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Candidates Forum At The Library

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Baxter Memorial Library's "Meet the Candidates" night on Sept. 30.

Baxter Memorial Library sponsored a Meet the Candidates night for those running for the Town Council and School Committee on Sept. 30. An overflow crowd was present with more audience members than chairs. Another candidates night will be held at the North Gorham Library on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

All of the candidates were allowed five minutes to let the audience know who they were and a little about why they

were running. After the presentations, audience members spent time speaking to the individual candidates. Pictured beginning at the left and around are Jeff Ballard, School Committee (S.C.), Charles Hamblen, Town Council (T.C.), Phil Gagnon, Jr. (T.C.), Tim O'Leary (T.C.), Polly Tateishi (S.C.), Seven Siegel (T.C.), Samuel Purington (T.C.), Kelly Dearborn (T.C.) and, Lowansa Tompkins (S.C.).

Gorham Youth Soccer Underway

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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Grade 3 Orange team GK with a save

Gorham Youth Soccer games are in full gear with practices during the week and Saturday game days at many locations in town; organized by age/grade level with plenty of soccer at all levels. The third/fourth grade teams have a mix of games at Great Falls school and are on the road to play kids outside of their community, including Wainwright field in South Portland and teams from the Bonny Eagle area. The participation in the Rec program and GYSA continue to rise.

"I have seen soccer grow at all lev-

els in Gorham" said youth sports manager Travis Grant, who has been in this position now for five years.. "We have several teams in the age range of 9-year-olds and all of our teams are at full-capacity with a waiting list this year."

These findings resonate throughout the soccer community, reaching all levels, including high school. With the significant and continued engagement and interest in soccer, many of the elementary grade school age kids attend the high school games, both

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Upcoming School-Related Referendum Question on the Nov. 4 Local Ballots

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools

First and most importantly: this vote will NOT ask Gorham taxpayers for any new money. Instead, the question on the Nov. 4 ballot is about reallocating a portion of funds already approved by voters in November 2024.

Background

In November 2024, Gorham voters approved a bond of \$9.49M (plus estimated interest of \$3.19M) to fund two projects:

- The Gorham High School cafeteria and modular classroom expansion
- The Narragansett HVAC project

The HVAC project is nearly complete, and the GHS expansion is underway. Designs are complete, bids have been approved, and costs are firmly established. Due to favorable market shifts and design adjustments, these projects are now expected to come in approximately \$2.5 million under budget.

Why the Savings?

Construction prices have leveled off. Redesigning the modular expansion

allowed us to build locally rather than off-site, avoiding significant transportation costs.

What's Next?

Although we are fortunate to have these savings, our schools still have pressing facility needs identified in the Lavalle Facilities Study, CHA report, and our Updated Ten-Year Capital Plan. We are proposing to reallocate the \$2.5M to complete three additional priority projects:

- GHS Track & Field Replacement – estimated at \$625,000
- Narragansett ADA and Sprinkler Updates – estimated at \$1,100,000
- Village School Paving Overlay, Connector Road Construction, and Great Falls Fire Lane Repair – estimated at \$800,000

This approach addresses nearly all immediate items on our capital plan without asking taxpayers for more money. The only remaining project—Narragansett's maintenance build-

ing—would be deferred to a future plan.

The Vote

On Sept. 2, the Town Council voted unanimously (7-0) to place this re-allocation question on the Nov. 4, 2025 ballot.

- A YES vote allows us to move forward with these projects as early as spring 2026.
- A NO vote means we would need to return in November 2026, to request a new bond for these same needs, at potentially higher costs & with potentially larger projects due to continuing deterioration of existing facilities conditions.

"Over the coming weeks, I will share more details about these projects and their implications for our students and community. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions: heather.perry@gorhamschools.org."

"Thank you for your continued support of Gorham Schools and the students we serve!"

Bus Accident In Gorham

Michael Lortie, Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, at approximately 10:30 a.m., at the corner of Morrill Avenue, there was an accident involving a Gorham school bus and a motor vehicle. The bus was occupied by three students and an educational technician.

The bus driver, Christopher Cousin, the motor vehicle operator, Andrew Quinn and the school employee were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The three GHS students were evaluated by EMS on scene and released to their parents.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation and being reconstructed by the Gorham and Windham police departments. Mutual Aid was provided by Westbrook, Standish, Buxton, and Windham Fire Departments.

The original press release of this incident was provided by Michael Nault, the Deputy Chief of the Gorham Police Department.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Sen. Stacy Brenner

Neighbors helping neighbors — that's what I picture when I think of Gorham and Scarborough. We are a district grounded in a strong foundation of community where we look out for one another and we take care of one another. I cherish these values and carry them with me every day in the Maine Senate.

This session, I joined my colleagues to address a significant threat facing many communities across Maine: the increasing presence of out-of-state private equity firms purchasing mobile home communities and subsequently raising rents.

LD 1145, which just went into effect, creates a right of first refusal for residents of mobile home park communities, allowing them the opportunity to form cooperatives and purchase the land their homes sit on before out-of-state corporations and investment firms buy up the property and increase costs in the midst of an historic housing crisis.

As we worked to pass this bill this spring, our neighbors at Friendly Village in Gorham were in the process of organizing a resident cooperative to purchase their park with an offer above asking price. Dawn Beaulieu, a resident of Gorham and board president of the cooperative, shared

with the Legislature in June what passage of LD 1145 would mean to Friendly Village.

"Our livelihoods should not be in the hands of an out-of-state conglomerate that sees us not as a community, but as an investment," Dawn said. "The legislation being considered here in Augusta will help us put our fate in our own hands."

The bill was proposed as emergency legislation, meaning with two-thirds support in the House and Senate, it could go into effect immediately, providing Friendly Village with that right of first refusal.

