

Impact Fees and their Effect on Gorham

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An impact fee is a fee that is imposed by municipalities on a new or proposed development project to pay for all or a portion of the costs of providing public services to the new development. In 2004, the Gorham Town Council approved impact fees to ensure that new developments would be accomplished in an efficient manner and bear a proportional or reasonably related share of the cost of new, expanded, or modified infrastructure necessary to service them.

The three impact fees currently established in Gorham are the Middle School Facilities impact fee, the Recreational Facilities and Open Space impact fee, and the Fort Hill Water Main Extension impact fee. The Middle School Facilities impact fee is currently in a reserved status. It was suspended during the housing crisis of 2008 to help encourage new housing growth, which had slowed substantially at that time, but the Town Council is considering reactivating it for the duration of the bonding period for the middle school.

All impact fees collected in Gorham are segregated into separate accounts and used to pay for the capital cost of infrastructure improvements associated with each fee. For example, the Recreational Facilities and Open Space impact fees are spent on an approved list of properties that include the Chick property, Phase 2 of the recreational facilities at Gorham Middle School, the Weeks Road property, and the Little Falls Recreation area. In November, the Town Council appropriated \$245,000 from impact fees to build a Recreation Field House and Storage Facility at the Little Falls Recreation Area.

The open space portion of the impact fee is used to acquire and preserve land for low impact activities such as walking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing and other activities that allow the land to be minimally developed and remain open space or farmland. The Town Council works with local Land Trusts and preservation groups to identify and

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CHECK OUT THE GHS MUSICAL ON PG. 8

USM Presents Market Research Details to Support Name Change

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

Glenn Cummings, University of Southern Maine president, held a press conference on January 16 to discuss the research and rationale behind a proposed name change for the school. In an attempt to align itself with the University of Maine System, avoid name confusion, and attract more out-of-state students, the new proposed name is "University of Maine at Portland."

With Portland's status as one of the most appealing and opportunity-laden small cities in the U.S., USM leaders believe adding the word Portland to its name will make the school more marketable to out-of-state students; a move administrators believe is critical to the school's sustainability due to Maine's low birth rate.

Cummings said initial feedback from surveys of 400 prospective students, 400 parents and about 100 out-of-state guidance counselors indicate that changing the name would make a difference to prospective students. The most influential data for Cummings was the likelihood of out-of-state guidance counselors to recommend the school given a name change. Eighty one percent of out-of-state guidance counselors would be more likely to recommend the school

to college bound students given the Portland connection.

Why the push to bring in the out-of-state students? According to Cummings, out-of-state students "help us build scholarships and bring in money that we can give to Maine students. I can't give the scholarships I want to give to reduce the Maine burden."

The university, which has campuses in Portland, Gorham and Lewiston, began exploring a possible name change last August. Cummings said "University of Maine at Portland" emerged as the preferred choice, and the new logo would include the words, "Gorham, Lewiston and Online."

The Gorham campus is no stranger to name changes. It was founded in 1878 as the Gorham Normal School, became known as Gorham State Teachers College and Gorham State College in the mid 1900s, then changed to the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham in 1970 before changing its name once again to the University of Southern Maine in 1978.

While the majority of faculty is in favor of the change, 57 percent of current students and 66 percent of alumni oppose the name change. Cummings has heard concerns about the fate of the Gorham campus in



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Graphic courtesy of USM

While not the final USM logo, a new logo such as the one above would incorporate all three campuses.

particular and confirmed there is no intent to eliminate that location.

"First and foremost, Gorham and Lewiston are part of our long-term

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Police Dept. Issues Parking Notice at GHS

ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

On January 18, the Gorham Police Department (GPD) issued a Public Notice regarding the public parking surrounding Gorham High School (GHS).

Most people know that limited parking at GHS has been an ongoing issue for years. Due to the limited number of available parking spaces, students and visitors are forced to use public parking spaces in the area surrounding the GHS campus, which has caused some situations where vehicles are parking illegally, according to the GPD.

In an effort to avoid issues of emergency vehicles from arriving in a timely manner or accessing fire hydrants, neighboring residents being unable to access their driveways, or snow removal equipment not being able to work effectively, GPD issued the following reminders:



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Students at Gorham High School take advantage of a small parking area off of Morrill Ave.

Morrill Avenue, Douglass Street, and Sylvan Road are posted as 1-hour parking.

There is no parking anywhere on Ball Park Road.

There is no parking on the north side of Access Road.

Rackliff Way is private property.

Vehicles cannot park within 10 feet of

a fire hydrant, within five feet of a public/private driveway, or as prohibited by signage.

The parking lot at the Municipal Center is posted as 2-hour parking.

A section of the Municipal Center parking lot is posted Library Parking Only.

Parked vehicles must be facing the same direction as the legal traffic flow of the adjacent travel lane, and the wheels must be within 12 inches of the curb or roadway edge.

The nearest under-utilized parking

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Gorham's Voice in Augusta

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

When voters sent me to represent Gorham in the Maine House of Representatives, they put their faith in me to continue to work for their interests in Augusta. In the 129th Legislature, I am committed to collaborating with my fellow lawmakers, regardless of political party, to address the issues Gorham residents care about and build a brighter future for the people of Maine.

I am particularly committed to working on an issue that affects the people of Gorham: our property taxes. This problem is hurting property taxpayers throughout the state and demands immediate attention from legislators. Reduced state funding to our communities and inadequate education funding has placed an unfair burden on property owners, squeezing people's budgets even tighter.

I am proud to continue my work on the Taxation Committee, giving me a place at the table to help Gorham taxpayers. I am sponsoring a bill to establish a Maine Workforce Tax Credit, which would expand income tax credits to boost working families out of poverty. We need an economy that works for everyone and this will help us do just that.

As your voice in Augusta, many of the ideas for bills come directly

from my constituents. When a student from the University of Southern Maine approached me and told me about the need for non prescription medicine to be accessible through vending machines for times that the health clinic is closed, I sponsored a bill to make that possible. Permitting the sale of non prescription medicines through vending machines will make over-the-counter products more accessible to students, people who live in rural areas and people who work long hours.

I am also sponsoring bills that will help our local economy. One of the bills prioritizes buying locally produced, healthy foods when state institutions make purchases, which will bring a lot of business to our local farmers and food producers. Another bill I am sponsoring will improve the health and wellbeing of our community, while simultaneously supporting local farmers. It is a bill to allow all farmers to accept food vouchers for mothers and their young children as payment. These food vouchers are part of the Women, Infants, and Children program, or WIC, and my bill will give qualifying Maine mothers and children more access to healthy, locally produced food.

