



Readfield Messenger

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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum

Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 8 6:30 PM	Municipal Budget & Warrant Public Hearing, Readfield Town Office
Wednesday, May 8 7:00 PM	RSU#38 Annual Budget Meeting/On Floor Vote, Maranacook Middle School Gymnasium
Monday, May 13 6:30 PM	Meet the Candidates Night, Readfield Town Office
Friday, May 10 7:30 AM	Absentee Ballots Available
Friday, May 17	Last day for voters to change/withdraw party enrollment and still be eligible to vote in June 11 STATE Primary Election
Monday, May 20 6:30 PM	Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 29 6:30 PM	Municipal Budget & Warrant Public Hearing, Readfield Town Office
Thursday, June 6 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Thursday, June 6: Last day to request Absentee Ballots <i>(The town clerk will be in the office on this day for voting purposes only)</i>
Tuesday, June 11 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Voting Day; Primary Election/Annual Town Meeting/RSU Referendum; Kents Hill School, Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield; All absentee ballots due by 8:00 PM



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Corner

Letting Your Voice Be Heard

By: Kathryn Mills Woodsum

One of the best parts of our great American democratic federal republic is the ability for each person to have their voice be heard. This occurs in different ways at various times and is very present in local town government. Residents have the right to attend meetings and to speak, the right to join committees and boards and work on specific concerns, the right to run for local offices of the town and school, the right to contact elected and hired officials to speak about concerns either via phone, email or in-person, and, of course, the right to vote. I encourage all residents to become involved in keeping Readfield a nice place to live and work and to make meaningful relationships with others. By working together, we can accomplish the things that keep a town vibrant and inviting.

Coming next month on June 11th, we have another opportunity to cast our votes for local offices and issues. The Town warrant has been prepared and approved and will soon be posted around town. An informative mailer is being sent the first week of May to all residents detailing all of the warrant articles and offices open for this year. Please take the time to read through the flyer and then attend one of the Public Hearings being held at the town office on May 8th and May 29th if you have questions or want more information. The meetings will be accessible via Zoom and recorded and posted on the town website for viewing at a later time. Contained in the warrant is also approval of the Kennebec County Budget which is a required obligation of the town. A separate warrant will be provided to vote on the Maranacook Community School budget.

The Select Board chose its main focus for budgeting this year to revolve around continuing the services the residents of Readfield expect at the same levels and to complete projects already underway or planned, keeping new projects for future years. With this in mind you will find warrant articles for the Fairgrounds Community Park and the Church Road Sidewalk. The Select Board supports both articles for adoption and urges residents to become informed with the projects and vote to support them.

- The Fairgrounds project has successfully followed the instructions of last year's Town Meeting vote to further develop the plans and to fund the project without local tax dollars. The improvements to the Fairgrounds will provide a much-needed softball field as part of a multi-use field, a basketball court, increased parking included accessible parking near the fields, open meadow space, pollinator garden space, improved trails, and water and electricity hookups. This is truly a community space. Fundraising has begun both through grant opportunities and local donations.
- The Sidewalk project is currently at the 50% design level and has received a high level of resident participation at meetings. Comments and suggestions made by the public have been considered and the majority included in redesigns to bring us to where we are currently. Constructing this sidewalk completes a safe walking route through the center of town connecting with trails through the Fairgrounds and Maranacook Community Schools. The sidewalk will not cost any additional tax dollars as we have money in reserve from our roads budget which was supplemented with ARPA funds.

Multiple public meetings have been held for both projects and you can view the meetings online via the town website.

The Select Board is always working with one goal in the forefront, to provide the services the residents desire, at the level they support, in a timely manner and within budget. This is again reflected in the budget items presented this year. We hope you will continue to support the services that are important to our town.

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Select Board Contacts



Town Manager Report

Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget and Warrant Public Hearings at 6:30pm on May 8th and 29th at the Town Office:

- The events will be held in person, via Zoom, and will be broadcast on cable channel 7.
- The viewing public may participate by calling (929) 436-2866 or using the online [ZOOM](#) platform with Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405.
- Special attention will be given to the Fairgrounds Community Park improvements and proposed Church Road Sidewalk improvements. Both projects are important to our community and have Select Board support.
- Reasonable comment time limits will be applied and will be accepted from Readfield residents.



Public participation is welcome and encouraged! We want to hear from you!
Questions and comments can be submitted any time [online](#).

For more information visit the Town website at:

www.readfieldmaine.org

or the Municipal Budget & Warrant Public Hearings Notice [here](#)



2024 Spirit of America Nominations

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine Municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for outstanding community service.

The Town will be accepting one page nominations through Friday, May 17, 2024

Nominations will be submitted to the Select Board and recipients will be recognized later in the summer.

Please send nominations to: clerk@readfieldmaine.org; by mail to: Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355 or drop off at the Town Office.

For more information or to see a list of past winners visit: <https://spiritofamerica.website/>



Meet the Candidates Night !!!

Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 13, starting with Select Board Candidates at **6:30pm** followed by School Board Candidates at approximately **7:50pm**. This event will be held in person on the 2nd floor of the Readfield Town Office, and broadcast and recorded via Zoom

Due to the number of candidates questions will be limited and response times will be tightly managed. In addition to a standard set of questions and questions submitted by residents the moderator will also take questions from the floor.

If you would like to submit questions for any/all of the candidates you may submit them online / <https://www.readfieldmaine.org/select-board/webforms/public-comment-form>

Candidates Running for: Select Board / 3 Year Terms:

- Carol Doorenbos
- Sean Keegan
- Jaaron Shaw

Candidates Running for: RSU#38 School Board / 3 Year Terms:

- Patricia Clark
- Shawn Roderick

Information for Candidates Night will be posted on the Town's website under Voting Information/Candidates Night & at the Town Office and can be found [here](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 207-685-4939 or email clerk@readfieldmaine.org

Voting Information for the upcoming [June 11, 2024 Town Meeting/State Primary/RSU Referendum](#) is available on the town website: www.readfieldmaine.org under the Voting Section and at the Town Office.

Participate via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88149608367> or Call-in at +1 (929) 436-2866 and enter meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 / passcode: 781405

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 ~ 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum

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



Candidates Running for: Select Board / 3 Year Terms:

- Carol Doorenbos
- Sean Keegan
- Jaaron Shaw

Carol Doorenbos for Readfield Select Board

I am running for Select Board for my second term. I have been a resident of Readfield for 28 years since we bought a big old house on Main Street. I have loved this town ever since a large group of residents volunteered to help us clean up the property. My husband, Doug, and many local contractors helped to restore it. Many years later, we have opened it as the Iron Fence Inn listed on AirBnB.



