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Candidates File for Town Council and School Committee

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, voters will elect two Gorham residents to the Town Council and three to the School Committee. The five people running for three-year terms on the Town Council are Charles Simms III, James Hager Jr., George Vercelli, Christopher Kelly, and Suzanne Phillips.

Nicole Yeo-Fisher is running unopposed for a one-year term on the School Committee. Darryl Wright, who moved from Gorham in the spring, had one year remaining on his three-year term. The three candidates for three-year terms are Mia Desantis, Michelle Littlefield, and Sarah Perkins. Unlike state and national elections, local rules do not require write-in candidates to register before an election to have their votes counted.

In addition to voting to fill Gorham positions, voters will see eight state referendum questions on their ballots. According to Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, registered voters can request

ballots now by contacting her office by phone or in person during business hours. She will be mailing ballots out the week of Oct. 9. They can be returned to the Municipal Center until the close of polls on Election Day.

The Gorham Times will publish profiles on all candidates in the Oct. 12 issue, along with an overview of the referendum questions based on information from the non-partisan State Public Advocate's office and the office of the Secretary of State.

Town Council Candidates:

James Hager Jr.
Christopher Kelly
Suzanne Phillips
Charles Simms III
George Vercelli

School Committee Candidates:

Nicole Yeo-Fisher - 1 year
Mia Desantis - 3 years
Michelle Littlefield - 3 years
Sarah Perkins - 3 years

Back to School

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Leela Pollard, EK Teacher, Narragansett School

Narragansett Principal, Mrs. Eppler reads a story to a morning Pre-K class. This is the first year of the Gorham public schools' preschool program located at Narragansett School.

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USM Makes Major Changes to Parking System

By John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: USM

New USM parking initiative sign

In late August, the University of Southern Maine initiated a new high-tech parking system on its Gorham and Portland campuses, which will affect virtually everyone who drives a vehicle onto one of the campuses. Local residents who drive through the Gorham campus have likely already noticed the new overhead camera arrays which were installed during the summer break.

The camera system recognizes and records the license plate numbers of all vehicles entering one of the campus park-

ing lots. The system is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week at both campuses. The rate for parking is \$1 per hour on the Gorham campus, and \$4 per hour in Portland, with a 10-minute grace period for drivers who enter and leave a parking lot within a short time, such as to drop someone off or pick them up.

This new parking system applies to all campus visitors. This includes those exercising at the Costello Sports Complex, attending a musical performance, a theatrical or dance event, an athletic event, craft show, or art show, or to take a METRO Husky Line to Portland.

For regular visitors, the best option may be to buy a Flex parking pass for \$36. A FlexPass for the Gorham campus can be purchased which will allow up to 365 uses during the school year. This pass can be purchased at <https://parking.honkmobile.com/monthly/zones/53002>.

Another option is paying for parking just after arriving at the parking lot by scanning the QR code on one of the parking lot signs, or by using the Honk mobile app. <https://www.honkmobile.com/>

It is also possible to pay for parking in advance at <https://parking.honkmobile.com/parking>. Enter 37 Campus Ave Gorham, ME into the address field for Gorham

campus parking, or use the Honk Mobile app. <https://www.honkmobile.com/>

It is important to note that those who purchase a yearly FlexPass will still need to access their FlexPass account on their smartphone every time they park on campus, by using the Honk Mobile app.

Since there are significant fines for non-compliance (a minimum \$55 fine for an initial infraction) it is advisable that drivers to pay \$1 through their FlexPass accounts, or pay the \$1 hourly fee, even if they think they might only be parked on the campus for a short time, such as while waiting for someone who is running late after a class. Information about citations and appeals can be found at the Parking Services website, <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services>.

University spokesperson, Gina Guadagnino told us, "Please continue to check these sites for updates as we work to refine this new system."

Meanwhile, all existing parking regulations remain in effect. These include limits on parking in staff/faculty spaces and restrictions on overnight parking. And as before these changes, many faculty/staff parking spaces in Gorham become available to visitors after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends, but the fees (and fines) still apply 24/7. Check instructions on nearby signage.

Recently, a Gorham Times reporter attended a musical performance at Corthell Hall on the Gorham campus. He was looking forward to enjoying the concert. While considering the \$55 minimum fine, he felt motivated to make concerted efforts to pay for parking through the Honkmobile app, which he had downloaded for free from the iPhone App Store.

After following instructions on the large parking information sign next to Corthell, he was able to complete the purchase within five minutes or so, commenting that it was no more difficult than buying something on an e-commerce website like Etsy, Ebay, Amazon, or Walmart.com.



Photo credit: John Ersek

More than two dozen high-tech camera installations like these make USM's new parking system in Gorham possible.

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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.

Hunting Season is Here

Rep. Mo Terry, D-Gorham

The days are getting shorter and summer is winding down, although recent temperatures have admittedly been deceiving. The end of sandy days at the beach, bug bites and camping adventures also mean the beginning of one of our state's most cherished traditions – deer hunting season.

While folks often associate October and November with hunting in Maine, this year, Sept. 9 marked the start of the special early archery season. In 1997, the Legislature passed a law giving the Maine Department of Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) the authority to create this expanded archery season ahead of the traditional hunting season.

The extended archery season opens every year on the first Saturday following Labor Day. During this time, hunters with a valid archery license can purchase multiple special archery-specific antlerless deer permits for \$12 each, and one expanded archery either-sex permit for \$32. If you already have a Maine Junior Hunting License, a Maine Resident Over 70 Lifetime License, a Maine Complimentary Disabled Veterans License or a Maine Native American License, the expanded archery antlerless deer permit, and one expanded archery either-sex permit, is already included as part of your license.

