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Hilarious Murder Mystery Theatre Spoof

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3 Actors listed L-R in photo title.

Feuding theatre critics Moon and Birdboot are swept into the whodunit they're reviewing in this hilarious spoof of Agatha Christie-esque melodrama. In the wild proceedings that follow, reality and make-believe blur, the body count rises, and no one is quite who they say they are. As mists rise around the isolated Muldoon Manor, Moon and Birdboot become ludicrously intertwined in the murderous rampage of an escaped madman.

The "Real Inspector Hound" was written by Tom Stoppard when he was just 25 as a critique of the very reviewers who are the play's main characters. This parody of the classic murder mystery invites audiences to question reality and ask,

"What if you entered the play? What if you answered that old-timey telephone during intermission and the phone call was actually for you?"

Director Reba Askari says that she has embraced the parody: "We are blurring fiction and reality by breaking the fourth wall into many walls, and then tearing all those walls down completely." At its core, she says, the play is a love letter to theatre that takes audiences on a wild ride through a fast-paced murder mystery. She says that bringing the show to life with USM Theatre students "has left me in complete awe of our incredible actors who are so willing to dive in and play." So, sit back, embrace the absurdity, and good luck solving the mystery.

Show Info

"The Real Inspector Hound"

By Tom Stoppard

Directed by Reba Askari

Oct. 23 - Nov. 1, 2026

Russell Hall, USM Gorham Campus

10/23 at 7 p.m.

10/24 at 7 p.m.

10/25 at 2 p.m.

10/28 at 10 a.m.

10/29 at 7 p.m. (Pay What You Can)

10/30 at 7 p.m.

11/1 at 2 p.m.

Content Advisories: Sexual references, use of gunshot sound effects

Age appropriateness: 12 and up

Show length: 75 minutes with no intermission

Ticket Info

General Admission: \$18

Senior 65+: \$12

USM Faculty/Staff/Alumni: \$14

USM Students & Non-USM Students: \$8

Group rate: \$8/person - for schools and community groups

Pay-What-You-Can: Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit PortTIX at:

<https://porttix.com/whats-on/the-real-inspector-hound/>

Call (207) 842-0800

In-person at 400 Congress St., Suite A, Portland

**Election Day
is Tuesday,
Nov. 3**

**Register to vote
or request your
absentee ballot
today at
www.gorham-me.org**

As of mid-morning on Monday, Oct. 19, 12,537 people are registered to vote in Gorham.

2,596 persons have requested absentee ballots, either through the in-person early voting process, or some other means such as email, phone, or in person.

1,399 completed absentee ballot packets have been returned and accepted by the town clerk's office, either by early voters, or through the mail, or the outdoor kiosk.

1,183 absentee ballot packets have been issued to Gorham voters but have not yet been returned/accepted.

(In Maine, early voting is part of the absentee voting process, so the statistics are combined)

Golf Championship; Gorham Ties for Fifth; Fall Teams on Final Stretch

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Chris Drew

Varsity Golf senior night team photo

The Gorham High golf team may not have had the stuff to win its Class A

state tournament, but the Rams certainly enjoyed the ride on the way to closing it

out. During the Oct. 9 final at Natanis Golf course in Vassalboro, the Rams finished, tied for fifth place with South Portland finishing where they left off last season. This, while competing with powerhouse teams in Class A South.

The Rams put together a highly consistent round, combined for a 340 that perfectly reflected the team's standard 18-hole pace. Charlie Sands, however, anchored the varsity lineup, carding a

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Photo Credit: Katie Brown

Soccer stand-out #5 Haley Chandler hustling v. Scarborough

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Resources for the Upcoming Election

Rep. Ellie Sato

Free, fair and accessible elections are the foundation of our democracy. This year in Maine, we will be voting for governor, every seat in the Maine Legislature, both U.S. House seats and a U.S. Senate seat, as well as many important local positions. With this in mind, I want to provide some helpful resources for the upcoming Nov. 3 election.

Unfortunately, the federal government has recently been attempting to change the way that Maine voters – and American voters more broadly – can vote. However, the Maine Secretary of State’s Office is continuing to reassure Mainers that our election system remains secure, reliable and well prepared. We do not anticipate any changes to the administration of the upcoming election in Maine.

I encourage you to make a plan to vote. For those who want to vote before Election Day, absentee ballots can be requested now through Oct. 29 at <https://absentee-ballotrequest.sos.maine.gov/> or by calling the Town of Gorham at (207) 222-1670.

