

Town of Mount Vernon Community Newsletter

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September 2016

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Mon, Tues, Thurs:
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fourth Sat. of each month:
9 a.m. - Noon

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depu-tyclerk@mtvernonme.org

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Selectmen Meetings:

Every other Mon. at the
Town Office

Warrant 6:30 p.m.
Regular Business 7 p.m.

Planning Board:

John Hagelin, Chair
293-2157

3rd Tues. of the month at
Community Center, 7 p.m.

Transfer Station:

Wayne Colebrook, Mgr.
458-1425
Sat. & Sun.
8:30 a.m. - Noon
Wed. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Memorial Day thru
Labor Day)

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(cell) 242-5828

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778-1815

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293-2114
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Rescue Director

Pat Rawson
293-2597
(non-emergencies)

Health Officer

Daniel K. Onion
293-2076

Newsletter Editor

Vacant

RSU #38

Supt. Of Schools
Donna H. Wolfrom,
Ed.D.
685-3336

Board Members

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Michelle Pino
Lucas Rumler
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293-2636
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Wed. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library

Website: drshawlibrary.org

Mon. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m. - Noon
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Library Trustees:

George Smith
Kathleen Kelley
Fred Webber
Dorcas Riley
Shari Hamilton

Mt. Vern Post Office Hours

Retail Window:

Mon- Fri 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.,
11:00 a.m.—2 p.m.

Sat: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

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Paid Business Advertisements

Bus. Card Size \$15/mth
1/4 page \$25/mth
1/2 page \$45/mth
Full page \$90/mth

Checks are to be made payable to: Town of Mt. Vernon.

All ads must be prepaid with ad copy and payment sent to:
Newsletter-A. Couture, 1997 North Rd.
Mt. Vernon, ME 04352

Select Board's Desk

The calendar says Fall will begin in just a few weeks. With the change in season our summer residents will now be leaving us until next year; children will be starting school; buses will be making frequent stops to pick up children. Please drive careful and mindful on the roads.

The town is running smoothly thanks to the many wonderful people that volunteer and serve to make our town a great place to live. Reflecting back on the recent months that was Summer there were many, many activities and events for our citizens and visitors to enjoy.

As a reminder -- September is the month for the 1st half payment of property taxes to be paid. Way back in the season of Winter the Budget Committee, Select Board, and town departments worked diligently and thoughtfully in preparing a town budget that reflects forward movement and fiscal responsibility. At the annual town meeting that was held in the Spring the budget was passed bringing us to property tax bills due in the Fall.

No matter the Season.....the Select Board welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact any member of the Select Board or join us at a select board meeting. Our meetings are posted in town and on the town website.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board,

Sherene Gilman



Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting- Synopsis of Minutes for August 8, 2016

To view entire meeting minutes contact the Select Board Assistant at ajcouture2@gmail.com or call 458-6389.

7:00pm **Mil Rate discussion.** Dyar motions to set the mil rate at 0.016400. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor. This will give a \$10,248.83 overlay.

7:08pm **Pay rate discussion for several positions.** At town meeting there were several 'up to' amount raises for town employees approved by citizens. Gilman motions to implement those raises for all town employees that had 'up to' amounts in salary on the warrant as voted on at Town Meeting. Crockett seconds. Voted 3-0 in favor.

7:10pm **Parking complaints.** There have been several complaints regarding parking at the zoo on Rt. 41. There is a discussion about parking on Rt. 41 and contacting MMA to ask who can and cannot enforce parking ordinances in town.

There have also been complaints about an individual blocking the Seavey Corner Rd.

7:20pm **Other business.**

-**Newsletter Editor.** There have been several applications received for this position. Couture will put out the newsletter next month.

-Discussion about large **brush pile** at the Transfer Station. There is a discussion about hiring an individual to dispose of it or doing a controlled burn. The Board will ask Dana Dunn about this.

7:30pm **Executive session for a legal matter.** Dyar motions to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) consultation with legal consul.

7:57pm Exit executive session. No action taken

7:58pm Crockett motions to accept Sanders' advice on dealing with the legal matter at hand. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Dyar motions to accept Sanders advice on the second legal matter to file for a summary judgement. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-Dyar penned a letter to thank MDOT for the work on the Downtown drainage project along Main St. Crockett motions to sign letter on behalf of the Select Board. Dyar seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting- Synopsis of Minutes for July 25, 2016

7:01pm **Discussion of a question from the Minnehonk Road Residents (MRR).** The Select Board received a letter signed by about 12 people from the MRR. They would like a review done of the LUO regarding its application to their road. Some lots are under a ½ acre and the Town's revised LUO states the Town owns 50' back from the center line, meaning some individuals with smaller lots cannot build.

