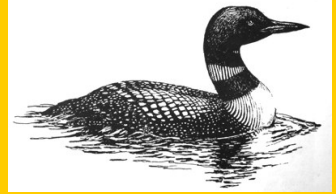


# Town of Mount Vernon Community Newsletter



[www.mtvernonme.org](http://www.mtvernonme.org)

July 2022 Edition

## TOWN OFFICE STAFF

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Tue, Wed, & Thu 7am-3pm  
Fri, Sat & Sun - Closed

### Town Clerk & Tax Collector

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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

Open Position - let us know if you  
are interested!!

### Cemetery Sexton

Bob Grenier @ 293-2783  
[bob@mtvernonme.org](mailto:bob@mtvernonme.org)

### Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector

Bill Butler Work: @ 293-2636  
Cell: 446-6541  
[CEO@mtvernonme.org](mailto:CEO@mtvernonme.org)  
Tuesdays 8am-4pm

### Fire Chief

Jason Beckler @ 293-2114  
(non-emergencies)

### General Assistance

Anna Libby @ 951-2385  
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### 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](mailto:assessor@mtvernonme.org)

### Transfer Station

Megan Goucher @ 213-3523  
Sat & Sun 8:30 am - Noon

## Select Board Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUfJZz09)  
[pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUfJZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83442123825?pwd=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUfJZz09)

## Dr. Shaw Memorial Library 293-2565

Website: [drshawlibrary.org](http://drshawlibrary.org)  
Email: [librarian@drshawlibrary.org](mailto: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

[newsletter@mtvernonme.org](mailto:newsletter@mtvernonme.org)

## Paid Business Advertisements

- ◇ 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=N2locnRkMjY0LOxEWnRrRHBLTUfJZz09) to reach the  
Select Board Meeting Zoom Link.

**Town Office will be closed on Monday July 4th, 2022**

## **July Dates to Remember:**

- **07-04-22—Independence Day**
- **07-05-22—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**
- **07-11-22—Library Book Sale ALL WEEK**
- **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**

## **August Dates to Remember:**

- **08-01-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **08-02-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **08-03-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **08-03-22—Community Center Board of Trustees in Community Center at 7:00PM**
- **08-09-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **08-15-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**
- **08-16-22—Planning Board Meeting in the Dr Shaw Memorial Library at 7:00PM**
- **08-16-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **08-17-22—Broadband Committee (Zoom) meeting at 06:30 - 07:30PM**
- **08-18-22—Tax Assessor is in town. Make your appointment early at 293-2379**
- **08-23-22—Men's Breakfast in the Community Center at 7:00AM**
- **08-29-22—Select Board Meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00PM**

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](mailto:Alice@MTVernonME.org)

## 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).



### Lake Association Meetings:

Flying Pond: July 9th at 2PM—Mount Vernon Community Center (also see: <https://fpia.weebly.com>)

Minnehonk: July 24th at 10 AM—Mount Vernon Community Center

## **From the Mount Vernon Select Board**

Another Town Meeting has come and gone. The meeting was well attended, with over 100 in attendance. We haven't had this many in attendance in a long time. Thank you all for coming out to vote and then for attending the meeting and voting on each article that will direct the Town's finances thru this coming year. The process started back in January with the Budget Committee meeting with the Select Board. Thanks to the Budget Committee for their help. It is always hard to try to keep spending down while maintaining adequate services for the Town.

The delineators (post) will be going up in the village soon. They are used as means of controlling the speed of the traffic in the village. This seemed to work well last summer.

The Town will have a new website design the first of July. Each department will be able to add announcements on their one section of the website. This will allow us to keep you better informed.

The engineering is completed on the Blake Hill Bridge. We are now working with the State DOT to get their approval of the plans in order to qualify for the 60% match by the State for the cost of the bridge. There is no word from the State on when the existing bridge will be removed.

The Town has signed up with Power Market to get up to 15% or around \$5500.00 in saving on our CMP bill. Power Market get credits from a community solar farm in China Maine.

