

Readfield Messenger

RABIES CLINIC

Wed., Oct. 26, 2016

by appointment

from 4:30-5:30pm

To schedule an appointment for
your pet call 207-685-4939.

Cost \$15.00



Dog Licenses are due by December 31st each year. If you are the owner or keeper of a dog six months old or older you are required to license them.

Licenses are available after October 15 each year.

**1st half of
taxes were due
Sept. 30th.**
Interest starts October 1st

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East Readfield Berms/Living Fence in their second year



Pictures of the berms/living fence at the East Readfield Cemetery in their second summer since planting. Despite the drought this summer, hardworking volunteers and maintenance staff have made sure the plantings have been watered and fertilized. Their commitment sure has paid off and these berms are just beautiful!



Absentee Ballots for Nov. 8, 2016

Absentee Ballots will be available starting October 9th. There are three ways to request an absentee ballot.

- 1.) You may go to the State of Maine's web site at: <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index> and request a ballot be mailed to you.;
- 2.) You can make out the application on the next page and return it to the Town Office to request a ballot be mailed to you.
- 3.) You may also call us at 685-4939 and we will do a phone request.



Application for Absentee Ballot
November 8, 2016
General and Referendum Election

Application Received
(Date/Time)

Ballot Sent/Delivered
(Date/Time)

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on **Thursday, November 3, 2016**, unless special circumstances exist.
Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by **8 p.m. on November 8, 2016**.

1. Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot _____
2. Residence Address of Voter _____
(Street Address) (Municipality)
3. Voter's Date of Birth ____/____/____
m m d d y y y y
4. Daytime Phone Number (optional) _____
5. 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 #)
6. Signature of Voter OR
Immediate Family Member of Voter _____ Date _____

Note: If an immediate family member of the voter is completing this application, the relationship to the voter must be provided in 5(c) above. The absentee ballot can be delivered to the immediate family member in person or mailed to the address provided in 5(b).
7. Signature of Immediate Family Member Returning the Ballot _____
Relationship to Voter _____
(Complete Section #7 Only if Ballot was Delivered to the Voter or a Different Immediate Family Member of the Voter)

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 _____

Select Boards Corner by Bruce Bourgoine, Chair

Dear Neighbors;

On September 13, I spoke as one of several panelists at the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Convention on the topic of Support for Age-Friendly Community Initiatives. Specifically I addressed town engagement and discussed how Readfield is in the initial process of learning about what we might accomplish as a community.

While it was an excellent opportunity to speak on behalf of the town, credit for the actual effort of engaging our community belongs to our Readfield Age-Friendly Committee and the hard work they are doing to build a foundation for future planning. You too can be a part of being 'engaged' at this point by taking the committee's survey available at the town office or online at www.readfield.govoffice.com by October 14 if you are 55 or older.

The panelist who followed me was Tom Gruber of the Cumberland Town Council addressing implementing age-friendly plans. His address helped me learn about next possible steps once we have collected our feedback. Tailoring our work in this area to fit Readfield's needs is the key and I hope you will stay engaged as we move forward with making our town more age-friendly to seniors and thereby to all residents.

Kind Regards; Bruce Bourgoine, Select Board Chair



Notes from the Town Managers Desk by Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Dear Residents,

It has been a great pleasure to serve the people of Readfield over the past year and I am optimistic for the future and my continuing service. I am grateful to the community for the welcome my family and I received, and continue to receive. The support and encouragement has been uplifting and we are committed to returning the kindness we have been shown both in my work as Manager and in the privilege of being active members of the community.

I have come to greatly appreciate the involvement of residents in supporting the process of governing through their volunteerism and engagement in civil discussion. Although they can be challenging at times these contributions are invaluable. As we approach a quieter time of year for most of us, I am hopeful that we can all consider participating in one of the boards, committees, and commissions that our town is so fortunate to have. There are many open seats for a wide variety of interests and skill sets as well as varying levels of commitment. There is value in having a diversity of people involved with any endeavor and not everyone needs to be an expert. In fact it is often better if not everyone is! The public is also welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting, just to listen or to offer feedback.