Voters should request and return their ballots as soon as possible. To avoid any delays in the U.S. Postal Service, you can also place your absentee ballot in the secure drop box available outside of the Gorham Municipal Center at 75 South Street. Absentee ballots must be returned to the

Gorham Town Clerk’s Office in the Gorham Municipal Center by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Through Oct. 29, you can also vote early in person at the Town Clerk’s Office. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. You do not need to complete an absentee ballot application.

Finally, you can vote in person on Nov. 3 until 8 p.m., when polls close. If you’re not yet registered to vote, you can register anytime leading up to the election, including in person on Election Day. You can check your polling location here: https://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php or call the Town of Gorham at (207) 222-1600.

I have also heard from many constituents who are concerned that Immigration and Customs Enforcement may attempt to intimidate voters and interfere this year at the polls. Maine election officials are also aware of Maine voters’ concerns and are continuing to set up safeguards to protect your right to vote in order to ensure another smooth election season this fall.

If you have questions about your right to vote, visit the Secretary of State’s website, <https://www.maine.gov/sos/elections-voting/your-right-to-vote-in-maine>, or contact their Elections Division at 1-888-868-3763. If you

have any concerns in person on Election Day, you can contact the warden at your polling location or the Gorham Town Clerk.

This year, the Maine American Civil Liberties Union is supporting the League of Women Voters of Maine’s nonpartisan polling observers program. On Election Day, observers will be reporting on voting conditions in every Maine county, helping ensure all eligible voters can cast a ballot.

As we each make our plan to vote, I encourage community members to support one another by helping their neighbors access their right to vote or by volunteering with one of these organizations. Our democracy is strongest when we all stand together.

Please always feel welcome to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns, or need assistance. You can contact me by email at Ellie.Sato@legislature.maine.gov or by calling my office 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.

Letters to the Editor

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To the editor,

Jackie Sartoris is the clear choice for re-election as Cumberland County District Attorney. As a retired family physician and former state legislator, I know the importance of policies grounded in science, compassion and fairness—and DA Sartoris has brought those values to her first term in office.

Jackie is tough on violent offenders and committed to enforcing Maine law, including holding ICE officers accountable when they violate it. She will continue to protect all members of our community.

DA Sartoris has also tackled the decades-long backlog of rape kits, ensuring that evidence collected under such traumatic circumstances is processed in a timely manner. Victims deserve nothing less.

She has also established an alcohol and drug diversion program that connects people with the treatment and support they need, reduces repeat offending, and offers those struggling with addiction a path toward recovery rather than further involvement with the criminal justice system.

Jackie Sartoris leads with integrity, collaboration and a commitment to public safety. I urge you to join me in voting to re-elect Jackie Sartoris as Cumberland County District Attorney.

Linda Sanborn, MD, Gorham

To the editor,

My first year on the Gorham Town Council has been eye-opening. Gorham is changing and growing so rapidly it is a challenge to stay current with it. This growth brings changing perspectives and a need for Gorham to manage growth, instead of merely encouraging it. We need to start thinking about what Gorham will look like in 5 or 10 years, not living with a perspective from past decades when any and all growth was welcomed. Traffic is a significant problem, rising taxes a concern and overall growth needs to be managed in a thoughtful process. Gorham is our commu-

nity, and a strong community requires citizen participation and a strong town government.

I believe Lou Simms has a vision for Gorham that is the best I’ve heard. It will require change and will ultimately mean a better Gorham for us all. Sam Purinton shares that vision, and is a committed Gorham citizen with fresh ideas and the energy to work with all parties to find the best solution. Isn’t that what we all want, a better Gorham community for all? Please join me in voting for and supporting Lou and Sam on election day!

Charles Hamblen, Gorham

To the editor,

I am a born-and-raised Mainer. I’m also an economist. And frankly, I’m fed up with politics. But I’m actually really excited to vote for Sophie Warren for Senate.

I stopped by Democracy Day near the Gazebo on Oct. 4. Given all the hubbub of this election cycle, I wasn’t expecting to feel inspired. Sophie’s homemade sign drew me in (maybe I’m just tired of the AI-designed signs). When I realized she was standing by her sign, I was excited to meet a local candidate. It soon became very clear that I was also meeting a very enthusiastic public servant. In our short conversation, I learned quickly that, in her role as a State Representative, she has been operating strategically to advance policies for working Maine families. We talked about the new paid family-leave policy; she had great ideas for improving its funding structure to better benefit small businesses and workers. She also wanted to hear from us constituents about funding to protect in upcoming State budgets. When I got home, I did a little reading about her record in the House and, as an economist focused on working families, I was thrilled.

