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# Robie Street Contract Zone Submitted to Town Council

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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White Birch Lane intersects New Portland Road near the Gorham House senior facility. Although there are three access roads off South Street into the planned Robie Street Subdivision, the proposed contract zone requires additional access from White Birch Lane.

Despite public objections to plans for access to the subdivision, the Gorham Planning Board voted 6-0 (Walsh absent) to recommend a contract zone for the project to the Town Council. In addition to entrances off South Street on Robie Street, Ridgeway Ave, and Bramblewood Lane, the contract zone requires access into the development from White Birch Lane. The Planning Board has already granted preliminary approval for the first phase of KV Enterprises' project, which includes 43 single-family homes to be built over three years.

White Birch Lane leads past 5 houses and 30 Birch Lane Apartments and dead-ends at Village School parking lot and a ball park owned by the town. It would be extended

into the development and used initially by construction vehicles. Its location off already heavily trafficked New Portland Road is almost directly across from Gorham House.

Residents living on Robie Street and Bramblewood Lane, the main entrances to the development, have objected to the heavy use the project would put on their narrow roads. This limited access is why the Town Council would have to agree to the extension of White Birch Lane for the contract zone to receive their approval.

The Planning Board is currently being asked to recommend approval for several small housing developments, as well as having received a master plan proposal for a mixed-use subdivision with 284 housing units and several commercial buildings on 38.3 acres of the former Gorham Country Club property on McLellan Road. This project, which would be constructed in six phases, would not require a contract zone. It is in the South Gorham Crossroads Zone which is designated for mixed-use projects.

After the initial meeting on March 4 to discuss the proposal, the Planning Board asked the developer, Troiano Properties, and the engineer to edit the proposed master plan. The plan cannot be approved without a major investment in water and sewage infrastructure, as there is no such infrastructure near that location now.

# **Eventful Winter Sports for GHS Comes to a Close**

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Caden Smith, Gabe Michaud, Ashton Leclerc celebrate after the Regional Final game

The GHS Winter Sports teams conclude their season with great excitement across the board. Some highlights captured include:

Basketball State Championships:

Girls' Basketball #1 Gorham v. #1 Cheverus Third repeat trip and Sixth in Eight Seasons The best teams in the south and the north matched up on Saturday March 2nd. Both the Rams Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams made it to the state championship game. For the Girls it was the third straight trip to the state championship, under the helm of Coach Laughn Berthiaume. On the Boys side, this was their first trip, in over two decades, under head Coach Ryan Deschenes (Named Coach of the Year in the AA South), his first season at Gorham.

The Girls kicked off the doubleheader at 7pm. v. Cheverus. The Rams had been rolling in the tournament with big wins, against good teams. Right out of the gate, the Stags played a box and one defense on star player Ellie Gay and held her to four points in the contest. At the half the Stags

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# **Biden and Trump Win Gorham**

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Gorham voters cast 2,252 ballots in the March 5 primary to choose candidates for the November presidential election. Although this was a rank-choice election, President Joe Biden and former president Donald Trump defeated their opponents by more than 51% of the vote in Gorham and in Maine making them the out-right winners of their primaries.

Nikki Haley received 35% of Gorham Republican votes and 27% of all Maine Republican votes, but withdrew after the election. The other Republicans on the ballot had withdrawn before the election, so their votes were not counted.

For the most part, the election that permitted voters to rank their choices for presidential nominees went smoothly. Many ranked more than one candidate, and some used the write-in option as their second choice: for example, writing-in Cease-fire or a candidate not on the ballot. None of the second-place choices were counted as a run-off was not necessary. In any event, only write-ins for declared candidates are ever counted.

This was the first Maine election where voters who were not registered for a party could choose to vote in either the Republican or Democrat primary. A few voters discovered when they went to the polls that they were registered in the No Labels Party when they believed they had just signed a petition, and

therefore they could not vote in the primary. This illegal registration was the fault of the Party but could not be changed to enable these voters to cast ballots in this election. Only registered Republicans and Democrat or unenrolled voters could vote on March 5.

Some other voters believed they were registered in one party, when they were actually registered in another one. The Town Clerk was able to access their signed registration cards that showed they had registered for the party listed for them. They had to vote in their party of record for this election.

According to Laurie Nordfors, the town clerk, "Anyone who changed parties on March 5 will be able to vote in the June 11 primary. Whenever you change parties, you must stay for three months, but they will be within the time period to vote in June."

Nordfors said, "some people who registered for a party years ago but have been voting for candidates in another party for years, think they are registered in that party." Voters may vote for any candidate in a general election, but in a primary may only vote for a candidate in the party in which they are registered. "People who registered years ago might want to call the clerk's office to see what party they are enrolled in now," Nordfors advised," so if they are not in the correct party, they can change before the deadline of May 27 to be able to vote in the June primary."

# **Budget Process Underway**

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Superintendent of Schools has only provided the proposed budget in note-book form to the school committee and some community members are already expressing concerns that it will be too high and will add a significant tax burden to homeowners. It is important to remember that budget building is a process and no final decisions have been made.

After the two failed referendums from last year, the budget-building process began early in the fall as the school committee set a target goal for a budget increase of seven percent. In October, teachers and school administrators reviewed their programs and assessed educational needs that needed to be addressed. Each building staff member submitted a proposal with rationale to building leaders for review and analysis and alignment with district goals. The administrators met extensively with central office staff and a proposed budget was compiled.

This preliminary budget was presented to the school committee in late February. It reflects an overall increase of 7.6%. Careful consideration and cuts have already been made at each step along the process, and, of course, in their review, the school committee will consider and review each budget line and proposal. This process will include at least five school committee meetings

between March 4 and April 10. During this time additional adjustments will be made by the School Committee that will have impacts on the bottom line. Once voted on by the School Committee, the budget will then be presented to the town manager on April 17 for review and approval. The budget must then be approved by the town council on May 14 in preparation for the public referendum on June 11.

Heather Perry had this to say about the process, "We are still very early on in the budget development process. I have proposed a budget to the School Committee within the initial target range that was set for operational cost increases. The School Committee will now dig into this budget and review it extensively to make additional adjustments that will ultimately reflect what they believe is ultimately the best budget to balance the needs of our students with the needs of our taxpayers."

Perry continued, "I would encourage citizens to follow this process closely in order to better understand the 'Why's' behind what may be added to the budget, what may be reduced from the budget, and what remains in the budget for FY 25."

Follow the school budget process online at https://www.gorhamschools.org then to "About Us" then "School Committee" and then "School Budget Information."

