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Robie Park Master Plan Meetings Continue

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

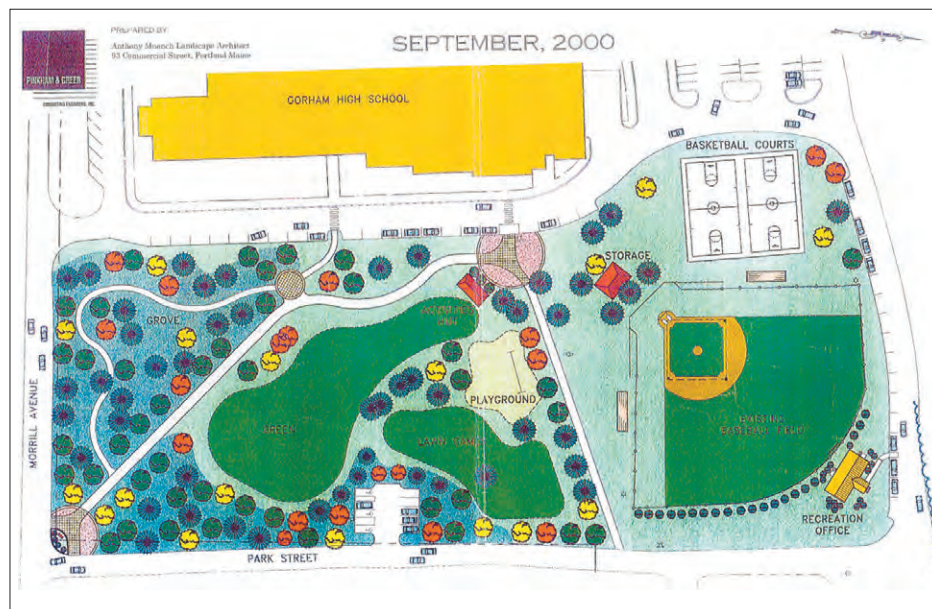


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Robie Park as it appeared in 2020.

The Town of Gorham is looking at future plans for Robie Park. The property is between Gorham High School and the Municipal Center as well as between Morrill Avenue and the Access Road.

In 2000, a Master Plan for this property was developed which included a baseball field, basketball courts, a recreation office (now a daycare), a playground, groves of trees, and trails through the property. More recently a survey of the approximately 6-acre property was posted online and 87% of the 358 people who responded to it, wanted the property to remain a park. A meeting is planned for the end of February to review the survey comments and a site walk is planned for the end of March. The red circles on the property are entrances. The white spot was a basketball court but is now trees.

Eighteen percent of respondents visited the park a few times per week, 22% visited a few times a month and 31% visited a few times a year. The remaining respondents almost never visited the park. Survey respondents used the park for playground and other children's activities, for running and walking, for baseball and basketball games, for green space, for the community garden and the bees, and a variety of other activities.

Residents thought the playground and children's play areas should be expanded, and that the natural landscaping, greenspace areas should be maintained. More trees, improved fields and areas for a variety of sports, and a wide variety of suggestions for changes/improvements including the use of Robie Park for an anticipated need to expand Gorham High School.



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Invite Your Legislator to School at GMS

Kelli Deveaux, Contributing Writer



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A middle school student and teacher share information about the work they are doing with Maine House Majority Leader Maureen Terry

The hallways of Gorham Middle School were filled with more than just students on Wednesday, January 18. State and local officials joined the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in their classes as part of Invite your Legislator to School Month. Maine House Majority Leader Maureen Terry and Senator Stacey Benner were joined by Maine Commissioner of Education Pender Makin, Gorham Town Council Chairperson Lee Pratt, Gorham Town Councilor Seven Siegal, and School Committee members Jen Whitehead and Stewart MacCallister for a morning of listening, learning and reflecting. The dignitaries began their morning meeting with student leaders to hear their ideas for improving education, including later start times for schools, and concerns about ensuring their peers have the emotional, academic, and financial support they need.

The purpose of Invite your Legislator to School Month is to build relationships between educators and students and policy makers and to provide decision makers with a better understanding of how educational policy impacts students and educators. The January 18th visit was organized by 2020 Maine Teacher of the Year and GMS Alternative Education teacher Heather Whitaker, and Aspire Gorham Communications

Coordinator Jen Belanger, with support from many GMS staff, Maine County and State Teacher of the Year Network, and Aspire Gorham.

Each of the legislators attended classes and learned along with the students. Over lunch, Gorham Middle School staff and their guests discussed successes, current challenges, legislation, and possible solutions for public

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education and the Gorham school community. There was rich and honest discussion, with lots of laughs and connections made.

All who participated noted the value and impact of the day. Senator Stacy Brenner later shared her reflection of the day. "My biggest "aha" came watching the teachers

effortlessly and masterfully find the magic in each of their students regardless of the student's skill with the subject matter. The respectful way each teacher engaged with all of the students is heartwarming. I only wish there was an easy way to bottle this up and share it more broadly in celebration and recognition. I loved hearing directly from the students."

School Committee member, Jen Whitehead stated, "It was such a powerful day and I have been singing the praises to anyone who will listen! I think people may or may not have an idea of how huge and complex

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

Addressing the EMS Staffing Shortage

Rep. Stacy Brenner

Life happens. Health crises don't always give advance notice of their arrival. There are times when we find our own lives and the lives of those we love in jeopardy without warning. It is in these moments when the services provided by emergency medical service personnel are necessary and indispensable. These heroic and crucial members of our community willingly walk into danger to save lives without a second thought, knowing that their own safety could be at risk. As a legislator, it is my duty to ensure that they have the support they need to thrive in their profession and in their lives.

