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GHS Teacher Named Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Brian Jandreau, GHS Principal



Photo provided by Sam Lenson

Congratulations to the new physical education teacher, Sam Lenson, who has been named the 2026 Maine AHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Coach Lenson was previously a teacher at South Portland Middle School.

From building inclusive adaptive PE and unified basketball programs to inspiring all students to achieve their personal best, Coach Lenson embodies what it means to lead with heart, high energy and community spirit. We are fortunate to have Coach Lenson on our team at Gorham High School.

Bangor Savings Bank Awards \$5,000 to Gorham Food Pantry

Chris Crawford, Features Editor



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Wendy and Bill Couch, executive directors of the Gorham Food Pantry, accept a \$5,000 check presented by Bangor Savings Bank representatives Kathryn Brewster and Chris Simpson as part of the bank's annual community grant program, which supports local nonprofits throughout northern New England. Bangor Savings Bank will be opening a new branch office in Gorham in early November.

The Gorham Food Pantry was thrilled to receive a generous \$5,000 grant from Bangor Savings Bank. The funds will allow the pantry to build a new, energy-efficient walk-in freezer, which will replace several older, side-by-side models. Not only will this provide more display space and shelving for items needed by clients, it will also cut electricity costs. The Gorham Food Pantry has been

operating for over 25 years, currently serving approximately 100 families each month as rising food prices make it even more difficult for households to feed their families. Gorham Pantry was founded and is sustained by the efforts of many local churches, schools, businesses, generous donors and several active organizations.

The food pantry, located in St. Anne's

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Middle School Field Hockey in Full Swing

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Shannon O'Brien

Bus rides and team vibes

GMS Field Hockey coach Shannon O'Brien shared, "We have 23 athletes across sixth, seventh and eighth grade. We have been seeing numbers dwindling across many towns and are really hopeful to grow the sport not only in our community but in

Maine. We have played three games; we are 0-0-3, we have tied all of our games (scoring in all games). Julia Shaffer, an eighth grade forward, has scored all of our goals this season (4 in total) with Kenzie Paradis (seventh) and Addie Mango (eighth) with

assists. Our goalkeepers Ada White (eighth) and Annabel Welton (seventh) have been doing a phenomenal job with the help of eighth grade defender Amélie Esmiller and newcomer Skylar Mackenzie (seventh)."

Coach O'Brien added, "With only three weeks left of our season, we are planning to get a number of wins under our belt to close it out. We will plan to practice with the high school JV and varsity team before the season ends and attend their senior game as a group to represent Gorham and keep those traditions alive. Seven out of nine eighth graders from last year are playing at the high school level, Maddie Chaisson making the varsity team and Maci Pratt as a swing player (playing both JV and varsity). We have

also had community members donate field hockey sticks to the program so athletes can move into taller sticks as they grow."

The Field Hockey program has invested time and energy into the middle school level, to help change the trajectory in the community. Varsity head coach Rebecca Manson has worked closely with the middle school coaches for the past decade to ensure skill/player development to not only sustain the program but build excitement around the sport for many years to come.

Coach O'Brien concluded, "Some of the middle school players had experience playing through youth field hockey; however, some are brand new to the sport. There is no need for prior experience." The program always welcomes enthusiastic newcomers.



Photo Credit: Shannon O'Brien

100% game on for GMS field hockey team

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Town of Gorham: Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

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

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. 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 in person started on Oct. 5 in the Town Clerk's office, and will be held in (moved to) the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center starting Oct. 19 through Oct. 29 during regular business hours.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. Ballots need to be back by 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can return your ballot by mail, drop it off in the ballot box located at the Gorham Municipal Center, or deliver it to the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Dog registration for 2027 will begin on Oct. 15, 2026. 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 size.

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) 222-1670 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!



Letters to the Editor

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Gorham Food Pantry CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

parking lot, is open every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon to serve Gorham residents with supplemental food needs. The pantry also has a supply of free books for kids and a stock of school supplies in September and a supply of locally grown veggies donated by local gardens, including the garden at the Gorham Middle School.

Food is collected at Gorham's libraries, the Public Safety Building, and Third Space Market. The food pantry is also ecologically sensitive to not producing waste. Perishable food past its prime is collected by a local farmer to feed his pigs during the warmer months.

The pantry is run by a Board of Directors and many dedicated volunteers and generous financial supporters. If you would like to get involved, the pantry is looking for volunteer van drivers who,

using the food pantry van, can pick up items from Hannaford in Gorham and Scarborough and also from the Wayside Food Programs in Portland and deliver them to the food bank. Drivers must have a clean driving record and be able to lift 50 pounds. Shifts are available and usually require only one or two days per month. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday mornings:
Route 1 from 6 to 8:30 a.m.
Hannaford Scarborough & Gorham
Route 2 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Wayside Food Programs in Portland
Thursday mornings: 7 to 8 a.m.
Hannaford Gorham

The Pantry is located at 299B Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038 (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)
Phone: (207) 222-4351.

Around Town

White Elm Dermatology has been nominated for the Best of the 207, a contest where the public chooses the best local businesses in 10 different categories. Dr. Miller said, "We are so excited to represent Gorham for this distinction. White Elm Dermatology has been nominated in Women Owned Business and Doctor/Medical Clinic categories." Voting will begin on Oct. 28 at noon at <https://bestofthe207.com/> and ends on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2027 at noon on the Best of the 207 website and in the winner's magazine.

Corrections

- In the Sept. 24 issue of the Gorham Times, we published that absentee ballots could be delivered to the polling location. That was not correct; they can only be delivered to the Town Clerk by mail, in person at the Town Clerk's office, or in the secure ballot box outside the Municipal Center by the deadline.

