



# Readfield Messenger



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**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**Annual Town Meeting/State  
Primary/RSU #38**

### **Important Dates:**

**Monday, May 9, 6:30 PM**

Meet the Candidates Night

**Monday, May 16**

Absentee Ballots Available

**Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 PM**

RSU#38 Annual Budget Meeting/On Floor Vote

Maranacook Middle School Gymnasium

**Tuesday, May 24**

Last day for Mail-In Voter Registration

**Friday, May 27**

Last day to change Party Enrollment for June Primary

**Thursday, June 2, 6:30 PM**

Final Public Hearing on Completed Budget/Warrant

**Thursday, June 9; 8:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Last day to request Absentee Ballot

**Tuesday, June 14; Voting Day**

Annual Town Meeting/State Primary

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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

**The Readfield Town Office & Library will be closed on  
Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day**

# Select Board Corner

Greetings Friends,

I hope your May is off to a great start, and if flowers, gardening, and growing is your thing, I hope all of your gardens the very best.

There is something about May in Readfield that is incredibly beautiful. Leaves begin popping out, flowers spring from their buds, and more folks (possibly motivated by the last few years) are outside walking our beautiful town and trails.

One way you can help keep Readfield beautiful for the summer is by participating in the annual **Readfield Clean Up May**. This month, we need you and your favorite people to help us clean up our roadsides of bottles, trash, and debris.

It's easy to get involved. Go to our website, [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org), and click on the link to sign up for your road (or another road in town).

Get bags, pickers, and gloves at the transfer station and get to it! Afterward, bring your trash and equipment back to the transfer station for disposal. It's that easy.

In addition this year, we want your pictures, social media feeds, and snaps to include **#readfieldtogether** and **#readfieldcleanupmay**. Share the work you're doing and the fun (hopefully) that you're having. Maybe a special prize for the most unusual roadside find?

When I started on the Select Board five years ago, the late John Parent was instrumental in my understanding of Select Board governance as well as Select Board decorum. He also loved the idea of his town taking care of itself. I know John would be proud of what has continued to be a successful citizen effort to keep Readfield beautiful. Your help is appreciated.

Take part in this month-long event and continue to keep #ReadfieldTogether.

If you have questions, feel free to call the Town Office at 685-4939.

Enjoy your bloomin' and broomin'!

*Dennis, Select Board Chair*

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# News from the Town Manager

## Town Manager's Report - Investing in Our Future and Ourselves!

Last month I wrote about the Budget and Town Meeting Warrant generally and touched briefly on the **Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project** and the **Readfield Community Broadband Project**. This month I will focus in more detail on these two important community building projects and how they will strengthen our connections to one another and bring more opportunities to our youth, families, entrepreneurs, and older residents. These projects are certainly not free, but their cost is reasonable and is put into perspective relative to the value they bring to our community. We have the opportunity to invest in ourselves and the future of our Town, and I hope we do that!

### The Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project will:

- Add much needed recreational opportunities for everyone in our community.
- Keep a vast majority of the Fairgrounds property preserved as either open fields or woodlands.
- Balance environmental impacts and conservation priorities with other important uses.
- Serve our town for several decades with minimal changes.
- Pursue grant funding and community contributions to minimize the impact on taxpayers.
- Cost the average homeowner about \$20 per year, and less if we receive grants and donations!

Visit [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) for more information!

### The Community Broadband Project will:

- Make reliable high-speed internet available to everyone in town no matter where they live.
- Provide through a Maine based company with Maine based customer support and Maine based technical support.
- Encourage business development in town, and support the many home-based businesses already thriving here.
- Give control (ownership and service provider accountability) to our community as opposed to a for-profit company. That brings a lot of value to our residents in many different ways!
- Offer multiple service options from 100Mb/s to 1Gb/s symmetrical - guaranteed, not "up to".
- Pursue grant funding and community contributions to minimize the impact on taxpayers.
- Include assistance to lower-income residents that could reduce their cost to about \$10/month
- Cost the average homeowner about \$60-\$70/month (including the tax impact, service costs, everything). Installation will be free for everyone who pre-subscribes.

Visit [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) for more information!

Building Community is about working together and making informed decisions together. These two projects are intended to benefit everyone in our town directly or indirectly, not just a select few. Sometimes that means we share the cost but that doesn't mean everyone agrees with or wants to pay for these things. We want to know that, and we of course want to know if you do! At our Special Town Meeting in November we had the highest voter participation we've ever had since we switched over to the Secret Ballot process. That's impressive but I hope we beat that record. Please vote on June 14!

To stay current on what's happening in town be sure to sign up for [E-Alerts](#)

Information about obtaining an

# ABSENTEE BALLOT



## June 14, 2022 Primary Election, Annual Town Meeting & RSU #38 ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

*Absentee Ballot requests are currently being accepted and will be available starting the week of May 16, 2022*

You must be a registered voter in the Town of Readfield. To take part in the State Primary Election you need to be registered in a qualifying party.

To register to vote, or for questions concerning voter registration, contact the Town Clerk at 685-4939 or [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)

How to request a ballot:

- In person at the Town Office. Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day to request your absentee ballots – the Town Clerk will be in the office to accept ballot requests until 5:00 PM on this day.
- Online, visit the Town website [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) for more information and link.
- Call the Town Office at 685-4939 and we can take your request over the phone – *phone requests must be made directly by the voter and the voter must speak with Town Office staff; voice mail and email requests are not accepted per State of Maine law.*
- Mail a ballot application to: Town of Readfield, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, Readfield, ME 04355

Absentee Ballots will be mailed starting Monday, May 16, 2022.

Absentee Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the Town Office DROP BOX by the voter OR an immediate family member.

All absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

To return your ballot on Election Day to the voting place the location is at: Kents Hill School - Alfond Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield ME

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE  
at 685-4939 or at [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

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







## Application for Absentee Ballot June 14, 2022 Primary Election & Readfield Annual Town Meeting

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

An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close  
of business on **Thursday, June 9, 2022**, unless special circumstances exist.

**Application Received**  
(Date/Time)

**Ballot Sent/Delivered**  
(Date/Time)

State \_\_\_ Town \_\_\_ RSU \_\_\_

**Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by 8 p.m. on June 14, 2022.**

1. Full Name of Registered Voter Requesting the Ballot \_\_\_\_\_
2. Residence Address of Voter \_\_\_\_\_  

(Street Address)
(Municipality)
3. Voter's Date of Birth     /     /      

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4. Contact Information – **Please complete.** Clerk will use only to notify the voter if there is a problem with the application or ballot.  
 Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Method of Delivery of Ballot to the Voter
  - a.  Issued to Voter (Application Required if Voter will Vote **Outside the Municipal Clerk's Presence**)
  - b.  By Mail to this Address \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.  By Immediate Family Member of Voter  
 Designated Here \_\_\_\_\_  

(Name)
(Relationship to Voter)
  - d.  By this 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (Designated by the Voter) \_\_\_\_\_  

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

**AIDE CERTIFICATE (Must be Completed if Applicant was Assisted as Designated Below)**

If the voter received assistance in reading and/or signing this application, the person who assisted the voter must complete and sign this certificate.

**I helped this voter:**    read the application    sign the application    read and sign the application

Signature of Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Aide \_\_\_\_\_

# MEET THE C★NDIDATES NIGHT

Meet The Candidates for  
Select Board and School Board

**Candidate's Night - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm!**

Please join us at the Town Office or via Zoom to meet the candidates for  
Select Board and School Board.

Questions for candidates can be submitted [online](#) or at the Town Office  
through noon on May 6<sup>th</sup> or questions can be submitted at the event!

We have four candidates for each Board and we will be running a  
moderated meeting to ensure that they all have equal opportunity to speak.

Select Board candidates will start the evening at 6:30pm and School Board  
candidates will likely follow at around 8:00pm.

The event will be broadcast on Channel 7 and recorded for future access  
online.

Participate via [Zoom](#) by using Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode:  
781405 or by calling (929) 436-2866.

We hope to see you!



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

Select Board  
Monday, May 9, 2022  
6:30 PM

**THIS IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

**THE TOWN OF READFIELD DOES NOT ENDOSORE NOR SUPPORT ANY OF THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR SELECT BOARD OR SCHOOL BOARD**

## Eric Johnson “Alpaca Guy” - Candidate for Readfield Select Board

### Personal Experience

- ⇒ Veteran of 23 year for the Maine Army National Guard, he stand to salute the flag and kneels at the cross to honor those that have fallen.
- ⇒ EMT & Firefighter for 20 years
- ⇒ Animal lover and current Animal Control Officer for the Town of Readfield
- ⇒ His wife, Kelly, is an ICU nurse and is studying to be a local Nurse Practitioner

### Animal Lover

- ⇒ Owns ALPACA FAMRS OF MAINE, 30 Church Rd, selling alpaca fleece products
- ⇒ Welcomes adults and children to feed and learn about his *LOVE FOR ALAPCAS*
- ⇒ 35 Alpacas including rescue animals
- ⇒ 60 Quails & 45 Chickens; sells eggs



### Attributes & Strengths

- ⇒ Integrity
- ⇒ Sensible Spending
- ⇒ Trustworthy
- ⇒ Old school Beliefs

Please support me for Readfield Select Board on June 14th, which is Flag Day!

