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Gorham's Oldest Resident Honored

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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Rev. Phillip Shearman receiving the Boston Cane from Laurie Nordfors, town clerk (right) and Kimberly Getchell, assistant town clerk (left).

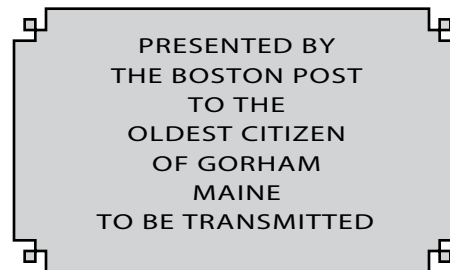
Honored as Gorham's oldest resident of Gorham, Rev. Phillip Shearman, 98, received the Boston Cane at a ceremony Aug. 15 at the Municipal Center. Born in

1927, Shearman is a former pastor of First Parish Congregational Church and chaplain for the Gorham Fire Department. He received a replica of the Boston Cane

from town clerk Laurie Nordfors and Kimberly Getchell, assistant town clerk. A new plaque engraved with Shearman's name will be displayed at the Municipal Center along with the original gold-headed, ebony cane already on exhibit there.

In 1909, Gorham was one of 700 New England towns to receive a cane from the publisher of the Boston Post newspaper with the request that it be given to the oldest citizen in the town. "To Be Transmitted" was engraved on the head with the expectation that it would continue to be passed on. Originally only men were to be awarded the Boston Cane, but in 1930 women became eligible. The last two recipients of Gorham's cane were Margaret Tabor in 1990 and Edna Woodward in 1992. There is no plaque recording their names, but records were kept at the Municipal Center.

The cane's inscription reads:



Celebrating Labor Day

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Mainers have more reason than most to celebrate Labor Day. In addition to a brief reprieve from tourists, many of the employment benefits we enjoy today were the life's work of a brilliant woman who considered Maine her spiritual home.

Frances Perkins was a trailblazing visionary with a steadfast belief that the role of government was to provide the opportunity for the best possible life for all of its people. Her enormous legacy: unemployment compensation, minimum wage legislation, the 40-hour work week, Social Security, the establishment of labor unions, protections for child workers, and safety regulations, continues to impact the lives of Americans today.

Perkins worked long and hard for the American people. She was the first woman to serve in a U.S. Cabinet post as the secretary of labor under Franklin Roosevelt from 1933 to 1945. As one of FDR's most trusted advisors, Secretary Perkins drafted groundbreaking pieces of legislation that were the hallmark of the New Deal. Perkins still holds the record as the longest serving secretary in that position.

Perkins' personal link to Maine remained strong throughout her life. Her family lived for generations on a 1750's saltwater farm on the banks of the Damariscotta River, in Newcastle, Maine, where she spent summers as a child. While her career took her far from Maine, she lived and worked in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C., she always returned to Maine whenever she could to recharge her batteries.

Perkins died in 1965 at age 85 and was buried in the Glidden Cemetery, in Newcastle, after a long life serving the interests of working people.

It is also fitting that Labor Day coincides with the resumption of the school year for our children.

For hundreds of years, many children worked long hours in factories and in mines and on farms and ships and thus were denied the opportunity of getting an education. Their lives were bleak and dangerous.

Thanks to Frances Perkins, children were protected under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) which was enacted to ensure that when young people work, the work is safe and does not jeopardize their health, well-being or their educational opportunities.

An educated population is the foundation of our priceless democracy. So happy Labor Day and happy Back to School. And thank you Frances Perkins...a visionary Mainer.

Covered Bridge Closed After Incident

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Courtesy of Gorham Police Dept

Ford F750 falls through the covered bridge

Babb's Bridge took another hit last Friday when an over-loaded dump truck plunged through the wooden planks and into the Presumpscot River. First built in 1840, the covered bridge that crosses the river dividing Gorham and Windham was rebuilt in 1973 after an arson fire destroyed the original structure.

According to Deputy Chief Michael Nault of the Gorham Police Department,



Photo credit: Courtesy of Gorham Police Dept

Covered bridge at the end of Hurricane Road after an overweight truck crashes through

the driver "was able to extricate himself from the truck and sustained minor injuries." His truck, owned by The Driveway Guys, did not fare as well. It landed upside down in the water. The Portland Press Herald reported that workers from the Department of Transportation (DOT) used a wrecker to flip it over and

move it away from the bridge, before pulling it up the riverbank and loading it onto a tow-truck. Gorham firefighters recovered debris from the river.

Meanwhile, Gorham police officers closed the road to traffic. Called

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

New Laws Now in Effect

Rep. Jim Boyle

I don't know about you, but for me this summer has flown by! It feels like just yesterday that Speaker Talbot Ross stood at the rostrum in the House chamber to bring the work of the 131st Legislature to a close. After an intense legislative session that wrapped up in May, the summer break has provided a much-needed respite. But now, in the blink of an eye, we find ourselves in August, deep in the dog days of summer.

In accordance with our state constitution, all non-emergency bills take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. This year, that 90-day period culminated on August 9. Now that we are past that date, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a sampling of some of the most significant initiatives that are now in effect.

One of our most important accomplishments as a governing body was the successful enactment of a supplemental budget. This financial plan is crucial for maintaining a balanced state budget while reflecting our core values. In this budget, we allocated \$14 million to expand the Medicare Savings Program, because every Mainer deserves access to high-quality and affordable health care. This life-saving program is designed to assist individuals who are living on low and fixed incomes by paying for some of the costs that are associated with Medicare coverage. Within this budget, we also acknowledged that health care should be comprehensive and include the body as well as the mind. That's why we continued our work towards bolstering mental and behavioral health

services. The supplemental budget designates nearly \$20 million for crisis intervention and response services, including funding for new crisis receiving centers.

The supplemental budget also seeks to ease the burden caused by our statewide housing crisis. It appropriates \$21 million for emergency housing, which includes \$7.5 million over three years to support low-barrier shelters. It will also direct MaineHousing to establish a two-year pilot program to support eviction prevention because, more than anything, we want to help tenants stay in their homes while not leaving landlords beholden to bad actors.

