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5th Annual Non-resident Meeting



Eric Dyer, Town Manager,
managing the
refreshments

Bruce Bourgoine,
Select Board Chair,
addresses the crowd



The Crowd,
Non-residents,
and various board and
committee members



BACK TO SCHOOL



Save the Date!

Readfield History Walk #37

“Readfield History Walk #37, in partnership with Readfield Cemetery Committee and Readfield History Walkers” A visit to the Readfield Union Meeting House and with some “Esteemed Residents” at Readfield Corner Cemetery.

**October 15th at 9:30 am at the Union Meeting House
(Rain Date October 22nd at 9:30 am)**

We will be having light refreshments and a brief tour of the Union Meeting House on the Church Road and a Cemetery tour will follow.

Conservation Commission by Gary Keilty, Chair

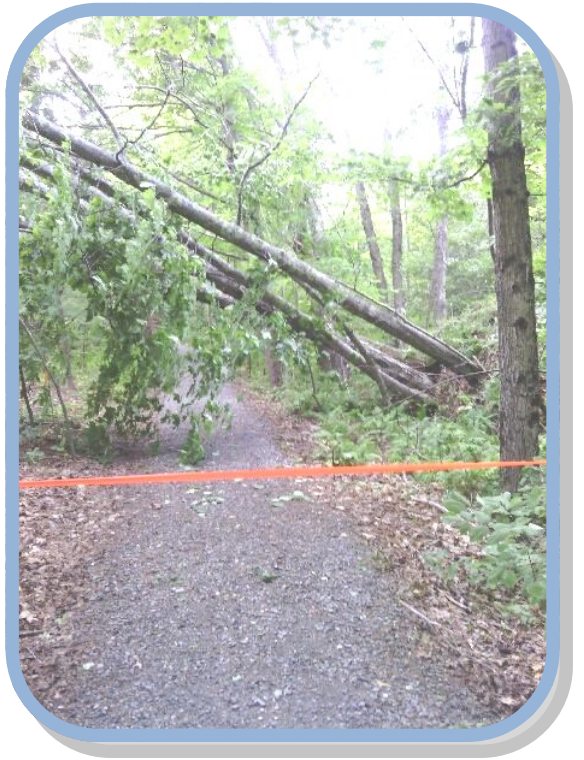
Hello, I hope everyone didn't have any severe damage in the micro burst we had a few weeks ago. Torsey Pond residents appear to have been hit the hardest. There were also quite a bit of blow downs behind MCS on the cross country ski trails that have been cleaned up. Our Fairgrounds Park trail paralleling the cemetery had a very large cluster of hard woods that toppled over uprooting its base exposing a very large hole and root system about 10 feet in diameter. When you see the cut off tree stumps you will not be able to imagine that the whole tree and its root system had been torn from the ground as it all fell back in place.

Readfield Trails volunteers Todd and Bob went up on Saturday morning and cleared a section lying across the trail giving access for users over the weekend. On Monday, Bob and Larry cut up the remaining trees in wood stove size. Joining me pulling away brush and stacking the firewood as well as making sure everyone was well hydrated on this very hot day were: Dana, Amy, Jeanne, Ann, and Lydia.

If you are a Readfield resident and qualify for heat assistance please contact the town manager about receiving some of this firewood. We are still looking for someone who has a wood splitter and would like to supervise a group of volunteers to split up this wood. Please contact me if you are available.

A second reminder that this October, as we have done for 10 years, we will have a much anticipated work day with Kent's Hill and Maranacook students. This is a very special time to not just accomplish a lot of trail work, but to enjoy the youthful enthusiasm that the kids bring each year. You do not have to be a trail member to join us, all residents are welcome. If you would like to participate please let me know and we will get you the date.

Readfield Trails still has openings for new members. Come join us with your own unique talents.



Readfield Town Farm Forest



***All Trails at the Readfield Town Farm Forest
are now REOPENED.***

Some had been closed due to nesting birds.

***Thank you,
Conservation Commission***

HIRING NOTICE

PART-TIME SEASONAL MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Readfield has an immediate opening for a part-time seasonal maintenance position. Flexibility and a broad skill set, combined with a willingness and ability to learn new job functions quickly are necessities for this position. The position is responsible for assisting with general grounds maintenance of all town cemeteries and town properties between the approximate dates of April 1 through November 1 of each year. The position will also assist with building, equipment, and road maintenance as necessary; as well as performing other duties as directed. Work may be available at different times of year to cover paid time off for other staff.

