



# Readfield Messenger

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## ROAD CLOSING

Church Road will be closed starting at 10am and during the Veterans Day Ceremony ON **SATURDAY, November 11th** as the walk is happening down the Church Road.

Parking available at the Town Office and the Fairgrounds property.

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## READFIELD'S

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 10am**

**Free Lunch to follow at Gile Hall**

On this Veterans' Day all are invited to join the Third Maine Infantry (Civil War re-enactors) to help honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Services. Walkers should gather at the Readfield Corner Cemetery, Church Road by 10am for a special remembrance of some soldiers who are buried there. From the cemetery the Third Maine fife and drummers will lead the way to Gile Hall for a closing ceremony in honor of all Veterans. All are invited to march or walk along. If unable to walk that far, feel free to follow in your vehicle. Antique cars or trucks would be welcome. Veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms and join the march. The Third Maine will give two musket volleys along the way. Following the ceremony a soup, bread and dessert luncheon will be served in Gile Hall complements of the Readfield United Methodist Church. Tom Giordano will provide background music inside, during lunch. Capt. Matt Bray of the Third Maine will share information about the Regiment during that time as well. All are welcome to join us for this special remembrance and honoring of our Veterans, and we encourage you to invite and bring a veteran you know. FMI contact 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com).



Members of the Third Maine Infantry (Civil War re-enactors) will lead the way in the Veterans' Day history walk on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

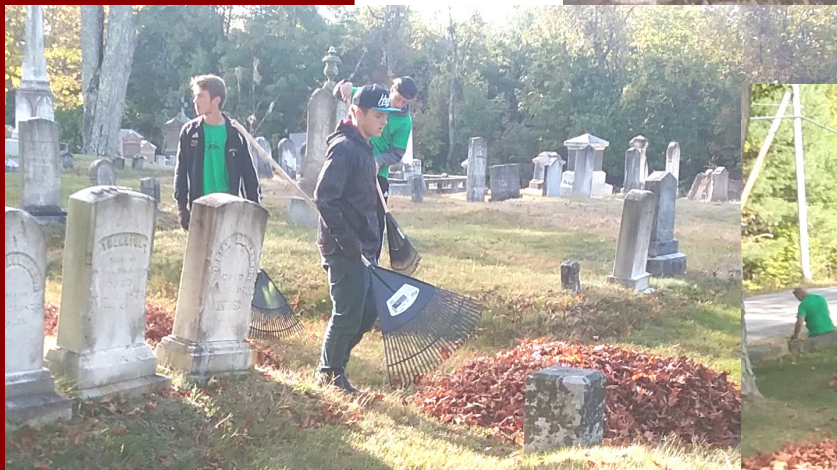
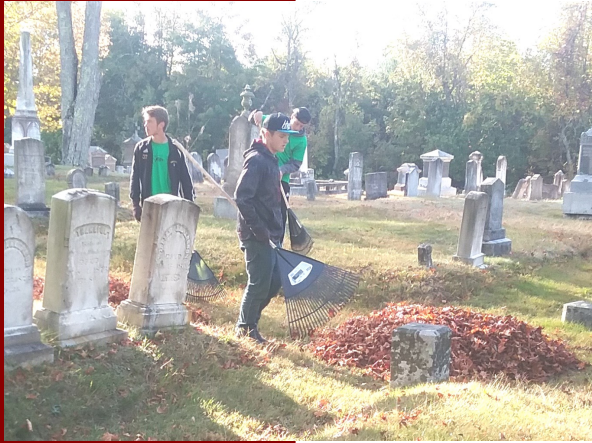
Joseph Donahue is our liaison to the Third Maine. He and his wife Rita own a summer home in Readfield.





# A Day of Caring at Readfield Cemeteries

Thank you Maranacook Students







**Town of Readfield**  
**Public Information Meeting on**  
**Marijuana Legalization & Policy**  
**Monday, October 30th - 6:30pm - Gile Hall**

Please join us to discuss marijuana legalization and proposed legislation with Representative Craig Hickman. Hickman represents the Town of Readfield in Augusta and serves on the committee currently drafting legislation on this issue. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the impacts of marijuana legalization, hear a legislative update, and hear questions and comments from the public.

## Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

At our October 16 Board Meeting I remarked on a letter we received from Eva Smith regarding the sign near the Jesse Lee Church that welcomes people to the community of Readfield. Eva has beautifully graced our town by voluntarily purchasing and tending the lovely flowers at this sign for many years. She is, at eight-seven, reluctantly unable to continue doing so.

First and foremost, on behalf of the town, I am extending our thanks for the years Eva has lovingly cared for this spot of brightness that everyone notices along with the striking view as one begins down the hill toward the center of town. She has made a pretty spot even more so, quietly volunteering her time to share some visual enjoyment with us all.

The sign was erected in 2001 and was an Eagle Scott project of Devin Williams, Boy Scouts of America Troop 650. Eva says she believes "it is time for someone else who loves plants and flowers to take over." If you would like to volunteer to do this, which would be a nice service to the community and a way to honor Eva Smith's spirit of volunteerism, please contact the town office. And if you see Eva out and about, please take a moment to thank her.

Kind Regards;

Bruce Bourgoine

Select Board Chair



## American Chestnut Foundation Visits Readfield Tree



Eighty members of the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF) visited Readfield on October 7th to see one of the larger American chestnut trees known to exist in Maine. Discovered last year on private property, it is located in the historic area of town known as Factory Square. The Readfield American chestnut towers over other species surrounding it at 82 feet tall.

Up until the early 20th century American chestnuts covered a quarter of the hardwood forests in the eastern U.S. from Maine to Georgia and west to the Ohio River Valley. Referred to as “the redwood of the East”, it was not unusual for them to grow 100 feet tall and 5 feet across at the base. They provided a valuable economic resource in timber and nuts, as well as a food source for wildlife. Around 1900 an Asiatic chestnut blight was accidentally imported into the eastern U.S. and by 1950 it had decimated approximately four billion trees. In 1983, a group of scientists and laymen decided to counteract the ecological disaster while the species could still be saved. They formed the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF) and initiated a sophisticated breeding program so to produce blight-resistant trees.

Attending on Saturday were Foundation members from 19 states, from as far away as Alabama, Michigan and Ohio. Jerry Bley from the Readfield Conservation Commission and Dale Potter-Clark from the Readfield Historical Society greeted them at Giles Hall and they hiked to Factory Square where Dale gave a brief history of the industry that once existed there. Visitors were thrilled to find a baby American chestnut in proximity to Readfield’s large tree, “which means there has to be a mate nearby” said the experts. Andrew Walsh, a member of the Readfield Conservation Commission, was present and knew where another tree is located but quite some distance from the one being viewed. Given the right conditions an American chestnut can be pollinated from as far away as 1/2 mile.