While the supplemental budget is a critical tool for addressing immediate needs, our legislative achievements extend far beyond it. We've enacted policy measures that will have a lasting impact on the well-being of Maine's residents and the future of our state. These include bills to address climate change and protect our natural resources. For instance, the Legislature voted to update the law that governs the phase-out of products containing PFAS, which will make it easier for businesses to comply with updated regulations while continuing our commitment to mitigate the spread of these toxic chemicals. Additionally, we passed a measure to empower towns across the state, providing them greater ability to enforce shoreland zoning ordinances and further protect the geography of our freshwater lakes and rivers and the wildlife who call them home.

To ensure that the Legislature continues to support and develop an inclusive economy for all Mainers, we enacted

several pivotal measures. For instance, we passed a bill that ensures that any worker who has decided to leave their place of work will receive any wages that are justly deserved while at the same time holding accountable employers who are not in compliance. Making our workers throughout the state feel heard and respected in their place of employment is indelible. We also passed a measure that expands employees' rights to collectively bargain. The bill now allows state, higher education and judicial employees the right to form a union as long as the majority of workers sign a card or petition declaring their intent to be represented together.

I am so proud of all that the 131st Legislature has accomplished, and I look forward to seeing how my colleagues will continue to build on these policy successes in the coming session. The work conducted during the last session lays a strong foundation for our state's future, and I am confident that our Legislature will continue to pass measures and pursue initiatives that will have long-lasting benefits for all.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his second and final term in the Maine House of Representatives after serving two years in the Maine State Senate. He

is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number and hometown. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times as space allows and are subject to editing.

To the editor,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Gorham Connector. In a nutshell, we lose far more than we gain.

While MTA's 2019 proposed cost of \$250 million for 5 miles of roadway (\$50 million per mile) is staggering, the agency has not provided an updated cost estimate (surely much higher) for 2024 nor has the agency provided toll estimates. Average time savings for commuter traffic by MTA's own estimation is 4 minutes. If the connector turns out to be not self funding, tolls will have to be raised on other parts of the Maine turnpike system. So then we all pay in spite of MTA's promises.

There will be extensive environmental damage as well as harm to life in Maine as we know it. It will consume and divide fields and forested lands, impacting wildlife, while destroying current and future recreation as well as our scenic views. It will cause multiple types of pollution including auto exhaust, noise, light at night, as well as petroleum-based and other runoff from pavement and autos. It seems like if this project belongs anywhere, it belongs in Massachusetts, not Maine. Studies show that road construc-

tion such as the proposed connector causes additional sprawl. Instead, we need regional growth planning that encourages concentrated, centralized growth along existing corridors such as route 25 through Gorham, that lends itself to future mass transit.

No one from Maine vacations in Massachusetts, but thousands of people from Massachusetts vacation in Maine. So for all who love Maine and Gorham why would we want to add 4 lanes of forever-pavement to make our state look more like our southern neighbor????!

Mike D'Arcangelo, Gorham

Around Town

USM's Costello Sports Complex is looking for volunteers.

Correction - Town Council Report

In the Sept. 15 issue we incorrectly reported a vote of 6-1 on the vote to authorize the release of \$1,000,00 in TIF funds, but it should have been 7-0 to authorize the release of \$1,000,000.

Casco FCU's Ride to End Hunger

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Wendy Bowen

Casco Federal Credit Union (Casco FCU) had their 7th Annual Ride to End Hunger on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 393 Ossipee Trail in Gorham. Despite the weather, they were able to raise \$5,445.60 for the Campaign for Ending Hunger.

The ride is put on with charity in mind and all proceeds go to the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger. Last year Casco FCU raised a total of \$11,163.79 for the campaign. Checks for \$3,757.66 were presented to the Gorham Food Pantry, Standish Food Pantry and the Buxton Food Co-op. These monetary donations are important because they help the pantries purchase new refrigerators or make much needed renovations. Keep an eye out next summer for information on joining their next ride.

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50th Reunion of the GHS Class of 1974

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Ginny Marsh

Pictured left to right are: Mary Clifford Sturgeon, Alan McLucas, Nancy Acker-Wolfhagen, Dave Plowman, Judy Moxcey Brown, Sherry Spiller, Patti Gerrish, Debby Bonney Hamblen, Norman Shiers, Kris Carpenter Miller, Tim Welch, Craig Marsh, Anne Needham, Marty Mathews, Ed Quinlan, Keith Brooks, Ken Finlayson, Jill Stengel King

Members of Gorham High School's Class of 1974 gathered over three days this August to reconnect and celebrate the 50 years since their graduation. Thirty-six of the original 149 members of the graduating class took part in the weekend walk down memory lane, to the joy of classmates and their significant others who accompanied them.

Festivities kicked off on Thursday, Aug. 8 with a golf outing at the Kezar Lake Golf Club in Lovell, Maine.

On Friday, the Class of 1974 gathered at Gorham High School for a morning tour of the school with current principal Brian Jandreau, and to present to him a number of gifts for their alma mater. Through the generous donations of nearly 40 members of the class, two five-foot wooden benches, with plaques that read, "Gift of the GHS Class of 1974 Celebration of the 50th Class Reunion. Best Wishes to All The Students of GHS. Go Rams! August 2024" were gifted, along with a maple tree to be planted on the high school grounds in honor of deceased classmates. The Class of 1974 also generously provided a one-time \$500 scholarship to be given to a GHS senior. The group noted the changes to the building over the years, and took great joy in finding their old trophies and banners.

"In my 10 years as principal at Gorham High School, I do not believe there has been a more generous gift given by an alumni class," said Jandreau. "It

was my honor to receive these gifts on behalf of GHS, and to tour the building with the class to share what is new at the school while seeing what was through their eyes. It was a pleasure."

