolled in a specific party can only vote in that party’s primary. Unenrolled voters can vote in ONE primary of the party of their choice.
- ⇒ The **Democratic** and **Republican** parties are the only parties that will hold primaries on March 5th. The Green Independent and Libertarian parties will not be participating.
- ⇒ Voters enrolled in a qualifying party (Forward, No Labels or People’s) do not have an option to select a ballot. They must either enroll in a qualified party or become unenrolled to participate in the primary.
- ⇒ Voters that change or withdraw their enrollment **within 15 days** of the election are ineligible to participate in the primary. **The last day to withdraw or change enrollment to be eligible to vote in the the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary is Friday, February 16, 2024 by 3:30 PM and must be done in person at the Town Office.**
- ⇒ A voter must remain in a party for 3 months before changing parties or unenrolling. Voters must do so at least **15 days before the primary** in order to be eligible to vote in the primary.

To request your absentee ballot:

- ⇒ Online: <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
- ⇒ Complete the form on the next page or at the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours - You may also vote in person once ballots are available
- ⇒ Call the Town Office at 207-685-4939 and talk to a clerk; voice messages/ emails cannot be accepted and we need to speak to the voter who is requesting the Absentee Ballot

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

2024 Federal/State/Local Election Schedule

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|------------|--|
| March 5 | <u>Presidential Primary</u> |
| | • Democratic Party Primary |
| | • Republican Party Primary |
| June 11 | <u>State Primary Election</u> |
| November 5 | <u>General (Presidential) Election</u> |

Readfield Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum Vote will be held on Tuesday, June 11th along with the State Primary Election



Application for Absentee Ballot March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary

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

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| <u>Application Received</u> (Date/Time) |
| <u>Ballot Sent/Delivered</u> (Date/Time) |
| <u>Enrollment</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on **Thursday, February 29, 2024**, unless special circumstances exist.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on March 5, 2024.

1. Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot _____

2. Residence Address of Voter _____
(Street Address) (Municipality)

3. Voter's Date of Birth / / - / / - / / /
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4. 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 _____

5. **Ballot requested:** A voter not enrolled in a political party may participate in a party's primary without enrolling in the party. An unenrolled voter may vote in only one primary election. Indicate the party for which you want to receive a ballot. NOTE: A voter enrolled in a party will receive the ballot for that party regardless of the party indicated below.

Democratic **Republican**

6. Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter

a. Issued to Voter (Application Required if voter will vote **Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence**)

b. By Mail to this Address _____

c. By Immediate Family Member of Voter

Designated Here _____
(Name) (Relationship to Voter)

d. By this 3rd Person (Designated by the Voter) _____
(Name) (Telephone #)

7. Signature of Voter OR Immediate Family Member of Voter _____ Date _____

Note: If an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 6(c) above. The absentee ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 6(b).

8. Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot _____

Relationship to Voter _____
(Complete Section #8 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)

AIDE CERTIFICATE: (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below)

If the voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.

I helped this voter: read the application sign the application read and sign the application

Signature of Aide _____ Printed Name of Aide _____

★ 2024 Primary Election ★ ★ Important Dates ★

Tuesday, February 13

Last day to register to vote by mail or 3rd party

Wednesday, February 14

Closed period for voter registration begins: voters must register to vote at the Town Office in person

Friday, February 16

Last day to change parties and still be eligible to vote in the March Primary

Thursday, February 29

Last day to vote absentee or to request absentee ballots - Town Clerk is in the office only to issue ballots & absentee voting 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5

Presidential Primary - Voting Day!

Polls open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Voting held at Kents Hill School,

Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street

Absentee ballots due back by 8:00 PM today!



2024



Enrollment Options

A Maine registered voter may enroll in one of the following parties by checking the appropriate box on the Maine Voter Registration Application:

- Democratic
- Green Independent
- Libertarian
- No Labels
- Republican

A voter not wishing to join any party should check the “Unenrolled (no party choice)” box on the application.

Questions? Contact the Elections Division
• 207-624-7650

Ballot Access for the Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

| Enrollment | Ballot Options |
|-------------------|---|
| Unenrolled | May select either a Democratic or Republican ballot |
| Democratic | Must receive a Democratic ballot |
| Green Independent | No ballot selection - Party not participating in the Presidential Primary |
| Libertarian | No ballot selection - Party not participating in the Presidential Primary |
| No Labels | No ballot selection - Party not participating in the Presidential Primary |
| Republican | Must receive a Republican ballot |

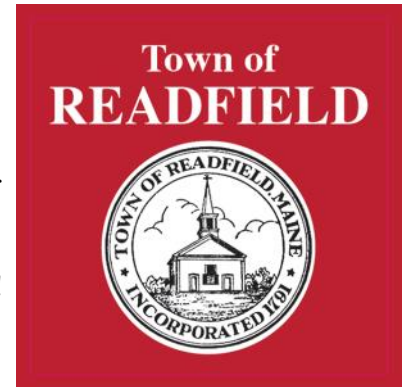
- A voter must remain in a party for 3 months before withdrawing or changing enrollment to a new party. Voters that withdraw or change enrollment must do so at least 15 days before the election or will be ineligible to participate in the primary.

• **Deadline to change party enrollment: Friday, February 16, 2024**

Learn more on Voting at www.readfieldmaine.org under the [Voting Section](#)

New Transfer Station AND Beach Stickers!

We change our Transfer Station window stickers every few years to account for residents buying and selling vehicles and to minimize sharing of access to non-taxpayers. We are running low on the last batch of stickers and it's time for a change. The stickers are changing but so is the policy, and for the better. The NEW window stickers are your pass to the Transfer Station AND the Town Beach! It's a two-for one and makes accessing these two public facilities easier!



Here's how it will work:

- Residents and non-resident taxpayers will replace their current window stickers or add new ones at the Town Office, the Transfer Station, or Beach.
- Eligibility will be verified by staff by checking for an existing sticker or proof of Readfield vehicle registration. Other forms of verification will be looked at if necessary for non-resident taxpayers.
- The window sticker will allow access to the Transfer Station AND Beach.
- There will no longer be a separate Beach Application, but - all Beach Rules will continue to apply and non-resident beach guests are still expected to pay the appropriate fee.
- Non-residents and transient visitors will still be able to get temporary passes to both the Beach and Transfer Station, again for a fee if applicable.
- Window stickers can be issued for multiple vehicles but we ask that they only be requested for those intended to be used for Transfer Station and Beach access.
- Window stickers MUST be adhered to the front windshield and not on a hanger, on the dash, etc.