A definition for the private minor roads was added to the LUO last year. Doug Farrin states their road is strictly a ROW, as signed by the Planning Board in 1966. It is shown as a 12' strip access road. Each owner owns both sides of the ROW. Farrin states what the town has done with the new LUO is put setbacks on the interior of their lots. The MRR are asking the Select Board to ask MMA for their opinion on this. The MRR believe their road is a ROW, not a minor road. Dyar suggests a copy of the MRR lots be taken to MMA, with the LUO, to help describe the situation.

Crockett suggests typing up the question for MMA and sending it to the Farrins' to be distributed to the other MRR people. Arminio states that Marble considers their road as a minor public road. They state that one resident was not allowed to build a shed where he wanted to because of the 50' setback, but instead had to build the shed closer to the lake. They would like to protect the water more than the road. They feel it does not make sense for the town to impose setbacks on the interior of their property.

7:14pm **Other Business.**

-The Select Board received a letter about road side parking near DEW Animal Kingdom. The State Police were called. There are concerns about parking on both sides of the road in that location. There was a discussion about adding 'No Parking' signs on one side of road and about the parking lot that exists but is not being used. This has become an annual issue. There is also a discussion about informing IFW.

-Perkins came by to request 'No Dog' signs be put up at the Veterans' Memorial. Dyar suggests asking Dunn to order a sign.

7:25pm **Executive Session about Personnel Matter.** Dyar motions to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A). Crockett seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:30pm Exit Executive session. No action taken.

Community Announcements and Events

Library Column September 2016

"The library is not just the House of Knowledge. It is the House of Dreams." Joe Queenan

We had 25 children sign up for summer reading. They each kept track of what they read by counting pages, or number of books, or how many minutes they read (or were read to!). We hope the school-age children share their lists with their classroom teachers, or with the school librarian! They seemed to like the simple reading prizes we offered. One young fellow chose a little blow-up soccer ball, which he gently rolled around the children's room while his sister and mother gathered a stack of books to check out. As usual, Flying Pond Variety provided certificates for ice cream & frozen treats at the start of the program – we are grateful!

The KVBA books for elementary school readers are slowly making their way to the school library, for use during the winter months. We will have our MSBA books, aimed at middle school readers, on the mantel in the children's room throughout the school year. A couple of titles from the very popular "I Survived" series are on the MSBA list, they've been going out quite regularly.

Have you been saving seeds from your (probably rather parched) garden this summer? We'd love it if you shared some with us for our Seed Exchange! We are looking for any garden vegetable or flower seeds. Just put some into individual small envelopes, label the packet with the name of the variety and the date, and leave them with us. People love looking through our small collection and appreciate being able to take a few packets home to start in their gardens.

We are dreaming and thinking about programming for this fall and winter. If you have some ideas for programs, talks, activities you'd like to see happen, please let us know and we'll add them to our wish list.

We like to share some of the websites we have bookmarked, in case you might find them useful. This month, our list includes:

*The Legacy Project: <http://www.legacyproject.org/> -- This site promotes history and connection across generations, and helps you start your own family or community history or dream project.

*Maine Memory Network: <http://www.mainememory.net/> -- This is maintained by the Maine Historical Society, and includes a database of historical documents from all across the state.

*Maine Underground Railroad sites: http://find.mapmuse.com/re1/map_brand_mm2.php?brandID=UNDERGROUND_RR&init=45.201,-69.2257,7&tlist=UNDERGROUND_RR, -- a map of verified underground railroad sites in the state.

*Maine Encyclopedia: <http://maineencyclopedia.com/> -- A searchable site which covers history, government, recreation, environment, and more for our state.

*Kennebec Highland Trails: <http://www.belgradelakes.org/kh%20trails.html> – We've posted this one before. Includes narrative descriptions of trails up French Mountain, Mt. Phillip, Sanders Hill, and Roundtop.

*Atlas Obscura: <http://www.atlasobscura.com/> -- Wonderful descriptions and pictures from destinations around the world (I just looked up Fort Knox, in Maine), with neat facts sprinkled along the way.

*Maine book lists: <http://librarybooklists.org/mybooklists/setinmaine3.htm> -- Lists of books set in Maine (you can also hit a link to Maine Writers Index), both fiction and nonfiction, children's books and adults.

There, that should be enough for a while.