You can contact me at (207) 313-2993 or by email [maggielobster@gmail.com](mailto:maggielobster@gmail.com)



## 2021 Property Tax Due Dates were due:

1st Half - September 24, 2021  
2nd Half - February 25, 2022

Did you remember to pay your taxes?

## Kathryn Mills-Woodsum-Candidate for Select Board

To my fellow Readfield residents, I am Kathryn Mills Woodsum and am seeking another term on the Readfield Select Board. My husband I have lived in the Kents Hill section of Readfield for 43 years. We raised our family here, they went to school in town and my husband and son operate a business here, Great Northern Motor Works. I have worked at Saunders Manufacturing here in town, and recently retired from 33 years of teaching Mathematics at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington and now spend my days at the shop.



I have served the town in several capacities over the past 19 years including 12 years on the Select Board, having served as both Chair and Vice-Chair at times. I worked on the Budget Committee for seven years, having been Chair for several years when we developed our first CIP, Capital Investment/Improvement Plan, and have received a Spirit of America award for public service in 2013. I also serve on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and the Broadband Committee. During the last three years my Select Board colleagues and I, with the help of the Budget Committee, have developed three consecutive budgets without a mil-rate increase during a very challenging time for all of us, both locally, state-wide and nationally. Our next three years will be equally as challenging trying to maintain town services and our quality of life at the lowest possible cost during inflationary times. I am proud to serve with the members of our Select Board who give their time to research the issues and listen to the input of all residents, making decisions that benefit the entire town while following all laws. It is always the duty of the Select Board to follow the directive set by town meeting vote and to move forward.

This June, in addition to the election of town officials, we have two warrant items which will go a long way towards shaping the future of Readfield. They are the Readfield Fiber Project and the Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project. The Select Board, Town Manager, Broadband Committee and Recreation Committee have spent the past three years developing what we think are the best options to provide a fiscally responsible long-term way forward for both.

**Broadband/Fiber:** I have served as the Select Board representative for the regional group formulated to develop a plan. As a group we evaluated all the available solutions and determined that a fiber optic network is the best option for now and the foreseeable future considering increased demand for capacity and speed. We started out with six towns working towards a shared solution which we did not find. However, it now appears that four of the towns, Wayne, Vienna, Mt. Vernon and Leeds, are taking the same path that we are recommending for Readfield, and that is a fiber to every premises network. Fayette is deciding at their Town Meeting in June between a RedZone wireless approach or a fiber network. Leeds has just received a \$2.1 million dollar grant from ConnectMaine, so there is hope that we may receive a grant also in the next round this fall if voters approve our project.

In November 2021 Readfield voters approved three warrant articles directing us to continue pursuing a solution to our broadband issues. The Select Board is excited to offer this equitable, cost effective, reliable, high speed fiber network to every property in our town making Readfield an even more desirable place to in which to live and work. As we promised, we are returning for voter approval to enter the proposed contract.

**Fairgrounds:** The key issue concerning the Fairgrounds project is to be able to provide athletic fields for our girls who have none, and to provide fields that are under town control to guarantee accessibility should RSU 38 facilities become unavailable again as they did during the pandemic. The Fairgrounds were deeded to the town with the stated intent to be a multi-use recreation facility. The town has worked with the Conservation Commission to preserve the most valuable sections while utilizing the land for the benefit of the residents on a best practices basis. The plan documents include an additional grass softball field that can be multi-use in conjunction with the baseball field for soccer and lacrosse, a basketball court, a small concession booth, walking paths between the fields, and new garden areas while preserving the current trails, and don't include any sidewalks.

Please visit the town website [readfieldmaine.org](http://readfieldmaine.org) where you can access an abundance of information on the development and implementation of both projects. I have worked hard with my colleagues to develop and support these projects, I stand by them, and urge you to support them. I would appreciate your vote on June 14th to continue serving our town in this leadership role on the Select Board.

**Kathryn Mills Woodsum Select Board Candidate 2022 VISION. EXPERIENCE. COMMITMENT.**



## Steve DeAngelis, Readfield Select Board

I went to Brewer High School and the University of Maine, where I majored in Chemical Engineering. After college, I worked for two years for Scott Paper in Hinckley before accepting a job teaching science at Maranacook in the fall of 1978. I am now about to retire after 44 wonderful years of teaching. While teaching at Maranacook, I have lived in Readfield the entire time. My wife, Tara, and I built our own house on the Sturtevant Hill Road, raised our three children here, and sent them through Readfield and Maranacook schools from K - 12.

We love it here and now that I am retiring from teaching, I want to give back to the folks in town who have paid part of my salary for so many years. I feel a deep connection to Readfield and the people who live here. My commitment to you as a member of the select board would be to listen to the folks in town and do my best to do right by them.

You are my neighbors, my friends, my former students, and parents of many of my students. To me that means my primary job as a select board member would be to listen to anyone in town who has something to say, carefully evaluate the options, and help the board make decisions that are fiscally sound and reflect the priorities of the majority of the town.

Of course people are different and I think that is a good thing - life would be pretty boring if we were all the same. In general though, people have far more in common than we sometimes realize.

My plan is to keep us talking with each other and find that common ground.



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## The Town of Readfield is now seeking volunteer members for the following committees:



- \* Age Friendly Committee: 1 Associate Member (2024)
- \* Cobbossee Watershed District: 1 Alt. Member (2024)
- \* Conservation Commission: 1 Member (2023), 2 Alt. Member (2022 & 2024)
- \* Heritage Days Committee: Multiple Positions Available
- \* Local School Board Advisory: 2 Members (2023 & 2024)
- \* Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 Alt. Member (2023)
- \* Planning Board: 3 Alt. Members (2022, 2023 & 2026)
- \* Recreation Committee: 2 Members (2024)
- \* Road Committee: 1 Member (2022)
- \* Trails Committee: 4 members (1-2022, 2-2024 & 1 Alt. Member-2023)

***If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please complete the Appointment Application on our Website or stop by the Town Office.***

**FMI 207-685-4939 or [info@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:info@readfieldmaine.org)**

# Robert Bittar, Readfield Select Board

In 1965 my wife, Helen, brought me to her family home in Wayne. Then, she proudly brought me to a scrubby 2 acre lot on an isolated wooded Monmouth gravel road. She said: this is our land. I didn't understand and said: "No one lives here. They've all gone. It's abandoned." Monmouth was a laboring man's town. And with our two boys we began building a simple round house. Neighbors came. We began a family love affair with Maine. There is something unvarnished and pure about this place. It speaks of truth. And it was here that I understood Maine's great beauty- its people. The integrity of the people spoke of the truth of their life here.

In the past 50 years I've met and loved the real Maine characters who appeared to step out of Thoreau's book about The Maine Woods. Thoreau wrote about 19<sup>th</sup> century characters just like Carl Tuttle in Mount Vernon, Robert Smith in Monmouth, Gordon Ames in Readfield, and Frances Ivers in Wales. These people were my family. I was home. These and other Readfield folks form the family album of the "real" Maine people we've loved. 1980 we drove through Readfield. We fell in love with the potential magic of this town. The Emporium was our an Alice in Wonderland dream where anything could happen any day... where music and fun were spontaneous.

## Bob Bittar - A love affair with Readfield since 1980

**Covid and Federal Reserve.** Readfield folks are now isolated. We are facing a time of inevitable financial crisis. This is not by chance. It is a deliberate act by the Federal Reserve to slow rampant inflation. Many economists now predict an extended Recession. For the next 3 years families will have hard times years. We just don't know how hard it will be.

**How can I help? My Skill Set.** This is a time that calls us to prepare for Financial Winter. We must help. I've collected a few skills along the way: Finance, law, small and large business management, corporate computer system consultant, marketing, teacher, and social worker.

I understand business. I'm pretty good at construction skills. I've designed and built several buildings in several states and cities. I have a bunch of **unimportant letters** after my name: BA,MA,MS,PhD. My only goal is to protect and to help this town grow in these hard times. I will be dedicated to help board members achieve that mission.

**Most important qualities...**I can cook a decent pizza. I love all the people of Readfield.

## The Issues:

- **Community**

Artificial walls have been created to separate us. Those barriers should be removed. We must welcome new residents. They arrive in a town where there are few places to meet. We must invite them into this unique place. We will find a way in which they can meet us and participate in government. They bring new skills. They will enrich our community.

