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Meet the Gorham Food Pantry Up Close

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Gorham Food Pantry Directors Bill and Wendy Couch

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Wendy and Bill Couch retired from their jobs in Minnesota and moved to Gorham to be closer to their family. Little did they know at the time that they would have a new job volunteering that would keep them busy seven days a week.

In December 2019 Wendy and Bill became the directors of the Gorham Food Pantry. They make sure the pantry is well stocked, keep a close eye on inventory in order to minimize waste and work with the board of directors, donors and volunteers all in service to those in town who benefit from the pantry.

The pantry was begun over 25 years ago by a group of local churches. It has evolved into a non-profit run by a board of directors. Wendy and Bill are very appreciative of the local business, the town, and the many citizens who donate and volunteer.

The services of the pantry are available to any Gorham resident at no cost. There is no qualifying income. Their philosophy is to assist individual residents or families experiencing food insecurity.

The Gorham Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. when pickups can be made. During the Pandemic pickups were changed to curbside rather than a shopping model and the change became permanent. They found it to be very efficient. Curbside boxes are pre-packed. They are labeled for one person all the way to a box for a family of seven.

On average twenty families per week pick up boxes and two pickups can be made each month. If an emergency situation arises it is handled on an as needed basis. Gluten free or vegan boxes are also made when requested. The Pantry has forty clients at the ADVEST housing community here in Gorham. Since residents there often have mobility or transportation issues,

the Town of Gorham delivers to them.

With rising food costs and the end of the SNAP program, food insecurity has increased. In our state 139,410 people are facing hunger and one in six children are food insecure.

There are many ways you can help the Gorham Food Pantry support your neighbors who are facing these issues. You can donate cash, donate food, attend special events that support the pantry, contribute to a food drive or volunteer. You can donate cash at the pantry's website or mail them a check.

Food can be donated at the Food Pantry when it is open or placed in a donation bin on the pantry's entry ramp that is checked daily. Other drop-off locations are Baxter Memorial Library and Casco Federal Credit Union. Four hundred pounds of donations were collected at Baxter Memorial Library last week. On the Gorham Food Pantry Friends Facebook page current needs are listed on Monday and Wednesday. The pantry supplements these donations with weekly shopping at the Good Shepard Food Bank, and local grocery and retail stores.

Some upcoming events to watch for will be Stamp Out Hunger, sponsored by the Post Office, and a food truck event in the parking lot of ACE Hardware.

Wendy and Bill are thankful for living in such a thoughtful and supportive community. They appreciate the donations and the volunteers that make the pantry work. In turn, our town is fortunate to have such hard-working directors as we have in Wendy and Bill.

If you haven't been involved before, you might go to the website (Gorham Food Pantry) or their Facebook page Gorham Food Pantry Friends), to read the history and see what is currently needed.

Gorham Climate Priorities Survey Open Until April 19

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As a part of the State of Maine climate action plan, "Maine Won't Wait, the Town of Gorham is now working to become a part of the State's "Community Resilience Partnership." At a community workshop on March 22 the Town met a requirement to provide information to residents.

At the workshop, Gorham Town Staff and Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) presented information about the partnership, about the climate challenges to come, and through an extended community conversation, gathered citizen input about project priorities that meet objectives included in the climate action plan. The workshop was well attended, with approximately 35 people participating.

As a part of this initiative, an online survey was made available in late February to Gorham residents unable to attend the workshop. The survey will be open until April 19. The next step is for the Town to review all the input captured during the workshop and online survey. Upon completion of the survey the necessary steps to enroll in the partnership will have been met, allowing the Town to pursue funding for implementing resilience projects identified by the community with grants of up to \$50,000 each project per round of funding, with two rounds of funding each year. The next round of funding is expected in Summer, 2023.

Learn more and participate in the online survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/3a53ubuy>

Concerns About the Potency of Maine's Marijuana

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David Packhem is executive director of Maine-based nonprofit Students Empowered to End Dependency (SEED) and executive producer of the documentary "Voices of Hope: The Rugged Road to Recovery." He has some concerns and warnings about the high potency of today's marijuana in use in Maine.

Packhem is trying to raise awareness of the current situation by presenting at several area high schools, including Scarborough High School on April 12. He warned, "At their present rate of growth, and taking into account the black market, marijuana sales in Maine will likely exceed \$1 billion in the next two years. By Maine's own survey, 41% of citizens use marijuana, and half of that number use marijuana daily.

According to the same survey, 90% of the marijuana used in Maine is high potency, meaning it contains more than 10% tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the psychoactive component of the plant. Before 2000, the average marijuana flower contained between 2% and 5% THC. Today, Mainers can buy flowers containing well over 20% THC. Distilled chemical concentrates in vapes, edibles and other forms can exceed 90% THC.

It is important to know that still-developing brains make teens and young adults uniquely vulnerable to addiction. According to one study, marijuana can be extremely addictive for teens and young adults, which makes it alarming that 66% of Maine teens believe marijuana is safe to use once or twice per week.

One justification for legalization was to reduce opioid deaths. But in states like Maine, the opposite seems to be happening. Fatal overdoses are likely to continue because the first rung of the addiction ladder is often marijuana.

According to Packhem's research, Maine Health's emergency departments treated more than 5,200 patients with a cannabis-related diagnosis in 2022. Twenty-six percent of those patients were under 18. Studies suggest that anxiety and depression in youth may be exacerbated and sometimes triggered by marijuana use.

Packhem concluded, "While at first glance a growing economy is appealing, addiction affects every aspect of society and enslaves far too many to a life of suffering and lost potential. Decades ago, tobacco executives discovered that young people are burdened with a unique propensity for addiction. It's time for Maine to adopt strict regulatory controls on marijuana and not relive the past."