The expanded archery program was established to provide additional deer hunting opportunities in areas of the state where deer populations are abundant without violating local ordinances that prohibit firearm use. As the white-

tail deer population has moved further south in recent decades, managing the shifting herd has been challenging, particularly on island communities and in parts of the state that are more densely populated. By including this expanded and more thoughtful special archery period, we can help manage the herd where it's most needed while respecting the safety and peace of our communities.

Typically, these areas include coastal island communities or mainland residential neighborhoods that are interspersed with small wooded lots. You can find the entire list of areas that are included in this program on the Maine IF&W website. Areas that participate in the program closest to us include parts of Cumberland, Falmouth, North Yarmouth, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook, Windham and Yarmouth. For more detailed descriptions go to <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/hunting/species/deer/expanded-archery/portland.html>.

There are also great fishing resources right in our backyard in the Sebago Lakes region. For more information about what fish can be found in this region, check out this webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/maine-fishing-guide/regions/sebago-lake-region.html>.

Hunters that are not interested in or able to keep all of the meat they harvest are also welcome to donate the excess through the Maine Hunters for the Hungry Program, which has been helping feed Mainers since 1996. This

program, established through a partnership between IF&W and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, facilitates the coordination of food donation to local food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens to help address food insecurity in Maine. For years, this program has been an important way for hunters to contribute to the wellbeing of Mainers most in need. For more information about how to get involved, visit https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/tefap/hunters_for_hungry.shtml.

This upcoming weekend, Sept. 16, is fall youth wild turkey day. With lots of new hunters out in the woods, I hope everyone stays safe and has a wonderful time.

For additional information about the most up-to-date laws and guidance on hunting and fishing in Maine, the 2023-2024 edition of the Maine Hunting Laws guide is now available. IF&W also provides information about season dates and bag limits for bear, moose, turkey and more.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House Majority

Leader, where she serves as head of the Democratic caucus. Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Energy Rebates and Tax Credits

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer

While widely known, there is still confusion about cash rebates offered by Efficiency Maine for installing energy efficient products. This is compounded by tax credits incentives enabled by the Inflation Reduction Act passed in 2022 by the U.S. Senate. One reason for the confusion is that the tax credit details are still being formulated but should be published in the next few months, just in time for the 2023 tax season.

These programs have been around for a while but the details can change periodically. The most reliable source of information is Efficiency Maine which

is responsible for program administration. Their website is filled with information about what products qualify, eligibility requirements, and the management of rebates. Detailed information can be found at <https://efficiencymaine.com>.

The most popular programs include heat pumps, heat pump hot water heaters and home weatherization projects available to Mainers of any income level. The goal of these programs is to incentivize citizens to install energy efficient solutions to help reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses and help folks save money on their energy bills.

Around Town

Miller's Market has opened next door to Azul Tequila and is offering grab and go meals to be heated up at home.

Dr. Chris Murphy of Southern Maine Orthodontics in Scarborough has opened a satellite office in downtown Gorham at 94 Main Street across from Hannaford. Dr. Murphy told us, "We are thrilled to be able to provide the town of Gorham and surrounding communities with a convenient option for orthodontic treatment and are looking forward to joining and supporting the community."

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editor@gorhamtimes.com

Correction: Thanks to a reader of our story, "A Boy and His Horse," in the Aug. 31, 2023 issue of the Gorham Times, we have learned that "Spirit" is not a Disney production, but a production of DreamWorks. With apologies to all Disney fans, we make this retraction.

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Husky Welcome Initiative

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The Gorham campus houses 1,200 students for the 2023-24 year. An effort by the Town of Gorham's Department of Community Development and USM's Office of Student Affairs have collaborated to introduce new and returning students and faculty to local businesses and the community they will call home for the next several months.

Many businesses have always offered USM student discounts (GHOP, Bookworm). This program helps to formalize all available discounts for the USM community in one place and extend a pleasant welcome to the young adults living and visiting in Gorham.

Twenty-eight (28) local businesses ranging from local eateries, hair salons, retail shops and more have agreed to offer USM students and faculty a discount during the month of September.

Look for the window sign in shops around town at the following participating businesses. The discounts range from 10% - 20% and some of the businesses will continue offering discounts to USM students/faculty indefinitely.

Participating businesses for shopping include: Bookworm Bookstore, Carter's Green Market, Erin Flett Studio, Pinecrest Inn, and Plummer's Ace Hardware.

For personal services: Art Nails, Carter's Auto Service, Village Hair, and Goodfellas Barber Company.

Participating food and beverage partners: Amato's Pizza, Angelo's Pizza of Gorham, Aroma

Joe's Coffee, Azul Tequila, Beal's Ice Cream, Curbside Comforts, Domino's Pizza, Gorham House of Pizza, Iaia Brazil Eatery, Junction Bowl, Lucky Thai, Mr. Bagel, Orchard Ridge, Otto Piza, Saito Kitchen, Sebago Brewing Company, Subway, and Sullivan House Bakery.

These discounts are available until the end of September 2023 unless otherwise offered by the initiative partners. The discounts may continue to be offered after September at each business' discretion. Some exclusions apply.

To the USM community, welcome to the Gorham community. Learn more at each business you visit and meet your neighbors.



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Window sign found in businesses around town that offer discounts for USM staff and students

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Key Actions to Slow Global Warming

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer

We can no longer afford to wait. Here are some actions that we, as citizens, can take to slow the rate of global warming and maintain our species into the future.

Use less fossil fuel. The first priority is to burn less fossil fuel in order to reduce the harmful greenhouse gases that contribute the most to global warming. While few of us will give up driving, we can drive less, carpool, plan shorter trips, combine trips, and avoid idling. We can transition to a more energy efficient form of transportation, walk more and bike. Buy or lease an EV, hybrid, or a car with high MPG. In short, anything that cuts down, even marginally, on gas emissions will help.