Taking positive action to improve your community by participating in an appointed group or by attending their meetings is one of the most rewarding ways to spend your time. If you have an interest please contact me, a member of the Select Board, or any of the many dozens of your friends and neighbors already volunteering or attending meetings.

Be well,

Eric



PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE MILL STREAM DAM PROJECT

Submitted by Bob Harris & Greg Durgin

On Tuesday Morning, September 6, a group of Readfield citizens met with Hannah Flanagan and her associate from The Department of Environmental Protection for a site visit at the dam. Those attending from town were Jerry Bley, Gary Keilty, Ann Keilty, Bob Harris and Greg Durgin. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the permitting process for proceeding with the Mill Stream Project. As you may recall, this is an all volunteer project with no town funds to be expended. Last May a fundraiser was held and brought in \$2,700 and the projected cost for the project is around \$7,000.

The DEP reps explained the laws and rules governing setbacks, brush and tree removal, restoration of part of the dam, and changes that could be made for safety purposes. The DEP reps provided information about what type of permit to apply for and informed us the time frame for reviewing and granting approval could be up to 90 days. If all goes well, work could begin by the spring / summer of 2017 depending on finances.

We all viewed the dam area and noted the deterioration caused by neglect and weather that has damaged the area. Our goal is to restore this once beautiful town resource for all residents to enjoy. We then explored sites adjoining the dam and walked to an overlook where we could see the stream (very low water because of the dry summer) meandering through what was once the Mill Pond but is now brush and tall grass.

The Mill Stream Dam area is a magnificent space in Readfield that is extremely rich with history. Our town is a fine example of the industrialized villages that were once found in New England but which are now regarded as sleepy rural towns that are great places to live and raise families.

With the information and time line provided by DEP, we know the proper way to proceed on this project and will be submitting the required permit and fee soon. The project would move faster if only a Permit by Rule was needed but that is not the case. Grant applications have been submitted to several organizations and we are optimistic about funding. When work does begin, there will be an exciting opportunity to volunteer on this project to restore one of our town's treasures.



Tour Readfield's Historical Treasures

(Readfield History Walk #37)

October 15th at 9:30 am at the Union Meeting House on Church Rd.

The Readfield Cemetery Committee, the Union Meeting House and the Readfield Historical Society invite all to a tour featuring the history and current renovations at the Union Meeting House.

National Register of Historic Places



A national treasure built in 1827 to accommodate a union of different faiths



After a brief walk to the Readfield Corner Cemetery, historian Dale Potter-Clark will share fascinating stories of those who founded the Union Meeting House, Maine governors and those who have served our country with valor.

Members of the Cemetery Committee will feature a stone cleaning demonstration which is an ongoing effort to preserve and restore historical stones.



Refreshments generously provided by Lakeside Orchard

Rain Date: October 22nd at 9:30 am

Update from the Age Friendly Committee



REMINDER TO THOSE 55+

The needs survey for those age 55+ is due October 14th. If you are over 55 please help us by completing a survey either by visiting the town of Readfield's website and completing it online, or by picking up a copy at the town office, library or the post office.

The town's website is: <http://www.readfield.govoffice.com/>

A reminder that all responses are confidential.

We have received many responses but we want to hear from each of you! If anyone needs assistance completing the form, members of the Age Friendly Committee will be available in the Town Office on Wednesday morning October 5th and 12th from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Once responses are analyzed, we will be holding meetings to discuss the results. Keep an eye open for the dates of these meetings.

The Town Manager, Eric Dyer and Select Board member Bruce Bourgoine as well as committee members Ann Mitchell and John Moran recently attended the first


Annual AARP Maine Network of Age-Friendly Communities Convention held at the Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell in early September. It provided an opportunity to discuss with other communities what they are doing to make their town more age friendly. Each community approaches this initiative differently. It is wonderful that Readfield is part of a growing network of towns exploring what can be done to improve access and services to the older population.