In the video series, Voices of Hope, several present and former students of local schools including Scarborough High, Windham High and Gorham High, tell their stories of drug and alcohol use, addiction and recovery. Packhem's information seems particularly relevant at this time, and it is important that several members of the Gorham school community were interested in attending his workshop in Scarborough.

For more information and to contact David Packhem and his staff, please visit their website: at <https://seedmaine.org/>

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

Good Governance at Work: Fulfilling Our Priorities to Mainers

Rep. Jim Boyle

On March 30, my colleagues and I voted to enact part one of the two-year state budget, and the following day, Governor Janet Mills signed it into law. This continuing services budget was a huge win for the people of Maine. It ensures the stability and continuity of programs that support families, businesses and schools while allowing time for more nuanced conversations around new initiatives that will be introduced in part two, which will come before the Legislature in the coming months.

The Maine state government operates on a two-year spending plan. Much like any other budget, the state needs to balance its spending commitments with revenue generated. The approach we have taken this cycle – to break the budget into two parts – was an intentional step to avoid a government shutdown in the event that we couldn't find agreement on more complex and contentious issues.

This approach is not new. In the 1980s, the mid-to-late 1990s and again in the early 2000s, the Legislature passed the biennial budget in two parts beginning with a budget that continued essential services, followed by a second budget that covered new initiatives. The part one, continuing services budget that we just

passed will distribute roughly \$9.9 billion from the General Fund over the next two years. This leaves likely more than \$400 million remaining in the General Fund to be appropriated during part two.

Maine people and businesses deserve predictability, stability and good governance, and that is exactly what this two-part budget process is accomplishing. We can rest assured that the programs we depend upon to keep our state running will continue uninterrupted. Part one of the budget allows us to maintain municipal revenue sharing at 5%, helps more Mainers stay in their homes by maintaining the Property Tax Fairness Credit and Homestead Exemption Programs at current levels and keeps the state's commitment to Maine schools by funding 55% of K-12 public education costs. It also provides funding for long-term care and nursing facilities, delivers tuition assistance to Maine veterans and continues our current investments to address climate change and transition to clean energy.

Passing this continuing services budget will allow all lawmakers - Democrats, Republicans and Independents - the time and space needed to answer the essential question of what more we can do to ensure we are meeting the needs of all Maine fam-

ilies. Personally, as we look to part two, I am committed to continuing to advance our climate and renewable energy goals. I feel strongly that we need to move ahead with great urgency to address the climate crisis, but keeping our state's many critical services running first was necessary in order to be able to do that important work in the weeks and months ahead.

I am incredibly proud of the work that went into this measure, and I look forward to having more conversations with my colleagues and members of the public as we dive into this next phase of the budget process.

As always, it is an honor to serve you. Please reach out with any questions or concerns about the budget as well as any other issues either in our community or that will come before the Legislature.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his second term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Contact him at Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

Letter to the Editor

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To the editor:

A proposal before the Town Council will destroy an important part of Gorham's scenic and historic farmland: Mosher's Corner. It creates an Agricultural/Industrial zone for "future opportunities" for industrial or commercial uses. It permits just about everything except junk yards and single-family homes. Uses include sewage treatment plants and road and rail distribution facilities.

The existing agricultural businesses at Mosher's Corner are on land that has been farmed since Gorham's earliest residents arrived in 1736. A grandson is interested in taking over one of the farms. That doesn't happen often these days. Hay and corn both are important agricultural products. They require significant investments in time and money to produce a quality product for

cows and horses. Maine's dairy industry is an important part of the state's economy. Harness racing continues, and thousands of Mainers enjoy more than 25,000 horses as an important part of their lives.

The town rightfully points to the Shaw Cherry Hill Farm with its open spaces and developing agricultural activities as a significant accomplishment. Now it proposes the destruction of the adjacent farmland for commercial and industrial uses. You can destroy the hay and cornfields in favor of a store that sells seeds, fertilizer, or tractors. You won't see productive farmland reestablished elsewhere.

Gorham still has that rural countryside feel when we drive into town on route 25 through Mosher's Corner. At the top of Fort Hill, you can pull off to enjoy the view of hundreds of acres of hayfields and the dis-

tant mountains in New Hampshire.

As one of Maine's fastest growing communities, we should value Gorham's rural atmosphere. We must retain the rural zone and the unique and beautiful farms that are Mosher's Corner.

Priscilla Wheatley

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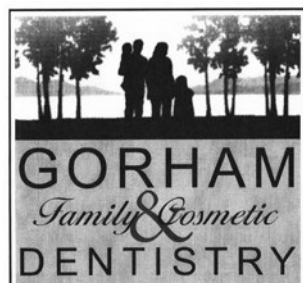
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CORRECTION:

In the last issue, the people in the photos accompanying the article, "Lion's Club Donates to Maine Med," were misidentified. The identification for the first photo should have been labelled L -R Terri Morin and Kate Richardson and the second photo should have read L - R Ken Aldrich and Terri Morin.



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NEW PATIENTS ALWAYS WELCOMED

Six Gorham Students to Perform with Portland Youth Ensembles

Gorham Times Staff



Portland Youth Ensembles performs at Merrill Auditorium

Photo credit: Wohler and Co.

Six Gorham students will perform with the Portland Youth Ensembles, Portland's outstanding regional youth music performance program, in their annual Spring instrumental concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. The concert is presented by the Osher School of Music at the University of Southern Maine.