## NEWS AND NOTES FROM OUR TRAILS

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 students and their advisors from the Class of 2019 joined 3 Trails Committee members and 3 Readfield community volunteers in a work project at the trail system at the Readfield Fairgrounds. The group cleared fallen limbs, branches, and brush from 5-8 feet back into the woods along both sides of three trails.

The 15 students and their advisors worked the north trail from the parking lot, the trail from Church Road that enters by the cemetery, and the trail that turns to the left from the junction behind the backstop continuing to the field behind Maranacook. The groups worked from 8:30 am until 10:00 am, took a 15 minute break with water and snacks provided by the community volunteers and Trails Committee members, continued until about 11:30, ate lunch and finished the trail work at 1:30 pm. The groups gathered and stacked debris that totaled 8 truck and trailer loads that went to the transfer station. Two and a half loads were hardwood suitable for burning and available to residents via the fuel assistance program at the town office. The two groups then hiked back to school on the trails network. On October 26<sup>th</sup> we have students and staff from Kents Hill School coming for a work day at the trails during their community outreach day. We have had fabulous students and staff from both schools volunteer their time and energy over the past several years helping to maintain the trail system. We thank them all and look forward to future collaboration.

Maranacook students and staff who participated on Oct 4:

Liz Guillmette, advisor  
Dylan Burroughs  
Hailey Campbell  
Gabe Fein  
Stefan Gawron  
Luigi Pintore  
Lexi Taranko  
Cody Tibbetts  
Lily Welch

Drew Albert, advisor  
Florian Buehler  
Grace Depres  
Richard Down  
Jilleen Farrell  
Adrian Lefever  
Maggie Vigue  
Garrett Whitten

Community Volunteers:

Lydia Adelson  
Ann Keilty  
Gary Keilty

Trail Committee Members:

Greg Durgin  
Bob Harris  
Jeanne Harris

Update on animal “droppings” on trails:

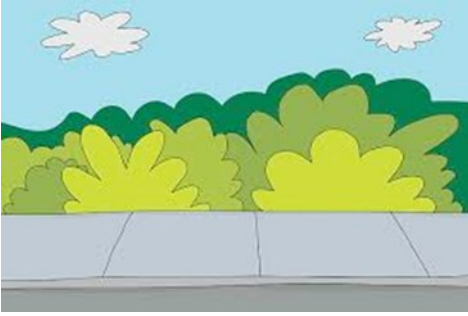
A trail user recently reported seeing a red fox make a “deposit” on a fairgrounds trail. I recently took a hike through the trail network (including the sidewalk from the supt's office to Route 17) specifically looking for the aforementioned droppings (all part of my community volunteering I guess!) and discovered 5 deposits on the trails. Four were definitely from wild animals and one presumably from a dog. Not much we can do about the wild animals and the vast majority of dog owners act responsibly. That said, a reminder that if your Rufus or Georginna (made up pet names!) leaves something, please get it off the trails. We will all appreciate your effort.

Greg Durgin





## 'Closing the Loop: Proposed Church Street Sidewalk'



The Town has submitted an application for an MDOT grant to build a sidewalk on Church Road. This is just the first step of many in the process of moving the project forward. We will provide information each month here in the Messenger to give you information about what the project is, why we have a need for the project, and how the process will unfold. Be assured that the decision to actually build the sidewalk rests with the town residents at a future town meeting vote.

If you would like more information prior to the monthly articles being published please contact Chris Sammons or Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Select Board members.

### **4-E. Provide a brief overview of the project's transportation value(s) and purpose(s).**

The primary transportation value and purpose of this project is to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists traveling from Readfield Corner (where we have an existing sidewalk and village) to the Fairgrounds (where we have a number of amenities and a trail network) and vice versa. Of particular concern is the use of Church Road by children to reach the ball field at the Fairgrounds, as well as the school beyond. The same corridor is also used by cyclists, runners, and walkers to reach the Fairgrounds from the village.

A secondary purpose of this project is to expand and further connect the existing system of trails and sidewalks to encourage a more accessible and complete flow of users. The Church Rd. corridor is used year-round, quite heavily in the summer months, and can be seen as a "missing link" in our existing transportation system.

### **5-A. Provide a detailed description of how this proposed project will impact your local and surrounding communities.**

Completion of this project will bring greater connectivity, safety, accessibility, and diversity of transportation options to all users of the Church Road corridor, Readfield Corner village, and Fairgrounds facility. These areas are used extensively by residents of Readfield as well as surrounding communities. Historically, a walking path existed on one or both sides of Church Road, as shown in the attached historical photographs. This project will bring back and enhance that pedestrian friendly connectivity that appears to have been lost with the widening and paving of Church Road. The village still exists and thrives, but many new amenities and destinations draw users from the village area (and beyond) up to and through the Fairgrounds facility. Past outreach efforts involving this particular piece of transportation and community development have included work as broad as our town's Comprehensive Plan and as specific as the Readfield Corner Revitalization Study (included as an attachment). These planning documents are of course related. Discussion and consideration of a sidewalk on Church Road also took place during has part of the Safe Routes to School project that was completed in 2011. Readfield has an extensive track record of planning for and implementing transportation improvements in these areas. More recent outreach include a community meeting with residents of Church Road to discuss traffic safety, speed, and other issues related to the roadway, repeated discussion at Select Board and Budget Committee meetings, and a Town Meeting vote to authorize the investigation of this funding opportunity and appropriation of matching funds. The completed project will directly connect over twenty properties to the Fairgrounds facility and to our existing sidewalk and village area. While these properties are primarily residential they also include a small private school, commercial buildings, and our historic Union Meeting House. As noted earlier, the larger project area also includes our area high school and middle school, which would see increased access as a result of project completion.





## **Readfield Community Library**

The Library Board and the Readfield community wished Nancy Meservier a fond farewell and good luck with her new job at the Auburn Library. Nancy served our community Library for the past 7 years instituting many changes while maintaining our favorite traditions. Her friendly and efficient manner dealing with all library matters will be sorely missed.

The Library will continue with friendly and efficient service with our many wonderful volunteers backed by interim Librarian Lori Clark. Lori served on the Library Board for several years, is a frequent library volunteer at the front desk and was formerly employed as a librarian at the Lithgow Library in Augusta. An active search for a permanent replacement is underway.