"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU"

To all the people who send us donations through the Town Office and the Library, we, the volunteers at the Mt. Vernon Food Bank, would like to thank you for all your generous donations throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate it. Your thoughtfulness and generosity helps feed those in our communities that are in need at this time.

Thank you from the First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon Food Bank.



First Baptist Church Food Bank

The food bank is located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon Village and is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to Noon. If you have a need, do not hesitate to come to the food bank. If you need supplies when the food bank is not open, please call Helen Wilkey 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh 293-2308. If there is no answer, please leave a message and a phone number and your call will be returned. Note: We have a family in need of a washer and a dryer. If you have either and you would like to donate, please call Helen Wilkey or Irene Wadleigh at the above listed numbers. number and your call will be returned.

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

Meeting Notice

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

September 21, 2016

The first 2016/2017 season business meeting of the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Readfield firehouse located at 1154 Main Street in Readfield. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and usually lasts about an hour. If you can spare the time, please join us to see what opportunities may be in store for you this season. Farmers Almanac forecasts lots of snow to start.

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club Memberships begin October 1st and are reasonably priced. Membership application on next page - better yet - bring you application and join us for the first meeting – we would love to see you.

Marge Livingston

Secretary



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club
P.O. Box 62
Readfield, Maine 04355

Club Member:



Donation:



Associate Member:



Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthdate: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Children:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Named beneficiary for MSA Insurance _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Dues: Annual membership dues (family or individual) in this local club and MSA are **\$27.00**.

Associate member status is available for those already members of the MSA for an annual fee of **\$12.00**. An additional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage of \$3,500 for each eligible dependent * is also available and free of charge with MSA membership.

*eligible dependents are the named member's spouse and the members unmarried dependent children who are at least 14 days old, but less than 19 years, natural, step, foster and/or adopted, and not in active military service.

Questions: Call Marge Livingston, Secretary of RBBSC (207) 685- 4203 or blizzardbusters@yahoo.com

Readfield Community Library



Check out our newest Titles

September order has arrived! New books include works by Carl Hiassen, Debbie Macomber, Ann Patchett, Colson Whitehead, Captain America: Civil War, Central Intelligence, and Me Before You. Check out the full list at Readfieldlibrary@wordpress.com. New movies include Readfieldlibrary@wordpress.com.

Silent Auction

The silent auction was a huge success, most items were sold and one popular item created a bidding war. However one particular item that needs a new home is an upright piano. This is an old piano in very good condition, playable as is, but would benefit from a tuning. Do you have a budding pianist in your home or have always wanted to learn to play? We are looking for you. Piano must be moved by a professional mover as it is on the 2nd floor of the library. Email the librarian at librarian@readfield.lib.me.us or call for more information.

Snow Shoes

The Library is looking for donations of modern, good condition snowshoes, and ski poles. We would like a collection of snowshoes and poles for patrons to check out as they would a book. If you have any lying around your garage or cellar, please consider donating them. We will put them to good use. Thank you.

Reorganizing

The next time you visit the Readfield Community Library, you might notice that some of our shelves look a little unusual. Some sections may even appear to be in the wrong part of the library! That is because we are currently midway through a project that involves shifting around some of our books. This project will hopefully create a more logical flow all around, and allow developing collections (like our teen section, and junior graphic novel section) a chance to grow. We're very excited about the new organization of our little library, but understand that it may be confusing to some of our longtime patrons. If you can't find your favorite book (or favorite section of the library), feel free to ask us where it is!

Caregiver's Shelf

The next time you're in, why not check out the Caregiver's Shelf? Most of these books were generously donated by AARP, and are wonderful resources on caregiving and aging. Thank you to the Readfield Age Friendly Committee for making these new additions to our collection possible! See a book you like? Just email the librarian and we can hold it for you or add you onto the waiting list. The email is librarian@readfield.lib.me.us.

Autumn Author Talk

10/05/16- **Autumn Author Talk- Dale Potter-Clark**— This fall, learn about history, near and far at the Readfield Community Library. On Wednesday, October 5th at 6PM, local historian Dale Potter-Clark will share the stories she unearthed while researching her latest book, *The Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts and Kids Camps on Four Lakes in Central Maine*. This is a great program if you'd like to learn more about local history.