The details of the concert are: Portland Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert, Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m., Merrill Auditorium, Portland; admission by donation is available online or at the door; open seating. Suggested donation is \$10 general, \$5 students, seniors, USM employees and alumni.

Performing with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble conducted by William Kinne, director of bands at USM, are 11th graders, Gabriel Badeau, baritone saxophone; Dylan Bauer, trombone; and 8th grader, Rory Pigeon, percussion. Performing with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Robert Lehmann, director of string studies and orchestral activities, is 10th grader, Raiyah Babinsky, violin. Performing with the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra conducted by Ferdinand Liva is 11th grader, Tristan Smith, violin. Performing with the Portland Young Peoples String Consort conducted by Hanna Flewelling is 9th grader, Rebecca Neumann, viola.

"The Portland Youth Ensembles concerts are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a vibrant musical community made up of talented young musicians, an engaged university and thriving music programs in area schools," says Alan Kaschub,

director of the Osher School of Music.

"The energy of these performances comes from a dedicated group of students and fantastic conductors who love working with young musicians," Kaschub continues. "Add into that an audience of parents, teachers and other supporters of youth music and something magical really happens!"

"Thanks to excellent grade-school, junior-high and high-school music teachers, private instructors and parental support, these students arrive at the Osher School of Music, well prepared to perform the challenging music that our conductors program," Kaschub said.

Each week high and middle school students in the youth ensembles program travel from as far away as central Maine and eastern New Hampshire to rehearse at the Osher School of Music in Gorham in preparation for their concerts. It's a commitment that these students and their parents make because of the high quality of musicianship that is expected of them — and they achieve.

For information about USM Youth Ensembles and the upcoming May auditions, go to: <http://www.usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>.

If you have questions about disability access or need to request disability accommodations (e.g. sign language interpreters, materials in electronic format, etc.), please contact the USM Music Box Office, (207) 780-5555, usm-musicboxoffice@maine.edu, TTY 711 (Maine Relay). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the accommodation process.

Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz, Contributing Writer

Caring for gardens and lawns can be a labor of love or a chore to be dreaded. Each yard is unique to its owner whose personality shows through in how we design and care for the area around our homes. If you are reading this article you probably have some interest in the appearance of your landscape and a reason to nurture its existence. Visions for a gardener's outdoor spaces usually change from year to year to accommodate our time, energy and needs.

My list begins anew each winter with decisions that will hopefully make summer care easier. Tools are gathered and sharpened.

Plant pots for summer annuals are emptied and washed with soapy water and rinsed well, ready to be replanted in the spring. I always fill pots with bagged soil not garden soil to assure the cleanliness of the medium. Pots of annuals tucked around the garden give a nice spot of color all summer. The pots should have drainage holes as most plants will not thrive in soggy soil. That being said, potted plants dry out quickly so check them often and check for light requirements before placement.

Weed control is always an issue. In areas where nothing will grow but weeds, place wet layers of newsprint or cardboard covered with shavings, bark or straw. This works well under shrubs. In planted places, ground covers such as ajuga, vinca, or low-growing sedums will grow to a thick mat to suppress weeds. Concentration of plants also inhibit weeds and the soil will not dry out as quickly when plants are massed together. Try to plant several plants of one kind together for a swath of bloom. On paths, spray a strong 40% vinegar solution, which can be purchased online or at big

box stores in the cleaning section, to kill weeds. Grocery store vinegar may not be strong enough for many weeds. Be careful not to get it on plants that you cherish.

Bulbs planted in the fall will provide a welcome burst of color in the spring. Deer love tulips but avoid daffodils. For a beautiful splash of color, masses of pansies can also be planted in the ground in April or in large containers by your doorstep. If you choose plants that have just started to blossom you can have color until July if deadheaded regularly. Pansies tolerate cool temperatures but will slow down in the heat of mid-summer.

If your patience and conditions don't allow you to start seeds, many local nurseries have plants all started. Annual zinnias, bachelor buttons, and cosmos make wonderful cut flowers. The many tried and true varieties of perennial sedums give interest throughout the growing season year after year. Sedum varieties range in color and size from six inches to 2 feet and are drought tolerant, eye-catchers in sunny spots in the garden. Intersperse with low shrubs for a variety of textures. Goldenrod, asters, globe thistle, sunflowers provide for pollinators. Grasses add lightness and movement in a breeze. A variety of plant choices will provide color and interest throughout the upcoming growing season.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to her

home and gardens through classes and garden events.

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Focus on Family: Has Parenting Gotten Harder?

Elizabeth Wilkins, Contributing Writer

It's a typical Saturday morning at the playground - kids are flying back and forth on the swings, laughing as they come down the slide, waving to the world from the top of the climber. And then there are the parents and caregivers - some sitting on benches and talking with a friend, but most are on the playground too, in the full-time role of spotters.

If you've ever watched professional spotters, maybe at a gymnastics tournament, they step in during moments when the risk is highest. Their presence says to the gymnast, "Go ahead and do your daring deed, I will catch you if you fall." Their eyes never stray, their focus is total, their only job is to put their bodies between that gymnast and the floor. The gymnast surrenders their safety to this other person, in order to complete their superhuman feat.

As I sit, watching my own child hang from the monkey bars, I'm resisting the

urge to yell, "Be careful!" and I wonder why it feels like I should be over there "spotting" my child. Is that what my son is expecting? Is that what my parents did? Or are the other parents around the playground collectively holding that expectation? Why do I feel like I must be a bad parent for sitting on the bench and not closer to the action, where I might be able to keep my kid from getting hurt?