The successful applicant will have the ability to work independently with minimal supervision, perform manual labor, communicate clearly and courteously with fellow employees and the general public, work a flexible schedule, and operate and maintain tools and powered equipment used in various building and grounds maintenance tasks. The successful applicant will be required to possess a current Maine Driver's License, with a clean driving record.

Applications may be obtained at the Town Office and on the Town website: <http://readfield.govoffice.com>. Applications must be submitted to the attention of the Town Manager, Eric Dyer, in person or at the contact referenced above. Interested Applicants are encouraged to apply prior to 3pm on Friday, September 2, 2016, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

The Town of Readfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Fire Associations Bean Hole Supper August 13, 2016



Select Board *by Bruce Bourgoine, Chair*

Dear Neighbors;

On August 19 the Select Board had their annual retreat. We focused on how we work as a board and we set goals to work on together. In the near future we will be discussing, sharing, and formally adopting the objectives that came out of the retreat. I believe our work to build on past goals and set additional well thought out long term initiatives will serve all of us very well.

Recently there have been some references made to people having certain set positions on town matters because they belong to this or that group of people. This type of assumption creates a barrier to success because it can overpower our shared sense of community. It will not aid us in exploring and resolving concerns in a productive way or help us work well together on goals.

I choose to accept that people who are involved in town matters generally have the best of intentions for Readfield. I also realize we will disagree occasionally. However, everyone starting at the same point of accepting that others have good intentions will help us grow as a community, achieve some worthy goals, and give us a sense of shared accomplishment for being involved.

Kind Regards;

Bruce Bourgoine

DOG LICENSING



The on line dog licensing will open back up on October 15th. October 15th is the State Official date when we can start licensing dogs for the 2017 year. All dogs 6 months or older must licensed by their owner or keeper by December 31st. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged per dog if not licensed by February 1st.

The Town will hold a Rabies Clinic after October 15th for those who may need to get a rabies shot updated for their animals. Be watching for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Dale Potter-Clark
and
Charles L. Day

*are pleased to announce
the release of their book*

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SUMMER RESORTS AND
KIDS' CAMPS*

*on Four Lakes in Central Maine
(Torsey, Echo, Lovejoy, Maranacook)*

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2016 Maranacook Youth Soccer Registration
Grades K-6 Boys and Girls
Commissioner: Hannah Flannery 446-7865
hhinckley@roadrunner.com

Player Name	Town	Grade	Male/Female	Shirt Size
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Cost \$25 - per child \$25 - 2nd child \$20 each additional child Maximum Family Fee \$70
Cash or Checks - Payable to Town of Readfield
\$10 late fee if registering after September 2, 2016

If cost is inhibiting your child's ability to participate contact Carrie Knight 332-6522

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email address:** _____

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. Please indicate if you would be willing to help.

___ Coach ___ Assistant Coach ___ Shirt size

Please list any medical conditions or concerns (asthma, allergies, etc...) to be brought to the coaches' attention.

Release of Liability

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

HISTORY WALKS THIS FALL

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THREE HISTORY WALKS THIS FALL

Dates have been set and plans are in the making for three Readfield History Walks this fall. Please note that October will take place on a SATURDAY and not the customary Friday. We hope those working folks and students who are usually not able to attend will be able to join us!



Readfield History Walks began in October 2012 as collaboration between members of the Readfield Historical Society and Readfield Trails Committee. For some History Walks other town organizations, churches, schools or committees partner with "Readfield History Walks" to introduce and educate walkers and other interested persons about various aspects of Readfield's history and resources. For more information about Readfield History Walks visit www.readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com or email crossings4u@gmail.com

Friday, September 23rd 10am-12noon

Readfield History Walk #36

with

Readfield Historical Society, Readfield Trails Committee and Readfield Corner Water Association

Learn about the history and visit Readfield Corner's original drinking water source - "the spring in John O. Craig's pasture"; from there walkers will venture to the Readfield Corner Water Association on Bill Bourret Drive and hear of its origin from Ed Dodge, president of the association and Bill Bourret, one of the founders. The Water Association is perhaps one of Readfield's "best kept secrets". From there walkers will cross Church Road onto the site of the old Kennebec County Agricultural Fair to see recent improvements and additions made there by the Readfield Trails and Conservation Committees; and to hear about the days when the largest fair in Maine was held right here in Readfield! *Participants should park in the parking lot at the Readfield Fairgrounds on Church Road by 10am. Bring a sandwich if you wish to share lunch at the home of Bill and Flo Drake immediately after the walk.*

Saturday, October 15 (rain date Oct.22nd) 10am-12noon

Readfield History Walk #37

with

Readfield Cemetery Committee, Readfield Historical Society, Readfield Trails Committee and Union Meeting House

A visit to the Readfield Union Meeting House and with some "Esteemed Residents" at Readfield Corner Cemetery. More details will be coming soon!

