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## Gorham Density Zones to Encourage Affordable Housing

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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Avesta housing located on School Street (Route 114) in Gorham.

As in other communities in southern Maine, the price of homes in Gorham continues to increase. The Portland Press Herald reported that the median price of a home in Cumberland County is now \$580,000. Statewide the median cost of a typical home has gone from \$200,000 in 2019 to \$406,000 in 2024. Recognizing that more and more Mainers are being priced out of the market, the State Legislature passed LD2003, a bill

that requires communities to amend their zoning ordinances to designate areas that allow for greater density. For Gorham, this means creating Density Bonus Zones that roughly correspond to the Residential Growth Zones as outlined in the town's Comprehensive Plan.

To be in compliance, Gorham has to adopt a 2.5 times affordable housing density bonus where at least 51 percent of units meet affordabil-

ity criteria. For rental units, income may not exceed 80 percent of median area income with housing costs not to exceed 30 percent of household monthly income. For home ownership, income may not exceed 120 percent of median income. Median incomes figures for an area (AMI) are calculated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Although the purpose behind creating areas that permit greater density is to encourage developers to build affordable housing units, there is no requirement that they do so. There is no penalty built into the law for not coming into compliance on the location of Density Bonus Zones. But Tom Poirer, Gorham's director of community development, said that the town could be compelled by court order to comply with LD2003 requirements.

Currently the Ordinance Committee and the Town Council are working on amending the Land Use and Development Code to allow for unit bonuses for affordable housing in the town's growth areas, as required by LD2003. North Gorham and South Gorham are in the designated growth areas and, therefore, would be in the Density Bonus Zone. But it is questionable if developers of affordable housing would want to incur the water and sewage costs in locations so far from public water and public sewers. In

addition, to meet the requirements of LD2003 there can only be two off-street parking spaces for every three units, a challenge for areas far from the town center with no public transportation.

As with the Gorham Comprehensive Plan, LD2003 encourages more density closer to the center of town and is in keeping with the desire in Gorham to retain as much agricultural and recreational land as possible. However, developments currently in the planning stage close to "the village," are all market rate projects with some provision for "over 55," or senior housing, units. These units will undoubtedly meet a need as this is the largest demographic in Maine. According to Christopher La Roche, executive director of Westbrook Housing Authority, his agency is building three senior units for every family unit. However, he said that there is a growing need for housing that younger people can afford in the face of rising building costs, housing prices, and rents.

Gorham has no housing authority. Westbrook Housing serves as a resource for the area, including Gorham. They build and maintain affordable housing projects, and have assisted in facilitating projects in Westbrook, Windham and other communities in suburban Cumberland County.

Currently Gorham has several afford-

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## A Pair of Gorham Softball Little League Teams Forge Ahead to Regionals

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Both the 12U Majors and 10U Minor teams have played gutsy softball and have been putting on a show in the past few weeks. Both teams put a bow on things during the days of July 3 - 16 and became District 6 champions and State champions respectively. The 12U Majors with a win over Hermon by a score of 16-0 and the 10U Minors (forcing a game 2) with a big win at Falmouth v. Freeport-Pownal (Tritown). Both teams then went on to win the State Championship, a first ever for both Gorham Little League teams to do so. U12 with a big 2-1 win over rival Biddeford in Rockland and the U10's with an all-or-nothing win, following several come-from-behind wins.

Fast forward to July 20, and both teams are playing in the Regional Finals

in Connecticut and New York. The 11&12 year old (U12) team, coached by Nate Marquis is representing the State of Maine in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Regional tournament (and worth noting were state champions in 2022), playing in Bristol CT.

On July 23 in an elimination game for the U12 team v. Vermont, (Maine) managed a walk off in the 10th inning of a 0-0 stalemate. Gorham Maine stand-out Cameron Gagnon pitched and also had the shot into right field for the walk off win v. Vermont. Gagnon had her 100th strikeout of the all-star season during the state championship tournament, currently placing her well over that mark following

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## USM Announces Al Bean's Retirement

Christina Cracolici, Director of Athletic Communications

After a nearly 50-year relationship with the University of Southern Maine (USM), long-time Director of Athletics Al Bean has announced his retirement from Huskies' Athletics. Arriving at the University as a student-athlete in 1973 and enjoying a Hall of Fame career as part of the Huskies' baseball program, Bean went on to have an impactful and award-winning 45-year professional relationship with Southern Maine as assistant baseball coach, Sports Information Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and finally Director of Athletics - a title Bean has held for 31 years.

Completing his final day as Huskies' Director of Athletics on August 30, Bean's leadership and experience in Division III Athletics will continue to be put to good use as he has accepted the role of Little East Conference Commissioner. Bean will succeed Pamela S. Samuelson, Ph.D., who announced

her retirement earlier this spring, and will begin his new duties with the Little East Conference on September 2, 2024.

Formerly the first publicist, and third commissioner in the history of the Little East Conference (1995-2000), Bean has been inducted into multiple Hall of Fame entities, including the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and the LEC Hall of Fame. Named the 2013 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Division III Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year, Bean most recently earned the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators (NADIIIAA) Richard A. Rasmussen Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021.

