

Town of Mount Vernon Community Newsletter

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Every other Mon. at the
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Warrant 6:30 p.m.
Regular Business 7 p.m.

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

Transfer Station:

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

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RSU #38

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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
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Mt. Vernon 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

As summer ends and we all get ready for winter, on behalf of the entire community I'd like to thank the Marshall L. and Ruth-Anne Gibson Municipal Charitable Program for their \$10,000 gift to the town of Mount Vernon for the purpose of improving our wonderful public beach. It actually took us two summers to use all this money. Last year you may recall that we replaced the old docks and floats with nice new ones. Hammond Lumber helped by giving the town great pricing on this gear. This year we had awesome new redwood picnic tables built and made several other improvements.

M.L. "Jack" Gibson ran a very successful paving business for many years in Maine and set up the municipal charitable program as a way to give back to Maine communities. So THANKS Jack and Ruth-Anne!!! You made a positive impact on our little town by helping us greatly improve our beach facilities.

On a related note, we are still working on the re-design of the boat launch, and related upgrades. The plan will be to consolidate the fire access road and the boat launch into one drive and return the current boat launch road to grass. We are working with the State to get approval for the new launch and assistance with the project.

One reminder (again) about speed; there are a few places in town where we frequently hear complaints about speed. Remember that when kids are being dropped off and picked up, the speed limit is 15 MPH by the school. I know that feels like you are creeping along, but that's what it is.

The village and Rt41 between the village and Flying Pond continues to be a problem area. Please slowdown in the village and know that Rt 41 to Flying Pond is 45 not 65.

Road paving is about to begin. Lee Dunn and the select board have worked closely this year to come up with a plan. Obviously we can only afford to do so much in any given year, but Lee is working hard to replace culverts and improve ditches on several roads to prep for road improvements over the next few years. I hesitate to even say which roads as I know that other roads also need work. But I promise you that your elected officials are doing the best we can to manage budgets and make improvements!

The library team is working hard to finalize the plans for the addition. Fred Webber is leading the bidding process and the oversight of the project. Thanks Fred for all your hard work!

Paul Crockett, Chairman
On Behalf of the Select Board



Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting- Synopsis of Minutes for September 5, 2016

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

7:01pm **Public Hearing for State changes to General Assistance Ordinance.** Crockett opens the public hearing. There are no comments from the public. Crockett closes the public hearing. Dyar motions to adopt the General Assistance ordinance as written. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:03pm **RSU 38 School Board.** Mt. Vernon citizens on the RSU 38 school Board are here to discuss next year's budget. There is a discussion about the school budget, including its percentage of, and impact on, the municipal budget. In 2007, the municipality received 32% of the budget and the school received 61%. In this past tax season, the municipality comprised 28% of the budget and the school 66%. The final school budget vote will be taken on 04/12/2017 and the annual meeting at the high school where the towns approve the budget will be on 05/17/2017.

7:25pm **Other business.**

-**Mount Vernon's 225th Anniversary.** The Events Committee are planning several fundraisers to raise money to host events to honor the town. They are looking to get more people involved. The total estimated cost is approximately \$6500. There is a discussion about ways to raise money for anniversary events.

-**Winthrop Ambulance.** Dyar motions Crockett sign the Winthrop Ambulance contract on behalf of the Select Board. The per capita rate has increased slightly to \$9.00, for a total of \$14,760. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-**Minnehonk Lake Rd. ordinance discussion.** There is a discussion about the citizen request to take a look at the setbacks and definition of private minor roads in the ordinance with regards to how they relate to landowners on Minnehonk Road. Crockett will get David Sanders opinion on it and pass onto the Farrins that the Board is still looking into this.

