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Mercy Hospital to Develop in South Gorham

Bill Ambrose

At the May 4 Planning Board meeting, a developer revealed plans for Mercy Hospital to build a Primary Care medical facility at the former Hansen's Market located at the intersection of Route 22 /County Road and Route 114 /South Street. The development company, Bateman Partners, LLC, has worked with the hospital on other projects in the greater Portland area. Mercy Hospital intends to lease the site from the developers.

Tom Greer, the project engineer from the firm of Pinkham and Greer, told the Planning Board that Mercy was seeking to develop a medical facility similar to those already built in Westbrook and Windham. He stated that upwards of 35 people would be employed at the new care center, serving the South Gorham community, as well as nearby surrounding municipalities.

Greer went on to describe the improvements that Bateman Partners would make to the large site. The enlargement of the parking lots and ambulance access bays are planned, along with several aesthetic enhancements to the façade and roofline of the building itself. Interior modifications would include a division of the large space into smaller areas, and the installation of a dropped ceiling. Greer said that Bateman envisions a future development of the entire site to encompass other medical uses and a day-care center.

Hans Hansen, the former proprietor of the market, retains ownership of the remaining acreage. In a subsequent interview, he stated that he would be working with Bateman and other partners and investors to devise a new master plan for the rest of the property. Hansen said the medical facility would be a great economic benefit to the South Gorham area.

A Site Walk of the project was held on May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Willis – 2009 Gorham Business Person of the Year

Dede Perkins



Photo credit Martha T Harris

Paul Willis was named business person of the year by the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange. Pictured (l to r) David Willis, Willis Real Estate and son of Paul, Jason Beever, the 2008 recipient, Paul Willis and Dede Perkins, Executive Director of GCBE.

Paul Willis of Willis Real Estate was honored as Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's 2009 Business Person of the Year at a reception held at Crockett Interiors on May 7.

Upon accepting the award, Willis thanked his parents for raising children who understand the value and importance of community service. "I would like to credit my parents, Bertha and Rusty Willis, for my being able to be even considered for this type of recognition. I was blessed to grow up in a loving home with parents who valued education and being a positive part of the community. We were taught and shown that we all need to help others, whenever you can, however you can," he said.

Besides being an active member of First Parish Church where he has held a number of leadership and supporting roles over the years, Willis has provided over twenty scholarships to graduating Gorham High School seniors and has served as President of the Gorham Chamber of Commerce. Willis

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Hannaford Helps GHS



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Audrey Laskey, Associate Relations Manager at Hannaford, presented Gorham High School Principal Chris Record with a \$1000 check after Gorham High School received the most "School Dollar" receipts for the Hannaford Helps Schools program.

Middle School Fields To Be Fixed

Bill Ambrose

The new athletic fields at Gorham Middle School will soon be repaired so they will be usable by students and town residents. The two large fields, constructed in summer and fall 2008, have been off limits to everyone as the turf has not properly taken root.

The Town's School and Recreation Departments anticipated that the fields would be ready for their shared use by the spring of this year at the very latest. The situation complicates an already difficult shortage of athletic facilities in Gorham.

Impact fees that the Town collected from builders of new residential properties paid for the fields, built at a cost of approximately \$700,000. Town

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Clifford the Big Red Dog Day

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The Baxter Memorial Library held several activities during the April Vacation week.

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Dear Gorham Times,

We would like to thank everyone involved that helped make a great day this past Saturday at the Gorham Block Party. A very special thanks to Cindy Hazelton and the staff of the Gorham Rec. Department, Lisa at Party Time Rentals, Dana and Dan from Gorham Public Works, Gail Babick from WGAN and Jesse from Gorham Fitness Studio for his artistic abilities drawing the map. The weather cleared off for the ballplayer's kick off parade and Centre of Movement, Stillson School of Irish Dance and the boys from \$1,800 Shoes were just terrific!

Nancy O'Brien
Great Falls Construction

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing in reference to the May 1 *Gorham Times* blotter entry: "Shaw's Mill Road caller reported an auto body shop was not letting them retrieve their vehicle even though all costs had been paid."

The vehicle in question referenced in the entry was towed to my shop in June of 07. I paid for towing of this vehicle, as well as a previous towing. In Oct. 08 I asked owner to remove the car due to impending snow and mud. The owner didn't call back to have the car removed until the car was buried in snow which meant it was impossible to retrieve. In the spring when the snow began to melt, I spent 3 days shoveling out the car for the owner, the car wouldn't start and had 2 flat tires, and this was March 26. At that time I called the owner and asked them to retrieve the car. The owner finally showed up at the beginning of May wanting the car. All charges owed on the car were \$600. I let the relative have the vehicle free of charge to keep peace in the family, (how sad) hope you all see the message in this. To all fellow body shop owners, thank you for taking the time to read this.

Gordon Reichert

NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Marriage Equality in Maine

Sen. Phil Bartlett

On May 6, the Maine Legislature approved and Governor John Baldacci signed into law an important bill: L.D. 1020, "An Act to End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and to Affirm Religious Freedom." Marriage equality is an important civil rights issue, and I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the legislation.

Currently, Maine law recognizes marriage as a crucial building block of our society. As someone who is married with a young daughter, I agree with this. But currently, same sex couples lack many of the basic rights that my family has. These rights include the ability to use properly accrued comp-time to care for a sick or injured spouse, protections under the worker's compensation system, the ability to choose a "joint and survivor" annuity under a defined benefits plan, and the ability to file taxes jointly.

Adapting the definition of civil marriage to allow same-sex couples these rights would provide equal treatment

under the law. As such, it is important to note that this would in no way alter the rights of religious institutions; no legislation would force anybody to change or conceal their religious beliefs. Currently, some religious denominations in Maine solemnize marriages between same sex couples while others do not. With the adoption of this law, churches would continue to make their own decisions on what marriages to recognize.

This issue stirs up many emotions. I deeply respect the convictions of those on both sides of the debate. But when looking at the issue from my perspective as a legislator, an attorney, and most importantly as a husband and a father, it is clear that the time for equality is now. The Legislature's and the Governor's actions make it clear that Maine continues to live up to its motto, "I lead."



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HOT OFF THE PRESS

New Gorham resident Matt Cote picks up the first *Gorham Times* for his wife so she can keep track of upcoming special events. Cote moved here three months ago from Bangor.

Around Town

There have been a few reports lately of dog and skunk confrontations on Wilson Road and South Street. In both instances the skunk turned out to be rabid. Please make sure that your dogs are up to date on their rabies vaccinations and bring them inside if you see a skunk in the area. If the skunk seems to be acting strange please call the police at 839-5581.

There will be a Special Referendum Election and a School Budget Validation Referendum June 9. Absentee ballots will be available May 11. FMI www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Depts/clerk and click Absentee Voting.

State Law requires two separate absentee ballot applications for this Election. To vote in both the Special Referendum ballot and the School Budget Validation Referendum ballot you must complete and return both applications.

The School Budget Validation Referendum Ballot can not be returned to the Town Clerk's office until June 3. Any School Budget Validation Referendum Ballot that is returned to the Town Clerk's office prior to June 3rd must be rejected per State law. Please call the Town Clerk's office, 222-1670 any questions.

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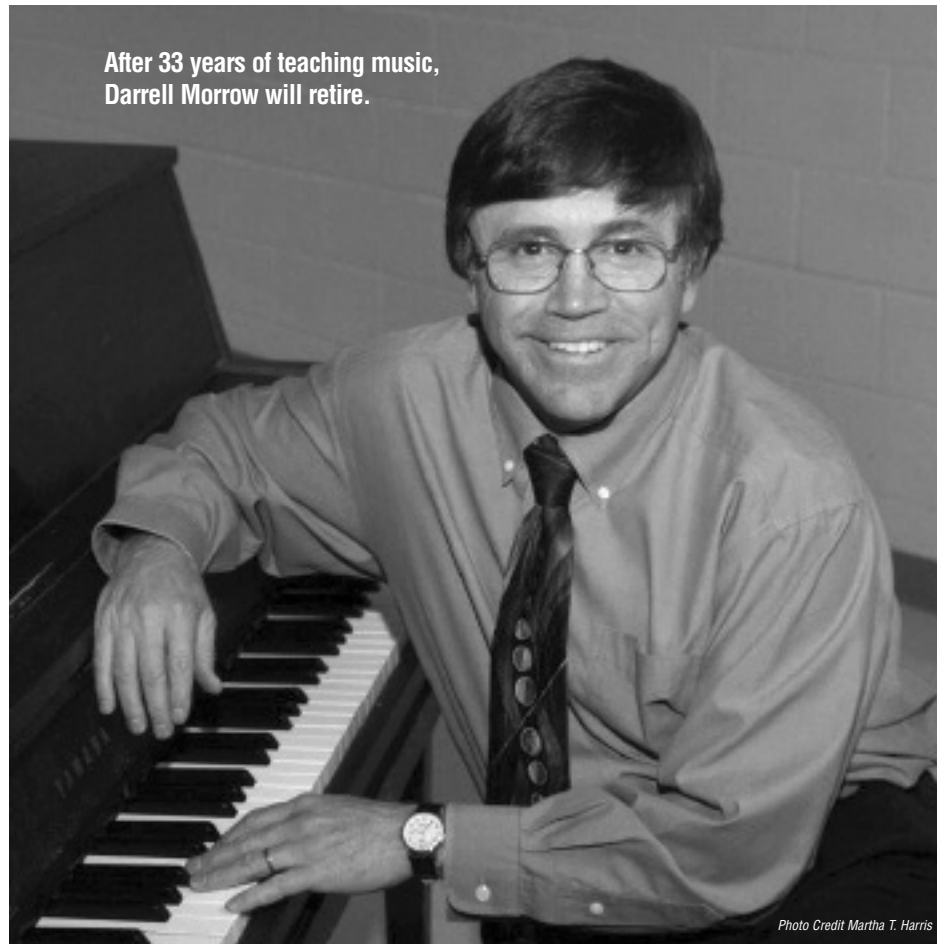
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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Darrell Morrow— For the Kids

Althea Masterson



After 33 years of teaching music, Darrell Morrow will retire.