Yet, our state is facing a shortage of EMS personnel that threatens the safety of our communities. All across the state, emergency medical service professionals are struggling to make ends meet while dedicating their time to providing essential, life-saving services. In fact, Maine EMS departments have lost nearly 20 percent of their personnel since 2013, demonstrating the severity of the situation across the state. The longer response time caused by the growing shortage could mean the difference between life and death. As a registered nurse-midwife, I understand the stress that such a staffing shortage causes on those who contribute more of their time to compensate, especially in a career that has such high stakes. There are those who work 60-70 hours to continue saving lives. When we are not able to provide EMS workers a livable compensation, the consequences can be catastrophic.

To find ways to solve the issues facing EMS departments throughout the state, the Legislature passed LD 1988, "An Act to Establish that the

Provision of Emergency Medical Services by an Ambulance Service is an Essential Service and To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State." On Jan. 13, the EMS Blue Ribbon Commission, co-chaired by Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross, D-Portland, and Sen. Chip Curry, D-Belfast, issued its final report,

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which describes numerous recommendations for improving emergency services. The report proposes to allocate \$70 million toward the delivery of EMS services, which includes transporting patients and providing on-site treatment and triage. Additionally, the Commission recommends fully funding the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), an important program that rewards firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, including volunteers, for serving their communities by contributing to their retirement program. The Commission also suggests providing access to health benefits for non-municipal, licensed EMS services.

In reaction to the final report, one of my colleagues and commission co-chair, Sen. Curry has submitted bills that cover some of the provisions recommended in the report. One such bill is LD 244, which would con-

vene a stakeholder group to explore expanding educational opportunities in emergency medical services career pathways. The Blue Ribbon Commission recommends that the Maine Community College and the University of Maine Systems look for ways to identify and remove the barriers preventing students from choosing an EMS career path. Expanding educational opportunities in the field would directly mitigate the crisis.

I cannot stress enough how important the dedicated EMS personnel are to our community. Through my time working as a nurse-midwife, I have compassion and empathy for those who devote their lives to their community. To the EMS professionals and volunteers in Gorham and Scarborough, I thank you for your invaluable service and dedication to our community. We would not be able to thrive and grow without the life-saving work that you do every day.

If you have questions, ideas or comments throughout the legislative session, please feel free to contact me at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. You can also follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner for more frequent updates.



Sen. Stacy Brenner, 207-287-1515 stacy.brenner@legislature.maine.gov Stacy Brenner is serving her second term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham and most of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife. Aide: Ellie Sato, Ellie.Sato@legislature.maine.gov

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Photos courtesy of Giovanna Bechard

that the job of a teacher is, but there is nothing like seeing it in action."

"It was so wonderful to be able to showcase the hard work our incredible band students put in and to be able to discuss with stakeholders the needs of our growing music programs," said GMS music teacher Rosemarie Skilling.

Invite your Legislator to School Month began in honor of Kevin Grover, Maine's 2010 Teacher of the Year. A beloved and passion-

ate elementary educator, Grover was committed to the idea that teachers and policy makers at the local and state level should have more opportunities to form relationships with each other. Unfortunately, Grover unexpectedly passed away in 2012. As a way to honor Grover's commitment and his legacy, state representative Mary Nelson sponsored LD 822, which officially named January as Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month.

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Around Town

Observed Trash Collection Dates for 2023

Independence Day (July 4, Tuesday): Monday normal, Tuesday collection will be Wednesday, Wednesday will be Thursday, Thursday will be Friday

Thanksgiving (Nov. 23, Thursday): Thursday collection will be Friday

Christmas, (Dec. 25, Monday): Collection will be pushed back one day all week

New Year's (Jan. 2, 2023, Monday): Collection will be pushed back one day all week

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BOOK REVIEW

All the Children Are Home

A Novel by Patry Francis

This book was wonderful. It is deeply emotional and heart-breaking yet hopeful. The characters were vivid and flawed and so real, it felt like I knew this family.



In many of my reviews, I have commented on authors seemingly trying to cram too many experiences into their characters. While each of these characters have many troubling experiences, they are not used in an attempt to check boxes or shock and awe. For these characters, their experiences feel very natural, as traumatic as some of them may be.

The timeline of the story follows the character Agnes who has just arrived at the Moscatelli family's home. Each chapter is told by one of the characters, leading to many different voices and points of view. By the end, we have seen all the characters age about 10 years.

I love getting to see characters grow and change naturally through life. Patry Francis does this so well with these characters.

If you are looking for a read about family, found family, overcoming, and growth, this book fits the bill. Be warned, some of the experiences of the different characters in this book can be triggering to some. I feel these situations are handled quite delicately and are portrayed mostly indirectly, but the inference and the characters' journeys to navigate these traumas may not be the kind of thing some readers want to encounter.

This book touched a deep place in my heart and soul. I can't quite put my finger on it, but it was a heart-warming read.

Christie Paul, Contributing Writer

Christie served as the editor of Gorham Times from Feb. 2020 to June, 2022. She is an avid reader and graduate of USM, and is now the executive assistant/associate choir director the non-profit organization, Sing St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, fostering cultural awareness and providing universally accessible singing for all ages on St. John.