-**Transfer Station brush pile-** Dyar motions to move this agenda item off the table. Crockett seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor. Dyar motions to table this topic until next meeting. Crockett seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting- Synopsis of Minutes for August 22, 2016

7:04pm **Sign Tax Commitment.** Gilman motions to sign tax commitment. Dyar seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:05pm **Adopt 2016 General Assistance Ordinances.** Dyar motions to table until next meeting. Crockett seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:07pm **Discuss open positions on boards.** Mike Appolito has resigned from the RSU 38 School Board. Crockett motions to accept, with regret, Appolito's resignation. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Dyar motions to nominate Malcolm Hardy for the school Board position. Crockett seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor. Hardy is stepping in to fill Appolito's position until next June. The Board signs the appointment form for Hardy

7:10pm **Other Business.**

Discussion about creating a policy for appointing non-resident board members. Dyar motions to table until next meeting. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-Kathleen Farrin is in attendance to follow up on the letter to MMA regarding the Minnehonk Rd. The Farrins' would like to know what the next move is. MMA responded via email. Doug Farrin went through all subdivision plans in Mount Vernon. Most roads are 66'-50' right-of-ways, (ROWs) and their ROW on Minnehonk Rd. is 12'. The Farrins' state this takes away a large portion of residents' land. Crockett suggests researching what other towns require as a ROW. There is a discussion about state ROWs.

-**Auditor contract.** The amount of the contract is \$5,000. Dyar motions for Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-The Board has talked to two individuals regarding the **brush pile at the Transfer Station.** The quotes are not precise, because the pile is so large, it is difficult to estimate how many truck loads it will take to remove it. One estimate is 28—30 loads at \$50 per load. Crockett will contact the other individual regarding an estimate on the number of loads it will take to move the pile and the price per load. Dyar states there is also mowing to be done at the Transfer Station.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library Expansion

We made it! I am so very pleased to tell you that we have reached our goal and now have \$335,496 available for our exciting library expansion and renovation project. Before I get to the details, I want to recognize and thank our volunteers and staff, trustees and select board, and the wonderful people – both year-round and summer residents – who have generously and enthusiastically supported this project, and who make Mount Vernon and Vienna such a special place.

We received \$101,438 in generous donations from patrons and supporters, and \$148,500 in grants. An additional \$7,800 in grants will be received in the next two years. And the good people of Mount Vernon, at June's town meeting, appropriated \$50,000 for the project, our contingency fund to be used only if it is needed. Finally, we will be able to use \$75,000 from the Dr. Shaw Memorial Fund, representing much of the growth in that fund since Dr. Shaw left us his home and a small amount of money to establish our library.

As the donations were received, I marveled at the generosity of our supporters, and enjoyed the many notes expressing excitement for this project. Yes, it is exciting! We truly appreciated every single donation, including the very generous party that Gerhard Von Hauenschild hosted at his beautiful lakeside home, which raised over \$11,000.

We're also grateful for the grants received from the following:

\$50,000	Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation
\$50,000	Windover Foundation
\$25,000	Davis Family Foundation
\$10,500	Kennebec Savings Bank
\$8,000	Maine Humanities Council
\$4,000	Maine Community Foundation
\$1,000	Plum Creek Foundation

We anticipate beginning construction sometime this fall. Library Trustee Fred Webber has stepped up to take charge of that process, and is currently seeking bids for all aspects of the project. We received a promise from Hammond Lumber to provide all the needed construction supplies at their cost, which will save us a great deal of money.

The expansion was estimated by architect Jim Pelsor to cost \$275,000 with a possibility that it could as much as \$322,000. Jim estimated another \$87,000 would be needed for improvements to the existing building including a new furnace and bathroom.

We believe the construction costs will be on the low end of the estimates, helped by the donation from Hammonds, so in addition to the new addition we anticipate being able to make at least some improvements in the existing building.

During the construction period, the library will continue to serve our communities at Mount Vernon's Masonic Hall, and we are grateful to the Masons for allowing us to do that. We of course won't have as many books or other materials there, but we'll rotate books and other material in and out, and continue to serve you.

We'll recognize all donors to this project in the new library, and I can also promise you a fabulous celebration when the expansion is completed!

From George A. Smith, Chair, Library Trustees

Library Column October 2016

“Listening is an act of community...Reading is a means of listening.” Ursula K. Le Guin

Our children’s books about apples have been going out regularly. Next up – pumpkins and Halloween! Our KVBA books are now at the elementary school, so check in with Mrs. Worster at the school library for those titles – there are some wonderful books in that collection!