- On the front page of the Sept. 24 issue, we mentioned Districts 108 and 109, but neglected to also mention District 30 in the upcoming state legislative elections.

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Gorham Times Staff



Candidates for School Committee are (top row, l-r) Michelle Littlefield, Sheldon Jones, and Karl Krebs; (second row, l-r) Nancy Flagg, Michael Lund Ziegler, and Matt Steinback.



Senate District 30 candidates are (l-r) Sophie Warren and M. Thad Moody.



House District 108 candidates are (l-r) Parnell Terry and Kelly Dearborn.



Candidates for Town Council are (top row) Sam Purinton and Suzanne Phillips and (second row) Roger Kramer and Lou Simms.



House District 109 candidates are (l-r) Diana Kushner and Seven Siegel.



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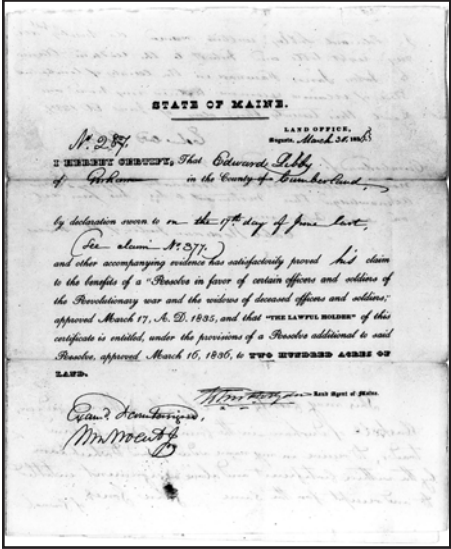


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Gorham History Is a Click Away!

Gorham Times Staff



Page from a land grant claim by Revolutionary War veteran Edward Libby of Gorham, 1836. Source: Maine State Archives, ID 04-29469-F076

Oct. 1, 2026 marked the official launch of Open Access, the Maine State Archives (MSA) new online platform for publicly accessible, digitized and born-digital public records. Open Access is the public-facing side of a strategic effort to maintain a digital preservation system for records of Maine state government, which ensures the long-term preservation and accessibility of state records that are archival or subject to long-term retention.

MSA's collections span five centuries from the 1639 royal land grant to Sir Ferdinand Gorges to the 2024 papers of the Lewiston Tragedy Commission. One section of the site is devoted to Maine history before statehood, highlighting important records such as Revolutionary War land grants and the Rolls and Rosters Book of Orders for the 8th Division

of the Maine Militia. The records of Maine's involvement in the Civil War are extensive.

Open Access currently holds just over 100,000 imaged records so far. Content will be continuously expanded as more and more collections are imaged.

"With more than 8 miles of documents in the Archives' care, there is a long way to go to digitize them all, but it's a great start," said Maine State Archivist Christian Cotz. "We're excited to continue to add records to the platform and provide Mainers from students to researchers with even more to discover each time they visit the site."

The platform can be accessed at <https://digitalarchives.maine.gov> or from the Maine State Archives section of the Secretary of State website. Pay a visit to the site and enter "Gorham" in the search bar; you never know what local history you might discover!

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Hickory Dickory Dock

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

The mouse ran up the clock and then under the stove and who knows where else it might be hiding? Having a mouse in the house is about more than just the “ick” factor, it is a health problem and a structural issue. They really do chew electrical wires and wreak havoc with insulation; they also carry several diseases, and they are usually never alone.

As we prepare for the upcoming indoor months, we should realize that neighborhood rodents, especially here in rural Maine, are doing the same. The best advice is to keep them out before they move in.

Now is the time to do an outdoor inspection of your home and outbuildings to identify and seal up likely entry spots. Keep in mind that mice can fit through a hole the size of a dime and rats only need a quarter-sized hole. Foundation cracks, pipes, vents and around windows are likely entry points, as are garages, especially if you leave the doors up periodically. Look for droppings and gnaw marks to identify and seal up likely entries. Always wear gloves and a mask if you discover tell-tale signs, and do not vacuum or sweep up feces or urine or touch it with your bare hands. (More on handling safety below.) Place some preventative outdoor traps unless you have young children.

Experts say that not only do mice survive better indoors during cold months, they actually reproduce 400% faster than they do in outdoor environments. So this time of year they are

looking for a comfy maternity ward. In fact, research shows that indoor fall mice have 6-8 babies per litter compared to 3-4 for outdoor mamas. Warmer indoor temperatures create ideal breeding conditions, which trigger accelerated reproduction. Female mice can become pregnant again within 24 hours of giving birth during fall months. A single indoor female mouse can produce up to 10 litters per year.

Mice carry and spread several serious bacterial, viral or parasitic diseases (see Sidebar). Disease transmission can occur from contact with their urine or feces and then touching your nose, eyes or mouth, or by breathing dust stirred up from sweeping or by disturbing old nesting material or insulation. Illness can also be caused by eating contaminated food, drinking unclean water or from a scratch or bite from a once wild mouse.

These diseases can be contracted while trying to clean up an infestation. Wearing gloves is a must, as are cleaning with bleach and water (9 parts to 1 part bleach) and good ventilation. Particles from dried feces can become airborne and then inhaled. Never use your vacuum or a broom for that reason. For more detailed safety precautions on the cleanup of infected furniture, rugs, clothing, insulation and more, visit the CDC Rodent Control Guide. The website also provides excellent advice on how to seal entry points around your home.

Rodents and Disease

Hantavirus: A severe viral respiratory illness spread by inhaling dust stirred up by rodent droppings or nesting material.

Leptospirosis: A bacterial infection contracted by touching water or soil contaminated by rodent urine.