**The library is placing a temporary hold on accepting used book donations while we search for a permanent replacement for Nancy.**

## **Mark your calendars for December 1st Tree Lighting**

The annual tree lighting with carols, cookies, cocoa and Santa will start at 6:30 at the Library and proceed to the town hall for the festivities.

## **Cribbage Club is suspended until January**

Cribbage club will resume the first Wednesday's of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 starting in January due to a drop in attendance through the summer and fall.

## **Readfield Community Library Hours**

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

Phone: (207) 685-4089

Tel: 685-4064



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# Annual Tree Lighting



Help celebrate the season  
with holiday songs,  
yummy treats,  
and our special guest.



Friday December 1st - 6:30 PM

Bad weather date Sunday December 3rd - 4:30 PM

Readfield Community Library front lawn

Refreshments to follow at Town Hall

(Flashlight recommended for short walk)

## **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 9:30am 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 or Helen Wilkey at 293-2351.

# TRASH: WHAT ABOUT IT?

## Part 2 of 3

### A Brief History of Trash in the USA

By Brigit McCallum, Member of the Waterboro, Maine Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

#### My Trash/Your Treasure

During the first few decades of the twentieth century, a new kind of institution was created, and through it unwanted goods from the middle and upper classes were transformed into materials for job training and livelihood of poor and disabled citizens, and inexpensive goods for the poorer classes. The Salvation Army came from England, Goodwill Industries developed in Boston and both spread throughout the nation. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was created in the Catholic Church, and it sought clothing and shoes for those who could not afford them, many of whom were new immigrants. During US involvement in W.W.I, conservation measures concerning food, clothing, and other consumables were encouraged, but not required. After Armistice Day, restraints were dropped, and spending and acquiring increased until the fall of the Stock Market in 1929. Throughout the Depression, people who had money were encouraged to spend it, to create a need for products, which in turn created jobs. In the words of a top advertising agent, "Wearing things out does not produce prosperity but buying things does. Thrift in the industrialized society we now live in consists of keeping all of the factories busy." (iii) Home renovation was encouraged by low interest loans, and people were encouraged to spend as a patriotic duty to end the Depression. Radios replaced expensive nightlife and refrigerators allowed for buying food in bulk. The theme was "Saving by Buying." At the same time goods were bought in cotton bags, printed with patterns, to be sewed into clothing, pillowcases, tablecloths, towels, and scarves. Worn clothing was made into quilts and rugs. The concept of obsolescence developed early and continued throughout the century. Stylistic obsolescence was fostered by development of new and better models of cars, radios and appliances, leading those who could to buy new items before the end of the former one's use-life. Functional obsolescence had to do with products breaking down and encouragement was fostered through marketing to replace rather than repair. Mountains of trash appeared across the nation's landscape, most often located in areas where the lowest income populations lived. There was little respite from the Depression before the attacks at Pearl Harbor led the country into war. Householders were pressed into the war effort and encouraged to save all useful scraps as organizations and governments mounted "drives" for metal, rubber, aluminum, cooking fats and other materials. Cooking fats were collected for their glycerin content, used in making explosives, especially nitroglycerine. Children were taught how to join in drives for the various needed items, and rationing became institutionalized. Gasoline, meat, and butter were rationed and rationing stamps were allotted to each household. In contrast with the Depression, industry re-fitted itself for wartime production, and many domestic products disappeared from shops and stores "for the duration." Marketing campaigns were mounted to help people repair, reuse, and reduce what they had earlier become accustomed to replace. But this did not signal a return to pre-industrial practices of frugality, as industries mobilized for battle, employment and wage earning increased, and consumerism rose steadily from the beginning of the US entry into the war. In fact the propaganda encouraging scrap drives did not encourage a return to the traditional stewardship of objects, but fit well with the new consumer attitude of throwing things away.

iii. Earnest Elmo Calkins, "What Consumer Engineering Really Is," intro. Consumer Engineering: A New Technique for Prosperity, by Roy Sheldon & Egmont Arens. (New York-Harper, 1932), pp.1-2, 7.

**Look for part 3 of 3 in next month's issue.**

**Part 1 was in last month's issue.**

**WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE  
COMPOST**

***Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee***



# Transfer Station Parking and Traffic Flow

By now you've all probably had the chance to see the new traffic and parking at the Transfer Station. It is still very new and I want to provide some background and tips for navigating the new layout safely and successfully.

The need for striping has existed since the lot was repaved last year. Because we have been striving for continuous improvement at the Transfer Station and a clean slate is an ideal time to make adjustments and improvements we took the opportunity to bring in additional resources. Town staff worked with a group of senior engineering students from the University of Maine to come up with a proposed traffic and parking plan. This draft was then sent to a professional engineer (CES) for critical review, revision, and technical drafting. The resulting plan was made a reality by Lucas Striping of Readfield.

Now that the paint is dry we will be keeping a careful eye on how the traffic flows and whether the intended goals of improved safety and efficiency are realized. The new plan offers designated lanes for vehicular traffic and designated places for pedestrians to walk and to cross traffic. The striped areas are for pedestrians only - not for parking in or driving through. The unloading stalls by the compactor bins offer the opportunity for residents to deliver their waste in a high visibility area without the need to weave in and around multiple rows of cars stacked several deep, and also prevent one or two cars from blocking the entire flow of traffic. Below are three key directional guidelines for using the traffic lanes:

Take the **right lane** if: You are dropping off scrap metal, mattresses, couches and other bulky waste, or demolition debris, either exclusively or in addition to your regular household waste and recycling. This lane is the equivalent of the slow or exit lane on the highway.

Take the **center lane** if: You are dropping off your regular household waste or recycling. This should be most residents in most cases. This lane is equivalent to the passing or fast lane on the highway. Once you are in this lane you will pull up into the next available unloading stall in front of the compactor bins to unload your waste. You should not park in the travel lane and get out as this will block traffic.