Bean would be quick to assert that among all of his accomplishments, the success of the Huskies was due in no small part to the quality of each student-athlete,

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# Protecting the Places That make Summertime Special in Maine

Rep. Mo Terry, D-Gorham

Summer in Maine is one of my favorite times of year. With farmers markets, state fairs and local festivals all in full swing, there's lots to do in our community and across the state. It is also a fantastic time to get outside.

We're lucky here in Maine to have so many state parks and historic sites to explore. Our beaches and lakes are my favorite places to visit during the summer months - especially Sebago Lake State Park, right in our backyard. It is one of 12 state parks that offer campsites if you're looking for an overnight adventure close to home. To learn more about recreational options on public lands, visit the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands website: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/>

This has been one of the hottest summers in recent memory, so getting to the beach has been a great way to stay cool and spend time with family this year. Unfortunately, this past winter, many of our favorite spots were severely impacted by storm damage. With historic levels of flooding, erosion and damage to iconic Maine landmarks and vital working waterfront infrastructure, our beloved coastline has changed shape in a major way.

In response, my colleagues and I in the Legislature made significant investments to help coastal communities recover and to bolster local resources so that municipalities can be better prepared for the future impacts of severe weather events. We are

investing \$60 million in storm relief for public infrastructure repair and improvement and grants for impacted businesses and organizations. This support will go a long way toward helping communities rebuild so that we can continue to enjoy all that our beloved coast has to offer.

Changing conditions are affecting inland communities, too. Maine has some of the country's most pristine freshwater lakes and ponds, which support high quality habitat for fish and wildlife as well as endless opportunities for recreation. Unfortunately, invasive species are posing increasingly serious risks to these natural resources. Infestations result in habitat disruption and harm the environment. They also affect residents directly, causing decreased property values, diminished water quality, and reduced fishing and water recreation opportunities.

The introduction of invasive species of fish, plants and diseases usually occurs as a result of human activity. Some examples include illegal stocking of fish like carp, Eurasian milfoil from boat and gear transport, and zebra mussels from engine cooling water and live wells. We know how it happens, which means we can take steps to prevent it.

Once an aquatic invasive species is established, it is extremely difficult and expensive to eradicate. And it is not always successful, potentially causing permanent damage to the spaces we have enjoyed for

generations. That's why prevention is key.

To ensure that our inland bodies of water remain in good condition, with healthy ecosystems for all to enjoy, it's critical that we act to protect Maine's lakes and rivers. This session, we increased funding to improve the prevention and control of these invasive aquatic species.

There are also simple ways we can all help mitigate the spread of these harmful critters. If you plan to take a boat out on the water this summer, please be sure you're not bringing invasive species along for the ride. You can visit [mainelakes.org](http://mainelakes.org) to learn more about how to do your part to protect our inland waters.

If you're interested in finding out more about preserving our lands and waters while enjoying the Maine outdoors this summer, I would love to hear from you. As always, you can reach me at (207) 287-1430 or [maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov).



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House Majority Leader, where she serves

as head of the Democratic caucus. Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at [maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov).

## Hundreds of Antique Cars at Lion's Club Annual Show

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Over one hundred cars of all ages, makes and models covered the Gorham High School parking lot during the Gorham Lion's Club annual car show on July 27th. Visitors to the show oohed and aahed at vehicles that they remembered, or coveted, over the years. Judges with clipboards moved from car to car trying to pick the prime example in each of the different categories.

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# Georgia Humphrey Performs Album Release Concert



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On July 16, Georgia Humphrey, media manager of Gorham's Community Access station (GoCam), had an album release concert at the Tuesday night Gazebo concert. Her album titled "Swept Away" contained 12 songs written by her and performed by her band. We've all seen Georgia filming events all around town, but most of us didn't realize her talent as a musician and song writer.

# Author Monica Wood On "How to Read a Book"

John Ersek, Staff Writer

At her recent July 9 appearance at Baxter Memorial Library, Maine author Monica Wood spoke for about an hour, offering some unique insights into several aspects of her life as a successful memoirist, novelist, and playwright. The presentation was well attended by an enthusiastic audience of people who were clearly fans of Wood and her writings.

She began by reading a lengthy excerpt from her most recent novel, "How to Read a Book", which was published in May. Without revealing too much of the plot, she described the first part of the novel as being about a young woman inmate, who is anticipating her release date while serving time at the Maine Women's Correctional Center for a serious DUI offense. Other characters include a retired English professor who teaches a class on classic literature at the prison, a retired machinist, and the machinist's late wife, who eventually makes an appearance. The excerpted passage described what happened at one of the literature classes, while describing the colorful personalities of the inmates who were in the class. Wood hinted that several mysteries might be revealed as the plot unfolds, including mentioning that the title might be a double meaning (or even a triple meaning).

Wood then talked about how the process of writing the book began. Comparing it to her other projects, she said this one began rather uniquely, with a fully formed character (the young woman inmate) continually emerging into her consciousness and demanding to have her story told. It was somewhat inconvenient timing, as she had recently determined that writing for the theater was her new thing. But eventually she complied and wrote the story down fairly spontaneously, without much prior research or pre-plotting. In time, the other characters revealed themselves, and she wrote their connected stories too.

After completing the first draft, she went back through the chapters and added many details, especially about the work life and careers of the characters.

These details were derived from experiences she had both before and during the writing project's early phase. These experiences included taking a machinist class at Southern Maine Community College, interviewing Harvard experts on avian intelligence, and working as a volunteer instructor in the women's prison.