It's interesting to ask anyone who was raised in the 1980s or before whether their parents hung out at the playground with them. Did their parents have any idea where they were? How many miles away from home were they able to wander? Most of the people have related stories to me of having hours out of the day to do what they wanted, without adults knowing what they were doing or where. So, what has changed? And how does this affect the children and parents of today?

Risky play is now well represented in the research. It is a natural part of childhood and one can argue that it is an essential part of development. Children's main job is to learn about their bodies, their minds, their senses and their emotions and to gain a sense of control of all of these. They do this by encountering the world, whether it's through the soft touch of a hug, or the hard bump against the ground. They learn through laughter with a friend and conflict with a perceived enemy. They need real experiences in the real world - this is how we learn about ourselves, what we like and dislike, and what we are capable of. These experiences combine to develop a sense of identity.

Can this happen for a child when they know they are always being "spotted"? I worry that this practice is detrimental to the child and to the parent. The child does not

get a chance to set their own limits and learn from their mistakes. The parent feels exhausted from believing that it is their responsibility to keep their kids from ever getting hurt or making mistakes. What a lot of pressure.

Perhaps someday we parents will decide that this system is not really working in anyone's favor. Children need opportunities to take reasonable risks, to feel independent and capable. And parents need to give each other permission to sit back, keep their fears to themselves and let the children play.



Elizabeth Wilkins, a mother to three boys, is an early childhood teacher, a licensed occupational therapist and currently is the owner and lead teacher for TimberNook, located in Gorham.

Town Council Meeting Report

Maggie Norris, USM Student Intern

The Town Council met on April 4, 2023. Later that night, the fourth budget meeting took place for the School Committee. The meeting was recorded and posted on the town's website. The Maine Department of Education made a mistake in their distribution calculations, resulting in just under \$700,000 state subsidy for Gorham.

The Ordinance Committee is working out a long term plan for new pedestrian improvements and curb revisions, as well as improving parking for local businesses. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18.

Christopher Kelly spoke about local businesses and the importance of improving employee empowerment and retention. He emphasized the importance of improving employee empowerment and retention. There were no open communications from the public.

The councilors applauded the Gorham robotics teams, The Northern Force, for qualifying for the New England Semifinals. Councilors' communication was closed with a reminder that the Metro fare is half off until the end of April.

The Town Manager report discussed the scheduling of "brush drop off days," as well as a reminder that the Fire Department requires a permit to burn any brush.

The Town Manager reported that multiple lots in town have been divided into smaller acreage that are

now under contract. After discussing the various items, the counselors adjourned the meeting.

Gorham residents may drop off brush at Public Works on May 6th and May 20th.

The Council voted to renew a marijuana license to Doug Knickrehm and to renew a liquor license for Angelo's Pizza. (7-1)

Council voted to amend the zoning map between the Gorham Bypass and South Street (6-1 Gagnon).

Voted to revise the dog kennel setback requirements (6-1 Revenue generated from impact fees for new dwelling units will be used to expand recreational facilities. (7-0).

Council voted to allow domestic farm animals in suburban urban residential districts (60-1 Gagnon).

A proposal for a contract zone for single and multi-family dwellings off Robie Street was forwarded to the Ordinance Committee (4-3 Phillips, Gagnon & Pratt).

The Council voted to amend the standards in the Agricultural District and Zoning Map to an Agricultural/Industrial District. (7-0).

The Council voted to hire a Landscape Architect for the Robie Park Master Plan for up to \$28,500. (7 yeas).

The Council voted to authorize a recreational impact fee for construction of a field house and storage facility at Little Falls. (6-1 Phillips).



A clear message to all of us.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 11

Chicken Feta Quinoa Bake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup feta cheese (block is best but crumbled works)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup chopped broccoli florets
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1 + 1/2 lbs boneless chicken breast (not too thick)
- 1-2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1 cup cooked quinoa

Preheat oven to 400. in a large casserole dish, add your feta block, olive oil, veggies, and chicken, spacing the chicken evenly and placing the feta in the middle. Cover everything with the salt, pepper, and garlic powder and toss to coat. Bake for 30 minutes, or until chicken temp is 160 degrees.

Cook the quinoa while this bakes.

After removing from the oven, take out the chicken and slice or shred it. Mix everything together well in the casserole dish without the chicken, then add in the basil and quinoa and stir again.

Add the chicken back, top with some extra oil and basil, and serve. This makes 3-4 servings and stores well for up to 4 days in an airtight container.



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School Committee Deliberates Over F24 Budget

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

For more than a month, the Gorham School Committee has been working on a F24 budget that will include increases over the F23 budget due to inflation, necessary services, and largely unavoidable costs. Their goal is to arrive at a budget figure that will not reduce programming directly affecting students. The committee will have made hard decisions at a final workshop on April 11 before voting April 12 on the budget they will submit to the Town Council.

Unfortunately, unavoidable expenses account for \$3,478,261 of the \$5,168,486 proposed increase in the F24 operating budget over the F23 budget. Contractual salary increases amount to \$2,124,688 and accounts for 5.93% of the propose operating increase on its own. Health insurance costs have gone up 6% for a total increase of \$391,828. The increase for utilities, mostly electricity, is projected to be \$341,429. The administration has identified another \$461,000 in unavoidable costs such as out-of-district tuition, insurance, and accounting software support.

New monies needed just to sustain current programs accounts for \$992,500. Much of this is for replacing outdated, but necessary, technology and increased special education staff and services. The elementary school autism program alone is expected to add at least twelve more students next year. Statewide increase in special education students has grown

from 16% four years ago to 20% of the student population today. Gorham's figures are in line with this.