In case you were wondering, Fayette and Wayne residents who use the Transfer Station will also be issued new stickers, but they will be different colors and have their own town seal on them. They will not have access to the Readfield Town Beach without paying for a special non-resident pass.

Questions are best directed to Town office staff at 685-4939.

Readfield Boards/Committee/Commission Openings

(As of January 31, 2024)

- Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- Connectivity Committee: 3 Members (2025)
- Conservation Commission: 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: 2 Alt. Member (2026 & 2027)
- Recreation Committee: 1 Member (2026)
- 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 or at the Town Office

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

February Transfer Station News

Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday **11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**
Saturday **8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Make sure to check out the latest news for the Transfer Station about upcoming “new” **Transfer Station Stickers** and **Free Battery Recycling** on the next page!



Have questions on what can & can not be recycled? Download the Ecomaine Recyclopedia App today!



Cardboard Reminder:

Please have your cardboard sized to **3'x3'** for easier recycling. Thank you!

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.



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

Recycling Through Re-Use

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.

Food Composting

Bring your food scraps to the compost pile at the Transfer Station! You can take home finished compost at no charge.



Assistance Available

If you have an accessibility issue, please ask the attendant on duty at the check-in building for a hand with your recycling and trash bags. An attendant will remove bagged trash and recycling from your vehicle upon request.

WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste
and Recycling Committee

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee News

The SWRC met in January for our regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Each of the three towns had members present along with the Transfer Station Manager and the Readfield Town Manager.

- The financial reports reviewed for the first half of the fiscal year indicate that we are right on target overall with expenses and income though some categories have fluctuated from their budgeted amounts.
- We reviewed the proposed budget with the only changes being made due to increased costs which results in a proposal of a 7.2% increase.
- We discussed the results of an engineering proposal for a canopy structure to cover all the containers, compactors and the control building which came with a ballpark estimate of \$750,000. This is completely out of range for our facility and we will consider other acceptable solutions. The primary reason for the canopy is to protect the compacting equipment and controls and then to provide cover for the materials in the containers. The compactor cans hold all the materials weather-tight so it is only the material in the hoppers waiting to be compacted that receive any moisture. This is controlled by compacting regularly when there is precipitation. The demolition cans have some drainage due to the rusty nature of the containers so are not holding volumes of water but the materials in the containers do become saturated and thus are heavier and cost more to dispose of. However, the cost is not commensurate with the cost proposed to cover the area. There is a need to cover the compacting equipment though and we are looking into covering those 2 areas in the near future at a cost of several thousand dollars which can be covered by our current capital reserve balance. More to come on these plans in the near future.
- New stickers are due to arrive in February for each of the three towns utilizing the Transfer Station. Stickers will be available at the Transfer Station and at each Town Office.

Battery Recycling just got better!!!!

Guess what?

The Transfer Station can now recycle even more battery types. Better yet, it'll still be **FREE!**

We're now working with a national not-for-profit organization, [Call2Recycle](#)

Just bring your single-use and rechargeable batteries in and give them to an attendant, and we'll take it from there. This includes those single-use alkaline batteries we used to simply dispose of in our trash.

It also includes rechargeable tool batteries. It does not include any damaged, or defective batteries, batteries weighing more than 11 pounds, or batteries over 300 watt hours-like those that power e-scooters, e-bikes and larger outdoor power equipment.

If you have any questions, just ask us at the transfer station.

Thank you for working with us to reduce the overall waste stream and recycle as much as possible.



READFIELD REC

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



THE SUCCESS OF OUR
YOUTH SPORTS DEPEND
ENTIRELY ON OUR
COMMUNITY SUPPORT,
PLEASE CONSIDER
COACHING

ROOKIE LEAGUE

Baseball/Softball
AGES 7-8

\$60

MINOR LEAGUE

Baseball/Softball
AGES 9-10

\$75

MAJOR LEAGUE

Baseball/Softball
AGES 11-12

\$75

Evaluations will be held 03/09/2024 - Details TBD

T-Ball (Co-Ed) \$35/child

Register online or at the Readfield Town Office by
03/08/2024 to avoid a \$10 late fee

Questions/Concerns? Contact Readfield Rec Department Email: readfieldreccom@gmail.com
or Matt Lajoie, Baseball Commissioner, (207)592-1398



[Click Here to Register Online](#)
or Scan the OR code



2024 Readfield Recreation T-Ball/Baseball/Softball

Questions/Concerns Contact: Readfield Recreation
Matt Lajoie at 207-592-1398 / readfieldrecom@gmail.com

Registration fees are as follows (Maximum Family Fee \$150.00)

Registration Deadline: March 8th; \$10.00 late fee added per child starting March 9th

| Age* | League | # Per League | Age* | League | # Per League |
|-------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| 5-6 | T-Ball (Co-ed) | \$35 | | | |
| 7-8 | Rookie Baseball | \$60 | 7-8 | Rookie Softball | \$60 |
| 9-10 | Minor Baseball | \$75 | 9-10 | Minor Softball | \$75 |
| 11-12 | Major Baseball | \$75 | 11-12 | Major Softball | \$75 |

Shirt Sizes: YOUTH XS S L XL XXL / ADULT S M L

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| Players Name (first/last) | Date of Birth | Gender | Grade | Shirt Size |
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| Players Name (first/last) | Date of Birth | Gender | Grade | Shirt Size |
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Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

The success of our program depends on volunteers. Please mark the activity you could help with:

Team Coach
 Asst. Coach
 Help/Other
 No

Notes: Please indicate anything you feel the organizers/coaches should be made aware of:

Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases and holds the Readfield Recreation Association, its agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand the inherent risks and dangers in participating in these activities, and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

----- OFFICE USE BELOW -----

Amount Paid: _____ Date: _____ Payment Type: _____ Emailed to Rec: _____



READFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT
8 OLD KENTS HILL ROAD
READFIELD, MAINE 04351

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Lee Mank

Chief

Good day all,

We just wanted to take a minute to say Hi! We try to do that every so often just so you all know we are still here. The Grinch storm of December 19, 2023 brought up some things we would like to pass along so the next storm that comes along you know what is being done, and what to expect.