Friday, November 11th

Readfield History Walk #38

A special Veterans' Day event is in the making. Stay tuned!



Caption:

Baseball game at the Kennebec Agricultural Fairgrounds in July, 1926. The Fair Exhibition Hall can be seen straight ahead in the distance and on the left is part of the MacDougald farm. On the right a corner of the grandstands can be seen. *Photo courtesy of Charles L. Day, Jr.*



Age Friendly Committee Update

By Romaine Turyn

The Age Friendly Committee has been working with consultant Frank O'Hara from Planning Decisions to develop a survey geared to Readfield residents age 55 and older. It is designed to get feedback about issues involved in aging. The town wants to make Readfield a great place to age in place.

The survey is hot off the press! If you are 55 or older, please fill it out. We want to hear from caregivers too. If someone cannot fill out the survey, it is fine to help them, as long as the responses reflect the person being assisted. All responses will be confidential.

The survey is attached to the Readfield Messenger. It can also be found on the front page of the Town of Readfield website,

<http://www.readfield.govoffice.com/>.

Print copies of it will be available at the town office, Senior Café, the meeting of the Guys and Gals, the library and at other locations around town.

Please find a copy and complete it. When I responded, it took me about 10 minutes. That is not long considering the important information collected. It may take you a little longer because you are not as familiar with the questions. We benefited from reviewing several drafts as a committee. But it is well worth the time.

Surveys should be dropped off at the town office during regular business hours. All survey formats will be collected until October 14, 2016. An analysis of the responses will be done and a public meeting will be held in the fall to discuss the results. Stay tuned!



Readfield Aging Community Survey

Introduction

The Town of Readfield wants to make our community a better place for older residents to live. We need your help. This survey is designed to get feedback from Readfield residents age 55 and older about the issues involved in aging in Readfield. Your responses will help the Town know what actions to take in the future to make the quality of life better for older residents.

Please complete the survey only for yourself. If you are a caregiver, assist that person in answering directly. All responses are anonymous.

If you can, fill out the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadfieldElderly>. Online responses are easier for us to summarize. Otherwise, please fill out a paper copy, and drop off the survey in the box at the front desk of the Readfield Town Office during regular business hours. You may also mail it to the Town Manager, Readfield Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355 by October 14, 2016. If you would like to be entered into the raffle for one of four \$25 gift cards, please give us your name and phone number at the end of this survey.

The results of this survey will be available at the town office in November, 2016. There will be a public meeting to discuss the results and to get ideas about how Readfield can respond. Thank you again for your help.

1. Aging in place is the ability to live in one’s own home and community safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability level.

Generally, how would you rate Readfield as a place for older residents to age in place?

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know/No opinion

Comment

2. What best describes your car driving situation

- ☐ I don't ever drive
- ☐ I drive only when there is no other person available to drive me
- ☐ I drive only in the right conditions -- not raining or snowing, not at night
- ☐ I have no trouble driving anytime
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. If you rely on others to drive you, how often do you find yourself unable to go anywhere you'd like to go?

- ☐ Every week ☐ Never
- ☐ Once a month or so ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Seldom

4. How important is it to you that the Town of Readfield do the following:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	No opinion
Provide driver ed refresher courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recruit and coordinate a system of volunteer drivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide road experience for seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

5. What type of housing do you live in now, and where would you prefer to live in the future?

	Where I live now	Where I'd like to live in the future
Single family home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile/manufactured home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condominium	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable senior housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-law apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comment

6. Here are some statements about your housing situation - indicate whether you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Not applicable/no opinion
My housing is in poor condition and needs to be fixed up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My housing is not energy-efficient -- heating is too expensive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My house is difficult for me to get around -- due to stairs, inaccessible bathroom, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My housing is hard for me to maintain -- there's too much to do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My housing is located in too remote a place - I'd rather be in-town.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The property taxes on my house are difficult for me to afford.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My housing is fine -- no big problems here.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comment

7. Please rate how important it is for Readfield to have:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	No opinion
Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal services for low-income and older adults for lawn work, screen and storm installation, and snow removal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing options (i.e., retirement communities, assisted living, congregate housing) for people at all income levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comment

8. How safe do you feel in your current home?

Very safe	Somewhat safe	Not at all safe	Don't know/no opinion
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you don't feel safe, why not?