Salmonellosis: A bacterial infection spread when rodents track bacteria across kitchen food prep surfaces.

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Social Connections and Brain Health

Linda Whitten, Contributing Writer

With all the recent talk about artificial intelligence (AI), it is important now more than ever for all of us to maintain human connections. We are social beings and our personal connections play a crucial role in shaping our well-being. Research has shown that maintaining strong social connections can enhance cognitive function, protect against cognitive decline and improve overall mental health. Social connections can be a source of emotional support, and they are vital for brain health. Interacting with others engages multiple regions of our brain and by regularly activating these areas, social interactions help maintain and strengthen neural connections.

Social interactions with others are a powerful buffer against stress, which is known to have a negative effect on brain health. Being lonely and experiencing loneliness is a significant risk factor for cognitive decline and dementia. The lack of social interaction can lead to reduced cognitive stimulation, which in turn accelerates brain aging and cognitive deterioration. The absence of social interactions and support can exacerbate feelings of sadness, hopelessness and anxiety.

Maintaining and strengthening social connections is essential for supporting brain health throughout our lives. There are numerous strategies to foster meaningful relationships and enhance cognitive well-being.

Participate in social activities such as book clubs, join a gym or do volunteer work, allowing you to meet new people, engage in conversations and form new friendships. Stay connected with family and friends through phone calls, Facetime chats or visiting in person. Schedule weekly get-togethers at a coffee shop or restaurant to share experiences, discuss challenges and have a few laughs. Explore local groups with people of similar interests such as food, hiking, yoga, photography or a game or craft. Engage in meaningful conversations to

promote active listening and problem solving, and perhaps to learn something new about yourself in the process. Engaging with people of different ages helps to promote idea exchanges and may shift your perspective or long-held opinion.

Research shows that having a smartphone nearby may distract you from having a meaningful conversation, so make a point of putting away your digital devices when engaging with others. We use all our senses when interacting with others. We process facial expressions, body language, tone of voice and emotions in their words. All this information influences how we react in return. We are exercising our brain, strengthening our brain cells and creating new brain cells, too. Being present in the conversation shows others you value them, respect them and see them.

Social interactions and staying connected can help to keep your mind and memory strong.

For more information about Alzheimer’s disease and all other dementia, contact the Alzheimer’s Association. A free 24/7 Helpline is available providing access to many resources. Call 800-272-3900 or visit ALZ.org to explore many educational programs.



Linda Whitten, a long-time resident of Gorham, volunteers as a Program Community Educator for the Alzheimer’s Association. She is president of the Board of Trustees for Greater Portland Landmarks. She is a Realtor at Dream Home Realty and is the Wellness Director at RYZE Personal Training, both in Gorham. She is also a member of the Rehabilitation and Survivorship Task Force for the Maine Cancer Foundation and serves on the Board of Trustees for Greater Portland Landmarks.

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September's Municipal Meetings

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The Town's Ordinance Committee met on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Gorham Municipal Center, with all three members present, along with Town staff and several members of the public.

The committee continued discussions regarding a proposed ordinance to implement rent stabilization of mobile home parks of 100-plus units. Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reported that the Town Attorney is working on data sets to frame the ordinance and suggested scheduling a full Town Council workshop once a legal framework is established. Councilor Simms expressed support for scheduling a workshop with the full Council on the item sooner rather than later.

The committee also continued to discuss development of an ordinance to update standards for sidewalks and mixed-use paths to improve town connectivity, particularly near schools and employment areas. The committee is awaiting additional information from Town staff before taking concrete action on the ordinance.

The Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee convened on Thursday, Sept. 24, with two of its three members in attendance (Absent: Willis). On the agenda was an update on the traffic improve-

ments around Gorham High School. Recent and potential future improvements were discussed with Town staff.

The Planning Board held a second September meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, to address agenda items that had been carried over from its Sept. 14 regular monthly meeting due to lateness rules.

The first agenda item was discussion of the final subdivision and site plan for Thistle Petite Condominiums, comprising 30 units of multifamily housing with associated infrastructure on County Road. The board moved to approve with conditions: 4 Ayes, 2 Absent (Walsh, Delaney), 1 Vacancy.

A request for subdivision plan pre-application review for a proposed 6-lot residential subdivision, part of a mixed-use project located at 239 County Road, was discussed, but no vote was taken.

The board also discussed an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code zoning map to create a new University District zone to implement the Comprehensive Plan, and moved to send the amendment to the next available Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee meeting for review: 4 Ayes, 2 Absent (Walsh, Delaney), 1 Vacancy.

Gorham Parks & Recreation

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MaineDOT Mobility Study Findings

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

Residents from Gorham and surrounding areas converged inside Shaw Gym at the Gorham Municipal Center on the evening of Sept. 22 for an update on initial findings from the Maine Department of Transportation's Portland West Balanced Mobility Improvements Study. The well-attended open house-style event included detailed design drawings of four possible scenarios to address congestion and improve safety and mobility in the communities west of Portland.

As they circulated through the gym reviewing each scenario, attendees had options to weigh in on the pros and cons of each scenario, which ranged from localized, targeted roadway upgrades to the building of a four-lane highway connector, a solution previously advocated by the Maine Turnpike Authority. MaineDOT staff members were on hand at each sta-

tion to provide detailed explanations of the scenarios and answer questions about the study process and next steps.

MaineDOT also presented its findings via a virtual public meeting on Sept. 24.

Per information on the department's website, MaineDOT staff will use feedback from these meetings and from responses to public surveys to revise the alternatives. Then, each alternative will be evaluated "using traffic modeling and GIS to quantify the costs and benefits across all evaluation criteria for the mobility, safety, connectivity, community, environment, and feasibility categories."