At the middle of her writing process, the COVID-19 pandemic happened, with mixed effects on the author and her process. She said, on one hand it gave her much more time at home to focus on writing and editing. On the other hand, the pandemic gave Wood and many others intimations of mortality, which she said may have caused her to want to hurry the publication process. Despite the challenges, she said that this book is in many ways her favorite, because the writing process was shorter (just two years) and less complicated.

Wood then described how recent changes in the publishing industry affected the novel's content, publication process, and even its name. The publication was delayed over a year by a strike at the publishing company, and the eventual sale of the publishing house which she had been with for many years. This meant that the members of her publication "team" changed. Like shuffling a deck of cards, it caused some key people to leave, but some old friends she hadn't worked with in years came back onto her team. She had to adapt to working with a mostly much younger editorial team, with meetings taking place on Zoom.

Fairly late in the publication process, the novel was renamed, partially based on research from young techies at the publishing house, who apparently did online research and found that books with the word "book" in the title sell better. Wood acknowledged that the book is selling well with its new title, but added that she still liked her original title, "Meanwhile."

Before closing out the event by answering a few questions, Wood told some humorous stories about challenging experiences she's had while on previous speaking tours.

# Meet the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club

Patrick and Cindy O'Shea, Staff Writers

You may know the Rotary Club from their annual Christmas tree and wreath sales, but their impact extends beyond seasonal fundraisers. The Rotary Club engages in a wide range of service projects throughout the year. Rotary is a group of business leaders whose mission is to "provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship of business, professional and community leaders." Christine E. Johnson, the president of The Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club, provided the following information.

## How did this local group come to be known as the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary?

A group of businessmen in 1926 created a Rotary west of Portland made up of Gorham, Westbrook, Windham and Standish. Over time Windham-Standish formed their own club, now called the Sebago Lake Rotary and Gorham-Westbrook Rotary took on a new name to better reflect the two towns.

## What is the membership by town?

Westbrook-Gorham Rotarians live in surrounding communities, not just in Westbrook or Gorham. Most have some tie to Westbrook or Gorham due to their business location or a hometown connection. Others join the club because of some combination of meeting time, meeting location, club size, service focus, or simply because a good friend is already a member.

## What causes does Rotary support?

Our club has several areas of interest that largely align with Rotary International areas of focus. Locally we offer a significant number of scholarships at Westbrook and Gorham High Schools and Westbrook Regional

Vocational Center (WRVC). With the City of Westbrook, we support construction of a house as part of the education of Building Trades students at WRVC. We donate books to the Walker and Baxter libraries, support local food pantries and after school programs and support The Locker Project financially and with volunteer hours. A recent addition is volunteer and financial support for Lakes Region Senior Center which is based at the Little Falls Activity Center. Our two most recent district grant projects were solar charging poles in Gorham and Westbrook.

## How are funds raised to support these activities?

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary currently holds three significant fundraisers each year. The annual golf classic on the fourth Monday of September is now in its 30th year. For more information see [www.westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org](http://www.westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org). We also sell wreaths starting Thanksgiving weekend and would welcome new residential and commercial customers. We deliver! For many years we also sold Christmas trees and may resume doing so at some point. Last year, we added an annual Pizza Challenge to identify some of the best pizza sold in Westbrook and Gorham. Look for that again this year.

## Anything else you would like to let people know?

We welcome anyone who is interested in connecting with like-minded individuals to make and find opportunities to serve our communities. Check out the calendar on our website [www.westbrookgorhamrotary.org](http://www.westbrookgorhamrotary.org) for meeting and program information and join us sometime.

## Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

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# Financial Focus: Are You Afraid of Outliving Your Money?

Provided by Jim Flagg

If you worry about running out of money during your retirement years, you are not alone. There are ways you can help prevent this from happening. Consider this:

58 percent of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic – because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Know how much you'll need during retirement. You need a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others – medical expenses, in particular – will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

Build financial resources before retirement. Your peak earning capacity probably occurs in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Maximize your Social Security payments. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

Re-enter the workforce. Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time

basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow, and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

Cut costs during retirement. Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing – are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. For lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. Look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

Look for more income from your investments. As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

The more you bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money.



Jim Flagg operates a Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans. This

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# Summer Hail

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

A thunderstorm in early June brought parts of Gorham a little something extra – quarter-sized hail that tore through hosta plants and knocked blossoms off daisies, according to David Close of White Rock.

Meteorologists say that Tornado Alley in the mid-West is shifting as well as producing more monstrous storms as our climate changes. I believe there is also a Sebago Alley, which funnels storms right down the lake, depositing higher rain and snow fall (and occasionally hail) totals in the corridor between Rt. 114 and Rt. 302.

It was surprising to learn about Hailstone Alley, located in the high elevations of the Plains, east of the Rockies where Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado meet. Averaging seven to nine hail storms per year, the season has been very active and costly so far. In recent years, storms in Colorado have wrecked a mall and killed zoo animals, cows, and horses. They have injured outdoor concert-goers, and caused billions of dollars in damage to homes and vehicles.

Hailstone Alley is also shifting and broadening out. This June, Texas set a new record for its largest hailstone, when one super-large ice chunk, measuring over seven inches in diameter, was found. The largest hailstone ever recorded in the U.S., a gigantic eight inches in diameter, fell in South Dakota in 2010.

