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Superintendent Explains Impact of New Immigration Policies

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Heather Perry, superintendent of schools has received many questions about the recent changes to immigration practices related to schools and how the schools would respond. While many area districts have previously sent out letters, she has chosen not to until now for two significant reasons.

First and foremost, recent changes that now allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to conduct their responsibilities on the grounds of public schools will not change how the schools respond to any "outside" entity working with us. Secondly, she does not wish to add to the fearmongering that is happening nationwide regarding this topic. Gorham schools ensure their children's safety every day. They protect children, and that will never change.

The schools frequently cooperate with law enforcement agencies and other outside entities, such as the Department of Health and Human Services or the Center for Disease Control. ICE is just another of these entities that Gorham schools would cooperate with within the letter of the law. A law enforcement agency such

as ICE must operate within the law.

Perry explained, "The reality is that if an ICE agent shows up at our doors, we would ask to see their identification and confirm that it is legit, just as we would for any other outside visitor. We would then invite the agent into our admin. offices to meet with our principal and to state their business. We would be very respectful and responsive to the job these agents have to do. The principal would know to ask for things such as a subpoena or a warrant before sharing any information about a student. If needed, a principal could seek legal counsel/advice to make sure all laws are being followed."

As a school, all information about a student that is not directory information is protected by FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) and that permission must be granted by the parent to share such information unless a lawful subpoena/warrant is issued. Even with a lawful subpoena/warrant a school has 10 days to respond to any requests for this type of information.

She continued, "We also know that there may be families out there right now who are scared because of all this



Town of Gorham Municipal Center

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'buzz.' If you are that family, and you have questions or concerns regarding our safety protocols, I strongly encourage you to reach out to your building principal to talk with them,

to ask them questions about our safety protocols, to understand what could happen and what to expect if something does happen. We are always here to talk with you and to support you."

February Marks Black History Month

Gorham Times Staff

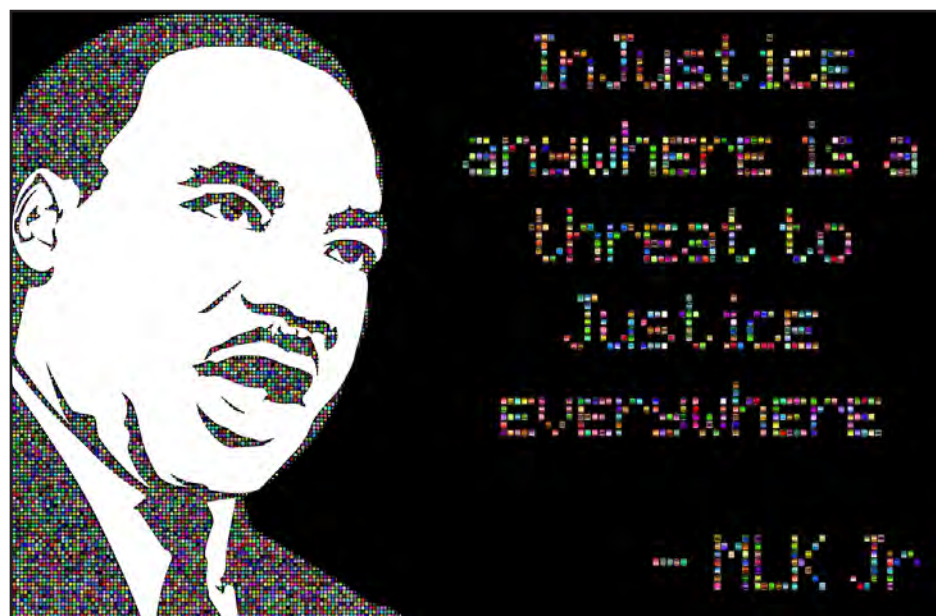


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What began as "Negro History Week," created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, an historian to promote the study of African American history, has grown into a month-long recognition of the important ways African Americans have contributed to this country. In 1976, President

Gerald Ford officially designated February as Black History Month, marking the entire month as a time to celebrate the achievements of Black Americans. February was chosen because the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass occur during that time frame.

Gorham Doing Its Part to Reduce Overdose Deaths

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

In 2023, the United States saw its first reduction in the number of deaths attributed to drug overdose since 2018. While the nation saw a 3% overall reduction in overdose deaths, Maine had one of the largest drops nationally, down by an impressive 16% in 2023, one of only 4 states to see reductions over 15%. Still, 606 people in Maine died in 2023 due to overdose, and 75,000 people died nationally, Gorham lost two people to opioid overdose in 2023, and one person in 2024.

The downward trend of deaths also appeared to be continuing across the state in 2024; Maine CDC reports that the total number of confirmed and suspected fatal overdoses from January–November 2024 was 445. This is 20.5% lower than the total confirmed fatal overdoses for the same period in 2023.

While Fentanyl continues to cause the highest drug fatalities in Maine, it is also where the greatest gains were made in reducing overdose deaths. Public health experts and those addressing substance use disorders attribute these declines to the increase in prevention efforts, the

expansion of treatment options, and to the increased access to and use of naloxone, a nasal spray that can immediately stop the deadly effects of opioids. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, attaches to opioid receptors and blocks the effects of opioids. It is especially helpful to restore breathing, which during an overdose can be slowed or stopped and lead to death. Naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system but can be lifesaving to those who do.

While Gorham's Deputy Chief Michael Nault confirmed that Gorham Police Department has carried naloxone in their cruisers since at least 2019, the Maine legislature recently made it a mandate for all law enforcement to do so. Nault explained that as well as CPR and AED application and use, Gorham officers receive annual training on the administration of naloxone.