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Sit down with Darrell Morrow and talk about the music program at Gorham High School, and you quickly realize how much he has given to the Gorham community and why he will be missed when he retires in June after teaching music for 33 years.

A native of Millinocket who came to Gorham from Massabesic High School in Waterboro, Morrow has a life-long love of music and a passion for passing that along to his students.

"I was kind of 'Mr. Music' at my high school," he explains, adding that Millinocket had a strong community theater group. That's where he and his wife, Susan, met—playing in the pit band for a production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Fast forward to 1996—Morrow joined the staff at GHS, with additional responsibilities for the middle school chorus. He credits his predecessor, Chris Peterson, with building a strong program at the high school, particularly the Chamber Singers.

"Some schools have seen a decrease in numbers of students participating in the arts, but that's not the case in Gorham," he said. One reason Gorham enjoys large numbers of students participating in music is because Morrow actively recruits - reaching out to students and encouraging them to give chorus a chance.

Plus Gorham has a long history of impressive talent - from Kelly Caufield as Eliza Doolittle in the high school's production of *My Fair Lady* in 1997 (who is now a regular at the Good Theater in Portland), to Chrissy Albanese as Maria in *West Side Story*. In fact, Mr. Morrow has served as

Music Director for shows that many high schools would never consider performing because of their level of difficulty.

"The musicals are a lot of work," he noted, "but they're also a lot of fun. The biggest challenge is that anywhere from 60 to 80 kids audition. They talk about it all year, and that's great. But the down side is that you have to cut half of them. Sometimes we take more than we need; it can be a life-changing event for some kids, and you want to give them that chance."

While he's proud of all 13 years of shows, he did admit to some favorites, including *Fiddler on the Roof* in 2002, *Footloose* in 2007, and this past March's production of *West Side Story*. "Every year," he said, "we have 8 or 10 kids who are like professionals—we never have a weak year."

As great as the shows are, ask former students what they missed most after graduating, and they are likely to say Chamber Singers. The popularity of the program continues every year and the number of students who audition grows. Mr. Morrow gives coaching classes to interested eighth graders to help them prepare for the audition. Even after graduating, many return to carol with the Chamber Singers over the holidays and to attend Senior Sendoff in June. Both fun and sentimental, Senior Sendoff is the final Chamber Singers performance of the year, when, between songs, Mr. Morrow, or "Deege" as many of the students come to call him, shares memories about each graduating member of the group.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

School Committee Approves Preliminary Budget

Stacy Sallinen

In a special meeting on April 29, the School Committee passed a motion (7-0) to approve the district's preliminary school budget. The motion, outlined in a written document from the Superintendent's office, states that it "approves and authorizes the Superintendent to adopt a school budget of \$29,677,716. This figure represents a 0.0% increase over the FY09 budget and has a -2.7% or 0.28 cents less than the FY09 Budget on the exiting tax base, the mil rate, from 10.40 in FY09 to 10.12 in FY10. This is the only part of the FY10 budget that requires State and Local (Town of Gorham) support."

The School Committee also voted to accept \$535,572 in Stabilization funds (stimulus money). This money will be used for infrastructure improvements, technology hardware and costs associated with the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) program, and the Middle School Laptop Purchase. The district has not yet decided if it will participate in the MLTI program and is exploring another plan at this time.

In late March, the district learned it would be receiving an additional \$551,179 in state subsidy after voting to eliminate 14.7 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions. The additional funds allowed the district to reduce the number of positions eliminated.

The positions restored include 1.5 FTE K-5 Teaching positions, .5 FTE Special Education Teaching position and 1 FTE Classroom Teacher at GMS. Other positions included in the budget are 2 Literacy Ed Techs, one for Village and one for GHS, Literacy Specialist increased to 1 FTE, an additional Ed Tech at WR, In-School Suspension Ed Tech at GHS, an additional Maintenance position, a Technology Support position, 2 additional Technology Integrators, a Substance Abuse

Counselor at GHS and 2 School Resource Officers.

The budget also includes additional nurse hours at White Rock, a time-out room at Village, Virtual High School Software, clerical support to help implement Infinite Campus, School Resource Officer uniforms, gas for police cruisers and upgrades to technology equipment.

In other news:

- Charlie Tryder, GHS Assistant Principal and Larilee English, Behavior Specialist, explained the purpose of the Suspension and Expulsion Committee is to modify or change unhealthy behaviors and to ensure peace and usefulness of the school environment. They recommended that that district should develop a clear definition of suspension, identify consistent data entry methods for recording disciplinary actions, suspensions and their effectiveness, recognize that students may have skill deficits that lead to disciplinary actions, provide professional development around behavioral interventions and support, and collaborate with parents to help them better understand the child's behavior.
- Bob Riley, GMS Principal, discussed the GMS mentoring program which would allow 8th grade students to mentor incoming 6th grade students. The purpose of the program is to help 6th graders become acclimated to ways of the middle school and to give 8th graders the opportunity to lead. Approximately 60-70 current 7th grade students have been identified through recommendations to participate next year.
- Katie Hawes, Special Education Director, and Kathy Hamblen, Assistant Director of Special Education highlighted points from their recent DOE state review: Suspension and Expulsion Data meets standard this year, drop out percentages didn't meet standard due to the way in which withdrawals were processed at GHS, noted strengths from staff interviews, including Response to Intervention process, Instructional Strategist model, parent communication and inclusion, sense of collective ownership for all students, use of data to drive instruction. Noted areas of concern were over budget worries, moving to three K-5 schools, understanding the change in Special Education Regulations, and the need for training in behavior, suspension and expulsion requirements.
- Homework Policy, Child Find Policy and Referral/Pre-referral Policy were all adopted.
- First readings were done on Student Transportation Services Policy and Community Use of School Facilities

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Council Discusses Rezoning of South Gorham

Sue Dunn

The Town Council began with approval of the April minutes.

Open Public Communications

- Matt Mattingly, owner of Pine Crest Bed & Breakfast Inn announced the Second Annual Gorham Taste Walk is scheduled for July 25.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Caldwell reported that the Finance Committee met April 27. They reviewed a list of property tax accounts and wrote off several of them that were under \$500; the remainder will be coming before the full Council. They also discussed rescue billing write offs. A current financial report was received from the Finance Director who also reported on the 2007-2008 audit; it was quite a bit over budget.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Robinson congratulated

local business Jotul North America for earning the Governor's Award for Business Excellence.

Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Cole congratulated Alan Grady of the Rec. Department for being named the Distinguished Young Professional for 2009 by the Maine Recreation and Park Association.
- Boats can now be registered online.

School Committee Report

School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby, reported on the following:

- The proposed school budget has been submitted with a 28-cent reduction to the tax rate from last year.
- H1N1 virus (swine flu) information.
- Village School playground construction is underway.
- Chairman Robinson thanked Libby for all of his communications. Robinson asked if set figures have

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Board Continues to Work On New School Plans

Christine Ludwcizak

The Planning Board addressed anticipated concerns from school parents during their meeting earlier this month, as a public hearing was held around the site plan for the new elementary school off Sebago Lake Road.

A main topic of discussion was location of the building's main entrance. The proposed plan places the doorway on the side of the school, a significant distance from the designated parent pick-up/drop-off area located out front. Chair Susan Robie feels strongly that the distance between the drop-off location and the entrance door needs to be within sight of a parent's car. She expressed particular concern for the younger kindergarten aged children, stating, "I would park my car, get out of it, and take my child into the school if I couldn't see her go through the door."

Board member Edward Zelmanow compared the school's design to that of Narragansett Elementary School, explaining, "Parents at Narragansett are able to drive right up, drop the kids off, and watch them walk in the door with the teacher right there."

Lyndon Keck spoke on behalf of PDT Architects, addressing the board's concerns. He advised that the Department of Education feels very strongly schools should be operated with a single main entrance, as there are special security related issues to this design. The Planning Board wouldn't budge on the need for relocation of the entrance though, insisting the school department work to move the

main entrance, or to revise the plan as to include a secondary entrance at the front of the building.

Additional concerns from the board included noise level generated from the school fields, traffic coming in and out of Stevens Drive, as well as signage around the school, particularly on Route 237. Mr. Keck advised that Route 237 cannot be posted as school zone, but MDOT is willing to work on providing light activated signage, with language to be determined.

Robie expressed her disappointment in the base quote proposed for parking lot material, specifying the need to use quality granite curbing, so that construction could last upwards of twenty years.

Board member Mark Stelmack raised discussion around the need for speed tables on the highly trafficked Route 237, where older students will likely be dropped off. Although valid for safety reasons, it was ultimately determined that if needed, the town would have the ability to install these after building is complete.

An additional public hearing will be held and discussion continued during the June 1 meeting.

Also on the 5/4 agenda was confirmed organization of the board. Members Thomas Fickett and Edward Zelmanow were re-appointed, Doug Boyce was nominated and approved Vice Chairman, and Susan Robie was unanimously voted again to the role of Chair.