Trick or Treat

10/31/16- **Trick Or Treat at the Readfield Community Library**— As has become an annual tradition, we WILL be open for Halloween. Come in costume. We'll have plenty of candy!

Hours

Monday: 6-8; Wednesday: 2-8; Thursday: 10-12; Saturday: 10-4



This year just as we have for the last 10 years, a group of Maranacook students and staff joined the Readfield Trails Committee for the student's community work project day. These projects with students continue to be a highlight of each fall season. The students, with a great deal of enthusiasm and youthful vigor, put down a strip of blue stone 5' by 250' long. The blue stone continues to be a favorite with trail users as it gives them a dry and unencumbered surface for all users. Most trail members have children that graduated from Maranacook and it is nice to get caught up on what is going on now at MCS.

We will also have a community day with students from Kent's Hill School on October 4. The work for the students will be the same application of blue stone in an area that floods over in heavy rains or spring runoff. The rain day for this project will be October 13. If you would like to join us, the tools will be: wheel barrows, garden rakes, work gloves and pointed shovels.

Many projects are finished up in the fall season and it is a reminder of the importance of filling our 3 vacancies we have on the Trail Committee. If you enjoy doing outside work and would like to join us let me know. All trail work is done at a very moderate pace with lots of breaks and refreshments. Also with plenty of water to keep everyone hydrated.

As we prep for winter trail use we want to let you know that the Readfield Library is collecting snow shoes to loan out to those who don't have their own and would like to try this fun winter activity.

We still have need for someone with a wood splitter who could direct volunteers to split up the wood that fell across the trail and was cut up but needs to be split so it can be distributed to families qualifying for heating assistance.

Gary Keilty

Trails Committee Chair

Readfield Emporium

Gourmet pizzas, entrees,
eat in & take out, wine & beer
Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.
685-7348



WeCare Maranacook middle school group of girls

WeCare is a group of middle school girls who have been volunteering in the community on a monthly basis for the past two years. WeCare started in the fall of 2014 with 5 fifth graders. They are now in seventh grade and are having a blast giving back to the community. We are looking for some new places to volunteer our time this year so if you know of how the girls could volunteering or help our community please call the number below.

The girls have volunteered at the Greyhound Clinic, the Balsam House, Granite Hills Estates, Special Olympics, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Augusta Food Bank, and several other places. I am happy to share a few of the photos of them. It would be so great to get the word out about what they do in hopes of finding some new opportunities.

Jenn Lindquist (500-0125)



Balsam House in Readfield



Beach clean-up



Greyhound Clinic



Make a wish

Union Meeting House

by Marius Peladeau, President



After months of false starts and complications the Union Meeting House now has a signed contract in hand with Maine Barn Company of Edgecomb to commence the rebuilding of the floor supports that hold up the building's floor. The delay occurred when State of Maine Revenue Service office took an unusually long time to approve the grant contract from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission which allocated \$25,000 to the UMH for this project.

Now, all system are "go" and in the next couple of weeks activity will be visible around the Meeting House as Maine barn moves in materials and equipment to start the work. The project is broken into two parts. Phase I being done this fall will remove all the rotted beams under the narthex so that the entire steeple can be lifted slightly and new beams inserted. By the end of the year it will mean that entire entrance: the two vestibules, steeple, choir and two staircases will rest on new framing.

The timbers to be used in the work will, in many instances, be special ordered, such as a great big beam of rare white oak. The project is also complicated, since special jacks will be used under the floor of the narthex to lift the entire steeple. This must be done with great skill since the famous murals on the plaster walls must be protected from cracking.

The replacement of rotted beams under the sanctuary floor will become Phase II in 2017. While the UMH is able to meet the costs of Phase I, a large amount must still be raised to pay for Phase II in 2017. The Board of the UMH asks everyone who cares about this local landmark to assist financially if possible. In a couple of months all members will be receiving the fall newsletter and membership renewal package. We thank in advance all those who can give a little extra this coming year.