I have been a retail pharmacist for many years, and currently work with veterans at VA Maine at Togus. I serve on the Board of Directors at the Sisters in Arms Center, a shelter for women veterans in Augusta. In the past, I was on the Readfield School Board for several years during the turbulent time when the RSU was being formed. We have two wonderful daughters that have graduated from the Maranacook school system. I am active in the Readfield United Methodist & Jesse Lee Church as a lay leader and Chair of Hospitality.

When joining the Select Board 3 years ago, my goals were then and still are:

1. **SENDIBLE SPENDING!** Managing the budget and fiscal responsibility is the #1 role of the Select Board. I challenge the cost of big projects to try to insure we get our money's worth. It would be very helpful if we could mend our relationship with local contractors.
2. **PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS!** To increase awareness, local businesses were advertised at the post office, Small Business Saturday was created, and businesses were displayed at our open house during Heritage Days.
3. **IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS!** I am an advocate for us to listen to residents first before excessive spending on costly professionals for large town projects. To keep folks informed, town meetings and events are posted on social media and at the fire station.
4. **INSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND EQUALLY!**

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, June 11 for the Select Board to continue my dedication to these goals.
Thank you!

Sean Keegan ~ Readfield Select Board



Hi there,

I wanted to take a minute to say hello, my name is Sean Keegan, and I am running for re-election on the Readfield Select Board.

I have lived in town for 17 years. My wife and I spent the first few years of our lives renovating our home on Sadie Dunn Road and really building our homestead. Most recently we opened our sugar shack to people in town and were overwhelmed by the number of Readfieldiens who came by to say hello and sampled what we had to offer. We are a busy little tribe here; our three kids are mostly engaged in sports of some sort or activity that keeps us hustling throughout town. Our eldest son can be seen navigating Readfield Streets in search of a good fishing hole on his bike while our other two still partake in local Rec Sports.

During my three years on the Select board I have learned a lot. I always respected our town manager but now really see the volume of work he and his team do on the daily. Being able to support that work, implement municipal services and local interest projects has been a pleasure. But I feel I have just learned the intricacies of being a board member, fully understanding the budget process and what's next for Readfield.

What I think is next is finishing what the current and previous boards got underway. Continue to advocate for a sensible budget from our county and school board and be a presence at all meetings listening to the voice of all residents.

I look forward to meeting more of you Readfieldiens, soon! ~ Sean Keegan

Jaaron Shaw - Readfield Select Board

Jaaron is a lifelong member of the Readfield Community!

- Has been volunteering for the Town of Readfield on the RCC and REC.
- Currently owns and operates multiple local small businesses.
- Spent 10 years as a lobsterman in Penobscot Bay.
- Earned his Captain's License.
- Spent two decades learning and teaching Martial Arts. For 10 years ran his own facility.
- Is tech savvy, and enjoys implementing technology to streamline things.
- Is a MCHS alumni.
- Currently lives on a small farm in Readfield with his wife. They have horses, pigs, lots of chickens and an American bulldog.
- Is excited by spreadsheets and minutia.
- Can always be persuaded by facts and enjoys being proven wrong.



Core Beliefs:

Force for Good: Town Government should always strive to provide the best outcome for the Town and Residents. Sometimes this may require making difficult choices, but local government should be a force for good.

Fiscal Responsibility: Residents have consistently made it clear that they want the best services they can get for the best price. This sometimes means spending a little more in the short term for the long term gain.

Transparency: Government should always be transparent in all their actions no matter how big or small. Residents can't engage if the Town isn't completely transparent.

Communication: I tend to over communicate. Rarely do I not respond to someone within a few hours, but always within a business day. Again it's hard to engage if those who you are trying to communicate with refuse to respond in a timely manner.

Facts & Evidence: No one can know it all. When presented with facts and evidence I will always reevaluate and often change my position on topics.

Due Diligence: Rarely do I take things as presented. I like to fact check and confirm the accuracy of statements. This includes not only when it's something I'm inclined not to believe, but more importantly when it is something I'm inclined to believe.

Any questions please contact Jaaron at selectboard@jaaron.com or 931-7007

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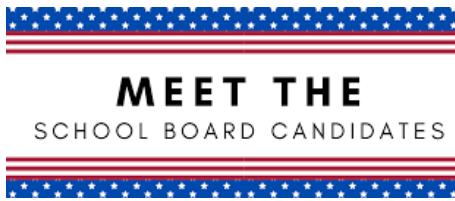
State of Maine Online Voter Registration Service

Maine residents can now:



- ⇒ Register to vote for the first time in Maine
- ⇒ Provide updated information for your existing Maine voter registration
- ⇒ Change your party enrollment

Learn more at: <https://registertovote.sos.maine.gov/>



Candidates Running for: RSU#38 School Board / 3 Year Terms:

• Patricia Clark

• Shawn Roderick

Patricia Clark - RSU School Board

Hi! My name is Patricia Morris Clark and I'm running for one of two RSU #38 School Board positions representing Readfield. I was appointed to the board last August to serve out the remainder of a term. I have found it tremendously rewarding and believe I can make a difference. Why? Because. . .

- I have over 17 years experience teaching preschool, elementary and adult ed
- I have over 20 years of teaching experience at the college and university level in education and mental health. I taught and still teach social workers and today's educators how to teach young children.
- I directed one of the first all-day kindergartens in the state collaborating with Head Start.
- We provided early intervention and increased parent involvement.
- I was an early childhood chair and director of Early Childhood Studies at the university designing new courses and areas of study.
- Because of these varied experiences, I understand teachers' needs and administrators' budget concerns.
- I have the education and experience to represent you!



In my family life, my husband and I have three daughters, three granddaughters, and one grandson ranging in age from 3 to 16. We love to go boating in the summer and relish traveling and tasting new foods. We like reading and walking the trails.

I enjoy volunteering at Readfield Community Library story time, the Readfield play group, as a St. Andrew's Church lay leader, Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation Head Start board member, as well as health and literacy organizations.

Please consider voting for me in June!

Shawn Roderick - RSU School Board

Shawn Roderick, currently is a campaign manager for Austin Theriault for Congress campaign. Prior to his recent position he spent over 15 years at the Maine State House in various roles. He was elected Assistant Clerk of the House in 2010 by the Maine House of Representatives and Assistant Secretary of the Senate in 2014 by the Maine State Senate.