Unfortunately, the bill failed to receive two-thirds support, meaning the law couldn't go into effect until late September. In the time since that vote, Friendly Village Cooperative has made three separate offers to buy their park as the firm seeks to raise lot rents, which have all been rejected. Had we passed LD 1145 as emergency legislation, this very well could have been avoided.

Dawn and the Cooperative are now urging Gorham town officials to amend a local ordinance that would protect mobile home communities from steep and often unaffordable rent increases, and require park owners to perform necessary maintenance on the infrastructure.

I share the Cooperative's concerns and commend their forward-thinking to seek a municipal solution. Luckily, there is precedent for this type of action in Old Orchard Beach, Sanford and Waterville.

Maine is a special place to live, and we must ensure more families can afford to put down roots here. This is a collaborative effort and, while some legislators blocked relief that could have helped Friendly Village, I am encouraged by the Cooperative's advocacy. When the Legislature reconvenes in January, my colleagues and I will continue working on legislation that is aimed at keeping Mainers secure in their housing, at all levels.

In the meantime, I will continue sharing our local perspective and unique challenges with my colleagues and stay engaged locally so please continue reaching out to me and my office.



You can email me directly at Stacy. Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or by calling the Senate Majority Office at (207) 287-1515.

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To the editor,

The Gorham Town Council holds the power to steer the course of our town. They are entrusted with the careful stewardship necessary to protect Gorham's citizens and safeguard its future. It is imperative that every member understands the stake of every Gorham resident in the direction their decisions lead our town. While we owe those who serve our gratitude, we should also feel assured that they each possess a depth and breadth of knowledge, a dedication to the future of Gorham, an open mind and the integrity to not be swayed by power or money.

A multi-generational Gorham resident, I have growing concerns about the direction our local leaders are taking us. I've found many decisions of the past year worthy of more serious consideration. It may be that its current make-up lacks the vision and depth of concern for where they are leading us. With big business and Wall Street corporations threatening to destroy the way of life that makes Gorham the gem that it is, it has never been more important to show your concerns at the polls on November 4th.

I am supporting Sam Purinton for the Gorham Town Council because I feel he can bring an essential degree of knowledge and caring to the board. I trust him to navigate Gorham thoughtfully and intelligently through the precarious position we are in. He understands the issues we face and cares deeply about the concerns of constituents.

Please consider voting for Sam Purinton for Gorham Town Council on Nov. 4. Thank you.

Mary Emerson,
Gorham

Local Banks' Efforts to End Hunger

Gorham Times Staff

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration commemorating the opening of the Norway Savings Bank Gorham branch, NSB invited community members to visit the branch during the anniversary week (Sept. 22-26) to help give away \$2,025 to local nonprofits.

"All visitors were encouraged to cast their votes for a local nonprofit, and the money would be distributed according to their votes," said Amy Lehigh, Market Manager VP of NSB in Gorham.

The process led to Gorham Food Pantry receiving \$1,163.29 and other nonprofits also receiving donations, including Seedlings to Sunflowers.

Visitors were also met with great food like pastries, hot dogs, cookies, and other items; a Gorham-themed trivia contest; ladder ball; and the opportunity to take a guess in a piggy-bank competition.

"We're so grateful for our amazing Gorham community and we look forward to decades to come of building relationships and helping custom-

ers pursue the things that matter most to them," said Lehigh. "We thank customers and non-customers for making this place so special and for the continued friendship and support."

In late October, NSB will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Fryeburg branch. Earlier this year, the bank commemorated the 25th anniversary of its branch on Congress Street in Portland and the 40th anniversary of the Topsham branch.

Casco Federal Credit Union is selling tickets for \$5 from Oct. 1 - 31 to raise funds to end hunger. The FALL Bundle Giveaway features a \$250 Hannaford Gift Card, a handmade wooden cutting board, quilted table-runner, locally sourced maple syrup and more. Winners will be notified on Monday, Nov. 3. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger. Casco's biggest fundraiser, the 8th Annual Ride to End Hunger, held on Sept. 6 raised \$6,785 for the Gorham, Buxton, and Standish Food Banks.

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GHS Alumni Sing National Anthem at Hearts of Pine

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Jane Charron

Gorham High Alumni Chamber Singers from 1998, 1999 and 2000 sang the national anthem at Hearts of Pine soccer game on September 13 at their home field at Fitzpatrick Stadium. The Portland Hearts of Pine, a professional soccer team played to a 1-to-1 hard-fought tie against top of the League Chattanooga Red Wolves.

Left to right are: Jameson Matthews, Chris Sedenka, Mike Begley, Tod Van Zandt, George Sotiropoulos, Kyle Kirby, Alex Charron, and Derek Racine.

A New Ribbon Cutting

Lori Arsenault '99, '22, USM Music Alumnae, Managing Editor



Photo Credit: Zach Boyce

Pictured here are USM President Jacqueline (Jackie) Edmundson, PhD and Dan Crewe, brother of legendary songwriter, dancer, singer, manager, and record producer, Bob Crewe (1930-2014). The two are pictured here standing outside of the new Crewe Center for the Arts in Portland on Friday, Oct. 3, the day of the ribbon-cutting event for the center, two years in the making. The state-of-the-art Crewe Center is the new home of the Dr. Alfred & D. Suzi Osher School of Music and the Kate Cheney Chappell '83 Center for Book Arts at the University of Southern Maine (USM), located on the Portland campus at 111 Bedford Street. More about this and the arts at USM will appear in the Oct. 23, 2025 issue of the Gorham Times.

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New Rivermeadow Nature Preserve Opens

Chris Crawford, Features Editor since 1995



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Community members enjoy the new trails at Rivermeadow Nature Preserve.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) recently celebrated the official opening of Rivermeadow Nature Preserve, a 44-acre forested wetland in the center of downtown Westbrook which includes 3,300 feet of shoreline along the scenic Presumpscot River.