Weatherize. The second most critical source of emissions is the fuel used to keep us comfortable inside buildings. Any reduction in the use of fossil fuels will, in kind, reduce greenhouse gases. There are simple steps: air seal windows and doors, add insulation, reduce cold air infiltration, turn down the thermostat or buy a smart thermostat. Keeping windows closed and shades drawn on hot days can keep the house cooler. Generous government programs can help Mainers insulate, seal, and tighten up our buildings to make them more efficient, in the summer and the winter. New technology - heat pumps, batteries, and hot water heaters will keep us comfortable and save money.

Eat less beef and more plant-based foods. As beef cattle digest grains and grass they expel methane gas, a highly toxic greenhouse gas that is 80% more powerful than carbon dioxide. They also require large grazing areas that promote the destruction of forests that can absorb carbon dioxide gas - lessening the effectiveness of trees to absorb emissions. Reducing the demand for beef and dairy products can lessen the emission of methane, feed more people and expand farmlands.

Buy local foods and products. Supporting local suppliers and producers reduces shipping costs and incentivizes entrepreneurs. Join a local CSA or coop and patronize businesses that commit to a sustainable business model.

Support renewable energy initiatives. Generous incentives are available to ease the transition away from fossil fuels and encourage electrification of our homes, cars and businesses. The Maine Climate Action plan is a good place to start but there are also cash rebates from Efficiency Maine which offers simple and direct rebates to those who participate. Tax credits from the federal government will soon be available to those who want to transition to cleaner energy options.

Advocate, participate and support green policies such as renewable energy initiatives in your community, offer to help local efforts, write letters to the editor, and volunteer with organizations focused on reducing fossil fuel use. Encourage green policies in your area by joining, donating or contacting organizational leaders and decision makers.

Vote for green candidates at all levels, who recognize and support green initiatives. Ask for public commitment from town officials, State politicians, and administrators. Offer to help them formulate policies and practices within their jurisdictions. This is a critical step to help transform our energy consumption and reduce global warming.

The steps listed above can be taken by most people and often do not require large amounts of money to accomplish. Be alert to disinformation campaigns promoted by those who benefit from keeping the status quo.

The reduction of harmful emissions from burning fossil fuel is a key priority if we are to reduce the rate of global warming that threatens our existence.



Bruce Webb has been a Gorham resident for 40 years. He was a home energy auditor and is involved in environmental activism.

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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer despite the many rainy days! Fall is around the corner and the days are growing shorter. Kids are back to school and with that I ask that you slow down on the roads and stop when you see flashing lights on school busses and at crosswalks. Let's keep our kids safe.

The Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill an opening on the Planning Board and Gorham Economic Development Corporation. If you are interested in applying to serve on the Planning Board or GEDC, please visit the Town Clerk's Office or go to the town website at www.gorham-me.org and under Boards and Committees, click on Committee Volunteer Application. Fill out the application and submit. Application deadline is Sept. 15, 2023

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. There will be a State Referendum Election along with the annual Municipal Election to elect two (2) members to the Town Council and three (3) members to the School Committee, along with a 1 year term on the School Board to fill a vacancy. You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's office or visiting the State

Election website at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>. Once the ballots are received, they will be mailed to you. You can return the ballots by mail (two stamps are required) or drop them off in the ballot drop box at the Municipal Center. Ballots must be received back in the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee voting will take place at the Municipal Center Monday, Oct. 23 through Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 30 through Thursday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voter registration is conducted at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please be sure to have photo identification and proof of your residence address when registering to vote. You can register to vote up to and including Election Day in person, however if registering to vote on Election Day, it must be done at your polling place.

FY24 tax bills will be going out by the end of the month.

Please do not hesitate to call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 with any questions.

Community Planning Month

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

"October is Community Planning Month-a celebration of planning and educating the public about what planning really is" said Carol Eyerman, Gorham Town Planner. At Baxter Memorial Library you will find a display with basic books on planning, as well as a general overview of planning, a scavenger hunt for the month of October as well as bingo games and crossword puzzles. The purpose of this celebration is to educate people about what planning means to a community.

Planners help communities develop plans for their towns, "teasing out" what everybody wants for their community and writing down the details as a starting point for those plans. "Our job is to syn-

thesize everyone's wish list into our planning documents which may include everything from parks to affordable housing" said Eyerman. The Planning Department makes plans for the overall community including park creation, roads, open space, natural space and economic development.

To participate in the planning month games, pick up copies at Baxter Memorial Library or print from the Planning Division page on the Town of Gorham website. Games must be submitted by the end of October. Winners of two gift baskets will be announced the first week of November. Join Planning staff on Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Development office, for "Ask the Planner Day".

Town Council Report

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Councilor Shepard acknowledged the passing of longtime school nurse, Claire Drew, and offered his condolences.

Councilor Siegal noted both the Planning Board and the Economic Development Corporation have openings and urged residents to apply.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported the goal of the Rapid Transit Study is to provide service to all the Metro lines, including the Husky line. The study recommended combining the #4 line with the Husky Line so the Husky Line would extend to the Old Port and to Maine Medical Center. She thanked GoCAM for the amazing documentary about the history of the Gorham Windham Gunpowder Mills that aired on Maine Public Television.

Councilor Gagnon reminded the public that school is back in session and to drive carefully, leaving time in the morning and evening to get where you are going safely.

Councilor Lavoie announced the Finance Committee met on Sept. 7.

Councilor Phillips reported the Capital Improvements Committee will meet on the third Thursday of the month to discuss the discontinuance of roads, the Master Plan and the plans for the Public Works area. Chairman Pratt reminded resi-

dents to donate blood if possible.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded residents that the State Program LD290, Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program will only be active for this year.

The new mil rate should be set soon, and tax bills will be going out before the end of the month.