The proposed budget submitted by the District administration also includes \$2,573,000 for capital improvements, much of which would be for deferred maintenance projects at most of the district's five buildings and for an HVAC project at Narragansett Elementary School.

The main revenue sources are various state subsidies and local taxes. General Purpose Aid from the state is projected to be roughly \$21,144,000, which includes \$695,000 just added due to a mistake in distribution calculations by the state. The majority of additional funds to support the school budget comes for Gorham property taxpayers.

Superintendent Heather Perry and the District Leadership Team has given the School Committee prioritized lists of possible reductions from the budget they submitted in February. Using this guide, the School Committee has been discussing substantial cuts as they work through the process of approving a F24 budget to submit to the Town Council. These workshops, open to the public, have been recorded and are posted on the district website. Additional material about the budget also can be accessed from the website. At a June 13 election, Gorham voters will be asked to approve the final budget figure as determined by the Town Council.



Spring Jokes

What is spring's favorite type of pickles? Daffo-dills!

What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain? A drizzly bear.

What did the dirt say to the rain? If you keep this up, my name will be mud!

What do sheep do on a sunny spring day? Have a Baa baa cue!

Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.

What beverage does a tree drink the most? Root beer!

Public Works Report

Kelly Meslin, Gorham Public Works

Public Works has openings available for the following positions:

Driver/Operator: fulltime \$1,000 sign-on bonus & Summer Seasonal-part time May 1 - Sept. 1 with a \$250 bonus. FMI please call (207) 222-4950 or email dpw@gorham.me.us

Spring brush drop off dates are May 6 and May 20 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Public Works Department located at 80 Huston Road. This event is for residents only! There will not be any changes to the trash schedule the week of Patriot's Day April 17.

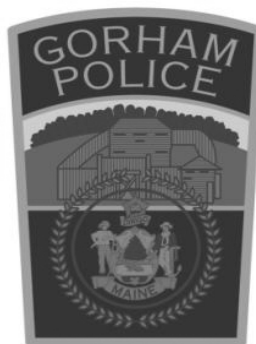
Trash should be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of your collection and each bag should have a tag depending on the size and weight of the bag.

Please be responsible with your trash disposal. The roll off containers aka "silver bullets" located at Public Works are for recyclable materials only!

Please do not leave bagged trash outside the containers. If you need help with where to dispose of unwanted items please call the office (207) 222-4950, email dpw@gorham.me.us or check out ecomaine's free recyclopeda.

Arrests: February 2023

Gorham Police Department



Scarborough male, 26, was arrested for an OUI. Plummer Road male, 30, was arrested for domestic violence assault and violating conditions of release. Burton Drive man, 35, was arrested for domestic violence assault and obstructing report of a crime. Scarborough man, 30, was charged with refusing to submit to arrest, violating conditions of release and held for another agency. Aspen Lane man, 41, was arrested for OUI.

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Earth Week 2023

Rachael Grady, Teacher and EcoClub Advisor, GHS



Photo credit: Rachael Grady

GHS Senior, Mason Starkey shares his original graphic design used by the GHS EcoClub to celebrate and commemorate Earth Week.

While the Earth Day holiday is officially April 22, you can help make every day “earth day” by “investing in our planet for a green and sustainable future” Join EcoClub, an energized team of students at GHS co-advised by Rachael Grady and John Haley and driven by Project Manager Chloe Blanchard, for some exciting and educational upcoming events. This year, the team is celebrating “Earth

Week” to expand upon their mission of education and action to mitigate the Climate Crisis. They will begin the week by attending “ecofest” (hosted by ecomaine) on April 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Wescustogo Hall in North Yarmouth. “ecofest” is a celebration of ways to protect the earth and features presentations and exhibits from around the state of Maine.

Sunday, April 23 is “Gorham Cleans Up!” organized by Bill Moreno. EcoClub students will be helping pick up litter along the roads near GHS, protected by the Gorham VIPs.

During the school week, the team will be posting wheat-based signs around town, conducting a second GHS cafeteria trash/composting audit, hosting a Kahoot! game online during Monday Advisory and an outdoor activity during Thursday Advisory, leading nature walks and multiple opportunities to learn outdoors for the GHS school community. The week will culminate with an interactive presentation by Nate Cronauer of

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Gorham School Department Recognized for Recycling

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Rachael Grady

At a ceremony on March 23, the Gorham School Department was recognized by ecomaine for leadership in recycling and composting. The district was presented with a plaque and a bench made out of recycled materials. Pictured at the ceremony: Front Row: Narragansett student, Isaiah Faulkner; Great Falls student, Xavier Perrigo; Village student, Attean Dahlin; GMS student, Evelia Gonzalez; Great Falls teacher, Kim Kelly-Brewster. Back Row: ecomaine Chairman, William Shane; GHS student, Chloe Blanchard; GHS teacher, Rachael Grady; Gorham Superintendent, Heather Perry; GMS teacher, Hannah West; Village teacher, Brian Penley; Narragansett teacher, Kristin Wood; and Caleb Hemphill, Chairman of the Outreach and Recycling Committee of ecomaine



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Henry O'Neill Spirit Award Recipient 2023

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Diane O'Neill

Quinn Dillon, Senior Athlete, recipient of this year's Henry O'Neill Spirit Award

The Gorham High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Mark Karter, recently announced the recipient of this year's Henry O'Neill Spirit Award is Quinn Dillon, a senior player for the GHS Rams. At the start of each basketball season, Coach Karter explains the meaning of "Hank it Up" to his players, an expression that symbolizes the passion Henry had for his friends (& fun) and his affection for his teammates

and the game of basketball. Coach Karter reminds his players to enjoy high school sports, to not take things too seriously, and to create lifelong friendships and memories along the way.