"Rivermeadow is a green gem in the heart of the city accessible by foot to over 8,000 city residents and folks from surrounding towns," said William Sedlack, PRLT's executive director.

The preserve features a 1.5 mile looping trail along the tranquil Presumpscot River. Its boardwalk and woodchip path provides safe walking on mostly flat terrain. The preserve also includes a bilingual story walk and a welcoming trailhead kiosk, creating opportunities for families, schools, and community members to connect with nature in meaningful ways.

Activities include walking, running, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Folks are reminded that the river current is strong and unpredictable in that portion of the river, so swimming is ill-advised. People

should also remain on the trails to avoid damage to the delicate wetlands.

Dogs on leash or voice control are welcome, but owners are reminded to clean up after their pet.

Parking is available at 58 Lincoln Street: Cornelia Warren Four Seasons Rink.

The project was made possible thanks to the Cornelia Warren Community Association, the City of Westbrook, Evergreen Credit Union, Westbrook Housing, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, WORG, LLC, the United Way of Southern Maine, and over 200 generous community members.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust conserves and cares for the lands and waters of the Presumpscot River watershed and surrounding areas, fostering connections between people, nature, and community. They acknowledge that the land, which will be protected for future generations, is in the homeland of the Wabanaki People and respectfully acknowledges these People of the Dawn—past, present and future—and their connection to these lands and waters.

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Living the EV Life

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer Since 1999

Early this year, we leased a new Electric Vehicle (EV) to demonstrate our commitment to fight global warming, test out a new technology and lower our cost of transportation. The transition from an internal combustion car to an EV has been "interesting" and serves as a reminder of how we can meet the threats posed by global warming while maintaining a comfortable lifestyle.

In sum, we love our new EV. Sure, switching to a Hyundai Ioniq 5 took some adjustment and a change of familiar habits but we are learning new things about the technology daily. A major issue is the oft-cited "Range Anxiety" - fear of running out of "juice" before we can get to a charging station. This reflects a lack of infrastructure and the somewhat limited battery capacity of the current EVs. Unlike the ubiquitous gas stations on every corner, charging stations are concentrated along highly traveled routes. Homeowners can install a level-2 charging station on site and get a full charge overnight. Another option is to use the onboard navigation system to find a compatible charger nearby but chargers are not always nearby.

Range is not so much an issue for two retired folks who drive an average of 20 miles a day or 150 miles a week: mostly short errands and appointments. We rely on known charging stations and tend to frequent high-speed chargers that provide a 300-mile range in 20 minutes. We also use slower level-2 chargers to keep us topped off as needed. On longer trips, we use phone apps or the car's navigation system to find compatible charging stations enroute.

The driving experience is fantastic! The vehicle makes so little noise that the manufacturer has installed noise makers to announce the car to surrounding pedestrians and offer comfort to the operator. The silence is golden and we can converse

easily without the rumble of the engine and shifting of gears. The interior cabin is very quiet - like sitting in a living room and conversing with friends and we can listen to music, audio books, podcasts, and radio broadcasts without turning the volume up.

The electronics can be a bit bewildering to folks who didn't grow up with computers. Multiple sensors sound off when they detect other cars, kids, guard rails and buildings. - confusing but all in the name of safety. Using a cell phone app to activate charging can be a challenge as each vendor is slightly different.

The cost of the vehicle was initially high but we used the proceeds of a sale of our other car to make lease payments on the EV. The cost of electricity is generally lower than a comparable internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle but a major benefit is in the lack of moving parts - no oil changes, radiator leaks, or long warm-ups.

The lease will expire in 3 years and we will need to surrender the car to the dealer. At that point we can lease another EV with more advanced features, a longer range, new technology, and improved performance - all for a lower price (hopefully).

Clearly an EV is not for everyone because driving needs vary. For now, the EV works well for us given our relatively short trips interspersed with occasional longer journeys. We also benefit from the knowledge that we are doing our part to reduce global warming, adopting a new technology, and saving money on energy and repairs.



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



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Outdoor Play is CrossFit® for Kids

Beth Wilkins, Contributing Writer Since 2019

I remember, back in the early 2000s, when the name CrossFit was everywhere - it was the latest, greatest way to stay in shape. CrossFit gyms have boomed in the years since and some say it is the biggest fitness chain in the world.

What made CrossFit so exciting was how different it was from the traditional workout. It is focused on functional, full-body movements that get your muscles to work together better, as a whole.

Workouts are done with a community of people, which can increase your motivation to exercise, increases the opportunity to witness diverse ways of moving, and enhances accountability to one's progress and goals. Traditional workouts on the other hand, were often more about strengthening single muscles or muscle groups using machines, weights, and prescribed routines. These workouts are typically a solo experience.

Play, especially outdoors with other children, is full of varied, functional movement. Similar to CrossFit, when children are playing they are incorporating a wide array of movements that challenge their bodies in different ways. First they are leaping from one big rock to another, the next moment they are scrambling up a steep hill. Then they stop and get in a complete squat to check out a bug and end up crawling over the ground on hands and knees pretending to be cats. The variety of movements is huge as the kids flow seamlessly from one activity to the next.

As a play advocate, I am interested in getting people to appreciate the great importance of play for children and to understand how essential it is to their development. Children's bodies are growing and changing at an unprecedented

rate - it's literally different every day. Children are constantly needing to adapt to these changes, and one of the best ways to do this is through movement that is varied, functional and uses all the muscle groups - much like a CrossFit workout.

The amount of movement varies among children, some desperately need to feel the earth pounding beneath their feet throughout the day, while others seem satisfied with a 20-minute recess, but daily, varied movement will bring them all more comfortably "into their bodies" as they grow and change.

