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What's On Your Ballot? Four Referendum Questions

Kathy Corbett, *Staff Writer*



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Town Council and School Committee positions are to be voted on in November

On Nov. 4, Gorham voters will be asked to consider two state referendum questions and two approved by the Gorham Town Council.

State Question 1: All Maine voters will be asked if they want to require photo identification, or voter ID, before they can cast a ballot. Because the question is focused on requiring an ID, voters may know the referendum question also includes changes

in absentee voting laws. Voters would be required to submit their license numbers or a copy of their photo ID when requisitioning an absentee ballot. This eliminates the ability to request an absentee ballot by phone, or for a family member to request a ballot for them. Voters over 65 or with a disability who now request a ballot be sent automatically for each election, would have to request one each time.

Additionally, there would be limits on the number and location of ballot drop boxes a town could have. A bi-partisan team of election officials would be required to collect the absentee ballots from the drop boxes. Towns could not include pre-paid envelopes with absentee ballots.

Supporters of the referendum believe the photo ID requirement and the changes in absentee laws would increase accountability and transparency. Opponents cite

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GHS Students Examine Economic Principles In Real Life

Kelli Deveaux, *Staff Writer*



Photo Credit: Rachael Grady
Economic Development Director Kevin Jensen uses the bus ride from Portland to engage students in discussion.

On the morning of Sept. 11, a group of 15 students from Rachael Grady's Economics class boarded a bus bound for Portland, eager to engage with local leaders tackling one of Maine's pressing challenges: the future of downtown.

In collaboration with Aspire Gorham, a districtwide program designed to ensure every student has the oppor-

tunity for exposure, exploration and experiences related to career opportunities, the students had the opportunity to learn how economic terms are applied to real-world problems, and about the myriad jobs and organizations that are connected to economic and community development.

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New Cherry Hill Barn

JoAnn Leib, *Staff Writer*

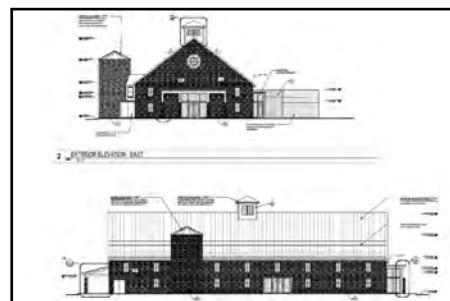


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Elevations

Cherry Hill Barn will feature a large commercial kitchen for breakfast and lunch service on market days, along with an ice cream shop operated by MK Kitchen. There will be live piano music echoing through the building, which has been designed to showcase rustic post-and-beam construction and a traditional stone exterior. The Shaw Brothers solar farm in Buxton will supply electricity.

The barn's massive beams, harvested in Washington state, are drying before transport to Arundel, Maine, where post-and-beam contractor RA Krouse will fabricate and erect the structure. Dennis Nickerson of Affordable Builders will oversee the rest of the construction.

A legacy of stewardship guides the Shaw Brothers Family Foundation. It spearheads this project as part of its mission to preserve and protect the 258-acre Cherry Hill Farm land originally granted by the king of England.

Steeped in local history, the mission of the Foundation is to support the deve-

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20 Walks: Lin Lisberger, USM Art Gallery Review

John Tiedje, *Staff Writer*



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

Fore River Sanctuary: A walk through a natural environment with a rendering of a Blue Heron

Part of the beauty of Maine is the forests, coastline and beaches. Many of us have experienced a peaceful hike on a trail in the woods or along the shore. Through this act of walking, not only do we see and experience the environment we pass through but, we also carry back with us the thoughts or feelings we had when we traveled.

Those moments, big or small, affect us. The same can be true when we walk through a museum or to a historic landmark.

In the art exhibit at the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, artist Lin Lisberger has created several pieces that interpret her experiences and

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Election Resources for this November

Rep. Parnell Terry

Election Day is right around the corner, and Gorham residents will have a chance to make their voices heard this fall on a number of important issues on Nov. 4. Regardless of your party affiliation, I want to encourage you to vote and keep in mind that your vote matters.

Voting is our opportunity to express our values and priorities. Each election presents a chance to choose leaders who align with our vision for the future and weigh in on initiatives that will impact our lives. Maine has a history of strong civic engagement and participation in elections, and this has resulted in important progress on issues like expanding access to health care, increasing state funding for education and improving local infrastructure.

While congressional and gubernatorial elections are often high profile and receive a lot of press attention, local elections have a profound impact on our everyday lives. This year, Gorham residents will be asked to vote on several local elected offices, including three open seats on our Town Council and three open seats on our School Committee. Two of the School Committee seats are for three-year terms, and one seat will be for a one-year term.

There will also be two citizen initiatives that will appear on the ballot. The first initiative, Question 1, would require Maine voters to show proof of photo ID for both

in-person and absentee voting. It would also put new restrictions on absentee voting like prohibiting family members from returning absentee ballots to a drop box and limiting the number of ballot drop boxes that can be in a municipality.

The second initiative, Question 2, would implement an extreme risk protection order law – commonly known as a “red flag” law – in Maine. These types of laws allow family members to petition a court to temporarily remove the firearms of a loved one if they are deemed a danger to themselves or to others. To learn more about both of these questions, I encourage you to check out the Citizen’s Guide to the 2025 Maine Referendum Election prepared by the Secretary of State when it becomes available.

If you haven’t done so already, there are a couple of different ways you can register to vote and cast your ballot this year. Here in Maine, you can register to vote online, by mail or in person.

You can also register to vote in person on Election Day. I also recommend you visit the Maine Secretary of State’s website to find information on our local polling places, voting hours and options for absentee voting.

The last day to request an absentee ballot will be Thursday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. To be counted, absentee ballots must be

returned to the Town Clerk’s Office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 4. If you miss this deadline, you can still vote in person on Nov. 4.

Beyond casting your own ballot, you can also do your part by talking to friends and family about the importance of voting. Encouraging others to join you in this civic responsibility amplifies our collective voice and strengthens our democracy. Remember, every vote counts, and history has shown us that a remarkably small number of votes can decide an election.