- **Our community meeting space was The Transfer Station.** It was where we met, talked, caught up on friends who were sick, met new neighbors. It was a place we loved. We discussed, joined, announced favorite projects and issues – even politics. A few simple steps will restore this New England tradition. It was our "Boston Commons". It will return.

- **Business**

Streamline town board processes. Encourage and aid business growth that builds common spaces for people to meet. Assist those who bring dreams and plans. Business is possible here. **Negativity is not a municipal asset.**

- **Integrity**

Transparency in government means that there must be greater communication and forums on ALL issues which are of community importance. They must be publicized and DISCUSSED BY EVERYONE. We Can Do This!

- **Experience and Thrift in Town Financial Management - Bob Bittar for Select Board**

Spend what families need for community services at the BEST PRICE. **Extravagance is a public insensitivity.**

# RSU School Board

Monday, May 9, 2022

8:00 PM



## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### Cristobal G. Alvarado, Readfield School Board

My wife Genvieve and I moved to Readfield in 2009 and proudly own our home on Gorden Road.

Our four children are at various levels of the Maine educational system, with our oldest son Sebastian and our oldest daughter Avery having recently graduated from Maranacook High School, and our younger daughter Isabel currently attending the middle school.



In fact, I am a student myself again; having recently retired from my former practice as a chest surgeon several years ago, I am now completing my second year at the University of Maine School of Law.

During my first year of law school, I served for a year as the parent representative on the strategic planning committee for the residential Maine public high school our younger son Luke attends in Limestone, Maine. That experience, combined with all the controversies of the last couple of years, demonstrated to me just how important the policies the School Board sets are to the community.

I hope to bring my passion, energy, and skills to assist the Board in being forward thinking regarding how we best provide our children the opportunities they will need to emerge from the pandemic without detriment. A significant amount of our tax money has been appropriated and we need to ensure it is used effectively.

If elected, I promise to be reliably available to all Readfield citizens via email or phone. The most important job of a representative is to faithfully bring forward the opinions of those in the community.

Most importantly, please vote on June 14 – Flag Day! All voices need to be heard.



### Rebecca Lambert for RSU School Board

My husband and I moved to Readfield with our three children in June 2018. I work for the Maine Municipal Association, hold a B.S. in Public Administration, and enjoy giving back to and being involved with my community.

I was initially involved only with the Readfield budget committee but shortly thereafter elected as a write in candidate to the RSU #38 Board of Directors—on which, I have served for the past three years. I came to the board with absolutely no school board experience, and, though no amount of experience could prepare me for the most recent past two years, I have learned so much. I have a much deeper understanding of the public school system and all the moving parts contained under its umbrella.

A recent board accomplishment has been the reinstatement of a communication subcommittee to the RSU #38 Board. The goal is to improve communication between the board and all stakeholders with the idea that their thoughts and/or concerns may be heard and discussed in a more collaborative way.

I'm hopeful to be elected for a second term on the RSU #38 Board of Directors.

## **Peter Bickerman; RSU School Board**

I am running for a position on the RSU Board because of my belief in the importance of public schools, not just for the students themselves but also for the broader community. Public education is the primary way in which young people from a variety of backgrounds meet, learn together and learn from one another. One of the lessons they learn is that people of different religions, ethnic origins, political beliefs and economic circumstances can work toward common goals.

I am a product of the New York City public school system. I graduated from a high school which had a student population of over 4,000. That school system provided students who were motivated to learn with a quality education despite many challenges. The challenges we face in this State are somewhat different, but the need to support and encourage quality education is as great as ever. I have lived in Maine since 1977, when I was not quite 25 years old. My wife Karen and I moved to Readfield in 1981. Our son and daughter are proud graduates of Readfield Elementary School and Maranacook Community School. One of our granddaughters is a student at Mt. Vernon Elementary School and another is a student at MCS.

My professional experience as a lawyer (now retired from active practice) and my volunteer activities with several non-profit organizations have taught me the importance of listening to others and seeking consensus where possible, as well as the need to base one's opinions on reliable information. I have been a member of the Readfield Board of Appeals for about 14 years. That Board has dealt with several contentious issues in a respectful and effective manner. I would hope to bring that same approach to my service on the RSU Board.

Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to any questions you may have on Candidate's Night or at any other time.

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## **Travis Frautten; RSU School Board**

My name is Travis Frautten and I'd first like to thank the registered voters of Readfield who were willing to sign my Nomination Papers for a three-year term on the RSU 38 School Board. I enjoyed my conversations with all of you and I'm hopeful I'm able to continue those in a more formal role as an RSU 38 Board member. My wife Danica and I have lived in Readfield for 10 years and now have two daughters who attend Readfield Elementary School. Having grown up on the Winthrop side of Maranacook Lake, I have a tremendous appreciation for the beautiful community we are all fortunate to live in. Now that we are raising a family in this area, I find myself deeply committed to not only our own daughters' education and extracurricular opportunities but to all of their peers in the greater RSU 38 school district as well.



On a professional level, I have been a Commercial Loan Officer for over ten years and have been involved in community banking in Maine for nearly 15 years. Prior to my professional career, I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from UMaine Orono and an MBA from Thomas College in Waterville. I have considerable prior board experience, having held positions on four other local nonprofit Boards and currently serve as the Chairperson of Community Concepts Finance Corp's Board of Directors.

It is no secret that all of our communities have been faced with many unique challenges over the past couple of years. I certainly do not promise to have a solution for many, if any, of those challenges. Instead, I promise to always remain committed to the children of our community and do what I can to preserve the normalcy that they all deserve and have courageously earned over the past two or more years.

I hope some of you are able to attend the upcoming Candidates Night on May 9th, as I'd love an opportunity to tell you more about myself or answer any questions you may have for me. Again, I'd like to thank the registered voters of Readfield who made this possible for me, as well as my family and friends who have been an abundant source of encouragement and inspiration for me. It's been a humbling experience thus far and I'm hopeful I can count on your vote in the upcoming June election.

*Sincerely, Travis J. Frautten*





**READFIELD BEACH  
CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK RENTAL APPLICATION**  
2022 Season (May 1 – November 1, 2022)



*Please Print Clearly*

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Canoe/Kayak Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Canoe/Kayak Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Rack #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. Rack space rentals are available to current year Readfield Beach Pass holders over 18 years of age.**
2. Cost of one rental rack space is \$40 from May 1 – November 1. Rental fee must be paid prior to the start of storage.
3. Maximum length/width for the canoe/kayak racks is 18'0" / 2'4". Paddleboards, sculls, etc. may also be stored.
- 4. Rack rental is not allowed for any watercraft used to access a moored vessel.**
5. Rack rental is on a first come, first served basis. Upon receipt of completed application and payment, racks will be assigned by number. Rack rental and assignment is at the discretion of the Town Manager or designee.
6. Before storage, Owner must attach their assigned rack number to the canoe/kayak by a secure means.
7. Owner agrees to remove canoe/kayak by November 1. Failure to remove canoe/kayak from rack by date stated will result in the inability to rent during subsequent seasons.
8. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak is reasonably secured in its assigned rack and will not pose any danger to any passersby. Owner must provide locking mechanism.
9. Owner must ensure the canoe/kayak rack space is clean and tidy at all times. Nothing other than one canoe/kayak can be left on, in, around or by the rack at any time (e.g., paddles, floatation devices, etc).
10. Canoe/kayak may not be left outside the designated storage area.
11. The storage rack unit may only be used for the one canoe/kayak listed above. Eight rack spaces are reserved for paired use. Paired spaces are 1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13-14. There is a one space (or paired space) limit per household.
- 12. Owner acknowledges that canoe/kayak storage rack rental is at their own risk. The Town of Readfield accepts no responsibility for loss of or damages to the canoe/kayak. Failure to comply with above terms will result in termination of this agreement with no refund of rental fees.**

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Office Use Only \*\***

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

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

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

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

## 2022 Readfield Beach Permit Application

RESIDENT PERMIT: (Readfield Residents & Taxpayers) FREE  
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger living in household

NON-RESIDENT PERMIT: (No exceptions or grandfathered passes) \$85 (all year)

GUEST PASSES: Guest Passes are required for those who do not have a Resident or Non-Resident Permit. Please see beach attendant on duty to purchase. Pricing is as follows:

- DAY GUEST PASS: \$ 8 / one guest  
\$16 / 2-4 guests

- ONE WEEK GUEST PASS: Permit is valid for seven (7) consecutive days only \$45 Start Date:

\*\*\*\*\*

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEL#: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LICENSE PLATE # 1: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE # 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Childcare Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

I am a legal resident of: \_\_\_\_\_ . I am the legal parent/guardian or grandparent of all the children listed below and they are all 21 or younger. They will be using the beach under this permit and I will be supervising them at all times.

	Name	Age	Name	Age
1			5	
2			6	
3			7	
4			8	

I am interested in learning more about **Swim Lessons** (price TBD) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No, for a child aged \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about **Canoe / Kayak rack rental space** (\$40 per season) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I hereby acknowledge that the Town of Readfield does not provide lifeguard services or supervision at the Readfield Beach and therefore users must exercise constant observation and supervision of children and guests at the facility. I understand that this permit can be revoked at any time if policies are abused or information provided does not hold true. Beach rules and procedures are attached. **CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT REMAINING ON THE PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be issued ONLY two (2) permits per family.**  
 Please know your license plate numbers when completing application, as permits **will not be issued** without license plate numbers.

**ALL Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.**  
 Please make checks payable to: The Town of Readfield

# RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH

1. All users of the property are required to have a season permit or purchase a guest pass.
2. All users of beach, water and property assume all risk. There is **NO LIFEGUARD** available at any time.
3. Beach hours: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.
4. All attendants have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is dangerous.
5. All posted public health rules must be followed.
6. All children 14 & under must be supervised by an adult remaining on the property at all times.
7. When arriving at Beach please:
8. Drive slowly and use caution in parking area
9. Show permit to attendant on duty (or purchase day pass from attendant)
10. Keep permit visible on dashboard at all times
11. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
12. No glass of any kind is allowed on the property.
13. No animals of any kind are allowed on the property.
14. All boats (including windsurfers, canoes, and kayaks) are to be kept out of the swim area, and may come ashore on the west side of the beach, outside the buoys.
15. No fishing allowed within the beach buoy area.
16. No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
17. The use of floats and rafts in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the attendant on duty.
18. Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake. Failure to provide a swim diaper for your child while in the water is cause for immediate revoking of your permit.
19. There are no trash cans available anywhere on the Beach property; therefore we have a “carry-in, carry-out” policy for all trash.
20. There is absolutely no tobacco use or vaping allowed anywhere on the property.
21. All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
22. Permit holders wishing to have any group function should call the Readfield Town Office at 207-685-4939 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
23. No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
24. All music must be kept to a level as to not to disturbed others using the beach.
25. All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving.



**Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!**

***The Town of Readfield and our authorized representatives reserve the right to revoke a permit for violation of any of the above.***





# Readfield Handy Helpers

As Spring arrives, do you need assistance with a chore or a task at your home? If so, give the Handy Helper Program a call.

Readfield Handy Helpers provide home repair and maintenance services without charge to older adults or people who need assistance who live in their own homes. The only cost is for any parts needed.

Work is done by volunteers who make it their mission to help people in our community. Many of the volunteers are members of our local Mason Lodge located in Readfield who make it their mission to provide assistance.

Handy Helpers are not licensed carpenters, plumbers, or electricians. They are home-owners—just like you—who know how to do simple home maintenance and repairs.

⇒ We provide help with minor home repair and home maintenance services, including:

- Change light bulbs;
- Replace furnace or water filters; \* Install padlocks;
- Repair or replace door locks, handles, springs and closers;
- Help with weatherization.

⇒ Simple Home chores. We provide help with routine home chores, such as:

- Move furniture;
- Secure carpets;
- Remove/install window air conditioners or screens for the season;
- Hang pictures or mirrors;
- Help hauling trash or clearing clutter on a limited basis;

⇒ Information and Referral;

- Explain what is needed to complete a task that is beyond the expertise of the Handy Helper, such as building a ramp or replacing a roof

## Handy Helpers DO NOT:

- Provide emergency service;
- Help with outdoor work, painting, tiling, appliance repairs, major carpentry, wiring, or plumbing;
- Complete any installation that involves Code (e.g. install stair railings or new stove vent)
- Repairs for apartment dwellers are limited to personal items only. Other repairs are the responsibility of the landlord.

If you need assistance please call the Town Office at **685-1816** or [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org)

Handy Helpers are ready and waiting for requests! Let's keep them busy!

## **E-Alerts Subscription**

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings!

The Town of Readfield website has a feature to subscribe to e-alerts.

Go to [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and click on E-Alerts to sign up.

*Your email will be treated as confidential information.*



# READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## SUMMER IS COMING

Given the disruption in all of our lives over the past two years we are looking forward to a more normal summer this year. More details will be coming but for now, we are planning the following events and projects.

## THE BUILDING

We are scheduled to have two heat pumps installed in June – one up and one downstairs. These will keep the building cooler in the summer plus better control humidity in the museum, thus helping to preserve the integrity of artifacts on display.

## HISTORICAL SITE SIGNS

More historical site signs will be installed this summer – dates and locations to be announced. You may have seen the seven installed in 2021, at the Community Library, the Masonic Block, the Union Meeting House and four at the Old Fairgrounds. These are made possible through donations and a percentage of sales from house circa signs. Speaking of which...

## HOUSE CIRCA SIGNS

The house circa sign project began in 2015 and since then ninety have been sold. Due to increasing building supply costs of late, the signs are now \$85. The next order will be placed in May so it is not too late to order a sign for your home or that of a friend or family member. Our research on the home is included with the sign and homeowners are given some choices (for wording) to choose from based on the research. FMI contact (207) 441-9184 or [crossings4u@gmail.com](mailto:crossings4u@gmail.com).

## SUMMER HOURS


We are planning on a normal summer 2022 schedule of 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays plus by appointment. If you are interested in serving as a docent or volunteering for a project, please contact us at 377-2299 or [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com).

*The Readfield Historical Society was founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. Annual dues are \$5 for seniors or \$10 for others or \$100 for lifetime memberships. FMI contact (207) 377-2299 or [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) Visit us on Facebook to see posts of a historical nature and updates from our organization.*

### PHOTO CAPTION:

One of the seven historical signs that were installed last summer, this one is on the Masonic Block at Readfield Corner. More will be installed at various locations this summer.



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Ken Edgecomb		Mark Edgecomb



# Readfield's Annual Roadside Cleanup is Here!

## Clean Up May!!!

For the entire month of May, the Town of Readfield invites you to help keep your road and community clean of trash and debris! Volunteers who are interested are encouraged to adopt a road and clean it up at their own pace.



**We will also be getting together at the Fairgrounds as we have in years past to make a big push on May 14th, starting at 8:00 am and running until noon.**

**Snacks and drinks will be provided!**

*However you want to participate, we are using a tool called “Signup Genius” to help us coordinate this effort. Go to [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org) and sign up using the [online signup sheet](#).*

Trash bags, debris grabbers & other supplies will be available at the Transfer Station throughout the month of May and at the Fairgrounds on May 14th. Saturdays are designated as drop-off and pick-up days at the Transfer Station. We provide the tools & you provide valuable help to the town.

We want you to be safe, so we ask that you wear comfortable and appropriate Maine spring clothing, gloves, and **BRIGHT COLORS** (either yellow or orange safety clothing) so motorists can clearly see you. Tick and mosquito repellents are also recommended.

Bagged waste can be brought to the Transfer Station any open day in May. Just let the attendant know that you are bringing in waste from the cleanup. If you find items that won't fit in a bag, are too bulky, or require a fee at the transfer station (tires etc) please contact the Town Office and they will arrange for them to be picked up. You can do so by calling 207-685-4939.

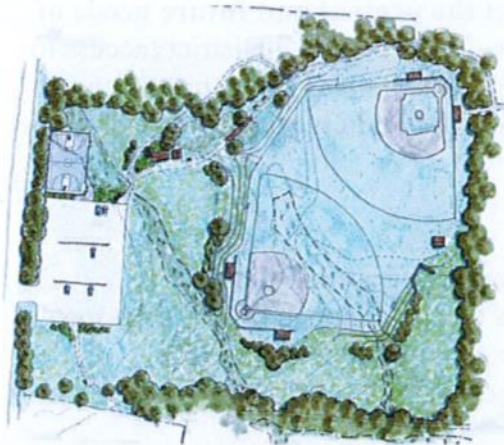
Volunteers are encouraged to share pictures on Facebook and other social media, and send them to the Select Board Chair; Dennis Price, [dprice@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:dprice@readfieldmaine.org) so we can share them too!

Readfield Clean Up May is dedicated to late Select Board member and friend of Readfield, John Parent. Help continue his legacy of responsible citizenship by signing up for your road (or others) and being a part of this great community effort. For more information, visit the town website or call the Town Office, 685-4939. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested in helping out with the cleanup, and thank you in advance!



# READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

## COMMUNITY PARK AND CONSERVATION PROJECT



The Fairgrounds is a ROUGHLY 36 acre municipally owned property located off of Church Rd. It was acquired by the Town in 1994 and has supported a number of uses over the years including conservation, parks and recreation, trails, and one of our most prominent cemeteries. Over the past few years the importance of outdoor recreation has become more evident and the Readfield Recreation Board and Select Board have worked actively with key stakeholders to propose a second phase of development to be considered by the voters. The table below shows the current and proposed use of the property from a land use

perspective. **The Community Park and Conservation Project will add recreational opportunities and amenities for all of our residents while maintaining over 85% of the Fairgrounds property in woodland and open space!**

FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY USES	CURRENT		PROPOSED	
	Acres <sup>*</sup> ^	Percent	Acres <sup>*</sup> ^	Percent
Paved area	0.00	0.0%	0.13	0.4%
Grass Parking Area (flanks the ball field access road)	0.47	1.3%	0.00	0.0%
Gravel Parking Area (adjacent to Church Rd.)	0.55	1.5%	0.55	1.5%
Cemetery (mown area and annex behind the cemetery)	1.30	3.6%	1.30	3.6%
Ball field and surrounding mown area	1.65	4.6%	3.21	9.0%
Open field (currently mown annually)	3.07	8.6%	1.98	5.5%
Woodland	28.74	80.3%	28.61	80.0%
TOTAL	35.78	100.0%	35.78	100.0%

*\* Acreages are approximate based on available parcel data and aerial imagery*

*^ Trail and road acreage is not included in the above numbers*

The use of the property has been generally governed by a Proposed Management Plan from 1995 in conjunction with actions by various Select Boards, town meeting votes, and any relevant ordinances. The plan calls for thoughtful and balanced use of the property and is available on the town website and at the Town Office.

**The initial phase of recreational development at the Fairgrounds happened several years ago based on an original site plan but was limited to the construction of a single baseball field and recreational trails. Since that time the parking lot has been expanded and the use of the property has increased, particularly during the pandemic. A tremendous amount of volunteer time and financial resources were contributed to the original project and**



have been an important part of the overall operation of the property ever since. We fully expect this community investment to continue with the Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project.

**The next phase builds upon the original plan and balances conservation and recreation goals while envisioning a multi-use facility that will meet the present and future needs of our community.** This is not a substitute for the fields owned by the School District (access to these fields is limited), or a grand athletic complex for a big town - **this is a community park for Readfield, with something for everyone.** Proposed changes and improvements include:

**Recreational Opportunities for Youth and Adults:**

- A softball field to match the quality and use of the existing baseball field
- The ability to host a long list of sports and activities that can happen by creating open space between the infields (soccer, ultimate Frisbee, community events, etc.)
- A basketball court that can also support pickleball courts

**Conservation and Trails:**

- Removal of existing on-field parking and conversion to dedicated grassland
- Removal of the access road that currently divides the field area
- A curated pollinator garden and planting of pollinator friendly species in the fields
- A new Kiosk for trail information, activity schedules, and community information

**Other Amenities:**

- A concession stand for community and sporting events
- A flagpole
- A well to support multiple uses including drinking water, water for the cemetery, and water for maintaining plantings (there are no plans to irrigate the athletic fields)
- A dedicated and more attractive location for portable toilets

This is not an exhaustive list but should give a very clear picture of what is being planned. For an even better picture check out the draft Concept Plans available on the Town Website!

**The full cost of this project is currently estimated to be between \$350,000 and \$400,000 but we expect a LOT of community support, grants, and donations to significantly lower the cost. We have two articles on the June 14, 2022 Town Meeting Warrant - one to approve municipal borrowing (up to \$500,000 out of an abundance of caution) and one to approve the project. If we receive NO grants and NO community contributions the average homeowner would pay less than \$20 per year for this project. We hope you will support this incredible opportunity for our community, and if you'd like to contribute in any way please reach out to the Town Office!**

**For More Information Visit [www.ReadfieldMaine.org](http://www.ReadfieldMaine.org)!**





# Community Park & Conservation Project

## CONCEPT PLAN READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

### KEY TO PLAN ELEMENTS:

1. Enhanced trail head with native pollinator plantings & signage; Shrubs to buffer abutter views
2. Main trail head; Shift kiosk to this location and widen path for service and maintenance access
3. Entrance to basketball court with pollinator gardens
4. New basketball / pickleball multi-use court; Fenced with black, 6' fence with two access gates
5. Concession building & bathrooms; Aligned with path to provide easy service / deliveries access
6. Existing trail connection with trail sign & pollinator garden
7. New ballfields access drive / path, 8+ feet wide for maintenance and field access
8. Planted filter bed, or similar, with native grasses and wildflowers
9. Seating areas adjacent to path for spectators
10. Access path to fields for maintenance
11. Field improvements; Drainage improvements (existing field), new softball and multiuse fields
12. Preserved meadow area; Add groupings of native trees and shrubs to buffer ballfields and to provide habitat / cover for wildlife; Seed all disturbed areas with native pollinator-friendly seed mix

### SYMBOLS KEY:

- Sign location
- Shade tree
- Evergreen
- Shrubs
- Herbaceous plants
- Lawn area
- Fence
- Bench

Project Name:  
**RS LEONARD**  
 Landscape Architecture

Prepared for:  
 Town of Readfield  
 Readfield, ME 04855

Date: 4.18.2022

Main-Land  
 Development  
 Consultants



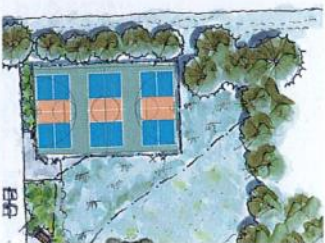




**Multi Use Athletic Fields Layout A**  
Softball & Baseball with U12 Field



**Multi Use Athletic Fields Layout B**  
Softball & Baseball with (1) U10 & (3) U6-8 Fields



**Multi-Use Court Layout**  
Basketball & Pickleball Courts

## Community Park & Conservation Project

### Multi-Use Recreation Scenarios

READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

Project Team  
**RS LEONARD**  
Landscape Architecture  
Main-Land  
Development  
Consultants

Prepared for  
Town of Readfield  
8 Oak View Hill Rd  
Readfield, ME 04235  
Date: 4.18.2022





# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE TRAILS

For the first time in over two years, the Readfield Trails Committee shared a workday with Kents Hill School students and staff. On Thursday, April 21, 2022 the two groups met at Readfield Fairgrounds to continue a re-surfacing project started last fall by Maranacook students. Residents Howard Lake and John Perry brought their tractors and expertise to work with the Maranacook Juniors in early October 2021 to start the process of re-surfacing the trails with the goal to eventually improve the whole trail system. The work last October, just like the work done on April 21<sup>st</sup>, was labor intensive using shovels, wheel barrows, rakes, in an all day endeavor.

Last October the Readfield Conservation Commission, Trails Committee, Town Manager Eric Dyer and Jedediah Talbot of OBP Trailworks LLC planned and carried out a day and a half of solid effort with Mr. Talbot's experienced and skilled employees and their motorized equipment to re-surface a large segment of the trails starting at the Route 17 trail head and heading northwest. Work will hopefully continue through the summer with community volunteers and again in the fall using student volunteer groups. It probably goes without saying, but just in case someone may be reading the Messenger for the first time, all our town trails are maintained by volunteer labor. Each town trail has at least one steward that looks after the property with regular visits to ensure our town's trails resource are in good shape for the many users who walk, bike, hike, run etc. daily.

Kents Hill staff and students: Katie & Tim Cory, Owen, Pavol, Austin, Abbie, Sam, Margaret  
Trails members: Rob Peale, Paul Bessette, Jackie Drouin, Henry Whittemore  
Community members: Jeanne and Bob Harris

Please safely use and enjoy our town resources this spring and summer now that warm weather (mostly) has returned. If you are looking to volunteer on a trails work project, call Greg Durgin at 685-4481

The picture below was taken by the rocks surrounding the parking lot at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 23. I included this photo as this is the second time recently that household trash has been left in the parking lot. Trail users, ballplayers, spectators, and visitors have been very responsible over the years respecting the carry in / carry out method of keeping the site litter free. I hope this is not starting a trend.

*Submitted by Greg Durgin*



## Donations to the trails?

Left by mistake?

Couldn't find the  
Transfer Station?