9. Would you prefer to stay in your current home in Readfield as long as possible?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No -- plan to move to more appropriate housing when I can
- ☐ Not sure -- depends on many things
- ☐ Don't know/no opinion

10. What activities in Readfield do you currently participate in -- or would like to in the future? (check all that apply)

	Currently involved	Would like to be involved in the future	Not interested	Don't know/need more information
Senior Cafe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guys and Gals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cohen Center (Spectrum Generations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library book club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community/adult ed courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town boards and committees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other activity or general comment

11. How often do you spend time with your friends, family, or neighbors in your community in person or by phone, mail, email, or social media? (only check one box)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> At least once per day | <input type="radio"/> Infrequently |
| <input type="radio"/> At least a few times a week | <input type="radio"/> Never |
| <input type="radio"/> At least once every week or two | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Around once a month | |

Comment

12. How important to you is it that Readfield has

	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't know/no opinion	Not at all important
Sidewalks and trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and recreation facilities that are appropriate for older residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe streets, intersections, and crosswalks for drivers, pedestrians, bicylists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other

13. Overall, how would you rate the availability of social activities in Readfield?

☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

Comment

14. Do you currently volunteer -- a few examples: serving on a Town board, helping out at church, coaching, working with youth, or helping people do their taxes, etc.

☐ Yes ☐ No, but I would like to
☐ No ☐ No opinion

If you would like to volunteer but are not doing so, what is preventing you?

15. If you volunteer or would like to volunteer, what skills can you offer -- and what would you like to do?

Skills to offer

Would like to do

16. Overall, how would you rate the availability of volunteer opportunities in Readfield?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Very good | <input type="radio"/> Poor |
| <input type="radio"/> Good | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Fair | |

Comment

17. Where do you usually get information about Readfield programs and events? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Readfield Messenger
- ☐ Kennebec Journal
- ☐ The Advertiser
- ☐ Town of Readfield website
- ☐ Readfield Library
- ☐ Readfield or Maranacook schools
- ☐ Guys and Gals
- ☐ Facebook and other social media
- ☐ Bulletin boards around town
- ☐ Word of mouth (neighbors, friends and family)
- ☐ Don't get it from anywhere
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. Do you regularly look for information on the Internet?

- ☐ No, I don't know how to use it
- ☐ No, it's too expensive, I can't afford it
- ☐ No, I prefer getting information other ways
- ☐ Yes, usually at home on my computer, pad, or smart phone
- ☐ Yes, usually on the computer at the library

Comment

19. Overall, how would you rate the availability of information about programs and services in Readfield?

☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

If fair or poor, what can be done to improve situation?

20. Overall, how would you rate your health compared to most people your age?

☐ Excellent ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

Comment

21. Are you a primary caregiver for someone who needs care? (check all that apply)

☐ Grandparent

☐ Sibling

☐ Parent

☐ Child

☐ Spouse

☐ Grandchild

Other (please specify)

22. Do you have adequate access to the following:

	Yes	No	Not applicable/don't know
Health care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medically necessary drugs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exercise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthful food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electricity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and wellness classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In-home services like personal care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other

23. How often do you use the Readfield Community Library?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Frequently (once every week or two) | <input type="radio"/> Never (less than once a year) |
| <input type="radio"/> Regularly (once every month or two) | <input type="radio"/> Seasonally |
| <input type="radio"/> Occasionally (once every 3-5 months) | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Infrequently (once or twice a year) | |

24. Which of the following services at the Readfield Community Library do you know about and use? (check all that apply.)