Needless to say, it has been a busy legislative session so far. While talking to neighbors at their doors

or having conversations at the farmers market, community members repeatedly talked to me about our pressing need for more affordable health care, solutions to the opioid crisis and a better tax code that enables the hardworking residents of Gorham to succeed.

I am looking forward to bringing our needs to the table and working out commonsense solutions to raise revenue sharing for our neighborhoods, and those around the state. The 129th Legislature has a unique opportunity to address these issues that Mainers have been struggling with, and I intend to take full advantage of my time in Augusta to enact positive changes for the people of Gorham.

It is an honor to continue to serve our community in Augusta. As always, I encourage you to contact me with ideas, questions and concerns. The best way for me to serve our community's needs is by hearing from you.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her second term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 30 years of experience in the food service industry. She serves on the Taxation Committee. (207) 712-9735, (800) 423-2900, maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

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purchase these open space areas.

The Recreational Facilities and Open Space impact fee, which applies to any residential construction project that creates a new dwelling unit or units, is based upon the expected occupancy of the project. This includes single and multi-family dwellings as well as subdivisions. Combined, this fee is \$536 per capita with 85%, or \$457, going to recreational facilities and 15%, or \$79, going to open space facilities.

The Fort Hill Water Main Extension impact fee is assessed to any development within the Fort Hill Water Main Extension Benefit District (map dated April 26, 2004 is on file with the Town Clerk). The fee varies depending on the size and use of the new development as well as whether the development falls within Area A or Area B of the District.

The base fee was set at \$650 for Area A and \$200 for Area B for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05. It was indexed for inflation at a rate of 3% per year. This rate adjustment resulted in the fees being \$983 for Area A and \$303 for Area B in fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Fort Hill Water Main Extension impact fee will terminate when the Town has collected \$249,000 in that account. As of October 2018, approximately \$196,000 in fees had been collected and paid to offset the town's share of this project. It is estimated that the Fort Hill Water Main Extension Impact fee will be collected for a few more years at an increase of 3% per year.

Letter to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

A name change is being considered for the University of Southern Maine. It would be called the University of Southern Maine Portland and their reasoning...a big city name will attract more students. One hopes a good student considers the history, offerings and quality of the college more important when making a choice, and not whether it had entertainment, restaurants or bars nearby. The Administration should aim for high quality and not high enrollment.

Gorham Academy was incorporated in 1803 by Massachusetts on a petition of citizens of Gorham. The Board of Trustees consisted of such historic names as Stephen Longfellow and William Gorham, Rev. Elijah Kellogg, James Phinney and William McLellan who knew the value of education. The academy has been a Female Seminary, grammar school and then the Maine Legislature in 1878 provided for the Normal School. The town had to raise fifteen thousand dollars and

the balance was from the Seminary/Academy fund. Land was purchased by Josiah M. McLellan and the first building was erected. The town was "justly proud". We were the first town in this area to educate teachers.

Changes have occurred and some buildings and departments are now in Portland. The name has been Gorham State Normal School and Gorham State Teachers College and others before USM but the administration does not consider the history and town of origin with this current change of name. As a graduate of the University of Maine, Orono I would be unwilling to change the name to University of Maine-Bangor just because the city name would be more easily recognized.

The USM administration, trustees and the legislature should be working on more important items than changing the location and name of a college and forgetting that it was "born, bred and established" in the town of Gorham, Maine.

Christine Sawyer

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Around Town

Gorham Insurance Agency, formerly at 12 Elm St., has been sold.

Lone Pine Brewing is adding a new tasting room to its Gorham location.

CBD American Shaman, a business that sells CBD oil products, is scheduled to open mid-February at 18 Elm St.

Erin Flett is moving her home goods business to 2 Main St., utilizing the space previously occupied by Gorham Growl for retail/shipping, and additional upstairs space for manufacturing.

Avesta Housing is planning to demolish existing unused office space at its Ridge-wood property on Rt. 114 and will add 27 apartments for 55+ with income at 60% or less of the median income in the area.

The Mill at Fairy Glen in the Early 1800's



Photo courtesy of Greg Cuffey

WILMA GOULD JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

Fairy Glen was an area in Gorham that was located behind the old Gorham Tannery on Main Street. It was behind the current Burger King location and extended to the end of Water Street.

Elden Gamman, a brilliant machinist, built his mill there on Gamman Pond, in the early 1800's. The structure of the wooden mill wheel was 100 feet in circumference and was built entirely by hand, including the bolts. According to "A History of Gorham Maine" by Pierce Josiah, Gamman had a machine shop with water power where he manufactured lathes, planing machines and other heavy implements.

Gamman was not only a master machinist, but also has been credited with several inventions, one of which was building a machine for making button holes. Gamman's well known reputation as one of the best machinists in the country brought a man named Humphrey to Gorham to meet him.

Humphrey brought along patterns and drawings and the two men worked together, making and setting up a machine for making button holes. Historical references say that the first machine for working button holes was not invented in Gorham, but the Gamman/Humphrey machine was the first of its kind to be made in this part of the country. Humphrey took out a patent, sold half of the interest and created a stock company

for its manufacture and was then made president with a handsome salary.

Around 1826, Gamman invented a machine for cutting tack-like brads with a head. He shared the idea with a man named Noyes from the Little Falls area to get a patent on it but Noyes sold the patent and Gamman never received any payment for his part. This same mill was later used as a carpet factory.

It is interesting to note that the mill stone has been recovered and is still part of Gorham. Mark Allen Sr. who lived at 29 Water Street as a child, recalled, "When I was living on Water Street, we kids ran all through that area. We found the mill stone from the old mill and dragged it up from the brook and over the hill to the old dump road and brought it home." It was in his mother's flower garden in the backyard for years. He added, "It was a lot of fun growing up on Water Street as everything was close and we could bike and walk everywhere."

In 1978, the house was bought by current owners Phillip and Priscilla Meyers. The mill stone was still in the backyard and had a three to four inch maple tree growing through the hole in its center. Phillip Meyers said, "About 10 or 15 years ago, I moved the stone and installed it in the center of a brick walkway I built at the front of the house."

Meyers believes that the house was

once a boarding house for workers at the old Ireson Tannery (see Gorham Times, Jan 10, 2019 issue). He remembers Mark Allen Sr. stopping by to ask about the mill stone a few years ago. You can view the mill stone via Goggle Earth by typing in 29 Water Street, Gorham, Maine.

Anyone with a question or more information may contact Wilma Gould Johnson at iamwilma@comcast.net.

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Visit www.prlt.org for more specific info about each trail.

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.

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 kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.