Friday evening the group attended a Portland Sea Dogs game, where, over an "all you can eat" BBQ and Sea Dogs Biscuits, 50 years of stories and adventures were shared, leaving those in attendance to note that it truly seemed like yesterday when they were last all together at GHS.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, the class held a social hour and banquet at Spring Meadows Golf and Event Center in Gray, which was well attended by classmates and spouses, but also by a former faculty member. During the banquet, Walt Ridlon, Greg Dugas, and others shared stories, memories, invoking many laughs and a few tears by all. Class of 1974 graduate Craig Marsh said of the banquet, "The weather was ideal, the friendships were warm and we didn't want the night to end."

Marsh, with support from his wife, Ginny, took on much of the planning and preparation for the multi-day events. "Our class owes a lot of gratitude to Craig Marsh, our classmate who did the majority of the communication and coordination to make these events happen," said Kristine (Carpenter) Miller. "It took a lot of work, and I personally am truly thankful." Marsh noted that his hope is that all will remain in contact, and that they will reconnect once again in the near future.

Maine Construction Academy Program Graduates

Lucia Holloway, GHS Intern



Photo credit: T. Lindholm

Maine Construction Academy Graduates

The Associated General Contractors of Maine (AGC Maine) has announced the successful graduation of their 2024 Maine Construction Academy Immersion program hosted by Gorham High School and Gorham Adult Education. The program was designed for local students to explore future careers in the commercial construction industry and is an important milestone in preparing students for careers outside of the classroom.

The Maine Construction Academy Immersion program (MCA) is a partnership between local schools, technical centers, construction employers, and workforce service providers all working towards early career exploration for students. AGC Maine partnered with Gorham High School to create more options for extended-learning opportunities. This program is a state-certified pre-program designed for students to explore career options outside of the classroom. The Aspire program already in place at Gorham High School allows students to experience these extended learning opportunities, this paired with the local contractor community made the MCA program available and successful.

"It is our goal to align with schools who support career exploration outside of a traditional college pathway," says Kelly Flagg, executive director of AGC Maine. "Our program simply gives a dif-

ferent path to a solid career through pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship."

The MCA program, designed as a certified pre-apprenticeship, lasted four weeks both in the classroom and out of the classroom at various construction work sites where students got a chance to learn hands-on.

"It's a very interactive program, different from the school/office career path and doesn't focus on just one job," said Ethan Verill, a graduate student of the MCA program. Students of the Construction Immersion program participated in extensive training including instruction in OSHA 10 safety standards, Construction First Aid, CPR, and the NCCER Core Badge. In addition to technical instruction, the students experienced several meaningful hands-on experiences with local contractors including visiting highway construction projects and earthworks operations, and learning about solar installations.

"I enjoyed getting to learn how to operate an excavator, something I would like to use outside of high school," said Royce Guptill, a graduate student of the MCA program. The program's curriculum extended beyond technical skills, encompassing resume preparation, financial literacy workshops, and guaranteed interviews with participating contractors upon graduation. The program started July 15 and participants worked from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday for 4 weeks. Over 250 students initially applied to the program with 175 students selected to participate. Throughout the program, students had the opportunity to earn a stipend while being provided with essential personal protective gear such as hard hats and steel-toed boots.

For more information about the Maine Construction Academy and its initiatives, visit <https://www.buildingmaine.com>.

Pastor Strawn Installed at Redeemer Lutheran

Brenda Anderson, Redeemer Lutheran Church



Photo credit: Kristi Strawn

Pastor Gabriel Strawn

Redeemer Lutheran Church (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) of Gorham and Sanford, Maine, welcomed Gabriel Strawn as their new pastor following his ordination and installation on Saturday, Aug. 17. The son and grandson of Lutheran pastors, Strawn grew up in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, just west of Minneapolis. He spent three years working for the National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN, where he served as a counselor and administrator. He is a 2019 graduate of Bethany Lutheran College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and received his Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 24, 2024. He previously served as a vicar in Tucson, AZ.

Strawn's father, Rev. Paul Strawn, preached from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy at the ordination service. Rev. Robert Beinke, President of the New England District of the LC-MS, presided over Rev. Gabriel Strawn's installation. Ministers from across New England (and beyond) attended the joyous occasion, and church organist Bob Miller delighted all present with organ voluntaries and hymns. A reception and celebration followed at the Old Robie School in Gorham.

Rev. Strawn looks forward to meeting residents of Southern Maine and inviting them to receive the Lord's gifts of the Word, Life, and Salvation where he has promised to give them to his people at Redeemer at 410 Main Street in Gorham and 1725 Main Street #9 Sanford, ME 04073. "This is truly an honor and the culmination of many gracious gifts I have been given from the caring hands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I very much look forward to proclaiming the Word to all who have ears to hear in southern Maine."

Pastor Strawn and his wife, Jennifer, and two children will reside in Alfred. Redeemer's previous pastor, Timothy Sandeno, retired from full-time pastoral service in May 2024. He and his wife, Lisa, have retired to Minnesota where they look forward to spending time with their first grandchild.



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Galactic Thoughts

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

It's hard to imagine a more perfect intro for a SciFi film than the opening crawl of the "Star Wars" saga: "A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away." Galaxies consist of stars, planets, dark matter and gigantic clouds of gas and dust, all bound together by gravity.

A few thousand years ago, the Earth was thought to be the center of world. As recently as the 1920s, the Milky Way was the only known galaxy until scientist, Edward Hubble, found a precise way to measure vast distances in space. With the aid of science and technology, we have come to understand that we are just a tiny speck in a vast universe.

The enormity of distances and the sheer number of other galaxies in Space boggles the mind. Scientists estimate that there are 100 to 200 billion or more known galaxies in the universe. They come in all shapes and sizes and are believed to be about 10 to 13 billion years old.

Since its launch in 2021, NASA's James Webb Telescope has been pushing the boundaries of space by exploring the farthest reaches of the universe, in a time that scientists refer to as being close to Cosmic Dawn. The high resolution, and highly sensitive instruments allow the Webb instruments to "see" objects that are too old, distant, or faint for the older Hubble Space Telescope. The Webb's newest discovery is a galaxy, called JWADES-GS-z14-0, found in the most distant regions of space.

