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Amazon Answers Questions

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor



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Amazon Site Plan for a last-mile distribution/delivery center on a 94-acre parcel on Main Street in Gorham. The proposal is for a roughly 146,000-159,000 square foot facility. As a point of reference, the Walmart Supercenter in Scarborough is approximately 208,000 square feet.

The Gorham Times was invited to interview Jonathan Greeley, Amazon's Head of Economic Development for New England, on Amazon's proposed Gorham delivery station ahead of Monday night's Planning Board hearing. Notes from the Planning Board meeting can be found in the Municipal section of this issue.

On Monday, July 20, Gorham Times' managing editor Lori Arsenault met with Greeley. He came prepared to speak to how the facility would improve delivery speed and service for southern Maine customers; the local economic opportunity, including jobs, investment, and small business support; and Amazon's commitment to working

collaboratively through the review process.

In answer to a question, he explained what a 'delivery station' is. He said, "This is the last stop of a package's journey before it makes its way to a customer's doorstep. So, a customer, whether it's a business, a home, etc, product comes from facilities elsewhere in New England."

He continued, "So when you press 'buy' on your computer, tablet, or phone, it initiates your order at a fulfillment center elsewhere in New England and your package will make its way here, either by passing through other middle-mile facilities or going directly to a delivery station for package delivery." He

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Robie Park Ribbon Cutting

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

The Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the completion and official opening of the new playground at Robie Park will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11. The public is invited. That evening, from 5 - 7 p.m., local families are invited to celebrate the opening, and try out the new "water feature." There will be food trucks and recorded music.

Gorham Middle School Students Support Sustainability and Dignity with Thrift Shop

Kelli Deveau, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Heather Whitaker

After volunteering at the non-profit Maine Needs with their Gorham Middle School alternative education program, eighth grade students Rataj and Leela approached their teacher, 2020 Maine Teacher of the Year Heather Whitaker, with an idea.

The girls wanted to create a barrier-free, stigma-free thrift store and resource center for their peers at GMS.

With the help of their teachers, classmates and parent volunteers, Rams Rack opened its storefront inside Gorham Middle School in May.

This didn't happen overnight; students had to prepare and pitch their idea to building leaders. They were offered an underutilized space in the library, if they could develop and execute their

business plan. Students cleared and cleaned the space; reached out to community partners for racks, hangers and bins; and through donations of clothing and the time of experts in retail and interior design, designed a space that feels organized, welcoming, and like a real boutique. One student with artistic interests worked with a local graphic artist to create a logo that will be used for promotional materials and labeling.

Since its launch, more than 253 pieces have been thrifted by students. Some students love the sustainability of thrifting while others love the thrill of the find, but for those who have a need for what is being offered in the store, there is also dignity to be found at Ram Rack. And all

because two students saw and wanted to spread community compassion.

Donations, including money and new or clean and gently worn items will be graciously accepted in August. FMI, contact heather.whitaker@gorhamschools.org.



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New Laws Aim to Protect Due Process

By Rep. Ellie Sato

ICE is still here. The violence that we have all seen on the news has arrived on our doorstep. As our state mourns the senseless murder of Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, a 25-year-old innocent man misidentified and wrongly targeted by federal ICE agents, I want the people of Gorham to know their state representatives are doing everything in our power to resist the cruelty being inflicted by the federal government.

On July 29, two bills that aim to uphold due process and better protect the people of our state from the unchecked violence being perpetrated by the federal government went into effect.

My bill, LD 2106, provides clarity for employees at public schools, state health facilities and state libraries on what to do if, and when, they encounter ICE. It requires immigration officers to obtain a warrant signed by a judge in order to conduct enforcement at places where everyone should feel safe. The bill also directs the Attorney General to provide clear guidelines for sensitive locations like daycares and places of worship on how to exercise Fourth Amendment rights to protect our community.

I crafted this legislation to respond to the ongoing injustices committed by federal immigration authorities during ICE's dehumanizing "Operation Catch of the Day" back in January. It purportedly targeted "the worst of the worst" but, of the hundreds detained, the vast majority were legal Maine residents with no criminal records

and who posed no threat to public safety.

Stakeholders from around the state contributed to LD 2106, including some of Maine's largest employers and our immigrant community. The protections in this bill aren't new — they have been federal policy for years because of the overwhelming public health and safety consequences of conducting immigration enforcement without due process.

Recently, state agencies around the country, like the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, have been involved in immigration enforcement. Local authorities enforcing federal immigration law erodes public trust and makes us all less safe.

That's why the Legislature passed LD 1971, which aims to prohibit Maine law enforcement agencies from engaging in federal immigration enforcement. This legislation will ensure local resources are spent on local priorities, protect due process and help maintain public safety by defining the boundaries between state law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.

These new state laws would not have prevented Johan's killing. But they recognize our shared humanity, and they aim to protect the rights and safety of all Maine residents by helping to restrict where ICE can operate and ensuring our state law enforcement authorities aren't compelled to conduct federal immigration enforcement. It will be in the hands of the next Legislature to build on the work that we have started to

protect our immigrant neighbors. These two bills are an important beginning, but there is still much more work that needs to be done.

Unfortunately, we don't have the legal authority to make ICE leave Maine. That power lies with Congress — and I encourage you to reach out to members of our congressional delegation to let them know that ICE is not welcome here. In Gorham, we value dignity and compassion over fear and division.

As we grapple with this heartbreaking tragedy, please know that there are resources available that offer support, including strengthenme.com. If you are in crisis and feel like you are at risk of hurting yourself, please call 988. For resources and ways to support impacted communities, you can go to the resources hub of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition: <https://maineimmigrantrights.org/mirc-resource-hub/>.