Partway through this month, we’ll start our annual CAN DUE drive, to help stock the Mt. Vernon Food Bank for the coming winter and holidays. As you know, we don’t charge overdue fines for late library materials. But we hear from folks that many of you carry some bit of guilt about the stacks of books that are returned late. What is a poor guilt-ridden library patron to do? You are in luck! We are glad to receive canned (large cans of soup are great) or boxed items of food, personal care items, or cash donations, which we turn over to the Food Bank, and in exchange – all of your guilt magically disappears! Drop by some items or some cash, take out some different books and movies, and go home knowing that you have helped both yourself and your fellow community members.

Wesley McNair just stepped down from being Maine’s Poet Laureate this past year, and has spent these recent months designing a website of contemporary Maine poetry. It is a lovely site, called 20 Maine Poets. Lee Sharkey, Stuart Kestenbaum, Gary Lawless, Dawn Potter, and others talk about their work, and read a bit of their poetry. He also includes a small “In Memoriam” section for five poets who have passed away in recent years, including Mt. Vernon’s Russell Libby.

Here is the link to it: <http://wpsites.maine.edu/20poets/> Bookmark it on your computer so you can visit these great Maine poets frequently. Visiting this site is a good way to end a hectic day.

Elections are coming up. The basic information on candidates running for office as well as lists of the referendum questions & bond issues can be found on the maine.gov website.

To go directly to the elections information, go to: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html There is also a site called Ballotpedia which provides much of the same information: https://ballotpedia.org/Maine_2016_ballot_measures

We know you might be wondering about the start date of the addition to the library. No date has been set yet, but that doesn’t mean a lot of work hasn’t already begun! Staff is working feverishly, cleaning out nooks and crannies throughout the library, making decisions about numerous materials. There are quite a few historical items which will go to the Historical Society, which will display them so they can be viewed & appreciated for years to come. The land has been surveyed, the septic system checked, and the process of getting bids and building permits is underway. Laying a cement slab for the new foundation will be the first project. We’ll let you know when we have further details. We may need to close the library for a brief time while we relocate parts of our collection to the Masonic Hall (our current intent).

As part of our preparations, we have weeded our old VHS and magazine collections. If anyone is interested in looking through the VHS or taking recent back issues of magazines, please let us know. Here is a sampling of the magazines we intend to give away: Architectural Digest, Birds and Bloom, Country Living, Country, Downeast, Mother Earth News, Prevention, and Yankee. We also have duplicate issues of the Mt. Vernon Town Reports if anyone would like them. However, we are missing reports for the years 1893, 1942, 1991, and 2011. If you have any of those and would like to donate them, we would love to have them!

Volunteers are generous as always, and bring us just what we need. We have been given boxes for our eventual temporary move, and many are ready to help us sort, organize, and pack when the time comes. Many thanks to our wonderful community.

Submitted by Alice Olson and Mary Anne Libby



From the Office of the Town Clerk

Our office will be open Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

We will be closed Monday, October 10, 2016 in observance of Columbus Day.

We will also **only be open Thursday, October 13th from 1:00 to 5:00**. We have a mandatory

Bureau of Motor Vehicles workshop that day that we both have to attend.

The dog tags are in and we can begin selling them in October. The price is the same as last year- \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs, and \$11.00 for those capable of producing young.

Please bring your updated proof of rabies with you when you come to license your dogs.

We have quite a few tax bills that need new addresses. Please call us at [207-293-2379](tel:207-293-2379)

if you have moved and have not received your 2016 tax bill.

The Plusses of Our Drought

Dan Onion, MD, MPH- Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer ~ 293-2076; dkonion@gmail.com
September, 2016

This year I've had to water my garden and berry bushes all summer. Second hay crops are substantially reduced. Many wells will probably dry up this fall unless we begin to get significant rain. Wild fires are a greater risk. Both Flying and Parker Ponds are nearly a foot below normal summer low water levels. Even Hermine is missing us!