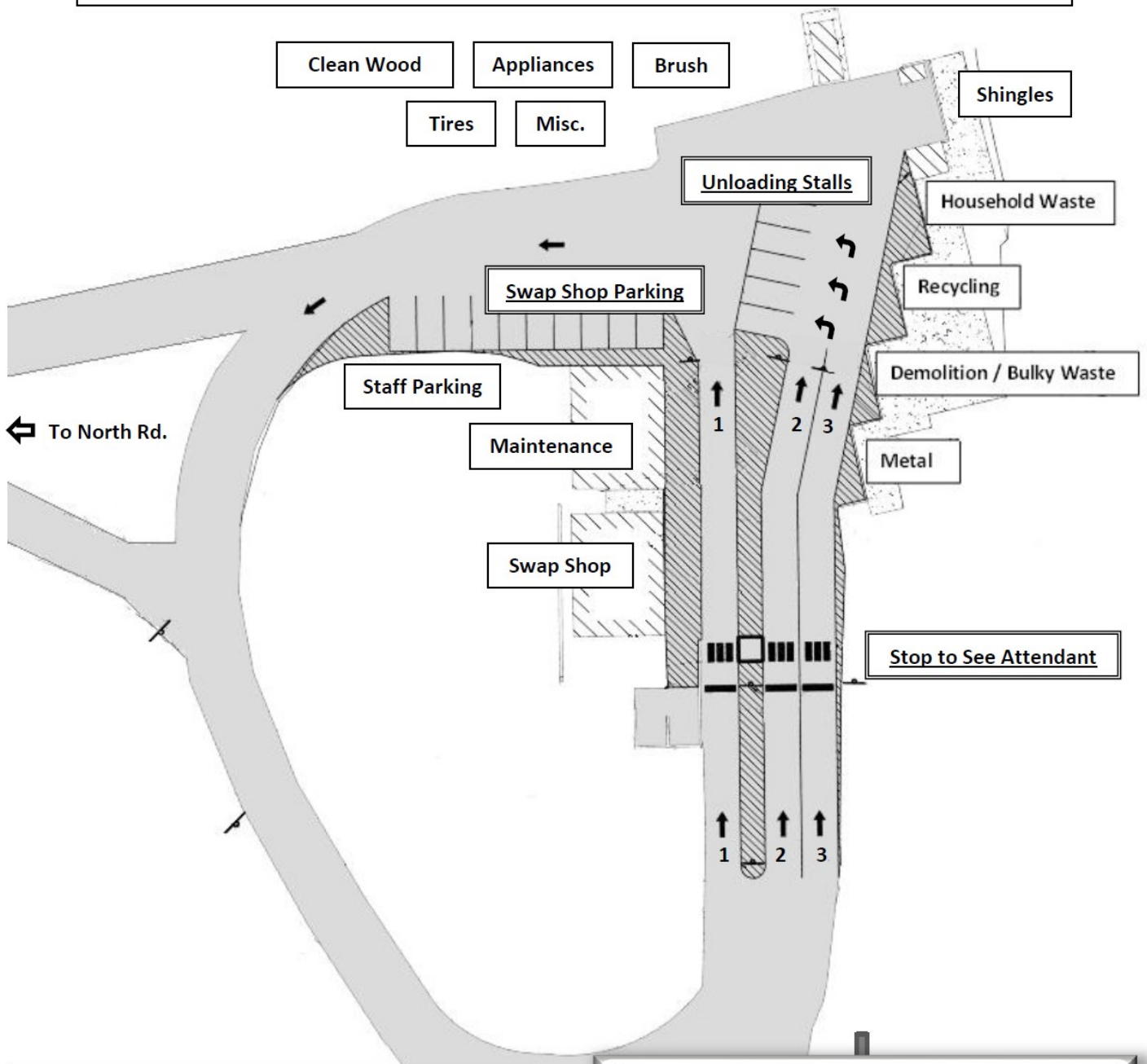
Take the **left lane** if: You want to use the Swap Shop, loop around the building, or drop off brush, demolition wood, or shingles. Parking in front of the Swap Shop or Maintenance Building is not permitted. Parking for the Swap Shop is now located around the corner alongside the Maintenance building. See an attendant if you have a bulky item for the Swap Shop.

Perhaps the single biggest key to using the facility safely and efficiently is to see an attendant before dropping anything off, particularly if you have an item you are unsure of or have an item that requires a disposal fee.

Thank you all for doing your part to keep things moving, and for your constructive feedback on how things might be improved. While this parking and traffic plan was well thought out it is certainly a work in progress. I already see the need to adjust the angle of the unloading stalls and rethink how one of the crosswalks is used. I welcome your thoughts and comments.

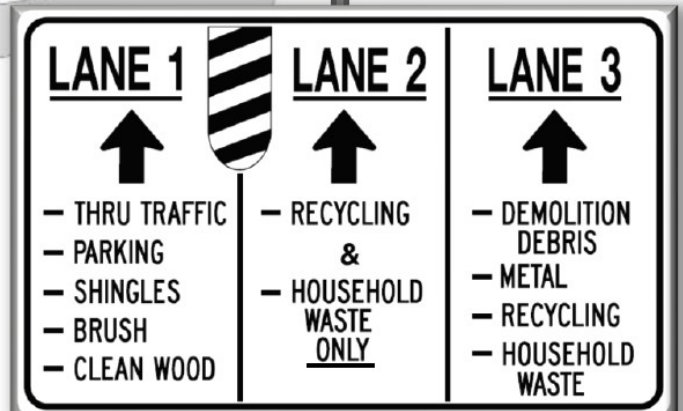
Eric Dyer, Transfer Station Manager

## Readfield Transfer Station Traffic, Parking, & Unloading Areas



### SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS:

- Drive slowly and watch out for pedestrians
- Stop at the stop signs and stop bars
- See an Attendant before depositing anything
- Do not drive or park on the striped pavement
- Only park in the designated parking stalls
- Only unload in designated unloading stalls (unless you are in Lane 3)





**Bourgoine, Bruce:** (207) 624-1977

E-Mail: [bbourgoine@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:bbourgoine@readfieldmaine.org)

**Parent, John:** Phone: (207) 242-7420

E-Mail: [jparent@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:jparent@readfieldmaine.org)

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## Positions are open on the following Committees and Boards

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2020)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Conservation Commission: 1Alt. member (2019), 1 Assoc and 1 members (2020)

Heritage Days Members: Multi needed for the 2019 year.

Library Building Committee: Looking for any volunteers

Local School Board: 1 member (2018), 1 member (2019), 1 member (2020)

Planning Board: 3 alt. members (2018)(2019)(2022)

Readfield Enterprise Committee: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident (suggested composition)

Road Committee: 1 member (2018)

Trails Committee: 2 members (2019), 2 members (2020), 1 Alt. (2020)

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

Last updated 10/17/2017

# Mill Stream Dam Project Moves Forward

Efforts to open up public access to the historic Mill Stream Dam in Factory Square are moving forward. Plans call for repurposing the 200+ year-old dam to allow the public access to the top of the dam which looks out over the old Mill Pond. In addition, a short trail and overlook will be constructed. The volunteer citizen project is a joint effort of the Readfield Conservation Commission, Readfield Trails Committee and Readfield Historical Society. The Town owns the dam and the trail is located on land owned by Bob and Helen Bittar who have generously granted permission for the project.