The annual Spirit Award winner is voted on and selected by the players.

Jennifer Meader, a close family friend to the O'Neill's shares Henry's character to a T, "since he was small he was the fun kid; quick with a smile, ready for action, charismatic, outgoing, spontaneous and silly. But he also was loyal through and through ... the first to show up in his friends' times of need (on land or lake) and the epitome of a great teammate and friend. His energy was contagious and the joy surrounding his life that his family continues to share is extraordinary."

The Spirit Award has been presented twice previously, to Bode Meader in 2021, and to Dylan Morrell in 2022. This year, a scholarship component has been added which will be presented to the award recipient at the GHS Sports Awards Night in June. Future donations towards this annual scholarship in Henry O'Neill's memory may be made directly to the Gorham High School Athletics Department, or to a member of the O'Neill family. Henry O'Neill was tragically killed in a work vehicle accident in 2020.

Awards/Honors 2022 -2023 The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

This year's team represented Gorham in reaching another state championship game and individual players have been selected to several All-Star Teams.

Congratulations to the following players: Ellie Gay was named to four All-star Teams this year including: AA South First Team, AA South All Tournament team, Red McMahon Award- MVP of the Southern AA

Tournament and Bangor Daily News Honorable Mention All-State selection.

Julia Reed was named to the AA South Honorable Mention All Star team, AA South All-Rookie team and Big Time Hoops Rising Star.

Summer Gammon was named to the AA South All Defensive Team and AA South All Tournament Team. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Knights of Columbus State Championship Free-throw Winner

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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Back row left to right: Anthony Alfiero, Maine State Community Director, and state advocates; John Deetjen, Gil Oullette, John Harvey, Michael Giroux, Gil Berube, and 11 year old winners: Hannah Cummings, and Evan Holland.

The annual Knights of Columbus State free-throw tournament took place March 4 at Old Town High School's Mackenzie Gym. The event is for students ages 9 to 14. There are 18 districts in the state of Maine who participate and those who win

in their district move on to the district free throw championship. Saint Anne's Knights of Columbus is proud to announce this year's winner from Gorham is 11 year old Evan Holland. Gorham is typically well represented each year, with 4 winners in 2018.

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Teams Compete in State-Wide Odyssey of the Mind Tournaments

Danielle Quimby, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Gorham Schools



Photo credit: Parents

Top Emma Tremblay, Margaret Moreno, Matilda Arturo, Bottom-Danielle Quimby (Coach), Samuel Springer, student

On March 25, five middle school teams competed in the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament, and four out of the five teams placed in their division. The 8th-grade team earned 1st place in Classics...The Walls of Troy and the 7th-grade team came in 2nd place. One 6th-grade team came in 2nd for the vehicle problem, and another 6th-grade team came in 3rd for the performance problem. The teams that came in 1st and 2nd place qualify to attend World Finals.

These students have worked very hard over the last several months, and being invited to this competition is a great accomplishment. The Odyssey of the Mind World Competi-

tion is being held at Michigan State University from May 24th - 28th.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational organization that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten to college.

Students work on long-term and spontaneous problems requiring dramatic presentations, creative props, structural devices, and verbal solutions. Participants build self-confidence and skills for life through problem-solving, creative thinking, and teamwork.

The program's goal is to engage students in their learning. A unique aspect of Odyssey is that no one can provide assistance in the actual solution, including coaches; everything the team brainstorms, designs, creates and builds comes from their imagination and talent.

The 8th-grade team would love to compete at the World Finals this year. The goal is to pay for the transportation,



Photo credit: Parents

A seventh grade Odyssey team: Brayden Logan, Abe Palme, Grant Emerson, Samuel Joy, Oliver Emerson.



Photo credit: Parents

The eighth grade team: (Classics, The World of Troy) hoping to go to the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition: Elise Touch, Rigel Arlet, Lola Vance, Maia Downing, Danielle Quimby (coach), Jasmine Radjabova, Patrick Nichols, Elsie Moreno.

registration, room and board fees for the six students who will be attending.

If you would like to help to send these hardworking students to the competition, please use the following link: <https://gorhamschools.revtrak.net/odyssey-of-the-mind-msu/>, or a check may be sent to Danielle Quimby at Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Rd., Gorham, ME 04038. Please make checks payable to Gorham Middle School and note the donation will be used for the Odyssey of the Mind World Fund. You will be sent a letter documenting your tax-deductible contribution.

Earth Week CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

ecomaine in MPAC for any Gorham High School student with a free period 4, or who wants to sign up for the school-wide session from 1-1:30 on Friday, April 28.

Chloe Blanchard is one of the student leaders of the group. She has been recognized for her efforts to the cause including leading a trash audit that clearly showed the economic benefits of composting, serving as liaison between the school and the company that was employed (Garbage to Garden, which is their first venture into Gorham), presenting before the Gorham School Committee, and leading a multi-faceted media drive that included poster-making, social media posts, video collaboratives and writings about the importance of taking action now. On March 21 she represented GHS at the ecomaine Eco-Excellence Award Ceremony for the Gorham School District!

Chloe and all EcoClub members urge the Gorham community to:

-Take action now. Think of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Let's all work together to solve the Climate Crisis!

-Consider the "Garbage to Garden" initiative. Every household in Gorham is eligible to sign up on the G2G website to get a composting bucket for food scraps and kitchen waste which is picked up weekly for \$19 a month.

-Avoid plastic when possible! Reduce, reuse, recycle!