The Town now have Ordinances covering Solar Farms and Fireworks. Thanks to Ordinance Review Committee for their work this year.

The Broadband Committee received approval to move forward with their work on giving the Town better and faster internet service through the Town. They can now look for grants to help defer the cost of what ever system we go with.

Congratulations to Carl Rogers being elected to the Select Board and Christine Shea being elected to the School Board.

Bob and the Selectboard

## Broadband Committee Update: **July edition**

The Broadband Committee thanks those who came to the June Town Meeting and expressed differing views and concerns about costs and benefits of having adequate broadband services in the town. The Committee is grateful the Town voted to approve the three warrant articles that will pave the way to a town vote on a plan and agreement with a specific vendor to build needed infrastructure for more adequate services for town residents and visitors of all ages.

Investing to improve broadband or leave the evolution of broadband to others, is not a simple thing. And it will be an issue for the town for years to come. Beyond the technology issues, the town is thinking about 'good enough broadband.' Issues of cost, inflation, competing priorities and uncertainties are on our collective minds. The Committee will continue working with the Select Board to develop the concrete plan. It's summer and fall meetings will be open to all and recorded for all. It's online presence will be improved. The plan proposal will be shared with the town well in advance of a scheduled town vote.

We ask all who read this article to check out the [Broadband Committee's website](#) from time to time and make sure you let us know what you think. We plan additional public meetings -- in person as health concerns permit -- and surveys and you can always write to us at: [mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com](mailto:mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com). Another reason to visit the website is to monitor progress toward the broadband goal set out in the 2019 Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan: ***providing access to high quality, affordable broadband to all in Mt. Vernon.***

Achieving four critical outcomes this year are the summer priorities for your committee:

To recommend a company to improve the current broadband infrastructure;

To submit grant(s) from the Maine Connectivity Authority and/or other matching fund source(s)

To begin implementing of a formal Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan designed to make it easier for town members to afford digital devices and access broadband services.

To support the Select Board's putting a referendum before the town to determine whether and how to implement a plan for upgrading services.

Thanks again to town members who are making the efforts to tell us how they feel about broadband services and costs to the town both now and in the future. The votes in June were close and good points were made both for and against. Thanks also to the Select Board and the Town Office in support of the committee's work. Over the course of the summer, the Committee will keep learning from you and keep you informed. If you have questions or opinions about this or other matters related to broadband in Mt. Vernon, please visit our website at [Mt Vernon Broadband](#) or just send an email to us at: [mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com](mailto:mtvbrdbnd@gmail.com). We will answer each and every inquiry.

# 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](http://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**

### **Change Coming to the Food Bank**

Starting Saturday, July 2, the full food bank including meal kits, meat boxes, dry goods and personal care items, will only be available on the first and third Saturdays of the month. During June, volunteers will work with customers to make sure you are able to come to the food bank on the most convenient week.

Fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, breads and miscellaneous items will be offered every Saturday of the month; feel free to come for these items at any time. Starting June 18, we will have our local farm share, this year from Emery Farm in Wayne, so there will be lots of fresh produce for everyone. Of course, volunteers will be happy to provide any specific item(s) that customers have an immediate need for at any time.

New customers are welcome to come any Saturday and we will provide enough food to get them through to the next full food bank day.

Our hours remain the same, 9:30 to 11:30; however, we will open as soon as the food bank is completely set up. We continue to offer curbside service if you would rather not come downstairs.

On another note, we have birthday bags provided by the local Girl Scouts; please ask if you have a birthday coming up in the family.