Make no mistake, falling at a rate of up to 100 mph, hail is dangerous, destructive, and doesn't have much time to melt on the way down. According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), quarter-sized hail (1" inch in diameter) can damage shingles. Golf ball-size at 1.75" can dent vehicles. Baseball-sized hail at 2.75 inches smashes windshields. Softball-sized punches holes in roofs.

Hail usually falls straight down, but if surface winds are strong enough, hail can fall at an angle or even nearly sideways. Wind-driven hail can tear up siding on houses, break windows and blow into houses, break side windows on cars, and cause severe injury and/or death to people and animals.

Hail can also be a threat to aircraft, although the last reported plane crash involving hail, with multiple fatalities, occurred in 1977. In recent years, commercial airliners have been forced to land after hail damaged the cockpit windscreen.

Once again, we should be very happy we live in Maine, but even here, we can't

ignore the evidence that our weather is getting weirder. Storms are getting stronger and hail is becoming more prevalent across the country and bigger, too.

Here's why. As Earth's temperature warms, the updraft in storms necessary to form hail gets stronger. Add more humid air, and the ingredients are in place for a perfect hail storm. The clouds carry more moisture and the strong updrafts keep the hail pellets, called graupel, cycling for a longer time up high in thunderstorm clouds, where temps are very cold, even in the spring and summer. The stronger the updraft, the longer the hail is re-cycled upward and the larger the hail grows.

Hailstorms are also tricky to predict. On radar, hail looks a lot like rain. According to the National Severe Storm Laboratory at NOAA, storms that cause hail and those that do not look pretty much alike, making advanced warnings more difficult. Generally speaking, multicell thunderstorms tend to form many, smaller hailstones and roll through quickly. Supercell thunderstorms with stronger, sustained updrafts are longer lived. They spawn tornadoes and other extreme winds, can cause flash flooding, and produce large hail, 2 inches or more in size.

Ever wonder why the sky sometimes looks green, like in the Wizard of Oz movie, during extreme weather? Scientists don't agree on this, but one theory is that large amounts of water and ice in the updrafts of severe thunderstorms scatters green light, making the clouds appear green.

### Hail Size Chart

Hail	Measurement	Speed
bb	1/4 inch	24 mph
pea	0.64	24 mph
marble	1/2	35 mph
dime	7/10	38 mph
penny	3/4	40 mph
nickel	7/8	46 mph
quarter	1 inch	49 mph
half dollar	1 1/4	54 mph
walnut	1 1/2	60 mph
golf ball	1 3/4	64 mph
hen egg	2 inch	69 mph
tennis ball	2 1/2	77 mph
baseball	2 3/4	81 mph
tea cup	3 inch	84 mph
grapefruit	4 inch	98 mph
softball	4 1/2	103 mph

### Tomato Mix-up

- 5 or 6 large tomatoes (yellow and red), sliced
- 1 container of cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 pack of fresh mozzarella, cut into bite size cubes
- 4 tablespoons basil, chopped (I like to add more)
- 2 tablespoons mint, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons seasoned rice wine vinegar

Mix tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and cherry tomatoes (you can leave whole). Salt and pepper generously. Mix remaining in ingredients and toss gently. Place artfully on a plate.

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at [btsme21@gmail.com](mailto:btsme21@gmail.com)

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# Town of Gorham Nomination Papers Are Now Available

Posted on July 22, 2024 at <https://www.gorham-me.org/>

Town of Gorham nomination papers became available Thursday, July 25, 2024 School Committee and Town Council  
POSTED ON: JULY 22, 2024 - 11:10AM  
A Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing:

- TWO (2) persons for Town Council to serve a 3 year term
- TWO (2) persons for School Committee to serve a 3 year term
- Nomination papers will be available from the Town Clerk's Office beginning

on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 if you have any questions.

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able housing projects built and maintained by Avista, a non-profit housing agency, for "over 55s" and people with disabilities. A survey by Market Vision Partner, Inc. showed the average rent for a two-bedroom unit in the Portland region, which includes Gorham, to be \$2,554. HUD's determination of 2024 Fair Market Rate for a two-bedroom unit in the Portland area is \$1,946. The Market Vision survey shows the average two-bedroom rental in Gorham to be \$1,748, but they only identified 19 rental units.

These data indicate that rents in Gorham are less expensive than in some surrounding towns near the coast and in Portland, but it does not show

how much rental property is available. With the adoption of LD2003 Density Bonus Zones, Gorham will be in a position to offer developers an incentive to build affordable housing that will increase density near the center of town.

Financing for affordable housing is complex and requires cooperation between municipalities, non-profits, developers and federal and state resources. But, as LaRoche said, "The growing need is inevitable and communities will have to respond with housing on the full income spectrum. They need to fully engage in identifying action plans for smart growth that enhances housing and overall community."



Avista housing located on School Street (Rout 114) in Gorham.

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# Arrive Alive Creative Contest Recognizes Three GHS Grads

Brian Porter, Retired Assistant Superintendent



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On June 12, 2024, the Arrive Alive Creative Contest for Maine Seniors recognized 20 Maine students. Among the twenty winners were, from left to right, Chloe Blanchard (Second Place), Nolan Feyler (Third Place), and Claire Boudreau (Third Place).