For those who couldn't attend either the in-person or virtual presentation, you can still keep up with developments as study efforts proceed. Detailed information about all four proposed mobility improvement scenarios is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7ae12d952d9a48e08c93713d1ab4f596>



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Maine State Senate District 30

Sophia Bailey Warren
Resident of Scarborough, I've lived in Senate District 30 (Scarborough/Gorham) my entire life (30 years old).



Employment: Maine Law Student, Paralegal

Education: Brandeis University, B.A. in International & Global Studies; Leiden University at The Hague, Certificate in International Criminal Law

Why should citizens vote for you?
I grew up in Senate District 30 and have spent six years representing part of my hometown in the Maine House, passing 25 bills across party lines to lower costs, demand accountability, protect our environment, and defend our rights. Last year, I passed bipartisan legislation delivering more than \$1.2 billion in savings on Mainers' electric bills. I've knocked on over 6,000 doors across Scarborough and Gorham, and residents have made their priorities clear: tackling the cost-of-living crisis, managing growth responsibly, protecting our environment, securing our rights, and having a State Senator who listens, shows up, and delivers results.

M. Thad Moody,
Gorham Resident for approximately 68 years. Married 51 years to Roxanne "Hanscom". 3 Children, Christopher, Tasha, and Heather. 5 Grand Children.



Education: Gorham High School Graduate

Employment: 25 Years Cooks Hardware, 30+ years Moodys Collision Centers, Semi Retired.

Why should citizens vote for you?
Over the last 16 years have helped my wife and approx. 50 volunteers grow our Thanks Giving delivered Dinners to 130+ last year !! No State Income tax on Overtime or Tips Accountability; Continue Walk a Mile in their Shoes goal of Accountability from DHHS 2026 Supplemental Budget the Legislature passed a \$155 Million expenditure for \$300 Affordability Checks, No Accountability over how they got spent ! Another Hand Out and not a Hand Up !! Time for change, I'd Appreciate your Vote! Thank-You

Maine House District 108

Parnell William Terry
Gorham resident for 26 years, married with three daughters.



Education: BA in Communications/ Broadcasting UMO 1992

Employment: self employed carpenter

Why should citizens vote for you?
Having had the honor of representing Gorham for one term, I would like to return to Augusta for the next legislative session to continue to work for the people of Gorham, and the state of Maine. If elected, I will work hard to support public education funding, property tax fairness, affordable health care, job creation, energy affordability, and protection of our environment. I will continue to support the growth and successes of our heritage state industries, support new industries, and the growth of Maine's economy.

Kelly Dearborn
54 Years. I am mother of 5 grown children and a grandmother to 3 soon to be 4.



Education: I graduated from Gorham High School in 1985.

Employment: I am a self employed small business owner and Real Estate agent.

Why should citizens vote for you?
I am a Fiscal conservative and believe in limiting government spending, keeping taxes low, reduce debt, and make government programs more efficient. We need careful budgeting to allow individuals and businesses to keep more of what they earn to encourage economic growth, also protect taxpayers from unnecessary financial burdens.

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Great Falls Teachers Represented in the Maine Marathon

Heather Dupuis, Second Grade Teacher

Our relay team of Heather Dupuis (second grade teacher), Kim Kelly-Brewster (third grade teacher), and Todd Gagnon (Student Resource Officer) completed their fifth running of the Maine Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 4. This year was the largest number of runners ever for the Maine Marathon at just shy of 5,500. Over \$1,000 dollars was raised for the American Heart Association on behalf of Kim's brother. When asked "What's next for our team?" the group responded, "Maybe the half marathon!"



Photo Credit: Barb Quinn-Gagnon
At the finish line, Heather Dupuis, Kim Kelly-Brewster, and Todd Gagnon.



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From left to right: Heather Dupuis, Todd Gagnon, and Kim Kelly-Brewster following their fifth running of the Maine Marathon.

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Maine House District 109

Seven Siegel
238 Main Street, resi-
dent of Gorham for 6
years. Married to the
amazing Becky Wartell
with our 3-year-old
daughter, Vi.



Employment: Kennebunk High School
Computer Science Teacher

Education: Master of Business &
Master of Public Policy from Brandeis
University. BS in Game Design from
Champlain College.

Why should citizens vote for you?
Since 2022, I've worked hard as your
Town Councilor to make Gorham a bet-
ter place. Now as the Democrat running
for District 109, I want to bring my pas-
sion and enthusiasm to the State House.
I'll work to lower taxes for regular people
by ending corporate handouts, rein in
healthcare costs by limiting price increas-
es for hospitals and insurers, and write
legislation to protect Mainers from Big
Tech. I'll defend the rights of all Mainers,
including LGBTQ+ rights and a woman's
right to choose. If you want me to keep
working on your behalf, vote for me,
Seven Siegel.

Diana Kushnar
Gorham Resident. My
family came to the
United States from the
former Soviet Union
and moved to Gorham
in 1993. More than
three decades later,
Gorham is still home. I'm a wife and
mother of three daughters and spent eight
years volunteering as a volleyball coach.



Education and Employment: I attended
Standish Baptist Academy and have a
background in set design and wardrobe
styling.

Why should citizens vote for you?
The roles I've had throughout my life have
taught me to take responsibility and step
up when I'm needed. I've spent most of my
life outside politics, shaping how I look at
public service. I care about making Maine
more affordable and creating economic
opportunity. I'm paying close attention to
agriculture, forestry and conservation. Our
working lands and natural resources are
tied to food, jobs, housing and the cost of
living. I want Maine to grow economically
while keeping our working lands produc-
tive for the next generation - lands that
feed us, support jobs and help make Maine
what it is.