If they are lucky, children have other children around to play with. They motivate each other to push themselves and try new things, they watch each other to gain new ideas about what is possible, and they find joy in each other's discoveries. Playing with other children opens up the possibilities of role play and storytelling, as they process the world around them. All of these things promote adaptability, getting them ready for whatever is coming their way.

So don't forget to include a "work out" in your children's daily schedule - get them outside playing.



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

Gorham's Art Offerings

John Tiedje, Staff Writer

For a long time, Gorham has had a good offering of art and performance programs for kids and adults. The offering for creative programs in Gorham is expanding and their locations are shifting. Art in Gorham is offered mainly with Gorham Adult Education and performance programs with the Gorham Arts Alliance.

Gorham Adult Education has night classes located in the Gorham Middle School and day classes at Creative Explorations. Courses range from Basic Drawing, Watercolor, and Ceramics to Decoupage, Stained Glass, Screen Printing among other courses. Each class can be from 1.5 to 2 hours, one day a week, over a few weeks. Some are one-day sessions on weekends. They also offer instruction classes in music and a community chorus. For more details on how to sign up for an activity go online to: <http://www.gorham.maineadulted.org/>. Information on pottery courses can be found at: tannerybrookpotterystudio.com.

The Gorham Arts Alliance (GAA) offers arts/theater programs at 34 School Street, the yellow building on the corner of School Street and College Ave. The GAA provides the community with a creative hub that not only hosts performances but also offers private and group music lessons, an art, and theater-focused after school program, and year-round opportunities for young performers.

Some of the GAA programs include: set design, lights/sound tech, dance, costuming/sewing, music, steel drums, visual arts, textiles as well as theater arts. They will be offering a new theater class for senior citizens in



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

Gorham Arts Alliance at 34 School Street.

the Spring, but always welcome the involvement of adults and seniors in set design, costuming, and theater performance assistance.

GAA also offers a space for community members to join in a Chair Yoga or Jazercise class or participate in the Gorham Senior's Co-op programs. To find out more about what the GAA offers, email: Admin@gorhamarts.org

New to the area is Creative Explorations, which is now housed in the Wentworth facility located at 10 Wentworth Drive in Gorham. They offer creative and nature activities for students from pre-K up to 12 and 13 years with art, drama, and nature trail hikes. They have programs for adults with a membership for pottery, stain glass, fiber arts, printmaking, painting and drawing.

They also have an outreach program for community nursing homes, Gorham Schools, the Windham Correctional Center, Senior Art and Granite Bay Care. To learn more check out: <http://www.creativeexplorationsmaine.com>

Aspire Gorham

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Aspire Gorham is a community-wide initiative that encourages students in every grade and Gorham school to consider their futures. Collaborating with businesses and community organizations in and around Gorham, Gorham staff connects students to professionals for career exposure, exploration, and experience opportunities from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

The program began in the 2017-2018 school year, with support from education non-profits JMS and the Melmac Foundation. Under the guidance of Eliza Kenigsberg, the former Community & Career Coordinator for Aspire Gorham, the program has annually expanded its reach and programming.

While the experiences look different at each grade level, building relevance for learning and partnering with the outstanding businesses, leaders, and career opportunities in and around the Gorham community is a cornerstone for all.

This year, the Aspire Team includes the Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator Michelle Bourget and Career Aspirations Coordinator, Kelli Deveaux. Bourget joined the Gorham School Department last February. She brings many years of teaching at both the high school and college level, and manages the myriad Educational Learning Opportunities (ELOs) at the high school.

Kelli Deveaux has long been interested in career exploration and community development opportunities, and these were priorities and success points both in her former role as a high school principal as well as serving as Maine's associate commissioner of public education.

"Since its inception, Aspire Gorham has been a flagship program statewide, and one that I have admired," said Deveaux. "When I learned that the position to continue the work of the program was opening, I discussed with my family the rare opportunity to use my administrative experience, my deep connections and commitment to the Gorham community, and my passion for meaningful educational experiences for all students.

"My two high school children had the final vote on my application," continued Deveaux, "given that I would be

in their school, and their space, every day if I were lucky enough to be hired. I am thrilled to be entrusted with leading this program, and welcome anyone to reach out with questions, suggestions and ideas. This is a collaborative effort on behalf of our community and kids."

This year the team hopes to continue to connect students with meaningful opportunities, and to further build out the partnerships and outreach efforts with the community. There are many students who are still actively exploring what exists, and others who believe they have found their future career and are seeking internships and opportunities to truly experience and confirm their plans and pathways. The program serves all students and all employment sectors, and aligns them with what training, experiences, post-secondary study or skills they need to reach their goals.

Deveaux said, "We also want to engage in more two-way communication with our community and our school families to ensure we are meeting the needs and also educating ourselves and one another on what future skills, knowledge, and careers may exist in our rapidly changing future, and ensure that all students are successful."

Every student in Gorham is touched by the programming offered by Aspire. It includes field experiences such as visiting the fire department for the pre-K or kindergarten students to learn about their community and the people who work in it, to the annual "Try-It Day" for the middle school students to engage in hands-on experiences, graciously provided by our business partners.

GHS students enjoy Career X Days, where guest speakers come to share how they use a specific content in their careers; the Math Department will be hosting this experience in November.

In addition, this semester alone there are over 90 high school students who are doing an internship, apprenticeship, or interest based project requiring 60 hours, check-ins and a final project in order to receive .5 credit. Examples include volunteering with the Gorham Fire Department, restoring a 1967 Chevy Impala, and working with a doctor at Maine Medical Center. "We are thrilled to have worked with over 300 community partners in every sector of the community."