For instance, Sophie sponsored LD 1496, which would’ve prohibited noncompete clauses, giving negotiating power back to workers and keeping talented innovators in Maine. She also has a strong record of sup-

porting legislation for affordable (and green!) energy—a concern that is top of mind for many of us this winter. Sophie also pushed for LD 947 to reduce food and financial waste for kids’ summer lunch programs. I want to thank Sophie for her focus on working families in our state, and for reinvigorating a bit of my hope in politics. I hope others will join me in voting for her this November.

Sarah F. Small, PhD, Gorham

To the editor,

I am supporting Sophie Warren for Maine State Senate on Nov. 3, 2026. Sophie has served her hometown of Scarborough as a State Representative since 2020. She is now running to take that experience and expertise to the Maine Senate. As she did during her tenure in the Maine House, she will work with legislators of both parties to pass laws that benefit Mainers and strengthen our state’s economy and environmental sustainability. Some of the bills Sophie authored helped to reduce food waste, expand summer meal programs for Maine students, protect the rights of independent voters in primary elections and strengthen reproductive rights for women.

Of major significance, Sophie also authored a bill to save Maine citizens approximately \$1 billion on electric bills by closing corporate loopholes. Let’s keep Sophie Warren in Augusta to continue her valuable work on behalf of us all. Vote Sophie Warren for Maine State Senate, District 30, Gorham and Scarborough, on Nov. 3. Please join me and keep Sophie working on behalf of all of us.

Trish Brigham, Scarborough

To the editor,

On Nov. 3, I’m supporting Sam Purinton for Town Council because I’ve discovered that, like many other Gorham residents, I strongly desire town leaders with the honesty, integrity and excellent character necessary as stewards of the town of Gorham to care-

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fully consider both the short- and long-term impacts of their choices. These leaders take very seriously their job of carefully researching the layers of each issue that arises and its consequences on the many facets of quality of life in our town. They count each citizen as equally important regardless of wealth or power and enable and welcome the communication and questions from the public. It is clear that Sam Purinton exemplifies these qualities and more. In his visits to thousands of Gorham homes Sam has demonstrated his strong desire to build the healthy relationships necessary to guide Gorham into a future that prioritizes an honest and respectful dialogue with citizens of varying points of view. Sam’s commitment to understanding the layers of the issues that arise and his ability to do the necessary homework and communicate that knowledge to others will help build the essential fairness, collaboration and consensus building between the town leaders and the public that support a healthy but fragile town.

Mary Emerson, Gorham

To the editor,

The 147,000 square-foot Amazon Distribution Center is now officially approved by the Gorham Town Council. This plan for the Amazon warehouse was initially negotiated by the town behind closed doors, without Gorham residents’ knowledge or opportunity early on to have a say regarding this magnitude of high traffic and round-the-clock operation of our industrial land use. While the Town Council was later willing to allow community comments, things appeared to move forward as if a deal was already done.

Amazon will operate 24/7, with trucks, including semi big rigs, running all day and all night, nonstop. There will be a minimum of 3,000 daily truck trips, adding 125 trucks every hour on our roads. The planned site is less than a mile from the Narragansett Elementary School and less than two miles from the center of Gorham Village. A location closer to the highway and less residential is more appropriate. How are towns and communities that have already accommodated Amazon’s warehouses dealing with it as a reality? Has this been researched?

For more information, check out www.gorhamunited.com. If you are a registered voter in Gorham, please consider signing the petition to establish a temporary moratorium on high-traffic industrial land uses. Enough signatures can get this concern to be a ballot question for a town vote. Signing can be done at Third Space Market, located at 18 Elm Street (near Hannaford). They are closed on Mondays, but open Tuesday through Thursday between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Donna Waterman, Gorham

To the editor,

On Nov. 3, we will have the opportunity to vote for candidates up and down the ballot. Who sits on the Town Council is just as important as who represents us in Washington. I urge you to join me in voting for Sam Purinton and Lou Simms for Town Council.