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Announcing EV Chargers at First Parish Church

Amy Leddy, First Parish Church



Looking for a convenient option for charging your electric vehicle while visiting stores and restaurants in Gorham Village? The EV chargers in the parking lot at First Parish Church at 1 Church Street are a block from Main Street. It's an easy walk from wherever you are shopping or dining in downtown Gorham.

Visitors can charge their vehicles anytime 24/7. There are two Chargepoint brand, level 2 chargers with two plugs each so as many as four vehicles can be charged at the same time. To use the chargers, drivers need to sign up for an



account on the Chargepoint website or through the the Chargepoint app downloaded on their phones.

First Parish lead minister, Christine Dyke, says installing the charging stations was a way for the church to serve the community and to express its commitment to be a responsible steward of the environment.

The chargers even have names, "Voltaire" and "Ampere." First Parish has a long history and is also forward looking and progressive. Its next big step forward will be the installation of solar panels on the roof of the annex in spring of this year.



Valentine Day Jokes

What do you tell a pig on February 14? "Happy Valen-swine's Day!"

What do you call sweets that can keep a beat? "Candy rappers."

What did the artist tell his girlfriend? "I love you with all my art."

What do you call two birds in love? "Tweetharts!"

What did the octopus say to the other octopus on Valentine's Day? "I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand."

POETRY CORNER

"I Love You More Than Applesauce"

by Jack Prelutsky

I love you more than applesauce,
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Than chocolate hearts,
And cherry tarts,
And berry bubblegum.

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Postural Restoration

Mike Smith, Contributing Writer

From the title of this piece, one might think we are talking about the manner in which we were brought up by parents and teachers who kept reminding us to “sit up straight.” Not exactly. Instead, we will examine the ideology many physical therapists use in evaluating a patient who has pain or discomfort unrelated to an injury.

I discovered this approach early in my career when I had my mailman as a patient. He was otherwise healthy and fit, but he had re-occurring hip pain. I treated him for several weeks, during which time he had x-rays and an MRI, all of which were fine. He got better, then he got worse. Up and down for weeks.

One afternoon, I watched him deliver the mail to the three-story walk-ups across the street from my office. Every time he started up the steps or hit the sidewalk on the way down, he used the same leg – the leg on the side of his pain. We worked on breaking this ingrained habit, and two weeks later he was symptom-free, and was able to run a three-hour thirty-minute marathon.

A common postural restoration issue I see has to do with the ergonomics associated with workplace

movements, such as sitting at a desk, using a computer, or simply engaging in a hobby. In these cases, our posture can lead to certain joint or soft tissue dysfunction to the spine and also the shoulders, arms, hips and knees.

This stress is brought on not only by prolonged sitting or standing, but also by the way in which we sit and stand. The treatment is to break the patterns that have become habits in our routines. These are the patterns that we would like to break so that the area of discomfort can heal.

As a physical therapist I am often trying to discover which habitual movements may be causing the issue. The patient then needs to be shown how to properly exercise. Your PT can do manual work to overcome this issue but the patient, however, also needs to be educated on any habitual postural movements that may be contributory to their pain and dysfunction.



Mike Smith is a physical therapist and athletic trainer and owner of Village Physical Therapy in Gorham.

Help Keep Land Trust Trails Cleared

Gorham Times Staff

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust staff and volunteers have been hard at work cleaning up damage caused by several of the big windstorms throughout the winter. Preserve stewards have surveyed the trails for major blowdowns and then returned with chainsaws and handsaws. Volunteers helped to clear three large blowdowns at Black Brook Preserve, cleaned up the northern section of the Mill Brook Preserve trail, as well as located major blowdowns that

needed attention, while many others cleaned up minor debris while scouting for large logs.

Thanks to their efforts, the trails are once again walkable for the winter season. However, if you are out on a Land Trust trail and see a tree that is down, please let us know. If you would like to help keep the trails clear and join a work day or are interested in becoming a preserve steward, email Program Manager Toby Jacobs at toby@prlt.org.

Vehicular Craziiness

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Inclement weather can keep us indoors more than is good for us this time of year. Boredom can easily set in as we turn, into what a friend of mine calls, “shack nasty.” With too much time on our hands, one can easily be lured down the rabbit hole of Internet weirdness. I’m not talking QAnon here, but rather a favorite pastime of mine: surfing the information motherlode for really dumb stuff. Here are the results of a recent deep dive which produced a list of strange driving laws.

In an effort to provide fair and balanced reporting, I disclose that while the U.S. has an overabundance of these quirky laws, we do not have a monopoly on odd traffic rules. Global Vehicular Craziiness (GVC), abounds the world over.

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In Dubai it makes sense that camels are given the right of way, but in Nevada, they saw fit to ban camels from walking on any roadway.

Whether visiting Prince Edward Island or Rhode Island, you might get a ticket if you forget to honk when you pass another vehicle. Maybe that’s just an Island thing.

Feeling too lazy to wash the road salt off your car? Driving a dirty car in Russia warrants a fine of up to 2,000 rubles. According to good old Alexa, that’s about \$32 dollars, just about how much a car wash, wax, and vacuum costs in the U.S.

In California, it’s apparently illegal to shoot an animal from your car, unless it is a whale. FYI, this law is also applicable in Tennessee. Maybe we can chalk this up to too much moonshine.

In case you were wondering, it’s also illegal in California to jump from a car

traveling at 65 mph. I guess we can presume that 64 mph is OK.

