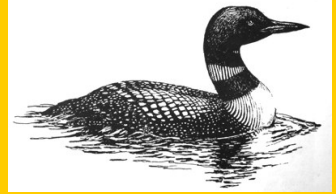


Town of Mount Vernon Community Newsletter



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June 2022 Edition

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Mon, Tue & Wed 9am-3pm

**Select Board Meetings are held
every other Monday at the Town
Hall Office @ 1997 North Road**

Warrant @ 6:30 pm
Regular Town Business @ 7:00pm

**Planning Board Meetings are
held the 3rd Tuesday of each
month at the Dr Shaw Memorial
Library @ 344 Pond Road**

TOWN DEPARTMENT STAFF

Animal Control Officer

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Anna Libby @ 951-2385
anna@mtvernonme.org

Health Officer

Daniel K. Onion @ 293-2076

Rescue Director

Pat Rawson @ 293-2597
(non-emergencies)

Road Commissioner

Lee Dunn @ 242-5828

Tax Assessor

Roger Peppard @ 293-1105
3rd Thursday of each month
Call Town Office for Appointment
assessor@mtvernonme.org

Transfer Station

Megan Goucher @ 213-3523
Sat & Sun 8:30 am - Noon
June thru September 30th open on
Wednesdays from 3-6pm

Select Board Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUJZz09)
[pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUJZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUJZz09)

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library 293-2565

Website: drshawlibrary.org
Email: librarian@drshawlibrary.org

Mon 3pm-6pm,
Wed 9am-12pm & 3pm-7pm
Sat 10am-3pm

*Masks Required.
Curbside always available.
Call or email us in advance.*

Mt. Vernon Post Office Hours Retail Window

Mon-Fri 7am-10am, 11am-2pm
Sat 9am-11am

Newsletter

All articles to be submitted by 25th
of each month to

alice@mtvernonme.org

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- ◇ Business Card Size \$15/month
- ◇ 1/4 page \$25/month
- ◇ 1/2 page \$45/month
- ◇ Full page \$90/month

Select Board Meeting is now live:

Press ctrl Click on this link: [Mount
Vernon, Maine LIVE](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUJZz09) to reach the
Select Board Meeting Zoom Link.

Town Office will be closed on Monday May 30, 2022

June Dates to Remember:

- **06-01-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **06-01-22—Community Center Board of Trustees in Community Center at 7:00PM**
- **06-06-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **06-07-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **06-11-22—Fern Walk & Book Sale at the Library**
- **06-14-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **06-14-22—Election—in Community Center Polls Open at 8:00am**
- **06-15-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **06-16-22—Tax Assessor is in town. Make your appointment early at 293-2379**
- **06-18-22—Annual Town Meeting at the Mount Vernon Elementary School at 9am**
- **06-20-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **06-21-22—Planning Board Meeting in the Dr Shaw Memorial Library at 7:00PM**
- **06-21-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **06-28-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **06-29-22—Summer Reading Signup at the Library**

July Dates to Remember:

- **07-04-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **07-05-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **07-06-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **07-06-22—Community Center Board of Trustees in the Community Center at 7:00PM**
- **07-12-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **07-16-22—Craft Fair at the Community Center**
- **07-18-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **07-19-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **07-19-22—Planning Board Meeting in the Dr Shaw Memorial Library at 7:00PM**
- **07-20-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **07-21-22—Tax Assessor is in town. Make your appointment early at 293-2379**
- **07-26-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**

If you have a meeting you want to post, please contact Alice Counts at 207-293-1105 or 714-403-6076 or Alice@MTVernonME.org

**Athletic Committee
2022 Maranacook Area T-Ball Schedule**

May 7th

Wayne @ Fielder's Choice	8:00 AM
Readfield1 @ Readfield2	9:00 AM
White Duck @ Mount Vernon	9:00 AM

June 4th

Mount Vernon @ Wayne	10:00 AM
Readfield1 @ Fielder's Choice	8:00 AM
White Duck @ Readfield2	9:00 AM

May 14th

Wayne @ White Duck	8:00 AM
Readfield1 @ Mount Vernon	9:00 AM
Fielder's Choice @ Readfield 2	9:00 AM