This year, 107 seniors entered and prizes and gift cards were awarded to the Top 20; five first-place winners received the equivalent of a new laptop (\$1,100), five second-place winners received an iPad Air (\$600), and ten third-place winners received a regular iPad (\$350). During the 21 years of this contest, Gorham High School has had 7 first-place winners, 8 second-place winners, and 24 third-place winners.

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# USM Announces Al Bean's Retirement CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

coach and administrator associated with the program over the last 40 plus years. From his mentor and friend Dr. Richard A. Costello to his most recent coaching and administrative hires, Bean has emphasized his personal relationships with his colleagues, peers, and student-athletes as the key to his longevity.

"Serving as the athletic director at my alma mater has been an incredible privilege and one of the greatest honors of my life," said Bean. "I feel so fortunate to have served in this important leadership role for more than 30 years, and for 45 years total in athletics. During my career, I was lucky to work alongside many gifted and truly wonderful people who are deeply committed to their profession and make a difference for our student-athletes every single day. It's clearly been the staff and student-athletes that have made me want to stay for my entire career and I will most certainly miss day-to-day interactions. While it has been difficult for me to make the decision to leave this university because the institution and the people mean so much to me, I am excited for the next steps. Huskies' Athletics has been a long chapter of my life, and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. My sincere thanks to everyone who has supported me and the athletic department throughout my time as a Husky."

Named USM's director of athletics in 1993, Bean oversaw the unprecedented growth and success of the university athletics' program to include its 23 varsity-sport offering, and participation of nearly 500 student-athletes. His tireless efforts to increase the breadth and depth of the student-athlete experience at the University of Southern Maine, Bean initiated an external review of USM's facilities and programs that resulted in the construction of the Costello Sports Complex fieldhouse, the USM Ice Arena and soccer field in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Bean has also led the way for more recent facility upgrades including the completion of the USM Softball Stadium, Ed Flaherty Field, and the Hannaford Field turf.

During a career marked by hundreds of NCAA tournament bids and appearances, and countless conference championships by teams and individual student-athletes, Bean helped lay the foundation for noteworthy athletic, academic and service to community



Photo Supplied by USM Public Affairs

Al Bean with USM's Husky mascot, Champ.

achievements and honors. During his administrative tenure, Huskies' Athletics, its teams and its student-athletes have reached the pinnacle of success.

Among the many memorable athletic highlights are the baseball team's 1997 National Championship and five NCAA Division III World Series Appearances, hosting the 1998 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Final Four and the program's five NCAA Final Four appearances, individual national championship by track and field stars Jamie Ruginski (2014, 2015 indoor; 2014, 2015 outdoor), Peyton Dostie (2016 indoor), Sophia Slovinski (2021 outdoor) and Ben Drummey (2022, 2023), and the wrestling's program's first national champion Dan Del Gallo (2017).

With the personal and professional development of Husky student-athletes always at the front of Bean's decision-making policies and initiatives, Bean can also be credited with the formation of USM Athletic Development Council, Husky Golf Classic, Husky Hall of Fame, William B. Wise Scholar Athlete Awards program, Husky Senior Honors Night, and USM's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Because academic success and graduation of USM student-athletes have been a priority, the number of Wise Scholar Athletes has grown from 34 student-athletes at the inaugural ceremony in

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# Retired USM Coach Throws First Pitch



Photo credit: Cullen McIntyre/Portland Sea Dogs

Ed Flaherty, newly retired after 39 seasons as the Huskies' head baseball coach, donned a Portland Sea Dogs jersey and threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the team's July 19th home game. The team won, outscoring the Fightin' Phils of Reading, Pennsylvania 6 runs to 2. Flaherty knows about winning, coaching more than 1,000 team wins and leading his Huskies to eight NCAA College World Series appearances. The team took home the title of College World Series Champions in 1991 and 1997. (Photo courtesy of USM Public Affairs.)

# Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic 2024

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Young/ Blanchard family

Izak Young, Coach Morrison and Chloe Blanchard

The 34th Annual Lobster Bowl, the East-West All Star Football Game, took place on July 20 at Don Roux Field at Lewiston High School, following the 19th annual golf tournament and awards banquet.

Since 1990 the Maine Lobster Bowl Classic has become one of the most anticipated events of the year in Maine. Over 140 All-Star football players and cheerleaders from over 60 high school programs across Maine are nominated as high school seniors and selected by the Maine Football Coaches Association to participate in this prestigious team event.

Two recent grads were chosen for this year's team and represented GHS; Izak Young (defensive back/special teams) selected for the West All-Star Team and Chloe Blanchard for the West Cheer Team roster. It was an especially great day for the Gorham crew, including GHS Varsity Coach Sam Morrison. According to Coach Morrison, Young had a particularly terrific performance playing all over the field both on defense and on special teams, in a big win for the West. Young and Blanchard also received much deserved awards. Young won the West Citizen-Soldier Servant leadership award and Blanchard was the winner of the Cheerleader Sportsmanship

Award for the West team. Much deserving as these athletes exemplify integrity on and off the field with their selfless play, tireless enthusiasm, and unwavering respect for their teammates and coaches.

Invitations for the prestigious event are sent out early in the year in preparation for raising money for the Shriners Children's Hospital. A very athletic group gathered, and the excited atmosphere and energy did not disappoint again this year. Plus some of the best "year-round" varsity football coaches spend more than a week of intense practices and team-building preparing their respective teams. This year, both teams raised a significant amount of money for the Shriners children's hospitals. In addition to raising \$206,000, this year's game was a ton of fun to watch with plenty of action, especially for West. The West improved its all-time record to 22-11 with a 49-18 win.