As we approach Election Day, I urge everyone to make a plan to vote. And, as always, please feel free to contact me at Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov. I can best represent our community by hearing your thoughts on legislation and issues both in our district and across the state.



Rep. Terry is serving his first term in the Maine House and represents part of Gorham. Terry is a member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

Letters to the Editor

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

Meet the Candidates at Baxter

Memorial Library on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. and at the North Gorham Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

Candidates for School Committee: Polly Tateishi (1 year term), Jeff Ballard, Lowansa Tompkins

Candidates for Town Council: Kelly Dearborn, Philip Gagnon Jr., Charles Hamblen, Tim O’Leary III, Samuel Purinton, Sevin Siegel

CORRECTION

The editor goofed. In the Sept. 11 issue of the Gorham Times, we published two letters by Jeff Christiansen. Unfortunately, the first letter about the Nov. 7 vote was from 2023. The 2025 day for voting is still Nov. 4.

What's On Your Ballot

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the small number of voting irregularities in Maine. They believe the changes would make voting more difficult, particularly for seniors, and deter people from voting.

State Question 2: Voters will be asked if they approve a red flag law. It would give police or family members the opportunity to ask a court to temporarily remove a person’s guns and prohibit them from buying new ones. Other New England states, with the exception of New Hampshire, have similar laws. Maine currently has a yellow flag law which requires police to take a person in custody and then have a mental health evaluation before weapons can be removed.

Supporters believe that allowing family members to start the process is the biggest benefit compared to the yel-

low flag law that can only be used by police. They believe it would prevent suicides and other violent behavior. Opponents argue that red flag laws lack due process and violate 2nd Amendment rights. They also fear that family members might make false accusations.

Gorham Question 1: Voters will be asked if the savings from the \$9.5 million bond authorized by voters last November can be used for three projects. These projects would not require any additional funds. They are replacing the High School track, making ADA bathroom and sprinkler system upgrades and repairs at Narragansett School, connector construction from Village School to White Birch Lane, and re-paving sidewalk and fire lane at Great Falls School. The Council voted 7 yeas to put this referendum on the ballot.

Gorham Question 2: The question asks voters to approve authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$2,395,000 for road culvert projects on Buck Street, HurricaneRoad, Wilson Road and Wood Road. The Council voted 7 yeas.



Photo Credit: Mike Robinson

The Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Classic Golf Tournament is being held on Monday, Sept. 22 as the Gorham Times is going to print. Proceeds will benefit local high school and vocational school scholarship programs, as well as a 4-day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program and other local community programs in the Town of Gorham and the City of Westbrook. Find more details and the winning results in the Oct. 9 issue of the Gorham Times.



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Thanks So Much and See You Later

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Kathy Corbett at Library celebration.

The Gorham Times (GT) announces a significant change in the core group of volunteers who work diligently to bring the news to all of Gorham. Kathy Corbett, a key member of this group since 2015, is moving to California to live with her partner.

No stranger to writing or education, Corbett is a published author who taught at university level before moving to Maine. As an historian for the Missouri Historical Society, she headed their education program.

Maynard Charron, founder of the Gorham Times, recalled meeting Corbett at the North Gorham Library when he dropped in to make sure they were receiving enough papers. He encouraged her to become involved.

After joining GT in 2015, she quickly put her talents to use covering school issues before quickly expanding to coverage of more general news. Her clear, unbiased coverage of news/politics/elections as well as many topics of significant interest, has informed readers about important issues in Gorham. She also served on the GT Board of Directors.

Corbett's keen intelligence plus her strong vision, calm demeanor and commitment to keeping the public well-informed have never wavered. Charon added, "Kathy happily jumped into the important areas of town government and any breaking news that came up. She has been such an amazing asset to the Gorham community. Her professional writing skills and insights into the heart of the matter are top notch. Her energy is amazing! She will be sorely missed."

Editor in Chief, Lori Arsenault said, "As a new editor, Kathy not only teaches me the things I don't know, but she supports me in the things I already know. She has been an amazing asset to the paper and to the Gorham community. I couldn't be more grateful for her wisdom and help, and wish her all the best in her new adventures."

"Kathy is a force of nature," said Chris Crawford, features editor. "She never hands out unwanted advice, but if you have a question or need help, you certainly want to hear what she has to say."

Corbett will be missed by many others, especially in the North Gorham area where she has deep roots and is a well-known neighbor and friend. She served as head librarian at the North Gorham Public Library for many years and her family has lived there for generations.

"It was always a pleasure to work with Kathy," said Sheri Faber, Former News Coordinator and early founder of the Gorham Times. "She was a terrific writer and one of the kindest people I have ever known. I have never heard her say a bad word about anyone. She will be sorely missed and if she gets tired of all that California sunshine, we will be thrilled to have her return," she added.

In a difficult decision, Corbett realized she needed to spend more time with the other half of her family and friends who live in California. Corbett plans to return to a family cottage on Sebago Lake for part of each summer.

While her time in Maine will be shorter, Corbett is not leaving GT for good just yet. In this tech savvy day and age, she will continue to cover the GT Town Council Report electronically to be included in the print addition as well as an online edition.

"I prefer to think that Kathy hasn't left the Gorham Times, but rather is serving as our "foreign correspondent" in California," said Crawford. "I will miss her calm, no-nonsense demeanor, her wit, and wisdom."

Maybe there is another news hound in our community who would love to do some investigative reporting and writing as part of the Gorham Times team. If so, contact Lori Arsenault at editor@gorhamtimes.com.

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Bedrock Play

JoAnn Leib, Staff Writer



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Bedrock Play is the vision of founder and lead teacher Beth Wilkins, a parent, educator, and occupational therapist. Wilkins has a deep appreciation for the power of play in a child's life.

Mainers take it for granted that the more we and our children and grandchildren play happily outdoors, the healthier we are. Folks who know about Bedrock Play would agree. Bedrock Play is the licensed provider of TimberNook programming for Greater Portland, located in Gorham, and is a leafy, light-hearted child-space that takes play seriously.

Offering high-quality programming focused on active free play outdoors as a prescription for improved sensory and motor development in children, Bedrock Play is now growing from a solid school-year and summer camp base into supportive curricula for parents and caretakers as they meet childhood developmental challenges.