Marking the Webb Telescope's second anniversary, NASA has also released stunning, infrared photos of two new galaxies dubbed the "Penguin" and the "Egg," discovered 326-million light-years from Earth. These and other astonishing photos and information can be found at <https://webbtelescope.org>

According to LiveScience website, the biggest galaxy (so far) is Alcyoneus. It is 16.3 million light-years wide, with a diameter 160 times wider than the Milky

Way. At four times the size of the previous title holder, IC 1101, Alcyoneus, is approximately 3 billion light-years from Earth. This behemoth has an enormous black hole at its center which gobbles up enormous amounts of matter and spits it out in two massive jets of plasma moving at close to the speed of light.

Our closest galaxy is Andromeda (also called Messier 31 or M31). It is 2.3 million light-years from Earth and is the other major member of our Local Group, about 30 galaxies which make up the Milky Way. A light-year is a unit of astronomical distance equal to the distance that light travels in one year, which is 9.4607×10^{12} km (nearly 6 trillion miles). If we could travel at the speed of light, it would still take 2.3 million years to reach the Andromeda Galaxy.

Andromeda is much larger than the Milky Way in terms of the distance it extends, but the two galaxies are roughly comparable in mass, making it difficult to say which one is bigger.

Andromeda can be seen with the naked eye from Earth in dark skies. The brightest star in the "W" shaped constellation, Cassiopeia, points towards Andromeda. In some places, Andromeda can be seen throughout the year with the aid of binoculars as a fuzzy patch, but it is highest in the sky and easiest to spot on dark nights in August and September.

Astronomers speculate that Andromeda and the Milky Way, which are slowly drifting toward each other, may eventually merge to form a giant elliptical galaxy. Experts also believe that such a merger has little risk of collisions because of the vast distances involved.

So there is no need to lose any sleep worrying about this possibility. By the time this happens, our planet will be well past the point of being able to support current life forms beyond single cells. Now THAT is something to ponder.

Fall Is for Planting

O'Donal's Employees



Photo credit: O'Donal's Nursery
One of the many evergreens that can be planted this time of the year is Globe Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis 'Woodwardii'*), a fast-growing shrub that grows perfectly round without pruning and can reach 6 ft tall. Great for a unique hedge.

While spring often steals the gardening spotlight, fall is an equally opportune season to enhance your landscape. While the vibrant colors and crisp air might have you focused on pumpkin spice and cozy sweaters, the most important thing to remember is that it is not too late to plant trees, shrubs and perennials. In fact, some experts may argue that fall is the best time of the year to plant.

Fall planting gives plants a head start for the next growing season. After another summer of record-breaking heat, the summer-warmed soil is excellent for root growth. As temperatures cool down, plants naturally shift their energy from vegetative growth to root development. Leaves will change color and drop, but the roots will continue to grow right up until the ground consistently freezes, usually around mid-November.

To maximize success with fall planting, it is important to consider the timing. Most conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs, can be planted up until the ground freezes. Some exceptions include: Chamaecyparis and Hemlock should be planted by Oct. 1, White Pine and Fir by Nov. 1 if in an open site.

Broadleaf evergreens, such as rhododendron and holly, can be planted up until the ground freezes if the site is relatively shaded and protected from wind.

Remember, new plantings are vulnerable to winter wind and sun exposure. If you live on an exposed ocean site, fall planting is not recommended. The last recommended planting date for exposed ocean sites is Sept. 1. Gorham is landlocked, so for most of us this is not an issue.

Fall is also the perfect time to plant perennials and bulbs. Since most have finished producing flowers, they will have more energy for root growth. For the best results, plant perennials before Oct. 1, especially warm season grasses. Bulbs can be planted up until the ground freezes. Fall is the only time to plant bulbs for blooms next spring, so don't miss out on planting daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and crocus. Be sure to mulch your fall planted beds for protection over the winter.

The last and most important fall planting reminder: Water. Fall plantings still need to be watered weekly and deeply until the ground begins to freeze consistently. And come spring, it is equally important to pick up watering those fall plantings just as regularly through the growing season.

Don't wait. Take advantage of this great second planting season. Don't let those gardening gloves gather dust. Get outside, get planting, and enjoy the rewards next spring, and for years to come.

O'Donal's is a local, independent, employee-owned nursery and gift shop offering an inspiring selection of healthy and hardy plants. Our friendly, professional team is always eager to answer your horticultural questions to help make your landscaping ideas a successful reality.

Labor Day Continued

Frances Perkins' Homestead was designated a National Historic Landmark of Historic Places in 2014. It includes a 1837 brick home on 57 acres of woods, fields and trails along the Damariscotta River in Newcastle, Maine.

For more info: francesperkinscenter.org

Open June 15 – Aug. 30 for self-guided tours on Wednesday

- Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The grounds and trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset.

"The Frances Perkins Center inspires current and future generations to understand and uphold the government's role in providing social justice and economic security for all. Our work is guided by Frances Perkins' effective leadership style and by one woman's power to change the world."

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Clerk's Corner Aug. 29

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

I hope everyone had an amazing summer. It certainly has been one dry and hot summer. Fall is around the corner and the days are growing shorter. With fall comes cool nights and busy days here at the Town Clerk's office. Kids are back in school and with that I ask that you slow down on the roads and stop when you see flashing lights on school buses and at crosswalks. Let's keep our kids safe!

Nomination papers are now available for the Municipal Election, which will be held Nov. 5, 2024, to elect two (2) persons to the Town Council and two (2) persons to the School Board. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024.

Absentee ballot requests are now available for the November election. You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's office or visiting the State

Election website at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>. Once the ballots are received, they will be mailed to you and you can vote in the comfort of your own home. You can return the ballots by mail (two stamps are required) or drop them off in the ballot drop box at the Municipal Center.

Voter registration is conducted at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, Monday–Thursday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please be sure to have photo identification and proof of your residence address when registering to vote. You can register to vote up to and including Election Day in person. If you register by mail, your voter registration card must be received in the Town Clerk's Office by the end of day Oct. 15, 2024 to be eligible to vote in the November Election.

