

# SO LONG SUMMER!

It may have started off rainy, but summer grew warm and welcoming at NDN.

## Driver Spotlight: John Perry

Meet one of our newest drivers, John Perry, and find out what “drives” him to volunteer his time to NDN.



John Perry at the Readfield Launch event in July.

*NDN: Please tell me about yourself.*

JP: I’m married to Marianne, and we live in Kents Hill where we manage an ever-expanding set of flower gardens. In my spare time, I manage finances for the Readfield

Union Meeting House. Our children and grandchildren are spread over the northeast from Maryland to Maine.

*NDN: How did you become aware of/interested in Neighbors Driving Neighbors?*

JP: Marianne, as a member of Readfield’s Age Friendly Committee, has been instrumental in bringing NDN to our town. As part of the advance setup, I became aware of the need for drivers, and did not hesitate to volunteer for a spot on the team.

*NDN: What about volunteer driving appealed to you?*

JP: Over the last decade, I’ve become aware of the importance of and need for this kind of service, which helps individuals to stay at home when they do not have consistent access to

transportation. This is becoming a critical resource—especially in small and remote towns,—and I wanted to do my part to make it happen.

*NDN: Can you describe the volunteer driving experience?*

JP: I’m always happy to meet new people and to feel that they have benefitted from the program.

*NDN: Is there a memorable rider or trip you’d like to share (without naming names)?*

JP: Every rider that I have had—without fail—has been extraordinarily thankful for the service. That makes me feel that I’m doing something useful and beneficial.

*NDN: What advice would you give to anyone thinking about volunteering as a driver for NDN?*

JP: If in doubt about volunteering, talk to another driver.

*NDN: Is there anything else you’d like to share?*

JP: I hope that the program is further utilized to help people live at home—for grocery/medicine delivery; for social gatherings, to movies, and suppers; to help them to get out of the house for sight-seeing, visiting family and friends, etc.



# Celebrating Community

The buffet table at the Mount Vernon Community Center once again groaned with the weight of so many homemade goodies, treats and delicious breakfast items at our July 22 breakfast. More than 60 people enjoyed a hearty breakfast and the company of their neighbors while also donating to NDN. Thanks to all for their support!



## Going, Going, Gone! Our Online Auction Was a Win-Win

With over 100 items up for auction including one-of-a-kind art & experiences, toys, food, furniture, housewares, clothing and more, our biddingowl.com online auction—which lasted 30 days—was a success, not only for NDN, but for the winning bidders. Thanks to the many donors who donated items that they baked, crafted, or bought (or simply donated!), and to the community members who bid. And a big thank you to the dedicated volunteers and board members at NDN who gave many hours to making this event happen.

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE:

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### VOLUNTEER AS A DRIVER

Do you like to drive, have a good driving record, and would you enjoy being part of providing transportation for adults who no longer drive so they may stay in their homes? No minimum time commitment, great socialization and many thanks from the riders.

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### CONTRIBUTE TO A FUNDRAISER

Attend our annual community breakfast, bid on an item in our annual online auction or simply donate any time. We are proud that more than half of our funding comes from private donations, showing that NDN enjoys broad support in the communities we serve.

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### BECOME PART OF THE PIT CREW

By setting up an ongoing monthly donation, you will be helping to keep our volunteers and their cars on the road to assure our neighbors get the rides they need. We will only ask you once a year to consider increasing your monthly amount.

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### CONSIDER LEGACY GIVING

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