White Elm Dermatology Opens

Gorham Times Staff

White Elm Dermatology has officially opened its doors in Gorham at 8 Elm Street Suite. 3. Rachel Miller brings a wealth of expertise in medical and cosmetic dermatology, expanding access to high-quality care for the community. She will be holding an open-house/ribbon-cutting on Friday, Oct. 10 starting at 10 a.m. and invites the community to join.

"Our goal is to make dermatological care accessible right here in Gorham while preserving the time and quality every patient deserves," said Miller. "We want to serve the community by reducing wait times, expanding options, and providing care for both medical and aesthetic needs."

Beyond medical services, White Elm Dermatology:

- treats patients ages five and older and provides care for a broad spectrum of conditions, including acne,

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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Gorham Town Clerk

Happy Fall everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful colors of the season!

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ward 1-1 will be voting at the Middle School, Ward 1-2 at Great Falls School and Ward 2 at Shaw Gym at the Municipal Center.

The Clerk's Office has been busy fulfilling absentee ballot requests. You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's office or visiting the State Election website.

Absentee voting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center starting Monday, Oct. 20 through Thursday, Oct. 30 during regular business hours.

Dog registration for 2026 will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025. You may register your dog online or visit the Town Clerk's office. Please make sure you bring your dog's current rabies information.

As the holidays approach, we start thinking about families that need a little extra help to get through the seasons. The Town of Gorham offers help to families in need during the holidays. You may apply at the Town Clerk's Office or call, and we will mail you an application.

If you are a business or individual that would like to help, you can do so by sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas. This is a wonderful way for a community group, organization, or a whole family to

get involved. You can call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 before the holidays and ask to sponsor a family. You will be given a "wish list" from a family along with the children's ages and clothing sizes.

Along with the need for holiday assistance, low-income families, and the elderly struggle to heat their homes each winter. The Town of Gorham has responded by creating the "Gorham Heating Assistance Fund." This fund will be supported by donations from Gorham citizens and local businesses and 100% of the funds received will go directly to people we assist with heating fuel.

With many households facing increasing financial pressure, we are now assisting more families who never expected to be in a position of needing to ask for help. We ask you to consider contributing to this fund to support our efforts to keep Gorham residents warm and safe this winter. By donating, you are truly making a difference in the life of a family in your community.

On behalf of all of those who will be benefitting from these funds, I thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 222-1671 or lnordfors@gorham.me.us

We all could use a little help now and then and these are ways our Gorham residents can PAY IT FORWARD!

GLOW Tanning & Wellness Expands

Gorham Times Staff

Located at 593 Main Street, GLOW Tanning & Wellness joins the growing community of innovative businesses in Gorham. The new facility goes beyond traditional tanning to introduce cutting-edge wellness therapies combining modern technology with holistic health benefits.

Founded in 2018 in South Portland, GLOW is more than a tanning spa. With its new Gorham location, owners Donato and Angela Apon are broadening access to services that support skin health, stress relief, muscle recovery, and overall well-being. Designed to fit individual lifestyles, GLOW offers customizable options, including:

- UV & Sunless Tanning options
- SmartSun Red Light Therapy that promotes joint comfort, circulation, and recovery
- Infrared Cocoon Wellness Pod, an immersive experience combining infrared heat, vibratory massage, aromatherapy, and salt air to relieve stress.

- HaloIR Dry Salt Infrared Halotherapy Sauna, offering benefits for respiratory health, immunity, and skin conditions such as acne or psoriasis.

- Poly Red Light Therapy, medical grade technology that supports collagen rebuilding, cellular repair, and skin rejuvenation.

"This is not your typical tanning salon," said owner Donato Apon. "Our goal is to go beyond aesthetics — we want our services to enhance overall wellness, whether that's easing stress, supporting skin health, or providing recovery options for active lifestyles." By blending beauty and wellness with state-of-the-art technology, GLOW is helping to shift perceptions of tanning and create new opportunities for residents to incorporate wellness into their daily routines.

For more information, visit <http://www.glowtanningspa.com/> or follow GLOW Tanning & Wellness on Instagram: @glowtanningandwellness and Facebook glowtanningandwellness.

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Surprise Delivery for Village Elementary School

Alicia Sotir, Art Teacher, Village School



Village School Delivery

Village Elementary School recently had the good fortune of being selected as a recipient of the Elks Club's annual school supply fundraiser.

Each year, the Elks Club raises funds to support local schools, and this year, they chose Village Elementary as one of their beneficiaries. Their generosity has made a direct impact on Village Elementary classrooms, ensuring that students and teachers alike have access to the supplies they need.

In addition to providing school supplies, the Elks Club reached out to ask if Village Elementary had any other needs. The school shared information about their backpack program, which supports students and families, as well as their nurses' need for extra clothing for students. The

Elks Club stepped up to the challenge, providing even more resources to help the Village Elementary community to thrive.

Mrs. Hooper's class proudly represented Village Elementary during this special project, serving as their student ambassadors in accepting the donations. To make sure the supplies are put to good use, all staff members were invited to stop by and "shop" for items their class or program needs.

Any leftover supplies will be added to their school's supply closet, ensuring that resources remain available throughout the year. A huge thank-you goes out to the Elks Club for their kindness and commitment to supporting local students. Their efforts are truly making a difference for the entire Village Elementary School community.

Ready, Set, Run!

Heather Dupuis, Teacher at Great Falls School

The Gorham School District was well represented as the relay team of Heather Dupuis, Todd Gagnon, Kim Kelly-Brewster and Will York ran for the fourth year in a row on a picturesque Sunday in Maine. The Gorham School District racers are classroom teachers, a Student Resource Officer, and a Special Education teacher.

The group of four also ran in memory of Kim Kelly-Brewster's brother, as the team name is dedicated to him and called "Running for Rick."

