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Gorham Fire Department Takes On Plan Reviews

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Gorham is one of three communities in the state that has been approved to do reviews for developers who are planning new commercial buildings and places of assembly as well as renovations to existing commercial property for compliance with 101 Life Safety Code. The town will also be able to then issue construction permits. Fire Inspector Chuck Jarrett has been certified to do plan reviews. Deputy Chief Ken Fickett and Mark Theriault will be completing their certifications shortly.

With the amount of construction taking place throughout Maine, developers are being advised that the Fire Marshal's office needs up to an estimated 8-12 weeks, or even longer in some cases, to review plans.

"The Gorham Fire Department should be able to review these plans in two weeks or less," according to Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre. The cost to the developers will remain the same, \$.05 per sq. ft. of the project. Gorham will keep \$.04 and \$.01 will go to the State.

It will not be mandatory for developers to use the Gorham Fire Department for these reviews, however, the turn-around time is quicker, particularly if something changes during construction. In the past, any changes would have meant going back to the State for further review.

Developers can now come to the Town and an inspector can visit the work site and issue immediate approval for changes. "This change means better customer service and gives Gorham an advantage over other communities as developers won't have to potentially wait up to 12 weeks for their approvals," said Zoning Administrator David Galbraith.

Gorham Sightings



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What's on Your Ballot?



KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Four statewide referendum questions are on the November 7 ballot. Gorham voters also will elect four School Committee members, vote to fill two positions on the Town Council, and vote for a Portland Water District trustee.

Question 1 is a citizen initiative question that asks voters, "Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?"

The Maine Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election explains that the question is written so that only one company meets criteria that would make it eligible to receive the license if the referendum passes. The location of slot machines or a casino would need to be approved by voters

in the municipality where they would be located.

A percentage of the net profits (39% for slot machines, 16% for table games) would be turned over to the state for specific programs. For example, the State Department of Education would receive approximately 10% of these monies.

Question 2, also a citizen initiative, asks voters, "Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide health care coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two?"

This expansion of Medicaid, which is now available to disabled people and adults over 65 who have income and assets under a certain level, would make health care coverage available to qualified adults (meeting existing residency and citizenship criteria) who are under age 65 and meet

these income restrictions. According to the State Office of Fiscal and Program Review, "when fully implemented, this initiative is anticipated to require net annual appropriations from the General Fund of \$54,495,000. Federal costs would be around \$525,000,000."

Question 3 asks voters if they favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue to improve highways, bridges, other transportation infrastructure, and upgrade municipal culverts. It would be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds. This referendum was approved by two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature.

Question 4 asks voters to amend the Maine Constitution to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by financial markets by increasing the length of time losses are amortized from 10 to 20 years. Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature voted to propose the amendment.

More information on all ballot questions is available in the Maine Guide to the Referendum Election which can be accessed on the State of Maine website.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 7. Residents of Ward 1-1 vote at the Middle School, Ward 1-2 residents at the Little Falls Activity Center, and those in Ward 2 at the Municipal Center.

Absentee ballots for the November 7 election are available now at the Gorham Town Clerk's office. Residents may register to vote when they pick up a ballot. To have a ballot mailed to their home, registered voters may apply online or request one by calling the Clerk's office at 222-1670.

Market Winds Down for the Season



Photo credit Michael Kennedy

The Gorham Farmer's Market finishes up for the season on October 28. Vendors are still on hand offering a variety of veggies, meats, poultry, pork, honey, granola, English Muffins, breads, apples, soaps and beautiful fall flora, too. Don't miss the opportunity to support local farmers and artisans. The market runs on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., rain or shine.

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Programs to Fight Intergenerational Poverty

SEN. AMY VOLK

Children are our most precious resource. We hear this so often, it's become cliché. However, the reality is that in the state with the oldest population, Maine children truly must be treated like our most precious resource.

To do so, we need to look beyond simply adding money to K-12 education. "2Gen" is a new approach to fighting poverty that does just that by focusing on meeting the needs of parents and their children together in order to help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. A collection of experiences and conferences I've attended this fall has convinced me that the most effective way to truly prioritize young lives is by improving parents' capacities.

We know that the wellbeing of a child is tightly linked to the wellbeing of their parents. As such, policies that stabilize family finances and increase earning capacity will benefit children and are critical to Maine's economy as employers cry out for workers. Sadly, globalization has de-industrialized and de-populated much of rural Maine. I have often said that poverty is poverty; however, poverty in rural Maine is particularly mean.

Critical resources may be dozens of miles away rather than down the block. Without access to reliable transportation and affordable, trustworthy childcare, parents cannot work even if they are capable and willing. Couple that with inadequate housing and you begin to

understand how families can fall apart. Marry all those risks with substance abuse, and you have a recipe for disaster.

McAuley Residence, founded in Portland by Mercy Hospital 30 years ago, has developed an extremely effective transitional housing program for women with and without children who are in recovery from substance dependency. Women work with community providers to grow their capacity as responsible citizens, loving parents and capable providers. They are surrounded with support and yet held highly accountable, with an immediate commitment of at least 32 hours a week spent in productive activity.

Initially, this can be as simple as attending group or journaling, but eventually they must progress to working or attending school. Financial literacy, cooking and parenting classes are also part of the mix. The average stay is less than 18 months and 80% of program participants are successful long term.

Another promising, but much newer program operating in Maine's poorest county is Family Futures Downeast. According to their website, "Parents come with a legacy of generations of poverty, trauma, exposure to violence, substance abuse and addiction, and often a profound loss of hope generated by those experiences. FFD's 360-degree supports help to ensure students' basic needs are met and combine with intensive, structured coaching that builds

skills and gives parents the opportunity to imagine and pursue the future they want for themselves and their children."

Successful "2 Gen" programs which require the difficult 'braiding' of various funding sources will be easier to establish with the passage of important bi-partisan legislation introduced in Congress by Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine).

The "Two-Generation Economic Empowerment Act" seeks to encourage programs that take a multi-generational approach, give communities and states more flexibility in developing targeted programs and increase funding for projects with a proven success rate.