Also, if you are a woman, it’s illegal to drive in your housecoat in California. Heavens to Betsy. What about in just your PJs? I can’t be the only woman who has run to Hannaford ahead of the next storm wearing knee-high boots, a long coat, ratty pajamas, and maybe a mask, just to make sure.

Drunk driving is frowned upon pretty much everywhere. French drivers must carry breathalyzers and test their own blood alcohol levels. Seriously, leave it to the French.

In Japan, not only is it illegal to drive while inebriated, but it’s also illegal to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by someone under the influence, even if you are 100% sober (and 100% stupid.)

A lot of crazy driving rules involve animals. To be perfectly clear, crossing state lines with a duck on your head is not permitted in Minnesota, but pretty much ok everywhere else, I guess. In Alaska, it’s illegal to tie a dog to the roof of your vehicle. And my personal favorite...if an elephant is tied to a parking meter in Florida, the owner must deposit money in the meter. Since they pay no income tax in the Sunshine State, I figure they have to earn income somehow. But one would think that if they chose a different animal, they might generate a better revenue stream.

If you are really bored, after our past super cold weekend, I bet Ron DeSantis might appreciate a few suggestions. Whatever you do, don’t pick a koala bear, which according to Alexa, is Ron’s favorite animal.

CryptoVerse by A. Logophile

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Town Council Report Feb. 7

Maggie Norris, USM Student Intern

The Gorham Town Council met on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023. The meeting began with the acceptance of the minutes of Jan. 3, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting. Vice Chairman Shepard opened the meeting, and there were 12 members of the public in attendance.

Councilor Phillips reported that she attended the Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee meeting on January 26th, and the capital expenditures to date were discussed. Councilor Wilder Cross attended the GHS musical, Mary Poppins and commented on the stellar performance. The Board of Health will be meeting via zoom on Feb. 15 and will be posted to the town website.

The Town Manager reminded everyone that the winter parking ban is still in effect, as well as a reminder that sand is still readily available at Public Works. Additionally, he thanked the Public Works for their efforts throughout the storms. Town Manager Paraschak reported that Cumberland County ARPA funding is available for heating assistance. Contact the town for more information.

The School Committee report began with the announcement that plans of opening two pre-K classrooms in the fall of 2023. A "Listen and Learn" was planned for Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. held via

zoom.

Public hearings were held to hear comments on:

Item #23-23, moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Lavoie and ordered, that the Town Council issue a renewal Liquor License to Make Dough LLC, DBA Otto's Pizza, 109 Main Street, Unit C. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-24, public hearing to hear comment on a proposal to issue a renewal Liquor License to JBNI1 LLC, DBA Junction Bowl. Vice Chairman Shepard opened public hearing #2. There were no comments from the public and the Hearing was closed. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-25, moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and ordered, that the Town Council issue a renewal Special Amusement License to JBNI1 LLC, DBA Junction Bowl, 7 Railroad Avenue. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-26, moved by Councilor Siegel, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ordered, that the Town Council issue a renewal Adult Use Marijuana License to Harrison Otterbein, Warren West Group LLC, 289 New Portland Road. Property owned by 789 Development LLC. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-27 moved by Councilor

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Planning Board Results Feb. 6, 2023

Gorham Times Staff

Servpro's request for approval to construct a 4,500 sq. ft. building addition at 9 Hutcherson Drive was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

The Town of Gorham's request for approval of a subdivision for the Industrial Park was discussed and approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code and Zoning Map to implement the comprehensive plan by revising the zoning from Rural to Agricultural Industrial as well as rezoning from Rural and Suburban Residential to Urban Residential was discussed and referred to the Town Council with a recommendation for adoption.

A request for a special exception to

locate a daycare center and community cafe at 3 Industrial Parkway was discussed and approved.

Gregory McCormack's request for approval of a private way utilizing the Samantha Drive right-of-way was discussed but not yet approved.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code regarding dog kennel standards was discussed and moved to send the proposed ordinance amendment to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing.

A proposed amendment regarding phase 4 of the Village Expansion District in the area between the Gorham Bypass and South Street was discussed and sent to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing.

Police Department Statistics

Gorham Police Department

	2021	2022
Calls for Service	13,315	13,417
Self Initiated	5,365	5,577
Traffic Stops	3,773	4,535
Arrests	26	144
Criminal/Civil Summonses	302	361
VSACS Summonses and Warnings	778	1,308
Parking Tickets	41	57
Disturbance Complaints	118	121
Domestic Complaints	49	54
Mental Health Related Complaints	80	99
Drug Related Complaints	46	33
Drug Overdoses	4	7
Drug Overdose Deaths	1	0
Total Death	9	11
Thefts	70	85
Traffic Crashes	499	458
Traffic Fatalities	2	4
Animal Complaints	546	496
Detective Division Investigated Cases	223	313

Grant Opportunity for Gorham Based Businesses

Gorham Times Staff

On Jan. 31, the Town of Gorham's Economic Development Director Kevin Jensen announced a new competitive matching grant opportunity for Gorham businesses. The Façade & Leasehold Improvement (FLI) Grant Program provides a 50% match up to a total of \$5,000 for funding to commercial property owners and leaseholder tenants.

The purpose of the grant is to address three goals: to support upgrades to building façades on highly visible commercial properties in specific zoning districts; to improve overall energy efficiency and sustainability of commercial real estate properties

in Gorham; and to improve public accessibility and inclusion to address ADA requirements and community needs on commercial properties.