Paraschak also reported that the South Street/Main Street Crosswalk Improvement project will start this month. He thanked the VIPS program for assisting schools with crossing duties in the Village.

Work is continuing on the Wescott Street project and the road should reopen soon.

The Council voted 7-0 to issue renewal medical marijuana licenses to: Chris Terison, Terpy Seas, LLC, Tim Nickerson, Deep Sun, LLC, Nicholas Wilson, Forest City Organics application was tabled as it was incomplete.

The Council voted 7-0 to issue new medical marijuana license to Mercy Mwanachingwala, Carl Binette, Sourced Craft Cannabis, 44 Sanford Drive.

The Council voted 7-0 to renew liquor license for Sidecar, 7 Railroad Avenue.

The Council voted 7-0 to issue a large out-

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Free and Reduced Meal Applications Now Available

By Michael Sanborn, Director Gorham School Dining Services

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	1,264	93,536	7,795	1,799
Each add'l member	+ 6,682	+ 557	+ 129	+ 9,509	+ 793	+ 183

School Year 2024 free and reduced-price meal benefit applications are available for families with students enrolled in the Gorham School District, which is participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Meals will be provided to enrolled students at no charge in Maine public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program due to State of Maine Legislation.

While meals are provided for no charge, it is still important to complete the School Year 2024 free and reduced-price meal benefit application. Students may be eligible for additional benefits, such as the USDA Summer EBT program.

The following household income guidelines for School Year for 2024 have been provided by the United States Department of Agriculture:

To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefit Application and return it your local school district. The information provided on the application is confidential. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no

social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible.

Households will be notified of their children's eligibility status for free or reduced price meals.

If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice for families receiving SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to those children.

If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact their local school district to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren).

A Gorham School District determining official will review the application and determine eligibility. If a parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the school district's hearing official.

For more information, contact michael.sanborn@gorhamschools.org.



The third annual Art on South Fair hosted by the Gorham Village Alliance was held on Saturday, Sept. 9. Twenty artists participated in this year's event. Various art forms were on display and for sale including oil and water paints, photography, ceramics, monoprint designs, stained glass, etc.

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Back to School



Photo credit: Deanna Etienne, Assistant Principal, Great Falls School

Great Falls students explore new books and materials at the school library on one of the first days of the school year.



Photo credit: Deanna Etienne, Asst Principal, Great Falls School

Great Falls first grade students listen as their teacher, Mrs. Bryson reads to them during the first day of school.



Photo credit: Andrea Stairs-Davenport

17 neighbors catching the bus on Tuesday, Aug. 29



Photo credit: Andrea Stairs-Davenport

Luke and Joey on their first day of school



Photo credit: Deanna Etienne, Assistant Principal, Great Falls School

Mrs. vanLuling, Great Falls Kindergarten Teacher, prepares materials for the first day of school.



Photo credit: Leisha R.

Jayne had a great first day. She was excited to meet her teachers and catch up with old friends. Seeing some familiar faces on the staff helped too.

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door event license to Jason Tanguay for an event at Narragansett School on September 16.

A public hearing on a proposal to amend the streets and sidewalks ordinance was held and the Council voted 7-0 not to allow parking on South Street within the right turn lane and turn lane taper as well as the southerly side of Pine Street, continuing west to the compact zone line from the driveway of 45 State Street continuing westerly to the compact zone line.

The Council voted 7 years not to allow through trucks on Middle Jam Road from North Gorham Road to the Standish townline.

The Council voted to amend the storm water ordinance and to add a new chapter on Erosion and Sedimentation Control at construction sites.

Two members of the public voiced their concern with the proposal to adopt new boundaries for the South Gorham Crossroads District. (Details are available in the Town Clerk's report on the meeting).

A hearing was held on amending the adult use and medical marijuana licensing ordinance to reduce the distance from 750 feet to 500 feet between the location of a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana business and a public or private school was approved 6-1 (Gagnon).

The Council forwarded to the Planning Board a proposed contract zone for a development off Robie Street for review. The development will pay fees as required by the Land Use and Development Code as well as a \$1,000 fee for single family homes and a \$500 fee for a dwelling unit in a multi-family building with the money to be utilized for improvements to Robie Park. The Council further directed development to protect the character of existing neighborhoods, existing tree canopy, to provide varied lot sizes and house design styles in the development. The number of single-family homes allowed to be constructed in one calendar year will be capped at 15.

Multi-family phased development shall occur separately and take two years to construct. The developer has the right to commercial uses on the first floor, that are consistent with Chapter 1, subsection 3 of the Gorham Village Center District. Six residents voiced their concerns with the project. The Council opted to have impact fees go towards the schools instead of Robie Park. The Council voted that the developer consider traffic calming solutions within the design plan to alleviate traffic from New Portland Road to South Street.

The Council voted 4-3 (Pratt, Gagnon, Phillips) to move from a grid pattern to a more neighborhood approach that reflects the character of the abutting neighborhoods.

The Council voted 7-0 to approve all qualifying applications for the Senior Property Tax relief program, as recommended by staff.

The Council voted 7-0 to accept Ichabod Lane extension as a public way.

An order to accept the 600-foot Hessian Drive as a public way had no motion and failed.

The Council voted 7-0 to instruct the Ordinance Committee to review and update road standards and report back to the Town Council with their recommendations.

The Council authorized the Town Manager to list the former Gorham Historical Society building at 28 State Street for sale.

The Council voted 7-0 to authorize \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for approved projects in Robie Park.

The Council voted 6-1 (Siegal) to authorize up to \$265,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to install baseball field lighting at the Little Falls Recreation complex.

The Council voted 7-0 to enter into a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Maine Association of Police.