Contact Rachael Grady (rachael.grady@gorhamschools.org) or John Haley (john.haley@gorhamschools.org) for ways to get involved in EarthSaving.

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Girl Scout Troop 2300 will be hosting a paint recycling program for any unused paint you may have lying around. On Earth Day, April 22, you can drop off unused paint at Ace (Plummer's) Hardware, on 57 Main St, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a limit of 5 gallons per household. Spray paint, paint thinners, industrial maintenance paint, original equipment manufacturer or specialty coatings will not be accepted. Containers that are leaking, empty or missing their labels will also not be accepted.

Gorham Lions are meeting at Elmwood School House on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. FMI (207) 929-9182.

Explore Vernal Pools on Saturday, May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Randall Orchards on the Gorham / Standish line. Sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, guest presenter Rich Jordan of Flycatcher LLC will share the rich hidden life of vernal pools (temporary woodland water bodies) and the amphibians and animals that occupy these unique bodies of water. Flycatcher is a local environmental consulting group that specializes in wetland and wildlife ecology. The Land Trust partners with Randall Orchards, holding a 500-acre farm and forest conservation easement on the land. The event is free, but pre-registration is required at www.prlt.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

Please join the Climate Caretakers for this month's film & speaker. Nate Cronauer of ecomaine will speak about sustainable clothing and textile recycling. The Caretakers will meet in the hall at First Parish Church on Friday, April 29 at 6:30. All who care about the environment are invited!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/gorhamfoodpantry/home> or send a message on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South Street is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Potluck With a Purpose, an anti-human trafficking program, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14 at Centerpoint Church, (formerly Summit Community Church) 53 County Road, Gorham. Speakers will be former Cumberland County District Attorney Jonathan Sahrbeck and Westbrook Police Sgt. Mike Loranger. They will be discussing the Homeland Security Blue Campaign, which is dedicated to education about all forms of human trafficking and to offering ways people can make a difference right here in Maine. All are welcome. Please bring food to share for the potluck meal. A freewill offering will be taken; all donations will support anti-trafficking organizations and trafficking survivors. Parking is available behind the church. FMI contact: (207) 776-0703.

Highland lake grange roasted turkey dinner will happen on Saturday April 22 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. There will be roasted turkey, vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, cranberry sauce and cake. The cost is \$10.00 per person, please bring exact amount. No substitutions, no pre orders, you drive up, pay and receive your meal. The grange is located on the corner of Rt. 302 and Hardy Rd. Westbrook, Me

SENIOR NEWS

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church gatherings 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. 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 <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635

LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. Two new events for ages 5+ include Paint a Pot at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, and DIY Play Dough, Wednesday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. The library is open on Mondays from 3 - 5:30 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.

The North Gorham Public Library Open House will be April 22nd, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Gather at the library for pie, coffee, and community.

NGPL Book Club will be reading "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty. The book club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 11 a.m. to discuss the book. Copies are available to pick up at the library. All are welcome to join, even if you haven't the book.

Local Author Talk with Anne Weber on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30p.m. Anne is the

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author of "A Pencil in His Pocket: a novel based on the early life of Irish artist John Mulvaney, 1839-1906."

Baxter Memorial Library serves families with the Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos.), the Toddler Discovery Time (18mos.-3yrs), and the Family Discovery time (ages 2-5). Follow the Gorham Times calendar to schedule these events for your family. The book club will be meeting on Thursday, April 20 at 10:15 a.m. The group will be discussing "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel, all are welcome to join. Baxter Digs Reading is a time spent with Baxter, a Standard Poodle Therapy Dog who loves to be read to. He visits the library on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visit or call the library to sign up for a 15-minute slot to read to Baxter.

USM NOTES

The Osher School of Music is alive with music all through the month of April. Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/events> for all the details or call the Music Box Office at (207) 780-5555.

Catherine Lyden, Assistant Professor of Nursing, will discuss her research with students pursuing their degrees as nurse practitioners. The event will take place in Luther Bonney Hall on April 20 at 12:30 p.m.

The Recovery Oriented Campus Center is collaborating with the Art Gallery to host Yoga on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. This event is free and takes place on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Admitted Undergraduate Students are encouraged to attend Admitted Students Day on Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at the Costello Sports Complex. Students will be able to meet faculty from their major, explore campus and discover why USM might be the right place for them. Family and friends are welcome to attend as well.

The monthly Any Book Book Club meets on Tuesday, April 25 at 12 p.m in Bailey Hall. All are welcome to join and share their thoughts on whatever book they are reading.

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THURSDAY APRIL 13:

Toddler Discovery Time (18 months-3 years), Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY APRIL 14:

Graduate Voice Recital, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY APRIL 15:

USM Men's Tennis vs Western Connecticut State at 10 a.m.

USM Softball vs UMass Dartmouth at 1 p.m.

Piano Master Class with Andrius Žlabys, Corthell Concert Hall, 1 – 3 p.m.

Mary Bastoni Voice Studio Recital, Corthell Concert Hall, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY APRIL 16:

Composers Showcase Concert, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY APRIL 18:

Leggos for Littles (birth- 7 years), Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.

Baxter Digs Reading, Baxter Memorial Library, 4:30 p.m.

Malinda Haslett and Scott Wheatley Voice Studio Recital, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Paint a Pot (Ages 5+), North Gorham Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19:

Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 months), Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

UMS Baseball vs Endicott College, 3:30 p.m

Gorham Climate Priorities Survey Closes, <https://tinyurl.com/3a53ubyy>

DIY Play Dough (Ages 5+), 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY APRIL 20:

Toddler Discovery Time (18 months-3 years) Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY APRIL 21:

"Just Friends and Beyond" Osher Jazz Ensemble, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY APRIL 22:

Paint Recycling Program at Ace Hardware from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

North Gorham Public Library (NGPL) Open House from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

USM Admitted Students Day at the Costello Sports Complex, 9:30 a.m.