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Self Care

Linda Morris

Self care can encompass many things. You might think of things like brushing your teeth, eating well, or exercising. But the reality is that there are many different ways to take care of yourself and the longer the list, the better off you'll be. Your well-being, happiness and health are largely up to you. Sure, genetics play a role, but research finds that lifestyle has a huge impact on your health, happiness, and well-being, or lack thereof.

If you asked 10 people what do you do to take care of yourself, you might get 10 very different answers, everything from "nothing" to "regular massage." Ideas for self care activities are as individual as you are.

Caregivers with young children or elder family members at home may find it particularly difficult to find time for themselves on a regular basis. Family responsibilities make it even more important to take good care of yourself, to refill your own well, so to speak, in order to do a good job of taking care of others. Parents, don't forget that you are setting a healthy or unhealthy example for your children.

This is where the concept "It Takes a Village" can be of great use. Call a friend, relative or neighbor to help out for an hour, so you can take a bath or run an errand without attention-craving kids, dogs, or partners, etc. There are probably some capable older folks in your circle of family/friends who might enjoy watching your young children for a short period of time. You get a brief break, your kids get a little extra attention and the provider gets time with children who are full of life, energy and enthusiasm.

The best self care "plans" are actually

written down in your calendar/schedule book so that they actually happen.

Committing to regular self care is one of the best things you can do for yourself, your health and your happiness. Make it a regular appointment, like going to the dentist - but more often than that - and you will see the benefits. Reduced stress is one of the most common results of regular self care.

Some folks like to keep a journal, a daily entry of what their day was like, special moments in the day, something out of the ordinary, etc. Spending just a few minutes each evening reflecting on your day is a wonderful practice. Thinking of three things to be grateful for each day can improve your health and is a nice way to drift off to sleep.

Think creatively to build in a break. Take a bath, have a massage, go for a stroll, dance with friends or even alone to your favorite music in the living room, write in a journal, do yoga or other exercise, have tea/coffee with a dear friend, write a letter (if you find that relaxing/restorative), sing with a chorus, enjoy the warm sun at the beach, read a good book, create art (if that is pleasurable and relaxing for you) and more. The list is as long your imagination can make it.

Making self care a part of your daily or weekly routine can improve your health and well-being, as well as that of those around you. Doing something for yourself today and everyday can lead to a healthier you.

Linda Morris, owner of Gorham Massage and Wellness, is a licensed massage therapist with 10 years experience. She can be reached at (www.gorhammassageandwellness.com) or at lmorris520@yahoo.com.



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Spreading the Word on Diversity

Sarah Rubin, GMS 7th Grade Teacher

On May 6, the students of the Gorham Middle School Civil Rights Team held a Diversity Awareness Day. The goal was to teach GMS students about diversity in school as well as in the state of Maine. The Civil Rights Team believes that bullying resulting from a lack of awareness is an important issue at GMS, as well as other middle schools, and is striving to educate others on this topic. They also

hope to inspire other students, teachers and schools to plan a Diversity Day at their facility.

Guest speakers from Seeds of Peace, the Attorney Generals' office, the Museum of African Culture, and the Portland Freedom Trails presented workshops during the event and a school-wide assembly wrapped up the day.



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Speakers and student mingle at the Diversity Awareness Day recently held at Gorham Middle School. Pictured (l to r): Noah Kiel, Speaker Tim Wilson, Mikayla Byther, Speaker Wil Smith, Jessica Rowe, Speaker Pious and Jessica Larson.

White Rock Celebrates Principal

Leslie Dupuis

In recognition of Margaret Evans' upcoming retirement, White Rock School will be holding an Ice Cream Social & Open House honoring her 25 years of service in the Gorham schools. The event will be on Friday, May 29, 6-7:30 at White Rock School and is free and open to the public. Margaret recently took a few minutes to reflect upon her time in the Gorham School System and share her thoughts with the *Gorham Times*.



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How long have you been in the Gorham School system and in what role(s)?

I have worked in Gorham since 1984. I began here as a third grade teacher and also taught grade two at White Rock. I worked on a district-wide grant called the ATLAS Project starting in 1992. That is when I first left the classroom. We were involved with ATLAS for three years, and it was a great opportunity for me to spend time learning about school change and to work with educators from many different places in the country. In 1996, I became the teacher leader at White Rock. When Jane Warren retired, I became the principal at both White Rock and Little Falls Schools. After the new middle school opened, we moved third grade to Village and closed Little Falls. White Rock was then my sole responsibility. During all my years in Gorham I have had a special interest in math teaching. I have been directly involved in the K-12 math committee since 1984, have taught math classes and workshops for teachers, both here in Gorham and statewide, and also taught the math course for the ETEP teaching interns through USM. I spent one school year away from Gorham (1998-1999) working as a statewide math consultant for the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance.

What has been your favorite thing about your job?

Wow! That is hard to answer. I have had so many opportunities for professional growth and continuous learning during my years working in Gorham. I

have always enjoyed working with adult learners, whether they are fellow teachers at a workshop I was giving, in a course, or parents coming to an informational night at school. But hands down, my favorite part of any of the roles I have had in Gorham is working with the kids. No matter how gloomy the drive in to work seems some days, when the children come through the doors of the school in the morning, they never fail to cheer me! They are compassionate, creative, eager and loving. I will miss them so much.

Are there any career highlights/experiences you would like to share?

Another tough question. I have always been blessed to work with amazing colleagues, who are dedicated and hard working. We manage to have fun and find humor even during the trying times.

What are your future plans (short term and long term) after retirement?

My husband and I are building a house in Roque Bluffs, a very small town outside of Machias. That will take up a lot of our time. We also plan to travel some. I hope to have time to do some creative work, and have interest in watercolor, quilting, and artists' books. I know I will need to find a way to work with kids, so perhaps I will do some volunteering in schools.



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Once Upon A Mattress



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GMS recently performed *Once Upon a Mattress*, a take on the classic Princess and the Pea fairytale. The musical is the story of Prince Dauntless, his overbearing mother, Queen Aggravain, and his mute father, The King, and their quest to find the perfect princess. For additional information and photos, please visit www.gorhamtimes.com, and click on the School link.

Bike Safe, Bike Smart and Always Buckle Up!

Pat Moody, AAA



Pat Moody (left) from AAA, Buckle the Bear, and Mark Sanborn of the Gorham Police Department presented a bike and car safety program at the recent Village School Student Wellness Day.

Few things are more fun for a child than jumping on a bicycle and exploring the world. A bike is a source of pride and a symbol of independence for school-age children. As the weather warms, Maine's roadways, neighborhoods and bicycle trails become increasingly congested with bicyclists of all ages and safety awareness levels. Every year, hundreds of young bicyclists are killed and thousands more are seriously injured in preventable crashes. The majority of crashes occur when bicycles and cars share the same streets.

AAA Northern New England and Gorham Police Department spent "Health and Safety Awareness Day" talking to Village School children about the importance of bicycle safety. "It's about minimizing risk and maximizing fun," said Officer Mark Sanborn. The educational presentation was a joint effort by the Gorham Police Department, AAA Northern New England and their furry safety friend, Buckle Bear. Topics of discussion included; helmet safety, bicycle maintenance checks, safe cycling tips and seat belt safety while riding in cars.

Did You Know?

- According to the League of American Bicyclist, about 98 million people in the United States own a bicycle. About 700 bicyclists are killed each year in the U.S. Around 96 percent of these deaths result from crashes with motor vehicles.
- In all 50 states, bicyclists are accorded the same rights and expected to obey the same laws as drivers of motor vehicles.
- 85 percent of all head or brain injuries could be avoided if cyclists wore bicycle helmets correctly.
- 85 percent of all bicycle crashes occur within five blocks of home.
- 47 percent of all bicycle crashes occur off the road, in driveways and on sidewalks.
- 90 percent of all deaths to children

Five Basic Steps to Proper Helmet Fit

Measure Your Head Measure your head just above the eyebrows (or as the manufacturer suggest) to be sure you purchase the proper size. Place the helmet on your head and move it around.

Adjust the Fit Adjust the fit with the removable pads. You may need a combination of thin and thick pads to get the best fit. Rock the helmet gently from side to side, then from front to back. It should not move around.

Adjust the Straps Adjust the straps (front, rear and chin) to make the helmet level and snug. The front and back straps should make a "V" that comes together just under the ear. Buckle the strap.

Test the Fit There should be little movement when the head is shaken. The strap should feel tight but should not cause discomfort. You should be able to slide a finger under the helmet.

Fine Tune the Fit Go back to steps 1 through 4 if necessary to get the best fit possible. Practice buckling and unbuckling the straps.

Provided by the Brain Injury Association

- on bicycles occur when they dart into traffic from a driveway or when they cycle through a stop sign.
- Helmets are 85 percent effective in protecting against brain injury.
- There is no cure for brain injury. A blow to the head can change your life forever.
- Parents and other adults are the best role models, so wear a helmet properly and follow the rules of the road...your children are watching!
- A bicycle is a vehicle and MUST follow the same rules of the road as cars.

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Narragansett Musicals



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis



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Narragansett School recently held its Spring musicals. Directed by Gail Thibodeau, the kindergarten musical (inset at right) was named "Singing Through the Seasons" and the first grade musical was named "My America." The second grade musical (above), "A Big Zoo Review", was directed by Jennifer Solari. All three musicals included songs, dancing and instruments and showcased the children's hard work in music class throughout the year.

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DARRELL MORROW FROM PAGE 3

West Side Story in March, you may know that Jon Morrow, now a professional musician in Los Angeles, joined his dad in the pit band for his dad's final show. The Morrow's elder son, Jeff, is a computer software designer who lives in Oakland, CA. Daughter Sarah is also pursuing a career in music and is currently teaching in Boston for a program sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera.