The Council voted 7-0 to accept the resignation of Jim Anderson from the Planning Board and the resignation of Erin Flett from the Gorham Economic Development Council.

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Adult Leisure Activities and Trips

Fryeburg Fair on Tuesday, October 4th from 9:00 to 4:00pm. Let us drive you to the fair while you sit back and enjoy the scenery. Seniors (65 and older) receive free admission (\$12.00 per person under 65). \$10.00 for the bus ride.

Ecomaine Tour: Have you ever wondered where your trash and recycling end up once they leave your house or transfer station? Come tour Ecomaine to see the process live and in-person. Bring your questions and your curiosity. This tour involves stairs to climb, heights and some loud noises. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at a place to be determined (lunch on your own). Thursday, October 26th, 9:30-2:00 pm, \$8.00

Gardens Aglow! Join us to experience the brilliance of New England's most beautiful light display! With over half a million lights, witness the transformation of our central gardens into an extravaganza of festive lights in a dramatic display of brilliant color. Before, we will stop for a late lunch/early dinner at Tugboat Inn. There will be 3 menu choices to select as you check out (hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, or haddock sandwich). This is pay on your own. **Friday, Dec 1st, 2-8pm, \$23.00 (includes ticket and bus ride)**

North Conway Shopping: Join us for a fun day of shopping and lunch at Settlers Green in North Conway. **Thursday, November 9th, 9-4, \$8.00 bus ride (lunch on your own).**

Scrooge Trolley, Salem, MA Back by popular demand, an overnight trip to historic Salem, MA for a trolley ride that is certain to entertain. This humorous and whimsical, interactive performance re-animates Charles Dickens' timeless seasonal holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, with a twist. Ride along with Scrooge as the classic tale is brought to life in a completely unexpected way. After arriving at our lodging, the Hampton Inn Salem, we will enjoy our trolley ride and then dinner (on your own). Following breakfast, we will visit the Peabody-Essex Museum (included) and a little holiday shopping on the trip home. **Thur/Fri Dec 7th and 8th, Double occupancy \$199, Single occupancy \$260 includes bus, hotel, breakfast, admission to trolley, and museum.**

Knitting group: Join us every Friday at the Gorham Recreation Department in our Multipurpose Room for drop in Knitting. Bring your own supplies and knit with a group! Cost is FREE

Community Events:

Beginner Manners Dog Training: Join us for fun, reward (food) based training classes for pet dogs. First class is Zoom orientation with dogs. All other classes live with dogs at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. in Gorham. . Dogs will be on-leash at all times inside and outside at class. \$180.00 starting 9/24

Gorham Scarecrow Fest: Scarecrow frames will be available for pick up on October 2nd from the Gorham Recreation Department, located at 75 South Street. Contest is open to all Gorham Businesses and Gorham Residents. There will be two divisions for businesses and residents. Scarecrows will be set up at the Gazebo, next to the Baxter Library. Scarecrows must be turned in by Friday, October 20th to be entered to win a prize. Scarecrows must be built on provided frames to be properly displayed.

Then, join us on **October 21st from 2pm-4pm** to view the scarecrows, enjoy fall activities, pie cooking contest, and petting zoo with Find View Farms.

Fitness & Health Classes

Walking: Join us M-F 8am to 9am for walking in Shaw gym. **FREE Cardio Fit:** This class is a combination of cardio and strength training! Wednesdays 8am-8:45am \$5.00 per class (virtual class available)

Cardio Sculpt with Dawn: A total body workout that includes a combination of strength and cardio moves designed to have fun, improve strength and burn mega calories. Mondays 8:45 to 9:45am \$5.00 per class

Courtney's Cardio Dance Fitness Class: Join instructor Courtney McHenry for this easy to follow dance, cardio, and strength training class. Starts Monday, 9/11 at 6:45pm.

Pilates: Join Theresa for a total body strengthening and flexibility with a focus on core conditioning. Tues/Friday 8:30am to 9:30am \$5.00 per class (virtual class available)

Stretch and Tone: Tues/Friday 9:45 am to 10:45am \$5.00 per class (virtual class available)

Weight No More with Dawn: Start enjoying the benefits of this fun and easy-to- follow, low impact workout that increases energy and stamina. Tone muscle, work on balance, posture and strength. Mondays, 10:00am -11:00am. \$5.00 per class

Yoga with Theresa: Increase strength, flexibility & core development through a series of movements & poses that work the entire body. Bring a mat, towel & water. \$5.00 per class. Mondays 5:30pm-6:30pm & Wednesdays 7am-7:30am in Activity Room 1, Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am at Little Falls Activity Center (virtual classes available)

Line Dancing: Join us for Line Dancing at Old Robie School! Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30pm at Old Robie School. All types of music, not just country! All levels welcome! Drop-in: \$7.00 Punch Pass: \$60.00 (10 punches)

Zumba with Barbara: Get fit, stay fit. Burn calories while having fun at the best exercise class ever or become a dance fitness instructor and change lives. Tuesdays 9:30am in Multipurpose Room, Fridays 9:30am in Shaw Gym, Saturdays 9am in Shaw Gym. \$5.00 per class

Pickleball: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm and Monday afternoons from 12:30pm-3:30pm - \$4.00/resident \$6.00/non-resident. Drop-in and play on rotations.

Spin Class: Love to cycle but getting too cold and dark outside? Come inside! Mondays and Fridays at 5:30-6:15am or Thursdays 7:15am to 8:00 am. \$10.00 drop in or purchase a punch pass for \$80.00 for 10 classes!

HOLIDAY CRAFTING PROJECTS for Adults

Monday, Sept 25th Fleece Blanket Making 6' x 6'
Monday, October 23 Stuffed Pumpkins
Monday, November 20 Fall Lantern Jar
Monday, December 18th Ornament Making

10:00 am in the multi-purpose room.