Over the summer, environmental permit applications were filed with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Readfield Planning Board. Permits were received in late summer and work was initiated on the project. Trees and shrubs were cleared from the top of the dam and some masonry work was done on the dam walls to make way for the crushed rock trail that will be constructed on the surface of the dam, most likely in the spring of 2018.



## *Readfield Emporium*

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

9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.

685-7348





## ***Friends of The Readfield Community Library Board is At Work***

The Friends of the Readfield Community Library (FRCL) is a 501(c)3 non-profit Board created to support the Readfield Library. The FRCL Board of Directors are Deb Doten, Sarah Dyer, Grace Keene, Ann Keilty, Deborah Peale, Karen Peterson and Christine Sammons. The purpose of the FRLB is to serve as an advocate for the Readfield Community Library by increasing

awareness, assisting with creative programs and fundraising for additional improvements. We strive to serve as a link between the Library's Trustees and the residents of Readfield.

The FRCL is overwhelmed with the support given to our Soak N'Wet and Chili & Cheese event at Heritage Days! We would like to Give a hearty Thank You to Fike's Custom Cutting and Readfield Family Market for the special rates given for the food. The iconic Norma Grover was the ticket seller and drew participants to raise money. The volunteers who came forward to be "soaked" were hilarious and exceptional. Many thanks to the following for their willingness to be drenched:

Lydia Adelson

Anna Carll

Alex Cates

Peter Davis

Greg Durgin

Eric Dyer

Bob Harris

John Parent

Karen Peterson

Dennis Price

Chris Sammons



Through the generosity of all involved, the FRCL raised \$538.00. A portion of these finds were used to purchase a sign for the Library which may be used to promote programs.

Our next effort will be a holiday fundraiser which will feature notecards with beautiful, seasonal pictures from local photographers. Keep us in mind if you have a program or fundraiser which might be appropriate for the Readfield Community Library.

## **"Furever Friends"**

### **Fund Rasier**



"Furever Friends" Bracelets are available while supplies last at the Town Office. A \$5.00 donation for the bracelets will help pay for rabies vaccinations for those residents who may not afford to bring their dogs in for a rabies vaccination. Large and small sizes are available. Thank you in advance for making our animals, family and community safe!



## **Maranacook Youth Basketball Sign-Ups** **Registration Nights for ALL Area Towns**

Player Assessments and Sign Ups for **Grades 4, 5, 6** At MCMS on November 6th. **Boys 5:30-6:30 Girls 6:30-7:30**

Player Assessments and Sign Ups for **Grades 2, 3** At Manchester Elementary on November 7th. **Girls 5:30-6:30 Boys 6:30-7:30**

Please make sure you bring your sneakers!

**Grades K, 1** Can sign up either night, no skills assessment will be done for this age group.

Cost- \$35.00 first child - \$15.00 each additional child  
**\$15.00 late fee for each child signed up after November 13th**

If you are unable to make it to the registration nights you can sign up at the Readfield Town Office

Coaches are volunteers, Please consider helping for the success of our program

For more information please contact Hannah Flannery at  
[hhinckley@roadrunner.com](mailto:hhinckley@roadrunner.com)  
or visit the Readfield Recreation Board Facebook Page

"This is not a school sponsored event"



# 2017 Maranacook Youth Basketball League Registration



Grades K-6



Player Name	Town	Grade	Gender	Shirt Size
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL

Cost: \$35.00 first child - \$15.00 second child; \$15 each additional child LATE FEE of \$15 after November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Please Make Checks Payable to: Town of Readfield

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The success of our program is dependent on our volunteers. Please indicate if you are able to assist as:

Team Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Your Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical condition of your child (asthma, allergies, etc.) that must be brought to the coach's attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Release of Liability: The undersigned hereby releases and holds the MYBL, it's 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 participation in these types of activities and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are signing up and paying after Nov 7<sup>h</sup>, please bring this form with your payment to the Readfield Town Office.



## Age Friendly Readfield Update

### WINTER IS COMING.....SAND BUCKETS ARE READY!

Good news for all you folks needing a little assistance when icy sidewalks and steps try to keep you indoors. We know there are those who no longer drive, especially in winter weather. If you appreciate and need help getting sand, here is all you have to do: Call the Town Office at 685-4939, give them your name and address, and let them know you would like a bucket of sand. A volunteer (maybe a neighbor of yours) will soon be at your door with the sand. If you want help spreading the sand, that will be done for you as well.

Last winter eleven households were provided with this service, thanks to volunteers in our community and efforts of the Age-Friendly Committee of Readfield. We encourage you to call soon—before the weather brings the ice and snow. This will help us have buckets of sand available when requested. Happy winter—Be Safe and Warm.



### UPCOMING Events

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** the Senior Café will host a workshop on Adaptive Tools for Everyday Living presented by the Bethel Area Age-Friendly Committee at 9:00 at the Maranacook Middle School. This is a must see presentation dealing with adaptive tools specifically designed to make you safer in your home and to make it easier to do household tasks. Information will be provided on the tools which we can all use things to make our lives a little easier. Participants will also be able to try the tools.

After the presentation, the Readfield Age Friendly Committee will have the tools on display at the Town Office for the month of November. If you cannot make it to the Senior Café, stop in at the Town office during regularly scheduled business hours.

Other Senior Café activities:

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Pickle Ball is coming back! Come play and be sure to wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Rise and Decline of Readfield Depot – Dale Potter Clark will share photos and information about some of the homes and buildings, past and present, in and around Readfield Depot; why and when did Readfield Depot change from a handful of farms to a bustling community; families who lived in and around Readfield Depot; how the symbiotic relationship between Readfield Depot and summer residents helped boost Readfield's economy and overall lakeside development.

### Handy Helper Program – Coming Soon!

The Readfield Age Friendly Committee has been meeting with the local Masons, the Lafayette Lodge #48 located in our village, to develop a program modeled after the Town of Bowdoinham's Village Lodge Handy Brigade. The program will provide home repair and maintenance services without charge to older persons who live in their homes. Work is done by volunteers who make it their mission to help people in the community.

Handy Helpers **will NOT** do licensed work required by a carpenter, plumber or electrician. They are home owners who know how to do simple home maintenance and repairs.