June 11th

Wayne @ Readfield1	9:00 AM
Readfield2 @ Mount Vernon	9:00 AM
Fielder's Choice @ White Duck	8:00 AM

May 21st

Readfield2 @ Wayne	10:00 AM
White Duck @ Readfield1	9:00 AM
Mount Vernon @ Fielder's Choice	8:00 AM

June 18th

Fielder's Choice @ Wayne	10:00 AM
Mount Vernon @ Readfield1	9:00 AM
Readfield2 @ White Duck	8:00 AM

Field Locations

Fielder's Choice & White Duck—Manchester Elementary School, located off McArdle Street

Readfield 1 & 2—Readfield Elementary School, 84 South Road

Wayne—Ladd Recreation Center, 26 Gott Road

Mount Vernon—Mount Vernon Elementary School, 1507 North Road

Coach Information

Fielder's Choice: Tony White, 732-763-5538 t.tristonwhite@gmail.com

Theodore Wood, 207-458-0391 aafarington87@gmail.com

White Duck; Jasmine White, 207-458-6384 jasmine.carey@gmail.com

Brad White, 207-313-6525

Readfield 1: Kolbie Danforth, 207-649-2905 kolbiedanforth@yahoo.com

Readfield 2: Dustin Digmann, 253-229-1498 dustin.digmann@yahoo.com

Wayne: Lisa Toye, 207-620-0862 gmc3342@yahoo.com

Mount Vernon: Felicia Lucas, 207-620-0558 Felicia.lucas@rocketmail.com

Vanessa Buuck, 207-513-8522 vbuuck082005@gmail.com

**Athletic Committee
Rookie Baseball (ages 7-8) Teams Schedule**

Team: Readfield 1 (Creeden)

Date	Opponent/Town	Location
5/7/2022 9:00 AM	Hm Ware-Butler (Readfield 2)	53 Church Rd, Readfield
5/11/2022 5:30 PM	at Cormier(Oak Hill)	Pleasant Hill Rd, Sabattus
5/14/2022 10:30 AM	Hm Stevensons Strawberry(Wayne)	53 Church Rd, Readfield
5/18/2022 5:30 PM	at Manchester Field	on McArdle St by FIELDERS CHOICE
5/21/2022 12:30 PM	at Rotary (Winthrop)	David's Field or Clough Field** **will update with correct field.
5/25/2022 5:30 PM	at Litchfield	2281 Hallowell Rd, Litchfield
28-May	NO GAMES	
1-Jun	BYE	
6/4/2022 8:00 AM	Hm Pinard (Oak Hill)	53 Church Rd, Readfield
6/8/2022 5:30 PM	Hm Lions (Winthrop)	53 Church Rd, Readfield
6/11/2022 11:30 AM	Hm Monmouth Fire (Monmouth)	53 Church Rd, Readfield
6/15/2022 5:30 PM	at TJ's Place (Monmouth)	Chick Ball Park 156 Cobbosseecontee Rd

Our team's name is listed as Creeden, which is the sponsor.

Let's Go to the Ball Game and support our kids!

Mount Vernon Emergency Management Update May 2022

FEMA has approved the Kennebec County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 Update. Now that the plan has been approved, they are now looking to municipalities to officially adopt the plan. Mount Vernon has received the plan and it will be reviewed and considered by the Select Board.

MOUNT VERNON YOUTUBE CHANNEL

You can watch the Select Board meeting LIVE now on YouTube at the link below. However if we have enough subscribers, we can name our own link. Please help Mount Vernon to achieve our own dedicated YouTube Link that would end in "Mount Vernon Town" All we need is 100 subscribers, we currently have 18!

Follow this link and then hit the subscribe button. The current URL is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3UCAtx3K5rgMCNAcBCqnLQ/live>

So once we have 100 subscribers, the channel would be something like <https://www.youtube.com/townofmountvernon> instead!

Help is Available to Receive the \$850 Maine Covid Relief Payment

In order to receive the \$850 "Covid Relief Payment" from the State of Maine, one must file a 2021 Maine tax return. A married couple filing a joint return will receive \$1700. There are income limits (\$100,000 single or married filing separate, \$150,000 for Head of Household, \$200,000 for married filing joint), but probably most of you reading this don't fall into those categories.

If you haven't filed your 2021 tax return, that's not a problem. You have until October 31, 2022. And the AARP Tax-Aide Program will help. With the wonderful assistance of our incredible Dr. Shaw Memorial Library librarians, we'll set up times for you to come in to get your tax return done. You may also qualify for other Maine tax credits (Property Tax Fairness Credit, which also applies to renters; and Sales Tax Fairness Credit). These other credits could add significantly to your refund.

If you have already filed your 2021 Maine tax return, you don't have to do anything. You should get a check in the mail sometime this summer (no direct deposit).

Call the library at 293-2565 and leave a message if it is outside of library hours: (Mondays 3:00 – 6:00; Wednesdays 9:00 -12:00, 3:00 – 7:00; Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00).

CODE ENFORCEMENT

WHAT IS AN ADU?

An ADU is an accessory dwelling unit located on a piece of property where there already exists a single family home. The ADU has full dwelling features including kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, and living room.

The governor, on April 27, 2022, signed into law a bill that included clarifications on ADU and growth management. The law becomes effective in 90 days and allows two dwellings per lot and up to 4 dwellings per lot under special criteria. The law does not exempt subdivision requirements or requirements within the shoreland zone. The town will need to revise their current ADU ordinance including revising the shoreland zoning ordinance and should consider conducting a growth density study. The complete law can be found at this web address: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1489&item=9&snum=130>

From the Mount Vernon Select Board

Greetings friends and neighbors.

Your select board and town office team have been wicked busy lately. Several of the other committees have been similarly busy as we all work to get the warrant for town meeting and the 2023 fiscal year budget ready. You will be seeing the town report land in your mailbox soon and we look forward to seeing folks at town meeting on Saturday, June 18th and 9 AM at the school.

The ordinance review team, budget, and broadband committees have been particularly busy, and we really appreciate all the hours of volunteer effort that people put into this. So, thanks!!

In my March column here, I mentioned that we have dropped the tax mill rate several years in a row. That trend may not be continuing as we have a bridge to buy and some other potential investments in this wonderful community to consider at town meeting. We will be considering a \$50,000 item to have a professional engineer do an assessment of all the town-owned roads with the idea that we'll all be better informed to make decisions in the future. As a community, we will decide what sort of investments in the road infrastructure we might want to make. For this year the road work will be pretty much status quo.

A potential municipal investment in broadband infrastructure is the other atypical item you'll see on the warrant. There is a significant amount of Federal money out there to help fund broadband improvements, but municipalities can only access this money once the town makes a local financial commitment. That is how matching funds work. As of this writing, it looks like those of us who have broadband (that means those who have Spectrum as phone company DSL is not broadband) will have an incentive to vote for this along with our friends and neighbors on the many side roads who have no broadband. The BB committee has done an analysis that shows while a tax bill may go up by "X-dollars", the subscription costs will go down and the quality will go WAY up. We will get into those details before we vote. The BB committee has a website with info that is linked on the town website.

We have a brand-new town website launching soon. It is going to be easier to navigate, be mobile-friendly, and allow town employees and committee chairs to easily upload and modify content. We are targeting mid-late June for the new site. We will integrate the fire department site into the new town site as well. As always, feel free to let us know your thoughts, opinions, and concerns.

And finally, good luck to Doug and Carl. These are two guys who care deeply about our community, and I wish them both well. I stand ready to advise, assist, and support the next select board in any way they may want as I get ready to "retire" from elected office.

Cheerio, Fare thee well, Peace out, Long live and prosper, Bye for now.... ~paul

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Select Board,

Paul Crockett - Chairman

Mount Vernon Newsletter - Update and Events submissions: June edition

Voting for a Path Forward

Summer is underway. Your Broadband Committee has continued negotiations with potential service providers and continued to study similar broadband improvement efforts taking place in other towns and at the state level. We're surveying town broadband users and hosting discussions prior to the Town Meeting on June 18. We're developing a Digital Inclusion Plan with the help of the [National Digital Equity and Inclusion Center](#). It will describe how to take advantage of state and federal subsidies targeted towards i) making broadband easier and ii) cheaper to use.

Our commitment to the process has been somewhat overwhelming at times due to the complexity and rapid changes in broadband services in Maine. We've had serious debates and maintained the professionalism and respect one would expect. We're grateful for the assistance of [Mission Broadband](#) the professional consulting group helping us with research, developing recommendations and navigating the process. We're also surveying realtors by phone to fact check the belief that property values will increase with a fiber network supporting our metroplex. We're hoping your vote will help to strengthen our shared sense of community and lessen the digital divide.

When the Town Meeting takes place, the broadband issue will be but one of several important issues and elections the town is dealing with in June. You and the Select Board will weigh in on the kind and timing of investment you want the town to make to improve broadband services for all town members (homeowners, family members, summer residents, visitors, town businesses and services etc.). After the Town Meeting, regardless of how the town's digital infrastructure evolves or which service provider and devices you use, we'll keep you informed about opportunities for household free devices and mini-grants as well as skill development opportunities. The digital inclusion subgroup meets frequently to strategize on training classes and low cost and free hardware solutions for our community as well.

Bottom Line: Broadband services (for better or worse) will continue to be a part of Mount Vernon's infrastructure. Depending on how the Select Board wants to proceed after the Town Meeting, the Committee will continue providing recommendations related to broadband services. We'll seek guidance from town members and monitor the evolving broadband industry in Maine. Our thanks go out especially to those who have responded to our surveys and contributed their views at the recent town broadband discussions. Email us with any question at mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.mtvernonme.org/>.

Further information about the town warrant and the committee's recommendation are available at [the broadband website](#). The Town Meeting starts at 9:00 AM **on 6.18.2022**.

<http://www.mtvernonme.org/> Follow the MV Broadband Committee link under "Links of Interest")

Email the committee at mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com

Need a summer job?

Work with us on local lakes!



- * Have fun working outdoors on beautiful lakes!
- * Gain hands-on experience and build your resume
- * Provide a valuable service to your community, protecting our lakes.

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association is seeking:

Courtesy Boat Inspectors

- Prevent harmful invasive species attached to boats and trailers from entering lakes
- Educate boaters about the threats of invasive species
- Work outdoors at public boat launches on Androscoggin, Flying, Minnehonk and Parker.
- Memorial Day to Labor Day

Youth Conservation Corps

- Protect lake water quality through projects that reduce erosion and polluted stormwater runoff
- Install conservation practices like planting shrubs, building paths, and stabilizing shorelines.
- Work outdoors and learn hands-on skills
- 6 weeks (late June-early August)



On lakes within:
Chesterville
Fayette
Leeds
Mt. Vernon
Readfield
Vienna



For more information, please visit: www.30mileriver.org

Positions may be combined for full-time work.

Priority given to applications received by April 3rd, 2022

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - MT. VERNON FOOD BANK

As 2021 has come to an end, The First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon Food Bank volunteers would like to thank all those in our community who have so graciously donated throughout the year. Mt. Vernon has always been very generous, caring and thoughtful in helping us support those in our community who are in need and it is greatly appreciated.

The Mt. Vernon Food Bank is located at the First Baptist Church at 321 Pond Road, Mount Vernon. It is open on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Because of COVID, we continue to adapt to changing conditions; while we were able to invite customers into the food bank during the second half of 2021, we began offering curbside only on January 15. We serve the communities of Mount Vernon, Readfield, Fayette, and Vienna. You can reach us on Saturday mornings at 293-2141. If you need a ride to the food bank or would like food picked up, call Neighbors Driving Neighbors at 860-0677.

Thank you, First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon Food Bank Volunteers.

ART WORK ON DISPLAY!

Art Work from the Mount Vernon Elementary School and Photographic Images provided by Gary Fish at Phish Photography are now on display at the Mount Vernon Town Hall. The 20"x30" images are on sale for \$100 and the 12"x18" images are \$50 and will be on a rotating basis. Come by and check them out!

Please contact Alice Counts in the Selectmen's Office for further information.

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

Handicap Equipment Available for loan at NO CHARGE to Mount Vernon Residents:

Have friends visiting from out of state, have a temporary or long term need?

Mt. Vernon Rescue has a supply of hospital/rehab equipment for anyone to use at no charge. We have a hospital bed, wheel chairs, walkers, commodes, canes, crutches and shower seats. If you have need for any of these, call Pat Rawson, 293-2597 or Leslie Grenier at 293-2783 or Alice Counts (Admin Asst) at office: 207-293-1105, cell: 714-403-6076, Alice@mtVernonME.org

We ask that you keep these loaner items in the Town of Mount Vernon and return them to the Mt Vernon Rescue when you no longer have the need for them so we can loan them out to the next person.

BS From the TS



Hello from the MTV Transfer Station!!

Hello black flies, ticks, mosquitoes and warmer weather!

Just a couple things:

If you have donations for the share shack please run it by one of the attendants. I ask you to be mindful about what you think is a donation. If it's something you wouldn't take yourself then please don't leave it.

This is the season where everyone is cleaning out and the bulky has been almost filling up by the end of Saturday's.

I don't want to refuse anyone ever, but if you come on a Sunday at 11:50 with a truck load of shingles I may have too.

Wednesday's will be opening up June 1st from 3 PM to 6 PM

Please take note on July 10th I will be working at Readfield Transfer Station for drum roll please....

Hazardous Waste Material. Yes you read that right. Any old gas, oils, paints, stains, etc.. I was informed nothing with asbestos will be taken. So again July 10th from 9 a.m -12 noon. I will be there for assistance as well. I'm awaiting more information on this and will keep you all updated via Facebook on Mt.Vernon/ Vienna page or in person at our Transfer station.

Happy Summer to you all!

Yours Truly,

Megan



Mount Vernon Community Center

Thought You Should Know

Now that Memorial Day Weekend is here, the Community Center is gearing up for summertime activities! On the docket is the resumption of cafes on Saturday mornings. There will be groups having Cafes for fundraising and awareness of what they do for the community. For instance, Neighbors Driving Neighbors, 30 mile River Watershed Assoc., and the Methodist Church in North Vienna. We have also instituted a volunteer program for a community volunteer to pair up with a Board member to open up the café and “learn the ropes” to take the pressure of weekly cafes off the Trustees. It’s fun work and you get to meet many of our outstanding community members.

On July 16th (rain date on the 17th), there will be a Craft Fair on the Beach at the CC. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Leslie Grenier at 293-2783.

On August 20th, the CC will be having an Auction for fundraising for the completion of the basement renovations. We are looking for donations for the auction. This summer, the board of Trustees and the Town Select Board have authorized rebuilding parts of the stone foundation that supports our CC. This is part of the renovations we are planning to keep the CC in good maintenance condition. I know I have mentioned plans before and now we are off and running!

In addition, the old electric hot water heater in the basement has been replaced with an ON Demand heater under the sink. In keeping with our mission statement, we are becoming more energy efficient and cutting down on fossil fuel usage.

In the Fall, we are planning a Harvest Dinner, with contributions from our Metroplex community family with their best and most favorite recipes!

Many Moms have asked if there will be swim lessons at Minnehonk. The CC does not handle the Beach area activities. Contact someone on the Beach Committee for information.

So stayed tuned for more information or you can email me at jrcauldwell@gmail.com

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library June 2022

Submitted by Mary Anne Libby

Phone: 293-2565. Email: librarian@drshawlibrary.org

"The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries." Carl Sagan

We still recommend that people wear masks while in the library, just so we can help protect some of our elder and youngest patrons. We have some masks on our desk, if you forgot your own.

We couldn't keep the library going, with all of the programming, patron interactions, management of the collections, and information & education we try to provide, without our wonderful volunteers. Currently, we are looking for a few people who could be Tech Instruction volunteers. We are working with the Broadband committee's digital inclusion efforts as they develop their plans, and it would be so good to connect folks of all ages with a few volunteers who could instruct people about use of cell phones, email, google docs or Word, or other basic skills. Call the library at 293-2565 and leave a message, or email us at librarian@drshawlibrary.org. It might take a while to turn our ideas into action, and it would be great to know of people who might be able to help us get started on connecting community members to the larger world of information and communication.

Tax Help: Our wonderful local AARP Tax Guru, David Fuller, is willing to help any elders in the community file their Maine income tax for 2021, if they haven't already done so, in order to qualify for the latest \$850 in COVID relief funds. Please call and leave a message at the library, or email us, and we'll set up an appointment with David!

Booksale at the library! \$1.00/ bag of books, the week of July 11 during our usual open hours (Monday 3-6, Wednesday 9-12 and 3-7, and Saturday 10-3). Here's a chance to stock up on beach reads to get you through the summer. We have a wide range of fiction, nonfiction, children's books, and DVDs. Meanwhile, if you hope to donate books to the library, please remember that we can only use clean books in great shape, no musty smells or broken spines. Nonfiction should be fairly recent, and we can't accept nonfiction series like Time/Life books or encyclopedias. Thanks for your understanding!

Fern Walk, Saturday, June 11, at 3PM: Last year, our Fern Walk with Deb Stahler turned into a Fern Talk in the library, due to rather constant rains. This year, we are hoping for a Fern Walk, starting on the boardwalk at the Ezra Smith Wildlife Conservation Land (on Pond Rd, beyond Blake Hill Rd, as you leave the village). Deb is a Maine Master Naturalist, and will talk with us about some of the many varieties of beautiful ferns that grow in the woods and along the edge of our roads & yards. There are many kinds of ferns close to the board walk! Rain date, just in case: Sunday, June 12, 3PM.

Summer Reading Program: *Oceans of Possibilities* is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program here at the library. We hope to gather outside under some new tents we purchased, for weekly story time and related crafts. **Sign up will begin on Wednesday, June 29 at 3:30pm**, when children can design and put together ocean creations out of legos or work on coloring a huge *Oceans of Possibilities* banner! We will meet weekly at 3:30 at least through July. Projects are open-ended and should appeal to a wide variety of ages. Plans are still in progress, but some of the craft ideas include making suncatchers, sea glass art, drip jelly fish, puffer fish, and tidal pool sea scapes. We are also looking forward to 4-H hosting some STEM-related activities for us!

We are hoping to re-create some of our usual adult programs this summer – the annual Community Poetry Reading, and also Stories From the Metroplex. We aren't sure yet whether those will be held at the Community Center, or under the canopies we set up at the library, or possibly on Zoom. We'll get information out as soon as we can. Please check our Facebook page (Dr. Shaw Memorial Library) or our website (www.drshawlibrary.org) as we move towards summer, for further information.

For you to explore:

We currently have a display of gardening books for all ages, in the main room. Come take a look and find some inspiration and information. We will change displays occasionally, depending on season and interests. We hope you will enjoy them!

New York Public Library always provides so many amazing exhibitions. One of their subjects from earlier this year is: *Intersects: Where Arthropods and Homo Sapiens Meet*, curated by Peter Kuper. If you go to www.nypl.org/intersects you can access coloring book pages, fascinating information, and there are clips of audio recordings related to insects, including poetry, environment, butterflies, bees, ants, and more.

In keeping with this summer's theme of *Oceans of Possibilities*, there is a cool webpage that shows you what creatures live at various depths of the sea, as you simply scroll down. It is called The Deep Sea, at Neal.Fun. Find it here: <https://neal.fun/deep-sea/>

I am reading an epistolary novel (one of my favorite genres) called The Lost Manuscript, by Cathy Bonidan. We don't have it at the library yet, but I hope we can rectify that situation! What are you reading, as the dragonflies return and the bees flit from flower to flower?

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife has raised the cost of the ATV's & UTV's this year.

- **Maine resident's will now be charged \$70.00 for the year
- **Non-resident's will now be charged \$115.00 for the year and
- **\$100.00 for the temporary registration. We were told that the extra \$25.00 will go directly towards the trails.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The elections will be held on June 14th at the Community Center from 8am to 8pm.

The Town meeting will be held on June 18th at the Mount Vernon Elementary School starting at 9am.

**If you are not a registered voter and would like to vote you can come to the town office during our business hours OR you can come down election day and register! You will need 2 forms of ID to register to vote. Hope to see everyone there!

Keep smiling, Heather & Rachel
clerk@mtvernonme.org