The Board also thanks all those who attended the concert in September held at the high school to benefit the UMH. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the trio, North Sea Gas, from Scotland. The event was under the direction of John and Marianne Perry. Also thanks to all Board members who turned out to present "goodies" at intermission and to Greg and Nancy Durgin for running a successful raffle. The lady whose ticket was picked kindly turned her winning ticket back to the UMH to help in its restoration.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES

by Flo Drake

Well, summer is really gone and the crispness of fall is upon us. Time to turn our thoughts to splitting wood, canning the last of the garden's veggies, and airing out the sweaters.

So, too, is fall time upon your Historical Society and Museum. Our last regular open day was Sat., Sept. 3rd, so we are open now only by appointment (685-4662 or 377-2299). That will be in effect until the building gets too chilly for people to do research or write without their fingers going numb.



We will be putting the Museum to sleep in October, covering the carriage (which was, by the way, made in Readfield), undressing the mannequins and folding the dresses carefully into acid-free boxes for storage in the vault, moving the Fogg album collection to shelves in the vault, shutting off the water (thanks, Ron, for again supplying us with the wet stuff) and draining the pipes. The security system will be up and running, with someone doing a walk-through every month to test it.

This is most likely my last-ever RHS Messenger article, since in October I will be retiring and handing over the reins to the current Vice President, Bob Harris, who will then become Acting President until the membership at the Annual Meeting in February wisely vote him in as President. I plan to step back totally for at least a year, to allow Bob and the others to make their own way without me hanging over them -- because I would. And I can make people very nervous when I hover. So I will back off and back out.

I have had an absolute ball being President for the past 13 years. Being able to start the Museum, and see it be a success, was probably the most fun, but the whole gig has been great. Everyone should be so lucky to have such an interesting and rewarding expenditure of their time.


So, in the words of Porky Pig, "That's all, folks!"



RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2016-2017

Meetings are held at the Maranacook High School Student Center on Wednesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.



October 5	March 15
October 19	March 22 (tent.)
November 2	March 29 (tent.)
November 16	April 5
December 7	April 12 (vote on budget)
December 21	May 3
January 4	May 17 (Annual Meeting), 7:00 p.m.
January 18	June 7
February 1	June 21 or 14?
February 15	<i>June 13 (Referendum vote at individual towns)</i>
March 1	



Cemetery Committee

I would like to thank the ten Readfield residents who worked on Sept. 8, 2016 to clean 46 cemetery stones in the old section of Kents Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Anna Carll, our Sexton. Thank you for your time and effort as it made a great difference in the appearance of the stones.

This will be an ongoing project for all of our cemeteries and we welcome any one who is interested in helping.

A notice will be on the town calendar when the next cleaning session will take place.

Grace Keene, Chair

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

Lots of new classes starting in October!!



HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round


Class Name	Start Date
Driver's Ed	10/3/2016
Dream Visions Intro NEW!	10/04/2016
Alcohol Ink Painting on Yupo NEW!	10/05/2016
Beginner Fly Tying NEW!	10/06/2016
Reiki Level One	10/06/2016
Dream Course NEW!	10/11/2016
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	10/12/2016
CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus	10/13/2016
Early College Planning	10/13/2016
The REAL truth About Aliens	10/13/2016
Adult CPR/AED	10/19/2016
Fabric Wreath Making NEW!	10/19/2016
The NU Presentation NEW!	10/25/2016
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	10/26/2016
Maine Driving Dynamics	10/26/2016
Mindfulness in Everyday Life	10/26/2016
Safety in a Modern World NEW!	10/26/2016
Watercolor Art Night "The Barn"	10/27/2016
Ceramics: Beginning/Intermediate	10/27/2016
NU Reiki	10/27/2016
Origami Gift Box NEW!	10/27/2016
Yin Yoga and Yoga Nidra	10/27/2016
Advanced Dog Obedience	11/01/2016

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

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

**Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923
x1065 for more info**





History Walkers started at the end of Bill Bourret Drive when Ed Dodge, the current president of the Readfield Corner Water Association, explained the history of the Association and gave them a tour of the facility.