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GORHAM - Karen (Harmon) Dyer passed away at home on January 19, 2019. Born to Phyllis (Tapley) and Ralph Harmon on March 19, 1943, Karen was raised in South Gorham where she enjoyed countless hours riding horseback with cousins. Karen graduated from Gorham High School in 1961. She married the love of her life, Ronald Dyer, on September 23, 1961. They made a home in South Gorham where Karen tended a barnyard full of animals while also raising a family.



Karen loved animals of all shapes and sizes, with or without four legs. In the early 1990s, Karen and Ronnie participated in Peace Fleece. The wool from their farm was blended with other Southern Maine farmers' wool as well as wool from what was then the Soviet Union, thus encouraging "peaceful mutually beneficial economic trade relationships" after the Cold War. Karen was proud of her participation in this endeavor, which still carries on today. Karen won many prizes at the Common Ground Fair and New England Wool Show in Blue Hill, including "Best Fleece in Show" and "Cleanest Fleece in Show." Long after her many and varied sheep became elderly and their wool too brittle to sell, Karen treated the flock as pets. When the barn was empty of sheep, Karen filled it with two pygmy goats, a gaggle of geese, and chickens. Through the years, she and Ronnie had a myriad of cats both in the house as well as the barn and several dogs, each an important part of the family. For over 50 years, Karen and her mother spent time together in the pasture nearly every day, walking dogs, playing with goats, picking lilacs, and talking.

Karen loved being a grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her three grandchildren. Many happy summertime memories were made at the family camps on Sebago Lake and at The Brick Oven in Moosehead. Another favorite activity was riding on the back of their Harley-Davidson while Ronnie drove them on various rides, including the Toy Run.

Karen was a fabulous cook and was well-known for her fried seafood - which rivaled any restaurant. She enjoyed attending local bean and chicken pie suppers. Karen worked in the kitchen at Village School in Gorham for 38 years and is remembered as someone who came to work with a smile, worked hard, and served many generations of Gorham students.

Karen is survived by her husband, Ronnie, "Chummy," of 57 years; her son, James, "Jake," and his partner, Michelle Bento; her daughter, Darcy Dyer and her partner, Danny Harmon; the daughter of her heart, Wanda Thompson and her husband, Billy; three grandchildren, Dakota and Savannah Thompson and Sadie Dyer; her brother, David Harmon, and his wife, Rosamond; sister-in-law, Darlene (Dyer) Emmons and her husband, Bob; brother-in-law, Dennis Dyer and his wife, Joan; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Southern Maine for their compassionate care. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 11, 2019, from 2-6 at the home of Jake Dyer, 46 Grant Road, Saco. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Karen's love of animals, please consider making a donation to: Maine Society for the Protection of Animals, P.O. Box 10, South Windham, ME 04082.



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How Should You Respond to Wild Swings in Financial Markets?

PETE WATT

What's going on with the financial markets? Specifically, what's behind the price swings of the past several weeks? And, more important, how should you, as an individual investor, respond?

To begin with, the recent volatility was not really all that extraordinary. The daily drops pushed U.S. stocks down about 10% from their recent record highs, although they have regained some of that ground. A 10% drop represents a "correction" – not a crash – and historically, corrections have occurred about once a year.

So what seems to have caused these market jitters? Here are the key culprits:

Anticipated slowdown in economic growth and corporate earnings. The stock market is forward-looking – investors make decisions based on what they think will happen. And right now, many investors are anticipating a slowdown in economic growth (partially due to higher tariffs and trade disputes) and corporate earnings (as the jolt from the corporate tax cuts begins to fade). We may still see reasonably strong economic growth and corporate profits, but possibly not at the same level as we had for much of 2018.

Rising interest rates – The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in 2018. While higher rates are not bad for

all market sectors, they can slow the expansion plans for many businesses, resulting in reduced growth prospects. The Fed may continue its gradual rate increases, but investors are closely watching for any signs that might lead the Fed either to pause or increase rates more rapidly.

Slowing global economy – The global economy is growing more slowly than expected, resulting in lower returns for international stocks and a particularly sharp decline in emerging markets.

While it's useful to understand the factors causing the recent stock market gyrations, you need to focus primarily on what you can control. Consider these suggestions:

Keep realistic expectations. Try to maintain realistic expectations about how your investments are likely to perform over time. After five years in which the S&P 500's returns have averaged almost 14% per year, we may well be in for a period of more typical returns, possibly in the 5% to 6% range. As always, though, there are no guarantees when it comes to anticipating the performance of the financial markets.

Review your mix of investments. From time to time, and sometimes in response to changing market conditions, you may need to change the mix of investments in your portfolio. So, for example, if higher market volatil-

ity makes you uncomfortable, you may want to consider adding bonds or other fixed-income vehicles, as these types of investments tend to stabilize stock-heavy portfolios during turbulent times.

Don't get scared away from investing. You may not like seeing multi-hundred-point plunges in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, but don't get scared off from investing. After all, recent stock market history has taught the value of patience: If you had given up on investing in March 2009, at the market's low point in the Great Recession, you would have missed out on the 300 percent gains achieved before the current round of volatility. Of course, the market's past performance can't guarantee what will happen next.

Financial markets will always fluctuate – sometimes violently. But as an investor, you should strive for calmness, patience and discipline – because these attributes can help you look past today's headlines toward the future you envision.



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Medicare Scam Alert

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Police Department issued a warning to the community recently after fielding numerous complaints from residents who had appeared to receive phone calls from Medicare. The phone number displayed on the caller ID is the actual Medicare phone number. Though the phone number was accurate, the person on the other end was not an employee of Medicare.

Known as "pretexting," scammers use legitimate phone numbers and pretend to be the real company to gather information about a person. They clone the actual phone number of the business so when people call back, they actually reach the intended business, in this case Medicare.

The Gorham Police are reminding residents of the following tips:

Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask for personal information.

Scammers will try to get personal information including your Medicare number.

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New Pump Station in Town

CATHY WALTER
Contributing Writer

Pump stations are facilities including pumps, pipes and other equipment that are used by the water companies to move water up and down hills and maybe to your faucet. A joint project which was initiated back in 2006 between the Portland Water District, the town and others brought the new Wards Hill Pump Station to Gorham last fall. Shortly thereafter, a ribbon cutting ceremony with several town officials in attendance was held at the site to celebrate the positive impact to the community.

"The pump station is a good thing for Gorham because it is going to boost water pressure in the village - it already has now that it's online," said Ephrem Paraschak, Gorham Town Manager.

The two million dollar project was under construction for 18 months and is part of a much larger improvement plan for both Gorham and Windham.