### **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](mailto:Alice@mtVernonME.org)



## 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





## **Free Event—Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Hosted by your Town July 10th, 2022

at the Readfield Transfer Station

14 Recycle Road, Readfield

9am- Noon

For the Towns of Readfield, Wayne, Fayette, Belgrade and Mt. Vernon

### **Do Bring:**

- ◆ All Battery Types
- ◆ Unwanted mixed and unmixed fuels. (Gasoline. Diesel, Kerosene, etc.)
- ◆ Unused Liquid Paint (Paint does not need to be mixed with sand or sawdust)
- ◆ Household cleaners, chemicals and pesticides.
- ◆ TV's Computers, and other electronic waste Fluorescent bulbs (CFL's)
- ◆ Unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals

### **Please Do Not Bring:**

- ◆ Explosives & Ammunition
- ◆ Recyclable Items (Cardboard, all Plastics #1- 7, Glass, Metal, Aluminum)
- ◆ Solid Waste/Trash
- ◆ Textiles (Clothing, Shoes, Bags, Bedding, etc.)
- ◆ Asbestos Containing Materials o Large quantities of waste (ask first)
- ◆ Commercial waste or waste from a business

**Pre-registration at your Town Office is required!**

## Mount Vernon Community Center

### "Thought You Should Know"

With the Summer Solstice here and gone, summer will be in full swing. Events coming up are: weekly Cafes except for July 23<sup>rd</sup> when the CC is being rented for a private event; a Craft Fair on July 16<sup>th</sup> on the beach. Food vendors will be available for your refreshment. Café will be open in the morning of the Fair.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> there will be an OPEN HOUSE at both the Fire Station and the Community center. Get to know our firefighters, view the facility. The Community Center will also be open for nature calls and also to view what has been done to keep the CC in tip top shape. Dinner will be served by the fire dept. on the beach and desserts will be served in the CC. This event is from 4-6 PM. Hope to see you there!

The Men's breakfast group is **Calling ALL Men** to come to breakfast on Tuesday mornings at 7 AM sharp. Donation is \$5.00 for a hearty breakfast cooked by our own men, so you know it will be good. The group is looking to invite new people to the weekly ritual and have a sit-down breakfast chat. Get to know your neighbors in the Metroplex!

Coming up in August on the 20th is a Benefit Auction for the Community center foundation repair fund. Without a good foundation, our building could have even more severe issues if not attended to now. This summer, probably after the auction, the foundation will be needing repairs to the front of the building and also to mitigate water filtrating into the basement from all sides but especially under the handicap platform. The Auction begins at 10am for viewing and 11 am for bidding.

After all these events are completed, the CC will be installing a generator for those unexpected outages in the summer as well as the winter.

A wonderful donation of a 57" television was donated to the CC for use. We will need a table with wheels so it can be maneuvered at will. If anyone has such a table, please let me know! This television can be used by the public for various events. Someone with electrical/computer wisdom could help us figure out to make that happen.

The CC is also looking into Sound mitigation for the Great room at the CC. If you know of a company or even a university locally, with that knowledge of how to do this, please contact any member of the Board of Trustees. We would like to make the CC of more use to the public for speaking engagements, meetings, etc.

Viva la community center! June Cauldwell

# Auction

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

11 a.m. (preview at 10 a.m.)

## Donations Needed

Are you trying to downsize and in need of a good home for some of grandma's "keepsakes"? Do you have a special talent or interest that you would be will to share or are you a craftsperson who might have an item to donate in exchange for some free advertising?

The Mount Vernon Community Center is having a fundraising event on Saturday, August 20. We are looking for donations of quality items/services to be auctioned off. Proceeds will be used for ongoing renovations and general upkeep on the community center building. So, YOUR help is needed to ensure that the community center continues to be a gathering place for our community.

Please consider making a donation and don't forget to mark the date on your calendar! As we get closer to the auction, we will be posting photos of items for sale. For further information or to arrange pickups, when needed, please contact: Daphne Sanders at 207-293-2619 or Tori Codd at 412-855-9933.