READFIELD CORNER WATER SUPPLIES THEN AND NOW

By Dale Potter-Clark

It was overcast and drizzling rain on the morning of September 23rd when twelve hearty souls gathered at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot for Readfield History Walk #36. On this day they would learn about Readfield Corner's public water supplies both past and present.

First they were guided by Flo Drake on groomed trails in the woods behind her home on Church Road where they saw what old deeds describe as "the spring in J.O. Craig's pasture". In the early days of Readfield James Craig owned 200 acres of land in this part of town, on the west side of Church Road all the way to Handy Stream, including much of Factory Square where he ran saw and grist mills. After his death in 1797 the land was gradually subdivided by his son Thomas and grandson John O. Craig.

Former Readfield resident Bill Adams, who has thoroughly researched properties at Readfield Corner, shared a map he had sketched and an explanation. According to Adams, in 1870 J.O. Craig sold four acres to Asa Gile. The lot was located behind Gile's (circa 1865) mansion house on Main St. (Doorenbos 2016) and it included "the spring in J.O. Craig's pasture". Eighteen years later William and Elsie Harvey bought the Gile mansion plus those four acres with the spring. Subsequent deeds indicate that Harvey set up a public water supply, fed by underground pipes from the spring, that gravity fed several houses at Readfield Corner. All of those houses are still standing and occupied today: 1163 Main St. (Doorenbos); 4 Garden Place (Aube); 21 Old Kents Hill Rd. (Dyer); 16 Old Kents Hill Rd. (Knox); 25 Old Kents Hill Rd. (Barnes); 26 Old Kents Hill Rd. (Harris); 33 Old Kents Hill Rd. (Stephan). Harvey extended a 50 year lease to the homeowners at the time which was conveyed to subsequent homeowners. The last known conveyance took place in 1955 when Jack Smart bought 33 Old Kents Hill Rd.

Brenda (Boutilier) Deojay of Fayette was among the History Walkers. She told of her family moving to Readfield in 1942 to live at 21 Old Kents Hill Road. In 1953 they sold that house and bought the dwelling next door at 25 Old Kents Hill Road. She recalled the spring was still supplying those houses with water at that time. When her parents, John and Harriet Boutilier, installed an upstairs bathroom the gravity fed water supply was no longer able to meet their needs and they had an artesian well drilled.

READFIELD CORNER WATER SUPPLIES CONT.

From Drake's property the History Walkers proceeded back up Church Road to Bill Bourret Drive to meet up with Ed Dodge, president of the Readfield Corner Water Association. He gave an informative talk about the history and current status of the Association. A walking tour of the facility was included which, according to some participants, is one of Readfield's best kept secrets. Dodge related that one Readfield Corner resident lived in his home for several years before he realized his house was tied into a public water supply.

The Association came into existence after a leaking underground gasoline tank at Readfield Corner contaminated wells of businesses, residences and the Masonic Hall. It started in 1982 when Ed Dodge discovered a layer of gasoline several inches thick floating atop water in the basement of the Masonic Hall. The Readfield and Winthrop Fire Departments were called in post-haste to stabilize the volatile situation. Two wells were known to be ruined at the time at the Masonic Hall and Readfield Family Market, so charcoal filters were installed there. Over the next four years more and more contaminated wells were reported until there were twenty. A petition to the State of Maine was signed by those residents whose wells were rendered unusable. Through research Readfield Corner resident Bill Bourret and others learned they could draw upon legislation designed to combat ocean spills as a vehicle to present their case, which the affected residents did to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The petitioners secured an attorney and several of them testified before a panel of five judges representing various corporations and State of Maine departments. A settlement was finally reached in 1988 which provided funding for the acquisition of land, the drilling of wells, site preparation, pressurized holding tanks and pumps, water lines, meters and the building to house the equipment. It was all paid for by the State of Maine from the "Coastal Oil Surveyance Super Fund". The Readfield Corner Water Association was formed to oversee the project and Bill Bourret was voted its first president.