The event was once again an incredible success, creating long-lasting friendships and memories for all the athletes. The players, coaches, and fans all look forward to it every year, and it has become a true tradition in the state of Maine. Congratulations to Young and Blanchard for all their hard work and success this year and representing the community in a big way.

## USM Announces Al Bean's Retirement CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

1988 to a record 257 recipients during the 2023 celebration this fall. With the recent selection of sophomore Kyle Douin to the NCAA Division III Baseball Academic All-America team, Huskies' Athletics now boast 16 individual prestigious Academic All-American citations, including 2007 College Academic All-American of the Year Ashley Marble of the women's basketball program, and two-time first team Academic All-American and USM's first ever Elite 90 Award Winner Dan Del Gallo.

Encouraging the personal and professional growth of USM student-athletes through the pathway of service to community, Huskies' SAAC has had more than a dozen national citations for its community service efforts from

the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators (NADIIIAA).

Since its inception Huskies' SAAC Community Halloween Party has been a favorite among the greater Gorham, Maine community, providing a fun family-friendly holiday experience and a chance for Southern Maine student-athletes to interact with local area children and it has been recognized by NACDA more than half a dozen times. In 2019 Huskies' SAAC received NADIIIAA's highest award, earning the Community Service Award for Special Olympics Activity. More recently, former SAAC president and decorated student-athlete Sophia Slovenski '23

## Gorham Little League Softball Teams CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Photo credit: Phillip Gagnon

Gorham 11-12-year-olds softball team photo.

the July 23 Regional match-up.

Coach Marquis shared, "These girls have worked hard for this amazing opportunity and we're seeking donations to help with their families' travel, hotels, meals and other miscellaneous expenses for the players. On behalf of our players and their families, we truly appreciate your support and any assistance that you can provide." The link is here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/GorhamSoftballAllstars>.

Meanwhile the U10 Minors, Coached by Nate Schools are also representing the State of Maine in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic tournament, playing in Staten Island, New York. The 12 athlete roster have worked so hard and had a blast over the past two months playing twelve games together to reach this level and we could not be prouder,

according to a family member of one of the players. The battery duo of Natalie McCurdy and Caroline King will continue to be a key piece to this team's success. Their Gofundme page link is: <https://tinyurl.com/mainegirls>.

Both teams have made incredible runs and have worked tirelessly to get to this point; representing not only their home town of Gorham but the State of Maine. There will be updates in the near future; as the Regional tournament is happening the week of July 20 and again on July 31 with multiple games expected to be played over at least a 7 day span with the two Gorham Maine teams potentially overlapping during this time. Best of luck to these incredible players and coaches. All of the players, parents and coaches are incredibly grateful for all of the support from the Gorham community.



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Gorham 8-10-year-olds softball team photo.

was named the 2022-2023 Division III Commissioners Association Student-Athlete of the Year, Little East Conference Women's Sport Student-Athlete of the year and the University of Southern Maine's NCAA Woman of the Year. Slovenski went on to become the University and Little East Conference's first NCAA Woman of the Year finalist.

Bean's work has also impacted athletics outside of USM. Bean served a four-year term on the NCAA Division III Management Council - one of the organization's highest-ranking governing bodies. As a member of the Management Council, Bean worked on numerous committees including the National Youth Sports Program, Sports Wagering Task Force, National

SAAC, and Committee on Playing and Practice Seasons. Bean has been a featured panelist or moderator nearly 30 times, recently serving as a speaker at the 2023 NCAA Convention's "Striving for Athletics Equity in Title IX's 50th Year: Strategies and Tools for Campuses," and has been a member of the NACDA Executive Committee.

Bean received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from USM, earning his bachelor's in education and history in 1977 and his master's in education in 1992. He was inducted into USM's Husky Hall of Fame in 1989 in recognition of his record-setting pitching career, and was among the 11-member inaugural LEC Hall of Fame class in 2012 in recognition of his service as an administrator at USM.

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 Kate Auricchio, Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
 Gabriel Badeau, Concordia University  
 Gibson Baker, Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
 Kaylynn Ballard, University of Southern Maine  
 Samantha Barlow, Southern Maine Community College  
 Dylan Bauer, Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Emily Bennett, Fitchburg State University  
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 Gage Cathcart, Southern Maine Community College  
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 Khove Chubbuck, University of Maine  
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 Zoe Coleman, Southern New Hampshire University  
 Ayress Cook, Southern Maine Community College  
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 Dakota Coyne, Sacred Heart University  
 Dayton Crockett, Southern New Hampshire University  
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 Rita Cummings, Keene State College  
 Lindsey Curran, Community College  
 Kalin Curtis, Southern Maine Community College  
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 Aidan D'Ambrosio, Southern Maine Community College  
 Samantha Davis, Southern Maine Community College  
 Jack Decrow, University of Maine  
 Patrick Delaney, University of Colorado  
 Evelyn Densmore, Gap Year  
 Alexis Deschaine, York County Community College  
 Grace Desmond, University of Tampa  
 Sophia DiPhilippo, Johnson and Wales University  
 Michael Distasio, Employment  
 Isaac Dobson, Gap Year  
 Emily Donnelly, York County Community College  
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 Hilary Douglas, Apprenticeship/ On the job training  
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Gorham Youth Basketball Association registration for the 2024-2025 travel basketball season for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls. Learn more at <https://www.gorhamyouthbasketball.com/>

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The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The Closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of spring and summer clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org) or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

### SUMMER CAMPS

Saco River Theatre at 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME presents summer theatre camps from August 5 - August 16, where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. FMI: <https://www.sacorivetheatre.org/srt-jr>.