Can one think positively about such deprivation? Yes, certainly in several ways.

First, we have less runoff from rainstorms going into our lakes and ponds. This reduces road washouts and the amount of phosphorous thereby washing into the water bodies. And, since normally phosphorous levels are the limiting ingredient to algae growth in our lakes, we've seen much less algal growth this year, no green globs in Flying Pond, very clear water, and almost no gloeotrichia cyanobacteria (<http://belgradelakesassociation.org/Resources/WaterQuality/Gloeotrichia.aspx>) in Parker this year. It's nice to have cleaner water, and fish get more oxygen to grow on. Unfortunately, some folks, prompted I presume by the receding shoreline, unknowingly worsened the problem of phosphate loading by dumping crushed rock far out into the lake at a private boat launch on Parker last week, despite it being against the law and bad for the lake.

Another big benefit of dry weather is fewer standing water puddles where mosquitoes can breed, hence fewer bites and zero cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus in Maine animals or people! And hopefully southern *Anopheles* or *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes never consider moving up here; we don't need the many diseases they transmit in the South, like Zika virus, Dengue Fever, yellow fever and malaria.

And lawns need less mowing. It's all related to the huge changes induced by the clearly documented global warming, caused by the complete human take-over of the world. These last 2 years have been the hottest on record.

So enjoy the parts of the drought you can and pray your well doesn't dry up. And take advantage of the dry year to create diversions for future storm water from your roads into the woods, not the lakes.

Mount Vernon Fire Department



It's a.... firetruck! The Mount Vernon Fire Department has recently taken ownership of the truck that you all helped us build. We have spent the days since its delivery prepping it to serve our community. We have put on hoses, generators, and air packs. We have installed communication devices and radios. It is ready for action! All of this could not have been possible without the support of you, the taxpayers of Mount Vernon. The entire Truck Committee has been working tirelessly on this for the past couple of years and it is great to see their vision come to fruition. Special thanks go to Senior Captain Joe Lemieux for the hours he has spent prepping the truck for service. Stop by if you see us around, we would love to show you the truck.

It is time to remind everyone to make sure that your chimney has been cleaned before this year's wood burning season gets into full swing. Chimney fires are some of our most frequent calls, and they happen to all of us. Any amount of precaution we can take to minimize this risk is well worth it. Make sure that your house is equipped with carbon monoxide detectors if you are burning wood as well, and it is always helpful to have a fire extinguisher. It is also the month of Daylight Savings Time, where we all get to fall back and get an extra hour of sleep. This is the perfect time to replace the batteries in your smoke detector and check any fire extinguishers to make sure they are still operable. It will take you all of five minutes. Just do it. Please. It might save us all a lot of grief later on, and it may save your life.

It is also October, which is a great time to make sure that your car is prepared for winter. Snow Tires are permissible on Maine roads from October 1st to May 1st. It may be time to start thinking about getting them put on. Put a blanket in your trunk to keep warm if your car gets stuck. If you have a truck, you may want to think about getting some sandbags in your bed. Maybe keep some kitty litter in your car to help get you unstuck from ditches. We will not hesitate to come and help you, but ultimately you are responsible for your safety.

Despite the drought conditions the summer passed fairly quietly this year for the fire department. This past month there has been an uptick in calls, and we have been very busy with our normal training and meetings. As always the Mount Vernon Fire Department is proud to serve this community, and humbled by your support.

Community Announcements and Events



On August 29, 2016, Mill Stream Grange members (l-r) Paul Lavender, Judy Wyman, Linda Stanton and Pat Stanton presented a check to Travis Mills (center) for the Travis Mills Foundation. The donation of \$1,000.00 was made in memory of Mill Stream Grange member, and WWII veteran, Mahlon Moore.