School Committee Special Meeting September 24

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Chairperson Nicole Yeo-Fisher
called the meeting to order and
all seven members were present.

Marc Therrien of Work Camp New
England presented information on his orga-
nization. Work Camp NE is a service orga-
nization that provides one hundred youth
workers, supervised by skilled contractors,
to help community members with house-
hold projects. They have, in recent years,
had partnerships with other Southern Maine
school districts, including Kennebunk and
Sanford. The group of students is housed in
a local school and works on projects in local
homes during the day, before returning to the
school for evening presentations and activi-
ties. Gorham school leadership is exploring
the possibility of a partnership with this
organization to benefit residents of Gorham.

Robbie Feinberg, Director of
Communications and Government
Relations for the MSMA (Maine School
Management Association), presented an
overview of the state legislative process to
the board. He discussed how decisions are
made in the legislature and how school

committee members could stay informed
on upcoming bills and influence lawmak-
ers on priority issues for the local schools.

Assistant superintendent of schools
Quinton Donahue presented a summary
of the 2026-27 hiring process. This sum-
mer 38 professional teaching positions were
filled. He summarized the steps in the hir-
ing process, the salary ranges and previous
experience for the new hires, as well as a list
of observations for the overall experience.

Superintendent of schools Heather
Perry presented an outline of the sal-
ary matrixes for each of the contracts
with employees. Each matrix is part of
the negotiated settlement with the specifi-
c group of workers and each is slightly
different in its composition and structure.

Perry asked the committee to consider the
data needed to inform the Fiscal Year 2028
budget target-setting process and to con-
tact her with their questions and concerns.

The complete official minutes of
this meeting and a video record-
ing of the proceedings may be found
at the School Department website.



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Upcoming Meetings

10/14 School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
10/15 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic
Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

10/15 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 3:30
p.m.
10/19 Affordable Housing Committee
Meeting, 5 p.m.

10/19 Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
10/20 Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
10/21 Gorham Economic Development
Corporation Meeting, 8 a.m.

GHS Fall Play

Joshua Hurd, Director

Gorham High School will be performing their fall play, “Noises Off,” from Nov. 13 through 15. “Noises Off” is a play about actors performing in a play, written by Michael Frayn. It promises to be another successful GHS production.

CAST LIST:

Dotty / Clacket, Sadie Woodman
Brooke / Vicki, Sophia Proulx
Belinda / Flavia, Isla Rutherford
Poppy, Izzy Smith
Lloyd, Alex Tukey
Garry / Roger, Logan Mills
Frederick / Philip / Sheikh, Mitch Neff
Selsdon / Burglar, Rigel Arlet
Tim, Daniel Labarge
Burglar 2, Ruthie Zaninelli

Stage Crew 1, Faith Lajoie
Stage Crew 2, Link Mathews

STAGE CREW:

Stage Manager, Gillian Lachance
Asst. Stage Manager, Dexter Vance
Lighting Board Operator, Max Lampron
Props Manager, Zack Bourgoin
Stage Crew, Zack Carlson, Fionna Lane, Amara Vincent, and Reid Stevens

PRODUCTION STAFF:

Director, Joshua Hurd
Production Manager, Jocelyn Miller
Set Construction, Matt Bourgoin
Lighting Design, Joseph Strout
Costume Design, Diane Beliveau
Props Design, Darnell Stuart

A Story of Courage and Loss With Anne Frank Exhibit

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Kelli Deveaux

GMS 8th graders practice their knowledge and docent skills before the doors opened on the Anne Frank exhibit

For two weeks this fall, the story of a teenage girl who hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic was being told at Gorham Middle School by students not much younger than she was when she wrote her diary.

The traveling exhibit, “Anne Frank: A History for Today,” ran at Gorham Middle School from Sept. 24 to Oct. 7. The exhibit was created by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam with the University of South Carolina’s Anne Frank Center, and it is brought to schools in the region by the Institute for Holocaust Education.

The exhibit’s 32 panels, printed in English and Spanish, trace Anne Frank’s life, her family’s years in hiding, and her death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, set against the wider history of the Holocaust.

What sets the exhibit apart is who lead the tours. Rather than adults, visitors were guided by 20 Gorham Middle School eighth graders serving

as trained docents. Before the exhibit opened, the students spent two full days in training. They studied the history of the Holocaust and the details of Anne Frank’s life and death, and they practiced leading groups through the panels and answering visitors’ questions.

The peer-guided model is central to the program: young people learn the material deeply enough to teach it, and their audiences hear the story from someone close to Anne’s own age. Bringing the exhibit to Gorham was the work of Heather Whitaker, an alternative education teacher at Gorham High School, who arranged for the district to host it.

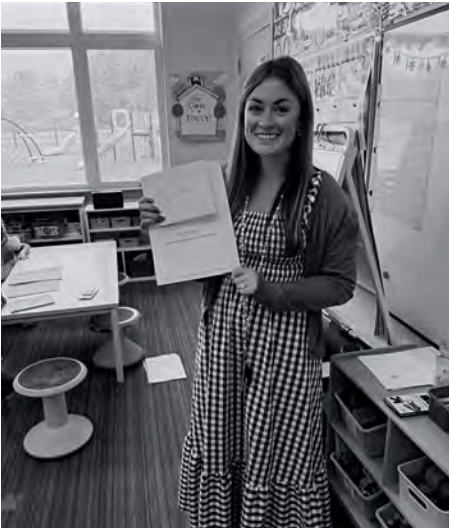
The exhibit drew a steady stream of visitors. Every social studies class at Gorham Middle School toured it, as did three Gorham High School Holocaust and Human Rights classes. Community showings opened the exhibit to the public, including a visit from a group of senior residents of the Inn at Village Square, who learned about Anne Frank’s story from the student docents. For many in that group, the history on the panels falls within their own lifetimes, and the exchange between generations gave the visit added weight.