It has been 50 years since President Johnson declared the War on Poverty. In spite of the trillions of taxpayer dollars that have been spent on welfare programs, the poverty rate has remained largely unchanged. It is time for us to go beyond picking up the pieces of broken families; we need to fund programs that equip them to be successful.

This approach may initially seem expensive, but it is well worth the investment so we can finally begin to break the cycle of poverty that traps too many Maine families, robbing our collective future.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank all for committing, endorsing and signing my Nomination Paper for The Town of Gorham's Portland Water District Trustee and allowing me to be placed on the November 7th Municipal Election ballot.

I need to ask for Gorham's help again. Please cast your vote for me on November 7th. Even though I am running unopposed, I do not want to make the same mistake that Randy Richardson made in his bid to run for the Riceville, Iowa school board in 2015. Richardson, running unopposed, lost the election because no one voted for him or anyone for that matter.

Paradoxically, all of his district's 122 registered voters did not place a single vote for a new school board member in the ballot box. It seems Randy was so confident in an easy win he stayed home to tend the crops and didn't vote.

In the next few weeks, I will be campaigning by knocking on as many doors as I can to introduce myself and hear your comments and concerns about the Portland Water District.

Together we need to send a Gorham resident to represent us as a Portland Water District Trustee. Let's not stay home to tend the crops! All our votes matter!

Thanks again!
Tom Grant

Dear Editor:

Rarely have we had the opportunity to have the caliber of someone with the proven ability to evaluate complex issues and deliver the best possible solutions for Gorham Schools and taxpayers. Someone with the educational, operational and leadership experience proven in diverse situations, Bill Benson, who will apply his exceptional skill set is that person. Someone who has a vested interest (one graduate and two more children attending our Schools). Join me and all that know Bill in supporting him for School Committee by voting for him in the November 7th election. Gorham Schools, students and taxpayers need him.

Jim Means

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Of Interest submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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ON THE SQUARE



Dr. Kelsey Wilson: Selfless Service to Those Who Serve



Photo courtesy of the Wilson Family

Dr. Kelsey Wilson at her graduation from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine with her parents Sandra and Douglas, and sister, Lindsay.

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Those who knew Kelsey Wilson (GHS '07) as she was growing up in Gorham will remember her as a force to be reckoned with in the classroom and on the soccer field, as a member of a three-time soccer State Championship team, who was named a High School All-American. Some things never change as Wilson is still pushing boundaries.

United States Air Force Captain, Dr. Kelsey Wilson has completed medical school and is currently an Internal Medicine Resident Physician, providing medical care to service members and their families. Wilson said, "There is nothing more rewarding than being able to go to work every day and care for those who are sick. Being a military physician is a way for me to give back to those selfless individuals who serve our country."

Wilson graduated from University of Maine at Orono, where she majored in Biological Engineering with a Pre-Med minor. She also played Division I soccer for the Black Bears, captaining her senior year. She was selected to the America East Honor Roll and was named a UMaine Scholar-Athlete silver medalist. Following graduation in 2011, she stayed at UMaine for a year doing research in biological engineering as well as being an assistant coach to the women's soccer team.

Toward the end of her undergraduate studies, Wilson began to think seriously about going to medical school. "I realized that I was very passionate about helping others and supporting people and their families through difficult times," said Wilson. The following year, she moved to Boston to study for the MCAT in preparation for medical school. During that time, she gained experience at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a Pulmonary Function Technician.

In 2014, Wilson decided to join the military as part of a Health Professions Scholarship Program through her medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in spring of 2017. Wilson credits retired Air Force Lt. Col. Bruce Ballantyne,

of Gorham, with helping her with the huge decision to enlist. "He was the one who swore me in for my commissioning ceremony in 2014 and he has been there for me every step of the way since," she said.

Also influencing her decision to enlist was her realization that she had been missing the goal-oriented teamwork she had so much enjoyed in sports. She thought that the military could offer that type of atmosphere, as well. Wilson believes that being an athlete and knowing how to work as part of a team has really benefited her in her career. "Sports helped teach me the important aspects of working together, motivating teammates, and working towards goals as a unit that is essential in the medical field and in the military," she said.

Wilson is also grateful to her parents who have been wonderful role models and mentors. "They have always motivated me and encouraged me to chase my dreams. They taught me the true meaning of dedication, how to set goals, and to never give up. I would not be where I am today without their never-ending love and support," said Wilson. She gives special thanks to Tom and Mary Patterson who were like second parents to her throughout medical school while her parents were living overseas.

Wilson would also like to acknowledge Gorham teacher, Mr. Gulovsen, who supported her academically and athletically through her high school and collegiate career. She said, "I know I speak for a lot of his old students, when I say that he is a very positive and optimistic person who loves to support the successes of his students."

Dr. Wilson currently lives in Beavercreek, Ohio and is stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. While her 60 to 80 hour work weeks don't allow for much free time, she and her boyfriend, Jordan Johnson (BYU graduate and current student at the police academy in Ohio) enjoy exploring the new area they call home.

Wilson is the daughter of Sandra and Douglas Wilson. Sister, Lindsay (GHS '10) is currently living and working in Boston in Real Estate and Private Equity.

Speak Out Gorham



The Gorham Times recently introduced a new feature, Speak Out Gorham. Our staff of volunteers will periodically invite readers to share their thoughts and opinions on a selected topic or question. Readers who respond must do so in less than 100 words, and present his or her position in a clear, concise, well-reasoned manner. Our goal is to allow you, our readers, a chance to sound off on a variety of topics. Good hearted humor is encouraged. Suggestions for future topics are also welcome.

How have I coped with the Rt. 202 bridge closure?

By adapting an attitude that it made sense;

The extra mile of travel, and the extra time it takes are more than made up in savings by;

No need for traffic control people.

No need for temporary traffic control lights. (Time lost in the extra

mile is more than compensated for by no waiting in line at site.)

Safety considerations for traffic passing through the construction site.

Safety considerations for the construction workers.

Ability to construct complete sectional units rather than piecemeal.

Avoidance of many "rules" involved where public is not restricted from the site.