For the past six school seasons, under the professional eye of Director Beth Wilkins, OTR/L, kids aged 18 months to 12 years have learned to figure out what it means to make new friends, overcome fears, take risks, and regulate emotions, all outdoors.

Wilkins, as a young woman in her South Florida early years, prepared for a life in marine biology. When her environmental awareness expanded, Wilkins found a similar calling in a preschool teaching career and later trained with Angela Hanscom,

pediatric occupational New Hampshire-based therapist who has been recognized as the founder of many TimberNook programs across four countries.

Although Bedrock Play counts approximately 75 children as enrolled in different groups, that number will increase as some Friday openings are filled. "Our registration form is designed for parents to go into detail about their children's needs. The option for parents to become part of the active learning group is new this year," Wilkins says. "One-on-one coaching and workshops are now available."

This support comes at a time when our youth and their caregivers are eager for alternatives to screens, sitting, and zoning out. "We're flooded with interest in the ways we offer outdoor play versus the stress of the mainstream."

Free play for these children began on a typical day in the 9 a.m. "circle," playing games, singing songs and eating their snacks while hearing a story. During two creative, independent hours, stories were spun, and art supplies were available, along with costumes, tape, rope and large canvases.

Wilkins says that the kids aren't formally directed during this time. She and her staff, occupational therapy (OT) interns, and parent volunteers simply, "step back and tune in." They are present but not hovering--a delicate balance designed to encourage kids' cognitive development, confidence, and social skills.

If some kind of "mediation" is needed, it is seen as a way to draw the group into a calming, collaborative next step before play begins again. And Wilkins lets the play begin again, because in the end it's play that matters most.

Bedrock Play is located at 77 Lovers Lane, Gorham. For more information, contact Beth Wilkins, beth@bedrockplay.com, <https://www.bedrockplay.com/>

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The Athletes Corner: Strength Training Is Non-negotiable for Female Athletes

Stan Skolfield, ATC, CSCS, Contributing Writer Since 1995

After more than 25 years as an athletic trainer and strength coach, here's the blunt truth: I've never seen a female athlete become "too strong." I have seen hundreds held back by being understrong, slower off the line, more vulnerable to injuries, and less confident when the game gets fast and physical. If we want girls to play hard, stay healthy, and stand out, strength training must be baked into their development from day one.

The most immediate payoff is injury reduction. Female athletes face a higher risk of lower-limb injuries in sports that demand cutting, jumping, and hard stops. Well-designed strength training builds the tissues and positions that absorb force: strong hips and glutes to control knee valgus, hamstrings that decelerate the shin, and a trunk that keeps the torso from folding under pressure.

Those are not gym class abstractions; they are the difference between landing cleanly or collapsing, between changing direction with confidence or asking too much of a vulnerable knee. Strength work also cleans up mechanics. Good programs improve proprioception, the body's sense of where it is in space, so joints track the way they're supposed to. When athletes develop balanced musculature in the quads, hamstrings, glutes and core, movement gets efficient: less wobble, fewer compensations, more power sent into the ground where it actually matters. That shows up in better sprint posture, crisper cuts, and smoother landings.

Then there's the benefit you can see on a face as much as a stopwatch: confidence. Strength training delivers obvious, trackable progress, more weight on the bar, faster 10-yard splits, higher jumps. That progress changes how an athlete carries herself. The discipline of showing up, owning technique, and pushing through hard sets translates off the field into academics, leadership, and a positive body image. Feeling strong is empowering, period.

Two myths still get in the way. First: "I'll get bulky." No, you won't—not from a smart, progressive program. Biologically, female athletes don't have the hormonal profile to "Hulk out." What they do gain, when training and nutrition are

aligned, is a leaner, more powerful body that moves better and lasts longer.

Second: "I already work out." Random cardio and a few machine curls are not a strength plan. Lifting light forever doesn't build durable tissue or meaningful power. If the final reps aren't challenging with clean form, the weight is too light; if form collapses, it's too heavy. Progressive overload on the right movements is the standard.

What does "right" look like? Start with qualified coaching. Don't toss a young athlete into a crowded weight room and hope for the best. Teach the patterns first: squat, hinge, lunge, push, pull, carry. Build sessions around movement prep and landing mechanics; add short sprints and controlled deceleration work; program two to three full-body strength days each week; use core training that resists motion rather than chasing endless sit-ups; progress plyometrics from "jump and-stick" to more advanced efforts as technique allows. Sleds, kettlebells, barbells and dumbbells are tools, not trophies, use the ones that fit the athlete and the goal.

Measure and progress. Add load or volume slowly. Retest quarterly with clear markers: acceleration splits, jump metrics, and change-of-direction tests. Celebrate those numbers; they drive buy-in and keep the work honest.

The bottom line for parents, coaches and athletes: strength training isn't a side dish. It's the foundation of speed, power, durability, and the confidence to compete. Give girls a real plan and real coaching, and they won't just shine this season. They'll build a habit that protects their bodies and opens doors for years to come.



Stan is the owner of Skolfield Sports Performance, a comprehensive athlete training facility dedicated to getting athletes to the next level. He has been training athletes from 7 years old to the pro's for over 25 years.



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Financial Focus: Financial Tips For First-time College Students

Jessica Szafranski, Contributing Writer Since 2024

Sending your children to college is an exciting milestone filled with new experiences, friendships and opportunities for them to grow. For many families, it's also the first time your students will be managing their own money independently.

The good news is that helping your children develop smart money habits doesn't have to be overwhelming. With a few simple strategies, you can guide them to take control of their finances and avoid common pitfalls that trip up many college students.

Start with a budget. Creating a budget might sound boring, but it's instrumental in helping your students take control of their finances. Many people use the 50/30/20 rule, which calls for putting 50% of income toward needs, 30% toward wants and 20% toward savings and other financial goals. So, if your child has \$1,000 per month from financial aid, work or family support, \$500 would be spent on essentials like textbooks and food, \$300 on fun activities and \$200 on savings or paying down debt.

Encourage them to track their spending and subtract anything they pay out from their total monthly funds. This helps them know exactly how much money they have at any given time. There are plenty of free apps to help monitor expenses, or they can simply use a notebook to write down what they spend each day.

Guide them toward smart credit habits. That first credit card in college can be both exciting and scary for parents. The key is helping students understand how to use credit wisely by paying off their balance on time every month. This helps build a positive credit history that will help them qualify for better rates on car loans, apartments and eventually a home mortgage.

Make sure your students understand that credit cards aren't free money. It takes discipline to charge only what they can afford to pay off completely when the bill arrives. Otherwise, late fees and interest charges can be substantial.

Pay attention to everyday expenses. College life doesn't have to break the bank. Remind your children to take advantage of student discounts avail-

able at restaurants, clothing and grocery stores and entertainment venues.

Help them set spending limits for discretionary categories like entertainment, dining out and personal expenses. Here's where that budget can help set clear limits to prevent overspending. It's easier to say no to that expensive coffee or designer clothing when they know it would put them over their weekly limit.

Think about the future. While it might seem early to worry about life after college, making smart financial moves now can benefit them later. If your students have loans, consider encouraging them to make small payments while they're still in school, even though they're not required to do so. This reduces the amount of interest that builds up over time.

Encourage an emergency fund, even if they can only save \$25 per week. Having money set aside can give them flexibility after graduation, whether they want to move to a new city for a job, take time to travel, purchase a used car or pursue graduate school.

Teaching your children to manage money in college isn't just about helping them survive until graduation. The habits they develop now will shape their financial future for decades to come. By guiding them to start with a simple budget, use credit responsibly and make thoughtful spending choices, you're helping set the stage for success in college and beyond.



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Planning Board Recommends Quarry Expansion

Gorham Times Staff

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the Gorham Planning Board dealt with several significant items, including the controversial issue of allowing Shaw Brothers Construction an industrial use zoning change for approximately 6.5 acres, which would allow them to expand the acreage of their Brickyard Quarry operation.

Danny Shaw spoke on behalf of Shaw Brothers. A resident of the quarry vicinity, Charles Hamblen, spoke in opposition, citing the dust and noise pollution produced by the existing quarry. Mr. Hamblen claimed he was speaking on behalf of 400 Gorham residents. Keith Richard, an attorney who was representing Mr. Hamblen, also spoke in opposition. Gorham resident Mark Curtis spoke in favor of the proposal, stating "a zoning change makes sense".

The board voted 5-0 to recommend that the town council approve the zoning change. Chairperson Hager, and members Benson, Delaney, Frank, and Nichols all voted in favor. (Crisafulli and Walsh were absent.)

Another significant item was the request by the developers of Narragansett Reserve Estates for approval of a master plan to construct a 102-unit condominium community for residents 55 and older, which would be located off Newton Drive in the South Gorham Crossroads zone. Chairperson Hager recused himself, then spoke at the podium as a member of the public and a resident of the Newton Drive neighborhood, mentioning his concerns about traffic issues. Two other neighborhood residents also spoke, citing their concerns about whether the developers' current plans for sewage lines and leach fields would be adequate or permissible.

The motion passed with conditions, four in favor, one recused (Hager), and two absent.

Arrests, May 2025

Gorham Times Staff

Male, 40, one count of Domestic Violence Assault.

Male, 34, two counts of OUI (Alcohol), second with no test.

Female, 41 one count of Domestic Violence, Aggravated Assault.

Male, 42, one count of Violating Condition of Release

Female, 51, one count each of Violating Condition of Release and Unlawful Possession of Scheduled Drug.

Female, 22, one count each of Ft. Stop,

In other business, the board voted 5-0 (two absent) to approve the master plan for the Mitchell Woods Condominiums, a 32-unit multifamily housing project with associated infrastructure on County Road, located in the South Gorham Commercial Corridor.

Also regarding the South Gorham Commercial Corridor, the board voted to recommend a minimum amount of non-residential use in a Mixed-Use building and Mixed-Use development in that zone. The motion was sent to the Town Council with recommendation to adopt (5-0, two absent).

The board voted to recommend changing the Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 1 Sections 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-21, 1-22, and 1-27) to add indoor/outdoor recreation facilities and similar commercial and industrial permitted uses. This was sent to the Town Council (5-0, two absent).

The board discussed Troiano Properties LLC's request for approval of a development plan for phases one through five of a proposed development on approximately 170 acres of the former Gorham Country Club near McLellan Road, but did not take action.

The board discussed Shamos Paving and Sealcoating's request for approval of a plan for development of a commercial building, outdoor storage area, and associated infrastructure on an approximately 9.5-acre parcel (adjacent to their recently developed retail location on Ossipee Trail) but did not take any action.

Approval of the Aug. 4, 2025 meeting minutes was tabled pending revisions (5-0, 2 absent).

Approved the July 15, 2025 Maka Builders site walk minutes (5-0, 2 absent).

Approved the July 17, 2025 Deering Drive site walk minutes (5-0, 2 absent).

Grand Jury Indictments, July 2025

Gorham Times Staff

Glenn D. Ingalls, male, 55, one count of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Kyle Mason, male, 25 of Gorham, one count each of reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, driving to endanger, leaving scene of an accident involving an attended vehicle, and two counts of violation of condition of release.

Erin N. Richio, female, 44 of Gorham, one count of unlawful possession of

scheduled drugs

Christopher G. Sanborn, male, 44 of Gorham, two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, and one count of criminal trespass.

Damian J. Howard, male, 31, one count each of operating after revocation, failure to stop for an officer, violation of condition of release August 28, 2025

Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Gorham Town Clerk

The Town of Gorham is continuing the tradition of the Boston Post Cane. We are looking for the oldest living resident of Gorham. The person must have lived in the Town of Gorham for a minimum of the most recent ten-year period and must be willing to receive the honor. If you know of someone who may qualify, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670, or fill out the Nomination Form. Additional supporting documentation may be required.

Voters can request an Absentee Ballot now for the Nov. 4, 2025 Election. Requests can be made by phone, online or be picked up at the Clerk's Office. Ballots will be mailed out sometime the first week of October.