Dodge shared that contaminated soil had to be removed as part of the entire process, from the parking lot behind the Masonic Hall and Readfield Family Market (owned by Nanou & Diane Laliberte at that time). Hundreds of yards of dirt was excavated and hauled away, he recalled, and one occasion a fire erupted when the metal edge of a bucket hit ledge and created a spark. "They were digging at about ten feet down so fortunately they were deep enough underground so no damage was done" said Dodge. After hearing the entire story all agreed that it was surprising an explosion, fire or permanent physical damage to one or more residents was not a result of that leak.

Through the extraordinary efforts of a few dedicated residents a safe water supply for Readfield Corner was secured. There is more. The ruling in their favor set a legal precedent whereby other small towns with the same dilemma also won settlements; new standards were set for fail-safe construction of underground tanks; and a Maine State law was passed that required all underground fuel tanks meet those standards.

The next Readfield History Walk is set for Saturday, October 15, 2016 (rain date October 22nd) FMI visit <http://readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com>

The first phase of the September 23rd History Walk started at the Church Road home of Flo Drake. She led them on pathways in the woods behind her house to a spring that once supplied water to several homes at Readfield Corner



READFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Route 17
Readfield, Me 04355

Invites you to Worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided.

Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-5th grade

Everyone is Welcome to join us.

Come as you are.

The church is handicap accessible

Visit our webpage www.readfieldumc.org for 2016 fall spiritual growth opportunities.



All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join the new Hilltop Christian Youth Group at the Readfield United Methodist Church , 1564 Main St, Readfield, Me. We will meet 2-3 times a month at RUMC on the 3rd floor. Our focus is to help youth understand the love that Jesus has for us all and to try to follow his call to love our neighbor. We will listen to music, participate in fun games and activities, learn how to strengthen our relationship with God, and just hang out. We are planning fun field trips and community service outings as well. Please join us in this loving and welcoming new youth group!

First Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale

WANTED: Craft vendors to rent tables for \$15.00 per table.
Please contact Pearl Peterson at 520-1657.

Come and enjoy yourselves just before the Christmas rush.

Saturday, October 22nd

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

AT: Manchester Lion's Club

Sponsor: Guys & Gals senior group of Readfield, ME



Funds raised will all go to the Readfield scholarship programs.

Bake Sale items supplied by members and friends.

There will be a small lunch menu: (examples)



Soup: French onion, pea soup and corn chowder

Sandwiches: egg salad, hot dogs and ham salad

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Sept. 25	26	27  9:30 Cemetery 6:30 Trails 	28 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	29	30	Oct. 1
2	3 6:00 Select Brd 	4 6:00 Select Brd 9:30 Cemetery 	5 6:30 RSU 6:45 Library 		7	8
9	10 	11 6:30 Conserva- tion Com 	12 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	13	14	15 #37 History Walk 9:30 meet at the Union Meeting House. 
16	17 6:00 Select Brd 	18	19 6:30 RSU Mtg. 	20	21 Readfield Blizzard Busters meeting at Fire Station at 7pm. 	22 Craft Fair- 9:00- 4:00 Manchester Lions Club. 
23	24	25 6:30 Trails 	26 6:30 Plan. Brd. Rabies Clinic 4:30-5:30 by appointment only! 	27	28	29
		Nov. 1	2 6:30 RSU 5:00 SWRC- Wayne 6:45 Library  	4	5	

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We are looking for volunteer Members for the following Boards and Committees:

(Critical Opening)-Appeals Board: 1 member for (2017), 3 members for (2018)

Age Friendly Adhoc Committee: 1 members (1 year)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 resident for an alt. Representative member

Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. member (2019), 1 member (2017)

Heritage Days Committee members: Looking for any volunteers

Library Building Committee: 1 resident building contractor needed

Planning Board: 1 alt. member needed (2017), 1 alt. member for (2018), 1 alt. member for (2019)

Recreation Committee: 1 member for (2019)

Road Committee: 1 member for (2018)

Trails Committee: 3 members for (2019) & 1 Alt. member for (2017)

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at 685-4939 or readfield@roadrunner.com for an application for appointment.