	I use this program	I know of it, do not use it	I didn't know, interested in learning more	Don't know, not interested
Regular print books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large print books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Audio books (on CD)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E books and downloadable audiobooks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inter-Library loans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Movies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public computers/Wi-Fi	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technology help	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Book groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ancestry (Genealogy software)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

25. What types of new books, programs and services would you like to see offered at the Readfield Community Library?

26. What neighborhood or area do you live in?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Readfield Depot | <input type="radio"/> Kent's Hill |
| <input type="radio"/> East Readfield | <input type="radio"/> On a lake |
| <input type="radio"/> Readfield Village/Four Corners | <input type="radio"/> Other - rural Readfield |
| <input type="radio"/> Not sure -- (please specify or indicate street/road name) | |

27. How many people are there in your household?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Live alone | <input type="radio"/> Live with 2 or more other people |
| <input type="radio"/> Live with 1 other person | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |

28. What is your age?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> 55-59 | <input type="radio"/> 70-74 | <input type="radio"/> 85 years and over |
| <input type="radio"/> 60-64 | <input type="radio"/> 75-79 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="radio"/> 65-69 | <input type="radio"/> 80-84 | |

29. What is your gender identity?

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |

30. What range best describes your annual household income?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$19,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$60,000 to \$79,999 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="radio"/> \$20,000 to \$39,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$80,000 to \$99,999 | |
| <input type="radio"/> \$40,000 to \$59,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 or more | |

31. How long have you lived in Readfield?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> All my life -- I was born here | <input type="radio"/> I've lived here 5 to 9 years |
| <input type="radio"/> All or most of my adult life -- 25 years or more | <input type="radio"/> I've lived here less than 5 years |
| <input type="radio"/> I've lived here 10 to 24 years | |

32. Are you a year-round or seasonal resident of Readfield?

☐ Year-round ☐ Seasonal

☐ Comment

33. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about aging in place in Readfield?

34. Would you like to be put on a mailing list for future reports and meetings of the Readfield Age Friendly Committee, and also to be entered into the raffle for one of four \$25 gift certificates? If yes, please provide information below.

Name

Phone number

Email address



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.

Union Meeting House

The Maine Historic Preservation Commission announced that it has awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Readfield Union Meeting House to help meet the cost of the rebuilding the entire floor sub-structure. An earlier \$35,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation, added to funds from UMH members and income from investments, will go to meet the total cost of Phase I of over \$130,000.

Phase I will consist of properly supporting the arch that leads to the apse (which was not properly done during 1985 foundation repair) and replacing all the rotted and weakened floor supports, joists and beams at the front of the building. This is the area known as the narthex, an architectural term to differentiate the front portion of the edifice from the sanctuary of the church. The narthex consists, therefore, of the entrance vestibules, the choir, the tower above it and the two stairways to the second floor. This work will be very delicate since the vertical timbers that support the tower will have to be jacked up so new beams can be inserted under the floor, all while taking care not to crack the plaster walls with the famous murals.

The Board's Bid Evaluation Committee, consisting of Jim Tukey, John Perry, local engineer Doug Riley and Board president Marius B. Peladeau, have narrowed the bids from contractors down to one finalist and it hopes to announces the signing of a contract in the very near future. If so, this will allow work to start on the narthex reconstruction this fall. Phase II, planned for 2017, will tackle the deteriorated supports of the floor in the sanctuary. Fund raising efforts to raise monies for this part of the project will begin shortly. Funds are available for Phase I, but this work will severely deplete the UMH's bank account. A major campaign is planned this fall and into 2017 to raise the Phase II funds. Adding up the costs of Phase I and Phase II the total will come to \$245,000. Since monies to pay for only Phase I are on hand at this point, it demonstrates the challenge facing the Meeting House's Board as it try to raise the remainder.

UMH Honors Jack and Anita Smart

On August 13, during the annual open house, the Board of the UMH honored Jack And Anita Smart for their over three decades of involvement in the restoration of the building. While they lived in Readfield Jack was Board president, Board member and is currently a member of the Advisory Board. In all these activities he was supported by his wife, Anita. When Board President Peladeau presented the certificate of appreciation to Jack he pointed out it was a small token compared to all that Jack had done for the UMH over so many years, but it was a heart-felt and sincere recognition of his efforts. Thanks Jack and Anita.

Caption: Jack Smart, a longtime Readfield resident and former President of the Union Meeting House Board, was honored in August for his over 30 years of involvement with the building's preservation and restoration.

The certificate presented to Jack and his wife, Anita, lauded them for their dedication to saving this local landmark.



Historical Society Notes by Flo Drake

Here it is nearly September and our season is winding down. We had another successful summer of helping folks with quests to find family, as well as research on former farms and camps. We seemed to have had more visitors "from away" this year, folks who either used to live in the area or went to camp here as kids. All visitors were very pleased with our museum and schoolroom, and many of them had been students at the Depot School, which is the RHS building.