Lou Simms has been a strong and consistent representative for our community on the Council. He has demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues facing our town. Our schools are the backbone of our community, and are responsible for raising the next generation of leaders. Lou has shown his support for the schools time and again, while working on solutions to reduce the burden of property taxes. That’s why I’m also supporting Sam Purinton. I have had the privilege of getting to know Sam Purinton throughout the campaign, and have witnessed his passion for our community. From his advocacy over the years, he knows the process well and will be effective from the outset.

I hope you will join me in voting for Lou Simms and Sam Purinton for Town Council.

Ellie Sato, State Representative, Gorham

To the editor,

I am supporting Sophie Warren for Maine State Senate on Nov 3, 2026. Sophie has served her hometown of Scarborough well in the Maine House of Representatives since 2020. She has worked with legislators of both parties to make more than 25 laws. One bill she authored is projected to save Maine citizens \$1 billion on our electric bills by closing corporate loopholes. Another bill reduces food waste, and expands summer meal programs due hungry Maine students— in partnership with several community organizations. Other laws she authored are now protecting rights of independent voters in primary elections; protecting the state pension system from risky fossil fuel investments; and strengthening reproductive rights for women and families. On November 3, 2026, I will be voting for Sophie Warren for Maine State Senate, District 30, Gorham and Scarborough. Please join me!

Steve Truncellito, Scarborough

To the editor,

I’m supporting Sophie Warren for Maine State Senate, District 30, because Maine needs leaders who work hard, find common ground, and deliver results. Since 2020, Sophie has represented Scarborough in the Maine House of Representatives, working with Democrats and Republicans to pass more than 25 laws.

Her legislative accomplishments include a bill projected to save Maine residents \$1 billion on electricity costs by closing corporate loopholes, as well as legislation to reduce food waste and expand summer meal programs for children experiencing food insecurity. Sophie has also worked to protect independent voters in primary elections, safeguard Maine’s state pension system from risky fossil fuel investments, and strengthen reproductive rights for women and families. I appreciate Sophie’s commitment to practical solutions that benefit Maine people. Her record demonstrates that she is willing to work across party lines to make a difference. On Nov. 3, 2026, I’ll be voting for Sophie Warren for State Senate in District 30, representing Gorham and Scarborough. I hope you’ll join me!

Ann Blanchard

To the editor:

Rep. Sophie Warren and I both grew up in our hometown, so I have known her for a while now. Over these past 6 years, I have gotten to see her in action as my State Representative. In that time, she built bi-partisan relationships and shepherded multiple bills through the legislative process to become law -- as a former legislator myself, I can attest that it is no easy task.

Sophie has been both responsive to her constituents and respectful at all times, even when there may be disagreement. More importantly, Sophie has proven her strength as a community leader on multiple issues. She is not afraid to stand up, speak up, and champion causes that are important to the people in our town.

Notably, she has been an out-front leader opposing Data Centers and working to prevent them from being built here in either Scarborough or Gorham. Please join me in voting for Sophie Warren as our next State Senator for Scarborough and Gorham.

Sean Flaherty, Scarborough

To the editor,

I am writing today to endorse Suzanne (Suzie) Phillips for Gorham Town Council. I’ve known Suzie for over 40 years, having grown up together right here in Gorham. She grew up in the village at 12 Green Street with her siblings, building the roots and sense of community that continue to define her today.

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Troop 73 at the Philmont Scout Ranch

Zeke Provencal, Member, Troop 73



Photo Credit:

Troop 73 on the Rock

“The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom.” - Theodore Roosevelt.

Philmont is a free wilderness where, as a people venture farther into its vast forests and meadows, they find themselves happy and content with their adventures. The young men of Gorham’s Boy Scout Troop 73 and the adult advisors recently completed a 53-mile backpacking trek into the forests of Philmont, located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico.

The adventure started in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 20, just three days after school ended. The transportation plan was a 45-minute plane ride from Portland to New York’s JFK Airport, then a four-hour flight to Denver International Airport, and finally a four-hour shuttle bus ride down to Philmont Training Center.

Day 0 in Philmont included a conservation project in which the troop built artificial beaver dams and a tour of Waite Phillips’s hunting home, Villa Philmonte. Waite Phillips was an American entrepreneur who originally owned the land that Philmont sits on before he gave it as a gift to the Boy Scouts of America during World War II.

Day 1 was the official beginning of the trek. The troop met the ranger in charge of teaching the group the ways they operate in the backcountry and making sure they were fully prepared. Basecamp is also where the troop gained its new identification as crew 622-9A.