Burn Off The Turkey
Saturday, November 25th
5K and Kids Fun Run



Light Parade & Tree Lighting
Sunday, November 26th



Gorham Youth Basketball Association/Travel Basketball open for registration @gorhamrec.com
Gorham Recreation Basketball registration opens October 2nd @gorhamrec.com

Fall Sports Preview for 2023

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Ashley Connolly in action for the Rams

GIRLS SOCCER: COACH JEANNE ZARRILLI

The girls team went undefeated last year in their regular season schedule; and reached the Regional final v. Scarborough. The team graduated five seniors. This year's team is led by senior captains Kaitlyn Nichols, Giselle Doucette and junior Ashley Connolly, who is a "player to watch." Seniors Addy Harjula, Ayress Cook, Lily Rubin and Ella LaBrie will make significant impacts. Juniors Piper Fergues, Lily Tukey, Sarah Rosingana and Bailey Hatch are all starters and will play a key role once again this season.

Coach Zarrilli commented, "We have a very challenging league and schedule this year v. Scarborough, Windham, Thornton Academy, Cheverus, Marshwood, Sanford and Falmouth." Worth noting that the team beat Marshwood in a nail biter in O.T. in their first home opener.

Coach added, "we will do our yearly M CCP cancer walk to honor Gorham Middle Schooler Lauren Hawkes."



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Girls Soccer players celebrate after Connolly scores the winning goal in Overtime v. Marshwood

BOYS SOCCER: COACH NICK VIOLA

The boys team finished with a final record of 12-3-1 last year and lost in the semifinals of the SMAA conference playoffs. Seniors and players to watch this season are; Ethan Homa, Jack Luciano, JT Morrell, Cole Smith, Jackson Landry and Riley Ottoson.

Coach Viola shared, "expectations include consistency in playing our best at all times, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, performing well in the classroom and giving back to the community. The program attended a NE Revolution game for a team building trip and all coaches and players are working directly with GYSA boys teams throughout the fall season.

FIELD HOCKEY: COACH BECKY MANSON

Coach Manson remarked, "Last season we lost to Windham in the semi-final game. We finished in 7th place with an 8-5-1 record. The highlight of the season was beating Biddeford (the #2 team) in the quarter-final game in over-

time, who we lost to the year before in the quarter-final game. We graduated Ellie Szostalo, Annie Cunningham, Madyson Quimby and Maeve Donnelly."

Coach Manson shared, "This year's seniors, captains and players to watch are: Hannah Bickford, senior captain who plays Center-Mid (13 career goals and 21 assists, '21'22 all-state player, '21'22 1st team all-conference, '21'22'23 Portland Press Herald Players to Watch), and Brooke Farquhar, senior captain,



Photo credit: Meredith Bickford

Field Hockey team photo

Attack (29 career goals and 20 assists, '21 all conference honorable mention, '22 2nd team all-conference '23 Press Herald Players to Watch). Other key players include senior captain Julia Wareham, (three-year starter/defense), Ellia Downing (captain and three-year starter) Camryn Caruso, Emerson Homa and Arianna Morse. Underclassmen to watch are Madison Tibbals, two-year starting goalkeeper, Annabelle Collier, Sophomore (six goals and three assists last year with all-conference all-Rookie Team recognition), Kayla McLean, junior two-year starting defender and Sophie Kacmarek, junior two-year starting midfielder."

Coach Manson added, "experience will prove to be a strength as well as speed and overall athleticism. With nine of the previous year's starting lineup puts Gorham as a contender for the regional final. We'll look to capitalize on scoring opportunities and use the depth and strength of all team personnel to take us deep into the season."

Wednesday, Sept. 27 will be the team program's "Purple Game" at 6 p.m. to support and promote mental health awareness.

FOOTBALL: COACH SAM MORRISON

Last year's record the team went 2-7 and lost in the 1st round of the Playoffs by a score of 27-22 to the #2 Seed, graduating four seniors.

This year's team captains are Izak Young, Thomas Curtis, Aiden Lee, and Caden Smith and also are "players to watch" along with teammates, Luke Burns, Casey Skolfield, Cordell Jones, Henry Holland, Andre Dube, Lucas Graham, Jack Karlonas, and Atticus Whitten.

Coach Morrison shared, "Our league year in and year out is very competitive. This year is no different. We open up with Kennebunk then go to Cheverus for a crossover game and then host Marshwood who is always tough. Game 4 is @ South Portland who is now in Class A and a perennial contender. So, the first half of the schedule will certainly challenge us."

The Football program will volunteer at youth games on most weekends and have a team building bowling night.

VOLLEYBALL: COACH EMMA TIRRELL

Coach Tirrell shared, "We went to the state final last year. Our record



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Hometown tradition

was 12-2. We graduated two seniors, Zoe Diffin and Kaci Mollison. A highlight of ours was being able to play the state final in our hometown at USM."

This year's seniors are Meryk Lewellen (captain), Caroline Morrell (captain), Sophia Diphilippo (captain), Amber Bretton, Lydia Fluett, Andi Cloutier, Grace Desmond, Lilly Andreasen, Addison Canty, Summer Gammon, and Natalie Haskell (manager). Bretton, Morrell, Diphilippo, Lewellen and Gammon are all considered "players to watch".

Coach Tirrell added, "We're expecting to do very well this season. Our most challenging opponents in class A are Scarborough and Biddeford. Outside of the MPA schedule, the team traveled to Londonderry NH for a first ever tri-match scrimmage. And the team ran their annual car wash fundraiser at Carter's in Gorham.



Photo credit: Eric Tirell

Volleyball team huddle

GOLF: COACH SCOTT NEVERS

Last season the team finished T4 in the State Championship with 2 of our golfers finishing T3 and T5 individually.