Remember to take care of yourself and each other in these difficult times. Don't hesitate to reach out to me if there is any support that I can provide. You can contact me by email at Ellie.Sato@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at 207-287-1430.



Rep. Ellie Sato, D-Gorham, is serving her first term in the Maine House of Representatives and is a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

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said they sometimes "bring orders together to print and package them to reduce the number of trips we have to take. Or, it might go directly here from that warehouse. So, everything's coming from 2 - 3 hours away."

Greeley also described the movement of "three distinct types of traffic" associated with the center: people who work in the building who are associates coming in and out every day; tractor trailers arriving with product, then leaving empty; and the van drivers taking a van for a day of deliveries.

Greeley said that this would be the fourth building in Maine. Last fall they opened a building in Caribou. There is a building under construction in Hermon, just outside of Bangor, and in the last month, the local approval is still going through the state review process for the DEP and DOT for a building primarily located in Waterville, with a small "sliver" of the parking lot in nearby Sidney. He said, "We have looked or evaluated lots of opportunities throughout the state over the last several years. I think this would become a part of our logistic network servicing Southern Maine."

The approximate radius of this part of the delivery operation is an hour, give or take. Factoring in everything from topography to population density, some vans may only serve Portland, while other vans would have a longer drive to where they are going.

Greeley was excited to share what had been done to the design in answer to the concern from the neighboring residential areas, including lowering all the light poles in the parking lot from 20 to 15 ft, and downlighting to minimize that exposure. There will be a minimum of 40-60 ft. of planted buffer, keeping the existing trees and planting more. The goal is to create as much of a visible barrier as possible between the operations and the residences.

In describing the jobs and benefits, Greeley described Amazon as a unique employer with both hourly and salaried positions. Full-time employees have healthcare day one, paid parent leave, and a program called Career Choice, which has been around for a number of years. He described it as a program where Amazon pays for people to be able to go to school, maybe English as a second language, or to become a nurse, or maybe to get robotic certification, or a Class D license.

Greeley stressed the importance of impacting a community as a good neighbor, sharing the tax burden, creating jobs whether full-time, part-time, or even seasonal for some extra cash. He said, "it's not uncommon to hear someone say, 'I started as a seasonal associate, and now, 10 years later, I'm a salaried leader traveling around the country doing this kind of stuff.' So, it's a pretty exciting workplace."

He also mentioned it is a great place for veterans of the armed services, with programs aimed at helping to retrain and bring in veterans to jobs involving skills like logistics operations.

For a second time he stressed "becoming a part of the communities we're in." He mentioned a Day of Giving last year, and a significant contribution to the Caribou Performing Arts Center, helping the Center upgrade their facility.

Greeley said that approximately 60% of the items sold on Amazon are actually third party. Locally, that's about 9 million items sold on Amazon from Maine sellers, the small- and medium-sized businesses that use Amazon to reach their customers, and that a lot of those brands or companies are local to our community here in Maine.

Three points he hoped to make in the interview were: 1) enthusiasm, 2) willingness to engage, and 3) working really hard to answer the questions that have been raised.

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Classic Car Show

John Ersek, Staff Writer



On Saturday, July 25, several classic 1950's Chevys could be seen on the main roads of Gorham Village, as they were driven to and from the auto show.



Walter Lanoue of Limerick is shown with his daughter Melinda Lanoue. Lanoue's car is a 1961 Studebaker Hawk.



With the open hood of a 1948 Pontiac 8-cylinder Silver Streak in the foreground, auto show attendees view a row of more recent "muscle cars" from the 1960's and 1970's.

The Gorham Lions Club held their Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, July 25 in the Gorham High School parking lot. Each year at the end of July, the club welcomes classic car and truck owners and spectators to gather, with a 50/50 raffle, great food and lots of prizes for over 20 classes of classic cars and trucks. Proceeds from donations to the Lions Club benefit scholarships and other community needs, and the Gorham Food Pantry had a food truck there to benefit the pantry.

A Glowing Report

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

What you call them depends on where you live. In New England they are called fireflies while in the lower, midwestern states, they're lightning bugs. No matter what you call them, the 2,000 different species found around the world all glow in different ways. Found on every continent except Antarctica, their unique flashing pattern is how they communicate with their own particular species. Fireflies use their light, called bioluminescence, to light up their abdomens in order to chat with their fellow fireflies. Using a chemical reaction, they take oxygen into a special organ in their abdomen where it is combined with luciferin to make a light that gives off almost no heat. Fireflies are nocturnal. They spend the day on the ground in humid environments with access to standing water, such as marshes, ponds and forest edges. In the evening, they climb to the tops of grass blades to better show their lights. Over-mowing your lawn may disturb your firefly population. While used to attract a mate, the blinking lights give a different message to predators such as birds or toads, who have learned that fireflies are not tasty because they release

drops of toxic, foul-tasting blood. In the United States, roughly 160 unique species are found mostly east of the Mississippi River from mid June through August. July is prime time here in Maine. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, straddling North Carolina and Tennessee, and also Congaree National Park in South Carolina have hit the firefly jackpot. These areas are home to unique populations of synchronous flashing fireflies. The spectacle of millions of fireflies flashing their lights in unison, every 5 to 8 seconds, is a rare treat available only if you have been lucky enough to win a lottery ticket to be one of the lucky few watchers. Another population of a slightly different species of synchronous flashers, known as Snappy Syncs, are found in South Carolina. Like to travel? Fireflies can be seen year round at Kampung Kuantan Fireflies Park, Malaysia. If you think you are seeing fewer fireflies these days, you may be right. Vanishing habitat has impacted their range. Light pollution also interferes with their ability to communicate with each other in order to breed. Turn off extra outdoor lighting in the evening to attract them.



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Most Athletes Don't Plateau

Stan Skolfield, Contributing Writer

An athlete has a breakout freshman or sophomore year. The athlete becomes stronger, faster, more explosive than their peers. Coaches take notice. Parents get excited. The athlete starts to believe the hype. Then junior year arrives, the year that actually matters for recruiting, and the athlete has gone backward. Or worse, flatlined. Recruiters move on. Opportunities dry up. Everyone is left asking what happened.

Here's what happened. They stopped doing the boring stuff that works. They stopped warming up with intent. They go through the motions in the weight room instead of attacking it or they skip it altogether. They stop sprinting at full effort with full recovery. They are sleeping five or six hours instead of eight. They quit eating like an athlete. The small things they did consistently, that created that breakout year, quietly disappear. When progress slowed, they didn't look inward. They started looking for a shortcut. That's not a plateau. That's neglect.

A real plateau happens when an athlete is doing everything right, consistently, and the body genuinely needs a new stimulus to adapt. That exists, and I work with those athletes too. But in my experience, especially with youth and high school athletes, that's not usually the case.

What's usually going on is simpler and harder to hear: they got bored. They got comfortable. The early gains came fast, it felt easy, and they decided they'd figured it out. So they stop doing the unsexy stuff that actually works.

Here's what nobody tells young athletes: the boring stuff IS the work. The dynamic warm-up, the clean mechanics on every sprint rep, the consistent sleep, the intentional recovery. That's not what you do before training. That is the training. Cut corners on it and you aren't saving energy, you're dismantling the foundation you built.

When progress stalls, parental instinct is to add more skill work, more sport camps, more showcase events. It feels

productive. But athletic development is a long-term process, not a short-term fix. You cannot shortcut the foundation and expect the skills to hold up.

Strength, speed, power, agility, flexibility, nutrition and self-confidence are what actually make a great athlete, not just a player who looks good at a summer camp in seventh grade. The athletes who truly stand out, the ones recruited by college coaches, the ones who hold up under a full season, are the ones who built that foundation first and protected it every year after. Better skill and sport performance are rooted in a strong athletic base, every time.

The problem is that foundation work is invisible. It doesn't show up on a highlight reel. Parents don't post about it on social media. But coaches and scouts see it when it's missing.

The athletes who get recruited at the junior and senior level aren't always the most talented ones in the room. They're the ones who kept showing up and doing the fundamentals even when it stopped feeling exciting. They stayed coachable. They stayed consistent. And their results kept compounding while everyone else went looking for a magic program or a faster fix.

Progress doesn't plateau. Habits do.

If you're an athlete who had a strong start and feels stalled, or a parent watching that happen, the answer probably isn't a new program. It's a return to the basics, done with real intention.



Stan Skolfield 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 pros for over 25 years.



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Car Care

Doug Carter, Contributing Writer

I got into a 2025 Toyota Hybrid 4Runner the other day and looked at the average mileage reading on the dash - 19 miles per gallon. I was amazed by how low it was. A Google search showed that the rating for this vehicle's miles was 23 mpg city, 24 mpg highway and 23 mpg combined, whereas the Standard 2.4 liter Turbo (4WD) was up to 19 city / 25 highway / 21 combined mpg. With the complexities and expense of a hybrid, this is not enough of a fuel saving to justify the hybrid.

Unless a lightweight, smaller vehicle like a Prius, which gets 57 city/56 highway (57 combined) mpg, fills your needs I would recommend a turbo-charged engine. The gasoline engine has become very refined and, with the addition of a turbo, manufacturers can get the horsepower of a V8 and the miles per gallon of a 4-cylinder. The Ford Bronco has a 2.0 liter EcoBoost engine that produces 250 horsepower with gas mileage of 21 mpg city / 27 mpg highway, compared to a 1969 Ford Mustang with a 351 CID (Cubic Inch Displacement) V8 (5.8 liter), which produces 250 horsepower with gas mileage of 10 to 14 mpg in combined city and highway driving.

So what exactly is a turbo? To get the most power from an internal combustion engine you need to fill each cylinder with as much fuel and air as possible. On a non-turbo engine this is accomplished by the piston sucking the air in as it travels down the cylinder. A turbo acts like a compressor and forces more air into the cylinders. This is accomplished by the exhaust gases leaving the engine spinning a turbine blade that is attached to another turbine blade on the intake side that forces the air into the engine. The faster the engine is accelerated, the faster the turbine blade spins, generating more air to be forced into

the engine. This process does not rob any energy from the engine itself, so it gives nothing but better performance — whereas other processes like superchargers are run by a belt that is turned by the engine, so it takes power away from the engine.

There are several sensors on the engine, ranging from temperature sensors to camshaft and crankshaft positions and fuel pressure sensors. The engine control unit uses this information to regulate the fuel supplied to each cylinder. Each cylinder has a fuel injector that forces fuel directly into the cylinder, called Direct Injection. The exhaust also has an oxygen sensor that checks how efficiently the engine is consuming the fuel, and adjustments are made immediately.

The next step is to take as many loads off the engine as possible. With electric power steering the power steering pump is no longer a load on the engine. Transmissions have also come a long way. Constant velocity transmissions (CVT) and 6-10 speed automatic transmissions keep the engine in the most efficient rpm (revolutions per minute) range. This is one reason manual transmissions are so rare these days. The most efficient rpm range for a gasoline engine is 1,500 to 2,500 rpm. Human interaction with the transmission does not accomplish this very well.

Some day electric vehicles will take over the roads; until then, smaller, more efficient engines will have to fill the bill.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

Air Quality App

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Several recent smoky inundations from the Ontario fires have clouded Gorham's skies with smoke and ashy debris as well as large swaths of the midwest and eastern seaboard. An app called EPA Air Now, by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, has been helpful.

AirNow is free, easy to use and updated frequently. It provides information about current air quality issues like ozone levels, smoke and particulate conditions. It gives a 2-day forecast, as well as information about the past 24 hours. Air quality mea-

surements range from Good, Moderate, Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, Unhealthy, and Very Unhealthy to Hazardous.

Version 4.2 now includes more information about fine-particle pollution in order to help the public better understand the smoke levels in their area and the actions they can take to reduce exposure.

If you are planning to travel out of state, you can bookmark up to six locations across the country.

The site always recommends that people stay tuned to local authorities for the latest information on wildfires, smoke and safety.

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Amazon Site Plan Meetings Draw Crowds

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

Two meetings at the Gorham Municipal Center this month drew the attention of residents seeking more information about Amazon.com Services LLC’s plans to construct a 146,280 square foot, 24/7 operation “last mile” warehouse and distribution facility on Main Street (Route 25), east of the town center.

The Gorham Planning Board held a public hearing at a July 20 meeting focused on ongoing review of the applicant’s site plan. The meeting, which took place in the Municipal Center’s council chambers, drew an audience approaching 100 members of the public. Six members of the committee were present (Absent: Crisafulli).

Following a summation of the project by Town Planning staff, a project overview was presented by Chris Taylor, P.E., from Sebago Technics, and Alex Escamilla, executive vice president and head of development at Bluewater Property Group, the project developer. The presentation focused on proposed revisions to the site plans made in response to prior Planning Board and public comments and concerns.

A total of 34 local citizens addressed the board during the public hearing; 27 spoke against the project, 5 spoke in favor, and 2 were neither for nor against the proposal but made comments relating to, respectively, inadequate communication with abutting property owners about meetings relating to the subject parcel and the need for connection between access points for public safety purposes.

Comments in support touched upon workforce opportunities for construction trades, site-plan modifications that attempt to address abutter concerns, and the potential to realize financial return and tax revenue benefits from the property, which had been purchased by the Town following a November 2019 voter referendum.

Gorham residents commenting in opposition highlighted the traffic, environmental and safety impacts of the project; questioned the actual value of promised tax revenue benefits; and raised concerns about applicant business practices and the impact of a project of this type and scale on the character of the town. A number of speakers stressed the importance of transparency and dialogue, and urged the board to delay action pending required project review by Maine DOT and Maine DEP. Given the limited time allotted to each commenter, several speakers voiced their intent to submit to the board detailed questions regarding environmental, noise, and land use issues.

By unanimous board consent, the matter was continued to a Planning Board workshop, scheduled for August 3, for additional discussion. No public comments or votes will be taken during the workshop. The board voiced its intent to put the item

on the agenda for its September meeting, scheduled to take place on September 14.

On July 22 the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held a public meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed Amazon facility, pursuant to Amazon’s application to DEP for a Site Location of Development Act (SLDA) and a Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit. The meeting was scheduled to be held in the Gorham Municipal Center’s Conference Room A but was moved to the council chambers due to the large crowd size, which was comparable to the Planning Board crowd. Many of those in attendance had also attended the Planning Board meeting.

Representing the DEP were Jessica Damon, director of the land licensing division; Robert Wood, land bureau director; Robert Green, licensing supervisor for the central Maine regional office; and Jaime Taylor, project manager.

Commenting in the project’s favor were two labor union representatives, who voiced local chapter support for this and any project that meets permitting thresholds, citing the employment opportunities such projects provide to their chapter members.

The remaining 27 speakers were Gorham residents who made statements in opposition to the project. Cited reasons focused on the project’s wide-ranging environmental impact and unsuitability for the site and the community. Many voiced concerns that the applicant’s projections of project impacts fail to accurately take into account the actual site conditions and the broader pollutive effects that facility operations would have on the environment. Several questioned why the applicant would select a site that lacks easy access to major highways, and cited the SLDA requirement that developers consider alternative sites and designs that may have fewer environmental impacts.

Following the statement period, audience members asked the DEP representatives a number of questions relating to DEP’s review process and schedule, as well as additional actions the project’s opponents should take to ensure their objections and concerns are matters of record. They also expressed their appreciation for DEP’s willingness to engage with concerned citizens in a public forum and to respond directly to audience questions.

Damon stated that they currently plan to make a determination by Sept. 21 and that public comments would continue to be accepted through the beginning of September. She also noted that the project application and supporting documentation related to the DEP’s review can be accessed via the department’s Maine Enterprise Licensing System website (mels.maine.gov/nsite/DEFAULT/map/help, using the location search term “L-030283”).

July Committee Meeting News

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The monthly meeting of the Ordinance Committee took place on Monday, July 13, with all three members present, along with Town staff and several interested members of the public.

The committee continued discussions on the issue of rent stabilization of mobile home parks of 100-plus units with the goal to recommend an ordinance for this purpose to the full Town Council. The committee will continue to review the draft ordinance options based on the discussions for different exemptions thresholds, park sizes, and enforcement and notice periods. They voiced their intent to revisit the item at the next Ordinance Committee meeting, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10.

Regarding proposed updates to the Solid Waste Flow Ordinance, the committee voted to recommend the amended Solid Waste Ordinance to the Town Council for approval (3 Ayes).

The committee also discussed amending the Land Use Development Code to restrict large-scale data centers, and asked the Town attorney to draft a definition for data centers for review at the next meeting.

Discussion of parking and traffic flow issues around Gorham High School was the main order of business at this month’s Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee meeting, which took place on July 16. All three commit-

tee members were present, along with Town Councilor Janet Kuech, members of Town and School Department staff, and several members of the public, who voiced concerns about safety, access, and congestion. A short-term plan to adjust traffic flow and add modest parking near the high school was outlined. The Committee agreed that more data will be needed to create long-term solutions to the challenges of parking and traffic flow.

The Committee concluded discussion of this item with a general agreement to let Town staff proceed with the one-way Access Road and striping plan as a reversible, short-term measure, informed by the neighborhood’s feedback, while continuing broader joint work with the School Department and residents on long-term circulation, parking policy, and safety around the high school and Village area.

Committee members also received an update on multiple sidewalk projects focused on South Street, Narragansett Street, Main Street, and school campuses. Also discussed was a Main Street/Village Square rehab project to rebuild and potentially widen sidewalks from the Village toward New Portland Road.

Municipal meeting results and minutes, as well as agendas for upcoming meetings, can be accessed at <https://www.gorhammaine.gov/boards>.

Transportation Mobility Study In Process

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

With population growth and development putting increasing pressure on roadways in Gorham and surrounding areas, the Maine Department of Transportation is in the midst of a regional transportation study to evaluate and improve the area’s transportation system.

The Portland West Balanced Mobility Improvements Study is focused primarily on the communities of South Portland, Scarborough, Westbrook, and Gorham. Additional analysis of adjacent communities, including Portland, Buxton, Hollis, and Standish, will be conducted as needed. According to the project’s website (<https://www.maine.gov/dot/major-projects/portlandwest>), its goals are to “update and build upon previous analyses to develop a multimodal approach that enhances mobility and safety while supporting long-term local, regional, and statewide growth and land-use goals.”

The multifaceted study will examine existing conditions; review prior research related to future travel demand, land-use expectations, and population growth; and explore various transportation demand management strategies. The study began this spring and is expected to be completed in 2027.

The project’s advisory council meets bimonthly and members of the public are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Scarborough Town Hall.

Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

Citizen Volunteers Needed:
The Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers for an opening on the Planning Board. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026. To apply or for more information, visit the Town Clerk’s Office at the Municipal Center. To apply online, complete and submit a Committee Volunteer Application, available at http://www.gorhammaine.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4456/f/uploads/application_8.pdf. You may also contact the Town Clerk’s Office at (207) 222-1670 or email Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors at lnordfors@gorham.me.us.

Nomination Paper Applications:
Nomination papers are now available for School Committee and Town Council. The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 for the purpose of electing two persons for Town Council to serve a three-year term, and three persons for School Committee to serve a three-year term. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk’s office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026. Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham. For questions, contact the Town Clerk’s Office at (207) 222-1670.



Upcoming Meetings

- 8/3 Planning Board Full Board Workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- 8/3 Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8/4 Regular Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 8/10 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- 8/10 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 8/12 School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

GHS Music Teacher Isaac Hawkins Wins Manilow Award

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



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On July 3, at a Barry Manilow concert at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Gorham High School band and music teacher Isaac Hawkins was presented with the Manilow Music Teacher of the Portland Area award by Barry Manilow. In February, GHS announced that Isaac had been nominated for a Manilow Music

award and that the top vote recipient would receive \$10,000: \$5,000 in cash and \$5,000 in Manilow bucks to purchase instruments for the music program. The community showed tremendous support for Isaac and the music program at GHS, and in March he was announced as the Portland area winner.

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Jackson Altham	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Cadyn Arseneault	2-year college	Washington County Community College
Abigail Baker	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Chelsie Baker	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Preston Baker	Employment	
Jay Banks	4-year college	Johnson and Wales University
Hope Barney	Employment	
Kaleigh Bauer	4-year college	University of Rhode Island
Lily Beardsley	4-year college	University of Maine
Brodie Berlinger	4-year college	Stevens Institute of Technology
Gianna Berthiaume	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Jacob Bessette	Military	Maine National Guard
Alex Boucher	Employment	
Luke Boudreau	4-year college	University of Maine
Logan Brassard	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Miles Brenner	4-year college	Wheaton College
Benjamin Brown	4-year college	University of Maine at Farmington
Abigail Buckelew	4-year college	Lasell University
Bria Bush	4-year college	Liberty University
Mikayla Buzzell	2-year college	Eastern Maine Community College
Aiden Cahill	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Donovan Caiazzo	Military	United States Air Force
Addison Campbell	4-year college	Tennessee Wesleyan University
Eli Castles	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Cole Chasse	4-year college	Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Logan Choeung	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Jocelyn Clark	4-year college	University of Connecticut
Grayson Cole	4-year college	Nova Southeastern University
Annabelle Collier	4-year college	Sacred Heart University
Andrew Collins	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Lena Cooley	4-year college	University of Maine
Aubriana Cossitt	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Ruby Couture	Employment	
Adam Cowing	4-year college	Husson University
Delaney Coyne	4-year college	Sacred Heart University
Matthew Crowley	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Grace Cunningham	4-year college	Drexel University
Jackson Curran	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Cameron Cyr	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Madison Dalton	4-year college	University of Maine
Zoe Dellinger	4-year college	University of Rhode Island
Gavin Devine	4-year college	Bridgewater State University
Ava DeVinney	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Finn Dixon	4-year college	University of Maine
Mia Dodd	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Logan Doughty	4-year college	University of Rhode Island
Kasey Downes	Employment	
Quinn Drake	4-year college	Keene State College
Aidan Dudley	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Ariana Dukette	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Lauren Dunbar	4-year college	Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Max Duplisea	2-year college	Washington County Community College
Kylee Durgin	4-year college	University of Maine
Gage Dyer	Employment	
Kylie Edwards	2-year college	
Isaiah Eling	Employment	Pulse Radiology
Laurel Emerson	4-year college	University of Maine
Emily Fluet	4-year college	Florida Gulf Coast University
Logan Foley	4-year college	University of Maine
Mackenzie Foley	4-year college	University of Maine at Farmington
Ava Fontaine	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Abigail Fortier	4-year college	Merrimack College
Christian François	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Sophie Gaudreau	4-year college	University of Maine
Griffin Gava	4-year college	Colby College
Sophie Giberson	2-year college	Maine College of Health Professions
Maddison Gines	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Brooklyn Giroux	4-year college	University of Maine
Alexandria Gossen	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Bailey Gould	Gap Year	
Lucas Graham	4-year college	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Lauren Greenier	Gap Year	
Samuel Haines	Gap Year	
Ayden Hale	4-year college	Maine Maritime Academy
Kayden Hall	4-year college	University of New England
Charles Hall	Military	United States Marine Corps
Elle Hanley	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Jeremy Hansen	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Madison Hatch	4-year college	Gordon College
Nickolas Henderson	Military	United States Coast Guard
Graham Herald	Employment	
Kristan Hirwa	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College

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Garrett Poulin Represents Gorham in the 36th Annual Maine Lobster Bowl Classic

Katie Brown, Sports News Editor



Poulin with the Lobster Bowl Classic trophy.

Photo Credit: Dan Poulin

The 36th annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic was an incredible success on and off the field, with the game's participants proving that the real victory is the money raised to help kids get the medical care they need. The class of 2026 athletes and cheerleaders shattered previous records by raising a monumental \$317,385 for Shriners Children's, completely surpassing their initial goals. All proceeds benefit the

Shriners Children's locations in Boston and Springfield, providing critical care for children. According to coaches and local media outlets, this year's Lobster Bowl game had a November playoff feel to it. It was truly an amazing game to watch. The West All-Stars won a thrilling matchup, defeating the East 28-26 with a game-winning touchdown in the final two minutes. It was a back-and-forth showdown. The first quar-

ter had true playoff vibes with big offensive plays led by Trey Walker, QB from Falmouth. South Portland athletes also had a healthy part of the offense for the West. Gorham's all-star pick, Garrett Poulin, a highly accomplished student-athlete from the class of 2026, left an impressive legacy at Gorham High School before taking the field for this record-breaking charity event. Poulin was selected officially as a defensive back (DB) for the game and was on multiple special teams units for the West. He spent three years as the starting quarterback (QB) and a defensive back for the Gorham Varsity team. He graduated holding the all-time passing yards record for the Gorham High School football program; he threw for 1,552 passing yards and 24 touchdown passes. He served as a team captain and is widely credited by coaches for building a strong competitive culture within the Gorham program. This type of leadership was also complemented by his

West all-star coaches, Coach Filileo (South Portland) and Coach Johnson (Westbrook). Both sides exploded in the fourth quarter. Sports Director Jack Webb from ABC 7 and Fox 22 in Bangor emphasized on the Mannix and Mannix radio show, "When you get a close game like this it's a good sign the two sides are fairly close now talent wise. In the past the West has typically always dominated; this is great to see the level of football across the entire state. The big winner is the amount of money raised by this 2026 class. Outstanding." Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in this year's Shriners Lobster Bowl Classic.



The West team celebrates their 28-26 win.

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All-star Garrett Poulin in action