The weather here in Maine is changing, unfortunately this has included severe weather events becoming more common. Severe weather events happen any time of the year now. Over the past 5 years we have seen micro bursts in the summer, rain storms that dump 3 to 5 inches of rain in a 24-hour period and wind storms that bring hurricane force wind gusts. These storms lead to wash outs and many trees and power lines down effecting our roads. This causes many issues for us all and disrupts our lives. The fire department does every thing we can to keep public roads open and passible. When its just a tree across the road its not a problem, trees with wires are a whole different problem. We can not do anything until it is deemed safe by CMP. In large wide spread events it takes some time for CMP to get here to ground the wires so we can remove the tree. Transformers work both ways so if there is a generator running and the transfer switch malfunctioned any one touching the line could be shocked, that's why the lines have to be grounded to remove the tree safely. If we block a road off its for your safety, even if the road looks passible there is a reason that it has been blocked. Please do not remove the cones or barriers, the next person that comes along will have no idea there is a problem and puts them at risk.

We know a lot of you live on dead end roads that get hit hard when we have these events and face being trapped. Sometimes state and town roads become impassible and can mean a lot of extra time to get around. I can assure you that if your road is blocked you are not forgotten. We keep our dispatch center informed of ALL public and private roads that have obstructions so they know the situation. If the road is blocked and the ambulance is needed, we will get the medics to you, we will get you out for transport to a hospital if needed. Fire safety becomes very important when roads are blocked or have low hanging trees and wires over a large area, it defiantly is going to add time for us to get to you. Make sure smoke and co detectors have good batteries have a couple of good fire extinguishers and be careful using back up heating systems. If you have a generator, make sure its properly wired to the house and safe distance away so it doesn't fill your house with exhaust and CO. If a fire starts get out, shut the door and call 911.

Storms with heavy rain also seem to be on the rise. This causes roads to wash out and many homeowners who have never had issues with water in their basements have had problems this past year. We have received many calls this past year about flooded basements. We will respond to provide assistance. Please do not call 911, call me direct at 207-458-9495 or Winthrop communications at 207-377-7226 and they will contact us. We are limited on what we can do, we don't have the equipment to pump out basements or protective gear to go into flooded basements that may have electrical equipment that has energized the water. If you have a sump pump make sure its in good working order and if the power is out and you have a generator, make sure the pump is getting power. If you don't have back up power there are companies that sell pumps with battery back up and that could be a solution.

Weather isn't the only thing that is changing and making calls for assistance more challenging for us. Natural events like wind storms are bad enough as we are clearing roads with trees coming down all around us, making it a dangerous situation. We recently responded to a fire at a residence that 3 structures appear to have set on fire by someone that may have been having a mental health crisis, the where abouts of this individual were unknown and what the persons intentions were. Structure fires alone have a level of danger to extinguish, but to have law enforcement with long guns drawn while we do that job brings it to another level. This incident was well under control by law enforcement and risks to fire fighters were very low, it did bring an uneasy feeling to the scene. As firefighters we all accept that what we do can be dangerous work and we may get hurt or worse. In most emergency situations, our first priority is to gain control of what is happening. We train and train so we can safely gain control of what I will classify normal fire department incidents, this was far from a normal incident. Luckily we had prior warnings of concern that something was off at this particular address, and allowed us to take appropriate actions for response for this situation. This leads me to ask you all, if something seems off and way out of sorts please say something, you may be saving some ones life.

Thank you for your support Stay healthy and stay safe.

Respectively submitted by, Lee Mank Chief Readfield Fire Department

2023 Property Tax Reminder



Just a friendly reminder that the 2nd half of the 2023 property taxes are due by

Friday, February 23, 2024

(unless you are in tax club)

If you are a new property owner in Readfield and have not received a tax bill or have questions on your taxes please give us at call 685-4939

Readfield Union Meeting House

February, that short month, when many people start thinking of Spring and planning for work projects for spring and summer, that is where the RUMH Board is right now. Final negotiations are taking place with Preservation Timber Framing, PTF, for the tower, belfry, and spire work that is to start in April. This will be the largest restoration project that the RUMH Board has undertaken.

It is with the support of donors, members, grants, endowments, and the support of Readfield residents that this project is to finally happen. For the last six years the town residents have passed warrants for \$5,000 annually to assist in projects leading up to this massive undertaking. Having a building that is on the National Register of Historic Places is quite an honor for our town!

The pictures Below show the urns and part of the balustrade that will be on the top of the tower. Pre-fabricating a decorative balustrade and urns to be installed on the clock tower roof. Work being done by Mid-Maine Millwork, Inc. in Edgecomb.



Do you have any fundraising ideas to help out the **Fairgrounds Community Park Project**? Then we want to hear from you!



Contact a member of the [Fairground Working Group](#) or the [Town Office](#) and let us know what brilliant idea you have in mind. The possibilities are endless!



There will be an ongoing Bottle Drive set up at Jansels, 75 Royal Street, Winthrop. Just say it is for part of the Readfield Fundraiser. We still are accepting bottles at the transfer station.

Conservation Commission News

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes

From the Conservation Commission

By Linnea Koons

You've read about the public land in Readfield that you can hunt on and hike on. Maybe you've even snowmobiled, snowshoed or skied on the trails. You may also have parked on these properties to go ice fishing, skating or swimming. At this time of year, you may also be thinking, "I have to pay property taxes, why don't they?"

Good question! Let's take a look at the tax issue. There are three major owners of publicly accessible land in the town of Readfield. They are Town of Readfield, Kennebec Land Trust, and New England Forestry Foundation. Do any of these owners actually pay property taxes?

Town of Readfield owns approximately 185 acres of land that is accessible to the public. Are property taxes paid on that land? No, because a town does not pay taxes on its own property. However, the Town Forest and Farm property earns money from the sustainable harvesting of timber and that income is returned to the greater town budget.