### SENIOR NOTES

The Lecky Brown Senior Center is on hiatus until September. Plan to join them for more games, cribbage, ARTrageous Seniors and The Originals guest speaker program. Several new programs will include music, writing and educational lunchtime clinics. FMI: Lisa Becker at [leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:leckybrowncenter@gmail.com)

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site

is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/ closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library runs summer programs including Art Hour for Adults, French Language Discussion Group, Spring into Summer Reading, Pride Parenting, Steam Tuesday, Popsicles on the Patio, Baby Parenting, Toddler Parenting, Learn on the Lawn. The next Author Event is with Cody Mower, author of "Stranger in My Own Skin," on Wednesday, August 7 at 6 p.m. Find more events in the Gorham Times Calendar, and at the Library website, <https://baxterlibrary.org/> Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (207) 222-1190.

The North Gorham Public Library has announced the retirement of Lea Sutton, library director. As of Aug. 1, Diane Atwood, who has been the assistant librarian since November, will become the new director. NGPL has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10:30- 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Upcoming event info is usually on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary>. Library hours are Monday 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Closed Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

The University of Southern Maine will participate in a four-year, statewide project to help foster resilient forest communities in Maine. Funded by a \$7 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the project is called Maine-FOREST, or Forest-based Opportunities for Resilient Economy, Sustainability and Technology. USM will receive about \$400,000 and four faculty will be involved, including Dr. Vanessa Levesque, assistant professor of environmental science and policy; Dr. Yuqi Song, assistant professor of computer science; Dr. Xin Zhang, assistant professor of computer science; and Dr. Asheesh Lanba, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. UMaine will lead the collaborative project, which includes nonprofits, private colleges and public colleges such as USM, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Bates College in Lewiston, Colby College in Waterville, the Maine Development Foundation, and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance.

The University of Southern Maine Department of Theatre has announced the 2024-2025 Season. Fall performances include "Peter Pan (A Radio Play)" by Sara Valentine and Michael Boudewyns; "John Proctor is the Villain" by Kimberly Belflower; the opera "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini, in collaboration with the Osher School of Music; and "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind (30 Plays

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 <p><b>GORHAM \$700,000</b> – Gorham parcels of this size and location are few and far between these days! 33.8 acres located in South Gorham boarded by Scarborough and Buxton town lines. Located in Gorham's Rural Zone and the Manufactured Housing Park Overlay District.</p>	 <p><b>SEBAGO \$439,000</b> – To be built colonial on this 3.10-acre lot in the heart of the Lakes Region. This 26x30 stick built colonial features 3 bedrooms &amp; 1.5 baths. Offers a desirable open first floor plan with the kitchen and dining open to the living room. Primary bedroom with walk-in closet and second floor laundry.</p>	 <p><b>STANDISH \$1,187,000</b> – Gorgeous 2482sqft lakefront home plus a 30x45 4-car heated garage/shop with 100 feet of owned frontage on the south shore of pristine Watchic Lake. Constructed in 2020 every detail was carefully considered capturing mesmerizing water views throughout.</p>	 <p><b>GORHAM \$225,000</b> – Like new condition is this spacious 26x58 Skyline manufactured home. Features new interior paint, new carpeting &amp; new laminate flooring. Offers spacious kitchen, dining room, spacious living room, office/study, master bedroom with bath, utility room, open front porch &amp; more.</p>
 <p><b>GORHAM \$580,000</b> – Cape style home on Robie St, you'll find a roomy 4-bedroom floor plan with lots of natural light. The kitchen with gas range and island is open to the dining room with enough room for any dinner party, the Living room is surely a favorite with its exposed beams &amp; wood burning fireplace.</p>	 <p><b>WINDHAM \$650,000</b> – A rare find with a unique location some views of Mill Pond with deeded beach rights. The current owners have well maintained and improved this New England style Cape style gem with post and beam barn with accessory dwelling unit.</p>	 <p><b>GORHAM \$699,500</b> – This property has been meticulously cared for inside &amp; out by the current owners for 30 years. Nicely tucked back away from the road on this 9.88 acre parcel. Inside you'll find an entry area with half bath, front living room with hardwood floors, granite kitchen with cherry cabinets.</p>	 <p><b>BUXTON \$38,500</b> – 2001 Com-madore Richland doublewide mobile home. This 23'8" x 44' home needs to be moved from its existing site at the buyer's expense. Offers living room open to eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms 2 baths. Being sold 'as is' with no axles underneath.</p>

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**Thursday, August 1**

Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park (all ages), 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August**

Saco River Theatre presents C.J. Chenier and The Red Hot Louisiana Band.. 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 6**

Baxter Memorial Library,  
STEAM Tuesday (age 5 and older), 1 - 2 p.m.  
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 7**