The Maine Marathon just celebrated its 46th year on Sunday, Oct. 5. There is an amazing sense of camaraderie amongst the runners and Maine community. Families along the race route pass out water, hold up posters, and cheer you on. The relay team feels lucky to be part of it.

Up next? Training for next year!



From left to right in the finish line photo-Kim Kelly-Brewster, Heather Dupuis, Will York, Todd Gagnon.

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GHS Freshman Designs 9-Hole Disc Golf Course

Kelly Deprez, Proud Parent

The Cressey Road Christian Church opened a new 9-hole disc golf course on the weekend of Sept. 21. This course was developed by Life Scout Daniel Deprez as an Eagle Scout Service Project. Daniel is a fourteen-year-old freshman at Gorham High School and has been in Troop 73 for three-and-a-half years. Prior to that, he was part of Pack 85 as a Cub Scout since he was in first

grade. The course has been registered with UDisc, an app for disc golf players.

The course is free to use. More information can be obtained by contacting Daniel: Daniel.deprez@gorhamschools.org or Pastor Joseph Saunders: CRCC.pastor@gmaiil.com. Photos are available from the course opening event. Additionally, a website for the course can be found at <https://cresseyrdcc.org/new-page-4>

Great Falls Fall Family Picnic

Deanna Etienne, Assistant Principal, Great Falls School



Photo Credit: Deanna Etienne and Kristal Goff, School Administrative Assistant

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the Great Falls School community gathered for the annual Fall Family Picnic, and it couldn't have been a more perfect evening. Families filled the schoolyard, enjoying food trucks serving up pizza, ice cream, fried dough, and sandwiches while children ran off to play on the playground with friends. Laughter and music filled the air, with live performances adding to the festive atmosphere. Face painting was a favorite stop for many of the students, who proudly showed off their colorful designs as they joined in the fun. The night wrapped up with a stunning fall sunset, creating a warm and welcoming backdrop for a wonderful community tradition.

Class Field Trip

Kyle Petrin, GHS Class of 2027



Photo Credit: Kyle Petrin, GHS Class of 2027

On Sept. 23, Rachel Grady's "Cold War Case Studies" took a field trip to the South Street Cemetery and war memorials. Kyle Petrin, Class of 2027, took these photos during the tour. He is an avid photographer and a member of the class.

SPORTS

Youth Soccer CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Grade 3 yellow team making plays

home and away games. The Varsity boys soccer team are over the midway point of their season with a record of 7 - 1.

A big game for the Rams happened on a weeknight, Tuesday, Sept. 23 at South Portland High School, where the visiting Rams made the most of their chances to handle the Red Riots 5-2, thanks in large part to Moises Ntango who was involved in every goal. Cohen Landry and Will Andreasen also chipped in a goal apiece.



Team handshakes # good sportsmanship

Maine Antique Tractor Plow Day & Crafters Market

Lori Arsenault, *Managing Editor*

Parsons Dairy Farm at 321 Buck Street in Gorham will again be the location of the 2025 Maine Antique Tractor Plow Day & Crafter's Market. The event is put on each year by the Maine Antique Tractor Club, hosted by Parsons Farm.

According to the publicity, the farmers "will be prepping the ground for another year of crop production, using antique tractors and implements from all across New England."

These farmers are not only gathering to show their antique vehicles, but will actually be helping the hosting farm, our own Parsons Farm, to prepare their fields for growing in a way that emphasizes a long tradition.

Visit the farm on Maine Maple Fall Festival Weekend, Saturday Oct. 11 and Sunday Oct. 12, between 7 a.m. and sunset to "see and learn how farmwork has been done throughout the years! Meet the men and women who embody this passion of agricultural history."

If that's not enough, a visit to the farm on those two days will also be a visit to numerous local vendors of "vegetables, homemade eats, hand-crafted goods and more! Grab breakfast and lunch in the sugar shack!"

Folks from around New England have been invited to "bring your tractor, car, or motorcycle, or be a vendor."

Both Ntango and Landry shared their thoughts on social media after the game and both agreed their team wanted it more and after a recent loss, that was all the motivation they needed. Ntango shared; "we are playing real soccer, we are one of the best teams to beat right now and will continue."

After a recent 1 - 0 victory over the Deering Rams, this team is focused on securing the highest possible playoff seed to gain home field advantage. The Rams fans will be ready.

Photo Credit: Katie Brown

Photo Credit: Katie Brown

The schedule for each day includes breakfast served from 7 to 10 a.m., and lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring maple-glazed fried dough. There is an indoor heated dining room available, and we're told that it's important to remember to visit the mini horses and baby cows.

Eleven years ago, Roger McCord of rogerthatmedia.tv posted a tribute to the Maine Antique Tractor Club's annual Plow Day in Gorham on YouTube. Watch the video here: <https://tinyurl.com/48vykczm> to capture the true spirit of the event.



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Parsons Farm

From Parsons' Facebook page: Do you have a craft, special product or business you'd like to promote? We are looking for vendors to participate in Parsons Farm Annual Antique Tractor Plow Day and Crafters Market on Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 12 at Parsons Farm 321 Buck St Gorham. No vendor fee. Everyone welcome.

Please stop by the farmstand at 126 Libby Ave. in Gorham or call (207) 239-2633 to let them know that you would like a spot. Hope to see you there.

Why You Should Read the Newspaper

Jade Tibbetts, *GHS Intern*

There's something about holding a newspaper that just makes you feel engaged with the content within it. In today's digital age many of us struggle to stay engaged. We scroll through our phones only giving our attention to each story for seconds and then onto the next story already forgetting about the previous.

Newspapers encourage your engagement by not only requiring more time but also by connecting you to stories that are happening in real time and in your community. Newspapers are not about flashy headlines and getting your attention, it's about context and local voices you can trust.