The love of music he passed along to his three children has also made a huge difference in the lives of many of his students. As Matt Slipp (GHS '08) said, "I owe much of my own success in the music and drama programs at GHS to him, and all that I learned there I've been able to take away with me at Julliard." Jessica Ernest (GHS '08) recalled how "...he went out of his way to help me—whether it was playing the piano for me at a competition or helping find the right song to sing, I could always count on his musical genius to be there to support me." And Sammie Francis (GHS '05, Bowdoin '09) credits "Deege" with having "had an enormously important role in my life," adding, "Whenever I'm on stage performing, there's a little part of me that is always trying to make Deege proud."

After 33 years of recruiting kids to give music a chance, of evenings and weekends working with students and practicing for performances, Mr. Morrow is ready to pass on the baton. Looking back, he credits many others for building the music program Gorham has enjoyed. "Lynn Silcox, Joe Henry, Chris Peterson, Nina Bailey - they all did a great job for the kids," he said.

"For the kids"—his signature signoff in e-mail messages to parents and students—that's really what it has been all about for Darrell Morrow. And those kids and the entire community, are all the richer thanks to Mr. Morrow's 13 years at Gorham High School.

been released by the state, Libby replied that the proposed school budget is based on preliminary numbers that should be final but are open to potential change.

Legislative Report

Rep. Jane Knapp shared information from Augusta:

- Natural Resources Committee is working on composting (to alleviate problems with solid waste problems) and windmill projects.
- State employee furlough days will save an estimated 300 positions.
- A reduction in education funding for fiscal year 2011 will have long term effects; federal stimulus funding will only help in the short term. The Taxation Committee and other committees are looking at various proposals. Town Manager Cole asked Rep. Knapp about the bill for the tax exemption granted to hospitals for personal property. Rep. Knapp will report back on this. Chairman Robinson stated that the fiscal year 2011 cuts to education would cause an increase in property taxes and/or cuts to education.

Department Report – Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development Director, Thomas Ellsworth reported on the Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), a nine member board of volunteer citizens. Ellsworth has been the part-time Director since 1995. Ellsworth stressed that even though his position is part time, the Town of Gorham has not missed out on any opportunities. GEDC mission statement is "To promote Gorham as a desirable location for new business and industry and the expansion of existing business." The objective is to broaden the tax base by the construction of new taxable facilities and increase the earning power of the people of Gorham. Ellsworth

reviewed many projects the GEDC has assisted with and noted that the GEDC is not just for industrial park business, they are involved with all business.

The question he is asked most often: "What are you going to do with the vacant building in front of Hannaford?" This is private property. The owner has and continues to make attempts and efforts to do something with the building.

Chairman Robinson stated that there would be a 26% tax increase if not for the industrial park and expressed appreciation for all the hard work Ellsworth and the Board does to increase business in Gorham.

New Business

- Adopted the new Stormwater Management Plan, as presented. 6 years.
- Approved an updated Sewer Service Agreement between the communities of Windham, Gorham and Westbrook and the Portland Water District for the allocation of capacities, costs and maintenance responsibilities. 6 years
- Approve an updated agreement for joint use, ownership, operation and maintenance of sewer collector facilities. 6 years.
- Regarding rezoning in South Gorham, there was much discussion and the concensus was that this issue needs to be thoroughly looked into. Councilor Moulton repeatedly expressed his concerns against spot zoning. All agreed tht the traffic and residential sensitivities need to be thought through. The request to rezone property located at 18 County Road failed 1 yea (Robinson), 5 nays.

To view the agenda and results from this meeting in it's entirety, visit the Town's Web site at www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_CouncilMin/ or view it on GoCat local access channel.



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Dear Citizens of Gorham,

Herein is important information attendant to the proposed FY10 School Department Budget. The transmittal letter serves as the introductory statement to the Town Council with respect to that budget. The letter provides information that has an impact on, and is attendant to, the development of the FY10 Budget, as well as identifying the final budget figures and their impact on the local contribution required to support the proposed budget, specifically the mill rate for FY10. Please note that this budget reduces to mill rate by -2.7% or 28 cents less (\$10.12) on the mill rate than that of FY 09 (\$10.40).

We will be meeting with the Town Council on Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00pm to discuss the proposed FY 10 School Department Budget, with a public hearing and Council action on the municipal (including school department) budget on Tuesday, June 2nd. On Tuesday, June 9th the annual referendum on the FY10 School Department budget will be held.

Respectfully,

The Gorham School Committee
Dennis Libby, Chair

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May 4, 2009

To: David Cole, Town Manager & Members of the Town Council
Fr: Ted Sharp, Superintendent & Members of the School Committee
Re: FY10 School Department Budget

Enclosed and submitted for your review and consideration is the FY10 School Department Budget as approved unanimously by the School Committee on April 29, 2009. The motion passed by the School Committee is included in this booklet.

This budget represents no increase with respect to the local contribution requested to support the total FY10 School Department Budget (\$29,677,716) as compared to the local contribution required to support the FY09 School Department Budget (\$29,677,716), as approved by the Town Council and, subsequently, supported by the voters of Gorham in the school budget referendum of June 2008. Obviously, the District's share of federal stabilization funds assigned to Maine to restore positions and to meet infrastructure needs provides \$535,572 in revenue above and beyond what is required by local and State government (FY10 w/Stabilization funds = \$30,213,288 or 1.8% increase and -2.7% or -28 cents on the mill rate).

You will note in reading the motion approved by the School Committee that they were required to vote on the budget to be supported by local and State funds, and then to vote to accept the Stabilization funds. They are not to be co-mingled. The intent of the Stimulus legislation is that these funds be applied as described herein, and not to supplant the local commitment or contribution to education. This FY10 Budget also results in a reduction in the mill rate for the taxpayers of Gorham, the second consecutive year that the school department budget has either not increased, or has reduced the mill rate. No other school department in Cumberland County has been required to live within that framework for two consecutive years. The proposed budget reduces the local tax appropriation by \$345,179, or a -2.7%, - 28 cents off the current mill rate of 10.40 to a mill rate for FY10 of 10.12.

This budget reflects the work of many school department staff, particularly the Administrative Team. There have been more than twenty-five meetings of approximately three hours each by the Administrative Team dedicated to the task of constructing a budget that supports the District's mandate to provide a high quality, comprehensive educational program for all students, and, to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. As you are well aware, constructing a definitive, meaningful budget in the current economic climate has been, and continues to be, very problematic. As of this date, public school districts in Maine are still awaiting final confirmation of subsidy and stimulus numbers. The SC Finance Committee has dedicated many hours to the FY10 Budget and the full School Committee has, in turn, devoted numerous hours to the development of the FY10 Budget, including a full-day workshop in March.

The development of a responsible budget, one that advances and sustains the Commitment to Learning (District's Mission Statement) has honored the Town Council directive that the FY09 and the FY10 Budget(s) not increase the mill rate. As you know, that directive for FY09 resulted in the reduction of 23 positions (representing \$936,973) with a total of 5.8 FTE teacher positions cut (two of them retirements not filled). Several months ago we were looking at approximately 40 reductions-in-force (RIFs) and, at that time, the administration had several meetings with union leadership to discuss anticipated ramifications of the recession on the District. In December 2008 the State Department of Education (DOE) had informed all school districts that their respective subsidy for FY10 would be the same as it was for FY09. Within a few weeks the DOE exacerbated an already serious and mounting problem for FY10 by directing a curtailment in the existing FY09 subsidy, resulting in a cut of \$348,500 from the school department budget. These actions prompted many discussions throughout the District as we continued efforts to develop a responsible FY10 Budget. Individual school meetings were also held with all school and support level personnel to present the issues and to discuss their possible impact on the District. During the meetings with the leadership of the District's three unions, they were presented with the possibility of no wage/salary and/or step increase for all union personnel. During those discussions we also stated that either all District employees would forego increases, or no one would do so.

Ultimately, we did not formally ask the unions to respond to this possibility because of a favorable turn in certain expense and revenue projections. The fact that Anthem announced a 0% increase in premiums for FY10, rather than the 10% increase that has been the norm over the past few years; the fact that the FY10 subsidy for the District was increased by \$551,600 rather than the aforementioned level funding; the fact that the curtailment monies (\$348,500) were restored by the State; and, the fact that we then applied those funds to minimize the number of actual RIFs, enabled us to significantly reduce the money that had been earmarked to meet our anticipated unemployment compensation costs. And, finally, the fact that the FY10 Budget represents no increase in the local contribution over FY09, as well as providing for a -2.7% reduction (-28 cents) on the mill rate, further mitigated the need to implement a freeze on salaries/wages for FY10. For FY10, the current financial conditions are reflected in the reduction of 15 positions, with a total of 1.98 FTE teacher reductions. With this, there are also 8.3 new positions resulting in a reallocation of our resources to areas of need. As a result, our teacher/student ratios remain very sound.

School superintendents, business managers, the Commissioner of Education, school committee members, municipal leaders, state legislators, and the Governor have met several times during the past few months trying to determine a definitive level of funding for public schools in Maine for FY10, and beyond. The original intent of the Stimulus funds was to provide supplemental funds to the districts for both FY10 and FY11, with the so-called "Cliff Year" being FY12, given that by then there would no longer be federal stimulus funds. The mantra that all of those constituency groups have been adhering to, and one that we have taken most seriously in developing the FY10 Budget, is that Maine schools should not use stimulus funds in a manner that would then obligate the application of local funds to sustain such programs beginning with FY12.