Roderick has served on the RSU 38 School Board since 2014 and is currently board chair and was recently appointed to the Readfield Connectivity Authority.

Shawn earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2006. He is a proud graduate of UMF, proud to be a first-generation college graduate, and is a proud alumnus of the Jobs for Maine Graduates program for which he now volunteers.

He and his wife Emily and two children who are in 6th and 8th grade at Maranacook Middle School have resided in Readfield since 2012.

Thank you, Shawn

ABSENTEE BALLOT



June 11, 2024 Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 Referendum

Absentee Ballots will be available mid-May

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 & 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

Ballot Access for the State Primary Election	
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	
Voters Residing in Congressional District 2	
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 State Primary
Libertarian	No ballot selection - Party not participating in the State Primary
No Labels	No ballot selection - Party not participating in the State 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, May 24, 2024**

Ongoing Absentee Voting

for voters who are/will be at least 65 years of age by the next election or who self identify as a voter with a disability (or who meet both conditions).

A voter applying for this status must do so in writing using the form designed by the Secretary of State and must originally sign the application and submit it to the Municipal Clerk.

If you are eligible for Ongoing Absentee Voting and would like to enroll please contract Kristin for the application as it is different then the normal Absentee Ballot Application.

More information on voting can be found at:

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/votingelectionstown-mtg/pages/voting-information>



**Application for Absentee Ballot
June 11, 2024 Primary Election,
Readfield Town Meeting &
RSU #38 Referendum Vote**

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

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close
of business on **Thursday, June 6, 2024**, unless special circumstances exist.

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

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on June 11, 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 **Green Independent** (Congressional District 1 only) **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 Below:

_____ (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)

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

The Town of Readfield is now hiring for the summer season!

See if one of these seasonal positions is right for you!

Seasonal Grounds Maintenance



Work includes assisting with general grounds maintenance of all town properties and cemeteries as well as buildings, equipment, road maintenance, and support for other departments. Flexible hours and schedule. Wages will vary depending on experience.

Beach Attendants

Assist with daily activity, programming, grounds maintenance, and the overall experience of Beach users. Applicants must have excellent customer service skills, the willingness and ability to perform physical work in an outdoor environment, and the ability to be productive while working independently. Flexible schedule of 20 - 40 hours per week



Beach Superintendent/ Community Programming Coordinator

The Beach Superintendent position will manage daily activity, programming, maintenance, and the overall experience of users at the Readfield Beach. The Community Programming Coordinator position, if approved, will effectively replace the Beach Superintendent position and will be responsible for the development, management, and support of a wide range of community programming encompassing youth sports, summer programming, community events, age-friendly initiatives, and more. More information and full job descriptions for both positions are available on the towns website.

Interested applicants should submit a Town of Readfield Employment Application to Town Manager, Eric Dyer.

All positions will remain open until filled.

Full Job Descriptions & Applications:

<https://www.readfieldmaine.org/employment-opportunities>

Cemetery Tour and Stone Cleaning Saturday, May 25 from 2PM-4PM

Location: Readfield Corner Cemetery

On Saturday, May 25th the sexton for the Town of Readfield, Ben Rodriguez, will be giving a brief guided tour of Readfield Corner Cemetery and providing an opportunity to learn how to clean headstones. The focus of this tour will be to bring attention to the upcoming observance of Memorial Day. The tour will begin at 2PM and will last approximately 20-30 mins. The tour will be followed by an opportunity to receive a general introduction to stone cleaning.

Ben will be bringing along additional stone cleaning supplies if anyone in attendance would like to participate. Feel free to swing by Readfield Corner Cemetery anytime between 2PM-4PM. Ben is very much looking forward to seeing anyone who happens to have a free moment to attend.

For additional information
please contact

Ben Rodriguez at:

Email:

sexton@readfieldmaine.org

Office Phone: 207-685-1812

Cellphone: 207-931-7682



SAVE THE DATES!

August 9th & 10th 2024!



READFIELD HERITAGE DAYS

Join the Readfield Tax Club!

Break your upcoming 2024 Property Tax Bill into affordable, interest free, monthly payments.

Must be up to date with your taxes

For more information call Teresa at: 685-1817



If you have questions
please call 685-4939

Tax Payment Reminder:

2023 tax bill payments were due **September 29, 2023 & February 23, 2024**. In April you may have received a courtesy reminder notice with a balance due on your taxes. Attention to this notice is appreciated. Thank you!

Readfield's Annual Roadside Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:00 am - 12:00 noon



We will provide grabbers, trash bags, sunscreen, bug spray & bottled water. Return trash bags to Kathryn at the Fairgrounds or take them directly to the Transfer Station. Please check in at the Fairgrounds when you are done to return grabbers, advise what got done, and grab a snack.

Contact: **Kathryn Mills Woodsum** at kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org or the **Readfield Town Office** at **685-4939**; info@readfieldmaine.org to let them know you are planning on helping

Please wear comfortable boots, appropriate Maine spring clothing, gloves, and either yellow/orange safety clothing (*we will have a limited supply*) so motorists can clearly see you.

Thank You...



For more information

Contact the Town Office
207-685-4939
info@readfieldmaine.org

or

Visit the town website:
www.readfieldmaine.org

Pass this on to anyone you can think of that may be interested and encourage them to join you.

Readfield Clean Up Day is dedicated to late Select Board member and friend of Readfield, John Parent. Help continue his legacy of responsible citizenship by signing up for your road (or others) and being a part of this great community effort.

May Transfer Station News



**Sunday Summer Hours
Are Back!**

June 2nd - August 25th

8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Save the Date

Sunday, June 30, 2024 - 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer Station!

Contact your Town Office for more information
and to register.



**Registration
Required!**

Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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.



Cardboard Reminder:

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

Thank you!



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.

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

Food Composting

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



Please Remember to Practice Kindness

Please remember to be patient with everyone while you are at the Transfer Station. There are many challenges presented to using the space safely and efficiently and everyone handles those in their own way. Please try to be patient and understanding of other patrons and our employees. Everyone is doing the best they can and deserves to be treated respectfully and with kindness. Thank you for your efforts to make this town operated facility function well.

**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

*Readfield Solid Waste
and Recycling Committee*

The Future of Recycling

Excerpted from: www.howlifeunfolds.com/future-of-recycling

There's nowhere that's truer than with the makers of paper and packaging that the big things we're doing for the future of recycling are only possible because of the billions of individual decisions that people like you make every day.