Baxter Memorial Library  
Popsicles on the Patio, (all ages), 10 - 11 a.m.  
Author Event with Cody Mower, author of "Stranger in My Own Skin, 6 p.m.  
North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, August 8**

Baxter Memorial Library  
Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting,  
Learn on the Lawn (but inside!) - Sea Turtle Tricks, (all ages), 10 - 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 14**

North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Friends of the Presumpscot River Free Community Paddle & Grill, (all ages), 4 - 7 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 23rd**

Mark your calendars for the Glow in the Park family Fun Run/Walk and Post Race Dance Party at Shaw Park, 55 Partridge Lane, Gorham, for an evening of family fun. Take part in a 5K or 1.5 -mile fun run/walk. Enjoy the pre-race family fun games from 6 - 7 p.m., and post-race dance party immediately following the race. T-shirts will be available for purchase. After the race, stay around for the dance party with special prizes for Glow runners who are the brightest, most flashy, and most reflective! Proceeds benefit recreation programs and Shaw Park improvements. Registration fee includes bib and glow in the dark necklace, and bracelet  
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Crestwood Drive caller was advised she had to call Wells Police Department about a missing person who resided in Wells.

Caller on Ossipee Trail had confronted another man for littering while driving. The other man drove off. There was no evidence of littering.

Caller reported that contractors were in a bad spot on Flaggy Meadow Road and were creating a traffic hazard. Officer found the scene had cones, a warning sign and a large lift truck that was clearly visible to oncoming traffic.

A citizen came into the Police Department with a \$10 bill that her bank had told her was counterfeit. The bill was old but in very good condition for a 1950's version. Officers told the bank they believed it was old but not counterfeit.

An officer responded to a report of disorderly conduct near the bus stop on Main Street. The woman told officers that she and her brother had "raised their voices" but weren't fighting and she was fine and didn't need the officer's "civil service".

New Portland Road caller was looking for an escort when he went to pick up his belongings. He was advised the officer could accompany him if they were not too busy but he could go get his things anyway. He was told to give the other person some time to calm down.

Officer located a vehicle on Ward's Hill Road. The driver was looking for her dogs who had escaped her house on Sebago Lake Road. She was advised she needed to stop honking her horn as it was 2:30 in the morning.

McLellan Road caller wanted to give police information about a strange vehicle parked in her apartment complex the previous day.

Caller reported an unattended vehicle parked at the end of Hutcherson Drive. The officer contacted the owner. He had walked the trail and was on his way back with his friends. Officer checked back later and the vehicle was gone.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported a vehicle had followed her home from Maine Mall Road with their high beams on. Officer explained he couldn't do much without more information about the vehicle and told her to call if she saw the vehicle following her again.

Two people on Phinney Street had an argument in the morning. One was issued a harassment warning and left. He later called her and caused more stress. Both were served with paperwork.

Caller reported someone parked in a handicapped spot without a placard and she was unable to use the spot. Officers determined both owners of the parked vehicle were elderly. Officer checked the parking lot and found an ample number of other handicapped spots were available.

Officer made contact with a subject on Hillview Road after a cell phone hangup. The woman was mowing her lawn and confirmed there was no emergency.

Gray Road caller reported a vehicle parked sideways in their driveway.

The vehicle was gone when the officer arrived. There were no signs of suspicious activity. It was believed to have been people looking at the Northern Lights.

Officer responded to Gateway Commons for a report of a traffic hazard. He was able to safely get by the one vehicle parked in the street. Officer spoke to the homeowner who said it was a recurring issue with this person. Officer suggested moving the vehicle a little further off the road and they agreed.

Caller reported an animal problem at the roundabout on New Portland Road and Libby Ave. A mother duck was in the road as her ducklings had fallen into a culvert. Gorham Fire Dept. was contacted and assisted in removing the storm drain cover so officers could retrieve the ducklings and return them to their mother.

Elm Street caller had asked a man to stop contacting her or she would press harassment paperwork on him. Officer talked to the man and he said he would leave her alone.

Parker Hill Road neighbors were advised that a dispute over property lines was a civil issue and they needed to work this out.

Longfellow Drive caller wanted to know what could be done about a female peacock that had been hanging out behind her house for a few weeks. Officer advised they did not have the tools to capture peacocks and he was not able to offer any suggestions on how to catch it. Caller said she would speak with someone on Rustic Ridge Drive who has had peacocks in the past.

South Street caller was concerned about a man who seemed out of place at the Town Hall. He was a janitor.

Caller wanted to know why a cruiser was at Cherry Hill and the officer had closed the garage door. Officer told her the farm had been checked and was concerned that all doors were open so he closed the front one.

Weeks Road caller reported being locked out of her vehicle. When the officer arrived, the caller realized the vehicle was not locked.

Caller reported a vehicle on County Road at South Street was smoking and believed it was on fire. Officer contacted the Fire Department and they checked the area before the officer arrived and did not locate the vehicle.

Caller had questions about a parking ticket he had received in November. He told the officer he would mail in a check for the \$25.00 to pay the fine.

A Fort Hill Road caller reported someone had been banging on her door at 4 a.m. and she noticed some things on her front steps had been moved around. She was told it was important to call when these things were happening. Nothing was reported lost or stolen.

Hannah Drive caller was concerned about lights being on in an empty residence and didn't know if there were squatters inside. Officer checked the residence and it was empty.

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