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James Johnson	Employment	
Colby Jordan	4-year college	Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Tristan Karcanes	4-year college	University of Maine
Benjamin Keil	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Sean Kenny	4-year college	University of Maine
Tabitha Lavigne	4-year college	University of New Hampshire
Kylee Lebrun	4-year college	Lasell University
Reece Leclerc	4-year college	Saint Michael's College
Tamia Lema Santellan	4-year college	University of New England
Kaidan Leng	4-year college	Penn State University
Matthew Leo	4-year college	Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Hanna Logan	4-year college	Beloit College
Eben Lorfano	2-year college	Central Maine Community College
Derek Luo	4-year college	Georgia Institute of Technology
Jack MacDonald	Employment	
Campbell Macdougall	4-year college	University of Maine
Liam Mack	Technical institute	Northeast Technical Institute
Camden Martell	Employment	
Emma Mathews	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Lorisse Matta	4-year college	University of Massachusetts Boston
Isabella McBrady	4-year college	Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Riley McCallister	4-year college	University of Maine
Rylyn McInnis	4-year college	Nichols College
Tessa McNally	4-year college	University of South Florida
Mia Messina	4-year college	
Andrew Migliorini	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Nyssa Mocchiola	4-year college	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Gavin Monkiewicz	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Lukas Moore	Employment	
Maya Moores	4-year college	Wheaton College
Stella Moores	4-year college	Wheaton College
Jessie Moreland	Employment	
Winni Moreland	Military	United States Air Force
Eleanor Morgan	4-year college	Northeastern University
Shane Morrison	4-year college	Roger Williams University
Cory Nadler	Military	United States Air Force
Olivia Nault	4-year college	Saint Anselm College
Rebecca Neumann	4-year college	Hofstra University
Liam O'Hora	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Tyler Olson	4-year college	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Jackie Parenteau	4-year college	Endicott College
Cabot Pepper	Employment	
Jayden Perez	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Isabel Phinney	4-year college	Bates College
Lucas Plowman	Employment	
Garrett Poulin	Employment	
Natalie Pouliot	4-year college	Fashion Institute of Technology
William Provost	4-year college	Emmanuel College
Kassidy Quimby	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
Royce Richards	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Samuel Ricker	Apprenticeship	The New England School of Metalwork
Terra Rioux	4-year college	Johnson and Wales University
Gracen Roberts-Locke	4-year college	Saint Anselm College
Connor Rounds	4-year college	Keene State College
Shawn Rumery	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Elyjah Shaw	2-year college	Central Maine Community College
Addyson Simcock	4-year college	Indiana University Bloomington
Ruby Soule	4-year college	University of Maine
Carson Southyvongnorath	4-year college	Kennesaw State University
Brooklyn Spearin	Employment	
Justin Spearin	Employment	
Elizabeth Springer	4-year college	University of Vermont
Rebekah St John	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Graham Staples	4-year college	University of Tampa
Izak Stevens	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Julie Stevens	Apprenticeship	On the job training
Ryleigh Stoker	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Olive Sturgis	4-year college	Fashion Institute of Technology
William Sturm	4-year college	Colby-Sawyer College
Lilith Svoboda	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Devin Swanson	4-year college	Roger Williams University
Thomas Sylvia	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Taylor Tenuta	4-year college	University of Southern Maine
McGavin Turner	Technical Institute	Southeast Lineman Training Center
Brett Vaz	4-year college	University of Maine
Haley Vickery	4-year college	Thomas College
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Levi Wagner	2-year college	Central Maine Community College
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Tobias Wane	2-year college	Southern Maine Community College
Wyatt Washburn	4-year college	Colby College
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William Willette	4-year college	University of Maine at Augusta, Air
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Noah Williams	4-year college	State University of New York Plattsburgh
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BUSINESS AND ARTS

Gorham Times Staff Member Photos Featured in Calendar

Gorham Times Staff

Congratulations to John Tiedje, a resident of Gorham and a staff writer for the Gorham Times, for having two photos selected to appear in the 2027 Norway Savings Bank Desk Calendar. Norway Savings Bank (NSB) recently sent an annual invitation to customers, team members and the wider community to capture the beauty of Maine and New Hampshire in a photograph. The contest drew 504 photo submissions, 17 of them for the 2027 Norway Savings Bank Desk Calendar. After a panel of judges comprised of NSB team members viewed the submissions, the winning photographs were selected. The photographer's name and photograph locations will be listed on the back cover of the calendar. A video of the winning photos can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4do1iF4LFe0>. The \$250 grand prize winner was Anastasia McCallister of Auburn and the other photographers besides Tiedje who had a picture or pictures selected were Mick Harris of Rochester, New Hampshire; Cayla Cecchini of Winthrop, Maine; Audrey Raymond of Masardis, Maine; Joseph Wax of New Gloucester, Maine; Nina Ella Jones of Kennebunk, Maine; Christine Hamilton of Rangeley, Maine; Jessica Violette of Boothbay, Maine; Tom Fisher of Pemigewasset, New Hampshire; David Hursty of Bridgton, Maine; David Spenciner of Lubec, Maine; Peter Caggiula of Mount Moosilauke, New Hampshire; Ella Webber of Auburn, Maine; and Stephanie Morrison of Boothbay, Maine. The 2027 NSB Desk Calendar will be available in mid-November, and all are welcome to stop by any NSB branch to pick up a free calendar.

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Kyle Ouillette graduated with a Master of Science in Athletic Leadership from Vermont State University, Randolph Center, Vermont.

Colby Tucker graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from Vermont State University, Randolph Center, Vermont.

DEAN'S LIST

Hayden Anderson (Highest Honors), University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
Rylee Anderson, Saint Michaels College, Colchester, Vermont
Ethan Castanguay (High Honors), University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
Miranda Chasse (Highest Honors), University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
Kayleigh Cloutier (High Honors), University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
Addison Harjula (High Honors), University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
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OF INTEREST

Veterans who have served in foreign conflicts are invited to attend the monthly meetings of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10879. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038. If you are an eligible veteran of a foreign war, they encourage you to join them for camaraderie, continued service, and the opportunity to connect with fellow combat veterans while supporting those who have served our nation. For any questions please contact Jake Bauder at (207) 607-0370, Quartermaster, Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Metro Bus Offers New Tap-To-Ride Fare Payment Option. Riding the Metro bus is now easier! Greater Portland Metro has launched a new Tap-to-Ride fare payment option, allowing riders to tap their phone, Apple Watch, or credit card when boarding the bus. Smartcard and mobile app users should continue to use their Dirigo Pass for frequent riders benefits including fare-capping and free transfers. Tap-to-Ride is ideal for infrequent riders taking single-leg trips who are not eligible for a reduced fare. All trips are charged the full base fare for the route being boarded. Visit the Greater Portland Metro's site for more information at <https://www.gpmetro.org/trip-planning-online-fare-apps/#tab-taptoride>.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is offering Skill Building Workshops to all members of Cultivemos, farmers, and friends of the agriculture space. These will be highly participatory, delivered by experienced colleagues from Cultivemos, live on Zoom, with no recording. Participation is free, but pre-registration is necessary at <https://umaine-extension.formtitan.com/ftproject/events?eventid=a1cUy00000719YO> to receive the meeting link. See the calendar for the next several workshops

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Cressey Road Christian Church (CRCC) is holding the Mission of Hope FREE Clothes Closet on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The closet is open to the public and features a rotating

inventory and volunteer opportunities. Donations are accepted during open hours. For more information, please visit www.cresseyrdcc.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Cressey Road Christian Church on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 1 - 6 p.m. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org> to make an appointment.