The way you're mindful about not just how much energy you're using or what you buy, but how it's packaged, how it gets to you, and what happens to it after you use it. That's where recycling comes in. That's where *the makers of paper and packaging* come in.

Sustainability, resource stewardship, the circular economy—they're not just buzzwords or virtue signals. They're at the core of what the paper and packaging industry does and has done it for decades. Lots of research tells us that people like you choose paper and paper-based packaging when they're thinking about sustainability. And that's not just because our products are made from one of nature's most renewable resources—trees. It's because the paper and packaging industry simply *couldn't exist* without an unwavering commitment to sustainability, and to recycling in particular.

For all these decades, paper-based products have remained some of the most recycled materials on the planet. We recover about two-thirds of all the paper used in America each year, and about 90% of all boxes, to turn them into new products. Not just once, or twice, but as many as seven times.

At a time when people have serious and lingering concerns about whether other materials are [really recyclable](#)—or about [what really happens to them](#) when you put them in the recycling bin—paper has been an unarguable success story, meeting people's needs while answering the call for a more circular, sustainable economy. In our new video, you'll see two examples of the billions our industry is investing nationwide to protect and expand recycling for the next 100 years. You'll also meet some of the individual people who keep these facilities running smoothly, and learn about the unique pride they have in waking up each morning to go to a job that's making the world a little better for future generations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCkAn5IH7pA>

Their individual contributions, like yours, are what makes recycling possible. No single decision you make is going to make or break the planet or its future, of course, but each of them *matters*. They add up.

So choose paper-based products, and recycle them the right way.



ecomaine
RECYCLOPEDIA

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

<https://www.ecomaine.org/what-can-be-recycled/recyclopeda/>

Free Event

Hosted by your Town

Sunday, June 30th, 2024 ~ Readfield Transfer Station

14 Recycle Rd, Readfield ~ 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Household Hazardous Waste Collection for
Readfield, Wayne, Fayette, Belgrade and Mt. Vernon

Do Bring:



All Battery Types



Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels.
(Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene, etc.)
Motor Oil, Antifreeze, crankcase oil



Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not
need to be mixed with sand or
sawdust)



Household cleaners, chemicals and
pesticides.



Fluorescent bulbs, including CFL's



Please Do Not Bring:

- Explosives & Ammunition
- Recyclable Items (Cardboard, all Plastics #1- 7, Glass, Metal, Aluminum)
- Solid Waste/Trash
- Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.)
- Asbestos Containing Materials
- Large quantities of waste (ask first)
- Commercial waste or waste from a business
- Any Electronics
- Unused/Unwanted Medications/ Pharmaceuticals

You will be assigned a time to arrive at the Transfer Station. Early arrivals may need to wait. Questions on accepted materials can be directed to your Town Office, your Transfer Station or the Readfield Transfer Station: **207-685-3144**

Pre-registration at your Town Office is required!

Town Of Readfield

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Pre-Registration Form

Sunday June 30, 2024, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Collection taking place at the Readfield Transfer Station 14 Recycle Road, Readfield, ME

Pre-Registration is Required. Pre-Register at your Town Office

Resident Name:	
Physical Address:	
Telephone Number:	Assigned Time-Office Use Only:

Actual Volume: Estimate	# Units: 5 gal/20 lbs=1 unit	Garage and Workshop Related
gallons		Water-based/Oil-based/Latex Paints, stains and primers in cans
gallons		Anti-freeze
gallons		Cleaners/Degreasers such as acetone
gallons		Flammables such as Gasoline, Kerosene, Charcoal Lighter Fluid
gallons		Aerosol cans/flammables
gallons		Misc. such as Brake/Transmission Fluid, waxes, polishes
gallons		Solvents, Paint Thinners, Paint Strippers
gallons		Adhesives
gallons		Driveway Sealer
gallons		Motor Oil
		Other List:
		Kitchen/Bath/Home
		Cleaners:
gallons		-Bleach- based
gallons		-Alkaline such as Lye, Sodium Hydroxide, Drain Cleaners, Oven cleaners
gallons		-Ammonia-based such as Windex
gallons		-Acid such as Muriatic acid
gallons		Other: Toilet Bowl cleaner, drain opener, mildew remover, lime/rust stain remover, hydrofluoric acid, ammonium bifluoride
gallons/lbs		Other List:
		Lawn and Garden
gallons/lbs		Pool cleaners
gallons/lbs		Pesticides/Herbicides/Fungicides-solids or liquids
gallons/lbs		Poisons: rat/mouse poison, arsenic, strychnine, cyanide, formaldehyde, mothballs
gallons/lbs		Other List:
		Miscellaneous
gallons/lbs		Photography chemicals
Per item		Fire Extinguisher-Carbon tetrachloride only
Per item		Fluorescent bulbs, including CFL's And LED's
Per item		Batteries- Rechargeable and single use
		Other Items List:
		NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT
		TOTAL ESTIMATED UNITS

Questions?? Call your Transfer Station or Town Office



**READFIELD TOWN BEACH
CANOE/KAYAK RACK RENTAL & LAUNCH PERMIT
2024 Season (May 1st – November 1st)**



Please Print Clearly

Owner's Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (day): _____ (evening): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail address: _____

Canoe/Kayak Color: _____ Canoe/Kayak Length: _____

Preferred Rack #(s): _____ (if applicable)

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT
FOR RENTAL OF CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK & LAUNCH - READFIELD BEACH**

1. **Rack space & launch permits are available to current Town Beach Pass holders over 14 years of age for non-motorized vessels only.**
2. Cost of one rental rack space is \$50 for May 1 – November 1. Fee must be paid prior to the start of storage.
3. Maximum length/width for the canoe/kayak racks is 18'0" / 2'4". Paddleboards, sculls, etc. may also be stored.
4. Cost of single vessel launch ONLY (no rack) is \$20 for May 1 – November 1. Fee must be paid prior to first launch.
5. **Rack rental & launch is not allowed for any watercraft used to access a moored or anchored vessel.**
6. Rack rental is on a first come, first served basis. Upon receipt of completed application and payment, racks will be assigned by number. Rack rental and assignment is at the discretion of the Town Manager or designee.
7. Before storage, Owner must attach their assigned rack number to the canoe/kayak by a secure means.
8. Owner agrees to remove canoe/kayak by November 1. Failure to remove canoe/kayak from rack by date stated will result in the inability to rent during subsequent seasons.
9. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak is reasonably secured in its assigned rack and will not pose any danger to any passersby. Owner must provide locking mechanism.
10. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak rack space is clean and tidy at all times. Nothing other than one canoe/kayak can be left on, in, around or by the rack at any time (e.g., paddles, floatation devices, etc.)
11. Canoe/kayak may not be left outside the designated storage area and should be carried (not dragged) to the launch.
12. The storage rack unit & launch may only be used for the one canoe/kayak listed above. Eight rack spaces are reserved for paired use. **There is a two space (or single paired space) limit per household.**
13. **Owner acknowledges that canoe/kayak launch and rack rental are at their own risk. The Town of Readfield accepts no responsibility for user injury, or loss of or damages to the canoe/kayak. Failure to comply with any terms will result in termination of this agreement with no refund of fees.**