These services include: change light bulbs, replace furnace or water filters, repair or replace door locks, handles, springs and closers, and help with weatherization, move furniture, secure carpets, help haul trash or clear gutters.

We are still discussing the details of the Program More information will follow. Should you want to volunteer to be a Handy Helper, please call the Town Office.



## Readfield United Methodist Church Events



*You are cordially invited to our*

***Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner***

***Readfield United Methodist Church***

***Route 17, Readfield, 207-685-4211***

***Thursday, November 23rd 2017***

***Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m.***

## Cleaning out your closet?

The United Methodist Women is having a community wide children's shopping day on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Children from the age of 5-12 will be able to come do their Christmas Shopping for their family. This is a community event and we need your help. Please take a look around your home and if you might have an item you do not use or have never used please drop them off. Examples would be ties, unused candles, new soaps, jewelry, children's books, toys etc. that might make a little one happy to give to a loved one. We will ask for a \$1.00 donation for an item and all proceeds from these sales will be donated to a children's fund. The office is open from 8:00-12:00 Tuesday –Thursday or you can call us at 685-4211 or email [office@readfieldumc.org](mailto:office@readfieldumc.org). Please have the items at the church prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Our Annual Christmas Fair is coming!

### Save the Date

Route 17, Readfield, Me.

Saturday December 2nd from 9:00-2:00

Cookie walk, baked goods, homemade gifts,

Wreaths custom decorated, silent auction of gift baskets, goods & services

Fish chowder, corn chowder, crabmeat & chicken sandwiches, pie luncheon



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

Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Everyone is Welcome to join us.

Come as you are.

The church is handicap accessible

Visit our webpage [www.readfieldchurch.org](http://www.readfieldchurch.org) for 2016 fall spiritual growth opportunities.





22 Church Road

## THE UNION MEETING HOUSE

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

The Readfield Union Meeting House Board recently held its annual October election of officers. Elected for 2018 are: President-John Perry, Vice President-Marius Peladeau, and Secretary-Karen Peterson. The Treasurer's position will be retained by John Perry for a three month period while a qualified candidate is recruited by the Board. Three Board members whose terms were expiring were reelected to new 3 year terms. Marius Peladeau, former president and Milt Wright, former secretary were both thanked for their many years of service. They will be continuing as board members and Marius Peladeau, as mentioned above, will serve as VP.

Flo Drake, a member of the Advisory Board, was voted to the Board of Directors. We welcome Deane Buuck as our newest Advisory Board member.

The Board is pleased to announce the Noche Mexicana Celebration that was held on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Margaritas in Augusta raised just shy of \$1000. A special thank you goes out to Flo Drake and John Blouin who organized this fund raising event. We hope all community members who attended enjoyed themselves. This money will be used in our continuing restoration efforts at the RUMH.

Speaking of restoration, the Maine Barn Co. is back on site proceeding on Phase II which is replacing subfloor beams and joists in the sanctuary area. For all of you who purchased joists in honor of loved ones, family members, or friends, these joists are being installed and you are now part of the RUMH's history! It is not too late to purchase a joist for \$25.00 or 5 for \$100. Call me for more information at 685-4481.

Tony Castro anticipates completing the repair on the major crack in the southwest corner wall within a week or two. Additional projects may have to wait until spring because cold temperatures affect the paint ( yes, we will not be having these high 60s temperatures for much longer).

November is the month we to kick off our membership drive. We will be sending out letters to our members asking for a renewal for the 2018 year. We will also send out letters to donors and pledge givers asking for their continued support. We are pleased both with what we have been able to accomplish regarding our restoration projects and with the activities and events that we held for the community. We hope the community looks forward to the spring International Dinner, Strawberry Festival, Wine and Cheese Social for members and our program for the Third graders. With the completion of the floor restoration we look forward to offering to the public music, lectures and opening our doors for community use.

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## News from the Readfield Cemeteries

Fall has arrived in Readfield's beautiful cemeteries. Fall raking has begun. Tree work will begin soon. Sexton, Anna Carll welcomed a group of Maranacook High School students to the Readfield Corner Cemetery for the Day of Caring. Twelve students and two teachers volunteered to rake the cemetery making much lighter work for Town employees this fall!

Our Sexton continues to clean and repair gravestones. Huntoon Cemetery was established in 1835 and is located at the end of the Kents Hill Rd. You have to walk to Kennebec Land Trust Trails to find this little, but historic cemetery. Many years ago, a hunter's poor shot, broke one of the old tablet stones. This fall, Anna Carll repaired this stone using skills learned from the Maine Old Cemetery Association. If you are curious about Huntoon Cemetery, please contact the Readfield Town Office for specific directions.

Members of the Cemetery Committee continue to work at the garden informally known as the Reflection Garden. Plants have been watered faithfully and the weeds pulled. A lovely stone bench was installed by Forgotten Stone Works. This purchase of this bench was made possible through a very loving, generous and anonymous donation.



### Reminders!

Please be reminded that there is no recreational dog walking in the cemeteries. If you would like your pet to join in visiting a loved ones grave, please contact our Sexton , Anna Carll.

Fall cleanup is underway in the cemeteries! Please remove items such as plastic flowers, shepherds crooks, and other personal items of importance by November 19<sup>th</sup>.



## News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

### Camp Road Project 2017

This fall, we are excited to be working with students and faculty from the Geography and Environmental Planning and Policy Program at the University of Maine at Farmington to survey private camp roads across the watershed. Students have already begun visiting camp roads to identify erosion issues that could be impacting water quality and documenting overall conditions of the roads. The data collected will be shared with our organization so we can work to provide technical assistance, training, and even financial support to road associations to help you have a better road, protect water quality and prevent polluted runoff from entering our lakes and ponds.

This project is funded in part with a grant from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. To learn more about this project or if you have any questions, please contact Lidie Robbins at [lidie@30mileriver.org](mailto:lidie@30mileriver.org).

### Sign up today for a 2018 YCC Project

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew has wrapped up its 2017 season, but now is the time to submit a site visit request to line up your project for next year! Our YCC provides erosion control landscaping for lakefront property owners. Check out some of the incredible work the crew did this summer:



Do you have a sloped driveway, patches of bare soil, or an eroding pathway? If so, you likely qualify for your own **reduced cost** project! Projects may include: shoreline plantings, rain gardens, infiltration steps (above right), open-top culverts, and more. All projects are designed in partnership between the landowner and experienced technical program staff. For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our YCC page on our [website](http://www.30mileriver.org).