By the time you read this, student interns Ben Danielson and Ashlee Dunn will have begun the school year, Ashlee to UMF and Ben to Kents Hill School. We thank them both for their most excellent help this summer.

All in all, it has been a good summer for Readfield Historical Society.

Due to requests by our last audience, there will be another FREE MOVIE NIGHT, this one on Friday, September 16. The venue has been changed due to a generous offer from Nicole Danielson for us to use the upstairs of the old Grange Hall on the Church Rd., now Maple Tree Community School. It will give folks a chance to see the inside of what was once one of the most important buildings in town. As before, admission is free; however, there will be a donations jar in a prominent location and we will be selling candy, popcorn, soda and water.

Movies to be shown will be "Grammie Turner", a 30-minute documentary about a West Peru (Maine) farm woman, made in 1976. This video was produced at WCBB (Channel 10) in Lewiston and ended up being shown all over the US, having been picked up by the Eastern Education Network. Mary Turner would receive letters from people in California or Texas, honoring her for her hardworking lifestyle and upbeat attitude. These letters made her truly happy.

The second video is called "The Maine Frontier: Through the Lens of Isaac Walton Simpson". It is a 60-minute documentary about a hardworking master-of-all-trades who also took pictures. Working with glass negatives around the turn of the 1900's, Isaac Simpson had a natural sense of composition, detail and empathy that



made his pictures of farm families in Aroostook County true historic records. Supporting a wife and 13 children (!) in what was literally a frontier up there, Simpson worked as a blacksmith, lumberman, barber, mechanic, and musician, being gone sometimes for weeks at a time. And as he traveled around Maine working, he took photos. His glass negatives were barely saved from being used as skeet, many hundreds already lost to the bullet. This documentary is his story.

That's about all for this month. Good luck with your canning, do something wonderful with those apples, and come to Free Movie Night on the 16th.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 16, 7:00PM

Upstairs in Old Grange Hall
(now Maple Tree Community School)
22 Church Rd., Readfield

"Grammie Turner" -- documentary of
an old Maine farm woman in the 1970's
and

"The Maine Frontier" -- documentary of a
traveling Maine photographer, early 1900's

FREE ADMISSION

Donations Welcome -- Refreshments for Sale

FMI: 685-4662



Christian Youth Group

Beginning Sunday, October 2nd 4-5:30

Readfield United Methodist Church
1564 Main St. Readfield

Youth grades 6-12 from surrounding
communities are welcome

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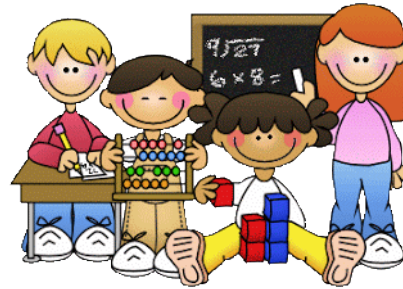
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 Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

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

ROAD SIGNS

Continue to come up missing

We are asking for your help. If you spot or have any road signs that belong to the Town please drop them off at the Town Office or Transfer Station. They are very costly to keep replacing. This is your tax dollars and it is against the law! State law is as follows: §2107. **Tampering with signs,** *A person commits a Class E crime if that person removes or tampers with a sign, light, flare, reflector or other signaling or safety device placed by the Department of Transportation, a county or municipal official or a contractor performing repairs or maintenance work on or adjoining a public way.*

Road signs missing and you are paying for: Packard Shores Road (*we replaced this one but put it up on the wrong road, someone took it down and we ask that you leave it at the Town Office or Transfer Station so we can put it up on the right road*)

Also being replace recently: Red Sox Drive, Fenn Way, Parkview Court, Ledgewood Drive, Lazy Loon Road, Tallwood Drive, McKenny Road, Lucasville Lane, Plains Road, Sunrise Lane and Wildlife Drive.

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9am Age Friend-
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LABOR DAY

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7 5pm SWRC
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16 7pm

Free Movie
Night see pg. 9



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6:30 Select Brd.



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History Walk
#36 see pg 7.



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6:00 Cemetery
Com.



6:30 Trails
Com.

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6:00 Plng. Brd.



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Looking for Board Members for the following Boards and Committees:

Appeals Board: 1 member for (2017), 3 members for (2018) & 1 member for (2019)

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](#).