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated above and I hold myself solely responsible for any mishap/injury to users of, or damage to, the canoe/kayak listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** Staff Use Only ****

Payment Type: () Cash Amount: _____ () Check # _____ Amount _____
() Visa / MasterCard #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code _____

****All Credit Card transactions will incur a 2.95% convenience fee****

Assigned Rack Space(s): _____ *Applicants will be notified of their rack assignments*

Make Check Payable to "Town of Readfield" • Send application with notation "Attn: Rack Rental"

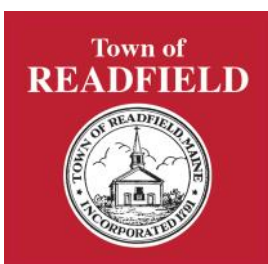


RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH

As established by the Town Beach Ordinance, the purpose of these Beach Rules is to provide for the enjoyment, health, welfare and safety of all persons using the Town Beach; to provide a family-oriented atmosphere for lawful users of the Town Beach; to support the maintenance and operation of the Town Beach; and to maintain accepted environmental standards to preserve the ecological quality of the Town Beach and waterways for future generations.

1. All users of the Town Beach are required to have a window sticker, season pass, or purchase a guest pass.
2. All users of the Town Beach assume all risk. There is NO LIFEGUARD at any time.
3. Town Beach Hours: 5:00 am – 9:00 pm. No after-hours activity is allowed.
4. All users of the Town Beach must follow the direction of Beach Staff. Beach Staff have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is disruptive, dangerous, or damaging.
5. Children under 15 must be supervised by an adult remaining on the property at all times.
6. When arriving at the Town Beach you must drive slowly and use caution in parking area, and keep your window sticker or pass visible at all times.
7. No bicycles are allowed outside of the parking areas.
8. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
9. No glass of any kind is allowed at the Town Beach.
10. No domestic animals are allowed at the Town Beach. Documented Service Animals by written permission of the Town Manager.
11. No fishing allowed within 100 feet of the beach or buoyed swim area.
12. No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
13. The use of any floats in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the Beach Staff on duty.
14. Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake.
15. No bathing with shampoo, soap, or other compounds.
16. Trash and recycling cans are available at the Town Beach but we encourage a “carry-in, carry-out” policy to reduce the risk of attracting nuisance pests like wasps, rats, and skunks.
17. There is absolutely no smoking, vaping, or tobacco use allowed anywhere on the property.
18. All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
19. No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
20. All noise must be kept to a level as to not to disturb others using the beach.
21. All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving. No fires outside of the grills.
22. Sun umbrellas and shade canopies are allowed, no enclosed tents.
23. No camping without written approval of the Select Board.
24. Pass holders wishing to have any group function should call the Readfield Town Office at 207-685-4939 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
25. Non-recreational use of the Town Beach is prohibited outside of designated non-recreational use areas
26. The Town of Readfield and our authorized representatives reserve the right to revoke any Beach Pass for violation of any of the above rules.

Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!



Transfer Station / Beach Combo
Stickers are now available at the
Town Office & Transfer Station





MAY 2024—LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Library Hours

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

LIBRARY 2nd FLOOR NOW OPEN!



Readfield, it was incredible to have so many of you show up to celebrate YOUR LIBRARY on April 6th!! We were thrilled to have **Senator Craig Hickman** and State Librarian Lori Fisher of the **Maine State Library** with us to recognize the Grand Opening of the 2nd Floor of the Readfield Community Library, an event which marked the culmination of the hard work and vision of many individuals. We are feeling so much GRATITUDE for the support of the **Readfield Select Board** and **Town Manager Eric Dyer**, the excellent work of **Town Maintenance Staff Matt Seems and Ben Rodriguez** and local electrician **Dave Morrow**, the vision and commitment of the **Library Board of Trustees**, and the amazing efforts of **numerous volunteers** (and close to 350 volunteer hours!!) in time spent cleaning, painting, and building to make this project happen.

Library patrons will now be able to enjoy the Community Room upstairs which includes a cozy reading area, quiet work space, and a puzzle/game/craft area. There is also a staff office, storage space, a small kitchen, and a Work Room which will be available soon to reserve as a quiet space for remote work, virtual meetings, small in-person meetings, job search/training activities, studying, and more. Funding for this project came from the Town of Readfield, a \$25,000 "Remote Work Through Libraries" Grant from the Maine State Library, and generous donations of time, talents, money, furniture, and supplies from many supportive patrons.

Our building was built and occupied by town doctor Samuel Currier and his family approximately 225 years ago. Dr. Currier served the townspeople of Readfield in their health needs, and now 225 years later, the building is still serving the people of Readfield in helping to create a healthy community by connecting people to information, entertainment, books, the internet, and most importantly, to each other!

Although we now have a fire escape that allows for public use of the 2nd floor as it provides a second egress, please note that the building dates to 1800 and does not have an elevator. So, we will continue to offer our comfy blue reading chairs, a new and improved quiet patron workstation in the adult collection room, and puzzles, games, and crafts downstairs in accessible spaces on the first floor as well. Please come and enjoy our new spaces often!

STAR WARS DAY on May 4th



Calling Star Wars fans of all ages!! On Saturday, May 4th we will celebrate all things Star Wars! The highlight of the day...get your photo taken with a life-size and fully functional R2D2, pictured here and built by local Readfield resident Bryan!!! So cool! This year, we will also have mini 3D-printed R2D2s for the kids to paint and take home, in addition to the ever-popular "Build-A-Droid" and other activities. Costumes are welcomed, but optional.