Coach Nevers shared, "We lost Quinn Dillon, Patrick Cyr, and Wyatt Nadeau from last year's state team. We have a few new faces from other sports joining golf who look to make an immediate impact."

This year's seniors (captains/leaders/players to watch) are Taylor Farr, Bennett Walker and Zach Irish. Players to watch will be Taylor Farr.

Coach Nevers added, "We always

have tough matches against Greely and Thornton Academy. Windham is getting better each year so that will be another couple of tough matches. Our goal this season is to practice and gain as much experience this year as possible. We are a fairly inexperienced team compared to years prior and look to some newcomers and underclassmen to help. Our goal is to compete all season and qualify for the State Championship again."

CROSS-COUNTRY: COACH JASON TANGUAY

Coach Tanguay shared, "last year both our boys and girls teams qualified to compete in the state championship. This year's seniors include Nathan Bergquist-Guimond, Nolan Feyler, Cruise LaBrie, Jacob Mora, Dylan Phillips and Mason Starkey and on the girls side, Rita Cummings and Aislyn McLean. The underclassmen to watch are junior, Matt Sallinen; junior, Finn Henderson; freshman, Harrison Crider; freshman, Harvey Crider; freshman, Owen Cummings and on the Girls side: sophomore, Zoe Dellinger; sophomore, Winni Moreland; sophomore, Brooklyn Spearin

Coach remarked, "Both our girls and boys teams graduated some talented seniors, but I am grateful to see some promising new faces join our team. If these new runners can work hard to improve their physical and mental fitness, then I feel our teams can be competitive in our league schedule.



Photo credit: Eric Tirell

Volleyball team in action



Photo credit: Meredith Bickford

Seven field hockey seniors

COMMUNITY

DEAN'S LIST

Gabrielle Kurchin, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire
Kristen Dore, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire

OF INTEREST

Save the Date for the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. near the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. FMI: Gorham Rec. (207) 222-1630, <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/>.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

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 www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St 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 839-3859 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.

SENIOR NOTES

Senior Meal Site starts up again weekly on Wednesday, Sept. 13 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.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open. Fridays at 10 a.m. join ARTrageous Seniors open studio. All are welcome to bring their own projects.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

The North Congregational Church of Buxton (Groveville) at 22 Church Hill Road will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 5 - 6 p.m. Adults \$10 / Children 5-12 \$5

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

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. The suggested donation is \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out options, face masks optional, hand sanitizer available.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library will host a local author talk at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25 with Philip C. Baker, author of "Hunger Hill." Library hours are Mondays and Thursdays, 3 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI: <https://north-gorham.lib.me.us/>.

Baxter Memorial Library is located at 71 South Street in Gorham. The library serves the Gorham community as a welcoming and accessible gathering place for information, lifelong learning, and enjoyment, fostering the exchange of ideas, values, traditions, and conversation. Library hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

Learn about the new "PAY BY PLATE" parking system on the Gorham campus (Portland also). Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services> for the details, rates, and policy updates.

Classes are back in session at the University, and various activities are available for the surrounding community. Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/events> for the complete calendar that includes music, theatre, arts, sporting, admissions events, and more. Watch for upcoming information about Homecoming, the Outdoor Band Concert, faculty and guest artist concerts and master classes, Department of Theatre productions, Art Gallery exhibits, and the Annual Craft Show.

The Osher School of Music brass faculty host Brass Day, a master class with visiting trombonist Gabe Rice on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m., free; and a Faculty Jazz Ensemble concert, "Birth of the Cool," on Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., \$15/\$10. FMI and tickets: <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/events>

Recycling Plastic Revisited

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

After a question from a reader and a clarifying call with ecomaine... Here is an updated recycling list. ecomaine has actually changed the language from crunchy to stretchy in these three basic rules.


Three basic rules:

It must be rigid plastic - nothing that is stretchy. Egg cartons and berry containers are marked with a #1 and are ok to recycle.


It must be a container - like a bottle, jug, or box.

It must have a #1-7 recycling symbol.


Materials such as plastic film/wrap like Saran wrap, plastic bags, sandwich bags, bubble wrap or the light-weight trays inside some bags of cookies, cannot be recycled by ecomaine, but can be taken to Walmart or Target for recycling.




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GORHAM \$529,900 - Just finished...a total renovation. Enjoy the newness of this 3 bedroom / 2 bath home. A large living room over the 2-car garage leads out to a covered deck that overlooks a private backyard on this 2 acre lot. Master suite potential on the lower level & whole house sprinkler installed.



GORHAM \$485,000 - Behind the front farmer's porch sits the cherry kitchen with a pass through to the open dining room and living room both with hardwood floors. The 1st floor bedroom in combination with the full bathroom and laundry are ideal for one floor living in Pheasant Knoll Condos.



GORHAM \$647,500 - Tucked away on a dead-end street at the end of Maplewood Drive where you can enjoy sidewalks to schools, restaurants, shopping, bowling & the Greater Portland Metro Husky bus line. This 3-bedroom / 2.5-bathroom cottage style home has a sunlit open first floor plan.



GORHAM \$339,900 - Come make this affordable Ranch your own. The basement has been finished for added living space, heated by a woodstove & organized storage/workbench area. Enjoy a backyard fire in the private backyard. Generator hook-up convenient for Maine winters.



STANDISH \$675,000 - This 28x36 oversized colonial offers over 2500sqft of living space. Features an open concept first floor plan with hardwood floors throughout and a spacious granite kitchen. The second level offers the primary suite over the 24x24 garage with a private bath and walk-in closet.



HOLLIS \$545,000 - This gambrel home offers over 2100sf of living space with attached 2-car garage plus a detached 24x32 garage with heated workshop. The kitchen was updated & expanded with a center island, vaulted ceilings & dining area. The front to back living room with built-ins offers plenty of space to relax.