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CONGRATS GHS GIRLS AND BOYS BBALL TEAMS

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.

### Tax season is here!

Rep. Mo Terry

April is just around the corner, and that means tax season is here! I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a couple of things the Legislature has done recently to improve our tax system to make life better for Mainers, and share some resources that I think will make filing this year a bit less painful.

One measure that I am particularly proud of established a state refundable child tax credit. By advancing this policy, we expanded the tax credits available for parents and other households with dependents, improving economic security for more Maine children.

Additionally, we took steps to help homeowners by expanding the Property Fair Tax Credit. This credit returns a portion of property taxes or rent paid by eligible Mainers each year as a credit on their state tax return. That means money back in your pocket at the end of the year. If the credit is more than the taxes you owe for that year, the extra amount will be refunded to you. For those not required to file an income tax return, like many older Mainers on Social Security, a streamlined form is available to help ensure they can still benefit from this tax credit. The measure we passed this session to expand this credit did so by increasing the qualifying income and asset test so that more middle-class Mainers can qualify.

The Property Tax Deferral Program is another tool that works to help those living on fixed and lower incomes stay in their homes by covering the cost

of annual property taxes. The deferral program was already available to those who are 65 or older or are permanently disabled and meet income guidelines. But last session, we expanded it by raising the maximum income level for eligibility from \$40,000 to \$80,000 and increasing the maximum asset test to \$100,000. By raising these limits, we made the program available to more Mainers while ensuring it targets those who will benefit from this relief.

As you begin to file your taxes this year, I hope you keep an eye out for these programs, as well as others, that are available to you and that can make a significant difference for your family.

For help filing your taxes, CA\$H Maine is a wonderful resource composed of nonprofit and for-profit businesses across that state that work together to provide tax preparation support and other financial services to those who meet the income requirements. This year, they are offering in-person appointments with an IRS-certified tax preparer who will help you file your taxes that day.

If you would like in-person assistance but can't make it to a scheduled meeting, CA\$H Maine also offers a Scan & Go service and a Drop & Go service at participating locations where a preparer will complete your filing and then call you to inform you when you can return to pick up your documents.

AARP also provides free tax filing assistance to Mainers through their AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Certified

by the IRS and operated by AARP volunteers, the service is open to taxpayers of all ages and AARP membership is not required. To put your name on the waitlist for an appointment for the Tax-Aide's Gorham location at St. Annes Church, call (207) 518-8579.

The IRS also provides free tax filing support at their tax assistance office. You can find the nearest IRS tax assistance office located in South Portland. They are currently holding extended hours. To schedule an appointment, please call (844) 545-5640.

I hope that with the help of these resources, you are able to file your taxes with ease, maximize potential deductions and minimize possible liabilities. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns! As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your state representative.



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

ity 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.

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Send your letter to: editor@gorhamtimes.com

The Gorham Connector Meeting is scheduled to take place on March 25 in the Shaw Gym at the Rec Center at the Gorham Municipal Complex. There will be an Open House from 4:30 to 6 p.m. with various stations so that people can speak one-onone with members of MTA staff, engineering consultants and municipal representatives from the core communities. At 6 p.m. there will be a formal presentation followed by public comment, questions and feedback.

## You're in the Know.

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# Free Throw State Championship Wins

**Gorham Times Staff** 



Photo credit: Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

At Old Town High School on Saturday, March 9, Jace Higgins of Gorham won the Age 9 Boys State Championship in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament, making 17 baskets from 25 free throws. Jace is pictured here with State Free Throw Director, AnthonyAlfiero of Gorham, and first place winner Age 9 Girls, Natalie McCurdy of Gorham, with a score of 13 out of 25.



Photo credit: Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

Sylvie Ouellet of Gorham won the Age 11 Girls State Championship with 20 out of 25. Pictured here are Sylvie Ouellet, State Free Throw Director, Anthony Alfiero of Gorham, and Bob Bubar of Fort Fairfield, first place Age 11 Boys with 20 out of 25. Mason Kinne of Gorham was second in this division making 19 free throws out of 25. Each year the Knights award 6 boys and 6 girls statewide, male and female in age categories from 9 to 14.

# **USM Parking Update**

John Ersek, Staff Writer

The University of Southern Maine has recently made some changes to its automated parking enforcement system. This was partially in response to numerous complaints from local residents who received notices of unexpected \$55 fines after using one of the Gorham or Portland parking lots while accessing various campus facilities that the public is encouraged to visit. In Gorham, these facilities include the gymnasium and field house, Corthell Concert Hall, Russell Theater, the art gallery, the ice hockey facilities, and several other locations, such as outdoor athletic fields and sidelines.

In general, the complaints centered around the complexities community people faced in paying for on-campus parking by using the required HonkMobile app or website on their smartphones. Other concerns related to difficulties people had in resolving disputes with the university's contracted parking agency after they received one of the \$55 parking fines. Some people have also informed USM that they could not access the parking payment system because they do not own or fully utilize a smartphone.

In response to these concerns, the university has introduced the "Gorham Permit," a prepaid parking option which allows any member of the general public to purchase a monthly unlimited access permit for many USM Gorham parking lots. The permit also includes some access to other Gorham campus lots, but with more limited hours. The monthly cost of the pass is \$3.00, and there is also a modest credit card processing fee each month.

Campus parking lot users who wish to sign up for the Gorham Permit online can access the USM Parking Services webpage [ https://usm. maine.edu/parking-services/ ]. They should then scroll down the page to the section labeled "Visitors." Eleven lines below "Visitors" is a line that has "Permits: 24/7 Permit, Portland Permit, Gorham Permit." They can then click on "Gorham Permit" and follow all the written instructions. There is also an option to set up a "Gorham Permit" account by phoning USM Parking Services.

The university also recently announced that it has increased the parking lot "grace period" to 30 minutes (from ten minutes). This should benefit local community residents who are still paying for parking through HonkMobile each time they drive onto a campus lot, as there can be occasions when some logistical factor might make it difficult to pay for parking through the HonkMobile app within ten minutes of driving onto a campus lot.

The university is continuing to remind members of the public that there is no free parking on campus at any time (except for the 30 minute "grace period" when initially driving onto campus), and that parking needs to be paid for in advance through one of several payment options. Anyone with further questions can phone USM Parking Services at (207) 780-4718.

# **Upcoming Relay for Life Event**

Aislyn McLean, GHS Intern

Relay for Life, as well as Making Strides, are two primary community fundraising opportunities under the American Cancer Society. A volunteerled experience, Relay for Life has been held in local towns such as Scarborough and South Portland and will make its return to Gorham this year.

On Friday April 5, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., community members are invited to the USM-Gorham Costello Sports Complex for an evening of remembrance and celebration. This event not only fundraises money for the American Cancer Society, but also acts as an opportunity to bring together survivors, caregivers, supporters, sponsors, donors, and more. The funds raised at this event and similar ones are spent improving the lives of cancer patients and their families through medical research, support, and advocacy.

Beginning at 6 p.m., this event will feature an Opening Ceremony as well as a First Lap Walk dedicated to cancer survivors and caregivers. The following hours will be spent walking the track, as Dr. Gordon Klatt originally did back in May of 1985. He was the first to walk around a track for 24

hours straight, with the sole purpose of raising money for the American Cancer Society. He walked over 83.6 miles and raised upwards of \$27,000, and that's where the Relay for Life event began.

In addition to the introduction activities and walking on April 5, there will be drawings to enter and games to play. The signature Luminaria Ceremony Remembrance commence at 9 p.m., where hundreds of little bags with candles will line the track. This tradition is dedicated to remembering lost loved ones.

The Relay for Life team is also bringing in an inspirational speaker and will hold a recognition activity later in the evening. As always, the night will end with a Silent Lap to honor those who have lost their lives to cancer, those who are living with cancer, and those who are now cancer free.

Consider joining the Relay for Life team on April 5. It's more than just a fundraising walk— it's an opportunity to come together to support all those affected by cancer and to finally put an end to it. For more information, you can visit the event website at www.relayforlife.org/southernmaine.

# Code of Conduct Updates

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

After more than 20 years of guiding the expectations and outcomes for all staff and students, Gorham Schools' Code of Conduct is being reviewed and updated.

Since 2000, Respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility are the core values that can be heard and seen at each of the five schools, and are anchors for the behavior expectations for all members of the Gorham school community.

Established in response to statewide legislation in 1999 that mandated all schools develop a code of conduct, Gorham embraced the opportunity, engaging in a yearlong process in which staff, students, families, and Gorham community members were invited to share their ideas on what characteristics should be expected, taught and reinforced in our schools. Of the Code of Conduct, Superintendent Perry said, "The Code of Conduct is a core component of our schools; it's valuable to prepare students for future success and reflects the foundational skills that are needed to be successful in any post-secondary endeavor, whether it's career, college or the military."

A member of the school committee at the time, local business owner Jon Smith led the 2000 process of gathering stakeholder input and buy-in, beginning with the "why" for expectations for behavior. Through a rigorous and lengthy process, Gorham residents weighed in, providing insights and ideas. What was developed, and then approved by the school committee, included the five core values, and the agreement that "Such conduct is fundamental to a supportive, safe, and orderly school environment and a civil society."

While the work of Smith and others has stood the test of time and served the school community well, the district's leadership team determined that it was time to review the Code of Conduct, to ensure it remains timely and impactful. Superintendent Perry celebrated the strength of the current Code of Conduct, but also noted the importance of periodic review to ensure it continues to reflect the current and future expectations of our ever-changing community and the context in which our schools are operating. Perry said, "this is a refresh, not a redo," noting the current code has been effective, and has been a bedrock in Gorham schools.

With a districtwide Code of Conduct, the

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# Gardening Pleasures: Spring Mulching

Linda Treworgy Faatz, Contributing Writer

Each Spring, in preparation for a new gardening season, I review my notes from last Fall. One item on that list is always consistent: to make sure my perennials and shrubs continue to have strong, healthy root systems. Even though my garden has been amended with lots of compost over the years, the soil on my sand hill drains quickly so I must make sure that the roots of the plants will be appropriately hydrated using a technique to enrich and complement the planting areas. Mulch is the simple solution with lots of long-term benefits.

Since there are a variety of organic and inorganic materials, it is important to consider location, plant types and needs. No matter what type of mulch you choose, most will cool the soil and help retain moisture longer. Since mulch blocks light, weeds are also less likely to grow. Past experience has taught that planting close together with little exposed soil and a healthy layer of compost (organic matter plus shredded leaves) works well as an appropriate mulch, too.

Pine needles collected from your yard will not mat down and can be spread thicker than other types of mulch. Because they are acidic, over time the acidity of the soil will increase. Pine needles work beautifully on paths also. Wood shavings bought in bales can be spread on the paths around raised beds. Rain will soon pack things down nicely. They are easy to walk on and are visually appealing. Cocoa hulls are lightweight but tend to be more expensive. Be aware that dogs can ingest these hulls, with the reaction being the same as chocolate poisoning.

Shredded hard wood is dense and works well on slopes where erosion might occur. Wood chips look classy in the landscape, but I recommend the natural color instead of those dyed red or black. I question whether the dye is good for soil health.

Stone chips, lava rock, crushed granite or pea gravel are great in accent areas around special accessories that you want to highlight. Cleanup of leaves and soil debris blown into the stone can take time. Keep in mind that light colored stone reflects the sun and darker colors absorb heat.

Gardeners use a special method called sheet mulching to kill grass and weeds in order to start a new planting area. Newspaper and/or cardboard are layered with organic mulch which smothers what's underneath and will eventually break down into viable soil. This is sometimes referred to as "Lasagna gardening." This method may take longer than expected especially if it dries out. Depending on the thickness, it can inhibit short-term water penetration. Layers of bark or organic matter spread on top of wet newspaper (without using cardboard in areas under shrubs or trees) work well for blocking weeds. Generally, the black ink portion of the newspaper is the best to use.

Prior to this new season, ponder last year's garden notes, pay attention to problem areas and decide what spring mulching tasks are most important. You will benefit by taking charge of these areas before the weeds show up in all their glory.



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 her home and gardens through classes and garden events.



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## **GMS** Band Festivals

Rosemarie Skillins, Music Teacher, GMS

Festivals are an amazing opportunity for students who are ready for more challenging music. They get to spend time with other dedicated, highly skilled students and work with amazing guest conductors from all over the state. These three festivals are an incredible opportunity for Gorham Students to participate in higher-level music-making and to meet students with similar goals and passions.



Photo credit: Rosemarie Skillins

District 1 Jazz Festival: The District 1 Jazz Festival is a nominated festival where students are nominated based on their experience, ability, and dedication to Jazz. It is both a Middle School and High School Festival. This year, Gorham had ten students accepted into the festival. They will be traveling to Sanford High School on April third and fourth to work with all of the students accepted and several different guest conductors.