Nault added that changes in the laws in 2023 gave immunity to criminal and civil liability for the administration of naloxone, which made individuals more likely to administer the drug or call for medical

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 108 and House District 109 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.

Getting to Work for the People of Gorham

Rep. Parnell Terry, D-Gorham

As a new member of the Maine House of Representatives, I am deeply honored to serve the people of Gorham. I've lived in this area for over 20 years, I've raised my family here and I know our community represents the heart of Maine's character and working heritage. I'm committed to being your voice in Augusta.

This is the first of my new monthly column series, where I intend to share the work I am doing at the State House, provide information on bills and offer helpful information and resources.

Right now, Maine families are struggling with rising costs across the board - from heating oil and electricity to groceries and housing. These costs aren't just about numbers; they're about Mainers having to make difficult choices about basic necessities and which bills to pay. As your representative, I'm focusing on practical solutions that put money back in the pockets of everyday Mainers, like expanding property tax relief programs. I'm also focusing on growing access to apprenticeship programs in the trades and promoting high-quality careers, supporting small businesses, finding ways to make housing more affordable and more. These aren't partisan issues - they're Maine issues, and I'm committed to working with all of my colleagues to solve them.

Our heritage industries aren't just a critical part of Maine's economy; they're woven into the fabric of who we are. I

grew up on a farm in rural Maine, and I've worked as a fisherman, lobsterman and facilities maintenance technician. I learned firsthand the value of hard work and the importance of protecting our traditional industries. Whether it's supporting our local farmers as they tackle labor shortages and PFAS contamination or protecting water quality in our lakes and streams, I'm committed to preserving and strengthening our way of life.

I've been appointed to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, which puts me in a strong position to fight for the protection of our outdoor resources and to ensure efficient, responsive government. On Veterans and Legal Affairs, I'll lean on my experience growing up with my father serving in the U.S. Army to work directly on issues affecting our veterans and challenges facing the Maine National Guard. On Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, I'll focus on supporting those who enjoy the hunting, fishing, trapping and other outdoor opportunities available here in Maine, while ensuring the safety of the important resources they depend on.

Additionally, I have cosponsored legislation directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a pilot program for the electronic tagging of deer, which would make it possible

for hunters to field tag, eliminating the requirement to drive long distances to tagging stations, which often have long wait lines. A similar tagging program exists for turkey hunting and has been successful. I look forward to providing you further updates on this, and other legislation that I'm working on, as bills begin to move through the legislative process in the coming months.

My commitment to you is simple: I'll be accessible, responsive and transparent. Whether you agree or disagree with my positions, your voice matters to me.

You can reach me directly at Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1430. I also post regular updates on community resources and legislative activities on my official Facebook page. If you need assistance navigating state services or have ideas to improve our community, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Together, we can work toward a Maine that honors our traditions while building a stronger future for all our residents.



Rep. Parnell Terry, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives.

Letters to the Editor

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Husky Line Bus Service, Gorham to Portland and Back Again

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor

In the Jan. 30 issue of the Gorham Times, we reported on Gorham's Capital Improvement Projects / Economic Development Committee's discussion about getting more people using the bus. That discussion will come up again at their Thursday, Feb. 24 meeting at noon.

At the January meeting, Councilor Simms repeated concerns that the bus stops need to be convenient to where people are, including students. However, it has been pointed out to us that there is another group of people who might use the bus if there were public parking near the stops.

According to Lisa Becker at the Lecky Brown Senior Center, seniors would need more consideration at bus stops if they are to use the bus, the major one being parking. She pointed out that "both village stops are right on heavily traveled Main Street with no specific parking available. The several nearest businesses with parking lots might not be happy to have lots of

extra cars parking in their lots, especially with drivers who are not using their businesses. They could risk being towed."

Another point made by Becker about senior citizens is that some use a cane or a walker, or have become slow walkers as they age, and Maine's unpredictable weather would further the difficulty.

Becker said, "even if there was easy parking, getting around in Westbrook or Portland is still difficult for some seniors because of distance from stops to businesses and the amount of time invested. How long would they have to wait for the next bus when it's 15 degrees or 90?" Perhaps consider a hub with a shelter and parking.

Yes, Gorham has an active busline running up and down Main Street between the University and Portland, very often nearly empty. It's time to get your ideas to the committee for their next discussion. Learn more about the Husky Line locations and schedule at <https://www.gpmetro.org/318/Husky-Line>.

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Gorham Times Readers Poll on Large-Scale Residential Developments

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Currently there are efforts underway by private developers, to build large-scale residential housing or mixed-use projects in Gorham. Specifically, this includes a development on the site of the former Gorham Country Club off McClellan Road, which would include 824 residential units and several commercial buildings. In addition, the Robie Woods project off Robie St. in Gorham village would involve construction of 392 residential units, including single family homes, condos, and apartments. There are also other large projects in earlier stages of development.

The majority of the town council and the planning board have voted their support for the Robie Woods project stating it is in compliance with the town's Comprehensive Plan. The planning board has just voted to allow the Country Club project to proceed, also stating the project is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

However, lengthy public water and sewer line extensions need to be completed before construction can begin on the Country Club project. (A proposed contract zone for the initial 64 single family homes of the Country Club development will soon go before the town council for their consideration.)

1] Do you believe you have

enough information on the Robie Woods and Country Club projects to have an informed opinion about them, either for or against?

2] Do you believe you need more information about Gorham's Comprehensive Plan in general, possibly through the town government hosting more workshops and information sessions to explain the Plan?

3] Based on what you currently know about these two projects, would you like to express an opinion about whether you support or oppose either of them? (You are welcome to include reasons for your support or opposition regarding each project.)