The building in the background is on the old Elizabeth Arden estate in Mt. Vernon and Rome which has been purchased by the Travis Mills Foundation. It is being renovated by the Foundation as a retreat for use by injured veterans and their families.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Nov. 4 at Mill Stream Grange, Vienna
Roger Swain
host of MPTV's Victory Garden show for 16 years,
will speak on
Farm and Garden Tools
Pot luck grange supper at 6:00pm

RSU #38 Board of Directors
Meeting Schedule
2016-2017

Meetings are held at the Maranacook High School Student Center on Wednesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

October 5	March 1
October 19	March 15
November 2	March 22 (tent.)
November 16	March 29 (tent.)
December 7	April 5
December 21	April 12 (vote on budget)
January 4	May 3
January 18	May 17 (Annual Meeting), 7:00 p.m.
February 1	June 7
February 15	June 21 or 14?

June 13 (Referendum

vote at individual towns)

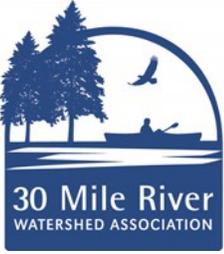
RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News
Lots of new classes starting in October!!

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

Class Name	Start Date
Driver's Ed	10/03/2016
Dream Visions Intro NEW!	10/04/2016
Alcohol Ink Painting on Yupo NEW!	10/05/2016
Beginner Fly Tying NEW!	10/06/2016
Reiki Level One	10/06/2016
Dream Course NEW!	10/11/2016
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	10/12/2016
CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus	10/13/2016
Early College Planning	10/13/2016
The REAL truth About Aliens	10/13/2016
Adult CPR/AED	10/19/2016
Fabric Wreath Making NEW!	10/19/2016
The NU Presentation NEW!	10/25/2016
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	10/26/2016
Maine Driving Dynamics	10/26/2016
Mindfulness in Everyday Life	10/26/2016
Safety in a Modern World NEW!	10/26/2016
Watercolor Art Night "The Barn"	10/27/2016
Ceramics: Beginning/Intermediate	10/27/2016
NU Reiki	10/27/2016
Origami Gift Box NEW!	10/27/2016
Yin Yoga and Yoga Nidra	10/27/2016
Advanced Dog Obedience	11/01/2016

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



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

It was a summer full of activity in the 30 Mile River Watershed! Between our new water quality monitoring initiative and the old favorites like Courtesy Boat Inspections and the Youth Conservation Corps, there was never a dull moment. Here is a recap of how this season's programs went:

Courtesy Boat Inspections

We met our 2016 goal of staffing the Parker Pond, Flying Pond, and Androscoggin Lake public boat launches for a total of **1,000 hours**. Fourteen volunteer inspectors contributed a valuable 104 hours at the launches as well. These efforts combined resulted in **1,879 inspections** with 85 plant fragments intercepted on boats; fortunately, none were invasive. A big "thank you" to the volunteer and staff CBIs for all your hard work, and to all the boaters doing their part to keep invasive plants out of our lakes!

Water Quality Monitoring

With the help of numerous volunteers throughout the watershed, we've been able to regularly monitor six lakes this season for a number of water quality indicators. These lakes include Basin Pond, David Pond, Parker Pond, Minnehonk Lake, Lovejoy Pond, and Pocasset Lake. After receiving training from the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) and the Department of Environment Protection (DEP), water quality intern Austin Schuver and Program Coordinator Katie Moran have collected the following data: water clarity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, phosphorous, chlorophyll, and estimates quantifying the amount of *Gloeotrichia*, a type of cyanobacteria that is often described as looking like tapioca. We will continue monitoring into October. The gathered data will help us better understand our lakes, what may be affecting them, and guide future decisions on their conservation. Check out this season's data on our website!

Fifteen volunteers helped make the first year of this program a success -- by taking 30MRWA staff out on the lakes and in many cases, assisting with data collection. We recruited a new water quality monitor for Minnehonk Lake, along with an additional four volunteers who will likely become certified monitors next year. Many of the volunteers are already VLMP monitors who take water clarity readings throughout the summer, so thank you for all the time you put into conserving your lakes! We are looking forward to being out on the water again in May to collect early season data.

Youth Conservation Corps

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) had a successful 6th season. The crew completed 14 projects throughout the watershed: 10 for private landowners and 4 for towns. 2 of these projects were on Flying Pond, and 5 were on Parker Pond. Examples of projects included infiltration trenches, native plant buffers, and repairing the Parker Pond public boat launch.