"This much needed station is

pumping water to a large portion of Gorham residents who have experienced low pressure for years but now have increased water pressure from 20 lbs to 90 lbs," said Gorham Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre.

It is also servicing many of the town's fire hydrants and the increase in both pressure and volume resolved a known safety issue in Gorham.

"The Fire Department was forced to go to hydrants on side streets to fight a fire rather than an adjacent hydrant due to water volume and pressure issues," said Lefebvre.

Paraschak added that the pump station "will also help Windham with redundancy in their water system," alluding to the bigger picture.

Next steps for this project include connecting Windham and Gorham's water distribution system as a single pressure zone thus allowing the retirement of Windham's Prides Corner station. This will include retiring antiquated systems and crumbling pipes and thereby improving both the quality of service and safety for residents.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the January 10 issue is a sculpture by the door at 71 Robie St.

JANUARY 14, 2019 Planning Board Meeting

Harvey Performance Company's request for sketch plan review for the construction of a two-phase manufacturing facility with phase one consisting of a single story 76,887 sq. ft. building, a 1300 sq. ft. access drive and 172 parking spaces, and phase two consisting of an additional 30,000 sq. ft. addition to the building and 115 parking spaces was discussed.

STJ, Inc's Tow Path Road condominium sketch plan review of four duplex condominiums development of eight units and associated parking and infrastructure off Tow Path Road was discussed.

Chris Duchaine's request for sketch plan review for Presumpscot Ridge Road subdivision, an eight lot cluster subdivision located at 207 North Gorham Road, and an upgrade to an existing private way was discussed.

RR AVE LLC's Peanut Gallery Daycare, Inc's request for special exception approval for a day care facility to accommodate up to 80 children at 17 Railroad Ave. was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

Police Note

In recent weeks, there have been a number of car break-ins reported in the Village area. All of the vehicles were unlocked. Police strongly advise keeping your vehicle locked whenever it is parked outside and leaving valuables such as electronic equipment out of sight whether your car is locked or unlocked.

Gorham Police Department 2018 Call Statistics

In 2018, the Gorham Police Department handled 14,903 calls for service, which included 6,990 officer initiated calls such as traffic stops. Officers made 513 arrests for criminal behavior.

Traffic stops: 3,921
VSAC (Violations Summons and Complaint)/Warnings: 3,813
Traffic accidents: 507
Criminal/Civil summons: 269
Disturbance complaints: 190
Thefts: 140
Mental Health related: 93
Parking tickets: 67
Drug Related complaints: 60
Domestic complaints: 52
Deaths: 14
Drug overdoses: 8
Drug overdose death: 1
Traffic fatalities: 3

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ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
4 COUNTRY LANE	GIORDANO, REBEKAH & GRONDINE, PHIL	BOSTROM, PETER & LYNN	\$362,500
17 INDIAN POINT WAY	GLIDDEN, EARLE JR. & LISA	CONNOLLY, ROBERT	\$375,000
122 QUEEN STREET	GREAT NECK PROPERTIES, LLC	KUUSELA, LAURENCE & ENOCHS, ELAINE	\$102,000
DOUGLAS BROOK SUBDIV.	TRADEMASTERS, INC.	LBMP, LLC	\$68,500
FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	TOWLE, DAVID & MARTHA	SMITH, MARCI & BROOKS, RUTH	\$72,000
15 RIDGEWAY AVENUE	U.S. ROF III LEGAL TITLE TRUST	(FORECLOSURE)	\$253,121
206 SOUTH STREET	COX, STACY	HOSKINS, SEAN & LACI	\$395,000
19 MEADOWBROOK DR. UNIT 2	CADY, ROGER & ADRIENNE	NEUTS, GROSS & WELCH, JULIEANN	\$197,500
110 NARRAGANSETT STREET	GILLIHAN, KATIE	ANDERSON, STACY	\$231,000
16 OVERLOOK ROAD	WING, TIMOTHY & SARA	ESTATE OF JOHN PHINNEY	\$75,000
6 MURRAY DRIVE	MCCURDY, SHAWN	ALEXANDRIN, JULIE	\$289,900
48 NARRAGANSETT STREET	SCHWARTZ, JAMISON & KATHRYN	GENNA, JOSEPH & KATHLEEN	\$310,000
206 SOUTH STREET	HOSKINS, SEAN & LACI	BROOKS, RONALD & LINDA	\$525,000
14 FOX RUN COURT	BIRD, MADONNA	FOURLONG, STEPHEN & DEBRA	\$289,000
7 DANA STREET	FARWELL, TIMOTHY & SARAH	RENDELL, LENNY & ASHLEY	\$317,000
46 STANDISH NECK ROAD	HIGGINS, SAMANTHA & LUCAS	BUTLER, LUCAS & JESSIE	\$252,900
54 QUINCY DRIVE	CRAMTON, CASEY & WHEELOCK, DANA	GRIBLIN, GREGORY & DEBRA	\$476,000
21 SALLY DRIVE	HILL, JAMES II & NINA	BUTLER, WAYNE & DEBORAH	\$295,000
40 BURTON DRIVE	EASTMAN, CHRISTOPHER & TABITHA	GRAIVIER HOMES, INC.	\$400,000
725 GRAY ROAD	LAPOINTE, JARED & JOCELYN	RICHARDS, LEE IV & TIFFANY	\$285,000
8 STEPHANIE LANE	HAKIZIMANA, JOSETTE & FAUSTIN	ABRAMSON, BETHANY	\$264,000
46 GREAT FALLS ROAD	EILENFELDT, KIAH & WAKENELL, PATRICIA	PERRAULT, CHAD	\$315,000
6 STAGE COACH LANE	WALLACE, JOSEPH & THIBODEAU, STACEY	PATIN, ANDREW & AUDREY	\$365,000
6 GRASSLAND DRIVE	EMERSON, BRIAN & CLAUDINE	NORMAN BERUBE BUILDERS, INC.	\$435,000
150 ICHABOD LANE EXT.	ABRAMSON, BETHANY	RO, JOHN & SARAH	\$356,000
80 WAGNER FARM ROAD	WATTS, THOMAS & LAURA	BARTLETT, JASON	\$325,000
25 SAMANTHA DRIVE	TELFORD, THOMAS & MARY	SHEPARD, SANDRA JO & GARY	\$261,375
108 WOOD ROAD	LEVAN, KEITH & NIKOLE	PULVER, MITCHELL	\$321,000
56 COLLEGE AVE.	PARMETER, ALEXANDER & ALEXANDRA	STEELE, JANICE	\$262,324
240 MAIN STREET	HARDY, CHRISTOPHER	FARWELL, TIMOTHY & SARAH	\$257,000
50 CANAL STREET	SMITH, COURTNEY	HARMON, LORI	\$142,500
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28 LINCOLN STREET	WEAZER-PERRY, DANIEELE	ESTATE OF ARLENE F. BEAN	\$217,000
8 STEPHEN WARD DR. UNIT 14	STEVENS, MARK & IDA	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$292,503
7 ESTATE DRIVE	SERENDIPITYNG LLC	GORHAM SAVINGS BANK	\$345,000
109 GORDON FARMS ROAD	HOELLERMAN, CONNIE & JAMES	FERNANDEZ, ANTHONY	\$572,500
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future, and in changing our name we will ensure that prospective students and the public understand we are a three-campus university. Second, we will never lose sight that we are a university whose primary mission is to support Maine, our state's citizens and their children. We are pursuing a name change to help fulfill that mission," said Cummings during the press conference.