4] As it appears likely that both the Robie Woods and the Country Club will be going forward, are there any changes or stipulations that you would like to suggest regarding either project?

5] Similarly to Question 3, based on what you currently know, please state your opinion regarding how you generally feel about large scale residential developments in Gorham, as well as including some reasons behind your opinion.

Respond online at <https://forms.gle/wcdMdUM8Pzpnaw4L6> or mail response to Gorham Times, P. O. Box 401, Gorham, ME 04038. Anonymous responses will be accepted.

Local Artists On Display at Baxter Library

Lisa Becker, Staff Writer



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ARTrageous Seniors exhibit at the Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham

A group of local artists, the ARTrageous Seniors, is having a group show at Baxter Memorial Library. The group is part of the Gorham Art Alliance and sponsored by the Lecky Brown Senior Center. It is an opportunity for Seniors participating in the Art Alliance's Friday morning ARTrageous art class to show work they have done over the past few years.

The group is entering its 8th year under the tutelage of GAA teacher Christina Thibault. Christina worked successfully to keep the group going during the pandemic through Zoom and bags of supplies set outside for members to pick up. Members made sure that supplies got to others that were uncomfortable venturing out.

Each month features a different subject, process or project to learn,

giving the group time to learn and work toward mastery. New ideas and subjects come from everyone.

They have worked with wire sculptures, slab clay constructions, acrylic and watercolor painting, wool felting constructions, batique, wood construction, nature related assemblage, paper mache, pastel drawing, and so much more.

During a recent session to set up the exhibit, ARTers were surprised at how much they had accomplished over recent years. They noticed a progression of skill in themselves. They remembered struggles with certain projects and success with others. There was a definite pride in themselves and one another.

The show will run from the first of February until mid-March, free and open to the public whenever the Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham is open.



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The exhibit includes work done over the past few years by the ARTrageous Seniors.

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Athlete's Corner: The Ultimate Guide On Creatine

Stan Skolfield, ATC, CSCS, Contributing Writer

Creatine is a popular and well-researched fitness supplement. It offers benefits to anyone looking to improve their physical and cognitive performance. Most importantly, not a single peer reviewed study has found any adverse effects when taken as directed. Here's an overview of what makes creatine effective and how to use it.

Creatine is a naturally occurring compound stored in muscles, primarily as phosphocreatine. It serves as a quick energy source during short, intense activities like weightlifting, sprinting or CrossFit. Small amounts can be obtained from red meat and fish and your body also produces creatine in the liver, kidneys, and pancreas.

Here's how creatine works. During high-intensity exercise, muscles use ATP for energy. ATP (adenosine triphosphate) is an important molecule found in all living things. It is the "energy currency" of the cell. When ATP depletes, creatine helps regenerate it faster, enabling sustained performance. This mechanism is why creatine enhances strength, power, and endurance during short bursts of intense effort requiring explosive energy.

Backed by research from thousands of studies, creatine builds increased strength and power. It also contributes to muscle growth, thus supporting harder training sessions. It increases muscle water content for a fuller appearance and supports a faster recovery between workouts by reducing muscle damage and inflammation.

Emerging research also suggests that creatine may provide cognitive benefits, improving memory and reducing mental fatigue, particularly in older adults and sleep-deprived individuals.

Creatine can be taken anytime, but consistency is key. Post-workout intake is common for convenience especially if it's mixed with your post workout shake. Carefully follow directions on the label for correct dosage.

There are a number of different types of creatine. Creatine monohydrate is the most researched, effective, and affordable option. Micronized creatine, a finer form of monohydrate, is easier to mix

and gentler on the stomach. Creatine HCl: Requires smaller doses but lacks evidence of being superior to monohydrate. Other forms include: buffered, liquid, and ethyl ester varieties which lack substantial research backing. Stick with monohydrate for proven results.

Creatine is safe for long-term use in healthy individuals. Several common side effects may occur such as water retention which can lead to temporary weight gain but is harmless.

If digestive issues such as bloating occur, reduce the dose or switch to micronized creatine. Studies show no adverse effects on kidney function in healthy individuals. Be sure to consult a doctor, first, especially if you have pre-existing kidney issues.

Creatine is beneficial for a variety of people. For athletes and gym goers, it enhances strength, recovery, and performance during intense training. Women can take creatine and enjoy the same benefits as men. There's no conclusive evidence linking creatine to hair loss. Continuous use, following dosage guidelines, is safe and effective.

It helps prevent muscle loss and offers potential cognitive benefits to older adults.

For vegetarians/vegans, it provides a significant performance boost, as plant-based diets lack natural creatine sources found in meat and fish.

Creatine is the most highly researched, affordable and versatile supplement to enhance physical and potentially cognitive performance. It is a safe choice with proven results for those seeking to maximize their fitness goals.



Stan Skolfield is the Owner of Skolfield Sports Performance, a comprehensive athlete training facility dedicated to getting athletes to the next level. He has been training athletes from 7 years old to the pro's for over 25 years.

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Gardening Pleasures: Winter Gardening

Linda Treworgy Faatz, Contributing Writer

Let's look at our gardening experiences from a different angle. During the growing season we are actively planning and cultivating our yards and gardens.

We can view our garden from the winter perspective, with less pressure now that the ground is frozen. When you cleaned up your garden in the fall, hopefully you deliberately left some grasses and dried seed heads for the birds for and cold weather interest. The neutral hues of dried plants without the vibrant greenery and color of summer can be appreciated in a new and different way.