Although the crew is finished for the 2016 season, you can still submit a **Site Visit Request** on our website and get your property on the schedule for next summer!

Donate Today

All of our lake-sustaining programs would not be possible without the support of individuals like you. In order to keep our programs running, we need to raise \$57,000 for our Annual Fund this year. Thanks to the generosity of many, we are now two-thirds of the way there.

Donate today to help us keep our watershed clean and beautiful.

For more news and information, or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.30mileriver.org

Community Announcements and Events

Theater at Monmouth Travels to Vienna



Once again this fall the Vienna Union Hall Association is bringing the Theater at Monmouth players to our intimate community. Come to the Vienna Union Hall on October 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM to immerse yourself in the wonderful professional performance of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* adapted and directed by Dawn McAndrews. These adaptations of classic literature makes them much more accessible to a geographically and economically diverse audience.

In October journey to a unique and fantastical world where spirits roam, reality is elusive, and illusion abounds. After twelve years marooned with her daughter Miranda, the deposed duke must choose between the desire for power and the freedom that comes with compassion. Set during the golden age of sea exploration, *The Tempest* investigates individual freedom: our desire to achieve it, our struggle to preserve it, and ultimately, our forgiveness of those who have taken it from us.

Since 2005, *Shakespeare in Maine Communities* has taken the Bard on the road through 60 to 90-minute versions of Shakespeare with five to eight actors. Plays are fully designed, rehearsed, and tour for a month to schools and community centers. The objectives of the players are to inspire imaginative thinking and foster creativity; to increase confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of community. The players will answer questions and talk with the audience at the end of the performance.

The Vienna Union Hall Association has offered performances from the Theater at Monmouth at the Hall for three other plays, Hamlet, Macbeth and Twelfth Night. Tickets are \$13.00 paid in advance or \$15.00 at the door. For more information or advance tickets call Libby 293-2362 or Dodi 293-2670 or email viennaunion-hall@gmail.com.

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*



Thanks Wayne!

So often the nice things that people do go unnoticed, random acts of kindness by quiet people that should be recognized.

Wayne Colebrook is one of the quiet ones who goes out of his way to do things that make a difference. After a Rescue member realized that a portable radio had been inadvertently included in her recycling, she talked with Wayne about the remote possibility that it could be recovered.

Wayne accompanied her to Wasted Management where they pawed through the mountains of recycled stuff. Thank goodness it didn't go in with the trash! Miraculously, the portable was found... not only found, but undamaged and still working!

Needless to say this eased the apprehension for this Rescue person and saved Rescue (and the Town) the \$1000.00 plus it would have cost to replace it! Wayne Colebrook, you are a rockstar who goes above and beyond what is expected for all of us.

Please thank Wayne the next time you see him for all he does for Mt. Vernon.

Pat Rawson, Director, Mt. Vernon Rescue

Gravestone Cleaning Workshop Saturday, Oct. 15 (rain date Oct. 22) 2:00 – 4:00 PM Bean Cemetery Bean Road, Mt. Vernon

Learn the proper way to clean old stones
Wear appropriate clothing and gloves
Knee pads are recommended

Bob Grenier attended workshops given by the Maine Old Cemetery Association this summer, learning the proper way to clean and preserve old cemetery stones. Now he will share this knowledge with anyone interested in helping restore Mt. Vernon's many cemeteries.



Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*



The **Maine Bone Carving** showroom and studio will be open **Oct. 1 & 2 from 10-4** as part of the **Maine Crafts Weekend**

Studio is located on Rt. 41 between the villages of Mt. Vernon and Vienna

Gerry Hoff of Mt. Vernon will be one of the participants at the 2016 **Sculpture Symposium** taking place at the **Viles Arboretum in Augusta** from **Sept. 30-Oct. 9**. Visitors are welcome to come see professional sculptors create works of art on the arboretum grounds

Sculpture Symposium 2016- Viles Arboretum ~ 153 Hospital St. in Augusta
Twelve nationally-acclaimed artists working on stone sculpture. Open to the public, free.