John Labrecque

Running Around the World

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

For science buffs, 24,901 miles is the distance of the circumference of the Earth. For Nick Kirby, age 68, it represents the fulfillment of a long-held goal. After 39 years of running, he has logged enough miles, (24,902 to be exact, meticulously kept in his runner's logbook) to have circumnavigated the globe.

Kirby does not fit the standard vision of a runner. At 6' 2" and hovering somewhere north of 200 pounds, he looks more like a linebacker than a runner. Over the years, his speed has dropped from 8 minute miles when he was in his 30's to 10 minute miles in his 60's, but he still runs several times a week, no matter the weather, whenever and wherever he can.

Running has never been about speed for him...he has run the Beach to Beacon with his son, Kyle, a few times, but he has never been interested in competitive racing.

For Kirby, running is a great way to learn about himself and about the world. By his count, he has run in 34 states, three European countries, five Caribbean Islands, Canada, Mexico, and Costa Rica. He hopes to add to that list when he retires and has more time to travel.

He is partial to running bridges, in fact he has never met a bridge he didn't want to run. This has led to some spectacular views as well as some unexpected consequences, like the time he found a body while running under the George Washington Bridge between New York and New Jersey.

After logging miles running all over the world, it is fitting that Kirby met his goal of running around the earth by running from his sister's house in Goreville,



Photo credit Chris Crawford

Gorham resident Nick Kirby is pictured in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, CA.

Illinois, the tiny town where he was born, to the farm that his grandfather owned long ago and then back to his sister's.

Here is the Zen of Running according to Nick Kirby, who has many more miles to go:

- The "meditation" of long term running enhances life.
- Exploring wherever you happen to be via running can be a great adventure.
- Running by yourself is refreshing and facilitates deep thought.
- Having a friend you run with for many years makes life richer and makes that person a very important friend – you share many life events and insights.
- Learning to live with and to manage injuries is necessary and character-building.

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Consider Your Investment Strategy at Each “Season” of Your Life

AL TARKINSON

Fall is officially here — and if you are like most people, you are probably wondering how summer went by so fast. Trips to the lake or the beach are fading memories now, giving way to helping kids with homework, raking leaves and the other rites of autumn. Just as your day-to-day tasks change with the seasons, so, too, will your money management and investment activities at different phases of your life.

Here is how these scenarios might look:

Phase one: Planning for possibilities — When you are young and just starting out in the working world, your most immediate financial concerns may be to pay off student loans and then, possibly, save for a down payment on a house.

To address both these goals, you will need to budget carefully. But even at this stage of your life, you should start thinking about saving for retirement — because time is your biggest ally. If you work for an employer who offers a retirement plan, such as a 401(k), contribute what you can afford. At the very least, put in enough to earn your company’s matching contribution, if one is offered. You may also want

to open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Phase two: Gearing up for other goals — As you move through life, and possibly begin a family, you will likely develop other financial goals, such as helping your children pay for college. You may want to consider investing in a tax-advantaged college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. Also, it’s important to have enough life insurance to protect your young family.

Phase three: Ramping up for retirement — When you reach the mid-to-later stages of your working life, you may find you have more financial resources available, as your earnings may have increased significantly, your children have grown and your mortgage may even be paid off. If you are not already doing so, “max out,” if possible, on your 401(k) and IRA. And if you still have money available to invest, you may want to look for other tax-advantaged retirement vehicles.

Phase four: Reaping the rewards — Now it’s time to enjoy the results of your lifetime of hard work and years of saving and investing. You may have to tap into your retirement accounts, so you will need to choose a sustainable annual withdrawal rate. The amount you

withdraw each year from your IRA and 401(k) depends on a variety of factors: how much you have saved, the lifestyle you have chosen, your estimated longevity, how much you have available from other sources, and so on.

Phase five: Examining your estate plans — During your retirement years, if not sooner, you will want to review your estate plans so that you can leave the legacy you desire. If you have a need to create or update your legal documents, such as a living trust and durable power of attorney, you should consider consulting a qualified estate-planning attorney.

You will need to make the appropriate financial and investment decisions at many different times over the years. This may sound daunting, but with diligence and discipline, you can discover the path to take as you move through the seasons of your life.



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Driver Safety After Dark

ETHAN JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

We live in such a wonderful community here in Gorham and it’s exciting to see the changing landscape. New businesses are coming in, existing businesses are making improvements, and new developments are popping up left and right. There is no doubt that Gorham is growing. The thing that makes Gorham so special though are the people. When you drive around town it is great to see all the kids riding bikes, playing sports, and having fun. As the father of two young children, and a risk management professional, safety is always on my mind.

The approach of autumn brings less daylight, which results in an increase in traffic accidents. In fact, as drivers are not used to the decreased visibility, traffic accidents are three times more common after the sun goes down than during the daytime—both for drivers and pedestrians. The risk of traffic accidents increases by nearly 33% after sunset.

Studies suggest that it can take several days to adapt after daylight saving time ends. Although the extra hour of sleep is often celebrated, many people still feel fatigued. Whether you drive for your job or commute home from work in the evening, it is important to remember the following safety tips:

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

South Gorham Baptist Church—53 County Road (Rt. 114), Gorham

Tuesday, Nov 7th 8:00p-11:00p: Smart Money Conference

Join us for a free Dave Ramsey Smart Money Conference hosted LIVE from Phoenix! A fabulous opportunity to improve your finances and the way you handle money, and it’s being offered at no charge. Tickets usually start at \$40 when attending in person, but Dave is offering a free live stream from his Phoenix Smart Money Tour. Visit our Facebook page for more info and to sign up! Plan to arrive at 7:45p and enjoy some refreshments as you settle in for an informative evening!

Friday, Nov 24th 8:00a-1:00p: Blood Drive / Food Drive

Share your gratitude for the season by donating blood at South Gorham Baptist Church on Black Friday, November 24th from 8:00A-1:00P. Breakfast will be served. If you are unable to donate, swing by with a food donation for the Gorham Food Pantry and join us for breakfast. Visit SoGoBap's Facebook page or www.redcross.org and enter 04038 into the zip code field to sign up!