I didn't remove the dried blossoms on my hydrangeas. Some blow off and tumble across the path in the wind. From my kitchen window I can enjoy the tufts of tan on the tallest hydrangeas. A favorite sight are the tall, 40 year old birch trees with their bare branch and the stark white trunks that rise above the garden scape.

Some summer foliage still remains. Vinca leaves are as shiny green now as they were in July and will look charming in a little vase for my bathroom. Rhododendron leaves that are curled to preserve moisture can be cut and brought in to hydrate. Who knows? While you are enjoying the foliage maybe the tight bud will open.

Truly amazing bouquets can be made from what was left to winter over. It was hard to resist picking up the dried, fallen branches from the birch tree. I picked a few to spray white for a winter arrangement. Sage plants are still viable and a subtle shade of gray. Winter thyme stays fresh most of the winter and adds a welcome fragrance indoors. Boxwood tips that I forgot to clip will last

in water when cut. Shiny holly leaves that the deer overlooked seem to keep forever in water. Dried Japanese maple leaves and their subtle burgundy color will nicely fill an old wooden bowl on my coffee table. It is hard to resist the shorter birch logs that were left from the downed tree. Those can go by my door, standing in a galvanized pail with fresh cut greens from the balsam fir.

Layers of new snow emphasize artistic tree shadows on a sunny day. It's fun to capture interesting shadow shapes with pencil and paper by holding a white sheet of paper behind the design and tracing around the shadows. In the warmth of your home, color in the detail and embellish the basic design to create an original art project.

While savoring the life and beauty of the winter garden, notice the movement created by the wind, the insects enjoying the seed heads left behind and the birds searching for berries and seeds. Many animal tracks tell me what visitors have come to enjoy the garden. Gathering what the summer growing season left behind is a reminder to be grateful for the beauty nature provides in every season.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at

Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through classes and garden events.

A Word About Winter

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

The Scots, never at a loss for words, have over 400 of them to describe snow; words such as "flindrikin" which means a slight snow shower or "flukra" to describe very large flakes.

Closer to home, indigenous tribes inhabiting Canada and Alaska have more than 50 distinct words for snow. Snow stuck in beards is "hiryla," or snow that looks blue in the morning is "kriplyana." There is probably a word for snow of a different hue, too. "Intla" is snow that has drifted indoors. "Tlaso" falls slowly and "tlun" sparkles with moonlight.

Even with January safely behind us, we still have a lot of winter heading our way, so for all you chionophiles who celebrate the winter season and also for lexophiles, who are lovers of words, here are some wintery words to spice up your vocabulary.

Apricity: The warmth of the sun on a cold winter day. Let's hope for many of these type of days in February, rather than the gray, damp kind.

Brumal: An adjective that means relating to winter or wintry, but think cozy, like candlelight and hot chocolate by the fire.

Chionophiles: a person who loves absolutely everything about snow from making snow angels to the satisfying crunch snow makes under your boots, to even shoveling it.

Frore: a one syllable, medieval word that means very frosty and cold.

Graupel: Soft hail or snow pellets

that form during winter storms, from a German word that means pearl barley.

Hoarfrost: Icy deposits that form on vegetation from frozen dew.

Hogamadog: is a funny sounding word for a huge ball of snow made by rolling it around a field, in preparation for making an especially large snowman perhaps?

Névé: snow that is hard and granular as a result of partial melting and refreezing as it falls.

Psychrophile: a class of organisms found in permanently cold places. They can survive temperatures down to -4 F.

Sitzmark: For non-skiers, this is the mark you make in the snow after you fall, sort of like making an unintentional snow angel.

Skijoring: a winter sport in which a person on skis is pulled by a horse, a dog (or dogs), another animal, or a motor vehicle. There are places in Bethel and Rangeley to go skijoring.

Snow broth: sounds so much classier than slush.

Subnivean: is the space between the ground and the bottom of the snow-pack. It comes from the Latin words sub (under) and nives (snow) Animals like mice and voles live in this area.

When dealing with long Maine winters, it's good to keep a sense of humor and to remember, a Japanese proverb that says, "One kind word can warm three winter months."

Planning Board Results, Feb. 3

JoAnn Leib, Staff Writer

Item 1 - Public Hearing - Gorham Fairways Contract Zone - Nick Troiano. Public concerns focused on increased traffic, sewage implications, school needs, and loss of recreational and wildlife space involved in this 800-unit development. Request to create a contract zone on 170+- acres of the former Gorham Country Club to allow a limited number of single-family homes as part of a mixed-use residential/commercial development on McLellan Road. Applicant represented by Dan Riley, P.E., Sebago Technics.

Discussed and moved to send to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt, 7 ayes.

Item 2 - Public Hearing - Contract Zone - Erin Flett. A proposed contract zone to support an agritourism venue at 64 Flaggy Meadow Road. Zoned Urban Residential. Public comment focused on the projected occupant capacity of 175 in the current acreage. Discussed and moved to send to Town Council with a recommendation for adoption. 6 ayes, 1 recusal (Benson)

Item 3 - Public Hearing - Zoning Amendments - Gorham Village Area. Proposed revisions to current zoning to include GVCD, LFVCD, UC, DTO and OR. Districts to amend setbacks, impervious surface ratios and building heights in support of economic development. Discussed and moved to send to Town

Council with a recommendation for adoption. 6 ayes, 1 opposed (Benson)

Item 4 - Public Hearing - Preliminary Subdivision & Site Plan Review - Cressey's Apartments, Flaggy Meadow Road, LLC. Proposal to construct 16 units of apartment housing with parking and associated infrastructure. A river runs through. Applicant is represented by Connor Bourassa, P.E., Northeast Civil Solutions. Mr. Garish cites very little has changed since original proposal. 16 units have been added. 86 acres. Discussed and moved to grant preliminary subdivision approval. 7 ayes.