Please do not hesitate to call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 with any questions.

A Few Notes from the Public Works Department

Kelly Meslin, Office Manager, Gorham Public Works

Please be sure to put tagged trash & recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

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Please be responsible with your trash disposal. The roll off containers, aka "silver bullets," located at Public Works are for recyclable materials only!

Do not leave bagged trash outside the containers. Leaving trash and other items outside the containers makes it difficult for the hauler to pick up the containers and takes time away from the Public Works crew's other duties.

If you need help with where to dispose of unwanted items or if you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage, please call the office (207) 222-4950, email us dpw@gorham.me.us or check

out Ecomaine's free recyclopedia.

Road work has not been lacking—from rebuilding Barstow Road, paving Wescott Road and Dingley Spring Road as well as finishing work on Elm Street including the sidewalks, the Public Works crew has been extremely busy this summer. We are in the process of finishing the upgraded stormwater system at the Municipal Center that will treat runoff water before it enters Railroad Brook with the help of two new Focalpoint Biofiltration systems and are currently preparing Christopher Road for pavement. Also, a huge shout out to our summer mowing crew who have kept the Town looking top notch and good luck as they all head back to school.

Public Works now has a Facebook page! Find us at: Gorham - ME Public Works Department

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116 GORHAM IND. PARKWAY	JEJC, LLC	116 GORHAM IND. PARKWAY	\$375,000	7/1/2024
MALLISON STREET	JOSEPH, II WYMAN	VICTOR POPOV	\$130,000	7/2/2024
111 GATEWAY COMMONS DRIVE	JANET WYPER	MATTHEW WEBER	\$780,000	7/3/2024
46 JOHNSON ROAD	B HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC	KYLE PEOPLES	\$381,000	7/3/2024
63 STATE STREET	DEBORAH DOUGLAS	RBK HOLDINGS LLC	\$650,000	7/5/2024
27 PRIMROSE LANE	LEWIS PRICE	DRAKE BERBERET	\$435,500	7/5/2024
20 FARRINGTON ROAD	JEFFREY JAMES REDMOND	KYLE DILL	\$618,000	7/8/2024
52 ROBIE STREET	RUTH-ANNE STREET	MATTHEW DUVEINECK	\$580,000	7/8/2024
LOT 101 WATERHOUSE ROAD	STEVEN P. FOWLER, TRUSTEE	LIVING TRUST, CATHERINE ESTABROOK	\$210,000	7/9/2024
19A AND B GODDALL ROAD	SABRINA LANDRY	NICHOLAS DEFRIES	\$50,000	7/11/2024
30 RITZ FARM ROAD	RICHARD ALAFAT, JR	KEVIN KASERMAN	\$170,000	7/12/2024
300 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	ESTATE OF BEVERLY J LIBBY	AZH PROPERTIES LLC	\$280,000	7/12/2024
8 PARKER HILL ROAD	MJ PROPERTY SERVICES LLC	MARY THERESE YOUNG	\$355,000	7/15/2024
6 SPRUCE LANE	ESTATE OF MARIE N VOLLKOMMER	MATTHEWS REBECCA	\$475,500	7/17/2024
698 FORT HILL ROAD	TOWN OF GORHAM	CORY YOUNG	\$160,000	7/18/2024
11 WASHBURN DRIVE	JAREN HOLMES	MINH LOC	\$406,000	7/19/2024
000 BRACKETT STREET	LYNDISAY HASTINGS	EMMANUEL HAKIMANA	\$20,000	7/19/2024
3 WEBSTER ROAD	KOREY STEVENS	APIYO CHARLES	\$465,000	7/19/2024
000 BRACKETT STREET	TOWN OF GORHAM	EC PROPERTIES LLC	\$450,000	7/22/2024
105 WEBSTER ROAD	STEVEN REYNOLDS	EN JEUN WU	\$800,000	7/22/2024
190 HUSTON ROAD	ROBERT GALE	DILLON KELLEY	\$515,000	7/25/2024
131 FALCON CREST DRIVE, UNIT 6	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, C	ELIZABETH DENNIS	\$619,900	7/26/2024
222 HUSTON ROAD	NATASHA WILLIAMS	BRENDA MCGUINNESS	\$200,000	7/30/2024
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New Administration at Gorham Middle School

Gorham Times Staff



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Vanessa Nickerson is the new assistant principal at GMS. Vanessa was the instructional strategist at the middle school this past school year, and previously served in that capacity at Gorham High School. She also has several years experience as a special education teacher in both private and public schools.



Photo credit: Photos supplied by GMS

Lucas Witham is the new principal at Gorham Middle School. Last year, he was the assistant principal at GMS and previously served as an assistant principal, high school science teacher and basketball and football coach in Virginia.

Pre-K Playground Dedicated at Narragansett

Erin Eppler, Narragansett School Principal



Photo credit: Michael Lortie, School News Editor

A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of Narragansett's Pre-K playground was held on Aug. 26. Various stakeholders including Town Council members, School Committee members, Gorham School Department staff and Pre-K students and families were treated with ice cream from the North East Ice Cream truck.

Rainbow over Great Falls School



Photo credit: Rhonda Perkins, School Department Payroll Specialist

There is sure to be a pot of education gold at the end of this rainbow.

Village School Encourages the Refreshed Code of Conduct

Stacy Sawyer, Counselor, Village School



Photo credit: Stacy Sawyer

Village School students will be greeted by this newly created bulletin board. This bulletin board was created by parent volunteers, Adrienne Mango and Alicia Warner. Pictured: Evie Fortier, Adeline Mango, Vivian Mango, Peyton Warner, Samantha Mango

The Village School community is ready to refresh the Gorham Schools Code of Conduct. As the teachers and staff think about the ways they

want students to feel, learn and grow, the goal is a school that is welcoming and engaging. Bringing focus to the core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, compassion and courage will remind all Village School members that they can be their best selves every day.