Day 2 is when the adventure truly began: 8 a.m. bus call to get dropped off at the Zastrow trailhead for the first day of hiking. Along the way, the crew passed through the old Zastrow staff camp that had been closed since a wildfire ran through it. A staff camp has historical staffers in it, unlike a trail camp, which is not staffed at all. The crew hiked through the burn scar until they reached the first destination of their trip, Abreu Homestead. The staff camp was themed like a 1910s family ranch with burrows and a beautiful view of the Rayado canyon, along with a cantina with root beer. That same day, the crew learned the proper ways of cooking with the two-pot method, the correct way to organize camp, and the proper way to set up bear bags.

Day 3 had the crew hike to Crater Lake Staff Camp, a 1910s logging camp. One of the activities they offered there was spar-pole climbing with beautiful views of the Tooth of Time Ridge. Multiple people remembered that the spar-pole climbing was their favorite part of the trip. The camp also had a campfire show with songs and stories of pioneers of the past.

Day 4 had the crew conquer their first large peak, named Trail Peak, standing

at 10,250 feet tall. The group took a trail known as the Dozer Trail up the mountain, known for its scramble and steepness. At the peak, the crew was able to observe the B-24 plane crash near the top. One of the victims of this crash was Corporal Philip E. Macomber of North Jay, Maine. The trail went through a meadow with an owl sighting before the crew got to the Beaubien staff camp. The crew was treated to a running shower and a chuck wagon dinner there, along with watching two badgers trying to chase prairie dogs around in the meadows.

Day 5 gave the crew a later wake-up time because today was the day they got to ride horses. The horse ride lasted 45 minutes and went through the forests around the staff camp. The crew then took a trail down a canyon to Phillips Junction to resupply for the next four days and get a treat of fresh fruit for the first time since base camp. Another short hike through a canyon brought the crew to Porcupine Trail Camp, where they watched mule deer walk along the sides of the canyon after dinner.

Day 6 started with a staff camp pass-through at Crooked Creek, another small homestead overlooking a beautiful meadow. Continuing on, the crew had a long hike through an exposed canyon with many fallen trees until they reached the highest camp of the trek, Red Hills trail camp, sitting at 10,310 feet above sea level. Not much happened at Red Hills other than the increasing wind speeds through the night.

Day 7 started with a hike to the highest point of the trek, Big Red, at 11,020 feet. The hike to the peak was much like the Dozer Trail, but the winds were reaching gusts up to 75 MPH. The next ridge walk to Bonito Peak also had strong winds until the crew started descending down to Black Mountain staff camp, an 1870s squatters camp. Black Mountain offered blacksmithing, black-powder-rifle shooting, and a wacky version of baseball called "mountain ball."

Day 8 started with another canyon walk along the North Fork Uraca all the way to the Schaefer’s Pass Trail. From there, the trail climbed up 800 feet to Schaefer’s Pass Trail Camp. A small group of the crew took a side hike to the top of Schaefer’s Peak that day to gauge how long it would take for a morning push of the summit. It took one hour to reach it.

Day 9 started at 3:00 a.m. to catch the sunrise at 5:45. The crew was rewarded with a beautiful sunrise to the northeast with a golden sky. Many crew members believed this was the best part of the trip. The crew left the peak at 6 to hike to the Tooth of Time, an exposed rock outcropping the Santa Fe trail riders would use as a landmark in the 1800s. The view from the Tooth of Time was 360 degrees, with clear skies allowing western Texas to be seen. The hike down was, in a lot of people’s opinion, the worst part of the trip due to the heat and the feeling of not going anywhere, but the crew still made it back for lunch at base camp. All participants in the group have said that they would like to go back to Philmont to continue with their own personal adventures.

“Philmont here’s to thee, scouting paradise. Out in God’s country, tonight.” - The Philmont Hymn



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Financial Focus: How to Achieve Financial Fulfillment

Submitted by Jim Flagg

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than just the number in your bank account. It's about being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it. And it's saying yes to a vacation because you planned ahead and the money is there.

In short, financial fulfillment is the feeling that your money is supporting the life you want. Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16% of Americans are financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup titled "Money and Meaning: Understanding Financial Fulfillment." Those at the other end of the spectrum, the financially stressed (32%), often say that money regularly controls their daily decisions. Most Americans (51%), however, fall in the middle — the financially conflicted. They manage to get by but often carry a persistent undercurrent of worry.