The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 24. The grant program is available to both small businesses located in the Town of Gorham occupying commercial space under a current lease agreement and commercial property owners.

More information, including program guidelines, eligibility requirements and funding activities, and application process can be found at <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/facade-leasehold-improvement-grant-program>.

Real Estate Transfers December 2022

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
65 FILES ROAD	LINTON, CASSANDRA	DUCHAINE, WHITNEY & HANKEN, JASON	\$650,000
6 MARATHON AVENUE	WHITE, AMY LYNN	ESTATE OF GRETCHEN LEROYER	\$445,000
WEBSTER ROAD	J&S FARMS, LLC	BLUEBERRY FIELDS III, LLC	\$500
18 UNIOIN STREET	JOYCE, AUSTIN & KIRA	CALLAHAN, DWN	\$345,000
45 BARTLETT ROAD	KOSAL, STEVEN & CHHAY, THAVI	HA INVESTMENTS, LLC	\$430,000
79 DAY ROAD	OMUR, ALI & SCHNEIDER, CARMEN	ESTATE OF CHARLES H. CROCKETT	\$490,000
29 HANNAH DRIVE	HASHKO, REBECCA & TSIMAFEI	HYCHKO, LOUIS & JAMIE	\$430,000
28 STATE STREET UNIT 2	LISA LISTS, LLC & JEN WHITEHEAD, LLC	ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JOHN SMITH	\$110,000
29 HAYFIELD DRIVE	SMITHSON HOLDINGS, LLC	EDENBACH, KATHERINE & MARC	\$573,390
21 NATALEE DRIVE	LOVEJOY, STEPHEN & WINTERS, JOAN	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$440,000
20 PREBLE STREET	20 PREBLE STREET, LLC	FOLEY, DANIEL	\$930,000
SMALL POND ROAD	CHICOINE, WILLIAM JR. & RYAN	AHLQUIST, RUDOLPH & AHLQUIST, M.	\$155,000
245 LIBBY AVENUE	TUCKER, RICHARD & MELISSA	LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER	\$605,000
67 NORTH STREET	SLAGER, JOEL & BARBARA	BROADDUS, SAMUEL & JENSEN, SANDRA	\$850,000
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School Committee Report

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee met for their monthly meeting on Feb. 8, 2023. During the allotted time for public comment, three parents spoke to thank the school committee and staff for their actions and care of the children of Gorham.

The student representatives, Ellie Szostalo and Aislyn McLean, offered updates on the events of the high school including Spirit Week, a fundraiser for Camp Sunshine, a Rock/Paper/Scissors Tournament, and the production of the musical, "Mary Poppins."

Dr. Heather Perry, the school superintendent, offered several updates including the plan for snow days to become remote days if the system reaches the allotted five days and the ongoing budget process. Also, the Town Council moved the budget approval date to May 16 instead of June to allow more time for planning if budget numbers are changed. In addition, she thanked all of the school counselors for their service, particularly during School Counselor Week.

Eliza Kenigsberg, Aspire Director, and Grace Olsen, ELO Teacher provided a program review of the ELO Program, accompanied by teacher Nan Acker-Wolfhagen, parent and electrical engineer Lacey Kennedy, and student Alexis Deshaine. The number of students involved in ELO's has increased dramatically in the past three years.

The purpose of ELO (Experience Learning Opportunities) is to provide students with information about career paths, work skills investigation, and partnerships with community workers to match individual student interests. One of the recent activities involved the Science X Program, where eleven community members

teamed with nine science teachers to highlight careers in the science field. Ms. Olsen also highlighted two of her students who are successfully working with an electrician and a veterinary clinic, respectively, to build on their individual interests and further their learning in those careers.

In a second program review, Social Worker, Brooke Proulx, provided data on the MIYHS assessment that is given annually to students in grades 7-12 to assess risk factors for substance abuse and mental health and to review protective factors that support student growth. These results help to direct the development of parent forums, policy changes and general information on support and service needs for students. Risk factors seemed to rise just before COVID both locally and statewide, but the hope is that they are now leveling off.

Perry presented the proposal for the school calendar for the 2023-24 school year. The only significant change from this year's calendar was to move one of the four teacher in-service days in August and place it on the November election day. The calendar was approved 6-0.

The school committee goals were discussed and approved (6-0). The school committee also unanimously approved two GHS work proposals for LED lighting and HVAC to EMC and Johnson and Jordan, respectively.

Finally, before going into a series of executive sessions, Superintendent Perry provided the school committee with the budget notebooks for their review. The initial budget hearing will be on Feb. 28th at 7:00 in Conference Room A at the Municipal Center. More information on the proposed budget may be found on the school committee website.

Village School Kindness Coins

Christine Karcanes, SAILS Program Educational Technician



Photo credit: Christine Karcanes

Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Social Skills Teacher Stacey Sawyer's 2nd graders are learning how to promote kindness in their community. Mrs. Sawyer is anchoring empathy and kindness in this unit of Social Skills. She wanted "a tangible project to spread kindness."

Mrs. Sawyer teamed up with Joanne Gauley, K-5 Technology Integration Specialist, to design and print a coin. Mrs. Gauley asked the students to

brainstorm words or pictures that could go on the coin. The students then decided what the coin would look like and how to distribute them to others.

Students were invited to watch the coins formed on the 3D printer. 59 coins were made. Mrs. Sawyer and her students' message is, "if you see or receive kindness, please pay it forward." Be on the lookout for Kindness Coins in the Gorham community!