Kennebec Land Trust owns approximately 800 acres of land that is accessible to the public. Are property taxes paid on that land? Yes, Kennebec Land Trust pays taxes at the rate determined by the Maine Open Space Tax Law. The amount is determined by the types of restrictions and sharing of each parcel. Kennebec Land Trust also pays fees for land that it does not own but holds easements on.

New England Forestry Foundation owns approximately 395 acres of land that is accessible to the public. Are property taxes paid on that land? Yes, New England Forestry Foundation pays taxes at the rate determined by the Maine Open Space Tax Law.

What are some of the restrictions of the Maine Open Space Tax Law? Quick list: No development, allow public access, permanent protection and forever wild. Plus, there are penalties for taking the land out of Open Space tax protection.

Kennebec Land Trust pays the Town of Readfield property taxes of \$1586 each year. New England Forestry Foundation pays the Town of Readfield property taxes of \$2144 each year. And we get to use these properties and the town properties all year long!



FEBRUARY 2024—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Library Hours

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

IMPORTANT! LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be CLOSED on the following days:

- Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

What an incredible volunteer effort on the cleaning of the front room upstairs floor! The front room is almost ready to go! Still some electrical work and painting to complete in the back rooms. We are so appreciative of the hard work that the town maintenance staff and volunteers have been doing to get the upstairs space ready! We will let everyone know by special announcements when the "Grand Opening" event will be held.

TAKE YOUR CHILD to the LIBRARY DAY—Saturday, February 3rd



Stop by the Readfield Community Library any time from 10am-4pm on Saturday February 3rd to enjoy cookies, cocoa, crafts, music, impromptu Story Times with the Librarian/Volunteers, and more! Also, we will host a **group StoryWalk® event outdoors behind the Library at 2:00pm**. Please bring your child or grandchild and be sure to check out lots of books to enjoy together once you get home!

GAMES, PUZZLES, and LEGOs—Wednesday, February 21st

FREE vacation week FUN for kids/families! Stop by the Library on Wednesday, February 21st from 3-5pm for fun with puzzles, games, and LEGOs! All materials and snacks provided.



FULL MOON SNOWSHOE/HIKE—Saturday, February 24th



FREE Vacation Week Fun! Please join us for a community all-ages "Full Moon" evening snowshoe/hike on Saturday, February 24th at 6:00pm! Last year we had participants from age 1 to 80 and everything in between!! We will meet at the Library parking lot and walk (at your own pace) on the Library Trail and continue to the Fairgrounds trails. After the walk, enjoy cocoa and cookies back at the Library to celebrate the "Snow Moon." Dress warmly, and bring your own headlamp/flashlight, water bottle, and snowshoes/poles if you have them. Please call/message the Library ahead of time to reserve a pair of library snowshoes to borrow if you do not have your

own. The Library is excited to offer this event this year in partnership with the Readfield Trails Committee and as part of our Environment and Sustainability Program Series. Note: if weather does not cooperate, we will try to reschedule.

FEBRUARY LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING



Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Our February meeting will take place on February 26th at 6:30pm by Zoom. We will be reading the fiction title **Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig** to discuss together. Note that for the fall and winter months, we are meeting by Zoom rather than in person. Please call 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org if you would like to participate and/or need a copy of the book.

Weekly "LOVE TO STITCH" Group Continues on Tuesdays 1-3pm

Do you enjoy stitching crafts such as quilting, knitting, cross-stitching, crocheting, embroidering, etc.? Would you enjoy doing so in the company of others to share ideas and conversation? Please bring your stitching project along to our "Love to Stitch" group which meets Tuesdays 1-3pm at the Readfield Community Library. We will have coffee and tea available. All levels of experience welcome. This group will continue at least through the end of February and maybe longer.

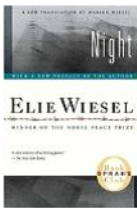
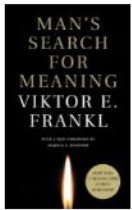


Weekly In-Person STORY TIME on Tuesday Mornings at the Library



Join us at the Library on Tuesdays at 10:00am for theme-based books, songs, and crafts! (Note the first Tuesday of each month includes the Story Walk outside, weather permitting).

COMMUNITY READ & DISCUSSION PROJECT with Middle School students



The Maranacook Community Middle School Acadia Team students will be examining the Holocaust and issues related to refugees—they will be taking a look at the past and thinking about connections to current issues and events. As part of this project, they are reading 2 books and inviting community members to be a part of student-led discussions of these titles. The 2 books are *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *Man's Search for Meaning (Young Readers' Edition)* by Viktor Frankl.

IMPORTANT! The Community Discussions have been rescheduled to the following date:

Thursday, February 29th at 9:30-10:30am: In-person meeting at the Middle School cafeteria.

Thursday, February 29th at 7:00-8:00pm: Virtual meeting by Zoom.

The **NEW snow date** will be Thursday March 14th at 9:30am (in-person) and 7:00pm (virtual by Zoom).

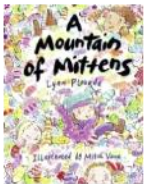
If you have already let Melissa know you are interested in participating, you will receive an email in early February with more details. If you are interested in reading these 2 books and discussing them with young people, please let Melissa know ASAP, and we will get you copies of the books. We look forward to these community discussions with the young people in our community!

THANKS: Robert Burns Night

Great crowd for Robert Burns Night! Thanks to Select Board member Sean for the amazing readings of Burns' poems "To a Mouse" and "A Red, Red Rose" and for sharing a bit about Scotland with all of us! Thanks also to Nick for the incredible fiddle music from Burns' time period and to our Library Board members for the yummy shortbread and other treats!



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



February STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*A Mountain of Mittens*

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 February is *A Mountain of Mittens* by Maine author Lynn Plourde. 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.



February STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*The Snow Dancer*

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 February is *The Snow Dancer* by Addie Boswell, sponsored by the Small/Bell Family.

STORY WALK® EVENTS on February 3rd and 6th

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

~ Saturday February 3rd at 2:00pm

~ Tuesday February 6th at 10:00am

Bangor Public Library cards—with great online access to news and digital content!!