We're excited to announce that starting Oct. 1, 2025, Gorham's municipal ordinances will be available through

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Gorham Fire Department Summary of Incidents, August

Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham Fire Department responded to 353 calls for service in the month of August, adding 31 more calls than last month. 221 of these incidents were medical emergencies, 30 fire alarm activations, 13 motor vehicle accidents, 7 reported woods fires, one in fact being a moderate size, and 1 major natural gas leak.

The Gorham Fire Department had no reported building fires for the month of August, described as "very rare" by GFD staff.

The department had a total of 61 requests for mutual aid in total. Of those incidents, 24 were requests for other communities to respond to incidents in Gorham, and the other 37 of

those were requests for Gorham to respond to other communities such as Windham, Standish and Westbrook.

There were also 4 "house calls" for the month of August that were struck. A house call is a request for any members off-duty to respond back to the station when all of the on-duty members are dedicated to other emergencies. These events are necessary due to the potential nature of the emergencies the members of the Gorham Fire Department face, whether those challenges be physical or mental. The Gorham Fire Department will continue to answer the calls of the citizens and provide the best possible service, as always.



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Sept. 10 School Committee Meeting

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nicole Yeo-Fisher, and five members were present.

They approved (5-0) the minutes of June 11 and special meetings of June 25, Aug. 6 and Aug. 27.

Josie, Maeve and Charlie, three students at Great Falls School presented a program at the school called Community Circles. A Community Circle is a classroom activity in which all students have an opportunity to check in and say how they are feeling that day and share important events in their lives. This is an important way to build class communities and support all learners.

All of the principals had an opportunity to share information and stories of the first few days of school. Each school is off to a great start embracing new challenges and opportunities while welcoming new staff and students. Mr. Jandreau mentioned the challenges of the construction areas at GHS and Mrs. Fetter explained that there are 18 new staff members who are in new positions at Village School this year.

Norm Justice, Facilities Director outlined the work that was completed this summer to prepare for the opening of school. These included the refurbished tennis courts, the Village School sidewalks, HVAC work at Narragansett and adding air conditioning to the office and library at Narragansett. He thanked the town for their cooperation and cited several local businesses that assisted in preparing for school opening.

Heather Perry cited the demographic information from "The State of Our Schools Report" which is available on the school website. She feels that it is important to look deeper into the data for shifting populations and increasing needs

for support. She also wanted to remind the public of the referendum question on the Nov. 4 ballot which is not a new request for public money but a transfer of already approved funds to new capital projects. She also stated that the system is still looking for additional bus drivers.

Each standing and special committee shared their plans for the first meetings of the year and some of their goals and work that they would be engaging in. School Committee member Mia DeSanctis recognized long-time school department employee, Jane Meggison, who recently passed away.

The committee voted (5-0) to approve the School Committee 2025-2026 meeting schedule. This is an attempt to outline the necessary meetings for the school year, and although there might be some changes, provides an outline and schedule for their work.

The committee voted (5-0) to approve the superintendent's professional goals for the 2025-2026 school year. These goals include refreshing the metrics for success in the schools, addressing AI and its impact on the schools, reviewing how they as a school community support the very youngest learners, addressing and planning for the required shifting of Child Development Services (CDS) from the state to the public schools required in 2028-2029 school year and increasing efforts for stronger two-way communication systems with the school community.

The committee also approved (5-0) the FY 27 budget timeline.

In their ongoing review of school policies, they approved the school Board Self Evaluation Policy (BAA) for a second reading and Questioning and Searches of Students Policy (JIH) for a first reading.



Gorham High School Presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

This November, Gorham High School will present the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" at the McCormack Auditorium at GHS. "Our Town" is a classic American play written in 1938 and tells the story of the small town of Grover's Corners between 1901 and 1913. The central character, the stage manager, introduces the townspeople and assists them in telling their stories. There will be three performances on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. The fall drama is directed by Joshua Hurd.

CAST OF "OUR TOWN" AT GHS:

Stage Manager: Logan Mills
Dr. Gibbs: Ally Gossen
Joe Crowell: Finn Senatore
Howie Newsome: Daniel LeBarge
Mrs Gibbs: Elle Woodman
Mrs. Webb: Sadie Woodman

George Gibbs: Alex Tukey
Rebecca Gibbs: Ruthie Zanielli
Wally Webb, Baseball Player: Faith Lajoie
Emily Webb: Izzy Smith
Professor Willard: Izzy Phinney
Mr. Webb: Noah Williams
Woman In The Balcony: Olly Strange
Man in the Auditorium: Leila Schoyer
Lady In The Box, Louise: Laurili Vail
Simon Stimson: Max Lampron
Mrs. Soams: Mia Messina
Constable Warren, Baseball Player: Rigel Arlett
Si Crowell: Hannah Symanski
Sam Craig: Lydia Smith
Joe Stoddard, Baseball Player: Isla Rutherford
People In Town: Quinn Dougherty
Man Among The Dead: Fiona Lane
Baseball Player, Woman Among The Dead: Jade Tebbets
Belligerent Man, Another Man Among The Dead: Cerys McCormack



Municipal Meeting Calendar

Monday, October 6, Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7, Regular Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 9, Ordinance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

<https://www.gorhammaine.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16/month/2025-10>



Jane Irish Meggison (1957-2025)

Jane B. Irish Meggison died at her beloved home in Gorham, Maine on September 9, 2025 at 9:00 p.m. with her tiny family nearby. She was born on April 25, 1957. She was the daughter of Millard Frank Irish and Mary Jane Getchell Armstrong Irish and lived in the fifth-generation family home.

Services will be held at First Parish Congregational Church of Gorham on Saturday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. in Gorham, Maine.

Jane was predeceased by her loving parents, an older brother, a husband, and so, so, many people for whom she cared deeply. She leaves behind her precious family, son Andrew Hagen Armstrong Meggison, his partner Anne, their daughter May Hagen Armstrong Meggison, and her trusted companion Dave Perkins. She also leaves a nephew and his family, an aunt and uncle and their children on her mother's side, and a large number of Irish cousins. Jane was blessed with a few close friends who stood by her till the end, and she is most grateful. She asks that they take good care of themselves and her family now.

One of Jane's purposes was to provide for, and serve, members of her community – which she did for over 40 years of employment. She stated that she lived an idyllic childhood growing up in what was then rural Gorham. The community all knew one another and there were vast green open spaces. Regular community events involved participation from young and old, and added to the rich traditions.

Jane was educated in the Northeast at various institutions after graduating from Gorham High School in 1975. She graduated with a Master's Degree where she explored several roles in her work career as an administrator and adjunct faculty at UNE, where she participated in a team where she developed the first Master's program to bring more resources to Maine. She also was employed in school social work to target early intervention, and ultimately, she chose a private practice. Jane loved her work, finding the challenges rewarding. Her early career involved legislative work in Maine and her later career involved ethics boards.

Jane and her family valued giving back to the community and she worked with several local committees and organizations in her lifetime. These included Junior Garden Club, Campfire Girls, she was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church and church Youth Group, and she was a Friend of Baxter Memorial Library. Additionally, she was a part of the Gorham Historical Society, the Robie Park Preservation Committee, and Jane contributed to state and national park development proudly. The Irish/Meggison family plot is in Eastern Cemetery on Main Street in Gorham, Maine, in the oldest section of the cemetery.

Jane's family would like to thank New England Cancer Specialists and Hospice of Southern Maine for her end-of-life care. Donations will be accepted to those organizations. New England Cancer Specialists is located at 11 Rock Row, Westbrook, ME 04092, and Hospice of Southern Maine is located at 390 U.S. Rte 1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

SPORTS

Lauren Bachner Player of the Week for Nazareth University

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Jamie Germano

Lauren Bachner in action for the Naz

Nazareth University senior field hockey GK Lauren Bachner (GHS '22) earned National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III Defensive Player of the Week Honorable Mention accolades on Wednesday, Sept. 10 for games played Sept. 1 - 7. Bachner made 22 saves and recorded an .880 save percentage. She made 18 saves in a 3-2 overtime loss to the University of Rochester on Wednesday. Bachner earned her first shutout of the season with a 1-0 double overtime win over Oswego on Saturday, making four saves. She is the first Empire 8 student-athlete to receive NFHCA weekly accolades in the 2025 season. Bachner also earned Player of the Week two weeks in a row

when she was named POW on Sept. 15. According to the Naz athletic website: The Empire 8 Conference is committed first and foremost to the pursuit of academic excellence and the league is regarded as an outstanding NCAA Division III conference. The membership has distinguished itself among its peer group for its quality institutions, spirited and sportsmanlike competition, outstanding services and highly ethical policies and practices. Its commitment to serve the educational needs of its student-athletes is the hallmark of the E8. For more on the Empire 8 visit www.empire8.com. Bachner is equally committed to her academic excellence, with a double major of criminology and toxicology.

GHS Students CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Eggs and Issues, a monthly series hosted annually by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, kicked off the 2025-2026 year with a focus on Maine's largest city and the state of the downtown area. The event featured a dynamic panel of speakers including Portland Mayor Mark Dion, Cary Tyson of Portland Downtown, Kevin Bunker of Developers Collaborative, and Elizabeth Jones of the Portland Museum of Art. Each offered a distinct lens on the reinvention of urban spaces.

Mayor Dion and Tyson addressed immediate concerns—ranging from storefront vacancies to public safety—and outlined short-term strategies to stabilize the downtown core. Bunker emphasized adaptive reuse and increasing housing density as long-term solutions to revitalize underutilized buildings. Jones highlighted the transformative power of arts and cul-

ture, suggesting that creative institutions can serve as anchors for lasting economic and social renewal.

Joining the students for the busride was Kevin Jensen, economic development director for the Town of Gorham, who fielded questions on the return trip, helping students reflect on the ideas presented. Jensen later visited the two classes—composed mostly of juniors and seniors—on Friday to continue the conversation, offering insights into economic development goals and strategies for the Gorham community. Parking, shopping, public transit, housing and business development were all topics for the discussion.

The event not only sparked dialogue about Portland's future but also inspired students to think critically about the economic forces shaping their own community and to better understand the principles they have begun learning in class.

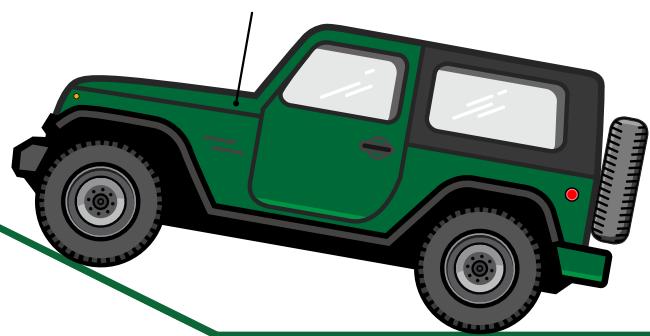
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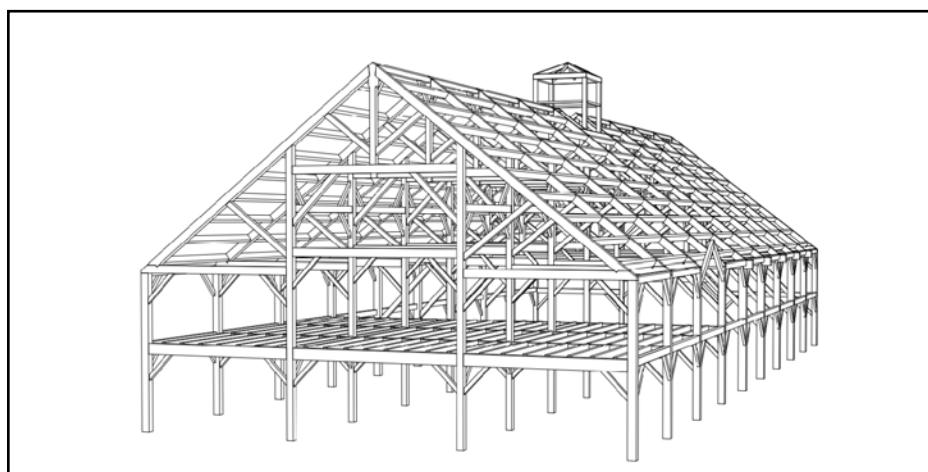


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Timber Frame

lopment of a working farm, to build and maintain public trails, and to actively support local charitable organizations, with a particular emphasis on sustaining youngsters and adults facing life-altering illnesses. Past preservation efforts include relocating and restoring the 1820s Mosher Barn from Lower Main Street to Cherry Hill Farm. Mosher Barn is now home to the Gorham Historical Society.