The exhibit’s themes reach beyond the past. According to the Institute for Holocaust Education, it asks students to examine prejudice and discrimination, practice empathy, and consider the importance of standing up for others. A central message is that one young person’s voice can inspire generations, an idea the Gorham docents are putting into practice with every tour they lead.

The costs of bringing the exhibit to Gorham were graciously covered by local businesses. Aaron Chadbourne of Demetria Real Estate led the fundraising effort and was joined as sponsors by Maine Community Bank and Treworgy & Baldacci Real Estate Closing Services. Their generosity allowed Gorham students and residents to experience the exhibit close to home.

School Department September Gorham Shout-Out Recipients

Quinton Donahue, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

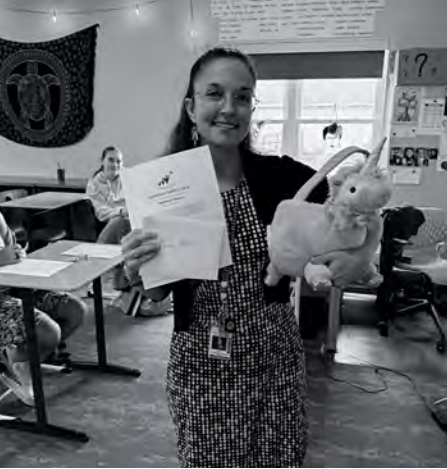


Photos supplied by the Gorham School Department

Maggie Dumas, Great Falls Elementary School, was recognized for the thoughtful way she helped a new student feel welcomed, comfortable, and connected from the very start of the school year.

The Gorham School Department is pleased to recognize three staff members as its September Gorham Shout-Out recipients. The monthly recognition highlights employees who are making a positive difference for students, families, colleagues, and the broader school community.

Each recipient received a \$25 gift card generously donated by Third Space Market, the September sponsor of the Gorham Shout-Out program.



Photos supplied by the Gorham School Department

Marissa Thiele, Gorham High School, was recognized for building a strong relationship with a student transitioning to a new school and helping her feel confident and supported.



Photos supplied by the Gorham School Department

Philip Rumery, Transportation, Bus #31, was recognized for the kindness, positivity, and care he brings to students each day while keeping them safe.

GHS Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

On Sept. 18, Principal Brian Jandreau received a letter informing him that the Commission on Public Schools, at its meeting on June 22, had reviewed the Decennial Accreditation Report from a recent visit to Gorham High School and voted to award the school continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Gorham High School was congratulated for the successful completion of goals by staff and administration.

The letter from Alyson M. Geary and Carl R. Johnson highlighted the progress that GHS had made on the priority areas for growth and increased alignment with the Principles of Effective Practice, including:

- the effective use of technology to meet student learning needs
- the authentic opportunities provided through the team teaching model
- the collaborative decision-making process that is dynamic and responsive to staff and student needs
- the creative shifts in curriculum structures in English, social studies, and science to create flexibility and engagement that will enable more learners to attain the vision of a graduate
- the autonomy provided to staff through the self-selected book study to create an understanding of the “why” behind differentiation
- the collective understanding fostered through the adoption and use of the Carol Ann Tomlinson model of differentiation

- the focus on intentionally developing the instructional conceptual understanding, competency, commitment, and capacity of the staff
- the transparency and collaboration fostered through the staffing-needs process and prioritization
- the plan for long-term capital improvement projects that ensure a physically safe environment for all students and adults
- the real-world opportunities provided by the extended learning opportunities program
- the variety of pathways toward graduation requirements offered through the Social Studies and English departments
- the approach to determining the mental health and wellness needs of students based on data
- the emphasis on the vision of a graduate as a living document that should guide all aspects of the school, including curriculum documents
- the expansion of learning spaces through the Modular Phase I project to better accommodate student learning needs
- the peer-to-peer learning facilitated through observations and work within departments

The Commission also found it noteworthy that Gorham High School met all eight Foundational Elements in the Standards for Accreditation.

GRADUATIONS

Mavy Ho graduated with a major in neuroscience from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars. Go Outside, Gorham is happening Saturday, Oct. 17, right here in Gorham! Gorham Rec is bringing the community together for a day dedicated to getting outside, exploring Gorham and enjoying all that our town has to offer. There will be plenty to look forward to, with activities and events for a variety of ages and interests. The full event schedule and registration information will be coming soon, so stay tuned! Whether you're an avid outdoor enthusiast or just looking for a fun way to spend a fall Saturday, we hope you'll Go Outside, Gorham.

The Gorham St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will host its 4th annual 5K Race/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 9 a.m. at Shaw Cherry Hill Farm on Route 25 in Gorham. This year's goal is to raise \$9,000 to benefit local food pantries. Proceeds will benefit the Gorham Food Pantry, Standish Food Pantry, Buxton Food Co-op, Buxton Community Cupboard, and the Sebago Warming Hut Food Pantry. The first 100 registrants will receive a T-shirt, and all participants will have breakfast and the chance to win prizes and awards in various best-of-age categories. Registration costs \$25 per adult, or \$15 for kids up to age 12. A special family rate of \$60 for 3 or more registrations is also available. To register, visit www.gorhamknights.org/events/5k

Cressey Road Christian Church is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required; this can be done by visiting the American Red Cross website at <https://www.redcross.org/>

Baxter House Museum will be open for extended hours on Saturday Oct. 17 as part of the "Go Outdoors Gorham!" celebration. Visitors are invited to take part in free docent-led tours as well as self-guided tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about what it was like to live in Gorham more than 200 years ago.