Saturday, Nov 25th 9:00a-12:00n: Free Gift Wrapping!

Swing by SoGo anytime from 9:00a-12:00n with your Christmas purchases and relax with some coffee or hot cocoa and cookies while we wrap your gifts for you. No need to RSVP or reach out in advance—just come in!

For more information on any of these events, visit our SoGoBap Facebook page!

For any of these events, pull into main parking lot and park in back of the building.

Town Council Candidate Profiles

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Further information was not provided to the Gorham Times.



Full Name: Suzanne E. Phillips
Address: 108 Harding Bridge Rd

Education: Gorham High School; Gordon College; B.A. in Art Education from USM; SMCC Early Childhood

Personal: Married

Employment: Nanny, Art Teacher at Westbrook Community Center, Photographer

Political and community experience: School Committee 1 term, Finance and Personnel; Town Council 1 term, Policy and Personnel; Public Safety Building Committee, High School Building Committee, Little Falls Rec Area Master Plan Committee, Gorham Historical Society President, YoungLife Board Member, Gorham Taste Walk Coordinator, and Gorham Founders Festival Committee

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

Our community faces two key issues: Residential growth and capital projects for the Town and School. Planning for residential growth and capital projects should be the primary topic in this election. Bringing the Town Council and School Board together, to create a comprehensive Capital Plan, will be an area I advocate for in this three-year term. Serving on both the Town Council and School Committee has given me the opportunity to see where the needs of Gorham reside, and the perspective of how a growing community can weigh on the limited resources of a town. Our community has come together and grown stronger over the years, and as we continue to grow, let's strive to continue to plan and build a strong and vibrant Gorham together.



Full Name: Lee R. Pratt
Address: 16 Elliott Rd
Education: Husson College (Now University), B.S. Business Administration with a concentration in finance

Personal: I have lived in Gorham my entire life. My wife Nicole and I are raising two children who are students in the Gorham School system. I think Gorham is the greatest town in the state and with some small changes we can continue to preserve our way of life and keep our tax base stable.

Employment: CFO of ODAT Machine Inc. in the Gorham Industrial Park

Political and community experience: Current member of the Gorham Planning Board overseeing the town's current building projects. I am also on the Planning Board ordinance committee overseeing and recommending changes to the Town Council regarding ordinances and land uses.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

1) We need to grow smart. This is not to say we need to stop growing, but we need to look at our town as whole and decided what our priorities are. Take Portland as an example. They have grown to a point of having no remaining land and now people barely can afford to live there. We need to look at our current land uses and stop putting as many housing units possible in small densely populated area. We are overcrowding our current infrastructure. Increases to house lot square footage is a way to allow growth but control the amount of structures. If we can stabilize growth, small changes to the school system and infrastructure will be effective instead of major expenditures.

2) Gorham needs to attract and retain more business. Businesses use minimal town resources, help stabilize tax rates and provide jobs to residents. We have seen a slight increase in business but more needs to be done to attract new businesses in town. Making our town more business friendly through TIFs or having the economic development committee assist with financing is a good start to increasing business. It will not be fast revenue but will be long term value for the town.



Full Name: Ronald W. Shepard
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Education: Graduate of Gorham High School; Associate Degree in Law Enforcement, S.M.C.C.; Bachelors Degree in Vocational Technology, U.S.M.; Graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, Quantico, VA

Personal: Married with three children

Employment: Retired from Gorham Police Department 2014; currently employed part-time at Cabela's

Political and community experience: Currently serving on the Town Council, Member of the Gorham Historical Society, Lifetime member of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, and former member of the Gorham Fire Department

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

1) Gorham High School renovation: The School Department is currently exploring the need to renovate the current high school to meet the expected increase in student population. The full cost of the renovation will be on the local taxpayer, with no funding from the State of Maine. This fact will have to be kept in mind as the Town Council, building committee, staff and other involved persons meet to discuss and plan for the true needs of this project.

2) Work to increase the diversity of the tax base: By increasing the commercial and industrial base within Gorham, we are able to move some of the tax burden away from the homeowner. Businesses have less of an impact on the need for services than residential development does. We must ensure that the procedures that are currently in place are not a hindrance to attracting viable businesses into Gorham.

3) Senior Tax Assistance Program: The Council and staff are currently working to implement a tax relief program for Seniors. This program would be similar to those that are currently being used in the towns of Scarborough and Cumberland. Rising taxes are a primary concern for many Seniors and this program would be very beneficial.



Meet the Candidates October 24, 25 & 26

Tuesday, October 24, GOCAT Studio, Gorham Municipal Center, 7 p.m., Town Council candidates will have an opportunity to share their positions on issues as well as take part in a moderated Q & A session. Seating space is limited to 25. Please contact GOCAT at 222-1641 or gocat@gorham.me.us to reserve a spot.

Wednesday, October 25, Council Chambers, Gorham Municipal Center, 6:30/7:15 p.m., School Committee candidates will respond to questions from a moderator. (1-year term candidates at 6:30 p.m. and 3-year term candidates at 7:15 p.m.).

Thursday, October 26, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., 7 p.m., Town Council and School Committee candidates.

For more information, please call GOCAT at 222-1641 or North Gorham Public Library at 892-2575.

Please check our last issue for profiles of all School Council candidates.

Man Makes Series of Fraudulent Withdrawals at TD Bank

SHERI FABER
 Staff Writer

We often think of bank robbers as masked men waving guns who terrorize bank staff into handing over the bank's money. But Darryl Iverson Mangum, 49, of the Bronx, NY, used a different method to steal almost \$20,000 from five different TD Bank branches, including the one in

Gorham, during a four-hour period on October 12.

In addition to Gorham, he went to two Portland branches, one in Standish and one in Windham where he was taken into custody. Mangum produced photo identification and personal ID with the account holders' names. In Standish, he withdrew \$4,700 before the TD Bank Fraud

Division notified the branch that the man who had received the money was not the actual account holder. They had contacted the owner of the account and he told police he had not made a withdrawal.