GORHAM \$570,000 - This 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath home offers over 2000sqft of living space with a 2-car garage on a 4.96-acre parcel. The mudroom entrance is a perfect drop zone which leads into a sitting room with gas parlor stove. The cherry kitchen with granite counters includes a breakfast bar.



SACO \$345,000 - This ranch style home is a great alternative to a condo, located just 2-miles to the beach with easy access to Maine Turnpike & within walking distance to shopping. Ideal for an owner occupant or rental. Being sold "as-is" with the furnishings as shown.



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Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz, Contributing Writer

"There is always music amongst the trees in the garden, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it." This quote by Aumonier, placed by the arbor at the garden entrance reminds me of the peace that surrounds me as I enter. After a day's work, I relax on the west-facing bench tucked into the "forsythia park." The low sun this time of year filters through the leaves of the fifty-year-old maple trees and casts interesting shadows on the green lawn that the summer rains so kindly encouraged. The birds sing their afternoon songs as a mother deer and her fawn stroll by in the field beyond.

The deer repellent that I diligently sprayed on my hostas seemed to deter them. The day lily garden is cut back to expose the old stone wall. Joe Pye Weed still stands tall despite the six inches of ground leaves I put on that area last fall to encourage shorter growth. Keeping the paths weed free was easier thanks to the strong vinegar I regularly sprayed on a calm day to make sure it didn't get on valuable plants.

Ground covers can be used to hold moisture in the soil. I found a place near the arrangement of clay pots for Ajuga which spreads rapidly and has low spiked blue blossoms in spring and rich purple/bronze foliage. In the right spot, this ground cover helps suppress weeds. Graceful Ostrich ferns stayed green all summer thanks to all the moisture.

A few years ago, observing that Allium Senescens bloomed so nicely in August and early September, I planted large drifts in my perennial bed. What a beautiful splash of light purple blossoms at Summer's end.

Dividing the large clumps was easy in the spring. Separating mature plants from your garden to fill in other areas is a great money saver. Consider making a note now to transplant early in next year's growing season.

A friend has expertly repaired the arbor in the secret garden circle for next June's blooms on the forty-year-old Rhododendron. So many buds have formed that pruning now will take off next year's flowers. The best time to prune Rhodies is right after they bloom.

The three-story tall evergreens in my

front yard have been topped and the remaining trunks, still two stories high, will be ample support for the climbing hydrangeas which outdid themselves this year.

My goal in years to come is to plant more perennial shrubs throughout my gardens to add visual interest. The pink and green foliage of Weigelia Monet planted in the sun added a bright spot of color all season.

Before the sun sets on each busy day, let's reflect with gratitude on the many gifts nature gives to us.



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 share her home and gardens through classes and garden events.



Photo credit: Wilma Gould Johnson

Egrets are herons known for their long, graceful necks, long yellow beak, beautiful white plumage and their large wingspan. They symbolize good fortune, good things to come, innocence, beauty, and grace. Their diet consists mostly of fish but also consume crustaceans, frogs, salamanders, snakes, aquatic insects. In open fields they may catch grasshoppers, rodents. They are often seen at Scarborough Marsh.

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 16

North Congregational Church of Buxton Bean Supper, 22 Church Hill Road, Buxton, 5 - 6 p.m.

Osher School of Music Brass Day with guest artist Gabe Rice, trombone. Corthell Hall, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

Baxter Memorial Library

Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos)

Early Release STEM Time (all ages), 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

Osher School of Music Faculty Concert Series: Osher Faculty Jazz Ensemble, "Birth of the Cool." Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$15/10.

Monday, September 25

North Gorham Public Library Local Author Talk with Philip C. Baker, author of "Hunger Hill," 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, September 30

First Parish Church Chicken Pie Takeout Dinner, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m.

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the blotter

Gloria Street caller reported an older style blue Cadillac was parked in front of his house and a neighbor's house for almost an hour. Caller did not get the license number for the vehicle. Officer checked the area but did not locate it.

South Street caller reported that a motorcycle was speeding back and forth in front of their house. Officer did not locate the motorcycle.

Tenant called to complain that a former tenant was hanging around on the third floor of the building. There was no paperwork or conditions that said he could not be there. Officer was not able to contact the building manager. Man was not causing any problems, he was simply on the property.

Caller wanted to know if anyone had been reported for stealing out of a residence. She was informed that nothing had been reported.

Buck Street caller reported the theft of vehicle parts.

Loose dog was found in a yard on Buck Street. Officer tracked down the owner. Dog was left at neighbor's house on Copperhead and owners were notified.

Officer saw a man walking on crutches near Mosher Road. It was very dark and the man was wearing dark clothes. He told the officer he was returning from Westbrook

and going to his house on School Street. Officer offered him a ride and he accepted. Officer searched the man, put him in the rear of the cruiser and drove him home.

Three brown cows were reported out walking on Sebago Lake Road, apparently having escaped. Officer searched the entire area twice but did not locate cows. No one passing by reported having seen them.

Johnson Road caller had questions about a vehicle he owns with another person and how he could get it back. He was advised this was a civil issue, not a criminal one as they were both owners of the vehicle.

The owner of an abandoned vehicle in a parking lot on Ossipee Trail told the officer he would have another driver come pick up the vehicle within a couple of days. Supervisor said that was fine but if it was not towed within a couple of days, he wanted the van removed.

Pam's Way caller wanted to know what to do with "a fluffy black colored bunny" that was in her yard. She was advised to leave the animal alone as it was probably wild and would take care of itself. She agreed and said she had only called as her young daughter was worried about the bunny.

Notta Lane caller had just landed at the airport and heard about the male who might be armed and dangerous. Officer checked his home and property which seemed undisturbed.

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