Notably, where you land on this spectrum has less to do with your income than you might expect. More than half of households earning \$175,000 or more are still financially conflicted. Building the foundation is key. The question becomes "What do financially fulfilled people do differently?" Simply put, they tend to have foundational planning structures in place. Five behaviors show up consistently among the financially fulfilled, and they're simple steps you can take, too.

Build an emergency fund (98% of those fulfilled have this). Aim for saving three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, easily accessible account. When you know you can handle the unexpected, you stop bracing for it, and lower stress gives you a higher quality of life.

Create a financial plan for retirement (91% of financially fulfilled

people have one). It's hard to feel in control if you don't know where you're going. A retirement plan puts a real number on what you'll need and lays out a clear path to get there, with built-in protection against life's unexpected curveballs.

Save intentionally for major milestones (87% of financially fulfilled do). A home renovation, a new vehicle or a child's education doesn't have to feel disruptive. Setting money aside deliberately for the milestones you anticipate means you can say yes without scrambling.

Put an estate plan in place (66% of financially fulfilled have). Estate plans are not just for the wealthy. A will and basic estate plan help ensure what you've worked for still reflects your wishes after you're gone.

Work with a financial advisor (60% of financially fulfilled who sought any guidance have used an advisor in the past year). The internet is great, but real guidance comes from a credentialed person who knows you and your family and what you want your money to do for you.

Knowing that your money is working toward the life you want doesn't happen by accident. Feeling financially fulfilled is worth the effort and may be more achievable than you realize.



Jim Flagg operates a Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, and tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Is It Just Dry Skin? What to Know as Winter Approaches

Rachel Miller, Contributing Writer

There is a familiar point every fall in Maine when the temperatures drop, the heat comes on, and seemingly overnight, our skin notices. Hands become rough, legs start itching, lips feel chapped, and suddenly skin that behaved all summer may become bothersome.

Dry skin is one of the most common concerns as we head into colder months, but there is actually more happening than simply needing a little extra lotion. Our skin has a protective barrier that helps keep moisture in and irritants out. As outdoor temperatures and humidity fall—and we spend more time in heated indoor air—water escapes from the skin more easily. Long, hot showers, frequent handwashing, fragranced soaps and harsh skin products can further disrupt that barrier. For some people, the result is simply dry, tight or flaky skin. For others, particularly those prone to eczema, dryness can progress to redness, inflammation, intense itching and painful cracking.

Fortunately, a few small changes can make a big difference. Keep showers warm rather than hot and choose gentle, fragrance-free cleansers. Moisturize while your skin is still slightly damp after bathing. During our Maine winters, the lightweight lotion that worked in July may not be enough. Thicker creams and ointments are generally better at preventing water loss. Ingredients such as ceramides, glycerin and petrolatum can be particularly helpful for supporting the skin barrier.

But what about the scalp? This is where things get a little more complicated. Many people notice itching or flakes and assume they simply have a "dry scalp." Sometimes they do—but persistent flaking isn't always caused by dryness. Dandruff and seborrheic dermatitis are extremely common and can actually occur in oilier areas of the skin. Seborrheic dermatitis may cause itching, redness and white or yellowish scale. Psoriasis can also affect the scalp, typically producing thicker areas of scale, while hair

products, fragrances and dyes can sometimes cause irritation or allergic reactions. That distinction matters because adding oils or heavy moisturizing products to every flaky scalp isn't necessarily the answer. Depending on the cause, treatment may instead involve medicated shampoos, antifungal products, anti-inflammatory medications or changing the products being used.

So, when is it time to seek medical help? Seasonal dryness should generally improve with consistent moisturizing and a few changes to your skin-care routine. When redness or itching persists; the skin begins to crack, bleed or become painful; or you develop open sores, drainage or itching that interferes with sleep, it may be more than simple dry skin. Scalp symptoms deserve a closer look as well when persistent itching or flaking doesn't improve with over-the-counter dandruff shampoos, especially when accompanied by hair loss, thick scaling, sores or a rash that extends beyond the scalp. These can be signs of an underlying skin condition that may benefit from a more targeted treatment approach.

Sometimes what looks like "just dry skin" is actually eczema, psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, contact dermatitis or another skin condition that needs a different approach. Our skin changes with the seasons, and sometimes our routines need to change with them. Paying a little extra attention to your skin barrier now can make the transition into a Maine winter much more comfortable.