Prior to this, Gorham TD Bank had reported a suspicious \$4,800 withdrawal which was also found to be fraudulent. All TD Bank branches in

the area were alerted but Mangum had completed his transaction in Standish before the alert came in.

Mangum was apprehended as he was leaving the TD Bank branch in Windham. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office along with Gorham, Westbrook and Portland Police Departments are looking to connect

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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors
Town Clerk

Absentee ballots for the upcoming November 7 election are available in the Clerk's office. You may obtain one by calling 222-1670 or by visiting the Clerk's office during regular business hours. You may also request one online. There will be Absentee voting in the Council Chambers beginning October 30 through November 2. To view a sample ballot, go to www.gorham.me.us and click on "How Do I" then View "Election & Voting Information", then "Upcoming Elections."

Gorham residents can begin to register their dogs for 2018 beginning October 15. Current dog licenses for 2017 will expire December 31, 2017. You can license your dog for 2018

online at or in the Town Clerk's Office. Be sure to have a current rabies certificate with you.

Tax bills were mailed out and the first payment for the 2018 taxes is due November 15, 2017. If you did not receive your tax bill, you can print off a bill on our website. Go to www.gorham-me.us and click on "How do I", Pay "Property Tax Bill", "Copy of Tax Bill" then click on "Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills". Be sure to select "PRINT CURRENT PAGE" or you will print out all tax bills.



Laurie Nordfors may be reached at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or 222-1675.

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Mangum to other similar fraudulent activities both locally and throughout New England. The FBI has also been apprised of these incidents. None of the account holders whose funds were misappropriated were Maine residents. Deputy Chief Chris Sanborn noted, "This crime represents a new level of sophistication." There are additional suspects in the case and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department is handling all charges.



Darryl Mangum

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OCTOBER 3, 2017

Town Council Meeting

Jacob Adams
Staff Writer

Councilor Benner reported that she attended the Metro Steering Committee meeting last month. She said that everyone is working together to begin the process of bringing Metro to Gorham. The anticipated roll out for the project is August 2018.

Councilor Stelk attended the Gorham Village Alliance meeting and reported that they are waiting for approval to be accepted into the Downtown Network by the Maine Downtown Advisory Council.

Stelk also noted that there will be a meeting at First Parish Church on October 16 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss how Gorham can become an Age Friendly Community.

Town Manager (TM), Ephrem Paraschak, thanked the Council and Staff for helping him in his first month as Town Manager. He reported that he gave a 5-year service pin to Jeff Manzer of Public Works. He also thanked Public Works, especially Jeff Grant, for heading up the Little Falls Field renovations and reported that they are complete.

The Little Falls Bridge is expected to reopen on October 7.

The Town Council approved amendments to the Town's Zoning Regulations, the purpose of the amendments is to provide areas within the Town of Gorham with agricultural uses in close proximity to manufacturing, processing, treatment, research, warehousing and distribution locations.

The full amendments can be read at www.gorham-me.org.

Renewal applications were approved for the following Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permits for 2018: LKQ Corp/Gorham Auto, Jim Stone/Casco Federal Credit Union, Gary Nelson/Chet's Auto Sales, Reichert's Auto Body, Moody's/Insurance Auto Auction and Dumbo Enterprises.

The Town Council approved a renewal liquor license for Sebago Brewing Company located at 29 Elm Street.

A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways, Sidewalks, was forwarded to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendations. The full proposal can be seen at www.gorham-me.org.

In order to celebrate Gorham's small businesses and the contributions they make to the economy and community, the Town Council proclaimed November 25, 2017 as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY. The Council would like to urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

TM Ephrem Paraschak was appointed to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

The Town Council appropriated \$9,900 from reserve account #401-43-50639-11 for the purpose of installing a water filtration system at the West Gorham Fire Station.

The regular Town Council meeting on November 7 was rescheduled to November 14.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

OCTOBER 11, 2017

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the regular Gorham School Committee meeting, Chairman Darryl Wright thanked outgoing members Suzie Phillips (3 years), Sara Nelson (6 years) and Dennis Libby (12 years) for their years of service to the committee and district. Only Libby is seeking reelection in November.

Superintendent Heather Perry reported that the State is considering gradually moving Child Development Services (CDS) for 3 to 5 year olds to the public schools with a schedule yet to be determined. She announced that the State has approved the purchase of two new mini buses for the district.

The process for choosing an architectural firm for the high school renovation project is nearing completion and a special meeting is planned for presentation to the School Committee on October 25. There will be a parent forum on Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) on November 6 for grades 6-8 at Gorham Middle School and one on November 13 for parents of K-5 students at Village School.

Kathy Hamblen, Director of Special Education, presented a review of the program. There are currently 357 students served by a full and part-time staff of 52. Although these figures are similar to last year, Hamblen stressed the challenges of a changing landscape and growing population. There will be more students with severe

autism entering grades 6-12 over the next few years, raising questions of how to help these students, and others with disabilities, meet PBL standards leading to graduation.

Hamblen also spoke about the increased medical needs of high school students and the strain it places on staff's time. Thirty percent of students have had trauma experiences, she said, many related to drug abuse by themselves or family members. Her department is working on navigating PBL with a focus on student independence, learning the new state eligibility process, and preparing for when/if the district provides CDS for 3 to 5 year olds. The School Committee commended her on managing these increasingly complex issues and expanding services.

Sub-committees made brief reports. Progress of committees studying possible changes in the school day and K-5 reconfiguration can be found by going to the Gorham School District website, choosing School Committee, and then sub-committees. The Reconfiguration sub-committee will report on various options at a November 29 workshop.

The committee voted in Kyren Bettencourt for a two-year term as student representative. She will join Josephine Smith who was appointed last year. They also voted to approve Schedule B and C positions, mainly in music instruction, club advising, and sports coaching.

GHS Talent Show is a Crowd Pleaser

LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

The annual Gorham High School (GHS) Talent Show took place on September 29, showcasing a variety of fun and entertaining acts. All profits raised by the show went to the GHS Vocal Music Department to help defray costs for concert attire, new music, and other needs.

The two-hour show was filled with both karaoke and live music, various comedy acts, and even a taekwondo demonstration.

Some fan favorites included a Chopped-style skit in which Maddie Rossignol and Abbie vanLuling were tasked with making guacamole while answering various questions. Another favorite was a Monopoly-centered standup comedy routine by Griffin Lord. Molly and Joy Lemont smashed their way into our hearts with a taekwondo demonstration that involved breaking boards and lots of yelling.

There were also many vocal acts. Alden Bertinet sang and played guitar in his own rendition of "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked," by Cage the Elephant and Julie Cooper played ukulele and sang a mash up of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," by Israel Kamakawiwoole and "Can't Help Falling in Love," by Elvis Presley.



Photo credit Raina Cooper

GHS sophomore Julie Cooper played ukulele and sang a mash up of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," at the GHS Talent Show.

The GHS Chamber Singers rounded off the show with a performance of "Trashin' the Camp," from the Disney movie "Tarzan."

The GHS Talent Show never disappoints with its variety of acts and this year was no exception. The crowd left with glowing smiles and musical memories.

Eating Local in Our Schools

Gorham schools celebrated their annual harvest lunches at the beginning of October. The program began in 2003 with the goal of educating students and school-community members about the benefit of supporting a local food system. It is also designed to promote the eight benefits of eating local foods, which are: freshness, taste, safety, nutrition, community, variety, energy consumption, and regional identity. Though the program itself has stayed relatively the same throughout the years, it originally only stretched through K-8 grades, and has now moved to the high school as well. Pictured above is Gorham High School principal Brian Jandreau with kitchen staff (left to right) Alicia Jeffords, Laurie Scaplen, and Deb Tucker.



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Stomp Out Bullying



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October is National Bullying Awareness and Prevention month. Great Falls Elementary School students practice kindness every day and in many ways throughout the year. On October 2, students and staff at Great Falls wore blue to show their support for World Day of Bully Prevention, an initiative of the Stomp Out Bullying campaign. Pictured with principal Becky Fortier is (back left to right): Zoe Sandoval, Audrey Arsenault, Lyla Placey, Nora Bacon, Jack Feldhaus, and Grant Emerson. Front row: Logan Arsenault and Tristan Goggin.

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Happy Healthy Village



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Village Elementary School hosted the annual Village Family Harvest Run/Walk on October 1. The Harvest Quarter Fair was held in the gym where everyone enjoyed all the games. Approximately 100 people attended the successful run/walk event.

School Notes

Gorham High School's Interact Club recently participated in the Happy Healthy Gorham initiative with a yoga event on the football field. To view a short video of the event, visit <https://vimeo.com/236329248>.

Village School kicked off their community service by hosting a Penny Drive at the end of September. The school raised \$400.94 for areas hit by hurricanes in the southern states and plan to give a donation to the Red Cross. Thank you to all who contributed.

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Lyle Tracy Legacy: All the Kids, All the Time



Gorham Cal Ripken Baseball
2009

Photo courtesy of Alex Tracy

Lyle Tracy (top right) in one of his many multi-sport coaching roles. Tracy was also an enthusiastic participant in adult sports leagues, and was an avid outdoorsman.

JOHN CURLEY
Contributing Writer

Lyle Tracy, who passed away on August 20 at age 57, embodied the essence we all treasure in a community member and friend: dedication, positivity, integrity, selflessness and an unwavering commitment to kids. Just knowing him and what he was about caused every individual to take pause when questioning a decision around youth sports. His legacy will be felt every time "What would Lyle do?" is used to gauge the right thing to do by kids.

Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton said, "Lyle was in my office just three weeks before he passed away to discuss the upcoming travel basketball season. His passion was for kids to be able to play. All of the kids, all of the time."

Tracy's involvement in the Gorham Recreation department started with his daughter's soccer team when she was four years old. He and his wife, Kathy, coached youth sports from season to season for their kids Alex and Cameron.

Right around the time his children moved on to school-sponsored sports, Paul Reynolds, who had spent several years at the helm of Gorham Travel Basketball under its former structure, needed someone to run travel basketball. "Lyle stepped forward and offered his services. He made it so the

program could operate on its own. Many times he would be out of town on business making phone calls and sending emails to make sure tryouts went on without a hitch. The job was thankless: letting kids know they didn't make the team, fielding parental calls about playing time, ordering uniforms, collecting money, organizing practice times, all done for the Gorham kids."

Tracy played a huge role in the formation of the Gorham Youth Travel Basketball Association (GYTBA) board. He was still serving as the organization's first President, a role he held since the formalization of the board in 2012. David Willis said, "Lyle was constantly reminding the board that our number one responsibility was to protect the best interests of the kids participating in the program. His willingness to let everyone be heard will be greatly missed. Gorham Basketball and the community of Gorham at large are better off because of contributions and sacrifices made by Lyle Tracy."

Being a geotechnical engineer, Tracy spent a lifetime making sure designs would stand the test of time. His professional expertise leaked into his volunteer activities, as indicated by the smooth transfer to new GYTBA president Rodney Bryant. Bryant said, "What I admired most about Lyle was his commitment and fairness. He always

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Physics Teacher Has the NASCAR Formula

ZACHERY MCGOULDRIK
GHS Student Intern
AND HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Gorham High School physics teacher Sally Hatch spends her time outside the classroom racing at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, a local NASCAR affiliate track in Scarborough. She is known on the circuit as Sally Gherardi when her driving skills meet the laws of physics for high speed success on the oval. Gherardi, who regularly competes in the Sport Series division on Saturday



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Saturday, October 28

Maine Principals Association X-C State Championships @ Twin Brook Rec. Area, Cumberland

Rams' Post-Season Schedule TBD at Press Time

Schedules subject to change.

ghs.gorhamschools.org/athletics/calendar

USM Weekend Sports**

Thursday, October 19

Field Hockey vs. Bates, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

Field Hockey vs. Worcester State, 11 a.m.
Women's Soccer vs. UMass-Dartmouth, 3 p.m.

Friday, October 27

Men's Ice Hockey vs. University of New England, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 28

Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Conn. State, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Eastern Conn. State, 12 noon

Women's Volleyball vs. University of Maine-Presque Isle, 4 p.m.

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Sally Hatch CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

nights, controlled the top-spot in the weekly point standings from May through the season's conclusion in late September. Her 733 points bested runner-up Richard Pelton's 710 for the Sport Series Champion title. Gherardi previously took the title in 2008, when she was also honored as Driver of the Year.

Sally is no stranger to motor sports action or putting tools to an engine and other parts. That all runs in her family. Her parents, George and Brenda Gherardi, are the former owners of Gorham's White Rock Outboard, Inc. Sally's husband, Tim Hatch, who leads her crew, has worked at the company since he was a 16-year-old high school student. Sally and Tim bought the business early this year.

The science of physics and fast vehicles are also wed. Hatch, who has been teaching at GHS since 2004, said, "There are many times where I will apply physics concepts to my racing." She explained, "Racing is all about forces, angles and such. So, the two correlate quite well! And there are many days where I use racing as an example to reinforce a concept we are covering in class."

Hatch's students have a teacher who possesses drive and the tools for the right formula. She will receive her honor at Beech Ridge's annual awards banquet on November 11.

Lyle Tracy Legacy CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

represented the best interest of all kids, not just a selected few. He was a great man and will be truly missed but never forgotten."

A quote commonly attributed to Boy Scouts founder Robert Baden Powell was recently used as a beautiful metaphor to frame the life of Lyle Tracy: "I like to think of a person's impact during their lifetime as equated to a campsite they might use. The old cliché - did you leave the campsite better than when you found it?" Lyle Tracy certainly did. The Gorham community thanks him and his family with the utmost sincerity.

Maine Marathon Local Results

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The 26th Gorham Savings Bank Maine Marathon, Half Marathon, and Relay was held on Sunday, October 1, under sunny skies. The marathon event attracted over 700 runners, the half marathon had over 1700, and the marathon distance relay

drew 148 teams. Congratulations to all the Gorham runners who were at Portland's Back Cove start, took to the roads, and crossed the finish line, some with very impressive division placings. Top ten division finishers include Dick Graves, Shirley Dempsey, John Burke, and Eric Anderson. Full Gorham results are as follows:

Marathon

Name	Division	Place in Division	Time
Dick Graves	M60-64	2	3:33:36
Amanda Lavigne	W35-39	29	4:19:53
Rebecca Sither	W20-29	69	4:49:03
Shirley Dempsey	W55-59	10	5:40:57

Half Marathon

Name	Division	Place in Division	Time
John Burke	M45-49	8	1:30:13
Tom Zerillo	M40-44	17	1:40:28
Jessica Day	W35-39	17	1:44:24
Andrew Portwine	M30-34	37	1:45:39
Brian Arundel	M50-54	22	1:49:10
Shane Zerillo	W40-44	15	1:50:31
Joe Allen	M35-39	53	1:53:34
Jeff Walvick	M30-34	61	2:00:17
Sienna Zerillo	W U19	13	2:02:18
Samantha Grant	W20-29	152	2:02:36
Matt McGillvray	M20-29	29	2:03:39
Julie Martin	W50-54	33	2:03:44
Ashley Martin	W20-29	162	2:03:44
Lois Bywaters	W55-59	17	2:04:00
Manuela Arundel	W45-49	45	2:05:24
Briana Wrigley	W30-34	69	2:07:52
Rachel Baillargeon	W40-44	74	2:09:16
Ginger Reoch	W45-49	49	2:10:37
Eric Anderson	M65-69	8	2:10:52
Samantha Prosser	W20-29	268	2:26:08
Jennifer Michaud	W30-34	120	2:30:09
Charles Hartford	M30-34	85	2:48:01
Malgorzata Swiatek	W50-54	87	2:50:27

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Gorham Registered Teams:

Name (Members)	Division:	Place	Time
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OF INTEREST

Meet local author **Christopher W. Morin** on **October 19** at **North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Rd., at 7 p.m. Morin is the author of two historical fiction novels, "A Tale of Life & War" and "The Rebel's Wrath"; a fictional short story, "The Besieged"; and a memoir about the family dogs, "Three Labs a Lifetime". FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

Gorham resident, and retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, Timothy O'Leary recently published two new books, "The Narragansett Trail," a historic/fictional account of a battle for control of the Town of Gorham, and "The Cradle of Evil," a fictitious short horror story about a small island in Sebago Lake. Both are available through Amazon. O'Leary has also self-published 21 books, three of the horror genre and the remaining ones about advanced military aircraft and time travel. To learn more, visit www.dimensionalgateway.com/Timothy.

The Gorham Cooperative Pre-School will hold their Coop Loop 5K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, October 28 starting from Robie Park. The 5k begins at 8 a.m. and the Kids' Fun Run at 9:15 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Gorham Cooperative Pre-School. Adults \$22; Kids under 13, \$5. Sign up at www.gorhamcoopreschool.org.

Helping Paws of Maine board members, Anne Dionne (left) and Tammy Woodbury (middle), met up with Harpswell, Maine native, Jo Anna Green, to donate proceeds from recent fundraising efforts to Texas animal rescue efforts after Hurricane Harvey. Green, a Houston Police Sergeant and animal rescuer, partnered with Helping Paws to match funds with Texas organizations who are providing direct animal rescue in the aftermath of the hurricane. Helping Paws is a Gorham based non-profit animal rescue organization. Its annual fundraiser, held on September 30 at Spire 29, raised nearly \$7,000, half of which was donated to Houston. The event was well attended by Gorham residents and supported by Gorham businesses and volunteers, including student volunteers from the GHS and GMS. Learn more about Helping Paws' rescue efforts, fostering or adopting a pet, or volunteer opportunities at www.helpingpawsme.org, or by liking the Helping Paws Maine Facebook page.



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Last Bean-Hole Bean Supper of the year, October 21. Serving beans baked overnight in the ground, homemade pies and brown bread, hotdogs, coleslaw, potato salad. Serving from 4:30-6 p.m. UCC at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Rd.

Gorham Savings Bank will sponsor a Security Day on Sat., October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at its Gorham location on Main St. As part of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the bank is inviting the community to protect themselves from data breaches and identity theft by stopping by to properly dispose of sensitive but no-longer-needed documents using large SecureRMS shredding trucks. This might include copies of tax returns, bank statements, voided checks, employee pay stubs, credit card information, copies of sales receipts, employment records, or any documents containing personally-identifiable information.

Fiddleicious, Maine's largest fiddle orchestra, will perform at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave. on October 28 at 7 p.m. \$10/adult; \$5/student; 12 and under/free.

An Artisans' Fair and Sale will be held on October 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room upstairs at Moody's Collision Centers, 200 Narragansett St. Come for gifts of vintage treasures, art, crafts, food, and a fun-filled atmosphere. Over 15 tables of local art, crafts, vintage treasures, sweet treats, and fudge.

The Madison Prize for Written Excellence celebrates our nation's history by encouraging thought and reflection on the topics presented and offering students the opportunity to express themselves through the submission of original essays. Contestants must complete and submit the entry form along with an original work of authorship responsive to the competition's question. Essays must be between 300 and 400 words in length. This year's question: "Is Our Democratic Process Under Threat?" All entries must be received by November 21. The competition is open to students in sixth through eighth grades who live in Gorham. FMI, GorhamGOPcommittee@gmail.com.

Gorham Garden Club will meet on October 24 at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, 1 Church St. Jeff Fisher, farm owner/grower, will present the story of Bumbleroot Farm Garden. Open to the Public.

North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., will hold a Candidate Night on October 26 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for North Gorham and White Rock residents to meet the 2017 candidates for town council and school committee. Each candidate will briefly introduce himself or herself followed by informal discussion over refreshments. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

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First Parish Church, 1 Church St., will host "Ask a Muslim" on November 4 at 7 p.m. Several local Muslims will discuss what it means to be a Muslim in Maine today, then answer questions from the audience. An informal reception will follow. Free to the public.

Volunteers are needed to assemble insulating window inserts through an upcoming Window Dressers Community Build Program on November 11-13 and Nov 17-19 at 176 Narragansett St. behind the Southern Maine EMS building (just north of Moody's Collision Centers on Rte 202). No particular skills or experience needed. Visit windowdressers.org to learn more about the organization, click on "Volunteer HERE" and scroll down to the "Buxton-Gorham 2017 Community Build" to sign up for a four-hour volunteer shift. Lunch will be provided for both morning and afternoon shifts. FMI, call 596-3073 or email BuxtonGorhamWindowDressers@gmail.com.

University of Southern Maine Athletic Department in collaboration with Gorham Recreation Department Presents the USM Annual Halloween Party on October 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hill Gym on the Gorham Campus. This free event for children in grades 5 and under features hayrides, hot cider, donut holes, face painting, haunted house, dance contest, food, candy, and prizes. Wear your costume. FMI, Samantha Allen, samantha.j.allen@maine.edu or 780-5475.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-3630, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd., from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This monthly non-denominational event is a prayer and support group for anyone dealing with cancer including patients and caregivers.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT 19

- Baby and Me (Birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Meet local author Christopher W. Morin at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., at 7 p.m. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

FRIDAY, OCT 20

- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library's Fall Book Sale will take place in the Gorham Rec. Department's Multi-Purpose Room, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.
- Blood Drive in memory of longtime Baxter Memorial Library director Pamela Turner, 1-6 p.m. Shaw Gym, Gorham Rec. Department, 75 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, OCT 21

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street
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- Gorham Savings Bank will have SecureRMS shredding trucks available for use at their Gorham branches from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT 23

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

TUESDAY, OCT 24

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.
- Preschool Story time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Gorham Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, 1 Church St. Jeff Fisher, farm owner/grower, will present the story of Bumbleroot Farm Garden. Open to the Public.
- Town Council Candidate Night, GOCAT Studio, Gorham Municipal Center, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 25

- Early Release, Gorham Schools
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddler Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- School Committee Candidate Night, Council Chambers, Gorham Municipal Center, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT 26

- Baby and Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- The Baxter Memorial Library Book Group will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi. Baxter Memorial Library
- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Candidate Night, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., at 7 p.m. Residents will meet the 2017 candidates for Town Council and School Committee. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

FRIDAY, OCT 27

- No School, Gorham Schools

SATURDAY, OCT 28

- Last day of the Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street
- Fiddleicious, Maine's largest fiddle orchestra, will perform at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave. on October 28 at 7 p.m. \$10/adult; \$5/student; 12 and under/free.
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SUNDAY, OCT 29

- An Artisans' Fair and Sale, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Room upstairs at Moody's Collision Centers, 200 Narragansett St.
- USM Annual Halloween Party, 2 to 4 p.m., Hill Gym on the Gorham Campus. Free. Wear your costume. FMI, Samantha Allen, samantha.j.allen@maine.edu or 780-5475.

TUESDAY, OCT 31

- Happy Halloween!
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THURSDAY, NOV 2

- Baby and Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

FRIDAY, NOV 3

- Sensory Friendly Story Time (all ages, designed for children with sensory integration challenges), 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

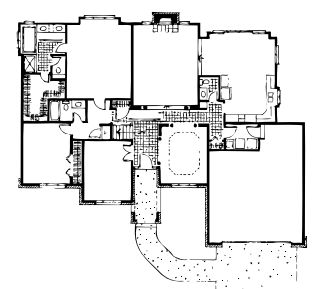


GOODBYE BLOTTER

For the past 20 plus years, the Gorham Times has run excerpts from the report of calls handled by the Gorham Police Department. In the beginning we used Dispatcher Linda Alexander's handwritten notes of each call, along with some of her pithy comments on the calls. Over the years, as the world transitioned to using computers and the software became more sophisticated, the reports of the calls became less informative and significantly less entertaining. As a result, we have made the decision to no longer run the Blotter in each issue. We hope to run an abbreviated version from time to time. The Gorham Times wishes to thank Staff Writer Sheri Faber for compiling the Blotter since 1995.

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