Village school ambassadors will take an active role in modeling and supporting the code of conduct for our students. At Village School, fifth grade students are recruited and encouraged to serve as role models for other students. The goal is for ambassadors to foster relationships and to experience leadership opportunities.

Ambassadors will actively seek out students using the buddy bench, a place where students can sit when they are needing extra friends at recess. Ambassadors will also help plan and produce whole-school assemblies around each of the five core values. Lastly, these student leaders will play a role in catching Done students who are modeling the code of conduct on the bus, the playground and the cafeteria.

The Village School Community is excited for an amazing start to an engaging and fun school year.

Students Represent GHS at the State-wide ELO Summit

Eliza S. Kenigsberg, Career Aspirations and ELO Coordinator, GHS



Photo credit: Eliza S. Kenigsberg

Gretchen, Vanessa, Kayla and Madison represented Gorham's ELO (Extended Learning Opportunities) Program at the statewide summit on Aug. 13. They shared their experience exploring careers in environmental science, veterinary medicine, nursing, therapy, recreation management, and finance. They also highlighted the skills they gained in networking, self-leadership, and growth mindset. The ELO program helps to prepare students for work, college and citizenship by connecting students with an outside mentor in the form of an internship, job shadow, work study or specialized project in their desired career field based on their skills and interests.

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2nd Annual Gorham Hockey and Golf Team Scramble

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



L-R Barry Bernard, Chris Field, Scott Nevers, and Paul Nevers

Photo credit: Shawn Sullivan

Over the summer, the hockey and golf programs teamed up once again for their 2nd annual Golf Tournament held at Toddy Brook Golf Course in North Yarmouth. All those participated spent a day of fun on June 24 on the course in a 4 team scramble and in addition could participate in the putting competition (using only hockey sticks as golf clubs).



Photo credit: Shawn Sullivan

GHS Baseball head coach Ed Smith in action during the putting competition

Everyone played by the golf scramble rules; each player tees off on each hole and chooses their best tee shot, this format is well suited for all levels to participate. There were also a few sponsors, including local businesses who generously chipped in towards a silent auction. The boys Ice Hockey head coach Shawn Sullivan shared, “we had a good turnout this year; 22 teams of 4 par-

ticipated in the event.” All of the proceeds from the tournament benefit both the hockey program and golf program.



L - R Jordan Warsky, Eli Sjostedt, Lisa Sjostedt, David Sjostedt

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55 Maine Locals Pedal Towards \$75 Million Fundraiser Goal

Lucia Holloway, GHS Intern



Photo credit: Courtesy of Porter Novelli

55 Maine cyclists, 2 from Gorham, participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

On the weekend of Aug.3 - Aug. 4, 6,500 cyclists, 55 being from Maine, participated in the 45th Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), biking towards raising a record \$75 million for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Two Gorham bikers, Dawn Mugford and Jason Maribito, participated.

Just a month after the challenge, PMC announced crossing the \$1 Billion mark in fundraising for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute since 1980.

Cyclists from 10 countries and 45 states came together to ride between 25 and 211 miles with the mission to raise money and awareness for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend battling cancer, and more than 1,100 riders and volunteers are survivors or currently fighting can-

cer. There were also 160 Dana-Farber employees participating as riders and volunteers, in some cases to fund personal cancer research projects.

PMC is the #3 top-grossing peer-to-peer fundraising organization in the country and donates 100% of every rider-raised dollar to Dana-Farber to support furthering cancer research and patient care. For over four decades PMC has supported Dana-Farber in achieving clinical breakthroughs and advancements in cancer research. In the last five years, Dana-Farber doctors and researchers have played a substantial role in developing more than half of all cancer drugs approved by the FDA.

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Upcoming Reed Allen Fundraiser Events

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Fall is coming soon and what better way for the sports community and municipalities to collaborate, bringing everyone together for the Reed Allen Fundraising efforts? The Reed Allen Community Fund is a local charity, started by Angelo Sotiropoulos. The board does incredible work in order to support not only individuals dealing with devastating news but also to businesses and neighbors in immediate need. The foundation continues to grow with endearing leadership plus dedicated board members that have come up with exciting events.

There are two events this fall, The Great Golf Ball Drop (new this year) and Casino Night. The Drop will be held on Sept. 27 during halftime of the homecoming football game. How it works: Individuals or businesses can purchase balls through the QR code on facebook or links (see below). Once purchased there will be a number assigned. The balls will all be released from the top of a fire truck ladder (during halftime) near the concession stands at GHS. First and second closest to the pin win prizes; and furthest away from the Pin wins a "surprise" prize. You do not need to be present to win prizes.

Next, book your calendars for the ever-popular Casino Night, it is back again and will take place this year at Junction

Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024. For many years, Reed Allen has held events raising awareness and funding for its mission, with the most popular by far being the casino events. They were held in 2017, 18, 19, 23 and upcoming for 2024. The committee is gearing up for the casino events and is also excited about the new event in September. Jennifer Pettengill Meader shared, "we (our committee) saw a similar fundraising event and brought the idea to fruition. Athletic Director Tim Spear approved the location and Fire Chief Fickett is assisting with the truck and lift during the event. Everyone is looking forward to this fun and unique event."

Links to purchase golf balls/packages: <https://www.reedallen.org/golf-ball-fundraiser/>

To purchase tickets to the casino night visit <https://www.Reedallen.org>. The website will bring you directly to the events you may be interested in. There is also a QR code option (on Facebook) that can be used to purchase golf balls for the September event. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Reed Allen community fund. Meader added, "these proceeds support Gorham people in need very quickly, when emergencies happen. The combined effort will provide families with critical help where they need it most."