Dr. Rachel Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, is the founder and provider of White Elm Dermatology in Gorham, Maine, specializing in personalized, evidence-based medical and aesthetic dermatology.

Letters CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

She was the friend who got involved, encouraged others to participate, and made everyone feel welcome. Fast forward 40 years, and that same commitment to community remains. I am a lifelong resident, parent, and small business owner, I believe Suzie consistently puts Gorham and its residents first. We don't always agree, but I respect her thoughtful deliberation, the research she puts into issues, and her reliance on facts before forming an opinion. That willingness to listen, consider different perspectives, and make informed decisions is exactly what we need in Gorham.

Actions speak louder than words, and Suzie's record speaks for itself. Her 12 years on the Town Council, including three years as Chair, three years on the School Committee, and dedication to the Gorham Historical Society demonstrate a long-standing commitment to our community. Most recently, she recognized the important work Gorham Action Team for Youth (GATY) does for local youth and helped us secure funding to support that work.

Suzie doesn't just talk about community involvement; she lives it. Her experience, integrity, and genuine concern for Gorham make her a strong choice to represent our town.

When you go to the polls, I encourage you to consider Suzanne Phillips for Town Council. Peter Mason, Gorham

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Town Council Meeting Oct. 6

Michael Lortie, Staff Writer

The Gorham Town Council met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Chairperson Suzanne Phillips called the meeting to order and all seven members were present. They approved the minutes of the Sept. 1 regular meeting (7-0).

Two members of the public addressed the board. The first spoke of concerns about the sewerage project connected to the Fairways Housing Development. He felt that some actions taken by the developer and the town were in violation of the approved contract zone requirements. The second spoke about the golf ball drop fundraising event to donate to the Reed Allen Fund, which was scheduled to take place at the Homecoming Football Game on Oct. 16. He thanked the community for their continued support.

Each council member was provided the opportunity to provide community updates. Councilor Kuech wished to donate her nine-gallon blood-donation pin to former councilor Lee Pratt. Councilor Siegel reminded the public that absentee ballots are now available at the town office. Councilor Dearborn mentioned the upcoming Heritage Day event at the Gorham Historical Society. Councilor Simms reminded the public to support Gorham businesses by shopping locally this season.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak thanked Gorham Police Department for being diligent in monitoring vehicle speed in the school zones now that school was back in session. He also reminded the public of the election and referendum on Nov. 3. He invited Town Engineer Charles Norton to give an update on three sewerage projects and studies in the town. These studies and projects included Main Street Extension, South Gorham and Little Falls.

Michelle Littlefield, vice chairman of the Gorham School Committee, provided an update from the School Department. The official enrollment will be reported in November due to a change in state software, but the October numbers are 403 students at Great Falls, 408 students at Narragansett, 384 students at Village, 672 students at GMS and 871 students at GHS, for a total of 2,738 students. In addition, there are 72 Pre-K students enrolled at Narragansett and another 63 students enrolled at community partnership sites. The Gorham Schools continue to seek three additional bus drivers and three additional special education educational technicians. She also highlighted homecoming events at GHS and Bus Safety Week.

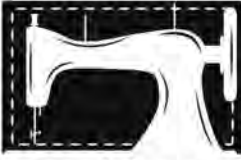
The council voted (7-0) to approve renewal applications for Automobile Graveyards/Junkyard Permits for 2026-2027 for LKQCorp/Gorham Auto, Casco Federal Credit Union, Chet's Auto Sales, Moody's and Dumbo Enterprises.

The council voted (7-0) to amend the town's General Assistance Ordinance by updating the maximum levels of assistance as required by the State of Maine.

The council voted (7-0) to accept the resignation of Deborah Duffy from the Cemetery Advisory Committee and to thank her for her service. They also voted (7-0) to appoint Haleigh Boyce to the Cemetery Advisory Committee.

The council voted (7-0) to adopt the Open Space and Trails Master Plan as recommended by the Open Space and Trails Master Plan Committee and presented by Northstar Planning and ALA.

For a complete account of the meeting, a copy of the minutes and a recorded video of the meeting may be found on the Gorham Town Council website.



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Planning Board Regular Meeting

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The Town of Gorham Planning Board held its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026. Four board members (Hager, Benson, Frank, Walsh) were present and two (Nichols, