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School Spirit Challenge

Maranacook School will be having fireworks on Friday, February 26th at 5:45AM (yes that's in the pre dawn hours) for our finally kick off for the School Spirit Challenge. WGME will be there filming our school. Please come join us in the pre dawn hours of the morning and support your school, we would greatly appreciate it.

SWRC (Solid Waste & Recycling Committee) News

Submitted by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

The SWRC has been meeting quarterly on a regular basis. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month in February, May, August, and November. We alternate meeting sites between the Wayne and Readfield Town Offices. We consist of two residents each from Readfield and Wayne, along with one Select Board member from each town, the Assistant Transfer Station Manager and the Transfer Station Manager. At our November meeting we were able to meet with our new manager, Eric Dyer. Eric brings a wealth of knowledge about waste and it's management to our committee.

We have been working on getting a cover for the demolition bin to keep rain and snow out, and it has finally been approved, ordered, arrived and is partially installed. We have also worked on getting new signs for the area to help folks know where to place materials and which ones require a fee to be paid. Several of the signs have been placed and we now await the ground to thaw to place the remaining ones. They are all reflective so they can be seen at night. Materials with red signs have a fee required and those with green signs do not have a fee.

An updated fee schedule should be available by this Spring; be sure to ask for one so you can come prepared for any fees. You may also have noticed that much of the inner road at the station was repaved this year. Look for new stripping this Spring too.

We continue to evaluate the costs and expenses of the entire station and have been able to hold the total cost steady for four years. We are working on ways to increase awareness of recycling and encourage everyone to recycle everything they can.

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Recycle More.
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Readfield Trails Committee



Cabin Fever Reliever: Your Readfield Trails are a blast in the winter, too!

Yes, your town trails are available for *year round* enjoyment. It really does not matter what the weatherman may be saying. Snowing out? This can be the best time for snowshoeing, cross country skiing or just plain walking... Especially if beauty and peace are what you're after. Firm snow? Sometimes all you need are light boots for your workout. Icy? Bring along your Yak Tracks or Stabilicers for go-anywhere confidence. Muddy? That's a great time to try the Fairgrounds and Community Pathway trails. They are surfaced with all-weather blue stone for go-anytime durability. Windy and bitter cold? There are plenty of sheltered woods trails where all you have to do is keep moving to stay warm. Runner or dog walker? See all of the above. Need a place to park? The Fairgrounds has plowed parking just off Church Road. Plan your route with the aid of the maps located in the kiosks at the Fairgrounds trailhead and just up the trail from the Route 17 "Trail" sign. And don't overlook the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve (off Route 41) and the Fogg Farm Conservation Area (off Fogg Road) for spectacular stream and lake views... Bring your camera! The "Readfield Village Trail Map" and the "Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Areas Map", although in high demand, are usually available at the Town Office. Also, check out Readfield Trails on Facebook and www.mainerailfinder.com. Enjoy your trails this winter!

Moment of reflection: 2016 marks the first "New Year" in memory that Milton Wright has not been at the helm of the Readfield Trails Committee. After many years of service he retired June 30th. On behalf of all trail users, as it has been stated many times... Thanks for your efforts, dedication and vision, Milt! Long time member Gary Keilty, master trail builder / tractor operator, has assumed leadership as Chairman.

Hank Laidlaw
Readfield Trails Committee



2016 CABIN FEVER OPEN MIC

READFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Open Mic Nights every Wednesday until March 30th.
6-9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Singers and musicians, soloists or small combos, are invited to showcase their talents. Both originals and covers are acceptable, and all musical genres are encouraged, but please keep lyrics appropriate. Refreshments will be offered, with proceeds going to local charities.

For more information contact hosts John Twitchell at 685-4170; drjohnnyt@yahoo.com, or Rick Smith at 860-2794; macsuist117@yahoo.com.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 9th

5:00-6:30 PM

Readfield United Methodist Church

Torsey Fellowship Hall

All proceeds benefit the eleventh annual United Methodist Volunteer in Mission team to south-east Louisiana. Adults \$6.00 children \$3.00 families \$20.00

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield, Me.