Trust is a major factor for why newspapers still matter. When you scroll through

your feed on social media you are getting fake news all the time because it takes only a few clicks to publish something completely biased or incorrect. A newspaper takes time and effort, so you are getting real and relevant stories you can trust.

Along with newspapers being relevant, when you read a paper you aren't getting constant pop up ads and paid promotions by big companies that don't actually care about you.

The constant exposure to negativity online has heavily impacted our youth's mental health because negativity usually gets more clicks. By contrast, reading a paper offers a more balanced, thoughtful and even positive view of the world around us.



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Candidates Running for Town Council 3-year Terms

Kelly L Dearborn
172 Flagg
Meadow Road
Resident since 1972



Education and Employment:
Gorham High School Class of 1985
Andover College
Owner of Northeast Sewer & Drain Service
Realtor for Greater Portland Realty

Why should citizens vote for you?
I care deeply for the Town of Gorham and feel we need to get our spending under control, limit residential development and foster commercial partnerships that benefit Gorham. The town cannot keep spending money it doesn't have and put the burden on the taxpayers year after year. A vote for me will bring fiscal responsibility back to Gorham.

Samuel R. Purinton
184 South Street
I've been here 3 years, but my family (Quinn) is from here.



Background:
Grants and Contracts Associate at USM, Bachelor's in Economics from Eckerd College and Master's in Public Policy, Planning, and Management from USM (in progress)

Why should citizens vote for you?
I will listen to our residents and work to maintain Gorham's rural character, add the housing we need, and fund our schools, and do all of that while slowing tax increases. This can be done by making better use of the infrastructure (roads, sewer, etc) we've already built. Instead of mega-developments, we can empower current residents to add to their properties, and instead of big companies from away, we can empower current residents to start their own businesses. This approach can grow our tax base with minimal costs to the town while preserving more of our beautiful land.

Seven R. Siegel
238 Main Street
Resident for 5 years



Background:
High School STEM Teacher. Master of Public Policy & MBA from Brandeis University, Bachelor of Science in Game Design from Champlain College. I'm married to the amazing Becky Wartell. We have a beautiful baby girl, Vi, who is almost two!

Why should citizens vote for you?
I'm running for re-election because of this phrase I keep hearing from constituents: "You were the only councilor who responded to me." I know how it feels to be the person on the other end of the email or phone call trying to find someone to listen. That's why I make it a priority to respond to every message I get, including people who disagree with me! I believe it's very important that people feel they can always communicate with their elected officials and always get a response. If that's important to you too, please vote for me, Seven Siegel.

Philip T. Gagnon, Jr.
91 Gordon Farms
Lived in Gorham 16 Years



Education:
Master's Degree in Business
Degree in Economics
Degree in Business Administration

Employment: Senior Credit Officer - Vice President, Recipient of National Industry Award for Innovation in Banking from NACHA.

Personal: Married with three school aged children.

Why should citizens vote for you?

The need for leadership and thoughtful direction is needed to continue to move Gorham forward. As I began this last term on the Town Council, I championed the creation of an Economic Study for Gorham, which will help guide our community's discussions as we begin looking at the Comprehensive Plan. As Gorham continues to grow residentially, we must identify and properly zone areas that will protect established neighborhoods and their character, while making adjustments that will diversify our Tax base with new business development. As a former Council Chair, and School Committee member, I understand the need for town planning to reduce the tax burden.

Charles A. Hamblen,
26 Hamblen Drive
Lived in Gorham 52 years



Background: Charles Hamblen, 26 Hamblen Dr, retired still farming, graduated: GHS 1977, SDSU 1983 (BS accountancy), CPA, CPCU. Married with 4 children. 7th generation Hamblen living on a bicentennial farm purchased in 1783.

Why should citizens vote for you?

Gorham is a town in transition. Taxes are high, schools are crowded, and traffic is bad. Some things never change. Recent town decisions expanding industrial operations close to neighborhoods and significantly increasing residential housing concerns me. We may be growing at a pace exceeding our ability to absorb it. A new voice, a new vision, with roots in Gorham is needed to ask tough questions, balance revenue needs with citizens ability to pay. I have over 40 years of business experience. I am an analytical person and problem solver. I can help through these challenging times.

Timothy J. O'Leary
257 Main Street
Lived in Gorham 47 years



Background: US Army (Ret.), B.A. Sociology, M.Ed./ED.S. School Administration, (GSU), Ed.D. Candidate (UVa), Vietnam/First Gulf War Veteran, Helicopter Pilot.

Why should citizens vote for you?

Gorham needs a representative who stresses accountability and transparency when committed to doing the business of the town's people. We need to insure that taxation is fair and that communication between the Town Council and the citizens of Gorham is timely, informative, and complete. The town budget requires a reflection of the town's needs rather than what it cannot afford. It should be realistic and dynamic to maximize the demands to support current cost-of-living expenses for all residents. We need a focus on what we can afford and not try to compete with other towns so that we can be like them. Gorham needs to be Gorham and not another Portland.

Candidate Running for School Committee 1-year Term

Paulette M. Tateishi
6 Brookfield Court
We bought our Gorham property in 2014. We relocated here permanently in 2019.



Background: Retired educator. BS from University of Maine. Graduate Diploma from South Australia College of Advanced Education. Taught in public schools for over 30 years - about half of my career in Queensland, Australia and half in Aroostook County.

Why should citizens vote for you?

I have experience working on committees and in organizations. I understand the power of teamwork. I bring institutional knowledge about education from two countries. I currently serve on a committee for our homeowner's association. I believe the sum total of my life experiences will be an asset to the school board. The school board serves a host of stakeholders: students, faculty, administrators, staff, parents and caregivers, Gorham taxpayers, and governmental bodies.