The Gorham Medical Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment. The closet also accepts CLEAN donations. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. They are open Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Call Carol Robinson at (207) 400-7171 or Anne Murphy at (207) 671-5971 and they will assist you.

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 <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org.

SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op is off for the summer, and will resume after Labor Day, at which time it will meet weekly at 34 School Street in Gorham, Mondays at 10 a.m. for "Games and Puzzles," and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for "Coffee and Conversation."

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library - The Baxter House Museum is open through August on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and encouraged. IT: Ask Me Anything! is held every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. with Cody in the Schneider Room. Check the calendar in this issue for what's coming up at the library, or visit the library in person or online at <https://baxterlibrary.org/events/> to see what's happening. Children under the age of 8 require adult supervision. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 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.

North Gorham Public Library has a Story Hour for pre-schoolers throughout the summer. Every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Claire Steeves reads a story and introduces the children to a fun, creative activity, a little music, and movement. The library now offers free one-day passes to the Portland Museum of Art for up to two adults and six children. Also available are free tickets to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens again this year. Through Oct. 18, the library can provide tickets each day for two adults and up to 10 children (escorted by the adult(s). Come in or call (207)892-2575, or email northgorhampl@gmail.com if you are interested. The NGPL supports North Gorham and Standish, and is open Monday 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Donate books anytime (please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers Digest condensed books). FMI: email libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us. Sign up for the library's email weekly newsletter: northgorhampl@gmail.com, or call (207) 892-2575. Check out What's Happening or the Events Calendar on their website, or their Facebook page for weekly updates.

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BUXTON \$449,900
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- Thursday, July 30**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park, 10 - 11 a.m.
UMaine Extension Zoom Workshop, Explore Conflict Styles and our Responses to Conflict, noon - 1:15 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1**
Cressey Road Christian Church, Clothes Closet, 9 a.m. - noon
- Monday, August 3**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 4**
Baxter Memorial Library, Creative Corner, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Author Event: Tess Gerritsen, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 5**
Baxter Memorial Library, Mini STEAM – Spinner Art, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.
North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for pre-schoolers, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
UMaine Extension Zoom Workshop. Rapid Anxiety Relief - Wednesday, Aug. 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6**
Baxter Memorial Library, Jam in the Park, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Book Group, 10:15 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Blades, an afternoon of games, trivia, crafts and more, noon.
Baxter Memorial Library, Trustee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Cressey Road Christian Church, Blood Drive, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 7**
Baxter Memorial Library, Reading Ramble Hawkes Preserve Trailhead, 10 a.m.
- Monday, August 10**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 11**
Robie Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, open to the public, 11 a.m.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10879, Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main Street, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Robie Park Family Celebration with food trucks and recorded music, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12**
Baxter Memorial Library, It's All Fun and Games, 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.
UMaine Extension Zoom Workshop, Goal Clarity, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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the blotter

Officer was dispatched to a RV trailer that was broken down in the middle of County Road near South Street. The trailer was called in by Scarborough Police Department. Officer arrived on scene and parked behind the RV, and spoke to the owner who advised that his truck broke down, but his friend already had his truck hooked up to the RV, and the trailer then drove off. Officer cleared from the call.

Citizens in a traffic accident exchanged information, no damage and just a small paint transfer. They did not want a report. All insurance information, parties and vehicles entered into the notes of the call.

Officer advised by dispatch about an attempt to locate that came from Buxton Police Department. Buxton advised that a motorcycle took off during a traffic stop. The bike was a black Kawasaki, with a white male wearing a black jacket. Officer drove down Flagg Meadow and Narragansett, but did not find the motorcycle.

A subject was found sleeping in his car and was moved along after verifying valid license and not wanted for any offense.

Assisted Westbrook PD with a disturbance about property. Both parties were uncooperative and one had already left the scene. We cleared with no further action.

A citizen wanted to turn in old ammo he had since he is moving out of state. It was placed in the armory.

A caller called in because she had seen a vehicle pull into her yard. Five people got out of the vehicle and started look-

ing around the yard. Officer checked the area and looked around her property but found nothing of note. She then called back in and said someone had hired a landscaping company and it was them quoting the job. This ends the officer's involvement in the case.

Received a report of a 2-door, blue sports car that almost ran the caller's vehicle off the road. Officer checked the area but did not have any contact.

Citizen called and wanted to make police aware that his windshield was cracked and didn't know how it got there. It was under where the windshield wipers were. Nothing further at this time.

Officer saw a vehicle traveling west with a headlight out. Officer turned around and pulled the vehicle over between the fields by Dow Road. Officer approached the driver's side window and made contact with the female operator, identified by her Maine Driver's License. She told officer that she had just discovered that the headlight was out. Dispatch informed officer that the vehicle was showing suspended due to tolls. Officer asked the driver if she was aware of the suspension. She stated that she was not aware and had just moved to the area. Officer warned her for the headlight and informed her that she could not be driving with a suspended registration. Officer told her to drive just ahead to the West Gorham Fire Station. Officer tolder her from there that she could work on finding a ride and getting the toll issue taken care of. Officer confirmed that she made it safely to the fire station and cleared the traffic stop.



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