"Cherry Hill" honors Dewey Shaw, Jon and Dan Shaw's father, who renamed the family farm in West Gorham in the 1960s, after acquiring a registered herd of Holstein cows from H. P. Hood's Cherry Hill Farm in Massachusetts. The current Cherry Hill property itself has a varied past, as it was once

considered for a large housing project, a gas plant, and later a landfill.

With a concept of giving back to the community in mind, the Shaw Brothers acknowledge that their work in construction, quarries, and gravel pits can be a nuisance to the community. Cherry Hill Farm is one way of giving back to the folks who have supported their efforts over the years, creating a space that fosters connection and celebrates local heritage.

The Shaw Brothers Family Foundation has been built to endure beyond the Shaw brothers' lifetimes, ensuring its mission of land preservation, awareness of childhood illness, and community support well into the future.

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Lin Lisberger, an Art Review

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the feelings that she took from those travels by creating sculpture and wall art. The majority of the work is done in wood—a natural medium that helps bridge the piece with the experience.

One piece of note is "Palm Canyon." The art is a wall carving of palms with dimensional sculptured shapes emerging from the wall suggesting the weathered palm fronds falling to the ground.

Another is "Morocco Doors." This is a dimensional table-top piece suggesting the various arches and wall pieces one may see walking through a gallery, museum or maybe a mosque.

Also of note is "Fore River Sanctuary," a wall piece that denotes a birds-eye view of the steps with wood planks one would take walking through a natural environment.

All the pieces on display have a peaceful quality and are beauti-

fully rendered. Please take the time to go to the University of Maine Art Gallery on the Gorham campus and see "20 Walks: Lin Lisberger." The show runs through Dec. 10.



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

Morocco Doors. A tabletop piece with objects suggesting things seen in a museum, gallery or even a mosque.

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DEAN'S LIST

Amelia Kratzer, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

OF INTEREST

September is National Preparedness Month, and the American Red Cross reminds people to give hope by making blood donation a priority. It's the blood products already on the shelves that can make a difference in urgent medical care. ARC is saying "thanks" to those who join in showing that a little care goes a long way, in a new way. Those who give blood through Sept. 21 will get an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS® mystery bag with one of four T-shirt designs, while supplies last. Additionally, they're celebrating with an all-new offer: Give platelets Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and receive a classic Red Cross x PEANUTS® sweatshirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last. FMI: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 supports local veterans and their families through community service, patriotic programs, and veteran outreach. Regular Post 10879 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Station. FMI, vfwpost10879@gmail.com, facebook.com/vfw10879, or call Quartermaster Jakob Bauder at (207) 607-0370.

Cricket Comforts Fall Pillowcase Dash kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Old Robie School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All ages and skills are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. The goal this fall is to create 1000 bright cheerful pillowcases (approximately 350 pillowcases each month) in September, October, and November. These will be donated to the Maine Health Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, with additional pillowcases going to other places where children may be in need of comfort and cheer. For more information about this effort, contact CricketComforts@yahoo.com.

Gorham Garden Club meeting Sept. 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Evening at the Treworgy Garden, 120 Flagg Meadow Road, Gorham, potluck dinner and "End of Season" garden tips.

Gorham Department of Public Works will be accepting brush on two Saturdays, Oct. 4 and Oct. 18 at 80 Huston Road from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Residents only, no commercial drop off. No stumps will be accepted. Leaves and grass clippings are accepted in the designated area throughout the season. Do not leave bags behind.

The next Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Gorham Police Department. The guest speaker will be Amy Angelo from the Alzheimer's Association. TRIAD's mission is to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens, enhance the delivery of law enforcement services and improve the quality of life for seniors in the community. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through June. FMI, Call Nikki Fernald, Resident Service Coordinator at (207) 854-6822.

The Gorham Knights of Columbus Council 10221 is hosting a 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m. at Cherry Hill Farm on Rte. 25 in Gorham. Organizers hope to raise \$8,000 to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry, Standish Food Pantry, the Buxton Community Cupboard, and Buxton Food Co-Op. Virtual race options are available. The first 100 registrants will receive a shirt. For more details and to register, visit <https://stanthonyssparish.org/knights-of-columbus>.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer two online webinars in early October focused on growing native plants, one for aspiring nursery owners and another for home gardeners interested in seed propagation. "Passion, Patience & Product: Starting a Native Plant Nursery," will be held Monday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Ivonne Vazquez, owner of Bas Rouge Farm & Forge, will share insights into launching and operating a native plant nursery, highlighting the values, logistics, and lessons that shape a sustainable business. The second webinar, "Growing Native Plants from Seed," takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Led by

Extension horticulture professional Pamela Hargest, the session will cover simple, practical methods for starting native plants from seed. Topics include seed sowing, protecting seedlings from pests, and dividing perennials. Registration available on the program website. This is the third event in the Fall Gardening Webinar Series. Registration is required; sliding scale fee options are available. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Rebecca Gray at (207) 356-1348 or extension.gardening@maine.edu.

The First Parish Climate Caretakers will host a presentation on green burials in the State of Maine. A representative from Cedar Brook Burial Ground will share information about this climate-friendly way of caring for our earthly remains, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at 1 Church Street. Enter from the parking lot. All are welcome.

Gorham Schools is looking for old and unwanted GHS yearbooks that are out in the community. If you have one to donate, contact Sarah Dolley at sarah.dolley@gorhamschools.org.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. The closet is only open Monday thru Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The Closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of fall clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org

PUBLIC SUPPERS

White Rock Community Clubhouse will hold a public bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. Meal includes baked kidney and pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$12 adults, \$6 under 12. Follow on Facebook for updates: facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library will hold its monthly Book Club on Monday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to noon in the library at 2 Standish Neck Road in North Gorham. The group is reading "It Ends with Us" by Colleen Hoover. You are welcome even if you haven't read the book. The Library is open Monday 3 - 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday closed. FMI: email.libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.