# ATV Price Increase - May 2022

Maine Residents	\$70.00
Non-Residents	\$115.00
Non-Residents (7 Day)	\$100.00

*\*Plus \$1.00/\$2.00 Agent Fee*



You can begin registering your ATV's **starting May 6th** for the 2022/2023 Season

IF&W Customer Helpline 207-287-8000



**MARANACOOK**  
AREA SCHOOLS

## RSU #38 – FY23 Budget Workshops Schedule Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

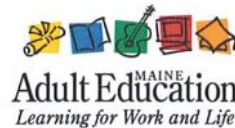
**May 18** Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

**June 14** Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations

Budget documents are available by visiting <https://www.maranacook.org/page/fy-23-budget-documents>

## RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

**Lots of new classes starting soon!!!**



### Class Name

Ukulele for Beginners - Multiple start dates  
Malaga Island History  
Acadian Arts Spring Retreat at Grey Havens Inn  
CDL Class B - June - Dates TBA  
Introduction to iPhone Basics  
Introduction to Mac Basics  
Introduction to Zoom Basics  
Take Fabulous Photos of Flora and Fauna  
Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad

### Start Date

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 25  
05/10/2022  
05/23/2022  
Online-Start anytime  
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To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

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

### Upcoming Driver's Ed Classes:

Monday, May 9, 2022 & Monday, July 11, 2022

For more information and to register, go to Roy's Driver Education website: [www.roysdriverandridereducation.com](http://www.roysdriverandridereducation.com)





# March Financial Reports

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## Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
March

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	620,098.00	71,846.04	729.24	443,729.63	176,368.37	71.56
12 - Maintenance	144,915.00	23,207.10	0.00	102,467.84	42,447.16	70.71
25 - COMM SERVICE	75,466.00	9,764.17	0.00	107,119.82	-31,653.82	141.94
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	50,321.00	677.06	0.00	25,874.65	24,446.35	51.42
40 - PROTECTION	154,335.00	4,946.50	0.00	86,581.26	67,753.74	56.10
50 - CEMETERIES	22,700.00	720.82	0.00	7,553.65	15,146.35	33.28
60 - Rds & Drain	417,850.00	86,900.11	0.00	308,032.16	109,817.84	73.72
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	892,858.00	17,819.62	0.00	73,679.41	819,178.59	8.25
70 - SOLID WASTE	323,665.00	33,482.41	0.00	240,488.68	83,176.32	74.30
75 - EDUCATION	3,463,235.00	288,602.91	0.00	2,597,426.27	865,808.73	75.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	49,000.00	7,979.00	0.00	40,574.00	8,426.00	82.80
81 - COUNTY TAX	319,743.00	0.00	0.00	319,743.02	-0.02	100.00
85 - DEBT SERVICE	125,224.00	10,281.39	0.00	122,925.23	2,298.77	98.16
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	294,056.00	2,751.89	0.00	35,426.48	258,629.52	12.05
95 - GENERAL ASST	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	963.60	9,036.40	9.64
Final Totals	6,963,466.00	558,979.02	729.24	4,512,585.70	2,450,880.30	64.80

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## Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
March

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,131,999.00	217.14	80,250.68	5,856,730.59	275,268.41	95.51
12 - Maintenance	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	36,667.00	0.00	10,793.03	61,646.08	-24,979.08	168.12
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	18,210.00	0.00	3,707.00	13,294.37	4,915.63	73.01
40 - PROTECTION	3,450.00	0.00	2,400.00	14,090.00	-10,640.00	408.41
60 - Roads & Drainage	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,672.00	-4,672.00	114.60
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	490,533.00	0.00	1,211.53	430,899.32	59,633.68	87.84
70 - SOLID WASTE	216,838.00	0.00	18,337.50	192,871.83	23,966.17	88.95
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	3,569.00	0.00	166.66	4,000.95	-431.95	112.10
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	367.50	4,632.50	7.35
Final Totals	6,963,466.00	217.14	116,866.40	6,610,572.64	352,893.36	94.93



Wake early to exercise  
Focus on fruits & vegetables  
Work in more water  
Change out your wardrobe  
Get your ZZZs

# Readfield Transfer Station



## Recycling Through ReUse

The Swap Shop is reopening on Tuesday, May 3rd

The Swap Shop is an important component in the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle cycle. Reusing is a time-honored practice that Mainers know and practice well. Please bring items in and feel free to take items you can use. Attached is our handout that you can find at the Swap Shop also. It provides you all the needed information for utilizing the shop. And if you have any time to donate to keeping the shop in tip-top shape please let your Town Manager know and we can arrange for you to be a volunteer! Any time you have would be gratefully appreciated.

**Electronic Payments** are now accepted at the Transfer Station in addition to cash and checks. We have implemented a new accounting method for all transactions that consolidates accounting tasks and provides better information on waste types. You will receive a printed receipt for all transaction types. We accept debit and credit card payments in addition to cash and checks. Use of an electronic payment does incur the 3% bank fee that the town is charged added to your total.



**Do Bring:** All Battery Types; Unwanted mixed and unmixed Fuels; Household cleaners, chemicals & pesticides; Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals. **NO Explosives.**

## Save the Date

Sun July 10<sup>th</sup> 8am to 12 Noon

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

At the Readfield Transfer Station!

No charge for permit holders

Registration required; Contact your Town Office for more information and to register

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

### General Operation Practices

All vehicles must stop at the Attendant Booth to speak with an employee about what materials you are bringing in, to receive directions on where to dispose of these materials, and to pay any required fee.

All Covid special operations have ceased and we are back to normal operations.

Please leave when you are finished to avoid making the space congested.

### Transfer Station Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

11 AM to 6 PM

Thursday Senior-Only Hours

10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday

8AM to 4PM

Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hours 8AM to 12 Noon

WASTE LESS  
SAVE MORE



RECYCLE  
COMPOST

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee





# READFIELD SWAP SHOP GUIDELINES

## Recycling Through ReUse

The Swap Shop is an area where items in good working condition may be given and taken in an effort to keep useable items **OUT** of the landfill. Everything is free and you do not need to donate in order to take items.

### Goals:

- To divert useable items in good condition from the waste stream and to reduce our disposal costs.
- To allow our residents the opportunity to extend an items' useful life.

### Rules:

- **Open only to** Fayette, Readfield and Wayne residents with a Transfer Station permit.
- **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** See attached list. All items must be approved by a Transfer Station employee before drop-off. Employees may use their discretion in allowing or refusing items.
- **PICK-UP:** During Swap Shop hours ONLY.
- **DROP-OFF:** Up to 30 minutes before Swap Shop closing time ONLY. Place items in designated area only.
- **PARKING LIMIT:** 15 minutes per day in designated spaces.
- **VISIT LIMIT:** 15 minutes in one visit per day. No loitering.
- **CONDUCT:** No unruly behavior, no smoking, no swearing.
- **AVAILABLE ITEMS:** All items are first-come, first-serve at all times. Town staff and volunteers may not remove items from the Swap Shop while on duty and may not set aside or otherwise hold items for themselves, other employees or volunteers, or members of the public. Items are for personal use only and may not be re-sold or transferred in trade.

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**The Town of Readfield in no way warranties any item in the Swap Shop as safe to handle, transport or use. Anyone taking an item assumes total responsibility and risk with respect to its safety, condition and ownership.**

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Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am to 5:30pm. Saturday 8am to 3:30pm  
Karen Peterson, Transfer Station Manager (207) 685-3144 Posted 5-1-2022



# READFIELD SWAP SHOP GUIDELINES

## Recycling Through ReUse

### Acceptable Items:

- All items should be clean and in good working condition or be easily repairable. Do not leave items that are broken and cannot be fixed.
- **All items must be approved by a Transfer Station employee before drop-off.** Employees may use their discretion in allowing or refusing items.
- Toys, games, puzzles, educational items, etc.
- Household items such as kitchenware, canning jars, baskets, utensils, etc.
- Household electrical items such as fans, lamps, phones, small appliances, etc. **NO TVs, monitors, computers or printers.**
- Decorative items such as frames, prints, knickknacks, holiday items, etc.
- Baby items such as toys, strollers, high chairs. **NO cribs, mattresses or car seats.**
- Tools and hardware
- Garden, yard & outdoor items such as rakes, plant pots, decorative items, etc.
- Office furniture & supplies
- Furniture such as chairs, tables, file drawers. **NO mattresses, box springs, upholstered or padded furniture.**
- Entertainment items such as videos, DVDs, CDs, records, radios, recorders, players. **NO stereo systems or components.**
- Books and magazines.
- **Any item that carries a disposal fee must be paid for prior to drop-off in the Swap Shop.**
- **Certain items will not be accepted in the Swap Shop** for safety and other reasons. Such items include but are not limited to:
  - No pornography.
  - No liquids including paint, oil, gas, cleaners, etc. Paints in cans with labels go in the PaintCare bin outside.
  - No thermostats, ballasts, rechargeable batteries, or mercury containing devices. These are recycled; please see an employee.
  - No clothing, linens, bedding, etc. Donate to Goodwill or another shop, or place in the Apparel Impact bin outside.

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# News from the Conservation Commission

## Readfield Bird Walk

Saturday May 7, 7:00 to around 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Readfield Fairgrounds parking lot, Church Rd.



This year the town's Conservation Commission is offering a chance to enjoy some of our spring birds. All abilities and ages are welcome.

After gathering at the Fairgrounds, we expect to break into smaller groups and drive to different locations. Bird watching involves some walking, but also a good deal of quiet waiting, watching and listening. Dogs probably should stay home.

To bring: Binoculars, comfortable durable footwear. Also, your choice of tick protection. Early May can be chilly, so be prepared.

We are fortunate to still have lots of these wonderful creatures who help us welcome spring each year. Come join us!



Cancelled if actively raining.

Questions: Call Tim Sniffen 685-4024.

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## Readfield Heritage Days are Coming August 12 and 13!

The first planning meeting for 2022 Readfield Heritage Days will be on Sunday, May 15th at 1pm.

The meeting will last about an hour and refreshments will be served!

If you are interested in helping with Heritage Days, participating in Heritage Days, or have an event to add to the day, you should come to this meeting!



**Readfield  
Heritage Days**  
**SECOND WEEKEND IN AUGUST**

Any local organization that seeks to sponsor an event or activity during Heritage Days should also be there!

See you on Sunday, May 15th 1pm at Asa Giles Hall (Town Office)!



# MAY 2022—LIBRARY NEWS and EVENTS

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

## REGISTER NOW! Hands-On BIKE WORKSHOP with Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Our Bike Workshop in the fall was so well-received –so we decided to offer it again!



Great opportunity to get your bike tuned-up and ready for the spring/summer cycling season with experts to help! Bring yourself and your bike—all tools will be provided. Workshop is held outside, so dress for the weather. The Bike Workshop is for adults and teens.

**Bike Workshop will be held on Monday, May 2** with two times/ locations offered:

2:30-4:30pm at Dr. Shaw Library in Mount Vernon

OR 5:00-7:00pm at Readfield Community Library in Readfield

Limited spaces available. Please call/email ASAP to register: [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) or 207-685-4089.



## CAREER CENTER CONSULTANT at the Library continues in May!

The "Career Center on Wheels" program at the library has been a success and **will continue to run on Mondays from 3-5pm at the Library through May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



Marc is a friendly, helpful career consultant who is available to assist with many job and career-related needs such as **job search coaching and resume and cover letter guidance, all for FREE!**

Drop-in or call ahead to make an appointment (call Marc at 207-707-0228).



## Weekly In-Person Outdoor STORY TIME is back!!

Weekly outdoor Story Time will **start up again on May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Join us behind the library on **Tuesdays at 10:00am (note new time!)**, for books, songs, and crafts. Note we will transition to our summer location at the Town Beach in mid-June. Watch Facebook events for details or call the Library. In May, themes will include gardens, mothers/grandmothers, space/astronauts, turtles, and farms.



## MAY STORY WALK® at the Library—Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming

The Library StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. **The picture book featured for May is Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming, sponsored by an Anonymous donor.** Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open. And, be sure to stop by the Library during open hours to pick up the take-home craft that goes along with the story.



### May STORY WALK EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am**—Group Story Walk & Story Time outdoors behind the Library featuring *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* and other books, music, and activities. Dress for the weather!

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am**— Group Story Walk & Story Time outdoors behind the Library featuring *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* and other books, music, and activities. Dress for the weather!

## SCREEN FREE WEEK May 2-8

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



## May Beanstack READING CHALLENGE—NASA Space Theme



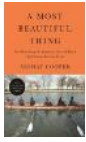
This May reading challenge is for all ages (kids, teens, adults). Simply log **600 minutes** of reading in the month of May (note you may read any books of your choice and/or one of the many books at the library about space/astronauts) **and complete 1 space-themed activity to complete the challenge.** All Readfield residents who complete the challenge will be in a raffle drawing for a prize! If you have not yet signed up for Beanstack, go to [maine.beanstack.org](http://maine.beanstack.org) at any time to sign up.

## TRAVELING this SUMMER? Using an E-READER or listening to AUDIO BOOKS?

No need to spend money on Audible, Amazon, Kindle, etc.—simply use CLOUD LIBRARY, which comes absolutely FREE with your Readfield Community Library card. **Please join the Librarian on Monday May 16th at 6:00pm for a workshop on "Getting Started with Cloud Library,"** where you can learn how to use the app on your tablet, computer, or smartphone and learn how FREE borrowing from the "cloud" works. Please contact the librarian for the 207-685-4089 or [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to register. We may conduct the workshop by Zoom; or, if the weather allows and the group is small, we may hold the workshop outside behind the library.



## Upcoming LIBRARY BOOK GROUP MEETING (for Adults)



Our monthly Library Adult Book Group is open to all! Our next book group meeting will be **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** to discuss the nonfiction selection *A Most Beautiful Thing* by Arshay Cooper. [NOTE **CHANGE TO TUESDAY due to holiday!**] To request a copy of the book, please call 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org). We will plan to meet outdoors, in person behind the library (if rain, we will Zoom).

## NEW! COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS Library Pass

This summer, the Library is pleased to offer a wonderful opportunity for Readfield residents to enjoy to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay for FREE! This pass program is made possible by ARPA 2021 grant funds administered through the Maine State Library that the Library received.



### Here is how the Library Pass Program works:

- The Readfield Library may schedule two adults plus any number of their children/grandchildren under the age of 18 EACH calendar day during the summer season.
- When a library patron requests a pass to visit the Gardens, the library will check for available dates and may book any day not already held by other patrons of the Readfield Library.
- The Library then reserves admission tickets (\$0) for the available date selected and prints the tickets for the Readfield Library patron to present for admission to the Gardens. Please call the Library at 207-685-4089 or email [librarian@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:librarian@readfieldmaine.org) to reserve a date. Program will be starting soon, and will run through the end of October.



## MAINE STATE PARKS—Vehicle Pass Available to check out

Visit a Maine State Park for FREE with the Vehicle Pass from the Library! Thank you to a very generous patron for the pass donation! Checkout period is for one week, and pass should be returned inside the library (not in the Book Drop, please). If you are planning a trip, you may reserve a pass in advance.

## SAVE THE DATE! Alpaca-themed StoryWalk Event

Save **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am** to enjoy the June StoryWalk book *Alpacas With Maracas*. At the end of the walk, we will meet Penny the Alpaca and her friends (yes—real, live alpacas!) to learn where alpacas come from, the difference between alpacas/llamas, and what alpaca fleece is used for. Music/crafts too!



## Readfield—Keep up the COMPOSTING!

It has been almost a year since Readfield/Wayne/Fayette began partnering with Food Rescue Maine to promote community composting efforts. Whether you compost food waste at home or bring your food waste to the Transfer Station, keep it up! The Library recently partnered with Food Rescue Maine for an Earth Day virtual food saving workshop—thanks to all who attended this educational event.

## Wrap-up—IditaREAD READING CHALLENGE in March

We had 14 participants in the March Beanstack reading challenge, reading a total of 3,660 minutes combined. Congrats to Aila and Tammy on winning the raffle! Great job reading, Readfield!

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY? <https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/new-items/>

Visit our website to see the newest books, movies, and audio added to the collection!

## UPDATED COVID-related LIBRARY INFO

Note that **as of April 1, 2022, masks will be optional inside the Library**, per Board vote on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Free masks will continue to be provided at the Library's entrance for any who need them. Please note that the Board will continue to assess the pandemic situation in our county and in Maine at least once monthly, and may make guidance changes as necessary. For the most updated information: <https://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com/covid-19-response-info/>



# Readfield Union Meeting House



A high and a low to report from the Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH):

We are pleased to announce that Ben Rodriguez has joined the RUMH Board of Directors. Ben brings a sense of history, a desire to engage the community and a strong work ethic to our Board.

The RUMH Board is sad to announce that Board Member, past President, and Historian, Marius B. Péladeau passed away on April 11, 2022. He had re-vitalized the Union Meeting House's maintenance and restoration efforts upon joining the Board in 2009. Without his skills, passion and perseverance, this famous building may not have survived. We will miss his inspiration and guidance as the restoration work continues.

A Celebration of Life honoring Marius will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Readfield Union Meeting House.

The book that Marius wrote "Standing Tall: A History of the Union Meeting House Readfield, Maine" arrived back from the printers just a few days after his passing. We are grateful that he saw a proof copy.

Time to mark your social calendars with two events that are coming up in May at RUMH.

May 14<sup>th</sup> a FREE concert by Stan Davis of Wayne for the benefit of the restoration of the RUMH.

Stan, a true storyteller, has recently released a new CD entitled "All They Know." It's a collection of original musical stories about love of all kinds, persistence, gratitude,...and housecleaning. Come join us at 7pm.

The Friends of the Meeting House and Vestry are having a "Turkey Pie Dinner To Go" on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Event details coming soon. Be watching for posters and coverage in the Community Advertiser.

The Events Committee is SEEKING CRAFTERS for a Craft Fair on Saturday, July 23rd, with a rain date of the 24th. The fair will run from 9-2pm on the lawn of the Union Meeting House.

For more information or to reserve a space, contact Flo Drake at [dracotsb@gmail.com](mailto:dracotsb@gmail.com) or go to the Readfield Union Meeting House Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/readfield.union.meeting.house/>

As mentioned in last month's Messenger the 3 new and 1 old clock dials were to arrive back in Readfield on April 1. Well they are here, safely stored in a building owned by Larry Mace. Thank you Larry for your support to the RUMH and our restoration efforts. Note: the heavy duty cradle to hold the dials was designed and built by board member Larry Dunn. Our thanks to him too.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Durgin, VP Board of Directors*



## Maranacook Food Pantry

Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM ~ FMI Call 207-685-4923



Food donations can be dropped off  
at the Readfield Town Office



# News from the Broadband Committee



## Town Meeting Questions on Broadband

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 voters in Readfield spoke loud and clear by approving three articles concerning bringing Internet service to all locations in our town. There were 1015 residents who voted out of approximately 2300 registered voters. Of those who filled in a choice the results ranged from 70% to 78% approval. These votes have provided a clear direction to the Select Board and Broadband Committee. Both groups are committed to a prompt follow-through by assessing the available solutions and choosing the best and most equitable one to be presented at a Town Meeting in 2022.

## News From the Broadband Committee May 2022

The committee met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the ongoing negotiations with Axiom and provided suggestions to the Town Manager for consideration. Eric will continue the process over the next two weeks along with a few folks from the committee. The plan is to have a draft contract ready for legal counsel review sometime in May. There is an experienced local area contractor who is interested in providing local fiber repair service through Axiom. There were two residents in attendance who spoke to the Broadband project at the Public Budget Meeting held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Their comments were generally supportive with a few questions about concerns which were addressed by the owner of Axiom, Mark Ouellette, who gave an informative overview of the project beforehand.

News was shared that Wayne, Mt. Vernon and Vienna are all in contract talks with Axiom to provide the same service in their towns that Readfield is proposing. Leeds had already chosen Axiom for their network. Fayette is deciding at their Town Meeting in June between a Redzone wireless approach or a contract with Axiom. So, it appears that all of the six towns in the former WKLCBA (Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association) group are all headed to provide broadband services throughout each town.

The Select Board and Budget Committee have approved placing a Broadband article on the Town Warrant for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting. The article asks the town to enter a contract with a preferred vendor to build the fiber optic network throughout Readfield and then to operate the network on a long-term basis. This contract will provide 1-Gigabyte symmetrical fiber service to all locations, excellent customer service and network repair service, along with very affordable consumer pricing. Watch for more details to be posted as negotiations continue over the next month. We have developed a website addition dedicated to Broadband that provides information to the public via an addition to the town website which will be live prior to absentee ballots becoming available on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for the link on the front page of the Town Website [readfieldmaine.org](http://readfieldmaine.org)

The committee is meeting next on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing updates from Axiom and the contract negotiations, website progress, and informational materials for voters. All meetings are public and will be held in person at the Town Office along with remote access. Look for links on the town website and for email alerts if you have signed up for them. Signup for email alerts is available on the town website. We publish monthly updates. [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

# 2022 Spirit of America Awards

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

*Spirit of America Tribute*



*The Town will be accepting one page nominations through Friday, May 20, 2022*

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

# The Gallery in Readfield

presents works by

printmaker Chris Olson



Scenes from Kennebec County and beyond

May 7 to 28, 2022

Wednesdays 2 - 5, Saturdays 10 – 12  
on Main Street





Bringing Back the  
Happy Days  
at the Manchester Lions  
1950's Sock Hop & Diner  
with DJ - J & K Audio

**MENU INCLUDES**

- Milkshake
- Rootbeer Float
- Burger or Hot Dog
- Fries

FREE EVENT - FOOD FOR PURCHASE



May 14

6pm to 10pm





## Registration Open for Healthy Living for ME's May Workshops

*Free Workshops Available to Help with Diabetes, Chronic Conditions,  
Falls Prevention/Balance*

Statewide - Mainers are invited to register for Healthy Living for ME's free spring and summer workshops which begin in May. The workshops are designed to help Mainers prevent or manage a number of health conditions while aiming to improve individuals' overall wellness. There are workshops available online, in-person, and by phone.

Mainers who are caregivers or supports for individuals living with conditions addressed in these workshops are also invited to participate.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of workshops across the state this spring. If improving your health and wellness is one of your goals for this summer, Healthy Living for ME can help. I encourage you to look through our list of workshops, and contact us if you have any questions at all. All of us at Healthy Living for ME are here to help Mainers!" said Jen Paquet of Healthy Living for ME.

The schedule and details for Healthy Living for ME's May workshops are as follows:

- **Living Well with Diabetes (online)** - This workshop is conducted virtually and begins on May 3, 2022. It is designed to help people with type 2 diabetes by covering topics such as: dealing with diabetes symptoms, fatigue, pain, hyper/hypoglycemia, stress, depression, anger, fear, frustration, appropriate exercise, healthy eating, appropriate use of medication and working with healthcare providers. This workshop is provided in partnership with MaineGeneral's Peter Alford Prevention & Healthy Living Center.
- **A Matter of Balance (in-person)** - This workshop will be held at the Education Center at SeniorsPlus in Lewiston and begins on May 3, 2022. The class emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels.
- **Living Well for Better Health (in-person)** - This workshop will be held at the Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital Campus in Pittsfield and begins on May 10, 2022. The workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments.
- **Living Well with Chronic Pain (online)** - This workshop will be held online and begins May 10, 2022. This workshop is designed for people who are dealing with persistent pain such as back pain, post-surgical pain, headaches, and other ongoing pain. Topics covered include: dealing with frustration, fatigue, isolation, and poor sleep; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; pacing activity and rest; and evaluating new treatments. This workshop is provided in partnership with SeniorsPlus.
- **Living Well for Better Health (online)** - There will be two of these workshops offered online. One will begin May 12, 2022, and a second will begin May 16, 2022. The workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments. These workshops are being provided in partnership with Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital and Eastport Health Care.

- **Better Health Now with Diabetes (by phone)** - This workshop is designed for those who have diabetes or at risk of developing diabetes and/or their caregivers. It is scheduled to begin on May 24, 2022. Participants in this workshop receive a toolkit in the mail and work with a leader either by themselves or in small groups. Topics covered include techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes, fatigue, pain, hyper/hypoglycemia, stress, depression, anger, fear and frustration; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance; healthy eating, appropriate use of medication; and working with healthcare providers. This workshop is provided in partnership with MaineGeneral's Peter Alford Prevention and Healthy Living Center.

For virtual workshops, participants who do not have the necessary technology may be eligible to borrow an iPad from Healthy Living for ME in order to participate.

Registration is required for these workshops. Please contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or [info@healthylivingforme.org](mailto:info@healthylivingforme.org) for more information and to register. You can also register via our website, [www.healthylivingforme.org](http://www.healthylivingforme.org).

Healthy Living for ME also welcomes referrals from healthcare providers. Our evidence-based programming can help patients manage and prevent conditions before they become more serious or result in emergency situations.

To learn more about these and other workshops offered by Healthy Living for ME, visit [www.healthylivingforme.org](http://www.healthylivingforme.org).

**About Healthy Living for ME:** *Healthy Living for ME is a statewide network of local organizations, health systems and volunteers that work together to empower individuals to take control of their health. Through tailored services, we provide free and low-cost options that are personalized to focus on the entire individual rather than a single condition to improve overall quality of life.*



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT VERNON FOOD BANK

The First Baptist Church Mount Vernon Food Bank serves the communities of Mount Vernon, Vienna, Readfield and Fayette.

We are located at the First Baptist Church on 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon.  
You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141.

Our hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 Saturday mornings; however, if you are in need at any other time, you may call Bob Peterson at 685-7292.

We follow the Federal Guidelines but will never turn anyone away.  
We offer meals, meats, fresh produce, bread, eggs, pantry items, and toiletry items.  
We also have a small supply of clothing.

We have opened the Food Bank to indoor shopping; however, we are still offering curbside services.



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# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 Library Board of Trustees 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8 	9 Meet the Candidates Night 6:30 PM	10 Planning Board 6:30 PM Conservation Comm. 6:30 PM	11 Age Friendly Committee 9:00 AM Broadband Committee 6:30 PM	12	13	14 Clean Up May Day 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
15 Heritage Day Planning Meeting 1:00 PM Absentee Ballots available starting this week	16 Cemetery Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Select Board 6:30 PM	17	18 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:00 PM RSU#38 Annual Budget Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Assessor In (By Appointment)	21
22	23	24 Planning Board 6:30 PM	25 Trails Committee 6:30 PM Broadband Committee 6:30 PM	26 June Messenger Articles Due	27	28
29	30 Town Offices Closed 	31				