USM Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 37 College Avenue

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

"Gorham Cleans Up!" at Gorham High School

MONDAY APRIL 24:

USM Baseball vs Bowdoin College, 7 p.m.

Portland Youth Ensembles at Merrill Auditorium, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY APRIL 25:

Family Discovery Time (2-5 years) Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26:

Anne Weber visits the North Gorham Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

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Willowdale Drive caller reported State Police were calling her and asking for money. She was advised that this was a scam and not to send any money.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported confronting his roommate who had confronted another resident about taking out the garbage and said she should not be doing it. Caller reported being threatened. Officer spoke to a resident who was confused as to why police had been called. Female was fine and just waiting for the bus. Nothing really occurred other than someone not minding his own business.

Suspicious person in the parking lot of a closed establishment at Libby and Main said she was fine and was just delivering newspapers.

Simona Shores caller reported that a person who had an outstanding warrant had just entered her old apartment and had been seen by neighbors going into the house to gather belongings. Police checked the area but did not find anyone.

Caller was advised that as the property manager, he had the night to have a vehicle removed from the property as the owner could not be located. There was no information in the system on the registered owner and no history with the vehicle.

Caller reported an old man at a gas station who seemed to be lost. He left in a blue vehicle. Officer checked the area but did not make contact.

Officer assisted a man with cleaning snow off his car as he could not do it due to a disability.

Day Road caller was concerned about a plow company putting snow near her driveway and property. She did not know the name of the plow company and was advised to call back when the plow was there.

Caller reported her vehicle was missing. She was advised it had been towed at the request of the property manager.

Officer advised a caller he could park in the front lot of the Police Department to go cross country skiing.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the end of White Birch Lane. One of the passengers had gotten his vehicle stuck in the parking lot by the baseball field and was waiting for AAA to come and pull him out.

A tractor trailer truck had broken down at the intersection of Cross and Church Streets at 6:04 a.m. The gear shift had fallen off rendering the truck immobile. A company wrecker had been called but was not due for four hours. Officers blocked off the roadway until the vehicle was removed at 8:00 a.m.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported a suspicious person at her house looking in the windows. Man was a solar power sales person and wanted to talk to the homeowner about solar power. Officer checked his ID and cleared the scene. Ash Drive caller had locked herself out of the house. She had not been able to get hold of a locksmith. She was not home when the officer arrived. Officer called her

and she gave him permission to unlock the door. Officer unlocked it and waited for her to arrive. He confirmed her identity before allowing her to go in the house.

Main Street caller wanted to know if his neighbor could point cameras at his house. He was told that it was not illegal.

Standish Neck man called the police because his roommate was being too loud. After calling police, he then requested that they not respond saying he would call someone else.

A car was left on Cressey Road during a snowstorm. Owner was advised it was being towed. The license plate on the vehicle was illegally attached and was removed from the vehicle.

Newell Street caller reported someone ran the stop sign at his daughter's bus stop. Advised dispatch that police would wait and see if the bus department reports the violation.

Suspicious person on Main St. ended up being the owner of the building.

Caller was advised to contact the jurisdiction where the crime occurred. Mitchell Hill Road caller was concerned about the people who were asking people to sign up for energy from the solar farm being built on Mitchell Hill Road. Officer confirmed this was a normal practice.

Caller reported teenagers tampering with his plow stakes along Robie Street. He was told to call when this is occurring and to try to provide a description and direction of travel if possible.

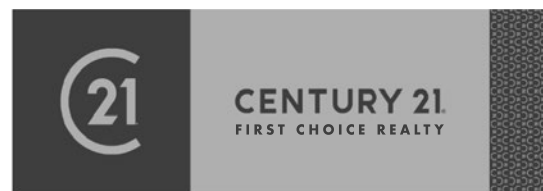
Main Street caller wanted to make a delayed crash report. She said the parties had exchanged information, but the other operator's insurance had expired. She didn't realize that until she tried to make a claim. Officer advised he was unable to do a crash report if he could not see both vehicles and the circumstances of the crash. He told her to file a claim with her insurance company.

Meadowbrook Drive caller noticed footprints in the newly fallen snow in the area of his condo. Officer checked and saw the footprints but as of that point in time, no crime was involved.

Public Works called about a snow-covered vehicle parked near Mahlon Avenue. Public Works wanted the vehicle removed so they could plow the road. Officer canvassed the area. No one knew who the owner was. Vehicle did not have a license plate. The last registered owner told the officer his vehicle had been totaled in a crash the previous year. and his insurance company had taken it. Since the vehicle was left on the side of the road with no known owner, the officer contacted dispatch to have the town wrecker come and retrieve the vehicle so Public Works could plow the area.

Maple Drive caller reported a scam. Seller wanted money up front for a couch before letting the caller look at the couch. He did not send any money but wanted to make the police aware of the scam.

Suspicious person on Sanford Drive was looking to see if Lone Pine Brewery was open.



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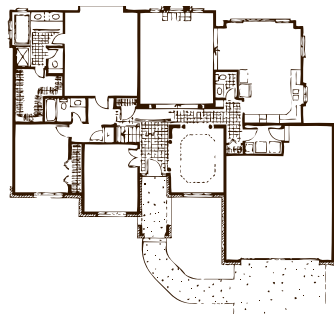


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