Senator Bill Diamond, of Windham, who has a bachelor's degree from Gorham State Teachers College and master's degrees from both the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham, and the University of Southern Maine, is apprehensive about the proposed change and has been contacted by residents, alumni and legislators who share his concerns. He believes the focus of the university should remain on Southern Maine and the mostly rural communities that comprise the university. He also believes that the proposal is underestimating what the USM name means to people.

As he shared in an op-ed to the Portland Press Herald in November 2018, "The name 'University of Southern Maine' is inclusive and welcoming to all, and discarding that identity to replace it with 'Portland' could have unintended consequences."

While Cummings is sensitive to the concerns, he believes the name change is "necessary to ensure the future of our university, the quality of the education we offer, and our ability to keep our university affordable for our students."

The research done by Market Decisions appears to support the belief that a name change would have a significant and immediate impact. "I think the data speaks for itself but sometimes you can hear things that can help to mitigate some of the concerns," said Cummings.

"Gorham is such an important part of the discussion," Cummings said. "It needs to be done in the right way. The next six to eight months are extremely important." His goal is to be very clear about the process and listen to people.

If approved, Cummings expects the name change to cost three quarters of a million dollars but he foresees that being offset by increased enrollment. "If you bring in 100 new out-of-state students paying full rates over the next three years, you've paid back the \$750,000."

He also believes the benefits of a one time expenditure outweigh the other option of initiating a gradual, more costly, rebranding over the next 20 years.

School officials will continue to hold community dialogue events throughout the spring. The Board of Trustees would need to approve the change before it is presented to the Legislature for final approval. The timeline projects an effective name change in summer or fall of 2021.

"At the end of the day, it really has to be something that keeps the organization going. It doesn't solve all problems, but it's a move in the right direction to really change the way we do business," said Cummings.

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- For more information, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/>.

Citizen's Police Academy Scheduled for March

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Police Department is set to host its fourth Citizen's Police Academy beginning March 6. Classes will be held every Wednesday from 6-8:30 p.m. through May 8. The Academy is free of cost and enrollment is limited.

The purpose of the Academy is to expose citizens to the functions of the Criminal Justice System as well as introducing and maintaining a common knowledge of the Gorham Police Department as a whole. The program will also include self-victimization awareness and hands

on demonstrations. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from, interact with and ask questions of the professionals of the Gorham Police Department.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, reside in Cumberland County (preferably Gorham), have no prior felony arrests (or misdemeanor arrests within the last five years), and must agree to a background check.

To enroll, visit Community Programs at <https://www.gorham-me.org/police-department>. For more information, contact Sergeant Hatch at 222-1681 or thatch@gorham.me.us.

GHS Parking

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is on South Street. The parking is limited to 2 hours in front of the library, but there are many unrestricted spots nearby.

Gorham PD issued this notice as a first step in the educational process. If vehicles continue to park illegally, the GPD will warn first-time offenders. Subsequent violations may result in enforcement action.

"It is not the desire of the Gorham Police Department to cite students/visitors who are trying to learn or are otherwise at the school for lawful purposes, but we are tasked with enforcing the parking laws/ordinances as they are written," said the GPD in the notice.

In response to the notice, several parents commented on Facebook that it would be helpful to have a notice of alternative spots for parking and for the already limited parking spots to be plowed in a way that parking is not further limited during the winter months.

Brian Jandreau, GHS principal, stated that there are 240 parking spots at GHS; 110 are reserved for staff and the rest are for seniors. Currently there are 200 seniors. "I truly wish there were more parking for seniors."

An additional parking lot by the new portables off Morrill Avenue was approved last year but the budget

didn't allow for the resources to have it built.

"At this time, there is not money allocated to pay for additional parking by the portables. However, these conversations will be ongoing throughout the budget process," said Jandreau.

One Facebook responder reminded parents that overflow parking at the Gorham Middle School with bus service to GHS was offered two years ago. However, when Jandreau polled students, only one student expressed interest so the idea was dismissed. He believes the reason students didn't show interest is because they don't want to take the bus or walk to/from the middle school.

Additionally, those students who are involved in sports, take early college course at USM or SMCC, have after school jobs, or need to get home to take care of a sibling, etc., may feel they don't have time to catch the bus to the middle school to get their car after school. Jandreau is willing to open that option up again to students if there is enough interest.

Gorham PD will continue to work with GHS administration, Gorham Public Works, and the Town Manager's office to try to find creative long-term solutions.

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Students Voice Concern over PBL with Reform Petition

LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

The Gorham School District started working towards a standards-based system of learning over eight years ago. Gorham High School (GHS) is well into its second year with the proficiency-based grading system. The change from a 1-100 based system to the new standards-based two years ago is based off of the proficiency-based diploma law.

In Maine, the current diploma law allows districts, like Gorham, to choose to issue proficiency-based diplomas or use other graduation standards. Heather Perry, Superintendent of Gorham Schools, spoke about the recent grading change in the high school.

"The elementary and middle schools had done work in the past but not the high school. We had a clear vision of what we wanted to create and how to move forward," said Perry.

The high school has a compound credit/standards-based diploma. The standards are outlined for each course offered at GHS. Students who earn passing scores in their classes are able to demonstrate they have met the standards and receive credit. Students must accumulate a total of 22 credits in order to graduate with a GHS diploma.

"Each student is unique and learns in different ways at different rates," said Perry. "Each student is different and we believe that and take action on that. There are clear outcomes for every student and how every student can get there."

However, the new system is not without worries. This past December, Laura Bolduc, a junior at GHS, started a petition to reform the grading system because she believed many students dislike the system.