Last week at a meeting in Augusta of representatives of the above named constituencies, the Commissioner of Education indicated that the precipitous drop in projected State tax revenues for FY09 and FY10 has advanced the "Cliff Year" to FY11. She underscored that this makes it even more imperative that the Stimulus funds assigned to the school districts be applied to their intended use, and not used to supplant the local effort. It would appear that the construction of an FY11 Budget (2010-2011) will require additional RIFs for Gorham and

most Maine school districts. The State intends to mitigate any losses for school districts for FY09 and FY10 that may result from the drop in State revenues by holding approximately \$20 million Stimulus funds in reserve.

It is assumed that State and Federal programs such as Title I and IDEA (Special Education) will remain close to their level of previous funding, thereby enabling the District to pay for certain positions out of these grants, as is the norm, and not out of the general budget. We are further aware that there will be Stimulus monies forthcoming directly to each school district from the Federal Government (after July 1, 2009) for Title I and IDEA. The U.S. Department of Education has required that these funds be used solely to advance and support those two entitlement programs. Underscoring the Federal Government's intent to separate American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds from local and state contributions to school department budgets, ARRA funds are not to be included in the Total Summary Warrant Article, as they are funds not raised or contributed to the respective school district's FY10 Budget.

As indicated earlier in this transmittal letter, this budget has been constructed on "Preliminary" State subsidy numbers and Stimulus numbers and both are subject to change if economic conditions and/or revenue projections should worsen. When and if reductions to either one or both were to become realities, we would need to make the necessary modifications to the School Committee approved budget. Given the information from the Governor and the Commissioner of Education as of May 1, 2009, that they intend to use State reserves and a portion of Stimulus funds to keep whole the State subsidy and the Stimulus funds already identified for each school district for FY09 and FY10, suggests that the "Preliminary" subsidy and Stimulus numbers will soon be defined as "Final" numbers.

Included in the FY10 Budget booklet are two summary pages, one including the Stabilization funds in the general budget protocol, and one isolating those monies, as we have been directed by Federal guidelines to track those funds separately.

We look forward to the joint TC/SC budget workshop on May 19th. In the interim, if there you have any questions please do contact us through the Office of the Superintendent or the School Committee Chair.

FY10 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY DOE APPROVED				
	FINAL BUDGET FY09	PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY10	FY10 vs. FY09 % CHANGE	FY10 vs. FY09 \$\$\$ CHANGE
EXPENDITURES				
Operating Budget (without Debt Service)	\$26,585,266	\$26,680,617	0.4%	\$101,351
District Capital Improvements	\$130,000	\$138,372	6.4%	\$8,372
Debt Service	\$2,680,208	\$2,591,519	-3.3%	(\$88,689)
Adult Education	\$282,242	\$260,447	-7.7%	(\$21,795)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,677,716	\$29,677,716	0.0%	\$0
REVENUES				
Local Tax Share - K-12 Education	\$8,847,565	\$9,476,649	7.1%	\$629,084
Local Tax Share - Debt Service	\$702,442	\$672,545	-4.3%	(\$29,897)
Local Tax Share - Adult Education	\$173,242	\$157,447	0.0%	(\$15,795)
Additional Local	\$3,175,263	\$2,244,692	-29.8%	(\$928,571)
GMS Impact Fee Appropriation	\$200,000	\$0	-100.0%	(\$200,000)
Adult Ed. Registration Fees	\$26,000	\$28,000	7.7%	\$2,000
State Subsidy - General Purpose Aid	\$16,372,204	\$16,923,383	3.4%	\$551,179
State Subsidy - Adult Ed	\$83,000	\$75,000	-9.6%	(\$8,000)
State Agency Clients (K-8) - Reimbursements	\$60,300	\$60,300	0.0%	\$0
State Agency Clients (9-12) - Reimbursements	\$29,700	\$29,700	0.0%	\$0
Gorham Municipal Center Maintenance Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	100.0%	\$0
Designated Fund Balance (FY08)	\$0	\$0	100.0%	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$29,677,716	\$29,677,716	0.0%	\$0
Local tax effect				
Local appropriation need	\$12,896,512	\$12,551,333	-2.7%	(\$345,179)
Effect on existing tax base				
MRI rates	10.49	10.12	-2.7%	(\$378)
Property tax base	\$1,299,776,300	\$1,299,776,300	0.0%	\$0
FY10 AMERICAN RECOVERY REINVESTMENT ACT				
	FINAL BUDGET FY09	PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY10	FY10 vs. FY09 % CHANGE	FY10 vs. FY09 \$\$\$ CHANGE
EXPENDITURES				
Federal ARRA Expenses	\$0	\$535,572	100.0%	\$535,572
REVENUE				
Federal ARRA Revenue	\$0	\$535,572	100.0%	\$535,572
Impact on General Fund Budget	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0

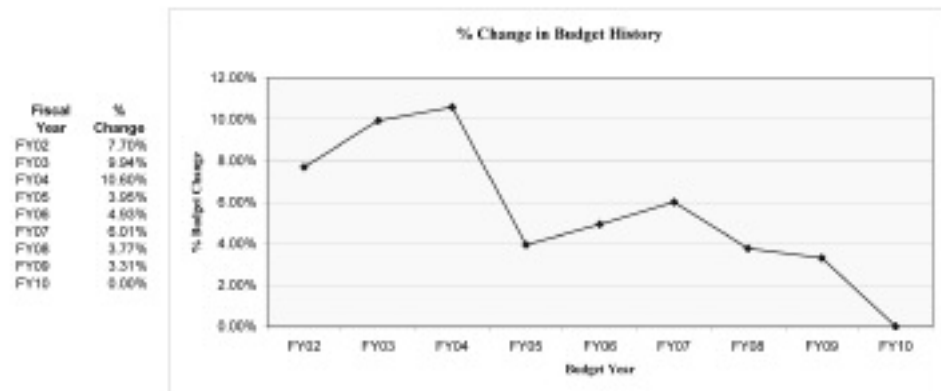
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TARGET AREAS					
TARGET AREA	TARGET DESCRIPTION	FINAL BUDGET FY09	BUDGET REQUEST FY10	FY09 vs. FY10 % CHANGE	FY09 vs. FY10 \$\$\$ CHANGE
1	Regular Instruction	\$12,534,918	\$12,604,107	0.6%	\$69,189
2	Special Education	\$4,684,373	\$4,693,097	0.2%	\$8,724
3	Career & Technical Education	\$327,594	\$371,065	13.3%	\$43,471
4	Other Instruction	\$640,584	\$527,162	-17.7%	(\$113,422)
5	Student & Staff Support	\$1,959,420	\$2,209,348	12.8%	\$249,928
6	Systems Administration	\$642,338	\$638,292	-0.6%	(\$4,046)
7	School Administration	\$1,735,364	\$1,625,255	-6.3%	(\$110,109)
8	Transportation and Buses	\$1,460,531	\$1,381,925	-5.4%	(\$78,606)
9	Facilities Maintenance	\$2,702,558	\$2,775,499	2.7%	\$72,941
10	Debt Service and Other Capital Loans	\$2,680,208	\$2,591,520	-3.3%	(\$88,688)
11	All Other Expenditures including Adult Education	\$27,586	\$0	-100.0%	(\$27,586)
		\$282,242	\$260,447	-7.7%	(\$21,795)
TARGET TOTALS		\$29,677,716	\$29,677,716	0.0%	\$0

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY CENTERS SUMMARY					
COST CENTER	COST CENTER DESCRIPTION	FINAL BUDGET FY09	BUDGET REQUEST FY10	FY10 vs. FY09 % CHANGE	FY10 vs. FY09 \$\$\$ CHANGE
2	White Rock	\$1,348,434	\$1,231,128	-8.7%	(\$117,305)
3	Narragansett	\$3,273,809	\$3,178,262	-2.9%	(\$95,548)
4	Village	\$4,418,666	\$4,460,074	0.9%	\$41,408
5	Gorham Middle School	\$4,928,580	\$4,868,982	-1.2%	(\$59,597)
31	Gorham High School	\$6,887,861	\$7,059,436	2.5%	\$171,575
32	Athletics	\$272,576	\$244,900	-10.2%	(\$27,676)
40	Adult Education	\$282,242	\$260,447	-7.7%	(\$21,795)
90	Superintendent's Office	\$642,538	\$648,992	1.0%	\$6,454
91	Operations and Maintenance	\$1,497,796	\$1,522,494	8.1%	\$14,698
92	Student Transportation	\$1,286,088	\$1,274,172	-0.9%	(\$11,917)
93	Technology	\$449,619	\$590,268	31.3%	\$140,649
94	Debt Service	\$2,882,236	\$2,694,773	-6.5%	(\$187,463)
95	Shared Instruction & Support - Elem.	\$759,561	\$680,819	-10.4%	(\$78,742)
97	Special Services	\$487,248	\$481,822	-1.1%	(\$5,426)
98	Curriculum Coordination	\$102,499	\$88,010	-14.1%	(\$14,489)
99	Shared Instruction & Support - Secos.	\$247,963	\$393,137	58.5%	\$145,174
DISTRICT TOTALS		\$29,677,716	\$29,677,716	0.0%	(\$0)

* Beginning July 1, 2007, the Maine Department of Education required all reports be submitted in a new chart of accounts. The new format requires accounts be broken down into 11 target areas and system wide budgets be distributed to the cost center that the services are provided.

Although we report to the MDOE according to this new model, for us to effectively manage our budget we still review our budget internally by cost center (building/department).