Ash Wednesday Service February 10th

Imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m.



Maranacook Area Schools Accepts the



Please join us to make our drive successful in winning this season's School Spirit Challenge! Our goal for our community is to raise 150,000 lbs of food by Feb 26th.

\$1 = 5 pounds of food

We are competing against the following schools:

Carrabec, Hall-dale, Wiscasset, Noble, Rangeley, Gray New Gloucester & Lisbon (Dual Rally)

Come Join Us on Sat. Feb 20th as Maranacook High School Celebrates

40 years of Black Bear Pride with the School Spirit Challenge!

It will be a fun filled day of school spirit with races, flag football, soccer, snowshoe walks, volleyball, ice fishing derby and much more. Keep watch on our website and like us on Facebook for registration information

Help our communities reach our goal and crush this Challenge!

Donate today at your local School or online at:

<https://www.gsfb.org/donate/vfd/523>

For more information please contact: Kelly Thompson at 685-4923 ext. 1038

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education in Readfield has a new course lineup for Winter/Spring 2016. For details on these and other courses, and to register, please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

For more information, email us at adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x 1065. We look forward to hearing from you!

February 2016

HiSET Test Preparation	Ongoing
Workplace Computer Skills	February 2
Welding Basics	February 3
CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus	February 25
Ceramics: Beginning/Intermediate	February 25
Chair Caning	February 25
Channel Your Inner Artist	February 25

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CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus

This class prepares you to meet Maine DMV requirements and gives you the hands-on skills that employers demand. The course consists of 42 hours of classroom instruction to prepare you for the CDL license process, including written and skills exam. The 30 hours of one-on-one range instruction will prepare you for the road test. In addition to the cost of the course, a \$35 permit fee, payable to the Secretary of State, is due by the 2nd class. Additional endorsements of Bus, Tank and Hazmat are \$10 each.

For the bus driving endorsement, you must be over 21, have a clean driving record, and get a physical exam at your own expense.

Instructor: Nancy Frost

Orientation: Thursday, February 11, 2016, 6-7 pm

Classes meet during the following dates & times:


Thursdays: 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 (5:45-9 pm)

Saturdays: 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 (8 am-2:30 pm)

Driving time arranged individually with Instructor

Location: PDC, 75 North Road, Readfield

Registration: \$1500

Tel: 685-4064

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What's up from the Town Office

- ♦ The on line dog licensing is not available after Jan. 31st because the \$25 late fee on each dog license start Feb. 1st.
- ♦ Foreclosures on the 2013 Taxes will happen on Feb. 12th if not paid by Feb. 11th.
- ♦ Second half of the 2015 Taxes are due Feb. 26th.
- ♦ Please check the newsletter and the Web Site frequently for current Board, Committee and Commission vacancies.
- ♦ Gile Hall Rentals now require a \$25 refundable security deposit as of 01/25/2016.



Select Board's Corner by Val Pomerleau, Chair

We are into the budget process full swing - dates and times of meetings are on the Web-site www.readfield.govoffice.com - residents are encouraged to attend and give constructive input.

A BIG THANKS to Robin for the new look of the website and working on making it more user friendly!

The RSU school budget process is also going on simultaneously. There is a link on our website www.maranacook.org for dates and times of their meetings. This accounts for approximately 71% of our taxes. Residents are also encouraged to attend these meetings and give constructive input.

And please keep thinking outside the box with regards to the budget - before asking for tax dollars to be spent have you done your due diligence? Is this in the best interest of the taxpayers? Could this money be raised through other means such as a good old fashion pot luck supper, a family game night, etc , etc that will not only help fund those extras you are looking for but gets people together that might not cross paths in their daily routines that find they have a lot in common . We know this is not impossible - just look at the trails system we have that has been built mostly by volunteers and in kind work as well as the awesome Fairgrounds Ball Field that has been completely built by volunteers and donations so far.

People are often heard saying that 'it is such a "small amount" in the budget compared to other things why are they discussing it?' Seems to me that every tax dollar should be discussed and if it is such a "small amount" than look at funding these 'small' items without using tax dollars.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well it takes a well rounded community with creative ideas , working together to make that village a place you want to raise a child!