GETTING STARTED WITH CLOUD LIBRARY workshop on May 15th

TRAVELING this SUMMER? Using an E-READER or listening to AUDIO BOOKS? No need to spend money through Audible/Amazon/Kindle, etc.—simply use CLOUD LIBRARY, which comes absolutely FREE with your Library card. Please join the Librarian on **Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00pm for a workshop at the Library on "Getting Started with Cloud Library,"** where you can learn how to use the app on your tablet, laptop, or smartphone and learn how FREE borrowing from the "cloud" works. Simply bring your device and we will get started! Please contact the Librarian at 207-685-4089 or librarian@readfieldmaine.org with questions.



FIX-A-BIKE Spring Bike Tune-Up & Repair WORKSHOP on May 13th

Curious about bicycle mechanics? Looking to maintain your faithful steed or conduct long overdue TLC? Perform a roadside repair and keep that bicycle mojo elevated? Yes, yes, yes! This Fix-A-Bike Workshop will cover all the above and answer any other bicycle related questions you bring along for the ride. This is a 2-hour hands-on workshop with instructors from Bicycle Coalition of Maine, open to teens and adults. Please bring your bike along! All tools and instruction will be provided. (Feel free to bring your own tools if you'd like, but that is not necessary. You may also bring your helmet for a fit inspection.)



Please register ASAP—limited spots available for each workshop! Please register for the workshop site and time that works best for your schedule, regardless of the town you live in.

Monday, May 13—2:30-4:30pm @ Dr. Shaw Memorial Library in Mt. Vernon (outdoors)

OR

Monday, May 13—5:00-7:00pm @ Readfield Community Library in Readfield (outdoors)

To register for the Mt Vernon workshop, call 207-293-2565 or email librarian@drshawlibrary.org

To register for the Readfield workshop, call 207-695-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) strives to make Maine a better place to bike and walk. The non-profit organization works to expand biking in Maine, improve bike and pedestrian safety, pass bike- and ped-friendly laws, and spread a love of being active to children and adults alike. FMI: <https://www.bikemaine.org/>

MAY LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING on May 28th

Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Our May meeting will take place on **Tuesday May 28th at 6:30pm in person behind the Library (weather permitting)**. Note that we are meeting on a Tuesday this month, due to the Monday holiday. We will be reading the NON-fiction title ***The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century*** by Kirk Wallace Johnson to discuss together. 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 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).

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

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 to meet at least through the end of May.



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



May STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library—*Duck On A Bike*

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 **May is *Duck on A Bike* by David Shannon, sponsored by Marc Loiselle and Lynette Miller**. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open.



May STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—*Percy's Patience*

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 **May is *Percy's Patience: The Story of Governor Baxter and Baxter State Park* by local author/illustrator Barbara Bourgoine/Jemalie Bessette**.

STORY WALK® EVENTS on May 7th and 11th

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

~ Tuesday May 7th at 10:00am

~ Saturday May 11th at 2:00pm

SCREEN FREE WEEK May 6th—12th

Screen Free Week is a great week to bring your child/teen to the library to get some books, audiobooks, or puzzles to enjoy during the week. Don't forget to take a half hour to do the StoryWalk together on the trail behind the Library! FMI: <https://screenfree.org/>



MAINE ARBOR WEEK May 19th—25th



Learn all about TREES at the Library with informational handouts, activities for kids, and books (of course) on special display during Maine Arbor Week which is celebrated May 19-25 this year.

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

Spring is a great time to explore! The Library has 3 themed backpacks available for checkout by families,



filled with activities, tools, and books about the theme! Go on a family adventure and explore Birds, Plants, or Wildlife with a Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Backpack! These backpacks are made possible by ARPA 2021 grant funds administered through the Maine State Library and received by the Readfield Community Library. Check out period is 2 weeks. Enjoy!



DID YOU KNOW?

~ The Library delivers! If you are homebound and unable to make it into the library, we have volunteers who will **deliver Library materials** to you! Please contact Librarian.

~ We help **homeschooling families** with their research needs! We are happy to help you find items to help supplement your curriculum, either from our own collection, or through InterLibrary Loan.

~ The Library is a place where **your teen can volunteer!** One or two hours a week or one or two hours a month...we love to have young people engaged in our community!

Three FREE Library Passes available for SPRING fun!!

BOOTHBAY RAILWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM Library Pass for Free Admission



The Library is pleased to offer again this year a pass for Readfield library cardholders to **enjoy the Boothbay Railway Village Museum in Boothbay for FREE!** This pass program is made possible by the **generous support of the Friends of the Readfield Community Library.** Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to reserve a date. The pass is good for up to 2 adults and unlimited number of children. The Railway Village is open for the season of June 16th through early October. Note they are closed on Mondays. Opening Day is June 16th!

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS Library Pass for Free Admission



The Library is pleased to offer again this summer a wonderful opportunity for Readfield library cardholders to **enjoy the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay for FREE!** This pass program is made possible by the **generous support of the Friends of the Readfield Community Library.** Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email librarian@readfieldmaine.org to reserve a date. The pass is good for up to 2 adults and unlimited number of children. Gardens are open May 1 through October 29. Opening Day is May 1st!

MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out



Visit a Maine State Park for FREE with the Vehicle Pass from the Library! Checkout period is for one week maximum. If you are planning a trip, you may be able to reserve the pass in advance. Through a **generous donation of an anonymous donor**, 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. Vehicle pass is for year-round use.

Readfield Boards/Committee/Commission Openings

(As of April 29, 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: 2 Members (2024 & 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

Conservation Commission News

Honeysuckle – Friend or Foe? By Linnea Koons

The National Park Service defines an invasive species as non-native species that causes harm to the environment, economy, or human, animal, or plant health. What type of harm does the pretty, sweet-smelling honeysuckle cause? Let's work backwards from the list.

Plant Health – Honeysuckle leafs out earlier than most native plants and the shade from the leaves partially or completely kills the native plants beneath the honeysuckle. The (dead) native plants will not grow taller than the honeysuckle because there is too much shade. Honeysuckle kills pine, maple, and birch seedlings that would usually form a canopy.

Animal and Human Health – Honeysuckle produces berries that birds will eat. This should be good, right? Unfortunately, the berries dehydrate the birds, making them sick in the fall when they need to be healthy to migrate. Dehydrated birds die during migration. Birds also nest in honeysuckle bushes. What can be bad about that? Remember how the honeysuckle shade kills the seedlings of the plants that form a canopy? That canopy protects the nests and nestlings from nest robbing. Broad-winged hawks can treat those nests like a box of Valentine's chocolates. Not worried about some random bird? What about your dog, or cat, or horse, or cow, or toddler? The berries are poisonous to all.