Mary Poppins at Gorham High School



Photo credit: Molly Breton and Company

Mr. McQuinn's Book Nook at Great Falls

Becky Fortier, Great Falls Principal

Mr. McQuinn's book collection has been processed and is ready for check-out in the Great Falls library. A permanent plaque is being made by Maine Sign Company and will be displayed here when it's finished. The students will love these books dedicated in Mr. McQuinn's honor, and they will be checked out quickly and often. Mr. McQuinn was a Reading Assistant Teacher at Narragansett School and Great Falls School for many years who died last May after being diagnosed with cancer.

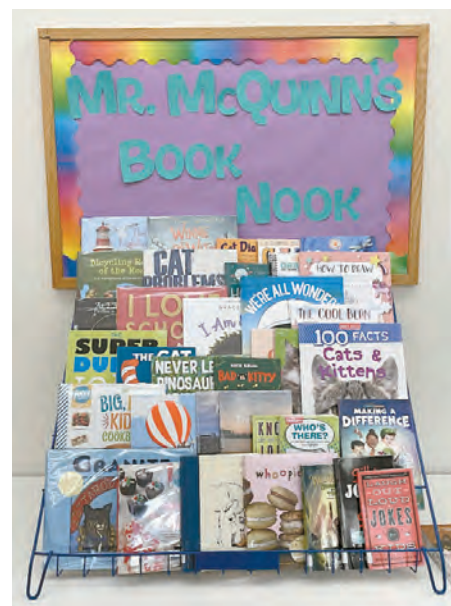


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Pictured above, the full cast and crew of "Mary Poppins" who performed the first two weekends of February.

Pictured left, Mary Poppins (Maddie Downey) soars by Bert the Chimney Sweep (Patrick Delaney) during the production of "Mary Poppins" at Gorham High School.

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Unified Basketball Brings Community and Students Together for Opener

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Unified Basketball Action

The Gorham Unified Team played their season opener v. South Portland, in front of a packed gym at GHS on Jan. 31. The program began in 2018, followed by a special celebration in their 2nd season in 2019, courtesy of Adam Parvanta, Gorham High School's media/technology teacher. There was a small break in the action during the COVID-19 season but the sport is growing strong again in Gorham and is now represented in over 65 schools in Maine. Twenty-one teammates fill the 2022-2023 roster this year, once again coached by Eric Lelansky and assisted by Abe Tabachnick and Lisa Curley.

The home opener was full of action on both sides of the court; crisp passes, outside shots and impressive drives through the lane. The game was watched by a full crowd of family and friends, teachers, coaches, athletes from other GHS teams and GHS alumni. Brian Edwards (GHS '19) who holds a scoring record was also in the house cheering on his former teammates.

James Hatch for Gorham played well and shot well posting double digit points. River Cummings, Dylan Taini, Landon Paradis and Niko Gagne also chipped in points. Both teams controlled the ball effectively and efficiently hitting some fine shots. There was genuine camaraderie throughout the game on both sides for Gorham and South Portland. Jack Dreifus, partner for South Portland's program and who plays varsity soccer and lacrosse shares, "this is such a great program and I am privileged to be a part of it."

On the Gorham side, Game Day student assistant coaches include Andre Dube, Haden Pelletier and Caden Smith. Smith was all smiles as he left the court to catch his varsity basketball team bus heading to play an away game. The game ended shortly thereafter, but not before a few more impressive outside shots were made on both ends of the court. Final score: Rams 39, South Portland 51.

Following the handshake lineup, parents took group team photos for South Portland. All of the players seemed to be enjoying the win and just being a part of such a great program. On the Gorham side, athletes were greeted with plenty of hugs and cheers.

As the gym filtered out, other athletes from the girls junior varsity and varsity teams re-entered the gym preparing for their game v. Brunswick and also senior night for the Rams, the lone senior being Elizabeth Willette. Overall four teams were in action that night. The varsity boys basketball team traveled to Brunswick, and the boys varsity ice hockey team played on their home ice.

Now that February is here, there will be plenty of "last" regular season games and play-off action. The boys varsity ice hockey team finished strong to move into the playoffs as the #6 seed. The girls varsity ice hockey team finishes with an impressive 12-4 record and will go into the playoffs as the #2 seed, hosting #3 Red Riots. The ski team will compete in the upcoming SMAA finals. The unified basketball team will have both away and home games throughout the month of March.

Sports Etc. College Track and Ice Hockey

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Emma Green (GHS '22) is Division I College Top Sprinter

GHS Track and Field Coach John Caterina shared, "Congratulations to alum Emma Green, a freshman at Bryant University, for her 2nd place finish in the 60m dash at the New England Collegiate championship on Friday Feb. 3. Her time of 7.66 in the 60 yard dash (which converts to a time of 7.14 in the 55 yard dash) is one of the top 5 fastest times ever for women sprinters from Maine.

Jasper Crane, Senior, Boys Varsity Ice Hockey Named Athlete of the Month

Crane is a four-year starting Goaltender for the Rams. He is a key reason why the Rams have earned 5 victories so far this season. In 8 games played in the month of January, several of them against top teams in Class B South, Crane posted a 2.66 GAA and .924 save percentage, finishing the month with a 2-6-0 record. He backed the team to key wins at Greely on Jan. 14 (25 saves in a 5-3 win) and on Jan. 27 vs. Windham/Westbrook (17 saves in a 6-1 win), which kept Gorham in the 6th and final playoff spot.