I've been reading Alice Christensen's Easy Does It Yoga from our collection (and even practicing some of it!), and just finished Ann Hood's (author of The Obituary Writer) most recent novel, entitled the Book That Matters Most. The main character is a new member of a book group at her local library, but is also searching for the author of a book connected to her difficult childhood. What are you reading as the days shorten and we stack firewood?

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

Lots of new classes starting in September!!

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

Class Name	Start Date
Cooking for Health 101	09/06/2016
Mental Health First Aid - Multi-Day Class	09/07/2016
Aging well with Yoga NEW!	09/08/2016
Mental Health First Aid - Single Day Class	09/10/2016
Acoustic Guitar NEW!	09/12/2016
Maranacook Senior Center - FREE	09/12/2016
Find Your Balance NEW!	09/13/2016
Introduction to Chinese NEW!	09/13/2016
Math Skills for College	09/13/2016
Therapy Dogs	09/13/2016
Weight Loss Workshops - Sept. 13, 2016	09/13/2016
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	09/14/2016
Feldenkrais-Connecting Body & Brain NEW!	09/14/2016
Watercolor Art Night "The Barn" NEW!	09/14/2016
Psychic Development Intro NEW!	09/15/2016
Registered Maine Guide Training NEW!	09/15/2016
Beginner Beekeeping - NEW!	09/19/2016
Appreciating Great American Film NEW!	09/20/2016
Basic Dog Obedience	09/20/2016
Psychic Development Course NEW!	09/22/2016
Wild Mushroom Hunting	09/24/2016
English Skills and Writing Fundamentals	09/26/2016
History of the United States of America	09/26/2016
Substitute Teaching Training	09/26/2016
Algebra Skills for College (Fall 16)	09/27/2016
Odysseyware Learning Lab	09/27/2016
A Yoga and Ayurveda Workshop	09/28/2016
Welding Basics	09/28/2016
Introduction to Chair Caning	09/29/2016

New Driver's Ed classes start October 3rd and November 1st

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 Extension 1065 for more info

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*



Annual Statewide Tour of
Maine Craft Studios,
Breweries, Businesses & Events

OCT 1 + 2, 2016

<http://mainecraftweekend.org/>



Labor Day Weekend Sept. 3 & 4, 2016

Rockhounds 27th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Maine State Armory, Western Avenue, Augusta.

Maine Wood Carvers Association
30th Annual Show and Competition



**Saturday 9 - 4
September 17th**

**At
The Buker Community Center
22 Armory Street
Augusta, Maine**

Wood Carving displays and Competition

Vendor Booths

Wood-n-Things Gift Shop and Raffle

Featured Carver: Norm Devonshire

**For Show Rules, Entry Times, and Other Info visit our Website
mainewoodcarvers.org**

Admission \$4.00, under 14 years is free



**Sexual Assault
Crisis &
Support Center**

Helping Our Community Become Silent No More

Annual Celebrity Dinner at the Augusta Civic Center. This year's theme is "The OS-CARS, A Night of Glamour and Gratitude." This is the agency's major fundraiser of the year and is a fun way to help support those affected by sexual violence. Festivities include a live & silent auction, live Band, and fun celebrity shenanigans. Tickets are available by calling (207) 377-1010. Event is on **Sep. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Community Announcements and Events

Public Supper Saturday September 3rd Readfield United Methodist Church 4:30-6:00 pm

Route 17, Readfield (Kents Hill)

Baked Beans – Hot Dogs – Casseroles – Salads – Variety of Desserts

Adults \$7 Children \$4

Rev. Myung Eun Park Joins Readfield United Methodist Church

Reverend Meyung Eun Park has joined the Readfield United Methodist Church (RUMC) as pastor. She comes to Readfield after serving as pastor at the Cochessett Methodist Church in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Rev. Park graduated from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea where she majored in Christian Education and served several Methodist churches as a Sunday school teacher and youth group director. She also worked as a member of a team that produced a Sunday school curriculum for the Korean Methodist Church. The Korean Methodist Church has over 1,500,000 members served by 8,306 pastors. After several years of working experience as an educator and writer Rev. Park came to the United States to pursue a Master of Divinity degree. Boston University awarded Rev. Park a Master of Divinity degree in 2012 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 2014.

In taking up her duties in Readfield, Rev. Park not only follows God's calling, but also family tradition. Her father is a Methodist pastor in South Korea and her mother was educated in a Methodist seminary. Her cousin is a pastor in Washington, D.C. and both her uncle and aunt are Methodist pastors in Ohio. Several other family members also serve as Methodist pastors in South Korea. "I am deeply grateful for my family," she says. "Their prayer life, deep spirituality, loving and compassionate way of treating others has always inspired me. They are living saints and role models for me." Rev. Park is also inspired by Methodist theology and practice, which she says pursues a balance between social justice and personal piety.