### 30MRWA Partners with Maine Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association has been selected by the Maine Conservation Corps as a host site for the Environmental Stewardship program for 2018. The Environmental Stewardship program is associated with AmeriCorps, which allows applicants the opportunity to serve in communities all over the country. The AmeriCorps member joining us will coordinate our YCC and Water Quality Monitoring programs.

**For more news and information, or to make a donation, please visit our website:**  
[www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).



## Readfield Blizzard Busters

Did you notice the “Did you know???” article in the October 14, 2017 Community Advertiser? The featured blurb spoke to the condition of the Fayette Ridge Riders Club and the potential loss of Fayette Trails due to diminishing active club members. It stated “Without additional help, the Fayette Ridge Riders may be forced to disband this Fall and without the association, permission from landowners for trails becomes invalid, so.... **There will be no trails**

**in Fayette.** Unfortunately, this is not unique to Fayette – it could happen in Readfield. The Club has been recruiting additional members in hopes of not only increasing membership, but also gaining a few active members willing to do Fall trail work and/or winter grooming. Readfield Blizzard Busters has about eight active members, all volunteers, keeping 30 miles of trails in good shape for winter recreating use. Seemingly,

needless to say, we need more help to keep the trails in tip-top shape. Are you willing to help or is it just not that important to you to save Readfield’s trails. Any offers of assistance or comments would be greatly appreciated. Our e-mail is [Blizzard-Busters@yahoo.com](mailto:Blizzard-Busters@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 207-685-4203.

Marge Livingston

RBBSC, Secy



Photo Credit:  
View of Parker Pond.

## Parker Pond Walk Celebrates 30 years of Land for Maine’s Future Program

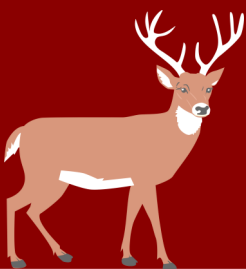
On Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1:00 pm join Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) staff for a walk at the Parker Pond Headland Preserve in Fayette. This preserve protects a stunning 142-acre forested peninsula with 5,000 feet of rocky undeveloped shoreline along the clear waters of Parker Pond in Kennebec County.

This event marks the 30th anniversary of the Land for Maine’s Future (LMF) Program. Established by Maine voters in 1987, the LMF Program has conserved more than 600,000 acres of land, including: working farms, forests, and waterfronts; trails for snowmobilers, hikers, bikers, and ATV enthusiasts; access to rivers, ponds, lakes, and the ocean; community parks; town forests; beaches; and mountaintop vistas.

KLT received support from the LMF Program to conserve the Parker Pond Headland Preserve, in collaboration with the Diller and Karp families, and the Parker Pond Association. Join us to celebrate this milestone for Maine.

The walk is free and open to the public, no registration necessary.

Please contact KLT for details or visit [www.tkl.org](http://www.tkl.org). 207-377-2848 or [kbrewer@tklt.org](mailto:kbrewer@tklt.org).



# The Giving Tree is Back!



Its that time of year again. The Town Office and the School work together to fill the wishes of our community children for the holidays.

Tags for the Giving Tree are available starting November 7th during elections and will continue through December 18th. Please come by and take a tag and returned the UNWRAPPED gift to the Town Office by December 18th.

Thank in advance for your continued support of this program which helps so many of our community families.

# Expense & Revenue Reports

Readfield  
9:15 AM

## Expense Detail Report

ALL Accounts  
ALL Months

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Account----- Date Jrnl Desc---	Current Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	458,085.00	154,317.49	9,868.96	313,636.47
12 - Maintenance	169,895.00	35,468.59	2,576.54	137,002.95
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	9,300.00	543.50	0.00	8,756.50
20 - TOWN BUILDINGS O&M	0.00	1,550.90	1,550.90	0.00
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	57,135.00	19,607.95	5.00	37,532.05
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	40,486.00	16,645.76	0.00	23,840.24
40 - PROTECTION	180,875.00	37,940.95	0.00	142,934.05
50 - CEMETERIES	16,050.00	1,314.09	398.95	15,134.86
60 - Roads & Drainage	373,950.00	16,472.34	267.39	357,745.05
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	260,812.00	7,536.49	0.00	253,275.51
70 - SOLID WASTE	282,576.00	85,142.53	0.00	197,433.47
75 - EDUCATION	3,527,596.00	1,175,865.36	0.00	2,351,730.64
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	317,600.00	267,121.89	0.00	50,478.11
85 - DEBT SERVICE	328,824.00	326,197.10	0.00	2,626.90
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	72,921.44	22,361.31	0.00	50,560.13
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	4,650.00	0.00	0.00	4,650.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>6,100,755.44</b>	<b>2,168,086.25</b>	<b>14,667.74</b>	<b>3,947,336.93</b>

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## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
September

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,763,517.44	109.80	61,908.29	4,936,666.39	826,851.05	85.65
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,580.00	0.00	315.87	16,365.95	13,214.05	55.33
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,782.00	0.00	936.00	7,576.50	14,205.50	34.78
40 - PROTECTION	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	60.00
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.12	-1.12	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	44,900.00	0.22
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	10,975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,975.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	181,636.00	1.00	14,988.52	50,360.42	131,275.58	27.73
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	20,940.00	0.00	0.00	388.85	20,551.15	1.86
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,325.00	0.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>6,100,755.44</b>	<b>110.80</b>	<b>78,148.68</b>	<b>5,026,459.23</b>	<b>1,074,296.21</b>	<b>82.39</b>



## MARANACOOK ADULT ED CLASS by Dale Potter-Clark

November 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm:

### KENTS HILL: FROM FARMLAND TO VILLAGE

Before 1775 there were very few people living on Kent's Hill – the Packards and Kents were two of the first to stake their claims and buildings began to appear. The Packard men were house wrights so they built many of them. After the Revolutionary War others came – the most influential, who had a long lasting effect, was Luther Sampson. From 1790 until 1824 a meeting house and parsonage, grammar school, store, cemetery and Methodist Seminary were established and the hilltop called Kent's Hill evolved from a handful of family farms to a thriving cultural and educational center. In this class you will learn about that evolution, hear more about the buildings and houses, and some of the people who lived in Kents Hill village. Class is \$12.50. Proceeds will help fund a Readfield "Museum in the Streets"®. To register, contact Maranacook Adult and Community Education 207-685-4923 x 1065.

## THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING – HOW ABOUT THIS GIFT IDEA?

### Circa Sign for a home or business

Several signs have been placed on buildings located on Old Kents Hill Road, Church Road and on Main Street at Readfield Corner and Kents Hill. Eleven more were delivered throughout town in October – they should be appearing soon. Included with each sign is the research compiled on the building and some of the people who have resided there. All signs are delivered to your door or place of your choosing (in Readfield). Signs can be ordered regardless of how old the home is – thus far we have ordered signs for buildings dating from 1780 to 1950. Profits go towards the Readfield "Museum in the Streets"® fund. Cost is \$75. Contact Dale at 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

## Readfield Historical Society



### OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

The Readfield Historical Society building is not open for regular hours now, and will not be again until next summer. But, as always, we are happy to help with research and are open up by appointment as weather and temperatures allow. Contact Bob Harris at 377-2299 or [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

### HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!!

*The Founders and Evolution of  
SUMMER RESORTS AND  
KIDS' CAMPS  
on Four Lakes in Central Maine*  
By  
Dale Potter-Clark and Charles Day

350 pgs includes the histories and  
200+ vintage photos  
of 40 resorts and kids' camps on  
Torsey, Echo, Lovejoy, Maranacook

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Phone: (207) 441-9184

\$24.99 (plus \$3.99 S&H)



## **TOWN OF READFIELD**

8 OLD KENTS HILL ROAD • READFIELD, MAINE 04355

# **Snow Plowing Ordinance**

**Enacted: March 12, 1977**

## **Article 46**

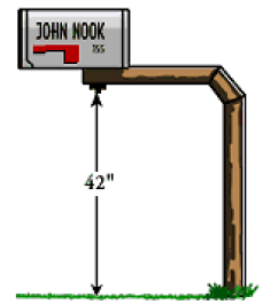
- A. No person shall plow, or push in any manner, snow or ice across any public way within the Town of Readfield, unless such plowing or pushing is done in such a manner as to:
  - 1.) Leave no ridge, lump or other trace of snow or ice within the traveled portion of such public way: and
  - 2.) Create no bulge or other protuberance in the banks along such public way.
- B. As used in this Ordinance, "public way" means any public highway or sidewalk, private way laid out under authority of statute, way dedicated to public use, or way upon which the public has a right of access or has access as invitees or licensees.
- C. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for each offense.



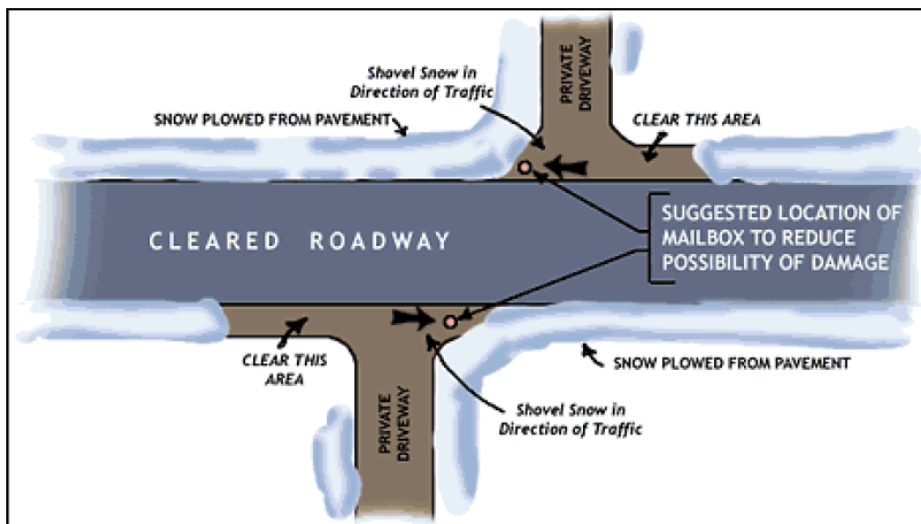
# Mailbox Guidelines 2017-18

Readfield's snowplow contractor will take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of the plow. Below are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce the chances of damage during winter plowing:

- Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" by 4" for a wooden post or 2" diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered "deadly fixed objects" and are not permitted within the Town's right-of-way.
- Mailboxes and any supports should be installed at least 42 inches high to provide clearance for the plow wing as shown in the picture. We recommend the use of an extended arm type of post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox. This allows snowplows to sweep near or under boxes without damage to supports and provides easy access to the boxes by carrier and customers.
- Below you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our driver to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.
- For uncurbed roadways set the mailbox back at the far edge of the road shoulder (at least 3 feet back from pavement edge, when possible) to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance. For curbed roads the face of the mailbox should be 8-12 inches back from the curb face.
- To assist emergency vehicles, please place reflective material on the side of the box visible to approaching traffic with 4" high letters to identify the address.



In the event your mailbox is damaged by the plow we ask you to make any needed temporary repairs. If you are unable to make such repairs on your own please call our Snow Plow Contractor, Steve McGee at 776-8007 or 776-8011 and his crew will attempt to repair or replace the mailbox when time permits. Substantially damaged property will be replaced in the spring with a basic metal mailbox. Newspaper boxes will not be repaired or reset by the Town or plow contractor in any event.



The Town and plow contractor will not replace or reimburse for custom made mailboxes, ornate posts or granite post, etc., existing mailboxes with rotted posts or in obviously poor condition, or any mailboxes that have not been located according to these guidelines. State of Maine law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way put there at the owner's risk and municipalities are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations.





# November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Town Off.	Town Off.	Town Off.	Town Off.	Town Off.	Town Off.	Town Off.
Closed	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	12-6:00	Closed	7:30-3:30	Closed
Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.	Tranf. Stat.
Closed	Closed	11-6:00	11-6:00	Contractors	11-6:00	8-4:00

Oct. 29	30 6:00 Bus. Mtg. Select Brd 6:30 Public Informational		Nov. 1 9:45 Library Brd 7-Blizzard Busters	2	3 7:30-3:30 Assessor in Today!	4
5	6	7	8 9-Age Friendly 6:30 Plan. Brd.	9	10 Town Office and Trans. Station Closed Veterans Day	11 Veterans Day Ceremony see front page for details. Free Lunch!
12	13 6:30 Select Board	14 6:30 Conservation Com.	15	16	17 7:30-3:30 Assessor in Today!	18
19 KLT @1pm walk at Parker Pond Headland Pre- serve in Fayette.	20	21	22 Special Town Hours: 8:00-12 Transfer Stat. & Town Off.	Town Office and Trans. Station Closed Happy Thanksgiving		25
26	27 6:30 Select Board	28 6:30 Trails Com.	29	30	Dec. 1 Assessor in 6:30 Tree Lighting	2 Christmas Fair from 9-2 at United Method- ist Church on Rt.17.