Alumnus Brian Edwards



L-R Elizabeth Willette, Lucy Orlando, Winnie Moreland in between the Unified game and before the senior night game

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Siegel, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ordered that the Town Council issue a renewal Medical Use Marijuana Licenses to Gerard Tardiff, Callander Corp., 5 Little Wing Lane, Unit B. Property owned by Dave Cowen. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-28 moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Lavoie and ordered that the Town Council establish May 16, 2023 as a special Town Council meeting in order to approve of both School Department and Municipal Budgets. Proposed order voted 5-1 (Gagnon).

Item #23-29 action to consider reviewing zoning in the Gorham Village Districts to increase economic development, was moved by Councilor Siegel, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ordered that the Town Council forward to the Ordinance Committee, for review and recommendation, amending the Land Use and Development Code's village zoning districts to increase economic development opportunities. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-30 action to consider authorizing staff to begin a review of on street parking and lane layouts in the Gorham Village. Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Lavoie and ordered, that the Town Council authorizes staff to propose modifications to the parking and lane layouts within the Gorham Village to increase parking, walkability, bicycle flow while increasing the look and feel of a

traditional village. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-31, action to consider ordering the Town to explore current and future Economic Development programs with the Economic Development Capital Improvement Committee, moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Lavoie and ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town to explore Current and future Economic Development programs with the Economic Development/Capital Improvement Committee. Proposed order voted 5-1 (Wilder Cross).

Item #23-32, proposed action to consider ordering the Town to review the Little Falls Master Plan with the Capital Improvement/Economic Development Committee was moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Lavoie and ordered that the Town Council authorize the Town to explore current and future Capital Improvements for the Little Falls Recreation Area and Little Falls Community Center. Proposed order voted 5-1 (Shepard).

Item #23-33, a proposal that the Town Council authorizes a staff to execute a pilot program for recycling food waste. Proposed order voted 4-2 (Gagnon, Phillips).

Item #23-34, a proposal moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, ordered that the Town Council authorizes staff to release a request for proposals to qualified contractors to develop, rehab and utilize the town-owned building at 28 School Street

for mixed-use dwelling unit and/or commercial benefit. Proposed order passed amended 6-0.

Item #23-35, a proposal for the Town Council to authorize the town to explore and implement a public charging station at the Robie Gym location, with the cost to be included in the 2023/2024 budget. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-36, a proposal that the Town Council instructs the Ordinance Committee to review adding agricultural uses into the Village Expansion Districts and report back to the Town Council with a recommendation. Proposed order passed amended 6-0.

Item #23-37, action to consider instructing the Ordinance Committee to review minimum square footage standards in the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance. Proposed order voted 5-1 (Gagnon).

Item #23-38, action to consider instructing staff to start the process for an open space plan. Proposed order passed 6-0.

Item #23-39, action to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) ©. Proposed order passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The complete meeting minutes and video is available at gorham-me.org/

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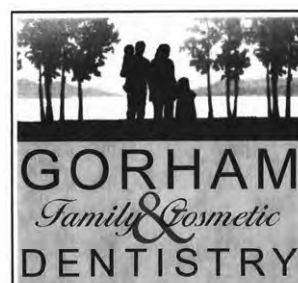
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Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information, contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at Moody's Community Room at 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome. FMI: Call (207) 929-9182.

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SENIOR NEWS

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church has reopened after the COVID-19 hiatus. Gather for Cribbage on Mondays at 10, all levels are welcome. Several different versions are being played. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Upcoming; local illustrator Kevin Hawkes, Pinetree Guide Dogs, FIRST Robotics and more! Stay tuned for upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information.

Senior Meal Site is held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit gorhamrec.com or call 222-1635.

BUSINESS NEWS

The 2023 Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) Career Fair is looking for businesses to participate. Last year's event was a huge success and they're hoping to build on top of that. Local businesses can meet local students for summer employment and beyond. The registration period is from Jan. 31 to March 6. The event will take place on Thursday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gorham High School Track and Football Field. For more information contact jmg@gorhamschools.org or call (207) 712-9405.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

First Parish Church hosts their next chicken pie takeout dinner on Saturday, March 4, pickup from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Meals can be ordered on the First Parish webpage, or call into the office at (207) 839-6751.

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road hosts a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 adult/\$4 child/\$20 family. Take-out option available, face masks optional, hand sanitizer available.

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold an in-person Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, beverage, and dessert for \$12. Pay at the door. No takeout service will be available. In-person fish dinners will continue every Friday in March. FMI, visit www.gorhamknights.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

At Baxter Memorial Library, join the youth services program for Family Discovery Time on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Toddler Discovery Time on Thursdays at 10 a.m. The Sewing club is also on Thursdays, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Percy, Baxter Memorial Library's mascot will be celebrating his 18th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. All ages are wel-

come to join for activities, singing and cake! The book club will be discussing "The Ship of Brides" by Jojo Moyes on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10:15 a.m. Come meet Louis Cheese! Louis Cheese is a therapy dog who loves to read, snuggle and meet new people! She will be visiting the library Feb. 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Find out more about these events and others at <https://baxterlibrary.org/>.

At the North Gorham Public Library, "Beartown" by Fredrick Backman is being discussed Friday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend the book club meeting, even if you haven't read it. Weekly story time will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The library is open Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m., Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at <http://www.north-gorham.lib.me.us/contact-us>.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

The Art Gallery is hosting its annual Juried Student Exhibition. Students from all majors are invited to drop off their art of any kind, from Feb. 20 - 22 for a chance to win a cash prize. The art show will run March 9 to 25.