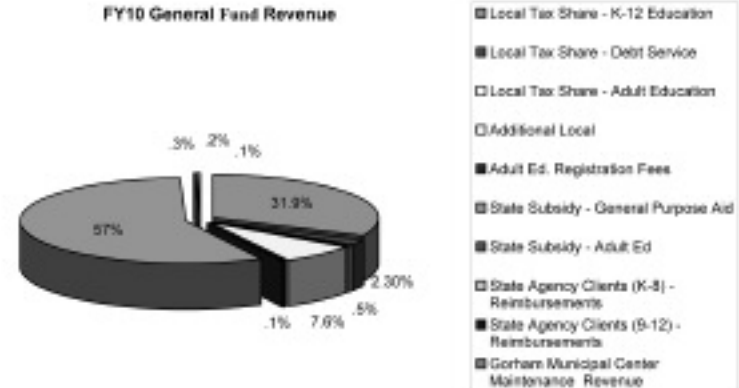
Gorham School Department
Percent Change in Budget History
FY10



Gorham School Department
Revenue Sources
FY10

Revenue	FY10 Proposed Budget	% of Total Budget
Local Tax Share - K-12 Education	\$9,476,649	31.9%
Local Tax Share - Debt Service	\$672,545	2.3%
Local Tax Share - Adult Education	\$157,447	0.5%
Additional Local	\$2,244,692	7.6%
Adult Ed. Registration Fees	\$28,000	0.1%
State Subsidy - General Purpose Aid	\$16,923,383	57.8%
State Subsidy - Adult Ed	\$75,000	0.2%
State Agency Clients (K-8) - Reimbursements	\$60,300	0.2%
State Agency Clients (9-12) - Reimbursements	\$29,700	0.1%
Gorham Municipal Center Maintenance Revenue	\$10,000	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$29,677,716	100.0%

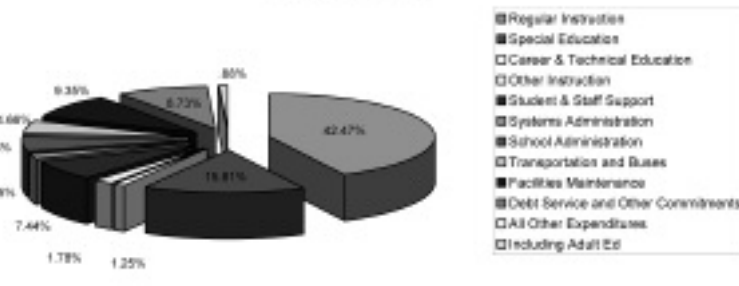
FY10 General Fund Revenue



Gorham School Department
Maine Department of Education Target Areas
FY 10 Proposed Budget

MDOE TARGET AREA	DESCRIPTION	FY10 BUDGET REQUEST	PERCENT
1	Regular Instruction	\$12,604,107	42.47%
2	Special Education	\$4,693,097	15.81%
3	Career & Technical Education	\$371,065	1.25%
4	Other Instruction	\$527,162	1.78%
5	Student & Staff Support	\$2,209,348	7.44%
6	Systems Administration	\$638,292	2.15%
7	School Administration	\$1,625,255	5.46%
8	Transportation and Buses	\$1,381,925	4.66%
9	Facilities Maintenance	\$2,775,499	9.35%
10	Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$2,591,520	8.73%
11	All Other Expenditures including Adult Ed	\$0	0.00%
		\$29,677,716	100.00%

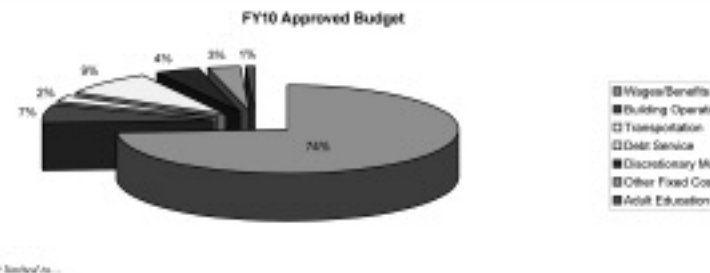
MDOE Target Areas



Gorham School Department
Budget Appropriation Report
FY10

Budget Category	FY10 Preliminary Budget Percent	Description
Wages/Benefits	\$22,138,830	74% District wages, benefits and taxes
Building Operations	\$2,080,275	7% Cost of operating district buildings (low wages, benefits and taxes)
Transportation	\$495,894	2% Cost of student transportation (low wages, benefits and taxes)
Debt Service	\$2,591,520	9% Repayment of existing bonds
Discretionary Money	\$1,080,090	4% *Supplies, equipment, dues, professional development, textbooks
Other Fixed Costs	\$1,030,429	3% *Legal services, audit services, out of district placement, Voc, cogler lease
Adult Education	\$260,447	1% Full cost of operating Gorham's Adult Education Program
Total FY09 Budget	\$29,677,716	100%

FY10 Approved Budget



*Not being but not included in...

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GHS Spring Sports Game Notes Jeff Pike

Girls Tennis – The team was 4-1 through May 6 with wins against Sanford, South Portland, Westbrook and Massabesic...The lone loss came against Portland, 3-2, which was undefeated heading into the match...Overall, the team had won 21 of 25 matches...Junior Hannah Shorty, the #1 singles player, and sophomore Natalie Egbert, the #2 singles player, were both undefeated through the first five matches of the season...The SMAA Doubles Tournament took place the weekend of May 9 while the State Singles Tournament starts May 16. Look for coverage of both in the next Gorham Times.

Girls Track – Through May 6 the team had won both of its four-team meets...In the first meet vs. Deering, Massabesic and Kennebunk, Gorham notched 100.5 points led by freshman Sarah Perkins, who won three individual events (high jump, 100 meter hurdles and 200 meters) and was a member of one winning relay team. Junior captain Emily Southard won the triple jump and pole vault, and she participated on two winning relay teams. Another junior captain, Rachel Wilkinson, won the 800 and was involved in one winning relay...In the second meet against Biddeford, Marshwood and

Portland, the team earned 106.5 points – led again by Perkins, who won the high jump and 200 meters.

Girls Lacrosse – As of May 6, the team was undefeated with wins over Windham, South Portland and Freeport and having outscored its opponents by a combined 45-18...Senior Aimee St. Germain has led the way with 14 goals while senior Ashley Martin had scored 10 goals and sophomore Mia Rapolla scored nine. Through the first two games of the season, senior Aimee Burgos and senior Taylor Sullivan led the team in ground balls with nine and eight respectively while Rapolla and junior Kathryn Whitehead led in draw controls with 12 and 6 respectively...Senior goalkeeper Mackenzie Smith notched 14 saves during the first two games.

Boys Lacrosse – The team was 0-3 through May 6 including a well-fought 9-6 loss at Kennebunk and losses against two strong Cape Elizabeth and Thornton Academy teams...The team has been led defensively by seniors Clayton Loubier (8 ground balls/4 takeaways) and Rob Marean (9 ground balls/3 takeaways)...The trio of senior Duncan Alden, senior Jake Viel, and sopho-

more Kyle Nielsen have combined to win 64% of face offs...Senior goalkeeper Chris Wilcox had 26 saves during the first two games...The captains of this year's team are Loubier, Marean, and senior Ian Ryan.

Softball – Through May 6 the team had won five games in a row after losing its first game, 1-0, to Kennebunk...Over the five-game winning streak, the team outscored its opponents 32-7 with shutouts thrown by senior pitcher Kelsey Crowe against Deering, Westbrook and Noble...Crowe pitched five of the first six games while notching 48 strikeouts...Sophomore Alyssa Clark hit a home run that cleared the right-field fence by 15-feet at Robie Field against Windham. Coach Pete Walker, who is in his 14th year of coaching, said he does not remember any of his players previously hitting a home-run over the fence other than Clark. But he does recall former Gorham player Betsy Hardy hitting one in the late 70s or early 80s...Junior Annie Mitchell had three multiple-hit games among the first six...Against Westbrook, seniors Sara Burnheimer and Chelsea Clark combined for four hits, three runs and four RBIs while senior Rachel Fogarty had an out-

in the Zone

Gorham senior soccer player Molly Folan has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for the University of Maine at Orono. Folan was recruited by the college despite missing her entire senior year due to a knee injury. She was a key player on Gorham teams that won Class A State titles during her freshman, sophomore and junior season and was also accepted into the University's School of Nursing. University of Maine women's soccer head coach Scott Atherley said, "Molly has a great deal of potential because of her athleticism and work ethic. Historically, we have made a living with Maine kids like her. With a bit of time and polish, she will surprise a few people."



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The Maine Recreation and Park Association Distinguished Young Professional Award for 2009 was presented to Alan Grady (pictured below) of the Gorham Recreation Department April 27 at the Association's Annual State Conference. The award is given to a professional in Maine in the recreation field who has demonstrated outstanding performance at the community level through innovative programming, partnerships and civic involvement. Grady has worked for the Gorham Recreation Department since December 2004.



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Weekend GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, May 15

- 4:00pm – Boys Tennis @ Marshwood
- 4:00pm – Girls Tennis vs. Marshwood @ GHS
- 4:00pm – Softball @ Scarborough
- 6:30pm – Girls Lacrosse vs. Portland @ Fitzpatrick Stadium

Saturday, May 16

- 11:00am – Boys Lacrosse vs. Bonny Eagle, site TBD
- 4:00pm – Baseball vs. Deering @ Hadlock Field

For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports, visit www.digitalsports.com

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Basketball Champs



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The Gorham 5th Grade Boys Basketball team won the 2008-2009 Freeport Travel Basketball league championship in March. The team finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and won its last six regular season games. The team then won four straight playoff games to win the double elimination tournament. Playing for the team and pictured from left to right, front row: Cody Elliott, Kevin Brewer, Gerek Brown, Eric Andreasen and Malcolm Smith. Back row: Head coach Lyle Tracy, Billy Ruby, Steven Burns, Colby Sturgis, Sam Kilborn, Trenton Bassingthwaite, Cam Smith, Cam Tracy, and Assistant Coach Craig Bassingthwaite.