Echo Lake to be Lowered

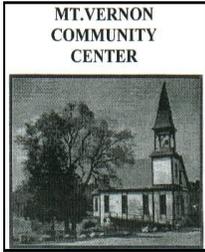
Starting October 10, the Echo Lake Association will begin lowering the water level of the lake in order to complete work on sluice gates at the dam. This project was approved by the association membership at its annual meeting in 2015.

You may be thinking that the lake level has already been lowered. The current low level is due to lack of rain during late summer, in conjunction with lots of sunny and windy days. Because the lake is already quite low, you can expect the lake to drop quickly once the boards in the dam are removed. Therefore, it is advised that people remove their boats no later than the 10th.

Questions regarding the lake level and/or the dam project should be directed to the association at echo4me15@gmail.com.

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 Cauldwell



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

Readfield United Methodist
Invites you to Worship with us
every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Nursery
provided. Sunday School classes for
Kindergarten-5th grade
Everyone is Welcome to join us. Come as
you are. The church is handicap accessible
Visit our
webpage www.readfieldumc.org for 2016
fall spiritual growth opportunities.



All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join
the new Hilltop Christian Youth Group at the Readfield United Methodist Church , 1564 Main St, Readfield, Me. We will meet 2-3
times a month at RUMC on the 3rd floor. Our focus is to help youth understand the love that Jesus has for us all and to try to
follow his call to love our neighbor. We will listen to music, participate in fun games and activities, learn how to strengthen our
relationship with God, and just hang out. We are planning fun field trips and community service outings as well. Please join us in
this loving and welcoming new youth group!

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR



ALWAYS THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING!

NOVEMBER 26, 2016

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

**At the MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY CENTER
in beautiful "downtown" Mount Vernon**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

TOM WARD: 293-1016

Clay hand-building class with Cheryl Herr-Rains, Vienna, for all skill levels; projects are designed for success with impressive outcomes.

Starts Monday Oct 10- Nov 28, 3 to 5 p.m. (time may change to accommodate most),
7 weeks, 5 to 8 people, \$300 includes all tools and materials.

If interested send message to sweeter@fairpoint.net for this or future sessions.

Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

BELGRADE HARVEST FESTIVAL



& Scarecrow
Contest

Saturday,
October 8th
10am - 4pm

FUN FILLED
VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Music

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Shopping Specials

CRAFTS

Farmer's
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Harvest Festival is
Sponsored by:
Belgrade Lakes
Region Business
Group

At the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons
Family Fun 11:00am - 2:00pm
Bounce house, pumpkin carving, touch a truck, crafts,
games, food and so much more.

Visit us at: www.belgradelakesmaine.com

For questionable weather check our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BelgradeLakesRegionBusinessGroup>

Find us on
Facebook

14th Annual Harvest Fest

The lineup of events include pumpkin carving, hayrides, scarecrow building, pumpkin bowling and new events such as a dog agility course, pet parade, kitten cuddling and a doggy kisses booth.

Waterville's finest dining establishments will be competing in the highly anticipated 2016 Mac & Cheese Cook-off

All events happen between 10am-4pm

Pet A Palooza



October 2, 2016
Head of Falls
Front Street
Waterville, Maine
10am to 4pm

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Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

MAINE



CHEESE GUILD

Maine Cheese Festival Sunday, October 16th 11am - 5pm

We invite folks to join us on October 16th to meet over 20 of Maine's Artisan cheesemakers and discover, sample, and buy their cheeses. This event will be held at Savage Oakes Winery in Union where we will showcase over 100 varieties of Maine-made cheeses .

Maine boasts more cheesemakers per capita than any other state, currently with 81 licensed cheesemakers here in Maine. The Guild is holding this festival as a Guild fundraiser towards fostering and growing Maine made cheese.

Sunday, October 16th
11am - 5pm

At Savage Oakes Vineyard & Winery
located at 174 Barrett Hill Road, Union ME

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**