An international comparison of student nurse practitioner diagnostic reasoning skills presentation will take place on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 12:30 p.m. by Catherine Lyden, Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Tanner McClure, a senior at USM, has recently helped establish USM's Best Buddies chapter on the Gorham campus. Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating one-on-one friendships to create a more inclusive space for individuals with disabilities.

The Osher School of Music, in collaboration with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, will present a master class with PSO Music Director Eckart Preu, featuring graduate students in choral, wind, and orchestral conducting. The event will be held in Corthell Concert Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended. The Osher School of Music Faculty Concert Series will be featuring Amanda Roswick in the Faculty Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the concert are \$15, and \$10 for seniors, students, USM staff and alumni. On March 4 at 2 p.m., the Visiting Artist Series continues with a piano master class with Andrius Žlabyis, free and open to the public. There are numerous student recitals in the coming weeks. Student recitals are always free and open to the public.

The Recovery Oriented Campus Center is collaborating with the USM Art Gallery to host Yoga in the Gallery on Feb. 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information visit <https://usm.maine.edu/calendar-of-events/>.

The USM Department of Theatre and Osher School of Music present the musical "Into the Woods" at Russell Hall with eight performances between March 2 and March 10. Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/theatre>.

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Fort Hill Road caller reported a disturbance, saying he and another man had both had too much to drink and got into an argument. He would not say what the argument was about, only that they had started wrestling on the ground. The other man had gotten up and walked out of the house.

Caller did not know where he went but speculated, he might have called someone for a ride. No injuries were reported, and he was not very cooperative. Officer checked the area but did not locate anyone.

Burnham Road caller wanted advice on what to do with people leaving trash near his mailbox and possibly stealing his mail.

Waterhouse Road man thought someone was breaking into his car because his parking lights were on. It was his spare car and the officer determined his lights had come on due to a malfunction as when turned off, they came back on.

Ledge Hill Road caller wanted information about people sleeping in their vehicles. No police action was needed.

Someone put big rocks across the road on Bernard Rines Highway and on Flaggy Meadow Road. Officers moved them out of the way.

Officers did a welfare check on George Street. Man said he was alright and didn't know why someone would call about him.

Officer made contact with a female on Veranda Drive and advised her that neighbors heard screaming and called the police. Woman advised that a rat had been located in the residence and that was the reason for the screaming.

Officer left a note on a car parked at Raceway Drive that the business did not want hunters on the property.

Vehicle on Main Street had a broken drive shaft. Subject was yelling at the vehicle out

of frustration. Friends arrived to help him push the vehicle out of the road. He was waiting for AAA to tow the vehicle.

Police received a report of a burglary in progress. The house in question was located in Rangeley.

Dewayn's Way caller was told to stop calling about an ongoing civil issue as it is not a police problem.

State Street caller reported three juveniles out in the rain, splashing in puddles. She reported that one of them had cursed her out. Officer did not locate juveniles.

Officers responded to Wilmer's Way as the caller said she had heard someone in the woods behind her house who was screaming so she called 911 Officer contacted other residents, two of whom had been outside at the time and had not heard anything. Other residents advised that there are foxes living in the woods whose screams sound very much like a person in distress.

Parker Hill Road caller believed a woman was trespassing on his property. The property is marked as no trespassing. He told the officer his survey shows that the spot she was in, is his property and is marked no trespassing. NO charges were brought because there was not accurate information as to what is private property and what is the preserve.

Officer observed a vehicle on Gray Road at Simona Shores Drive that appeared to have the driver slumped over the wheel. Officer checked on her and she advised him that she was looking for the other slice of pizza that she had bought.

Main Street caller wanted to report that someone might be calling in a frivolous Protection from Abuse violation to try to get the caller arrested for Christmas. Caller was advised that police would investigate any violation called in before making an arrest.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (ages 18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

North Gorham Public Library discusses "Beartown" by Fredrick Backman, 11 a.m.
 Osher School of Music Faculty Jazz Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., \$15/\$10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Galilee Church Pre-School Story Time, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baxter Digs Reading! 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., call (207) 222-1190 to sign up.
 Citizen Science – Help Amphibians (Adult, Families, Teens), 6 – 6:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

North Gorham Public Library Story Time, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Pokemon Fun (All Ages), 10 – 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Baxter Memorial Library
 Percy's Birthday Party, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 Book Club discusses "The Ship of Brides" by Joio Moyes, 10:15 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus, Lenten Fish Dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., pay at the door.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Living Waters Church Chicken Pie Takeout Dinner, 4:30 – 6 p.m., (207) 839-6751

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Galilee Church Pre-School Story Time, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Baxter Memorial Library
 Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5) 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading! Come meet therapy dog Louis Cheese, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 Climate Resilience Community Workshop, Municipal Center, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Baxter Memorial Library Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 North Gorham Public Library Story Time, 10 a.m.
 Presumpscott Regional Land Trust, Walk at Mill Brook, 11:30 a.m., register at <https://prft.org>.

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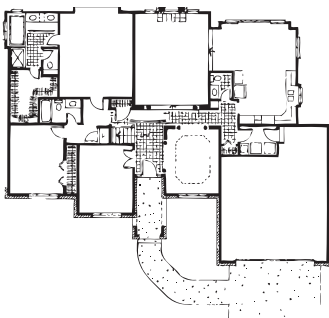


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