"A huge problem with the grading system is the conversions. A 3.0 is proficient but it only converts to an 87, which is a B and not enough for high honors," said Bolduc. "If a student receives a 3.0 they are told they have met all the standards. This is confusing because if a student has done everything required of them shouldn't they at least receive an A?"

This concern goes further when college is introduced. Bolduc believes students are worried about how they will compare to students across the

country when meeting the standard is an 87; six points from an A.

Perry, however, feels differently. "I do not believe we are disadvantaging the students. We have a strong 1-4 scale," she said. "It doesn't matter what scale you utilize; colleges and universities have pretty much seen everything out there. This system sets students up for success, allowing them to demonstrate clearly what they know using our transcript and profile."

Brian Jandreau, principal at GHS, said the proficiency-based grading system is used "to provide more consistency from course-to-course in terms of what students are expected to know and how they are assessed."

Another student body concern at GHS, according to Bolduc, is that some teachers at GHS appear uncomfortable with proficiency-based grading and interpret the 1-4 system differently than other teachers, causing confusion among students.

Students feels that in order to get a 4.0 they most often will have to complete extra credit given by a teacher. However, Perry says this is in fact not how students can earn a 4.0.

"Students must demonstrate knowledge above and beyond the proficient score. Doing more of the same work would not allow a student to achieve a 4.0," said Perry.

"In a 100-point scale, the difference between a 95 and 100 is just the

number of questions a student got right. The difference between a 3.0 and a 4.0 in proficiency-based grading is deeper learning on a higher level. A 3.0 is a baseline but that is what most students should get," said Perry.

Jandreau stated that while some students may feel that the new standards-based grading system makes it harder to fail but even harder to succeed, statistics show that over the past six years at GHS the average GPA has gone up a whole point and the number of A's has gone up significantly.

"In 2012/2013, 20 percent of GHS students had an A while 49 percent had a B. In 2017/2018, 26% of students had an A, while the number of students with a B had decreased to 48 percent," said Jandreau. "Some students were concerned that their grades were going down. The data shows the opposite."

When Gorham began to move scales to align to standards-based practices, students who had been able to get a 100 previously may have found it more difficult to get a 4.0 (which is Gorham's 100 now) because teachers started asking students to demonstrate specific skills, not just do more of the same work that others did for a B.

Both Perry and Jandreau point to the PBL grading system as connecting with GHS's mission and vision, which goes to the core beliefs about learning. However, as noted previously,

many students disagree with the grading system.

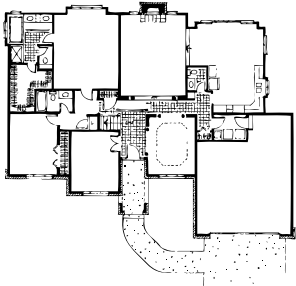
"I started the petition because I was hearing complaints from many of my classmates that the grading system brought down their grades and made it harder to succeed in school," said Bolduc. "I wanted to make sure that our administration knew just how many of my classmates, including myself, were still unhappy with the grading system and I figured a petition was the best way to do so."

Although her petition ended after two days with over 250 signatures, the message stuck. Students met with both Perry and Jandreau during a Friday auxilium period to discuss how to better the system.

"The feedback from students about what is happening on a day-to-day basis is helping us," said Jandreau. "Voices are reaching ours and are being heard; it does nothing but improve the system."

In addition to listening to student feedback, Perry stated that both she and Jandreau "are very interested in listening to any concerned parents as well. I would encourage parents to reach out to set up a time to meet with either of us (or both) so that we can hear their concerns, internalize them, ask questions to better understand them, and then use that information to help us plan future improvements to our learning systems here in Gorham."

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Gorham High Presents Show Stopping Production

LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School (GHS) continues to impress with its annual musical. This year's production is Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," directed by Joshua Hurd and Mathew Murray, is an updated version of the original story featuring democracy and a nice step sister.

Sierra Cummings, GHS sophomore, stars as Cinderella. This was not her first year in the spotlight; in last years' "Once on this Island" she played one of many leads, Papa Ge.

"I'm at a loss of words of how amazing this production was," said Cummings who expressed her love for the cast and crew after months of preparation. "I loved working with everyone and putting it together. It's so intricate."

Alongside Cummings is GHS senior Simon Roussel, who plays Prince Topher. "Cinderella" is Roussel's first musical, however, he does have past singing experience with GHS Chamber Singers.

"It was definitely hard stepping into the role with no experience. I was very nervous because I felt like I needed to prove I deserved the role," said Roussel.

"Over the past few months the production came together quite well."

The show also features a split cast. Opening weekend featured Veronica Steiner as Madam, the evil stepmother; Abby Miller as Gabrielle; the kind step sister; and Kirsten Drew as Charlotte, the ditzy stepsister whose actions closely resemble her mother. This weekend will feature Caroline Dowdle, Emily Paruk, and Leah Scontras respectively.

"A split cast is tricky because you get half the amount of rehearsal time as everyone else. It's also sad because you only get to perform three times," said Abby Miller. "However, it was still an awesome experience. I loved sharing notes and helping each other. I also gained a whole new group of friends."

Other leads include Westley Brinegar as Jean Michel, a revolutionary with an eye on Gabrielle; Isaac Martel as the plotting aid Sebastian; Meghan Reidy as the magical fairy godmother Marie; and Jackson Robbins as the town's spokesperson, Lord Pinkleton.

Overall, the production is a wonderful, excitement-filled story that adds a new kick to a classic tale. Remaining show times are Friday, February 8, and Saturday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 10, at 2:30 p.m.



Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

Westley Brinegar (Jean-Michel) is joined by ensemble members (l to r) Kendall Smith, Jade Wu, Kaylin Brown, Molly Lemont and Melanie Wright.



Simon Roussel (Prince Topher) leads his men (l to r) Alex Leary, Connor Donnelly, Isaac Martel (Lord Pinkleton), Jackson Robbins (Sebastian), Anthony Booth, and Corey Blake.



Sierra Cummings (Cinderella) performs with Veronica Steiner (Madam), Kirsten Drew (Charlotte) and Abby Miller (Gabrielle).



Simon Roussel and Sierra Cummings as Prince Topher and Cinderella.



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When the Music Flows



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The Gorham High School music department's concert band and combined choirs performed their Winter Concert for a packed crowd at the McCormick Performing Arts Center on January 17.

Calling All Incoming Kindergarten Parents

GORHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Gorham School Department will host a parent information meeting night for incoming Kindergarten students on Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the child's neighborhood school (Great Falls, Narragansett, and Village).

To find out which school a child should attend, please go to http://www.gorhamschools.org/transportation/attendance_zones/streets or call

the transportation department at 893-2547.