Rev. Park is happy and enthusiastic about her new position as pastor of RUMC. She sees the church as opening its doors even wider as a beacon for the truth of God and a sanctuary for people in need. She believes the church in the coming years will strongly fulfill its mission to look for even more ways to serve Christ and to bring the light of Christ to shine even more brightly in Readfield and surrounding towns. "Our church strives to help people experience God in their daily lives by offering the path to a more spiritual life with its opportunities to serve God and the community," she says. "I hope and pray that all people will visit Readfield United Methodist Church Sundays at 10:00 am to experience what God's love truly means in today's often confusing world."

Gail Waddell
Church Administrator
Readfield UMC
PO Box 286
Kents Hill, Me. 04349
[207-685-4211](tel:207-685-4211)



HILLTOP
Christian Youth Group

Beginning Sunday, October 2nd 4-5:30

Readfield United Methodist Church
1564 Main St. Readfield

Youth grades 6-12 from surrounding communities are welcome

For More Information:
Pastor Myung Park 685-4211 pastor@readfieldumc.org
Anne Marie Jenkins 685-4185 amlongtin@yahoo.com
Jeff Link jlink@kentshill.org



Run for the Trees

Sep 17, 2016 ~ Start time is 10 a.m.

Run for the Trees is a cross country race through the beautiful fields and forests of the **Viles Arboretum in Augusta**. What a terrific way to support efforts to end hunger while participating in what is the best autumn run in Maine! Walkers are also welcome. Day care will be provided with nature activities for the kiddies while mom and dad take the 5K challenge. Come run or walk our spectacular course through the Arboretum trail system.



MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN)

FREE transportation for residents of

Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna



Do you recognize the riders and drivers in these pictures? The drivers are **NEIGHBORS DRIVING NEIGHBORS**. The riders are neighbors who need a ride. Do you or someone you know need a ride to shop, run errands, go to the doctor or to another place? If you live in any of the five towns listed above, our volunteer drivers will take you if the location is within 30 miles or so.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A DONOR.

NDN's startup was funded by grants from the Bingham Program and the Betterment Foundation; **HOWEVER, ongoing costs will need to be funded by donations and fund raising.** Neighbors Driving Neighbors is a **501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS**. It offers no gifts, services, or membership benefits for contributions; thus gifts are completely tax-deductible. To send a donation, ask for rides, or volunteer to be a driver, here's the contact information:

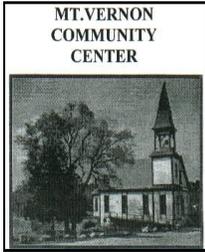
PO Box 142, Mount Vernon, ME 04352~ Website: neighborsdrivingneighbors.org

Email: neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com

Phone: Coordinator Irene Goff at 860-0677

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

Mount Vernon Community Center



Tuesday A.M. Breakfast
6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m.

For more information, call 293-4082

Saturday, Community Center Café
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Come enjoy coffee, eats and conversation

Available for public and private functions.

*For more information on the Community Center availability,
please contact: Linda Stanton, 293-4082*

Board of Trustees: Janet Roderick, Pat Rawson, June Caldwell

First Baptist Church Food Bank



The food bank is located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon Village and is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have a need, do not hesitate to come to the food bank. If you need supplies when the food bank is not open, please call Helen Wilkey 293-2351, or Betty White 480-1525. If there is no answer, please leave a message and a phone number and your call will be returned. Note: We have a family in need of a washer and a dryer. If you have either and you would like to donate, please call Helen Wilkey or Betty White at the above listed numbers and your call will be returned.

Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodges

Vernon Valley Lodge #99 meets the first Tuesday each month.

Vernon Valley Chapter #68 meets the second Tuesday of each month.

For further information, please contact Charles Wadleigh at moosemaster1940@yahoo.com

Local Farmers' Markets

Winthrop Farmers Market ~ Through September 22

Main Street, Winthrop, ME ~Hours of Operation: Saturdays 9am-1pm

Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market ~ Through September 08

137 Main St, Belgrade Lakes

Hours of Operation: Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm Thursday: 2:00-6:00pm

Farmers' Market at Mill Park Augusta ~ Through November 19

1 Water St, Mill Park - Pavilion, Augusta~ Hours of Operation: Tuesday 2-6pm

Sandy River Farmers Market~ Through November 01

Narrow Gauge Cinema parking lot Farmington,~ Hours of Operation: Fridays 9am-2pm