Item 5 - Discussion, Zoning Map Amendment - District Changes - Proposed amendment to the Zoning map to change Map 22, Lot 7 on Washburn Road from SR District to SGXR. Discussed and sent to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing. 7 ayes.

Item 6 - Discussion, Land Use and Development Code Amendment - Amend Road Standards. Technical updates regarding Streets and Ways. Discussed and sent to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing. 7 ayes.

Item 7 - Sketch Plan Review - Hakizimana - 41 Burnham Road. A proposal to construct 4 additional residential units of affordable duplex housing with associated infrastructure. Discussed.

Update on Robie Park

Jacque Lortie, Member of Friends of Robie Park

On Feb. 10, Cindy Hazelton, the director of the Gorham Rec. Department, led a discussion with members of the community concerning the coming changes to Robie Park. After a year of Robie Park Planning Committee meetings, hiring a landscape architect, and developing a plan and map for the park, work is about to begin. Phase One of the Master Plan includes the replacement of the playground with an ADA approved playground, the installation of a play berm and a water play space, and the removal of the current basketball court. The community will notice the preparation for construction before the end of winter. Construction should begin in April. The hope is that Phase One will be completed in the fall. Much of the current playground equipment will be moved to the Little Falls Activity Center and Little Falls Recreation Area. A new basketball court will be built as part of Phase Two.

Funding for Phase One was secured by former Town Counselor, Ron Shephard, through a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). While subsequent Phases will be financed through the town budget, it is hoped that additional funds will be raised via a targeted fundraising effort, including individual large and small amount tax deductible contributions, donations of specific items for the park, and money raising events at the park and in town.

The Robie Park Master Plan will create a recreation destination for everyone in the Gorham Community, from toddlers at the playground to walking paths and gardens for older folks, and everyone in between. The timeline for the completion of the entire Master Plan will take ten years, in time for Robie Park to celebrate its 100 year anniversary in 2035. Be on the lookout for the beginning of this exciting addition to our community.

Grand Jury Indictments

Gorham Times Staff

Moncada-Sanchez, Dominic Gabriel, 20, of Gorham, was indicted for aggravated attempted murder, elevated aggravated assault, reckless conduct with a firearm, and violation of con-

dition of release on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Mullin, Jaye, 42, of Gorham, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Town Council Report

Jacob Adams, Staff Writer

The Feb. 4 Town Council opened with all 7 members present. The Jan. 7, 2025 minutes were accepted.

Open Public Communications
Ken Curtis, South Street voiced his concerns for the future needs of different departments in the town, especially fire, rescue, police, public works, and town offices, and hopes that the Council is hearing their needs, citing hiring and equipment needs considering recent development approvals, rising taxes and school budget needs.

Jim Means, Beatrice Drive, addressed his concern for the proposed development of over 1000 units in the Gorham Fairways Contract Zone, which was approved by the Planning Board with little consideration for the infrastructure needs. He urged residents to voice their opinion at the next Town Council public hearing.

Councilor Communications
Councilor Lavoie read the 2024 Year in Review of the Gorham Conservation Commission containing a long list of accomplishments. The review included goals for 2025, including trail maintenance, coordinating with Public Works on stormwater runoff issues, and the 5th Annual Gorham Cleans Up event scheduled for Apr. 27, 2025.

Councilor Simms thanked the Gorham Conservation Commission and recognized what a tremendous asset all the trails in Gorham are to the community. He reported that the Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 24 at noon and they will be looking at recommendations for streamlining the town permitting processes.

Councilor Siegel thanked residents who have reached out with questions and comments over the last few weeks and remarked that it was extremely helpful to hear everyone's comments.

Chairperson Phillips noted that she and Councilor Gagnon attended a reception at USM for a kickoff of a recognition project called the Horace Wilson Project. Horace Wilson (1843-1927) was born in Gorham. Wilson was an "American expatriate educator in late 19th century Empire of Japan. He is one of the persons credited with introducing the sport of baseball to Japan." (Wikipedia)

Town Manager Report
Town Manager Paraschak thanked Public Works for all their effort and hard work this winter and reminded residents of the overnight parking ban that is in effect for all roads in Gorham and that winter sand is available, 2 five-gallon buckets per person, at Public Works facility on Huston Road. He reported that the Rec Department is out grooming public trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and that all Town administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Presentation from New Year's Gorham
Ginny Wilder Cross gave a video presentation of the New Year's Gorham celebration and stated that they are always looking for volunteers to make sure that they can continue to bring the event to the Town. Wilder Cross thanked three very important volun-

teers, who have been on the Gorham committee from the first year and are now stepping down, Doug Johnson, Donna Kennie, and Tom Hasbrook. She also thanked the many businesses and individuals who contributed financially to the event and very much appreciates the Town's continued support.

Town Council issued a renewal Special Amusement License to Junction Bowl, located at 7 Railroad Avenue. (7 years)

Renewal Massage Licenses were renewed for Elizabeth Berks, Rhonda Lodgek, and a new Massage License was issued to Julia Adriance. (7 years)

Shaw Brothers Quarry Expansion

Several residents expressed strong opposition to the proposed Shaw Brothers Quarry expansion, citing concerns about noise, dust, air quality, potential water contamination, and property damage from blasting. Speakers and email comments emphasized the negative impact on their health, quality of life, and property values, noting existing issues with the quarry's current operations. They urged the town to enact stricter regulations for quarries, similar to its residential codes, and argued that the expansion prioritizes a single business over the well-being of hundreds of residents living within the quarry's vicinity. Several residents highlighted the lack of responsiveness from Shaw Brothers to their complaints and the inadequacy of existing regulations, emphasizing the need for the town to protect its citizens.