At the meeting, parents will pick up enrollment packets and sign their child up for the Kindergarten screenings that are being held in April. Please visit www.gorhamschools.org and click on the school to pre-register using the Kindergarten registration link.

Please feel free to contact any of the elementary schools with any questions.

Teaching Awareness and Acceptance



Photo credit Tracy Burns

Narragansett School's Civil Rights team recently received a grant for \$175 from the Gorham Educational Foundation to purchase books focusing on issues related to race and skin color, national origin and ancestry, religion, disabilities, and gender (including gender identity and expression). The students on the team will use these books to teach awareness and acceptance to all the classrooms at Narragansett. Pictured (left to right) back row: Rose Nichols, Isaiah Whitehead, Liam Delaney, Sean Kenny, and Elise Touch; middle row: Hayden Rozek, Avery Johnson, and Everett Rovin; floor: Rachel Hale, Josh Castonguay, and Myles Clark.

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District Honors Festival Talent



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Gorham High School band and choir members participated in the Maine Music Educators Association District I High School Honors Festival at York High School on January 18-19. Pictured above is the Mixed Choir (left to right) front row: Kate Dupuis, Lauren Bachner, Kendall Smith, Jade Wu, and Ethan Ho; middle row: Kaylin Brown, Molly Rathbun, Leah Scontras, Westley Brinegar, and Jackson Robbins; and back row: Sierra Cummings, Zach Pierce, Meghan Reidy, and Connor Donnelly.



Photo credit Matthew Murray

The Treble Choir (left to right) front row: Anika Malia, Hannah Smith, Bella Van Zandt, Tessa Dol, and Lauren Preis; middle row: Veronica Steiner, Caroline Dowdle, Lydia Valentine, and Sadie LaPierre; and back row: Molly Lemont, Emma Linkiewicz, and Abigail Miller. Not pictured: Kirsten Drew.



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The Honors Band (left to right): Coltin Brantley, Isaac Martel, Simon Roussel, Emily Paruk, Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Lizzie Blanchard, and Erin Wentworth.

School Note

Check out Superintendent Heather Perry's January blog reflecting on Gorham's student code of conduct at <https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/>.

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SPORTS

In the Zone

Gatorade Player of the Year Nominee: Andrew Rent (GHS '20) has been nominated for Gatorade Player of the Year. The award was established in 1985 to recognize the nation's most elite high school student-athletes for their athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character.

Holmes' Accolades Continue: Mackenzie Holmes (GHS '19) was recently nominated as a McDonald All-American. Holmes is also a Midseason 2019 ALL-USA Girls Basketball Player of the Year Candidate for the Northeast Region.

Sports Etc.

Esposito Named BIG EAST Freshman of the Week: Emily Esposito (GHS '17) was recently named BIG EAST Freshman of the Week. Esposito averaged 13.0 points, 2.5 rebounds and .563 shooting in a 2-0 road swing for the Villanova Wildcats Women's Basketball team. The redshirt freshman scored 13 points in road victories at Seton Hall and St. John's, making 4-of-7 attempts from deep while committing zero turnovers.



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GHS Varsity Winter Sports Update

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The winter season for varsity sports is coming to a close and play-offs lie ahead. The Gorham teams have had an excellent regular season and post the following results as of press time:

Alpine Skiing: The boys' team has two first place finishes and two second place finishes in races this season while the girls' team has a first place, a second, and two third place finishes in races this season.

Boys Basketball has a record of 11-6-0 with one game left in the regular season. Currently they are in fourth place and on track to make the playoffs.

Girls Basketball has a record of 10-6-0 with two games left in the regular season. They are currently in third place and on track to make the playoffs.

Unified Basketball has just started the season and has a record of 1-1-0. The team has four more games this season.

Cheering: The Gorham Cheerleaders placed fifth at the Maine Principal's Association Regionals Cheerleading Competition Class A South on January 26 and will move on to States on February 9,

an impressive accomplishment after placing last at the SMAA tournament two weeks prior.



Photo credit Sarah Watson

GHS Cheering is headed to States on February 9. Despite losing athletes to injuries, the team worked hard to overcome many obstacles at the regional tournament with only seven girls on the floor. Pictured (left to right) Top row: Coach Julie Dvilinsky, Haley Thompson, Elisabeth Loranger, Paula Lorente, Caralin Mills, and Rebecca Brunner. Center: Jamie Kelley. Bottom row: Reighley Adams, Cassidy Rioux, Sami Cummings and Tessa Dol.

Boys Hockey has a record of 6-5-0 with seven games left in the season. Currently the team is in sixth place and on track to make the playoffs.

Girls Hockey has a record of 3-13-1 with three games left in the season. Although they are in seventh place and will not make the playoffs, their

record has improved over last season.

Wrestling: Gorham joins the town of Westbrook as the Westbrook Gorham Blazes and is one of many teams in the state that combine two or three towns. The combined team is led by senior captain, Nicco Pappalardo, and junior captain Henri Kuntz. They are joined by Gorham newcomers Matt Reno, Asa Wareham, and Zach Emmons. Overall, the athletes have seen many individual top five wins this season.

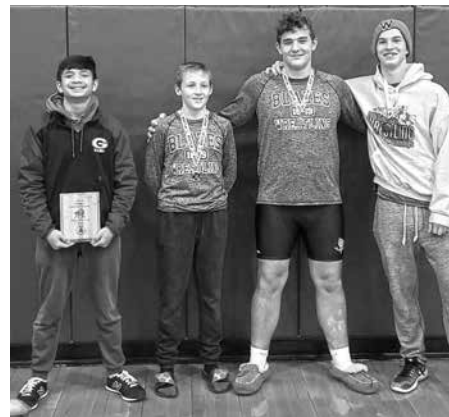


Photo credit Peter Grant

Coach Peter Grant had great things to say about his hard working Gorham athletes, many of whom have stood on the podium multiple times this season. Pictured (left to right) Nicco Pappalardo, Zach Davis (Westbrook), Matt Reno, and Henri Kuntz.

Indoor Track and Field has had a very successful season thus far with

many individual achievements. The boys have had three meets, finishing in fourth place each time. The girls have a record of 22-2, coming in first or second in four multi-team meets.

Boys/Girls Swimming is having a very good season so far according to Coach Cyr and has high prospects going into Southwesterns and States. The girls' team is 7-2 and the boys' team is 3-5-1.



Photo credit Betsy Nygren

The Gorham swim teams compete in Southwesterns this week. Pictured (left to right) Emma Owens, Madisen Sweatt, Elyssa Johnson, Caitlin Randall, Lindsey Nygren, and Laura Bolduc.