Photo credit: Ginny Marsh

Members of the GHS Class of 1974. L - R, Back Row: Richard Rootes, Jeff Stevens, Craig Marsh, Sherri Cooper Fickett, Valerie Chapman, Kris Carpenter Miller, Archie Howe, Charlotte Van Joolen, Dave Plowman, Patti Gerrish, Norman Shiers, Sherry Spiller, Alan McLucas, Mary Black Anderson, Deborah (Bonney) Hamblen, Ken Finlayson, Phil Thibault, Jill Stenger King, Paul Nicolaidis, Ted Carter, Lori Thurston Sener, Ed Quinlan, Anne Needham Savage, Marty Mathews, Pam Allen Kaufman. Front Row: Mary Clifford Sturgeon, Keith Brooks, Mary Murphy, Anne Gallagher Dixon, Carol Bachelder Hill, Lisa Larrabee Werner, Nan Acker Wolfhagen.

Covered Bridge Closed CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Hurricane Road on the Gorham side and Covered Bridge Road on the Windham side, it is a convenient, well-traveled route between North Gorham Road and River Road, suitable for local drivers who know how to negotiate the narrow road and to watch out for summer swimmers.

Although the 3-ton load limit has been posted since 1983, the signage is not on the bridge, but on the corner of Hurricane and Wilson Road and may not be a sufficient warning to discourage heavier vehicles. It was later reported that the Maine State

Police cited the driver, Joshua Polewarzyk, for "bridge violation causing damage to the bridge due to excessive weight."

Rebuilt nearly 50 years ago to duplicate the original covered bridge, Babb's Bridge is as much a cherished historical artifact as it is a way to get across the river. Paul Merrill, DOT spokesperson, told the Portland Press Herald that engineers will be coming from Augusta next week to assess the damage. "There are a lot of things to consider when we figure out the next steps," he said.

You're in the Know.
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Maine Turnpike Authority Addresses Town Council

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Recently, Peter Merfeld, the acting deputy director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, sent out a letter to all the town council members in Gorham and Scarborough, as well as to all the city council members in Westbrook and South Portland.

In the letter, Merfeld comments on the ongoing delay in the Authority's previously stated plan to hold informational meetings in all four affected towns. Merfeld acknowledges that the MTA is taking a step back and adopting a more extended timeframe for the community involvement efforts which the MTA had previously committed to.

Merfeld acknowledges that the recent departure of executive director Peter Mills and other top executives offers an opportunity for the new management team to "weigh feedback and look at other solutions/ alignments, even if they were previously dismissed." Merfeld goes on to list some of the alternative approaches that the MTA intends to implement.

The Gorham Times is publishing this unedited copy of Merfeld's letter in its entirety, and wishes to thank Council Chairperson Suzanne Phillips for providing us with a copy.

August 5, 2024

To Town Councilors of Gorham, Scarborough, South Portland and Westbrook:

I am writing on behalf of the Maine Turnpike Authority's Board of Directors to provide you with an update on the status of the Gorham connector project and give you a sense of our plans to pause and reset. As we announced in July, we extended our timeline for the public process to ensure thorough review and integration of feedback received to date. This will also provide time for a new Executive Director to be selected, become familiar with the project and work with the project team to set a clear direction moving forward. The public process on this project will continue until obligations in the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 2022 are fulfilled. There is currently no formal schedule for filing environmental permits.

It is my understanding that the Scarborough Town Council will be holding a mid-year workshop on Wednesday, August 7th to discuss its 2024 goals. We acknowledge the delay in public meetings has raised questions related to the project at your council meetings. While we have been thoroughly evaluating the public input received so far, we will begin to communicate through smaller public sessions and regular website updates. We will continue to weigh feedback and look at other solutions/alignments and mitigation strategies suggested during our public engagement, even if they were previously dismissed. We are in the process of updating our evaluation and presentation of alternatives that include:

- the no-build option,
- prior spot improvement evaluations,
- the widening of existing roadways, and
- alternative alignments of a new roadway.

Some of these were reviewed with the public during previous phases of the project, however, we acknowledge that a side-by-side comparison of all alternatives will be beneficial for anyone reviewing a project of this magnitude. This analysis will continue to take public feedback into account along with current travel patterns, recent GPCOG/PACTS draft growth

projections for the region, municipal land use management strategies, transit opportunities and other relevant information.

Another reason for extending the timeline is that the Authority is committed to ongoing coordination with MaineDOT's studies on active transportation and transit related to the Gorham Connector. These studies are focused on understanding opportunities for a holistic multimodal transportation network, not just a new road. GPCOG/PACTS and several other organizations responsible for delivering these modal services are engaged as part of MaineDOT's Technical Advisory Committee for these studies. The information developed through these studies will be important to MTA's analysis. MaineDOT's website for the related Active Transportation and Transit studies will be available soon.

In the meantime, a public information plan for the proposed Gorham Connector will continue engagement with stakeholders, interest groups, elected officials, and the public well into 2025. The current plan includes several elements that will be communicated in more detail:

- Regular e-mail communications will be sent regarding current efforts and areas of focus on the project sent to those who have signed up for project updates. These will also be posted on the MTA's project website. We encourage anyone who would like to actively receive these updates to register using this link: https://pima.maineturnpikevpi.com/public/subscribe/search?project_id=102
- Additional topic-specific discussions will be hosted with interested parties and municipal representatives to build upon prior communications. These are intended as informal opportunities to share how topics have been considered to date, to receive feedback, and to further identify and address topics of interest.

The existing project website will be updated to facilitate information sharing including items previously requested, such as prior studies. This website will also include a calendar where people can see a listing of any upcoming meetings scheduled, including meetings with municipal managers and interested parties. It will also contain estimated timing of major project milestones. Meeting agendas, minutes, and materials will be uploaded.

- Additional community input sessions will be held once the project team has meaningful information to share based on its continuing consideration of public input and engineering.

We are committed to improving communication and ensuring that our public engagement efforts are more consistent and transparent moving forward. We encourage interested parties to remain engaged in an open and productive dialogue on this project, both at scheduled meetings and through the project website www.GorhamConnectorProject.com. We want to provide the elected officials representing the study area communities with timely information. We value your input.

We ask that the four municipalities continue their support of the project during this transition. We appreciate your patience as we continue to study potential solutions to the congestion west of Portland.