Town Council will not forward a proposed contract zone to the Planning Board for review and public hearing. The proposed contract zone would be with Shaw Brothers, Inc. for expansion of their Brickyard Quarry. (7 nays)

Town Council authorized the creation of a Cemetery Advisory Committee for the purpose of encouraging citizen involvement in maintaining, documenting, and preserving Gorham's local public cemeteries. The committee will consist of seven members appointed by the Town Council for staggering terms and will be advisory in nature. (7 years)

Town Council accepted 1,575 feet of Falcon Crest Drive as a public way (taking effect on May 1, 2025) and that Falcon Crest Drive will be designated as an Urban Sub Collector. (7 years)

The addition of more indoor/ outdoor recreation facilities and similar commercial and industrial permitted uses to Gorham's Industrial and Olde Canal Industrial Districts will be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation. (7 years)

An action to consider instructing municipal staff to only work with immigration and customs authorities for matters that are legally mandated failed as no second was received.

Town Council amended the Program and Procedures of the Revolving Loan Fund. (7 years)

Town Council adopted new and updated bylaws for the Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals. (7 years)

For full meeting minutes visit <https://www.gorham-me.org/node/49/minutes/2025>. View the video at <https://play.champds.com/gorhamme/event/106>.

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SCHOOL

Abigail McCrillis to Compete in State Finals

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo Credit: Lucinda Stein, GHS English Teacher

Abigail McCrillis

Abigail McCrillis has moved on to the Maine State Finals competition of Poetry Out Loud. Abigail is a freshman at GHS and also appeared in the GHS musical "Little Shop of Horrors." Lucinda Stein, English teacher at GHS organized the competition in Gorham and also provided support to the participants.

Poetry Out Loud is presented in partnership with the Maine Arts Commission, Maine Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation. Through this program, high school students across the country participate in a dynamic poetry recitation competition that

is designed to improve their public speaking skills, help build confidence, and teach them about literary history and contemporary life. Since the program began in 2005, more than 4.4 million students across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud. On Feb. 4, 17 high school students participated in the Poetry Out Loud Southern Regional Finals competition at the Public Theatre in Lewiston.

The students delivered recitations, selected from an anthology of more than 1,200 poems. Judges evaluated student performances on criteria including voice and articulation, evidence of understanding, and accuracy.

Abigail will advance to the State Poetry Out Loud competition on March 3, 2025. The Maine State Champion will receive \$200 and advance to the national finals next spring in Washington, D.C. where \$50,000 in awards and school/organizational stipends will be distributed. The representing school or organization of the Maine State Champion will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry materials and the first runner-up will receive \$100, with \$200 for their school or organization.

To learn more about the Maine Poetry Out Loud competition, contact the Maine Arts Commission or visit <https://www.poetryoutloud.org/>.

Village School Read-A-Thon

Stacey Sawyer, Village School Counselor



Photo Credit: Stacey Sawyer

The Village School Read-A-Thon is a success. As of Monday, Feb. 3, Village Readers have recorded over 100,000 minutes of reading and they are going strong. Ms. Todd's 3rd grade (pictured) holds the current lead, but that could change any day. Students have renewed excitement for reading and the teachers and staff are so grateful for the support from the Village community and families.

Narragansett Students Perform

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



Photo Credit: Erin Eppler

The Narragansett 5th Grade band performed for the Narragansett community during this month's Code of Conduct Assembly focused on COURAGE. These brave and talented students are led by music teacher Lila Weiser.



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Youth Basketball at Gorham Rec. for Grades K-5

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Katie Brown

Grade 1 & 2 Rec Basketball @ Shaw Gym

Gorham Parks & Recreation Youth Sports programs are run by volunteer coaches who work closely with the kids to help them improve their skills and build self-esteem. (Gorham Rec website: <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/activities/>

program_details.aspx?ProgramID=28844. These programs can only be offered because of the volunteer coaches. Consider volunteering by contacting Travis Grant at Gorham Rec. (207) 222-1636, or by email at tgrant@gorham.me.us.

Rams Wrap up Regular Season with a Trip to Boston College

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Luke Jones

Aerial view from the Rams seats

The Gorham Boys Basketball Team certainly got their money's worth taking in a Boston College Men's hoop game on a snowy Saturday recently. With less

than a minute left, Boston College (9-11) defeated Florida State (13-8) in dramatic fashion in front of a decent crowd, including the Rams Boys Basketball program.

The BC Eagles made the 15-point deficit comeback with some dynamic shooting, including Donald Hand Jr.'s 3-pointers (6 total) and an FSU turnover with 5 seconds remaining in the contest. FSU had one last play with 3.7 seconds remaining. Time ran out in BC's favor after going the length of the court. The end result was a 77-76 one-point victory for the Eagles.

The Rams had a great day of team bonding and as a bonus watched a miraculous 15-point comeback. Now into February, the winter season is entering its final week for high school sports regular season and will be entering the postseason, while college teams like Boston College will await their fate for a bid in the NIT tournament in March. Good luck to all of the Rams teams who will be moving on into postseason action coming up soon.

SCHOOL CONT.

Little Shop Success

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Molly Breton and Co.

Gorham High School's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" was a huge success. The talented cast and crew dazzled the GHS community, and the large crowds rewarded the thespians with standing ovations for all six performances. All four classes were represented in the cast ensuring that the talent level will continue to be strong. Next year, the drama department will produce "Something Rotten" as their musical. It promises to be a big hit! Here, Zack Bourgoin (Seymore) and Logan Mills (Mushnik) celebrate Mushnik's plan to adopt Seymore as his son.