Candidates Running for School Committee 3-year Terms

Jeffrey C. Ballard
92 Gordon Farms
Resident since 2021



Background:
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Franklin Pierce University; Registered Nurse and Paramedic; retired U.S. Army veteran with extensive healthcare and service experience.

Why should citizens vote for you?

Gorham voters should cast their ballots for me because I will bring balance, accountability, and dedication to our schools. As a Registered Nurse, Paramedic, and retired U.S. Army veteran, I understand the importance of discipline, compassion, and service. I will work to ensure every decision reflects both the needs of students and the responsibility we share as taxpayers. My goal is to strengthen education while respecting family budgets, support our teachers, and promote thoughtful growth in our community. I am committed to listening, collaborating, and putting Gorham's families and future first.

Lowansa S. Tompkins
36 Mighty Street
Resident for 7 years



Background:
BA Art education, resident of Gorham.

Why should citizens vote for you?
As an educator and artist I think that the goal of schooling is to support learners into becoming curious, resilient and empowered adults who can think critically, understand themselves, navigate challenges and contribute meaningfully to the communities around them, and I'm willing to listen, learn and work collaboratively to make that goal a reality.

**Election Day is
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COMMUNITY

OF INTEREST

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.

The next Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, September through June. 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. FMI, Call Nikki Fernald, Resident Service Coordinator at (207) 854-6822.

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.

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.

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://stanthonysparish.org/knights-of-columbus>.

Gorham Department of Public Works will be accepting brush on Saturday, 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 Gorham SnoGoers are co-hosting the Southern Maine Grass Drags again this year in conjunction with the Sokokis Riders Snowmobile Club. With over 700 spectators and 70 riders, this event is a critical fundraiser for both clubs as they work to sustain and improve their trail network. The event is on Saturday, Oct. 18 (rain date, Oct. 19). For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tom Mazza, president, (207) 939-8455.

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 any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street 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.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Cressey Road Christian Church will hold a bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 5-6 pm. Beans, hot dogs, rolls, Cole slaw, sides and desserts. \$10 for adults-\$5 for ages 7-17, under 7 is free. Join us for some great food!

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library's next book club meeting is Monday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. - noon, discussing the book, "Time of the Child" by Niall Williams. 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.

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, experience the USM community first-hand, and enjoy a catered lunch. FMI: admitusm@maine.edu, or (207) 780-5670.

CLOSE TO HOME

Highland Lake Grange is offering a drive-through, roasted turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 4 - 6 p.m. There will be roasted turkey, vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, cranberry sauce and cake. The cost is \$10 per person. Please have exact price for the meal(s) you want. No substitutions, no pre-orders, just drive up, pay and receive your meal. The grange is located on the corner of Route 302 and Hardy Road in Westbrook.

Send calendar items, public service announcements and events to Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: loriaam@gmail.com



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White Elm Dermatology

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wrinkle reduction, and hair restoration.

- carries Eminence Organic Skin Care products and has earned the distinction of being Maine's only Green Spa Certified Clinic, reflecting its commitment to environmentally responsible practices.

In 2025, White Elm Dermatology was recognized by BusinessRate as the Best Medical Clinic in Gorham, based on patient reviews and satisfaction. Looking ahead, Rachel Miller plans to engage the community further through educational outreach and dermatology research, including a local study on skin cancer prevention and treatment.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 9

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Book Group: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue, 10:15 a.m.
Friends of Baxter Memorial Library meeting. Open to the public. 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10

First Parish Climate Caretakers presentation on green burials, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Gorham Knights of Columbus 5K Walk/Run at Cherry Hill Farm, 9 a.m.
Highland Lake Grange drive-through, roasted turkey dinner, 4 - 6 p.m.
Cressey Road Christian Church Bean Supper, 5 - 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.
St. Anne's Senior Meal Site, noon

Thursday, Oct. 16

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Sewing Class Intermediate, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Fall Book Sale, Shaw Gym, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Brush Drop-Off Day at Gorham Public Works, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Gorham SnowGoers host the Southern Maine Grass Drags, (rain date, Oct. 19)
USM Office of Admissions Open House, FMI: admitusm@maine.edu, (207) 780-5670.

Monday, Oct. 20

Baxter Memorial Library, Learning Spanish with Yaya, 10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Lizards Love Literacy, 4 - 5 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Author Event: Marquee Peters, author of "Paris Heart," 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.
St. Anne's Senior Meal Site, noon
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Upon receipt of a noise complaint on Elkins Road, dispatch told the caller that at this time they would take the report and document the complaint, referring the caller to the city zoning and council to further the complaint, if desired, but at this time, the incident does not rise to an issue that is criminal in nature.

A citizen wanted to inquire if the PD could put a speed sign on College Avenue by Campus Road. The message was relayed.

Officer responded to the Bypass and Narragansett Street roundabout for a disabled vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle stated they would be ok waiting for the tow. The vehicle was far enough off the roadway and wasn't an issue for traffic. Once the officer verified that they were all set, he cleared the scene.

Officer saw a vehicle parked at 21st Century Motors with the door open. Officer found the driver seated in the vehicle on his phone. He said he was in the lot to check on the free items set out by the curb. He agreed to move along. All set.

Citizen came to the PD on Main Street and spoke to the officer in the lobby. She stated she had received a letter in the mail which stated it was from the IRS. However, she believed it may be a scam. Officer gave the citizen the correct contact information for the IRS, and informed the citizen not to scan any of the barcodes on the letter or use any contact information on the letter before confirming the authenticity of the letter with the IRS. With permission, officer made a copy of the letter for PD reference, and gave her the case number for her reference.

Gorham MAINE

Thursday, Oct. 9, Ordinance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Meeting, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16, Board of Appeals Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20, Planning Board Optional Meeting Date, 7 p.m.

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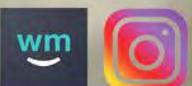
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