Thank You! from the Board of Trustees of the Community Center

**Dr. Shaw Memorial Library July 2022**  
**Submitted by Mary Anne Libby**  
**Phone: 293-2565. Email: [librarian@drshawlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@drshawlibrary.org)**

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”  
Jacqueline Kennedy

We are grateful to Peter & Deborah Emery for presenting their picture book, The Wildlife Tree, at our opening of this year’s Story Walk at the Ezra Smith Wildlife Conservation Area this past weekend. We also want to thank the Kennebec Land Trust for managing the land and welcoming us each year for the Story Walk. The trails they have created are simply beautiful, and provide a nice walk for so many of us. The Story Walk will be at the Ezra Smith area for the summer – bring your family or visitors for a relaxing walk among the trees while you read the story by great local author (Peter) and illustrator (Deborah).

**A note from our wonderful Library Trustees:** Library Trustees & staff will be welcoming a new piece of artwork to the landscape at the Library in the upcoming weeks. The Board commissioned Perry Johnson, II, proprietor of FoeHammer Forge Works in Mt. Vernon, to design and construct a memorial tree to add to the garden landscape. The metal leaves for the tree will be available to purchase with engraved loved one’s names. Proceeds from the sale of leaves will go to the George Smith Memorial Fund at the library for the continued upkeep of the gardens. The pricing for the engraved metal leaves is \$20.00 each for the large size leaf, \$15.00 each for the small size leaf. A sample of the leaves may be seen at the library during regular open hours. Orders and payment may be given to the librarian in attendance. Each leaf will then be added to the tree by FoeHammer Forge Works to grow a very special and beautiful Memorial Tree.

**Summer programming:**

**Registration** for our **children’s summer reading program starts on Wednesday, June 29 at 3:30pm**, here at the library. The theme this year is “Oceans of Possibilities”! During registration, our young patrons can do some coloring on a 6-foot ocean banner, and can work with Legos and recyclables to create an ocean creature or theme. Each participant who pledges to read at least 4 hours over the summer will be given a grab bag, pencil, and reading chart with stickers. When they have reached their reading goal of 4 hours or more and hand in their reading chart, they can receive a certificate for a Gifford’s ice cream cone!

Ocean related activities will be held on **Wednesdays at 3:30pm throughout July**.

**July 6:** Tara Marble, a 4-H leader with the Cooperative Extension Service, will provide an activity about aquaculture. Kids can create their own fish pond and a water filter to clean the fish farm water. This will be a messy & fun experience!

**July 13:** Alice will read an ocean-related story, and we’ll have materials on hand to make a seascape or tide pool art project, using shells, sand, sea glass, and other ocean treasures.

**July 20:** Tara will be back to teach about ocean density. Children will be pirates exploring the ocean layers and create their own ocean cup that will represent these layers. There will be a related story, to help solve pirate problems!

**July 27:** Alice will read us a story and guide children in making two types of suncatchers, to help catch the summer’s rays of light!

The summer reading programs are free and open to a wide range of ages. We invite preschool and elementary school children to participate. There will be refreshments. We plan to meet outside (under tents, if it rains).

Email us at [librarian@drshawlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@drshawlibrary.org) or call us at 293-2565 for more information.

## Dr. Shaw Memorial Library July 2022 (Continued)

### **“General and adult programming:**

**Book Sale!** We have so many books and other materials to offer for sale, but we still wanted to keep our book sale from being too large of an event, so – we will host a week-long booksale during our usual open hours throughout the week of July 11, here at the library, in the Clayton Dolloff room in the second floor of the older part of the building. Please come browse & buy during the hours of: Monday 3-6, Wednesday 9-12 and 3-7, and Saturday 10-3. Donations will be \$1.00/bag of books – quite a deal! Come in and stock up for camp, or to prepare for end of summer and the following seasons. We’ll be happy to see you!

**Community Poetry Reading:** After several years’ hiatus, we will be back to sharing poetry with each other, **at the Mt. Vernon Community Center, at 3:00PM on Saturday, July 30th**. Bring a favorite poem or two to read to us, or even try reading one of your own poems. It will be great to come together again. We’ll have some refreshments, of course.