Readfield Historical Society Notes by Flo Drake

OK, so winter finally arrived, and we can get on with our usual schedules: making sure we have shovels and salt within reach rather than way out in the garden shed, putting a few gallons of water in the basement in case the power goes off, bringing in wood before having to chip it out of a frozen stack, and listening too much to the newscasters who hype each storm and stir up the people so they clean out the milk and bread aisles even for a 2" snowfall. Such is winter in Maine.



BUT, winter also means the Annual Meeting of the Readfield Historical Society, this year on Saturday, Feb. 6th. As always, it will be held upstairs in the Town Office with the Business Meeting beginning at 1:00PM. Members have quite a lot of business to take care of this year, so please be on time. Reward for suffering through the meeting will be yummy homemade goodies. Cookie bakers have been mobilized, so get your tummies ready.

At 2:00PM, the general public is invited to join members to hear our speakers, this year Steven Garrett, a docent at the Joshua Chamberlain Museum in Brunswick. Mr. Garrett has had a keen interest in Civil War history all his life, is also a volunteer for the Pejepscot Historical Society, a member of the Joshua Chamberlain Civil War Roundtable, and a participant in a Civil War book club. His presentation will be on Dr. Abner O. Shaw, who was born on Kents Hill and who requested to be assigned to the 20th Maine Regiment during the Civil War. He managed to save General Joshua Chamberlain's life at Petersburg, Virginia and became Chamberlain's personal physician for the rest of JC's life, signing his death certificate at the end. Dr. Shaw continued to practice medicine in Portland until old age.

Do come and hear about one of Kents Hill's remarkable people. Mr. Garrett is enthusiastic about his subject and proves to be an interesting speaker.

And the cookies will be good.

FMI, call 685-4662 or email readfieldhistorical@gmail.com.

Stay warm. Stay safe.



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Kennebec Land Trust

Upcoming Winter Programs



Winter Family Fun Day, Curtis Homestead Conservation Area

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Winter Family Fun Day, Curtis Homestead Conservation Area

Seventh Annual Family Winter Fun Day at Curtis Homestead Conservation Area, Leeds

Sunday, January 24, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring your cross-country skis or snowshoes and spend the afternoon exploring this wonderful 360-acre conservation property! Jean-Luc Theriault, KLT Stewardship Director, will lead a group cross-country ski on groomed trails beginning at 1:15. Skiers are also welcome to set out at their own pace.

If the snow is right, we'd love to build a community of snowmen! Bring whatever biodegradable accessories you'd like to use.

Snacks will be served around a bonfire in the field. We've checked out a few pair of children and adult **Winthrop Plays Outside** snowshoes from the **Bailey Public Library** in Winthrop for use. First come, first served. [Directions and more information...](#)

Snowshoe and Sledding Party at Vaughan Woods & Historic Homestead

Saturday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. interpretive winter walk/snowshoe; 1:00 p.m. sledding party

It's the [Great Maine Outdoor Weekend](#) when events all over the state celebrate our amazing outdoor resources! Join the Kennebec Land Trust in Vaughan Woods for a winter walk with Maine Master Naturalists and later the same day, join the Vaughan Homestead for a sledding party in the Homestead fields. [More information and directions...](#)

Kennebec Land Trust
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Budget Committee News by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

The Budget Committee began our work on the 2016-17 budget in November of 2015. We met with our new Town Manager, Eric Dyer, to become familiar with the process that has been used in the past and what he and we had for suggestions to improve the process. A good discussion ensued and Eric brought forth a plan to the Select Board that was approved at their December meeting. The plan is available on the town website with all meeting dates and times noted.

We met with the Select Board in December to review the CIP, our Capital Investment/Improvement Plan, which is essentially a very planned and thorough long-range budget for projects that exceed \$10,000. We found that about half of the items listed were either completed, moved to an indefinite time in the future, or were rejected. Eric will revise the plan creating additional sheets showing these categories. The rest of the items were discussed and agreed upon in general. This plan will be revisited this budget season.