Economic Health – Honeysuckle is established in parts of the Readfield Town Forest. The Town Forest is harvested in a sustainable cycle overseen by a licensed forester. The forestry plan includes natural regrowth of native tree seedlings. Remember what you've learned about honeysuckle shade killing the native tree seedlings? A population of honeysuckle will decrease the rate of replacement of trees, resulting in decreased earnings from the sustainable harvest. Invasives like honeysuckle are so much of a problem in forestry that the Maine Department of Forestry has awarded a grant to the Town of Readfield to help remove it from the Town Forest.

Environmental Health – The environment is made up of plants, birds, dogs, cows, toddlers and more. As you have learned, honeysuckle causes harm to all of these. A sweet name shields the enemy of plants, animals, humans, the local economy, and the local environment.





Updates from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Starting May 1st, 2024:

ATV Registration Fees:

- \$70 (Resident)
- \$100 (Non Resident 7 Day Registration)
- \$115 (Non Resident Full Season)

(Plus agent fee on all registrations)

NEW ATV REGISTRATION:

DEALERSHIP INVOICE

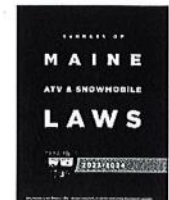
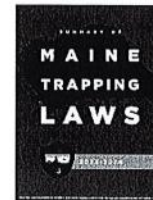
or COMPLETE BILL OF SALE

RE-REGISTRATION OF ATV:

PREVIOUS REGISTRATION

or PICTURE OF REGISTRATION

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Using the digital format of Maine’s law summaries is easy and convenient! Digital lawbooks allow you to review current laws, confirm legal hunting hours, look up best practices and more – from anywhere, anytime!



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Thank you to all who have participated in Readfield U this year, as presenters, attenders, and tech. support, as well those who helped organize and publicize the program. We had such a good time and we certainly learned some new things and made new friends, some of whom came from as far away as Skowhegan to take part. There are a few photos below and you can check out more in the gallery on our website readfieldu.org

We had 20 presenters, 17 classes, with 1 unfortunately needing to be cancelled because of snow. 85 people registered for the program, most of whom signed up for multiple presentations, and 15-20 more people came to programs without registering. The largest attendance was 46, with the next highest attendance being 31. Average attendance at classes was 20. All these figures are up from last year. We had people driving from as far away as Skowhegan to take part.

If you have any feedback on the program you can email readfieldu@gmail.com and if you have an ideas or might be interested in offering a program next year you can send details any time through the presenter form on the website: readfieldu.org, or use email: readfieldu@gmail.com Perhaps you have a small business in Readfield or one of the surrounding communities. It would be a great way to showcase what you do.



David Florig author talk, organized by Readfield Community Library



Kents Hill School talk by head of school, Chris Cheney. (Participants enjoying refreshments)



Growing Lavender Successful in Maine with Kathy Landrum

ReadfieldU is sponsored by Readfield's Age Friendly Committee



Readfield in the Good Old Days, a panel discussion moderated by Dale Potter-Clark, panel participants, Chris Dumaine, John Nichols, Bill Rourke, Ed Dodge.

Readfield Historical Society

Dates are set for four Readfield History Walks this spring and summer – all will take place on Kents Hill in honor of Kents Hill School’s 200th year. The first one was held on April 19th when Dale Potter-Clark shared some history about early houses and families along part of Main Street and P Ridge Road. The highlight of the event was having Peter Pettingill along, author of The Murder of Mattie Hackett. The killing took place on P Ridge Road in August, 1905 near the Hackett family farm. Walkers were given copies of a detailed map that Bill Adams drew, using the exact measurements taken at the time by investigators, and includes locations of various neighbors’ homes mentioned in Pettingill’s book.

The next History Walk will take place on Friday, May 10th to include the Kents Hill Cemetery, the Methodist Church and some history of early houses and families along Main Street from the church to the intersection with Chimney Road/route 41. All are welcome, no fee or registration. Meet at the church parking lot by 10 a.m. Other history walks are scheduled for Friday, June 14th and Saturday, August 10th during Heritage Days weekend.


House circa sign orders for the spring of 2024 have started to arrive and our next purchase will take place when the minimum number of orders have been received. We have been very pleased with the response and interest in these signs having sold 113 to date. Some include an occupation if unique, the wife’s name if she was from an early Readfield family, and/or subsequent long-term or significant owners. Orders are placed twice a year; the second will be late fall before the holidays. Homeowners receive research notes with their sign and have input on the final wording, based on the research. Contact crossings4u@gmail.com or call or text (207) 441-9184 FMI or to receive an order form.



A Readfield History Walk will take place on Friday, May 10th 10:00-11:30 when, among other buildings along that stretch of Main Street, walkers will learn some history about the Methodist Church on Kents Hill and the house next door known as “Quillbroft.” This photo is circa 1900.

RHS will open for the season on Saturday, May 25th of Memorial Day weekend and will be open thereafter every Thursday and Saturday through Labor Day weekend. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In the meantime, RHS is open by appointment when weather and temperatures allow. To make an appointment or if you have 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

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RESONATE!

Are you the parent or relative of a child or teen challenged by a serious illness?
Having music close at hand can make a difference to the natural anxieties and discomforts that arise during this.

Many kids have expressed relief in having a musical instrument to play in their own way, while coping with an unexpected curve in their lives.

RESONATE! is a new project through which a child/teen may adopt a musical instrument for **free!**

This is made possible by generous donations of different instruments.

To make this possible for your child, simply contact Ellen at:
resonate207@gmail.com

You can make a selection from the variety of instruments and then make arrangements for delivery.

Hope to hear from you!

The Gallery at Readfield
1138 Main Street
Readfield ME 04355

207-522-7325

www.galleryinreadfield.com

'Wonders at hand'

Opening May 5th 3:00 - 5:00 PM

All are welcome!!!! Please join us!

Introducing artist Larry Hayden during May at
The Gallery in Readfield.

As a photographer, I concentrate on the goings-on within the boundaries of our little urban farmyard. Originally a stock farm founded in the late nineteenth century comprising 130 acres situated on the banks of the Presumpscot River, it is now winnowed down to a Portland house lot of less than one acre. This is now my photographic territory, and I have spent the past thirteen years exploring within its current confines. The present exhibition, '**Wonders at Hand**', presents some fellow occupants of our little homeland. These are not merely anonymous images of random animals in picturesque settings. The chickens are mine, they each have a name, a life story and a home in our barn. The frogs are Jules and Gem, who emerged from an egg mass in a nearby vernal pool and were raised in our frog pond. The Monarch butterfly grew from a caterpillar on the milkweed that grows outside my studio window, and lived among the towering Mexican Sunflowers in our flower garden.