GMS Marks Read Aloud Day

Suzanne Dix, GMS Librarian and Media Specialist

World Read Aloud Day, an annual event celebrated each February, when authors give their time to read to students over Zoom. On Feb. 5, author Barbara Dee read from her soon to be published novel, "Tear This Down," and then answered ques-

tions from our audience. The students learned that she loves to write and read realistic fiction, enjoys walking her dog and has visited Maine several times. Students from Stroudwater Team and Little River Team attended and were a great audience.



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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Minor Site Plan Review Committee, 1 p.m.
Joint Town Council & School Committee Workshop, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Ordinance Committee, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Capital Improvement (CIP)/Economic Development (ED) Committee, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 24

Planning Board Optional Meeting Date, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Economic Development Strategic Plann Steering Committee, 11:30 - 1 p.m.

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assistance than they would have in the past.

But Nault also noted that, "In 2024, we have seen a decline in overdoses due to the availability of Narcan to family and community members."

Gorham's Action Team for Youth (GATY), a coalition focused on promoting positive youth development and preventing at-risk behavior for youth in the Gorham community, partnered with Portland Public Health (PPH) to host hour long community trainings for residents who want to learn more about naloxone, how to administer it, and also receive a free kit. This is because having naloxone readily available can be the difference between life and death.

After members of their nursing staff attended the training, Gorham School Department took a step in the community effort to combat opioid overdose in May 2024 when they amended their policy EBCF "Life-Saving Medical Devices & Treatment." The updated policy includes the provision of naloxone kits in the school buildings, as they do AEDs, recognizing that school facilities are places where large numbers of community

members may frequent, and where an emergency may occur. This policy change was also in accordance with legislative and rule changes from Augusta as part of statewide efforts to reduce opioid deaths.

Alicia Murry, nurse at Gorham Middle School explained that the nursing staff in each building has naloxone, in the event of an emergency, but noted that it is often after school hours and weekends when the public is accessing the buildings, when the nursing staff isn't present. Given their extensive use by the public on nights and weekends, the district has also placed naloxone kits inside two safety boxes in both the middle school and high school buildings, similar to and nearby the AED boxes. This was done in partnership with PPH, who provides the naloxone free of charge to the schools and interested community members.

Murray stated that the naloxone kits have yet to be used, but they are there in the unfortunate event they are needed.

For more information or to receive training on administering naloxone, contact Portland Public Health's Harm Reduction Services Program.

Year	Total Overdoses	Fatal Opioid Overdoses	Opioid Overdoses	Narcan - PD / EMS	Narcan - Community	Narcan - not administered	Other - Overdoses - Nonfatal
2019	12	0	5	7	2	3	7
2020	5	0	4	3	1	0	1
2021	5	1	4	3	1	0	1
2022	10	0	10	4	5	1	0
2023	8	2	8	3	3	2	2
2024	3	1	3	2	0	0	0

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OF INTEREST

University of Maine Cooperative Extension is hosting online information sessions for adults interested in becoming Maine 4-H volunteers. The informational sessions are free; registration is required on the program webpage, <https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/start-your-4-h-volunteer-journey-training/>. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Jennifer Loble, jennifer.lobley@maine.edu, (207) 255-3345.

Winter Wildlife Walk will be held on Saturday, March 1, at Pride Preserve in Westbrook, sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Maine Naturalist, Joan Lundin, will lead participants on an exploration of Pride Preserve, searching for signs of animals including tracks and tell-tell signs of winter meals. Attendees will receive an Animal Tracks of Greater Portland laminated pocket card to keep for future adventures. Pride Preserve features a 3.5-mile trail network through forests and wetlands which offer a very remote, quiet, wilderness-like experience. The program, designed for all ages, will be split into two groups (one for families -best for ages 8 and up; and one for adults). The family program will cover similar themes to the adult program, and also will include a guided scavenger hunt of the preserve. The family program will be from 10-10:45 a.m. and the adult program will be from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is free, but space is limited, and registration is required. Register at www.prlt.org under Events.

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Department's Training Room located at 270 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038. FMI:

Jake Bauder, (207) 607-0370, jake.bauder@icloud.com.

New Ventures Maine offers free online workshops and classes in career building, entrepreneurship, and financial education in February and March. Learn more at <https://newventuresmaine.org/>

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The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are some of the items available. The closet is open only Monday thru Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859

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 or contact us at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street 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.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center meets for games and cribbage on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Wednesday's Guest Speaker program, the Originals, begins with coffee at 10 a.m. then presentation to begin at 10:30 a.m. All welcome, 3rd floor First Parish Church. FMI: leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Sunday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take-out containers available.

LIBRARY NEWS


The North Gorham Public Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 3 – 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Story Hour is every Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Baxter Memorial Library events are listed 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.









UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

The "Life Forms: Grow" art exhibition closes on February 15. The pieces on display were created

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WESTBROOK \$299,900 Plenty of opportunities with this 13,130 square foot lot located in Westbrook's generous City Center District. Solid home that needs updating throughout. Features hardwood floors, wood burning fireplace and an additional 480+/-square feet of unfinished second floor space ideal for future expansion. Break-out your toolbelt and bring your ideas to this remarkable location. Public water/sewer & boundary survey.	BUXTON \$629,900 Brand new colonial offering 4-bedrooms, 2.5 bathroom and a 2-car garage all on a 3.15-acre lot. You'll love this sunlit open floor plan. The kitchen with island and pantry closet is open to the dining room & front living room. A handy mudroom drop-zone has direct access to the garage and a half bath which completes the 1st floor. On the 2nd level you'll find the primary ensuite with double closets, 3-additional bedrooms, a full bath & 2nd floor laundry.	STANDISH \$595,000 Now under construction! This 3-bedroom/2.5-bathroom colonial with 2-car garage is nicely located in desirable Woodbrey Heights. You'll love this sunlit open concept featuring a leathered granite kitchen, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors throughout the first floor and 1st floor laundry. The full daylight walkout basement is perfect for future expansion or for storage. The private rear deck overlooks the backyard which abuts over 41 acres of protected open space.	BUXTON \$469,900 This cape style home offers 1176sqft of living space with an unfinished second floor on a private 5.31-acre lot. The front living room is open to the dining area and kitchen. The primary bedroom has double cedar lined closets. The second bedroom is ample with a single cedar lined closet. A full bathroom with laundry and a jet tub completes the first-floor plan. You'll love how toasty the radiant floor heat keeps your feet. A gorgeous setting in a handy location.	GORHAM \$765,000 Like new, this lovely home offers first-floor living at its finest. You'll love this bright open floor plan with cathedral ceilings over the common living spaces. The living room with gas fireplace is surrounded by custom built-ins. The kitchen has a sizeable center island and quartz counter tops which is open to the dining area overlooking the backyard. This 1.05-acre parcel is tucked away on a professionally landscaped lot with an expansive rear patio.
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by Jackie Brown, Leah Gauthier, Elaine K. Ng, and Ashley Page. They are part of a collective of 12 artists who agreed to hold joint exhibitions in different combinations over a span of several years. The theme of "Life Forms" arose from group discussions in order to give so many independent voices a common direction. The concept was also flexible enough to allow a wide range of interpretations from basic biological functions to musings on the meaning of existence. The idea for the project came to Gauthier during a family trip to the beach. <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/> (207) 780-5409

Due to inclement weather, the Osher School of Music concert, "Valentine's Day with Callie Brennan and Laura Kargul," has been postponed to Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. If you already purchased tickets, the box office at PortTix will send out communication regarding your options. Two upcoming concerts are scheduled in February, Faculty Concert Series: Women in Music, The Influencers on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7:30, and Wind Ensemble Chamber Winds and Percussion, Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Learn more at <https://usm.maine.edu/music/events>.

CALENDAR

- Thursday, February 13**
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 15**
 Baxter Memorial Library Pokémon Club, 10 a.m. – noon
- Monday, February 16**
 Gorham Rec. Kiddie Gym at Shaw Gym, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday, https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=14963
- Tuesday, February 18**
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Make a Puzzle, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 Dogs Dig Reading, 4 – 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 19**
 North Gorham Public Library Story Hour, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Create a Shrinky Dink Necklace, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Thursday, February 20**
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Book Club discussion of "That Librarian" by Amanda Jones, 10:15 a.m.
- Friday, February 21**
 Osher School of Music "Women in Music: The Influencers", 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 22**
 Baxter Memorial Library RPG Club, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 25**
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Book Club discussion of "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26**
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
 How to Access Free News, online and in person, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Officer received a caller's report of a truck with unknown plates that did burnouts on Weeks Road. Gorham units were out of range at the time, but when officer did check there was no evidence in the roadway indicating burnouts were made. The vehicle was nowhere in sight.

Caller reported that suspects were parked up on the pole lines off Fort Hill Road & Huston Road. Officer moved them along.

Dispatch notified officer of a deceased deer in the back of someone's yard in the area of N. Gorham Road. Upon arrival officer found three hunters had already gotten to the deer.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a door and a garage open at the house next door. Officers found nothing of note, but shut the breezeway door and advised dispatch there was nothing out of place, and they think it was the wind that blew the door open.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller had recently gone through a break-up with her girlfriend. The girlfriend has been spreading rumors about the caller. After speaking about her options, officer advised caller to get a PFA (protection from abuse) order.

Neighbor reported suspicious activity at Narragansett St. Upon checking, officer found contractors working. Residence is being renovated.

A missing dog was added to the log.

Deering Road caller reported an individual hiding in the woods, running at cars and throwing rocks. Caller reported a rock hit his vehicle but did not specify if there was any damage. K-9 officer and one other officer patrolled Deering Road anyway and were unable to locate individual.

Officer responded to a request for a tow-out in the driveway from a caller on Horseman Drive in the dark and rainy morning. Caller was an Uber driver, attempting to back out of the driveway. No damage to vehicle and only minor gouging of the lawn.

An individual brought in clothing along with an X-box, cologne, miscellaneous cords and earbuds for another individual. That individual never came back to the Police Department to pick items up. Officer returned items to the individual. Receipt is with files section.

Officer received a report of an injured deer laying down off Cross Town Trail off of New Portland Road by Tink Drive. Caller advised the animal was about 300 yards into the trail. Officer walked a half mile down the trail to the intersection with Skip Trail and all the way back. At no point did Officer see or hear any animals on the trail. Negative contact with the deer.

Caller wanted to make the police aware of an erratic driver. Caller reported he was in a black sedan but had nothing further to add.

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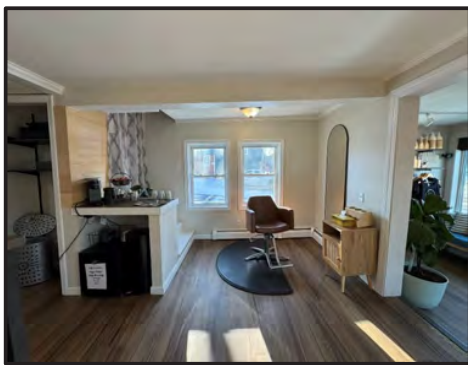
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