Our work with the proposed budget began in January and comprises three meetings with the Town Manager, Finance Officer, and the chairs of all committees, commissions and boards. We hear the requests, ask questions about what is necessary, what the scope of any projects are, and the comparison to previous years. After we have gathered all of this information we will meet again in February to discuss what appears to be viable for the town to afford. This will be our first budget draft. There will not be income figures available at that time so nothing will be certain at that point.

The Select Board will be reviewing the budget progress we make each meeting and developing their budget recommendations. The town will hold a public information meeting in March where citizens can continue to provide input with the entire draft budget ready to discuss. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee will each meet to consider the input from the public, along with projected income figures and then create their final budgets.

Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 480-1525, Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Drop donations at your Town Office!

From the Town Manager's Desk by Eric Dyer, Town Manager

February is one of the coldest and darkest months of the year, but in the municipal world it can often be one of the busiest and most exciting. We begin preparing for spring events and projects and are fully immersed in one of the most important aspects of our government - the budget process. I encourage all of our residents to attend at least one budget meeting this winter to learn about how revenue and spending recommendations are considered, and at the very least to get out of the house for a few hours! We have budget committee meetings at 5:30pm on February 2nd and 16th at Gile Hall, and we also discuss the budget at the regular Selectboard meetings. The Process continues all the way through Town Meeting on June 14th so there are plenty more opportunities to learn, and if you choose, to get involved. We also provide regularly updated budget information on the Town website, including the full meeting schedule. www.readfield.govoffice.com

Effective February 29th, 2016 there will be changes to a different schedule - the window hours at the Town Office. The schedule will remain the same Monday through Wednesday, but we will no longer have window hours on Thursday and we will be opening and closing an hour earlier on Friday. These changes will help us meet the requirements of our negotiated union contract, provide more time for staff to train and perform uninterrupted work, and give a few more of the early birds a chance to swing into the office before they start their day. Rest assured none of the staff will be working any less! Residents will also still be able to schedule office visits with the CEO and Town Manager on Thursdays, pending their availability. This is a trial change, so after giving it a try for a few months, please provide us with any feedback. The schedule is summarized below:

Town Office Window Hours

Effective February 29th 2016

Monday & Tuesday	8:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday	7:30am - 3:30pm

Please remember that these changes only affect the window hours at the office and that the transfer station hours will remain the same.

Thank you, and be well!

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	<i>1</i> <i>Late Fee on Dogs starts today \$25.00</i>	<i>2</i> <i>5:30 Budget Com.</i>	<i>3</i> 6:30 RSU <i>5:30 Appoint. Proc. Com. 6:45 Lib. Mtg.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>6:30 SB Mtg.</i>	<i>9</i> <i>6:30 Conser- vation Comm.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>5:30 Budget Com.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>6:30 SB Mtg.</i>	<i>23</i> <i>6:30 Trails Com.</i>	<i>24</i> <i>6:30 RSU Mtg.</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>2nd half of Taxes /due</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>					

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THE SELECT BOARD MEET EVERY OTHER MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM.

Looking for Board Members for the following Boards and Committees:

Age Friendly Community Adhoc. Committee: 5 member (1year)

This Adhoc Committee will be exploring age friendly opportunities for our community consisting of up to five individuals for one year. The committee is charged with creating an inventory of possible desirable resources and services, identifying best methods to communicate the preceding to older citizens in our community, recommending future courses of action they deem desirable, and pursuing in conjunction with the Town Manager any grant offerings that may be available for assessment and/or implementation of age friendly resources upon approval of the Select Board

Appeals Board: 1 member for (2017) and 3 members for (2018)

Age Friendly Adhoc Committee: 4 member (no exp.)

Appointment Procedure Policy, Adhoc. Committee: 1 member (no exp.)

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

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 (2019)

Recreation Committee: 1 member for (2017)

Road Committee: 1 member for (2016)

Trails Committee: 1 Alt. member for (2017)

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

Tax deductible donations are always welcome to help finance or support any Town Board, Committee or Commissions. If you would like to support one of these Boards, Committees or Commissions just come in or send your check to the Town of Readfield at 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, Maine 04355 and put in the memo section of your check where you would like your donation to be applied to. Thank you in advance.