Sincerely,
Peter Merfeld
Acting Deputy Executive Director

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OF INTEREST

Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department's Training room located at 270 Main Street in Gorham.

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD will meet Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Gorham Fire Department Training Room. The guest speaker is Kaitlyn Morse from the ITN Transportation Program for seniors.

The Gorham Rec. offers a variety of programs year-round for all ages. Flag Football, GYBA Travel Basketball and Youth Fall Soccer all begin in September. Visit <https://www.gorhamrec.com> for all the details, or visit the office at 75 South Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 – 4 p.m.

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/>

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's 2024 Summer Trail Challenge ends on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m. Photographs must be turned in before deadline to receive prizes.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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 12 p.m. 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 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Meal Site is on break and will resume at St. Anne's Church will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Watch for the details in the next issue.

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 proCOMMUNITY gram. Several new programs will include music, writing and educational lunchtime clinics. FMI: Lisa Becker at leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m., Parker Farm Road in Buxton. Suggested donation is \$10 adults, \$5 child, \$20 family. Takeout option. Hand sanitizer is available, face masks optional.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Bean Supper on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Long Plains Road, Buxton. Homemade kidney and pea beans, American chop suey, hot dogs, coleslaw and rolls and desserts. \$10 per meal. Call ahead for takeout orders and leave a message with our name and phone number, (207) 929-3011.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library hours are Mondays 3 – 6 p.m. (Closed Labor Day), Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and 4 – 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Children's Story Hour takes place every Wednesday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Contact Library Director Diane Atwood at (207) 892-2575 to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Baxter Memorial 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. Storytimes and many other events for all ages are starting up again, including Baby Storytime for birth-18mos, Preschool Storytime for ages 3+, Toddler Storytime for the whole family, French Language Discussion, the Book Club discussing "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, and more. Check our calendar for dates and times. Learn more at <https://baxterlibrary.org>, or call (207) 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

Welcome back students, faculty, and staff, and thanks to all who keep the place running year-round. The Osher School of Music season launch takes place on Sept. 3. Visit the Department of Theatre website for the 2024-2025 season line-up at <https://usm.maine.edu/events>.

The USM Department of Athletics welcomes community members to make use of the facilities at the Costello Sports Complex. For more information, contact (207) 780-5430 or visit <https://www.usm.maine.edu/costello-fitness>.

CLOSE TO HOME

New England based coffee franchise brand Aroma Joe's is now open on campus at St. Joseph's College, the brand's first location on a college campus.

Trauma Intervention Program of Greater Portland is recruiting volunteers to serve the greater Portland area. Training class location is the Westbrook Public Safety Building at 570 Main Street in Westbrook. Volunteers must attend continuing education meeting held the second Tuesday of each month. To register or find out more, visit tipgreaterportland.org or call (207) 619-1175.





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CALENDAR

- Saturday, August 31**
Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 3**
Baxter Memorial Library
Preschool Storytime, (ages 3+), 10 a.m.
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 4**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime (birth-18mos), 9:30 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library, Children's Story Hour, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 5**
Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler Storytime (all ages), 10 a.m.
Book Club: Lessons in Chemistry, all are welcome, 10:15 a.m.
BML Trustees Meeting, open to the public, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, September 7**
Art on South, 25+ artists, live music, face painting and more. Free and open to all, Preble Street Common, Gorham Village, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 10**
Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, (ages 3+), 10 a.m.
Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 11**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime (birth-18mos), 9:30 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library, Children's Story Hour, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD, guest speaker Kaitlyn Morse, NEED TIME
- Thursday, September 12**
Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler Storytime (all ages), 10 a.m.
Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, open to the public, 6:30 p.m.

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Longfellow Road caller wanted to make police aware of a suspicious vehicle and didn't know if someone was sleeping in the vehicle. Vehicle had already left but the caller believed it could be an encampment of homeless people.

Suspicious person reported on McLellan Road was in the building working and was there every day.

Gray Road caller reported a male, on a bike in the area, who was around children and telling them he lived in the woods. Male was gone when the officer arrived and the officer could not make contact with the caller.

Caller reported a suspicious individual was climbing up telephone poles on State Street, talking to himself and guiding traffic. Officer determined that the suspicious person was a CMP worker who was actively reattaching the wire.

Gray Road caller reported someone trespassing on his property. Officer checked the property but did not locate anyone.

Couple who had been dating and then broken up were arguing in the parking lot on Railroad Avenue and calling each other names. They were spoken to and separated. They said they would go their separate ways.

Officer responded to a complaint about the choice of music being played at the Skate Park and basketball courts. Officer informed them their music was fine but they turned it off.

Caller reported that a landscaping truck was parked in a bad spot on Flagg Meadow Road. An Officer checked the area and found the truck had nowhere else to park, that there were several traffic cones up and a warning flag for people coming

over the hill. Officer watched multiple vehicles, heading in opposite directions, successfully navigate through the area.

Elevator was broken on New Portland Road. Caller wanted to know if there were services to get people downstairs. The Fire Department was notified.

Caller wanted to report a Line Road house as disorderly. Caller did not want to make a criminal complaint. The disorderly House Ordinance requires three or more police responses within 30 days for noise, disturbance, fights, etc. Caller actually wanted to report code violations and was advised to speak to the Code Enforcement Department, not Public Safety.

Caller wanted Officer to check on a suitcase on the side of a building on Main Street. Officer found the suitcase had clothes in it. He left it there and when he checked on it later, the suitcase was gone.

Officer assisted the animal refuge in rescuing an injured woodchuck from a storm drain on Tow Path Road.

Samantha Drive caller reported that kids on scooters came to her residence soliciting for solar power. They swore at her when she said she wasn't interested and they left.

Man whose vehicle went off the road when he pulled over to wait out a storm, was waiting for friends to tow him out. Friends arrived and he was back on the road without incident.

Officer responded to Ridgfield Drive for a report of a snapping turtle in the road. The turtle had made his way to the front stoop of the house. Officer used a shovel and a trash can and was able to get the turtle into the can and he deposited it near Tannery Brook.

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