Pictured: Grant Emerson (8th), Oliver Emerson (8th), Lucy Ciampa (8th), Sophia Soler (8th), Sawyer Wheaton (8th), Nolan Plummer (8th), Dash Coolong (8th), Dekarai St. Germain-Simms (8th), Colin Crockett (7th), Nolan Hurder (7th), Amelia Winkler (7th)



Photo credit: Bosemarie Skilling

District 1 Seventh and Eighth Grade Honors: Seventh and eighth graders from twelve different area middle schools auditioned for the 7th & 8th Grade Honors Festival. Gorham had 15 students who were accepted into the festival. On March first and second, students traveled to Sanford High School where they worked with a guest conductor and all of the other students accepted to the festival culminating in a final concert.

Pictured: Front Row L to R: Alina Senasy (8th), Lucy Cole (7th), Ruthie Zaninelli (7th), Camryn Allen (7th), Ella Dodd (7th), Faith Lajoie (7th), Lauren Drenski (7th)

Back Row L to R: Colin Crocket (7th), Nolan Hurder (7th), Dash Coolong (8th), Nico Andrade (8th), Sawyer Wheaton (8th), Oliver Emerson (8th), Dekarai St. Germain-Simms (8th), Sophia Burns (7th),



Photo credit: Rosemarie Skillins

District 1 Sixth Grade Honors:
The 6th Grade Honors Festival is a nominated festival where students were nominated based on their musical ability and dedication to band and chorus. Gorham had twentyone students who were nominated and accepted to the festival. On March 9th, students met at Gorham High School with all of the students accepted into the festival with guest conductors. The festival

concluded with a concert for families.

Pictured: Front Row L to R: Avianna
Carr, Harper Hofmann, Caleb West,
Cece Lewin, Maddilyn Walker,
Brooklyn Walker, Annabelle Klipple,
Ava Moulton, Quinn McAdams
Back row L to R: Evan Holland,
Ethan Butler, Benjamin Miller,

Back row L to R: Evan Holland, Ethan Butler, Benjamin Miller, Adeline McCrillis, Emma Howe, Kloud Hamlin, Benjamin Emerson, Lillian McCarthy, Hadley Kuntz, Addison Moller, Isabella Davenport



# Planning Board Results, March 4

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

A request to construct a private way to serve a single-family house lot at 59 Wood Road was discussed and approved 7-0.

A request to reduce the depth of unimproved land behind an existing hammerhead was discussed and approved 6-1. (Benson)

Moody's Co-Worker Owned, Inc. request to divide lot 3 on Raceway Drive into lots 3 and 4 and to develop lot 4 into a 27,600 sq. ft. repair facility was discussed and moved to the consent agenda of the next available Planning Board meeting.

Luxury Motor Toys (GenX Capital Partners LLC) request for site plan approval for 40 condominium garage units with associated clubhouse was discussed and moved to table until waivers, as requested or as mutually agreed upon, are submitted was approved 6-1 (Benson).

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for unit bonus for affordable housing in the Town's growth areas as required by 30-A MRSA 43 bill (also known as LD 2003) was discussed and approved to be sent to the next available Planning Board meeting for public hearing was approved 7-0.

A Proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program was sent to the next available Planning Board for a public hearing 7-0.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to rezone lots on Preble Street from UR to OR was discussed and sent to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing. 7-0.

A request for Troiano Properties, LLC to construct The Residences at Gorham Country Club, a mixed-use development on McLellan Road was discussed.

Calito Development Group's request to construct a dry goods retail store and associated infrastructure on the corner of Ossipee Trail and Dingley Spring Road was discussed.

Greg McCormack's request for approval to construct a 323-foot private way to serve a future single family house lot was discussed and placed on the consent agenda for the next available Planning Board meeting.

Greg and Megan Jordan's request for approval to construct 12 single family house lots with two additional lots that will support up to four units each on Waterhouse Road was not discussed due to the Planning Board lateness rule and will be scheduled for the second monthly Planning Board meeting on March 26.

A request for a 6-lot single family home subdivision on North Gorham Road was not discussed due to the Planning Board lateness rule and will be scheduled for the second monthly Planning Board meeting on March 26.

# Notes from Public Works

Kelly Meslin, Office Manager, Public Works Department

Please be sure to put tagged trash & recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

The entire tag should be visible to Casella. This means the tag should be stuck to the bag or folded in half around the neck of the bag. If the tag is not visible in its entirety, trash will not be collected.

Please keep turnarounds free of vehicles and equipment. This hinders Casella getting in and out of roads safely and efficiently.

If you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage, please call the office at 222-4950 or email us @ dpw@gorham.me.us

Several roads have been posted for

heavy loads. To see the entire list of posted roads & regulations, visit gorham-me.org.

We have begun some light street sweeping. We will post the schedule of routes closer to April 1.

Public Works is hiring a fulltime driver/operator I. Must have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) The job has variety, stability and great benefits. A full job description, along with qualifications and benefits package is available at https://gorham-me.

Salary starts at \$22.30 per hour, and depends on experience and qualifications. Successful candidates will be eligible for a \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

# Grand Jury Indictments, Feb. 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Peter Baizley, 23, of Westbrook was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (methamphetamine), improper license plates, operating an unregistered vehicle and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Gorham PD.

William Foye, 56, of Sebago was indicted for negotiating a worthless instrument \$1,000-\$10,000 on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Jason Gray, 47, of Buxton was indicted for domestic violence stalking, tampering with a victim and three counts of violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Jocelyn Gunter, 36, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking and unauthorized use of property on charges brought by Falmouth PD.

Jamie Mondragon, 43, of Limington was indicted for unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (fentanyl), unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (cocaine), unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (cocaine base), criminal forfeiture. unlawful trafficking of scheduled

drugs (4 counts), possession of fentanyl powder, cocaine and criminal forfeiture on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, South Portland PD, Gorham PD and MDEA.

Bradley Moulton, 29, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI (2 prior refusals), unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Talyn Plummer, 21, of Gorham was indicted for possession of sexually explicit materials on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Micah Ross, 46, of Gorham was charged with violating conditions of release, criminal OUI (1 prior), refusing to submit to arrest and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham

Micah Ross, 46, of Gorham was indicted for domestic violence abuse, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by South Portland PD.

Anthony Tramontozzi, 52 of Westbrook was indicted for aggravated criminal mischief on charges brought by Gorham PD.

# Gorham Teacher Recognized as Art Teacher of the Year

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



Photo credit: Barksdale Pictures

The Maine Art Education Association Awards & Recognitions Committee has announced that Narragansett Art Teacher Laurie Chiasson is being recognized as the 2024 MAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year. Laurie's commitment and dedication to the continued advancement of art education in Maine is to be commended. Narragansett School is proud that Mrs. Chiasson shares her gifts and talents with our students!

Pictured: Mrs. Laurie Chiasson

### Code of Conduct CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

schools all use the same language, they all celebrate and teach to the code of conduct, and it creates a consistency of expectations.

Along with education consultant Suzanne Godin, Jon Smith has signed on once again to help facilitate the process of reviewing and providing any updates to the current code of conduct.

An eighteen member stakeholder committee, composed of students, guardians, school personnel, and community members first met this fall to begin the review process. Next a "thought exchange," an online platform where people can reply to questions, rate other ideas, and give general feedback, was created and shared widely in order to gather input from the larger community. The stakeholder committee reviewed the results, examined the data

and began creating theories to explore.

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In addition, Godin has met with various focus groups, and the committee held two listening sessions in February, with the hopes of sharing the initial findings and gathering more input from the community at large. The listening sessions were sparsely attended, however members of the public are invited once again to provide feedback on April 4 at 6:00 pm in the 2nd floor superintendent's conference room of the Gorham Municipal Building.

Updates to the process and any proposed changes will be shared through the Superintendent's weekly blog, found on the Gorham School Department website. School committee will review and approve any revisions in the fall of 2024, as the code of conduct is policy.

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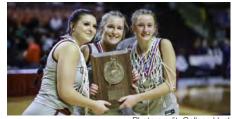


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### **Winter Sports**

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Kailin Curtis, Ellie Gay and Summer Gammon

led the Rams in a defensive battle 17-10. Vanessa Walker and Summer Gammon moved well on both ends of the court that night and the Rams had a few shining moments in the second half of play but couldn't catch the Stags. Cheverus continued with their defensive plan and eventually it proved to be too much for the Rams. The Girls had a tremendous season and played with heart and hustle all the way to the end.

### Boys Basketball #1 Gorham v. #1 Windham

Boys team is the recipient of the MPA South Region AA Sportsmanship Award. During halftime of the Girls' AA Championship game, the Boys team was awarded the MPA Sportsmanship Award for the AA South Region. Out of the tournament, the sportsmanship award is at the top of all honors. Congratulations to the boys for being recognized and appreciated for how the team carried themselves on and off the court all season long. The boys then took the court for the late, much anticipated game v. the Windham Eagles. In the first minutes, the Rams struggled with their shots but recovered quickly. The second quarter proved to be a new game for the Rams, with senior stand-out Gabe Michaud making great drives to the hoop and hitting several 3-pointers, as well as teammate Caden Smith being able to get in the lane. Off the bench, Sophomore, Colton Jewett gave the Rams a spark on both ends of the court. By the end of the 3rd quarter Michaud set Griffin Gammon up with a dunk and one. During the 4th quarter the Rams led by 5 with 1:40 to go; it went back and forth to the end of regulation, eventually forced into OT. Senior all-stars, Ashton Leclerc and Michaud fouled out of the game. Smith had a big 3-pointer in OT but the Rams came up on



Griffin Gammon waving the net

the short end of a thrilling final score of 62-58.

Both teams may have had tough losses, but it certainly did not define the season for the Rams. Gorham showed grit, determination, and superior sportsmanship. Ellie Gay on the Girls side and Ashton Leclerc on the Boys side both earned the tournament's most valuable player award respectively. Congratulations to both teams and to all the seniors for leading the way.

Boys Ice hockey Class B Quarterfinal Action:

The #5 Gorham Rams Boys Ice Hockey Playoff action v. the #4 seed Greely took to the ice on Feb. 27 at the Family Ice Arena in Falmouth. It was a back-and-forth game with plenty of goal scoring and action-packed plays. Goals were scored by Cole Allen (a pair), Jacob Schvets and Landen Anctil. Gorham led 5-4 with just under 37 seconds left in regulation. With 22 seconds left, Greely then tied it up on a power play sending the game into OT. Greely edged Gorham in overtime 6-5. The Rams finished with a 9-9-1 record.

Girls Ice Hockey Outstanding Player Award: Gorham Senior Forward Emerson Homa was awarded this year's 7th annual Becky Schaffer Award for most outstanding player. The award is given to the top senior girls hockey player in Maine. She finished the season with 39 goals and 18 assists for the Regional

## Runner-up Rams. Congratulations Emerson. Indoor Track & Field

Qualifying and representing GHS are Griffin Gammon (high jump), Nolan Feyler (400), Aidan Lee (55 hurdles).

Wrestling:

Congratulations to Senior Luke Burns who finished in the top 8 in New England, and for his back-to-back Class A State championship wins.



God is love. This simple statement affects everything. Whether you know it or not, whether you believe it or not, God is love.

Humans talk about God all the time. We think deeply about who God might be. We try to prove or disprove God's existence. People invent images to depict how they conceive of God.

Humans talk about love all the time. Parents love children. Spouses love each other. Friends love one another in a special way. Siblings love. People love their pets, their sports teams and their favorite food. But love is more than just something we think or feel. Love is a mysterious emotion, which we do not often understand, that nevertheless affects the way we live.

God is love. This brief statement slams these two ideas together. Near the end of the Bible, there is a little book called First John. The fourth chapter of 1 John says "God is love" and provides some explanations for what this might mean for our lives.

Strikingly, 1 John says that if anyone does not love, he does not know God, since God is love. We see this played out in our world today. Hate and anger rule much of our society and our interactions. Many people live daily ignoring love. When people refuse to love, that shows a lack of knowing God, since God is love. We were created in the image of God, in the image of love. Thus, we were made to love. But each and every one of us fails to love perfectly all the time. We fail to live perfectly loving lives. We love ourselves more than anyone else, and that is not really love at all. The Bible calls this failure to live according to God's love "sin." And we are all guilty of sin.

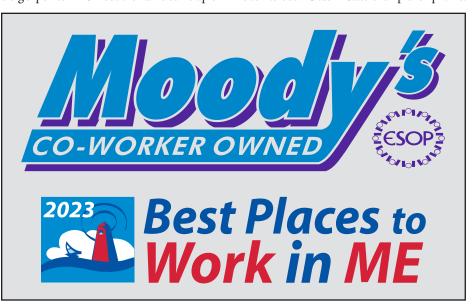
But 1 John says more: "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). God is love. Though we have failed to love, He never fails to love. God's greatest act of love is His Son Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. And Jesus died because of our lack of love. Jesus willingly died in the place of sinners, sinners like me. And sinners like you. And Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.

God is love, and that love is effected and given through Jesus Christ. Trust in that love, believe in Jesus. The churches of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) proclaim and teach this love of God for all. I invite you to come hear about God's love for you in Jesus Christ at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. MaKhew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod









### **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod 410 Main Street Gorham ME 04043

### Easter Service 10:15 am

See complete worship schedule at RedeemerMaine.org

# Family of A Real Life Radium Girl Attended GHS Play

**Gorham Times Staff** 



Photo credit: Breanna Pierce, Parent

Pictured: Elaine and Maureen Duggan with the cast and crew of GHS' "Radium Girls"

Gorham's entry into the One Act Regional Festival, "Radium Girls" was presented for three performances on the weekend of March first through third. This play tells the story of a group of young women who became ill from exposure to dangerous chemicals in their work in factories in the early twentieth century. Several of the women brought suit against the company and were able to see changes made in workplace safety in the United States. Mrs. Marks was one of those young women. In 1928, Marks worked at the

Waterbury Clock Company, but never put her paintbrush in her mouth to make a point, which protected her from the worst effects of the radium. Those present at the Sunday, March 3 performance included her daughter Elaine Duggan, and her granddaughter Maureen Duggan. Ms Marks has died, after living a full life. Their attendance at the show made the final GHS performance special, and helped the cast and crew connect even more with the inspiring and courageous story of the "Radium Girls."

# New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy Passed

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools (from her March 8 Superintendent's Blog)

At its Feb. 7 regular meeting, the Gorham School Committee passed a new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy. This policy had been in the works for some time based upon feedback from community, staff, and others that the school system needed to provide more clear definitions of what is meant in schools when they talk about what diversity, equity and inclusion is in Gorham.

With Black History Month just wrapping up and with Women's History Month occurring this month, this would be a good time to share.

You can view the full language of the new policy at https://tinyurl.com/3evntjkp, but it is helpful to also view the key definitions for each of these important terms. Listed here are the newly adopted definitions for each of these terms to provide clarity about what is meant when the terms Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (D.E.I.) are used in Gorham schools...

#### DIVERSITY

Diversity in education means appreciating and embracing the differences that make each person unique. The Gorham School Committee views the diversity of cultural backgrounds and other aspects of the human experience reflected in our district as a strength in preparing students to thrive in a global society. Respecting and celebrating those experiences and perspectives helps us move beyond tolerance to appreciation of our mutual humanity.

Diversity in education is achieved when curriculum, programs, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, reflect the diversity of our student population and include a range of perspectives and experiences, including those of underrepresented groups.

### **EQUITY**

Educational equity means that each student receives access to resources, opportunities, and educational rigor, at the right moment in their education, to develop to their full academic and social potential. This differs from equality, which means providing the same to all. Equity recognizes that we do not all start from the same place and must acknowledge and adjust imbalances that exist. Educational equity is achieved when all students receive the resources they need to graduate prepared for success after high school.

### **INCLUSION**

Inclusion in education is when all students feel they belong; being able to voice opinions [and ideas] and show up as one's authentic self without judgment regardless of abilities or background. This is reflected in being heard, recognized, valued, and encouraged to contribute as part of the school community. Inclusion in education also extends to engagement with educators and parents who assist in this goal when all members of the education community are welcomed, accepted, and supported in the schools and in school-sponsored activities.





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GORHAM \$126,000 – Town owned tax foreclose sale. Major cleanup and demo of existing buildings will be happening. Great potential for a building lot located on a paved public road with power onsite and the driveway entrance in place. Structures are not safe. Good luck to the new owner!



WATERBORO \$369,900 – This sunlit 3-4-bedroom full dormered cape is ready for you to move right in. Updated kitchen with newer appliances open to the living room, first floor bedroom, den/office/bedroom and a full tiled bathroom complete the first floor.



WINDHAM \$489,900 – Don't wait to get into this newer subdivision, not far from the Gorham line. One level living with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, laminate wood floors, 2-car garage, daylight basement, porch, deck & gazebo. Backyard abuts the common land.



windham \$134,900 – This building lot is surveyed with building envelope offers HHE 200 septic design for 2BR, public water at the street, power to property & gravel driveway. Access to Mill Pond across the street with 200' of frontage & sandy beach.



WINDHAM \$450,000 – 58 Emerson Dr is quietly tucked away on the edge of North Windham with deeded access to Collins Pond perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding & skating! Features granite kitchenwith gas range & pantry closet, living room with cathedral ceiling & exposed beams.



**STANDISH \$665,000** – This 28x36 oversized colonial offers over 2500sqft of living space. Features an open concept sunlit first floor plan with a fully applianced spacious granite kitchen. The second level offers the primary suite over the 24x24 garage.



GORHAM \$159,900 - 2009 mobile home. Spacious kitchen, dining area, large living room with laminate flooring, master bedroom with full bath & laundry area. Newer storage shed with electricity, paved driveway, new deck. Excellent 55+ community with clubhouse. Great tlocation to all points.

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#### OF INTEREST

Lewiston, Maine, The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is hosting the 2024 Preseason Tree Fruit Meeting from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 at the University of Southern Maine/Lewiston Auburn College, Room 170, 51 Westminster Street. The event provides insights and information to tree fruit growers in the region. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field and gain practical knowledge that can be applied to their own orchards.

A Nature Story Time: All About Mud to be held on Wednesday, March 20 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Frazier Preserve in Gorham, sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library and Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Several books about mud and spring puddles will be read, followed by a walk along the trail searching for mud to make some mud prints for fun. The event is free for families with kids ages 2-5, siblings welcome. Children must attend with a parent or guardian. The walking portion will be around a half mile total, on a wooded path with a modest hill. Space is limited and registration is required at www.prlt.org/events. Visit the website for directions to the Preserve.

Casco Federal Credit Union is having a food drive at Plummer's Shop 'n Save in Buxton for the Ending Hunger Campaign on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All donations will go directly to Buxton Food Co-Op, Standish Food Pantry and Gorham Food Pantry.

Gorham Garden Project: Join fellow gardeners in Gorham for an informational meeting and discussion about creating gardens in Gorham's public spaces. Wednesday, March 20, 6 - 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Gorham Rec Center (snow date is March 27 6, - 7 p.m.). FMI contact Stacey, (207) 653-7473 or Kathy (207) 233-2373.

### **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

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 or (207) 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 Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

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.

### **PUBLIC SUPPERS**

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Take out option and hand sanitizer available. Face masks optional.

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will continue hosting its weekly Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays until March 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, and dessert for \$14. Kids can enjoy pizza for \$6. Take-out is available, but no drive-through. FMI, visit www.stanthonysparish.org/st-annes.

#### **SENIOR NOTES**

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly 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.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open and welcomes the public. Join the group for Cribbage/board. Join the weekly guest speaker program, "the Originals", on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. A different speaker each week. Upcoming speakers include ESL in our school system, repopulation of Wild Turkeys in Maine and MacMillan, Arctic Explorer. FMI: contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The North Gorham Public Library has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. Library hours are Monday 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Closed Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327.

Baxter Memorial Library continues a full schedule of family events such as Baby Discovery Time, Toddler Discovery Time, Sewing Club, LEGO Club, Family Discovery Time, Dogs Dig Reading. Discover them all. Local author, Author Philip C. Baker, will speak and read from his book, "Hunger Hill" on Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m. This book has been selected for Maine Public's book club, All Books Considered, and is set in Portland, Maine. On March 27, at 6 p.m., authors Pat LaMarche and Andy Carey will speak about their block buster novel, "American Roulette," co-written by nine well-known authors in their fields of fiction, non-fiction, academic publications, journalism, and blogs. A discussion will follow about gun violence and the impacts on responders, average citizens, and children, as well as the importance of dialogue about this issue as we search to find a solution. Find the full schedule in this issue's calendar and learn more at https://baxterlibrary.org.

### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES**

USM Event Search: https://usm.maine.edu/events



# Saster Services 2024



### CENTERPOINT CHURCH

53 County Road
Pastor Ben Thornton
(207) 370-8182
Mar 30 - Easter Egg Hunt at Narragansett School,
10 a.m.

Mar 31 - Easter Service, 10 a.m. TITLE: The Love Movement https://centerpointme.com/

### **CRESSEY ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

81 Cressey Road, Gorham
Pastor Joseph Saunders, (207) 839-3111
crdcc.office@gmail.com,
https://www.cresseyrdcc.org/
https://www.facebook.com/CRdCCGorham/
Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.
Mar 29 - Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
Mar 31 - Easter Sunrise Service around the fire pit,
6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast refreshments
Mar 31 - Easter Worship Service, 9:45 a.m.
All services in person and live-streamed.

### FIRST RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

211 Mosher Road, Gorham Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Services, 7 and 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

### FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UCC
One Church Street, Gorham
Lead Minister Christine Dyke, 839-6751
Mar 24 - Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. In person
Worship and Zoom
Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Potluck,
7 p.m. The Holy Week Story
(In person and Facebook Live)
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. In person
Worship and Zoom
FMI 839-6571 or admin@firstparishgorham.org
https://www.facebook.com/First.Parish.Gorham/

### FORT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spire 29 - 29 School Street Pastor Aaron Manning (207) 592-4987 Mar 31 - Easter Service, 10 a.m. https://www.forthillchurch.com/

### GALILEE CHURCH

317 Main Street, Gorham
Pastor Mark Labacz and
Pastor Kevin Lambertson
(207) 839-6985
Mar 29 - Good Friday Communion in the Round, 6 p.m.
Mar 31 - Easter Resurrection Celebration, 10:30 a.m.
office@galileebc.org, https://www.galileebc.org/

### GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF GORHAM

74 Deering Road, Gorham (207) 839-8800, thegracebiblechurch.com Mar 31 - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

### LIFECHURCH

8 Elkins Road, Gorham
Pastor Brian Undlin, (207) 839-6354
lifechurchmaine.org
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.
Children's ministry available at all services birth-6th grade

### LITTLE FALLS BIBLE CHURCH

746 Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Vafiades, (207) 423-6730
littlefallsbc.org/
Mar 29 - Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
Mar 31 - Resurrection Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

### LIVING STONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish Pastor Alexander Grimaldi (207) 642-2309 Mar 29 - Good Friday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m. Mar 31 - Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

### ORCHARD COMMUNITY CHURCH

1 North St./Rt. 114, Gorham
Pastor Brian Ward, 730-3910, orchardpastorbrian@
yahoo.com
Mar 29- Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
Facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

410 Main Street, Gorham
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
RedeemerMaine@gmail.com
RedeemerMaine.org
Services will be live-streamed at

Facebook.com/RedeemerMaine
Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Divine Service, 10:15 a.m.
Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 7 p.m.
Mar 29 - Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers, 7 p.m.
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. at 1725 Main Street, Sanford (Airport Plaza) Easter Morning Service, 10:15 a.m. in Gorham

### ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham Rev. Tim Higgins, (207) 892-8447 stannsoffice@gmail.com, facebook.com/ stannsepiscopalchurch.com Mar 24 - Palm Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday service at Faith Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m. Apr 7 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.,

Veneration of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. Service with Full Communion and Choir

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH at ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

299 Main Street, Gorham

Fr Lou Phillips, Pastor
Parish Office (207) 857-0490
stannegorham@portlanddiocese.org
stanthonysparish.org/st-annes
Mar 28 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper,
4 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook, and
6:30 p.m. St. Anne, Gorham
Mar 29 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
12 noon, St. Hyacinth, Westbrook and
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Peace, Windham
Mar 30 - Easter Vigil, Holy Night of Easter
8 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord,
8 and 10:15 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
8 and 11 a.m. St. Anne
9:30 a.m. St. Hyacinth

### SUMMIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gorham Middle School, 26 Cressey Road Rev. Travis Bush, (207) 839-4434 https://summitmaine.org/ Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Service - 10 a.m. Mar 29 - Good Friday Service - 6:30 p.m. Mar 31 - Easter Sunrise Service - 6:15 a.m. Mar 31 - Easter Service - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT NORTH GORHAM

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham Rev. David Farrington, (207) 892-5363, northgorhamchurch.org Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m. Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m. Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

### WEST GORHAM UNION CHURCH

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham
Pastor Nate Colson, (207) 839-5946
facebook.com/WestGorhamChurch
Mar 29 - Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. on Rust
Road,

followed by coffee and doughnuts.

Mar 31 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. on Rust Road,

followed by coffee and doughnuts. Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

### WHITE ROCK FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
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Rev. Jonathan Marshall,
wrfbc.org, (207) 839-1919
Mar 24 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion, 6 p.m.
Mar 29 - Good Friday Service, 6 p.m.
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. Sunrise Service
Easter Breakfast, 8 a.m., Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. Easter Morning Worship

# Maine Maple Sunday Weekend March 23 and 24

**Gorham Times Staff** 

### Participating local producers: Merrifield Farm

195 North Gorham Road, Gorham Open Maine Maple Sunday Weekend, March 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast (seating outside) includes pancakes and sausage (served all day), also maple baked beans and hot

Available at the Coffee Shed: Maple Hot and iced coffee and sweet treats

Activities: Boiling Demo, Blacksmith, 4-H exhibitors with Oxen, Wagon Rides, Live Music, and more. Can't forget to have your picture taken with our 'Sugar Bear'.

Visit our "Of Days Gone By" Museum at Merrifield Farm; A unique look at Maple Sugaring, Logging, Farming and Ice Harvesting. Over 1800 Sq. ft. of Maine Traditions (Ticket purchase required for museum)

Products Include: Pure Maine Maple Syrup, Maple Cotton Candy, Maple Candy and Fudge, Maple Coated Nuts, Whoopie Pies, Needham's, Maple Soft Serve Ice Cream, Canned Goods, Preserves and More!

### **Parsons Maple Products**

322 Buck Street, Gorham Saturday March 23 open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday March 24 open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pancake breakfast in a large indoor heated seating area. Syrup over ice cream Restroom Handicap accessible, facilities

Accept cash, check, and credit cards

### **Spiller Country Farm**

118 Spiller Road, Gorham Open Saturday and Sunday 8am-4pm Pancake breakfast 8am-12 noon

### **Dunn Family Maple**

419 Chicopee Road, Buxton, Maine (just over the Buxton town line near Line Road)

Open Saturday and Sunday for the 41st annual Maine Maple Sunday weekend March 23-24 from 9-4.

Pancake breakfast from 9-1 each day. Offering complementary ice cream with maple syrup.

Portable restrooms are available Large groups are welcome



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### CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 14

Baxter Memorial Library

Toddler Discovery Time, 10 a.m.

Sewing Club, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, March 15

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner, St. Anne's, 5–6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 19

Baxter Memorial Library

Family Discovery Time, 10 a.m.

Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 20

Baxter Memorial Library

Baby Discovery Time, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Poer Protectors 4-H STEM Challenge, 4 - 5 p.m.

Nature Story Time: All About Mud, Frazier Preserve, 10 – 11 a.m.

North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10 a.m.

USM Athletics home game, Women's Lacrosse vs. UMaine Farmington, 4 p.m.

Gorham Garden Project informational meeting, 6 – 7 p.m., Gorham Rec. Multipurpose Room

### Thursday, March 21

Baxter Memorial Library

Toddler Discovery Time, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Sewing Club, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Author Event with Philip C. Baker, author of "Hunger Hill," 6 p.m.

#### Friday, March 22

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner, St. Anne's, 5–6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 23

CFCU Food Drive at Plummer's Shop & Save, Buxton, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. RPG Club, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

USM Athletics home game, Men's Lacrosse vs. Mass Maritime Academy, 1 p.m.

Osher School of Music - Corthell Concert Hall

Megan Marino in Concert with Laura Kargul and Ed Reichert, 2 p.m. Osher School of Music 47th Honors Recital, 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, March 25

Osher School of Music Concert and Master Class: Franchini Sisters, 2 p.m.

Gorham Connector Meeting with MTA staff, consultants, and town representatives:

4:30 - 6 p.m. open house, Shaw Gym;

6 p.m. formal presentation followed by public comment, questions, and feedback.

### Tuesday, March 26

Baxter Memorial Library

Family Discovery Time, 10 a.m.

Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 27

North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10 a.m.

Baxter Memorial Library

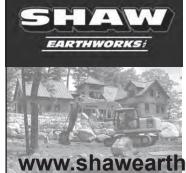
Baby Discovery Time, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Power Protectors 4-H STEM Challenge, 4 - 5 p.m.

Author Event with Pat LaMarche and Andy Cary, "American Roulette," 6 p.m.

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Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on Fort Hill Road. Man was standing outside his car, smoking a cigarette. He had just gotten off work and stopped to smoke. He was moved along.

Two calls were made to police about a cat stuck up in a tree on Quincy Drive. Caller was informed that neither the Police Department nor the Fire Department get cats out of trees and that almost all will eventually come down on their own. Officer drove past the area. Cat was about 15-20 feet up and was not physically stuck on any part of the tree.

Officer saw a vehicle parked on Cherry Hill Road at 2 a.m. with its lights off. Driver was moved along.

Officer stopped to check on a woman walking on Gray Road. She was going to Hannaford and said she was fine and that she walked there all the time as she had no one to take her and walking was her only option. She initially declined the offer of a ride but then got in and was taken to Hannaford.

Caller had concerns about Main Street near the laundromat. Foreman told the officers the only back up today was when they walked an excavator up the street as that may have impeded traffic. Officer told the foreman that if there were any issues with traffic, to let the Police Department know.

Woman turned in a wallet she had found. Officer contacted the owner to come in to pick it up.

Woman reported her husband had been supposed to drop off their children the day before but had not done so. She was told this was not a crime and she would need to go to court for a custody agreement.

Parker Hill Road caller reported having seen a young man trespassing on her property four hours earlier. If the man returns, he will call

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police so they can issue trespass paperwork.

Woman came into the Police department looking to surrender cats to the police because she did not feel safe with cats in her house. She was advised of her options.

Caller reported seeing someone climb out of the recycling bins at Public Works. Officer did not locate anyone at the bins.

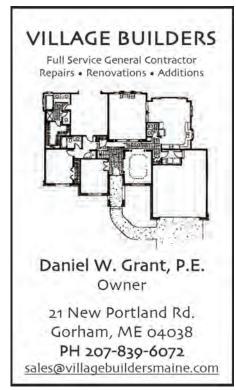
Leaha Lane caller reported unknown vehicles parked near her residence and at the end of the park near the road. She requested extra patrols in the area.

Woman called to report she had lost her keys and needed a ride home to Limerick. She was told police do not offer that service and could not drive her to Limerick. She said she did not have a phone to order an Uber. She was given a phone number to call Portland Taxi Service.

Caller contacted police about a phone scam. He was told there was a warrant out for his arrest in North Carolina and he needed to turn himself in. Or he could settle the issue by sending the money through Zelle. Caller did not send any money and contacted the police. Scammer used the name of a Gorham Police Officer as a contact. Officer assured the caller he did the right thing and was not wanted by any jurisdiction.

Maple Ridge Road man was concerned he might have run a school bus stop sign. He felt guilty enough to call into see if it had been reported. There had not been any school bus violations reported.

Caller reported a woman was sitting at a church on South Street and State St. with some bags and she was not dressed appropriately for the weather. Officer did not locate the woman. When he tried to call back the phone number had been disconnected.



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