SPRING SPORTS FROM PAGE 12

standing diving catch in center field...Fogarty also started a seven-run rally in the fourth inning of the Marshfield game with a leadoff triple and then ended the rally with another triple.

Boys Tennis – The team was 2-3 through May 6 led by #1 singles sophomore Logan Marshall, who won four of his five first matches...Senior Pat Shaw, who was slated to be the #1 singles player before breaking his naturally-strongest right hand, is now the #3 singles player using his left-hand. He won his first match playing lefty on May 6, which was also a 5-0 win for team vs. Massabesic...Also showing improvement for the team has been #2 singles player senior Austin Arena; the #1 doubles tandem of freshman Quincy Owens and Adam Bourgault; and the #2 doubles team of sophomores Blake Speed and Will Ross.

Boys Track – The team opened its regular season with a four-team meet win over Deering, Kennebunk and Massabesic with Gorham scoring 124.5 points, nearly double the points of second place team... Junior Jake Willis led the way with wins in the 100 and 200 meters as well as the long jump...Other outstanding individual performances were turned in by junior captain Cam Stevens, who won the 400 meters; senior captain Luke Seiferth, a winner in the 1600 meter racewalk; junior captain Jon Day, who came in second in the 110m high hurdles; and junior Eric Sawyer, who won the javelin. Other individual winners included junior Matt Walrath in the pole vault, junior Mark Walrath in the discuss, sophomore Jeremy Earl in the 3200 meters and freshman Kyle Nealey in the shot put...Gorham also won two relay events: The 3200 meters with senior Justin Bolinger, junior Mike Walsh, sophomore Foster Blake and junior Adam Hawkes; and the 400 meters with freshman Ben Besanko, senior Brandon Patten, Day and Stevens.

Baseball – Captains for the team this year include seniors Nick Gowen, Alex Libby and

Mike Foley...As of May 6 the team was off to a 1-3 start with all three losses coming against strong teams: Scarborough, Biddeford, and Westbrook...The one win of the season featured a major fete as senior Mustafa Jamal hurled a no-hitter against Sanford April 30 and the Rams won, 1-0. Defensive gems from junior third-baseman Cody Stover and first-baseman Libby were keys to preventing Sanford batters from hit-

thank you



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BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FROM PAGE 1

has coached and sponsored countless sports teams, is a former member of the Lions Club, and for the last eight years, he has served as President of the Gorham Food Pantry.

The Business Person of the Year is an award nominated by colleagues in the Gorham business community. All nominations for Willis mentioned his long-term commitment to the town, and the majority called attention to his work in the last year as President of the Gorham Food Pantry.

"His efforts over the past year with the Food Pantry move clearly established him as an outstanding community business person who goes the extra mile to support a most worthy cause. It was his 'take charge and can-do attitude' that separated him from so many other dedicated and hard working Food Pantry supporters," said Maynard Charron, former Food Pantry Vice-President and owner of Paper Industry Recruitment.

"Paul's role involved an enormous

time commitment, requiring constant communication with Town and State officials for building acquisition, funding, fundraising, contractor coordination, building and construction details, volunteer coordination and just an endless 'to-do list.' Paul truly cares about the residents of Gorham, and it showed with his dedication to this important community project," said Diane O'Neill, Vice-President of the Gorham Food Pantry.

"I've never seen anyone spend so much time and be so dedicated to a project as Paul was with the Food Pantry move," said Fran Doucette, Pantry Director. "When we needed anything done in the move and renovation, Paul would say, 'I know someone who...'. We are very blessed to have him working for the good of Gorham."


Just as his parents taught him, Willis has passed along to his children his belief that community service forms the base of a good life.

"My father has been a mentor to various high school and college students he has employed at Willis Real Estate over the years, as well as the kids he has coached. He has been an incredible mentor to my sister, Jen, and me. I speak for both of us when I say our father is the type of person we aspire to one day become," said son, David Willis.

Donna Reinheimer, President of GBCE, presented the award to Willis and said, "Not only a successful realtor in Gorham, Paul has helped build and sustain Gorham as a community where people want to live and work. We are so pleased that Paul Willis is this year's recipient. He has done a great deal to make Gorham a terrific place to live. A life dedicated to sharing his many talents and passion for his community is what Paul is all about, and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to recognize his achievements."

In keeping with tradition, last year's winner, Jason Beever, owner of C.E. Carll Insurance, presented Willis with the Business Person of the Year traveling plaque.

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What Buyers Want

Real estate agents know that buyers carefully consider the neighborhoods in which they buy homes. With this in mind, a recent National Association of Home Builders' Consumer Preferences survey gives a good indication of the types of amenities that buyers want in the communities in which they expect to live. The top-five list has a decided emphasis on recreation. Topping the list is the desire to be near walking and jogging trails (49%). Second on the list is the wish to be near a park (46%), followed by an outdoor swimming pool (39%), lake (34%), and playground (32%). By making certain to mention any of these features in their neighborhoods, sellers may be able to boost interest in their properties.

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Manager David Cole expressed his concern for the swift resolution of the problem, saying "We're hoping to get to play on these fields as soon as possible."

The engineering firm DeLuca-Hoffman supervised the construction of the new fields. Bill Hoffman, a principal of that firm, stated that the turf problem appears to be rooted in the overcompaction of the subsoil or base, which was laid down in wet conditions last year. This situation has resulted in the turf not being secured enough to be used. Hoffman is confident that the remedial actions to be undertaken shortly will fix the problem and render the fields playable within a month.

A.H. Grover of North Yarmouth, the contractor who originally built the fields, will use a technique known as "deep tine aeration" to break up the compacted subsoil and permit the grass roots to penetrate. This aeration will be performed by a machine brought in from out of state that digs 12-inches into the grass and soil while carefully avoiding the in-ground irrigation system.



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Stephanie and Ross Fyrberg of Gorham, announce the engagement of their son, JASON FYRBERG (GHS '02), to KATY PHILLIPS, daughter of Mary Phillips and Ted Phillips, both of Attleboro, MA. Fyrberg earned a bachelor's degree from Emerson College in 2006 and works as a sound mixer in Los Angeles. A wedding is planned for May 2010.

ELIZABETH DAMON (GHS '05), was inducted into UMaine's Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the UMaine Buchanan Alumni House on April 23. Damon's grandmother, Ruth Ayers of Gorham, is also a member of the Maine Chapter. Damon graduated summa cum laude in December 2008 and will begin a master's program in Counseling and Dance/Movement Therapy at Antioch University in Keene, NH, this fall. She is the daughter of Duane and Pam Damon.



Photo credit Raina Cooper

Daisy Troop 2027 and Brownie Troop 1313 worked together to help clean up Narragansett Elementary School the last weekend in April. Troop members weeded and mulched around perennial beds, raked lawns and planted pansies in barrels in front of the school. Pictured in front row (l to r): Marin Perry, Anna Nault, Lauren Green, Abigail O'Brien, Lydia Valentine, Haley Lowell, Quinn Young, Madison Firmin, Elyssa Johnson. Middle Row: Meredith Maguire, Grace Shimansky. Back Row: Abby Miller, Julie Cooper, Madisen Sweatt, Celia Begonia, Emma Owens, Hannah Dimick, Brittaney Landry, Julia Sturgis, Sarah Tuttle, Laura Bolduc, and Mackenzie Yaskula.

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Shaw of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, JENNIFER SHAW (GHS '99), to JOSEPH PRULELLO, son of Joseph Prulello of King of Prussia, PA and MJ Prulello of Gilbertsville, PA. Shaw, a graduate of Temple University with a BA in Fine Arts, is currently working at Citizen's Bank and the Bahama Breeze Restaurant. Prulello is employed at Concordville Nissan in Glen Mills, PA. A September 2010 wedding is planned.



Local young artist AUTUMN HEIL, a second grader at Narragansett School, submitted a clay sculpture of her cat, Louie, (which she created) to "Artsonia," a student art gallery showcasing child artists and school art projects from around the world. Heil has been taking art classes since she was five years old.



of interest

SAMANTHA DENYSE FRANCIS (GHS '05, Bowdoin '09) has been awarded the Alice Merrill Mitchell Prize at Bowdoin College's annual Honor's Day ceremony. The prize is awarded annually to those who have shown the most skill in the art of acting. Francis is

an English major with a minor in teaching. She participated in the Study Away Program at Butler University- University of Glasgow, Scotland. She is the daughter of Jackie and Gain Francis.

A Chicken Pie Dinner will be served at the First Parish Congregational Church, 1

Church Street in Gorham on May 30 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Adults \$8/Children 12 and under \$5. Menu includes chicken pie, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverages and homemade pies for dessert. Public invited!

There will be an Ice Cream Social & Open House honoring White Rock Principal, MARGARET EVANS, for her 25 years of service in the Gorham schools on May 29, 6-7:30 at White Rock School. Free and open to the public. FMI, 222-1050.

Air Force Airman JOSHUA RANCOURT graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Rancourt, a '04 graduate of Westbrook High School, is the son of Melissa Rancourt of Gorham.

An Antiques Appraisal Fair will be held at the YourSpace parking lot on May 21, 4 p.m. Benefit Ossipee Trails Arts Center. FMI, 839-3267.