If you have a sports event you would like to share, email gtimeSPORTS@gmail.com



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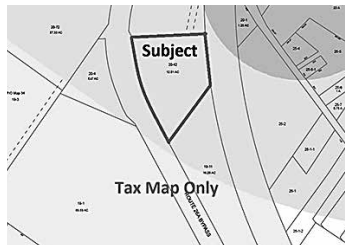


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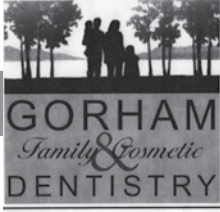


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OF INTEREST

Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and WinterKids for a family-friendly Snowshoe Nature Walk on the Hawkes Preserve Trail on Saturday, February 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parking is available at Great Falls Elementary School. This will be a fun introduction to snowshoeing and a great chance to see the forest and the Presumpscot River in the winter. Try snowshoeing with your family for the first time. WinterKids will be lending free snowshoes to anyone who doesn't own a pair. Participants will be split into two groups (one for young families/kids and one for adults), so the program is appropriate for all ages. After the walk, you can warm up with some hot cocoa. This program is free, but space is limited. Registration required, go to www.prlt.org/events to register.

The Gorham Lions Club will meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114). New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

Visit Baxter Memorial Library on Wednesday, February 13, to read to an animal from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (dog, cat or critter). This program, which is open to readers in grades K-6, will give less confident readers the chance to practice reading with an attentive (and furry) listener. It will also give shelter animals a field trip and the opportunity to meet lots of new people. Children will sign up for a 15 minute time slot to read to the participating animal. Stop by the library or call 222-1190 to sign your child up for a spot today!

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 or 839-8390 to learn more.

The North Gorham Public Library will host a talk on migration on Lesvos, Greece on Thursday, February 21, at 7 p.m. The Greek island of Lesvos in the northern Aegean Sea is one of Portland's Sister Cities so what happens there is truly connected to us in Maine. In the past four years Lesvos has become a main gateway for migrants and refugees who are flooding into Europe through Greece. Professor Irwin Novak and Mary Snell of North Gorham will recount their first-hand experience with this historic migration in their talk, "Migrant Journey to Lesvos." FMI libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Lakes Region Senior Center is hosting an indoor picnic on Monday, February 11, at 11:30 a.m. Joseph C. Chappell, or his representative from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency in Windham, will follow with a discussion on Disaster Preparedness at 12:15 p.m. Come eat, and hear a wonderful speaker at Lakes Region Senior Center at the Gorham Community Center at 40 Acorn Street in Little Falls. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for Guests. We guarantee you will have a good time!

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

Lecky Brown Center: Mondays: 9:30 a.m. Knitting Group, Wednesdays: 10 a.m. the Originals (Please go to firstparishgorham.org/originals for the weekly schedule of speakers), Fridays: 10 a.m. ARTrageous Seniors - oil pastels in February. Lecky Brown Center is located on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church. FMI: 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

The Lecky Brown Center, in partnership with Mercy Hospital, is pleased to announce a new "Starting Points 101" series. Topics are designed to cover a very wide variety of senior topics, providing basic information to 'get you started.' Please join us on Tuesday, February 12, at 10 am for a video presentation of programming and resources available through Southern Maine Agency on Aging. It's not just Meals on Wheels! The series is free but pre-registration is requested. FMI 835-9379.

Senior Meal Site will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Cost is \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857 or 222-1630

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Tow Path Road caller was scared of a mouse. She was advised to get traps or call an exterminator.

Dogs were returned home to College Ave. One dog bit an officer.

Officer responded to Leah Lane for a complaint of loud music. Officer had been to this address in the past for a similar complaint but homeowner would not answer the door. Officers did not hear any loud music when they arrived but interior lights were on. Officer knocked several times and shone his flashlight in a window. Eventually a woman came to the door and said she did not have any music on. Officer asked her for ID as he intended to issue a 30 day disorderly conduct warning. Woman argued with officer who again explained that he had been there on other occasions for the same complaint but she never answered the door. She showed officer her license and he gave her the disorderly conduct warning.

Officer responded to Glenwood Ave. for a verbal family dispute. At mother's request, son left for the night.

Suspicious person parked on Main St. after store hours said he was had ordered food and while he was waiting, he was trying to use their wi-fi. He was allowed to leave.

Gray Road caller reported a vehicle in the

driveway that was blocking other vehicles that were there. Caller was told that since vehicle was on private property, he would have to make arrangements to get it moved. He was given contact information for the vehicle owner.

Ball Park Road caller was concerned that her home computer appeared to have a virus. No report was made.

Narragansett St. called advised there was a vehicle in her driveway that she didn't recognize. Her house is currently vacant and the people planning to close on the house the following day were in the house doing their final walk through. Caller was not aware of this plan.

Shaw's Mill Road caller asked how many dogs a person can have in Gorham. He was told there are no limits but if animals were being mistreated, he should contact Animal Control Officer.

Caller reported Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and/or fire police were not wearing proper clothing and presenting a traffic hazard. Dispatch contacted them and they were all wearing proper clothing.

Maple Drive caller had an argument with mother about the phone. Both were upset and daughter was concerned that mother might harm herself.

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USM NOTES

The University of Southern Maine Art Galleries will present the creative work of 20 art faculty members with an open reception on March 3 from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will feature a variety of media including photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, installation and digital art. FMI call 780-5008 or visit cms.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

CLOSE TO HOME

A local support group for Crohn's Disease and Colitis will meet at Roots Café in Westbrook the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. The Ostomy support group will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Roots Café. Groups are free and open to the public. The group will meet in the conference room which can be accessed by a separate entrance from the café in the book area. FMI kaymayparsons@yahoo.com.



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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Book Club discussion of "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Memorial Diagon Alley, 5:30-7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- PRLT Snowshoe Nature Walk, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Hawkes Preserve Trail

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Adult Craft Night – Hearts & Craft, 6 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House, South Street

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13

- Valentine's Day Craft (ages 7-12), 1-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Read to Animals with ARLGP (readers in grades K-6), 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

- Chewonki Scales and Trails (all ages), 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

- Pete the Cat Day (ages 3-9), 10-11:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21

- Book Club discussion of "The Future Home of the Living God" by Louise Erdrich, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Yoga Frog and Mindful Monkeys (10-10:30 a.m. ages 3-7, 10:30-11 a.m. ages 8-12) Baxter Memorial Library
- Ice Castles (all ages), 6-6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library Patio (dress warm)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22

- Pom-Pom Pals (all ages), 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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Get Swept Off Your Feet at the GHS Production of “Cinderella”



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