Baxter Memorial Library is hosting a special literary evening with Gorham High School English Teacher, Dave Patterson and GHS seniors, Ruby Couture and Ben Brown on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. The Library offers many reading events each week. Check our calendar for what's coming up soon. Library hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

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LIMINGTON \$450,000

This 26x30 colonial features 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. It offers a desirable open floor plan amongst the kitchen, dining and living rooms. On the second level is the primary bedroom with walk-in closet, two additional bedrooms and a full common bathroom. The walk-out daylight basement is great for storage or future expansion. Huge shed/garage equipped with electricity and heat for storage or projects. Tucked away on a dead-end public road.

PORTLAND \$499,000

This lovely 3-bedroom 2-bath condo is conveniently located in the heart of Portland yet peacefully tucked away on a dead-end street. Step through the front door where you'll find a tiled entry area, sunlit living room, kitchen with granite counters open to the dining room. A 1st-floor primary bedroom, a full bath with walk-in shower and a dedicated laundry room. On the 2nd level you'll find 2 additional bedrooms & a full common bath. Gorgeous hardwood floors flow throughout the entire condo.

STANDISH \$635,000

Just completed in Woodbrey Heights! Brand new colonial offering 3-bedrooms, 2.5-bathroom and a 2-car garage. You'll love this sunlit open floor plan. The kitchen with a pantry and island is open to the dining room and front living room. Front entry with hall closet and a half-bathroom completes the first floor. On the second level you'll find the primary bedroom ensuite with a private bathroom and a walk-in closet. 400+ sf of future living space over the garage.

BUXTON \$825,000

Upgraded from top to bottom with custom built-ins, crown molding, walk-in glassed door tiled shower with rain head plus a relaxing soaking tub! This true 4-bedroom 2800sf home features a mudroom entrance, kitchen with an oversized island and pantry closet, front dining room with coffee bar, great room with cathedral ceiling and gas fireplace. The primary bedroom is delightful with a custom bathroom and huge walk-in closet. A 1.26ac neighborhood setting off Pease Rd.

GORHAM \$150,000

This new North Gorham subdivision offers 5-lots to choose from ranging in size from 1.47-acres to 3.20-acres. The lots are all surveyed with soils tests available. Relatively flat and level building envelopes. The 200+ feet of street frontage on each parcel is along paved public roads. You'll love NO HOA fees, restrictions or bylaws to live by. Convenient North Gorham location just minutes to North Windham and Sebago Lake Station boat ramp.



Julie Chandler



Mike Griffin



Peter Mason

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

The USM Art Gallery's exhibit "20 Walks: Lin Lisberger" is open and running through Dec. 10. For more information, visit <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/exhibitions/20-walks-lin-lisberger/>, or contact usmartgalleries@maine.edu, (207) 780-5409.

The USM Office of Admissions will hold two open houses for prospective students this fall.. There will be one open house on Saturday, Oct. 18 on the Portland Campus with Gorham options. The second open house will be on Saturday, Nov. 8 on the Gorham Campus with Portland options. Each Open House offers prospective students and their families an opportunity to explore the campuses, connect with faculty and staff, and experience the USM community first hand, and enjoy a catered lunch. FMI: admitusm@maine.edu, or (207) 780-5670.

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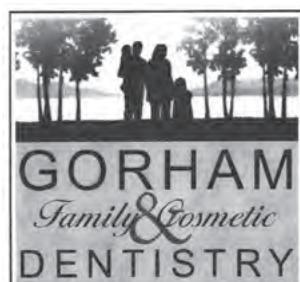


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CALENDAR

Thursday, September 25

Baxter Memorial Library Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library Book Group: "Euphoria" by Lily King English, 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 27

Cricket Comforts Fall Pillowcase Dash kickoff, Old Robie School, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.
Gorham Garden Club meeting with potluck and garden tips, Treworgy Garden, 5:30p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Meet the Candidates, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 2

Baxter Memorial Library,
Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Library Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 4

Gorham Public Works accepting brush today and tomorrow, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
White Rock Community Clubhouse Public Bean Supper, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

Baxter Memorial Library
Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.
Dogs Dig Reading, special guests read to Louise Cheese, 4 - 5 p.m.
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.
Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Police Department, 11 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library, Meet the Candidates, 6 p.m.

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Individual reported that her car was hit by a rock on Libby Ave., but it was not damaged. In the roadway were wet spots with water balloon fragments left behind. It appears that someone was likely throwing water balloons at cars, not rocks.

An Officer thought he heard a gun shot in the area of School St. Checking the area a second Officer spoke with a subject painting the parking lines at the Village Mall. Officer saw a vehicle run over a plastic bottle and heard the same noise. Nothing further. It was determined that the plastic bottle made the noise.

Officer received a report of an animal problem at Huston Rd. Caller reportedly located two dogs running. Caller had them contained in their vehicle. Officers left to respond to the call. The owner called in waiting for a call back to get the dogs. The complainant shared the number with the dog owner, to facilitate their return.

A caller reported at least two kids throwing water balloons at passing cars at Libby Ave. at the trail head. This happened the night before around the same time. Officer

checked the area again and no one was there. Officer found the wet spots in the road and identified balloon debris. Officer also noticed balloon debris heading down the walking path. Officer is not sure who is responsible but will keep an eye on the area.

Officer opened a citizen assist call about someone who may be shooting a bow and arrow too close to her home on Fort Hill Road. After speaking with the game wardens, officers found that no laws were being broken because he was using a compound bow and firing the bow in a safe direction with a backstop.

Officers responded to a residence at Brackett Road and Newton Drive three times for a noise complaint. During the last call, officers had to shut the party down due to the hosts not abiding by the warnings. There were no issues with getting party-goers to leave.

A caller reported two cars that were racing on the by-pass near Ossipee Trail and Spiller Road. All units were out of position and unable to stop the vehicles. Officer checked the area and everything was all set.



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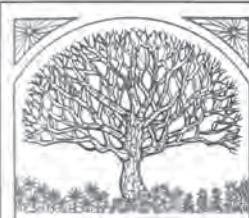
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