The Baxter Library will have a model train display mounted by MaiNtrak at the library on May 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be trains to play with, train crafts and games, train stories and other fun and interesting train activities, as well as children's train books for sale. Recommended for all those who love trains. FMI, 839-5031.

High school seniors or those currently enrolled in a post secondary school and planning to major in environmental studies, botany, ecology, forestry, wildlife management or related fields are invited to apply for the Gorham Garden Club Scholarship. FMI Helen Manderson 839-3630. Applications should be in by 6/01/09.

4-H Beef Project

Sarah Sparks

Six Gorham students who are members of local 4-H beef clubs gathered at FindView Farm on Mighty Street in Gorham recently, to attend a 'fitting clinic' for members enrolled in the beef project. Fitting professional, Chris Payne, of Old Homestead Farm in Hiram, worked with 4-H members, teaching them to groom and showcase their animals to look their best before a show. They learn to present themselves to the judge, to safely hold and turn an animal and set the animal to look its best. For 4-H beef members, the show season is a long one and culminates at the Fryeburg Fair in the fall where animals are either shown and/or auctioned off. Attending the clinic from Gorham High School were 4-H members Dan Smith, 17, Gabby Parsons, 16, Chelsea Burnham, 15, and Samantha Grant, 15. Thirteen-year-old Travis Grant (pictured at top of page 1) a GMS student and 8-year-old Kelton Tanguay were also participants.



Top: Chelsea Burnham (right), learning life skills from Samantha Grant.

Dan Smith (at right), clipping a Belted Galloway.



Photo credit Sarah Sparks

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what's happening



The Baxter Memorial Library provided free quality programs during April vacation week that were well attended and fun for all. On Clifford the Big Red Dog Day, kids enjoyed a special visit from "Teddy" the big, brown dog and made "dog ears," Undersea Adventures of Cap'n Eli author, Jay Piscobo, conducted a drawing workshop, and finally, "Fancy Nancy Day" brought out the fancy in all! See photos above.

Auditions for the USM Youth Ensembles program will be held at Corthell Hall on the USM Gorham campus in May. Students who will be high school seniors or younger in 2009-2010 are eligible to audition. Application and audition reservations must be made on or after May 18 by calling Binney Brackett at 780-5003. Download an audition form at www.usm.maine.edu/music/youthensembles Audition dates are: Strings – May 26, 27, 28; Flute, oboe, bassoon – May 27; Brass, percussion – May 28.

The United Church of Christ at North Gorham starts its season of authentic Bean-Hole-Bean Suppers on May 16 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Beans (kidney, pea, and yellow-eye) are placed in a special stone-lined bean hole in the ground on Friday night and allowed to cook for twenty-four hours. The menu also includes hot-dogs, rolls, homemade brown bread, cole slaw, potato salads, and pies. The beans and brown bread recipes are fifty or more years old! Suppers run through October, always on the third Saturday of the month. FMI, 892-9532 or jel1942@juno.com.

The Gorham Historical Society will hold its May 14 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Gorham Saving's Bank Business Center on Route 202, with a speaker from the new Military Museum in So. Portland. FMI, 892-9532 or jel1942@juno.com.

Join Gorham Adult Education for a trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay on, May 30 from 7:30 – 4:30 p.m. \$45/pp. To learn more about the gardens go to mainegardens.org or call Adult Ed. At 222-1095.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

■ GHS Varsity Sports: Tennis, Softball, and Lacrosse. See www.viewmyschedule.com for full schedule, times, and location.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, United Church of Christ at North Gorham, 4:30-6 p.m. \$7 adults. FMI, 892-9532 or jel1942@juno.com.
- Car Wash behind Gorham Rite-Aid Pharmacy, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Benefit GMS 8th Grade.
- The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Educational Foundation, Inc. Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser, 6 p.m. at the Library.
- GHS Varsity Sports: Basetball, and Lacrosse. See www.viewmyschedule.com for full schedule, times, and location.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

- Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Women's Alliance Spring Event, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Speaker will be Joanna Murphy, President of New England Credit Consultants.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- Babies in the Library, infants to 3 years, 10 a.m. North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-9532.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- Baby and Me for ages 0-18 months, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 months, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Music Together Demonstration Class for infants – 5 years, 1:30 p.m. at Baxter Library. Sing, dance, clap, enjoy finger-plays and rhythmic chants. FMI, 839-5031.
- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12 noon-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- Story Hour for 3-5 year olds, North Gorham Public Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 892-9532.
- Antiques Appraisal Fair, YourSpace parking lot, 4 p.m. Benefit Ossipee Trails Arts Center. FMI, 839-3267.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

- Train Day at the Baxter Memorial Library, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Recommended for all those who love trains. FMI, 839-5031.
- Maine All-State Music Festival, Windham High School. Band at 2 p.m., Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. and Chorus at 5 p.m. Tickets \$8-\$15.
- North Gorham Public Library Annual Book and Plant Sale, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fill a bag full of books for only \$5. and select some special plants for your garden. FMI, 892-9532 or jel1942@juno.com.
- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Rt. 22 and Broadturn Road, 5-6 p.m. \$5/under 3 free. FMI, 839-6972.

MONDAY, MAY 25

■ Memorial Day. No School for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

■ Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- Pops Concert at GHS, featuring the GHS Chamber Singers and Chorus. 7:30 p.m. MPAC.
- Babies in the Library, infants to 3 years, 10 a.m. North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-9532.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Baby and Me for ages 0-18 months, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 months, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Story Hour for 3-5 year olds, North Gorham Public Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 892-9532.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9–11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30–7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church.



A good time was had by all. The Gorham Block Party (above) turned out to be a sunny success. For more photos, visit www.gorhamtimes.com.

Gorham resident and Professor of Music, Bruce Fithian, will direct a Spring Concert on May 17 at the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Falmouth. The 3 p.m. concert is free for students with ID and \$20 for the public.

There will be a Car Wash behind Gorham Rite-Aid Pharmacy on May 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to benefit the Gorham Middle School 8th grade celebration. Donations accepted.



Members of USM Sigma Nu Fraternity, MATTHEW TAGGETT, JAY SMALLEY, BRYAN MARTELL, SAMUEL SMITH, JAKE MARCEAU AND JAMES PEARSONS recently cleaned up Phinney Park as a community service of their chapter. The effort was coordinated between the Fraternity and Town Council member Noah Miner.

Please join the Girl Scouts of Maine parent information night on May 21, 6:30 p.m. at Narragansett School. Learn about scouting opportunities for your daughter in your community.

Cub Scout Pack 74 of Gorham hosts a Car Wash at Rite Aid, Gorham Sat May 30th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 839-7875.

The GHS Girls Tennis team will be holding a Car Wash behind Rite Aid on Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Calling all neighborhoods, civic clubs, churches, youth groups, business and community members: Get your group together and join in this years' Memorial Day Parade on May 25. Visit the Gorham Rec. Dept Web site at www.gorhamrec.com for forms. Participants will line up at 10am at Village School, the parade will begin at 11:00 am. FMI 222-1630

the blotter

Preble Street caller reported that their debit card was stolen and had been used that morning at a gas station.

Church Street caller stated their mountain bike was stolen from their driveway and that their neighbors heard "weird things going on."

Weeks Road caller reported seeing six juveniles with a stool, shovel and black box walk into the woods headed towards the sand pit.

Mighty Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding possible fraud on Craig'slist.

Main Street caller reported a male subject staring at the propane tanks outside for a while.

Huston Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding the safety of their friend who was in a taxi and the driver had been lost for at least an hour. Taxi cab driver was going through mail boxes looking for the address.

Buck Street caller reported someone yelled at them telling them to slow down

as they were driving by a residence. The male also threw a large tree limb at their vehicle causing damage.

Bee Happy Way caller reported that someone stole their Bee Happy Way sign.

Sebago Lake Road caller advised their kids were outside playing and saw a male subject stumbling around in the cemetery.

Narragansett Street caller reported the motor from their chipper was stolen.

Caller reported a car ran over a turkey and did not stop.

Preble Street caller reported a loud party, with hollering, and fighting.

Robie Street caller reported a house that appeared to be blocked off/run down and had a van in the yard that hadn't been registered for two years.

Evergreen Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an article they read in the paper regarding an individual being a member of the Iron Horsemen.

Students Live-in Fire Stations

Carol Hammond, SMCC Communications

Next week, nearly 40 full-time Southern Maine Community College students from as far away as New Jersey will compete for highly coveted student live-in assignments in local communities as part of the SMCC Public Safety Student Live-In program. Gorham Resident Steve Willis, Fire Science faculty member, is the Live-In program coordinator.

Aspiring live-in students have submitted application packages and letters of recommendation and will sit for an interview with representatives of Southern Maine host communities Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Gorham Municipal Center. Thirty-one students will be chosen and assigned to 24 area fire/rescue stations. Students become "paid on call" members of the community's fire/rescue department, and must complete up to three weeks of firefighting and emergency medical training before the College's fall semester begins.

In the fall, the students will join local responders protecting nearly 200,000 greater Portland citizens. During the school year, live-in students respond to hundreds of emergency incidents as well as assist with fire prevention and other fire/rescue department services.

"This program is a win-win-win for the students, the communities and the college," said Willis. "The students save money on housing because they live for free in the stations; and they receive hands-on training, experience and coaching from Fire Department members that really complements their classroom lessons."

The SMCC Public Safety Student Live-In program is entering its 21st year of service. It began with four students - two assigned to a South Portland fire station, and two in Scarborough. Participation has grown steadily to more than 60 student assignments. FMI contact Steve Willis at swillis@smccme.edu or 207-741-5808.

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