Did you know that any Maine resident is eligible for a Bangor Public Library card, which provides online access to:

- *The New York Times* and/or *The Wall Street Journal*
- CloudLibrary NewsStand—digital magazines/newspapers—over 7,000 titles in 60+ languages
- CloudLibrary—eBooks and digital audiobooks, but a larger collection than your RCL card provides

Did you also know that you can apply for and receive a Bangor Public Library card in person at the Readfield Library? No need to go to Bangor! Stop on by if you are interested!

Kill-A-Watt ELECTRICITY MONITORS from ELECTRICITY MAINE

Curious about the efficiency of your household appliances, which items cost you the most in terms of your electric bill, and how you might save on your monthly bill? Simply check out an easy-to-use Kill-A-Watt Electricity Monitor from the Library to see how you might start saving!



SNOWSHOES AVAILABLE TO BORROW



We have snowshoes! Child- and Adult-sized snowshoes are available to borrow at the Library. We also have poles! And, Readfield has so many wonderful trails to explore!! Note: check-out period is for one week, and we ask that you return snowshoes when the library is open. This program is made possible by the generosity of patrons who have donated snowshoe equipment.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS in MARCH—SAVE THE DATES!

AUTHOR EVENT with Maine Author & Outdoorsman TIM CAVERLY—Thursday, March 7th

Join us for a presentation entitled **Allagash-New England's Wild River!** Narrated by **author and humorist Tim Caverly**, the show includes music as well as scenic and historic photos from our 'northern forest.' Audience members will virtually canoe the world-famous river, discover forgotten logging history, and learn about Native American archaeology. Hear first-hand about the lore, legends, and characters that Tim experienced during his 32-years while a Maine Park Ranger!

This **Author Event** will take place **Thursday, March 7th at 3:00pm at the Readfield Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Road**. The event will include time for Q&A. Tim's books will be available for sale and signing after the presentation; cash, check, and cards accepted. This event is free and open to the public, and is **sponsored by the Readfield Community Library and Readfield U** (a free pop-up University). This event is part of the Library's Environment & Sustainability Program/Speaker Series and **supported by a Maine Public Libraries Fund Grant**. It will be held in-person, but a Zoom option is also available.

Registration for the in-person event is helpful, but not required at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/readfieldu/registration/online-registration-form?authuser=0> (choose class option 3).

Registration is required for Zoom attendees at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkc-GspjloHtVG7jsnyWiD2GQdKG4-dIKd>



About the Author: Tim Caverly has spent his life in Maine's outdoors. While in college, Tim began working as a ranger at Sebago Lake State Park for the State Parks and Recreation Commission. After Sebago, he continued his employment with the Department of Conservation with assignments as a manager of Aroostook and Cobscook Bay State Parks as well as a regional supervisor of the Allagash Region; which included the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Penobscot River Corridor. Tim was supervisor of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for eighteen years. In 1999, Tim retired from the Department after a 32-year career. Tim currently resides in Millinocket and, with the support of his wife Susan and Golden Retriever Sandi, has self-published 12 books that range from children to adult. You can also check out Tim's stories in his monthly column in *The Maine Sportsman*.

FMI: <https://allagashetails.com/>

AUTHOR EVENT with Maine Author & Curler DAVID FLORIG—Thursday, March 21st

Have you ever wondered about the **sport of curling**? What is with the ice, the stone, and the broom that has captured the curiosity and interest of millions of fans around the world and why has the sport now found its place in the Olympics?

Join **Maine author David Florig** as he introduces his new historical novel, ***The Stones of Ailsa Craig***, set in present-day Belfast, Maine, and 1880s Scotland. Although the sport of curling provides the context, the novel centers around one man's loss, loneliness, obsession, and search for justice. Sometimes dark, sometimes light, the novel is full of curling history and anecdotes, Scottish history, and Maine history. *The Stones of Ailsa Craig* also features a foreword by United States Olympic curler Tara Peterson. The book will appeal to fans of historical fiction and mysteries.

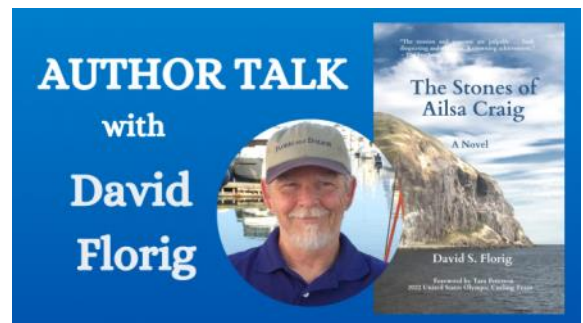
This **Author Event** will take place **Thursday, March 21st at 6:00pm at the Readfield Town Office at 8 Old Kents Hill Road**. The event will include readings, a curling stone made from 60-million-year-old Scottish granite, and plenty of time for Q&A. Books will be available for sale and signing as well; cash and check accepted. All ages are welcome to this free event, which is sponsored by the Readfield Community Library and Readfield U (a free pop-up University). The event will be held in-person, but a Zoom option is also available.

Registration for the in-person event is helpful, but not required at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/readfieldu/registration/online-registration-form?authuser=0> (choose class option 10).

Registration is required for Zoom attendees at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOitpjosH9JkbUYNBHXXx1vBEXQ2mlqg>



About the author: David Florig is a member of the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, as well as a member and past-president of the Pine Tree Curling Club in Portland. *The Stones of Ailsa Craig* is his debut novel and is an homage to Belfast, Maine; the glorious Maine coast; and the ancient Scottish sport of curling. David lives in Ocean Park, Maine with his wife of thirty-five years, Nancy, and their ill-mannered rescue dog, Molly Malone. FMI: <https://www.davidflorig.com/>



Readfield U is here again!

Learn something new.

Meet new friends.

Learn more about your community

Free classes and get-togethers throughout the month of March.

Getting tired of winter? – Join in the fun of Readfield U, a pop-up “university” for the month of March right here in Readfield. Below is the schedule which is also available at the Town Hall, library or post office.

For full details of each class and information about the presenters go to www.readfieldu.org

An Overview of Climate Resilient Farming Practices Used in Maine *Nicholas Rowley* This class will focus on farming practices that Maine farmers are adopting to buffer climate changes, including soil health, tillage and cover cropping.

Mon. March 4: 2:00-3:00 p.m. *Ages: High school/Adult* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Chair Yoga *Ann Parker* Accessible to most people, including those who may have been inactive for some time or have physical limitations. No prior experience is necessary. This practice meets you where you are!

Tues. March 5: 10:00 -11:30 a.m. *Ages: Young adult to seniors* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

AUTHOR EVENT Allagash-New England’s Wild River with author and humorist Tim Caverly. Sponsored by Readfield Community Library. Hear first-hand about the lore, legends, and characters Tim experienced during his 32-years while a Maine Park Ranger. Includes music and photos.

Thurs. March 7: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. *Ages: Any interested* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

An Hour of Community Dialogue about the Israel Hamas War *Camille Davidson* Bring a question you’d like to ask and Camille and Scott will lead a discussion at The Gallery.

Fri. March 8: 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Ages: Teen/Adult* **The Gallery, 1138 Main St. Readfield** (Beside Post Office)

The Benefits of Joining a Local Farm’s Crop Share Program *Trent Emery* This is for anyone interested in a healthy and cost effective diet of locally grown and delicious produce.

Mon. March 11: 2:00-3:30 p.m. *Age: Adult* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Introduction to Tai Chi for Health and Balance *Ann Parker* Tai Chi for Health and Balance has been shown to relieve pain, improve physical movement, strength, flexibility and balance. This mind-body practice is suitable for all.

Fri. March 15: 10:00-11:30 a.m. *Ages: Young adults -seniors* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Across Generations- Kennebec Land Trust *Theresa Kerchner*

Mon. March 18: 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Ages: Middle school - Adult* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office,** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

How to Solve the New York Times Crossword Puzzle *Mary Denison* We will look at different tricks and wordplay that are used and then we will all solve a Monday NYT’s puzzle completely. Bring a sharp pencil with an eraser.

Tues. March 19: 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Age: Any interested* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Kents Hill School: A Third Century of Excellence *Chris Cheney* Join Head of School Chris Cheney as he shares Kents Hill School’s past - 200 years of continuous co-education and the strategic vision for the future.

Weds. March 20: 10:00-11:30 a.m. *Ages: 18+* **Kents Hill School, Bibby and Harold Alford Dining Commons** 93, Kents Hill Loop Road

AUTHOR EVENT with David Florig Sponsored by Readfield Community library. *The Stones of Ailsa Craig* is a work of historical fiction, set in 1890s Scotland and present-day Belfast, Maine - centered around the 60 million year-old island of Ailsa Craig in Scotland and the ancient Scottish sport of curling.

Thurs. March 21: 6:00 -7:30 p.m. *Age: Late Teens/ Adults* **Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office** 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Growing Lavender Successfully in Maine *Kathy Landrum* Lavender is a perennial herb that can be challenging to grow in Maine. Find out which varieties do well here and best practices for planting and sustaining their growth.

Fri. March 22: 2:00-3:00 p.m. Ages: 16+ Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Introduction to Permaculture Landscape Design *Kathy Landrum* Permaculture landscape design is a way of organizing and prioritizing your outdoor surroundings, so they become more efficient and satisfying.

Fri. March 22: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages: 16 + Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

The Aging Continuum: A Physical Therapist's Perspective *Mary Ellis* A 45 minute talk on the "normal aging process", followed by 30 minutes of seated gentle movement, a break, and 15 minutes of open question time

Sat. March 23: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Ages: All Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

The Beans of Readfield Maine *Dale Potter-Clark* The Beans were significant landowners, manufacturers, town officials and farmers in Readfield from 1780 into the 19th century. Come and learn more about them.

Sun. March 24: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Age: Any interested Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Creative Paper-Folding *Cheryl Clark and Nan Bell* Participants will work through the steps to create 3-dimensional paper objects, using origami and other techniques. Bring scissors and two-sided tape.

Mon. March 25: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Any age interested Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Smart Eating, Healthy Living: Preventing & Managing Diabetes through Diet *Brenna Nelson, RD, LD, CLC*

Empower yourself or your loved ones with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed dietary choices to prevent or manage diabetes. An interactive presentation *Ellen Bowman, LCPC*, will also share her work from a support group for children with diabetes.

Weds. March 27: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Age: 18+ Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

Readfield in the Good Old Days A panel of longtime Readfield residents will share recollections of their lives in this community. Organized by Ed Dodge and moderated by Dale Potter-Clark

Sat. March 30: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Age: Any interested Gile Hall, Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road

WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Sign up online at ReadfieldU.org **OR**
- Send an e-mail to ReadfieldU@gmail.com giving your name, phone number and the class/classes in which you are interested. **OR**
- Send a letter through the mail giving your name, phone number and the class/classes in which you are interested to Maggie Edmondson, 186 Chase Rd, Readfield ME 04355 **OR**
- Call 685-4797 and leave the above details on the answer machine.

Your registration will be confirmed after it has been received and you will be notified of any cancellations due to weather or insufficient registration.

For last-minute inquiries about registration call 685-4797

Some of your neighbors offering "classes" have asked for a maximum or minimum number of people to be registered in order to run them, so we encourage you to sign up ahead of time.



Readfield U is sponsored by
Readfield's Age-Friendly Committee

**WINTER IS HERE &
READFIELD'S SAND BUCKETS
ARE READY!**



**READFIELD
RESOURCES**
(Current as of April, 2023)

**EMERGENCY
9-1-1**

- Kennebec County Sheriff Office 623-3614
- Maine State Police (Non-Emergency) 624-7076
- Maine Resource Guide/Assistance 2-1-1
- Maine Relay Service (Hearing/Speech) 7-1-1
- Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222

Readfield Community:

- Adult Education 685-4923 ext. 1065
- Animal Control Officer 931-7684
- Community Library 685-4089
- Food Pantry (Maranacook) 685-3128
- Food Pantry (Mt. Vernon) 293-2351
- Neighbors Driving Neighbors 860-0677
- Post Office 685-9220
- Readfield Historical Society & Museum . . . 377-2299
- Senior Café @ Maranacook 500-1737
- Town Office 685-4939
- Transfer Station 685-3144
- Union Meeting House 685-4537

Regional Resources:

- Aging & Disability Resource Center. . . 1-877-353-3771
- Central Maine Medical Center/Lewiston . . . 795-0111
- Department of Health & Human Services . . . 287-3707
(MaineCare/Medicaid/SNAP/Emergency Assistance)
- Elder Abuse Hotline 1-800-624-8404
- Hannaford To-Go/Winthrop 377-3150
- KVCAP (HEAP/Transportation) 622-4761
- Legal Services for Elderly 1-800-750-5353
- Maine Attorney General 626-8800
- Maine General Hospital/Augusta 626-1000
- Maine General Express Care/Winthrop 377-1450
- SEARCH (Catholic Charities Assistance) 530-0137
- Social Security 1-800-772-1213
- Spectrum Generations/Cohen Center. 626-7777
- Togus/Veterans Affairs 623-8411

The mission of Readfield's Age-Friendly Committee is to identify information and resources to help support our aging citizens to remain healthy, safe and comfortable in their homes for as long as possible.
<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/age-friendly-community-committee>

Good news for all you folks needing a little assistance when icy sidewalks and steps try to keep you indoors. If you appreciate and need help getting sand, here is all you have to do: Call the Town Office at 685-4939, give them your name and address, and let them know you would like a bucket of sand. A volunteer will soon be at your door with the sand. If you want help spreading the sand, that will be done for you as well.

Last winter households were provided with this service, thanks to volunteers in our community and efforts of the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield. We encourage you to call soon. Have a Happy Winter—Be Safe and Warm.

This message is from the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield

Maranacook Adult Education
NEWS

To register, or for more details and to view classes, go to:

<https://maranacook.coursetorm.com/browse>

Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

News from Department of IF&W



New Definition of Archery Equipment For 2024

Archery Hunting License

The Archery Hunting License now allows hunters to hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow. Hunters no longer need to acquire a "Crossbow Permit" to hunt with a crossbow because the Archery Hunting License permits them to hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow.

Archery Information

Archery Equipment: Archery equipment means a bow or crossbow.

Seasons: The regular archery license allows archery equipment to be used to hunt all legal game throughout the year, except for deer during the muzzleloader season.

Note: Use of crossbows in expanded archery areas during the expanded archery season (for hunters other than those age 65 or older or with a special disability permit) is pending the outcome of the rulemaking process which will be complete in April 2024.

To Obtain an Archery License: Applicants for the regular archery license must show proof of one of the following options:

- Having successfully completed an archery hunter education course;
- Having held a Maine adult archery license in any year after 1979; OR
- Previously holding a crossbow permit in Maine prior to 2024.

When proof or evidence cannot be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit. Native Americans are exempt from safety course requirements for archery and trapping. Junior hunters who hold a valid Junior Hunting License are allowed to hunt with archery equipment when accompanied by a junior hunter supervisor.

If a person completed the crossbow safety course but has not held a crossbow hunting permit in Maine prior to 2024, they must complete the Archery Hunter Safety and Education Course. Upon successful completion, that person may purchase an archery hunting license and hunt with a bow and arrow or crossbow. Hunter safety and education courses can be found at mefishwildlife.com/safetycourses

For more information and to view all of Maine's hunting laws,
please visit mefishwildlife.com/laws



Updated January 5, 2024

Readfield PLAYGROUP

Thursdays
9:30-11:00

We've Moved!

The Play Group Moves to the Maranacook Bus Garage classroom, North Road, Readfield (next to Transfer Station)

Questions? Contact Pat Clark:
patricia_clark@maranacook.edu or 207-685-4101

For toddlers/preschoolers in the community, and their caregivers

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



Come join the fun!
Learn through play!

Thanks to all who helped get this program running again!

Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Association

Maranacook Community Cafe

TEA, COFFEE, AND MUFFINS PROVIDED!

Hosted by middle school students. Share your knowledge and find out what they're learning!

Enjoy social time with others from our community as well as with student hosts.

Presentations on topics of interest including current issues, travel, arts events, and more. Presentations rotate between student and community lead.



**Thursdays
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Bring crafts,
games, and
friends!**

Held in the Middle School cafeteria. Reserved parking in the lower school lot.

Contact Dan Holman if you're interested!

dan_holman@maranacook.com
or

207-500-1737

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

Want to volunteer as a NDN Volunteer Driver? Contact them today! 207-860-0677

Readfield Historical Society

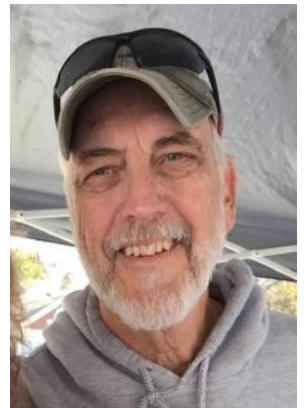
Mark your calendars for our annual meeting and program on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road. The election of officers will take place during the business meeting and our annual appreciation award will be presented to a (hopefully) surprised Readfield resident. The program will follow the brief business meeting and a break for refreshments.

The program will be given by author, Peter M. Pettingill about his newly released book, The Murder of Mattie Hackett in which he recounts Mattie's murder and the subsequent investigation and trial. Mattie was a recent Kents Hill School graduate and was working at the Elmwood Hotel at Readfield Corner in the summer of 1905 when she was murdered near her parents' farm on Kents Hill. A year's long investigation ensued but the case was never solved. Pettingill recounts the murder, investigation and trial in his deeply researched historical novel, which includes the actual events and characters – many being residents of Readfield, including one of the suspects. Copies of Murder of Mattie Hackett will be available to purchase that day.

There is no charge for this event, donations are appreciated. New and existing members who wish to vote at the business meeting can pay or renew their dues at the door. Annual dues are \$10.00 or \$5.00 for seniors. Lifetime memberships are \$100.

RHS is open by appointment when weather and temperatures allow. Dues, in the amount noted above, can be mailed to RHS at PO Box 354, Readfield 04355. To make an appointment or if you have questions about this meeting or inquiries about Readfield's history contact readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or (207) 377-2299.

Dale Potter-Clark, Secretary Readfield Historical Society, (207) 441-9184 ~ dmclark1@roadrunner.com



Author Peter M. Pettingill,
author of The Murder of Mattie Hackett



Mattie Hackett of Readfield who
was murdered on her parents'
farm in August 1905

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

The First Baptist Church Mount Vernon Food Bank serves the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette. We are located at the First Baptist Church on 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon. You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141. Our hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 Saturday mornings.

We offer full pantry items, eggs, meats, meals and toiletry items on the first and third Saturday of the month; however, customers may come in every Saturday for fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, pastry items and deli items.

We also have a small supply of clothing and miscellaneous items. If you are a new customer, you may come in any Saturday and we will provide you with enough food to get by until your next scheduled visit.

Donations can be dropped off at the Readfield Town Office

Thank you to everyone who drops off donations for our local food banks!

Weight Room Training and Exercise

at Maranacook Community School

January 18th to February 29th, 2024

6 Thursdays with 2 Session Times:

Session 1: 6:00-7:00 pm / Session 2: 7:00-8:00 pm

Don't travel to Augusta for your New Year's Gym Resolution! Join the gym at MCS!

Register at <https://maranacook.maineadulted.org/course/weight-room-training-and-exercise/>

or stop by the main office at MCS,
Monday to Thursday 3:00-8:00 pm to sign up!

Registration: \$6.00 per session

Gym will be staffed and
cleaned after each use!

(No class February 22)



Walk with us at MCS!

"New Year Resolution Solution" at Maranacook High School!
Start your new year of healthy living by walking with us in the
warm halls at Maranacook!

January 8th to May 30th, 2024
Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs
3:30 - 8:30 pm

FREE

Please register online at <https://maranacook.maineadulted.org/classes/>, or email susan_simons@maranacook.com

Come in Monday-Thursday 3:30-8:30 pm and see one of our office staff to sign up. The Maranacook adult education office is located in the main office of Maranacook HS.

The best part: registered walkers are entered into a \$25 monthly gift certificate drawing by walking a minimum of 5 miles a week!

Hope to see you this winter/spring!

WALK INS are welcome!

No classes during Winter Break (Feb. 19-23) or Spring Break (April 15-19)



A Caring School Community Dedicated To Excellence

RSU #38 – FY25 Budget Workshops
Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Budget Goal Statement: ***“To balance the needs of ALL members of the RSU #38 school community, and to promote student success in all areas, while maintaining fiscal responsibility”***

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- February 7*** Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81096304471>
- February 28** Budget Workshop – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89261612860>
- Multilingual Learners (formerly ELLS)
 - Gifted & Talented
 - Technology
- March 6*** Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85958452789>
- Special Education
 - Operations & Maintenance
 - COVID grants overviews
- March 20** Budget Workshop – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83583752043>
- Co-and Extra-Curricular
 - Transportation
 - Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Educ., Food Service, Health Center, Professional Development/Assessment/ Curriculum, Systems Admin., Debt Service)
- March 27** Budget Workshop – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89400711335>
- Annual Report from Auditor Ron Smith; Joint meeting with local select boards re: draft FY24 budget; budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 3*** Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716295402>
- April 10** Workshop Meeting – vote on Budget (2nd week of April) –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102978316>
- May 8** Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
* Regular Business Meeting in addition to budget workshop

June 11 – Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations

Budget documents are available by visiting <https://www.maranacook.org/documents/school-board/budget/fiscal-year-2024-2025/567411> or by scanning the QR code below



Winter Tree Identification Workshop
February 3rd at 1:00 PM
Hallowell Fire Station on Coos Lane and
Effie Berry/ Howard Hill Conservation Area, Hallowell



Join botanist Eric Doucette hosted by Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) and the Hallowell Conservation Commission (HCC) on February 3rd at 1:00 PM for a workshop on winter tree identification. Eric is an Associate Professor of Biology at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and president of the Maine Josselyn Botanical Society. He will teach attendees how to identify trees using buds, twigs, bark, branching patterns, and more. We'll meet inside at the Hallowell Fire Station Meeting Room on Coos Lane to learn basic identification techniques and terms and then move outside to practice at the nearby Effie Berry and Howard Hill Conservation Areas.

Please dress for the weather and bring water, snowshoes, or traction devices depending on the conditions, and a 10x hand lens if you have one. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Marie (KLT) at mring@tklt.org at 207-377-2848 or Rosemary (HCC) at hallowellconservation@gmail.com.

Directions: From 201 in Hallowell turn onto Winthrop Street. In about half a mile turn right onto High Street/Coos Lane and the fire station will be on the left.

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



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for Feb. 17 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 on our website or you can call or email the office.

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

Tel: 685-4064



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Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine

Used Auto and Truck Parts • Auto Repair
 Used Cars and Trucks • Buying Junk Cars

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

E-Alerts Subscription & Text Alerts!

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

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

2024 Winthrop Area Rotary Club Chili, Chowder, Soup Challenge



*To Benefit our WindowDresser's Project
&
Middle School Art Program*

4-5:30pm --Sat., Feb 24, 2024
Winthrop High School Cafeteria
\$5 per person, \$10 family, donations welcome!

***BYO Muffin Tin**

*Please Join Us and Help Make Local Mainers
Warmer*

You may also enter to compete by calling 207-402-7684 by
1/31/2024

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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 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

February 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 \$25.00 Late Fee Starts for All Unregistered Dogs | 2  | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Fairgrounds Working Group 6:30 PM | 7 | 8 Road Committee 5:00 PM | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM | 13 Conservation Commission 6:30 PM Special Town Meeting Public Hearing 6:30 PM Last Day to Register to Vote by Mail for March Primary | 14 Age Friendly 9:00AM Library Board 6:30 PM Closed Period Begins for March Primary for Voter Registration <i>Happy Valentines Days!</i> | 15 Budget Committee 6:30PM | 16 Last Day to Change Parties & still be eligible to vote in March Primary - Must do so in person at Town Office 7:30am-3:30pm | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Presidents Day Town Offices Closed | 20 Church Road Sidewalk Public Hearing 6:30 PM | 21 Planning Board 6:30 PM | 22 | 23 2nd Half of 2023 Taxes Due | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Select Board 6:30 PM March Messenger Articles Due | 27 Special Town Meeting - On Floor 6:00 PM Kent's Hill School 1617 Main St | 28 Trails Committee 6:30 PM | 29 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots/Vote Absentee for March Primary by 5:00 PM | | |