It is essential to me as an artist to have a living connection with the subjects of my photographs. I am honored to have forged ongoing partnerships with the creatures and beings that surround me, and I am delighted to share these images with others.

Larry Hayden is an artist and photographer living in Portland who has an extensive exhibition history, and whose work is included in many private, public, and institutional collections including the Portland Museum of Art; The Colby Art Museum; The Farnsworth Museum; University of New England Gallery; and the Bates College Museum of Art.





ELLEN BOWMAN ADDS MUSIC TO READFIELD PLAY GROUP MAY 2

Ellen Bowman will sing and play instruments with toddlers and preschoolers at Readfield Play Group in the classroom at the Bus Garage on North Road, May 2, at 9:30 am. It's in front of the Readfield Transfer Station. Play group runs from 9:30 am to 11 am each Thursday following the school calendar. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Ellen will introduce the song ***Inch by Inch*** to go with the children's picture book of the same name which will be read. This will kick off a gardening unit. Thursday, May 9, children will make a surprise gift (including flowers) for a special person in a child's life. Children will plant seeds Thursday, May 16 and make play dough plants and flowers Thursday, May 23.

Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to participate in Readfield Play Group regardless of home town. The focus is play and both caregivers and children are encouraged to participate together. It also provides a time for caregivers to share ideas and resources. Stories, crafts, and songs are often offered according to the ages present.

Questions: Contact Pat Clark at 207-685-4101 and patricia_clark@maranacook.org

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

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

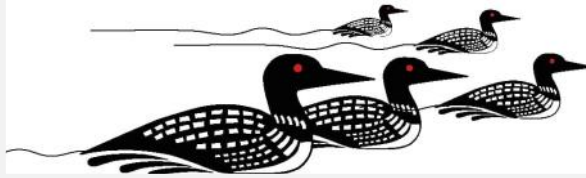
**Come join the fun!
Learn through play!**

Thanks to all who helped get
this program running again!



Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Association

Torsey Pond Watershed Project – Year 2



The Torsey Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase I is entering its second year. The goal of the project, sponsored by the Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD), is to guide and support measures aimed at protecting the water quality of the pond. According to CWD's Executive Director, Bill Monagle, the pond has maintained consistently good water quality over the past four decades, but measures should be taken to address non-point sources (NPS) of pollution, particularly sediment erosion and phosphorus runoff, to provide long-term

protection to Torsey Pond. Assisting the CWD on the project are the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (FOCW) with support from, and in cooperation with, the Torsey Pond Association (TPA).

Key phases of the project involve 1) providing shoreline stabilization and/or buffer strip installation on shorefront properties around the pond, 2) upgrading and improving private and public roads and addressing other land uses that suffer surface erosion and other drainage problems, and 3) developing a watershed-wide community education and outreach program. Shorefront property owners will be eligible for cost-sharing opportunities to have work performed on their properties that will benefit the pond's water quality, as will private camp road owners and road associations that surround the pond.

The project is partly funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental protection in partnership with EPA. To learn more about the project please contact CWD's Executive Director, Bill Monagle at 377-7109 (or email: execdir@fairpoint.net).

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



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

May 8 - Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. - On Floor Vote

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



**RSU #38
Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne
FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

RSU #38 is seeking all Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Pre-K:

Call 685-3336 x6 to add your child to the list and schedule a time for screening.

Pre-K screening will be held on May 10, 2024.

Kindergarten:

Call your local elementary school to add your name to the list for further information.

- Manchester Elementary – 622-2949 x-0
- Mt. Vernon Elementary – 293-2261 x-0
- Readfield Elementary – 685-4406 x-0
- Wayne Elementary – 685-3634 x-0

Age requirements by October 15, 2024:

Pre-K – 4-years old / Kindergarten – 5-years old

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. However, if you need a few extra items on the off weeks we will happily provide them.

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.

Also, we have added a gluten free shelf; if you or a family member has celiac disease or is gluten sensitive, please take advantage of these offerings.

Donations can be dropped off at the Readfield Town Office

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

Readfield United Methodist Church

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

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

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



Free Movie Night
Friday, May 10 @ 6:00 PM
Like baseball? A true story of overcoming tough obstacles and following your dreams.
"THE HILL"
Starring Dennis Quade
"All are Welcome."

Calling all singers out there!
A choir is forming.

Contact Wendy Large at
wlsbn@aol.com or 207-685-4211



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for May 18 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.



WINTHROP LIONS CLUB



GARAGE

SALE

**CROSS
ROADS
BUILDING
ACROSS FROM
TRANSFER
STATION
RT 202
WINTHROP**

**JUNE
22 - 23**



ITEMS TO INCLUDE: ITEMS FOR INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE HOME SUCH AS MOVIES, BOOKS, HOLIDAY ITEMS, ART, DISHES, SMALL APPLIANCES, TOOLS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, SPORTING GOODS, ELECTRONICS AND MORE!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING: WINTHROP FOOD PANTRY, TABITHA'S CLOSET, PROJECT FRESH START, WINTHROP YMCA, HONOR FLIGHT AND MANY MORE

To Donate Items:

Call Jeff Woolston @ 207-624-2971

He will pick up items in Kennebec County



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Assessor, David Ledew: assessor@readfieldmaine.org

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8 Age Friendly 9:00AM Municipal Budget & Warrant Public Hearing 6:30 PM Library Board 6:30 PM RSU38 Annual Budget/ On Floor Vote 7:00 PM	9 Road Committee 6:00 PM	10	11
12 	13 Meet the Candidates Night 6:30 PM	14 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Commission 6:30 PM	15 Connectivity Committee 6:30 PM	16	17 Spirit of America Nominations due by 3:30 PM	18 Roadside Clean Up Day 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
19	20 Cemetery Committee 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	21 Fairgrounds Working Group 7:00 PM Deadline: Last day for mail in, online and 3rd party voter registrations to be accepted	22 Trails Committee 6:30 PM Closed Period for Voter Registrations Begins: Voters must register in person at the Town Office now till Election Day	23	24 Deadline: Last day for voters to change/ withdraw party enrollment and still be eligible to vote in June 11 STATE Primary Election	25
26	27 HOLIDAY Town Offices Closed 	28 Planning Board 6:30 PM June Messenger Articles Due	29 Municipal Budget & Warrant Public Hearing 6:30 PM	30	31	