**Stories from the Metroplex:** On **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 3PM, at the Mt. Vernon Community Center**, we will host community story telling. We haven’t done it in a couple of years, so we hope you have some new stories to tell your neighbors and friends – stories about the pandemic, or about how you came to this amazing community, something from your childhood, any piece of your history you’d like to share. Refreshments will be served.

Some **online resources having to do with marine life** (to follow our oceans of possibilities theme):

1. From the American Museum of Natural History’s Ology site – you can explore marine biology, and plenty of other fascinating topics, too. <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology>

2. NOAA has a site on marine science for kids. Visit it here: <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/>

3. And this site is also oriented towards children: <https://www.marinebio.org/kids/>

I am currently reading Heather Cox Richardson’s nonfiction book, How the South Won the Civil War. What are you reading as you wait to pick peas and put up some strawberry jam?

## **Fire Department**

Hello from the Mount Vernon Fire Company:

We would like to invite you all to a cookout! We are co-hosting an open house with the Community Center. We will be making hotdogs and hamburgers on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. We will also be serving potato and pasta salad. The Community Center will be providing desserts. All are welcome, and there is a suggested donation of \$5.

We have also embarked on our letter writing campaign. The letter writing campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year- it enables us to provide support to the Fire Department and save the expense from local taxpayers. This year among our priorities is new PFAs free turnout gear. For those of you who have already contributed, it is greatly appreciated. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you.

Finally, in Fire Company related news- we would like to congratulate Luke Olson and Sheila Menard on the birth of their new child Aunders. We cannot wait to see him around the fire station in the upcoming months, years, and decades.



# **“All In The Timing”**

**Four Short Comedic Plays**

**by David Ives**

*(Strong Language - Unsuitable for Children)*

Produced by Tim Davis, Directed by Linda Neubelt

**The Vienna Woods Players Present At**

**Vienna Union Hall**

**5 Vienna Mountain Rd. Vienna, ME Generous Donations / Reserved Seating at**

**<vienna.woods.players@gmail.com>**

**Performances:**

**July 14, 15, 16, evening at 7pm Saturday matinee at 2 pm**

Vaccination recommended, appropriate masking is mandatory by the Vienna Union Hall.

# LOOKING FOR TOOL LIBRARIANS!

Did you know that Mount Vernon has a lending library for tools? They're mostly gardening tools, because the little library (in the red shed up by the Town Office parking lot) was funded with grants from foundations seeking to help residents become more self-sufficient and save money by growing some of the food they eat.

But we need a few volunteers to help with the Tool Library. A volunteer who has been active in getting things to where they are today will soon move from town. Before he goes, it would be great if one or a few good men and/or women would step forward to help. If you might be one of them, please call Tom Ward at 293-1016.

Thanks!

Hi Alice, can you insert this text and attached images into your next newsletter? I'd love the photo at the top and the logo (blue car) at the bottom if possible! Thanks much. Cindy



## NEIGHBORS DRIVING NEIGHBORS

### BACK IN SERVICE!

Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN) has reopened our transportation services. If you are fully vaccinated, we can take you to medical appointments, to the grocery store or pharmacy, or on other errands. We also are continuing to provide grocery and pharmacy pick-up and delivery.

### SAVE THE DATES!

July 1-29: Annual Online Auction. Check out BiddingOwl.com after July 1 for items.

August 6: Community breakfast, 9-11 am, at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

### IN THE NEWS!

NDN is proud to announce that we have been presented with the Maine 2021 Spirit of America Foundation Award for our "commitment to providing neighborly transportation to seniors...especially during a global pandemic."

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**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 RESULTS**

Select Board: Carl Rogers  
School Board: Diane Shea  
Elementary School Advisor: Heather Preble  
Town Clerk: Heather Wheeler  
Tax Collector: Heather Wheeler  
Road Commissioner: Lee Dunn

School Tax Bond: PASS  
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Keep Smiling, Heather & Rachel  
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