All are welcome to The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's Annual Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Randall Orchards in Standish. From building Gorham Community Forest, to making improvements at East Windham Conservation Area and Lowell Preserve, to updating our water quality monitoring program, they have had a busy year worth celebrating. Come early and enjoy apple picking at Randall Orchards, which is owned by the Randall family, with Presumpscot Regional Land Trust holding a 500-acre conservation and agricultural easement on the orchard and surrounding forest. This event is free to attend but registration is required at <https://www.prrt.org/events>

Play Golf – Do Good! Note the new date! The 32nd Annual Rotary Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, Oct. 19 at Val Halla Golf & Recreation in Cumberland, ME. Thanks to many generous sponsors, Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Charities had a record-breaking tournament in 2025. Join the fun by entering your team or by becoming a sponsor. Find more information at <https://westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org>. Proceeds benefit Rotary's local high school and vocational scholarships; a 4-Day Rotary Youth Leadership camp each summer; Interact Clubs at Westbrook and Gorham High Schools; projects in literacy, fighting food insecurity, and supporting veterans; and other local community programs and causes in the Town of Gorham and City of Westbrook.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer "Introduction to Project Feeder Watch," a 10-session online series for Maine youth ages 10-14, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on select Mondays from Nov. 2, 2026, through April 12, 2027. Sessions will be held via Zoom. Participation is free; registration is required by 11 p.m. on Oct. 19. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants, with a waitlist available after capacity is reached. For event information and registration, visit <https://extension.umaine.edu/event/introduction-to-project-feeder-watch/>

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has launched Tractor Safety: Foundations, a self-paced online course that provides learners with the foundational knowledge needed to operate tractors and agricultural equipment more safely and confidently. Designed for beginning tractor operators, both youth and adult, the course expands access to critical safety training, particularly for those in regions of the state where in-person options are limited. The online format covers the same core curriculum as UMaine Extension's popular 5-week in-person program, but without the hands-on driving experience. For more information and to register, visit the Tractor Safety: Foundations course webpage at https://discover.maine.edu/product?catalog=Tractor_Safety_Foundations

Galilee Church is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat Event on Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at 317 Main Street. All are welcome! galileebc.org or 207-839-6985 for more information.

VFW Post 10879 thanks Gorham for its continued support of local veterans through donations and participation in Post fundraisers throughout the year. The success of these efforts would not be possible without the tremendous support of the people and businesses of Gorham, and the Post is proud of the relationship it has built with the community. Veterans who have served in foreign conflicts are invited to attend the Post's monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038. Eligible veterans are encouraged to join for camaraderie, continued service, and the opportunity to connect with fellow combat veterans while supporting those who have served our nation. For questions, contact Jake Bauder, Quartermaster, at (207) 607-0370.

The Gorham Backpack program is collecting school supplies and pantry items. According to their recent Facebook post: "As our students head back to school, we want every single one of them to feel ready and supported. The good news is that school supplies for our elementary students have been donated. But right now, we have nothing for our middle and high school students in need, and the food closet at Gorham High School is completely empty. If you're able to help, we'd be so grateful for donations of school supplies for our middle and high schoolers, and food closet items to help restock GHS." Donations for Gorham may be dropped at the Middle School.

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>.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

The Highland Lake Grange is having a drive-through only, roasted turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be roasted turkey, vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, cranberry sauce and cake. The cost is \$13.00 per meal (two for \$25.00). Exact cash price is requested. There are no substitutions and no pre-orders. Drive up, pay and receive your meal. The Grange is located on the corner of Route 302 and Hardy Road in Westbrook.

Cressey Road Christian Church is having a public Baked Bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. Menu includes beans, red hot dogs, side dishes, coleslaw, biscuits and dessert. Adults \$10, under age 17 \$5, under age 8 free. The church is located at 81 Cressey Road.

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GORHAM \$635,000
An exceptional 4 bedroom, 2.5-bath condominium offering 2,088sf of beautifully maintained living space in the heart of Gorham Village. Ideally situated with sidewalks to downtown, this home puts schools, library, restaurants, shops, parks and everyday conveniences just a short stroll away. Immaculate from top to bottom, the thoughtfully designed floor plan offers the comfort and convenience of a 1st floor primary suite, complete with private ensuite bath & walk-in closet. The inviting 1st flr features beautiful hard wood floors, a granite kitchen, sun-filled dining area, spacious living room with gas fireplace, convenient half bath and a welcoming farmer's porch overlooking mature landscaping.

BUXTON \$564,000
This charming 4 bedroom home offers 1936sf, a bright and functional layout in a peaceful rural setting, just a short drive from Portland. Step onto the inviting farmers porch, perfect for enjoying your morning coffee or relaxing in the evening. Inside, you'll find a versatile layout featuring a first-floor bedroom, 2 full bathrooms. The second level boasts beautiful pre-finished African cherry flooring throughout the remaining bedrooms and offers easy access to a spacious walk-up attic- ideal for seasonal storage or future expansion. Out back, the expansive rear deck provides an excellent space for outdoor entertaining, overlooking the private yard on 4.85 acres.

GORHAM \$175,000
Very nicely appointed, totally updated home offering 2 bedrooms & full bath. Desirable location & affordable living. This Skyline offers a fully applianced kitchen, open dining & living room area, and laundry area. New laminate vinyl flooring throughout. The yard is thoughtfully landscaped. Your comments can focus on the transformation & the design choices of how the space feels. Great location between downtown Gorham & Westbrook. Needs to be a cash sale, due to age. This is a 55+ community & buyers need to be qualified. Park Rules & application to be admitted to the Park.

WINDHAM \$339,900
Ideally located on the south side of downtown Windham, this 1088sf townhouse-style condo provides easy access to shopping, dining and area amenities while helping you avoid much of the traffic congestion found farther north. Inside, the thoughtfully designed floor plan offers comfortable living across three levels. The first floor features a granite kitchen, inviting living room with hardwood flooring, convenient half bath and a sliding glass door leading to your private deck overlooking the wooded edge. Upstairs, you'll find a spacious primary bedroom, second bedroom, full bath & a bonus 3rd floor loft.

GORHAM \$397,000
1 owner home featuring 2 comfortable bedrooms and 1.5 baths, this well-maintained home boasts gleaming hardwood floors, energy-efficient replacement windows, and an inviting farmer's porch perfect for morning coffee or relaxing in the evening. Enjoy year round living in the light filled 4-season sunroom, or head downstairs to the finished basement complete with a cozy wood stove—ideal for a family room, home office, or recreation area. Outdoors, the property shines with incredible storage and vehicle space, including a detached 2-car garage with ample storage space above and an additional detached 1-car garage.

Julie Chandler

Mike Griffin

Peter Mason

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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

SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op meets 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." Seniors from Gorham and neighboring communities are welcome. For more information visit: <https://www.gorhamarts.org/seniorscoop>.

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church meets 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 - IT: Ask Me Anything! is held every Wednesday from 3 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 job opening for part-time Library Director. The full job description is at north-gorham.lib.me.us/job-opening. To apply, send a resume and cover letter to Terri Whyte, board president, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, ME 04038, by email, or drop off at the library. The library is hosting a free Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 - 10 a.m through Dec. 15, and also 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)). 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. Check out What's Happening or the Events Calendar on their website, or their Facebook page for weekly updates.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

The Department of Theatre has an incredible line-up of shows this year - musicals, mysteries, comedy, radio theatre, student-directed work and more. They have theatre for the whole family and they are ready to see you at Russell Hall. Tickets for the full season are on sale at PortTIX. There is a 10% discount when you purchase tickets to 3 or more shows or 4 tickets to the same show.



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North Gorham Public Library presents
Meet the Candidates for Gorham & Standish!

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.
Maine House of Representatives Districts 108 and 109
Maine Senate District 30
Gorham Town Council
Gorham School Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.
Maine House of Representatives Districts 84 and 85
Maine Senate District 22

Each candidate will introduce themselves and their platforms, followed by an opportunity for conversation and questions.

North Gorham Public Library
2 Standish Neck Road
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northgorhampl@gmail.com. 207-892-2575. north-gorham.lib.me.us

CALENDAR

- Thursday, October 8**
Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.; Book Group, 10:15 a.m.; Board Game Café, noon; Youth Stretch Your Sewing Skills Class, 4 p.m.; Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10**
North Gorham Public Library, Chair Yoga Class, 9 - 10 a.m.
Highland Lake Grange, Drive Through Roasted Turkey Dinner, 4 - 6:00 p.m.
Cressey Road Christian Church, Baked Bean Supper, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13**
North Gorham Public Library, Chair Yoga Class, 9 - 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.; Dogs Dig Reading, 4 p.m.; Documentary Screening: No Country for Mothers, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 14**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.; IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.; D&D Group 2, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15**
North Gorham Public Library, Chair Yoga Class, 9 - 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.; Board Game Café, noon
Cressy Road Christian Church, Red Cross Blood Drive, 1 - 5 p.m.; Adult Sewing Class, 4 p.m.
- Friday, October 16**
Baxter Memorial Library, Fall Book Sale by the Friends of the Library, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, October 17**
Baxter Memorial Library, Fall Book Sale by the Friends of the Library, 9 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library, Chair Yoga Class, 9 - 10 a.m.
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- Sunday, October 18**
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's Annual Meeting at Randall Orchards, Standish, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m
- Tuesday, October 20**
North Gorham Public Library, Chair Yoga Class, 9 - 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.; Lizards Love Literacy, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21**
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.; Early Release Makerspace, 1 p.m.; IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.; Baxter Memorial Library, D&D Group 1, 4 p.m.

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A blue parakeet was found, but could not be captured. It was still at large when the officers left.

Officer was dispatched to an Attempt to Locate call that started on Standish Neck Road. Caller reported that a blue Toyota sedan with Maine temp plates was all over the road and driving in the opposite lane. They also reported that the vehicle pulled into a driveway on Middle Jam Road, then left towards Windham. The caller stayed with the vehicle, giving GPD frequent updates. The officer was able to locate the vehicle on River Road in Windham and stop it at the intersection of River Road and Gray Road in Windham.

Two officers responded to the area of Narragansett Street for a report of a fallen tree, arriving on scene to see a tree branch that was blocking both lanes. They blocked off both sides until Fire Police showed up, then left the scene.

Gorham Police received a complaint that the traffic lights at the intersection of County Road and Blue Ledge Road were not working. When Public Works arrived they said the lights were cycling fine.

An officer was dispatched to the area of Fort Hill Road and Pheasant Lane for an animal problem. Caller advised that he found a dog and was looking for help. The officer arrived on scene and met with the caller, then scanned the dog with the chip reader to learn the dog's name and that of the owner. The officer then transported the dog to the residence and gave the dog to the owner.

A citizen called in on a deactivated phone and wanted to see if police would pick her up to grab her phone at her place of work. The officer was in the vicinity, picked up the phone and delivered it to the caller.

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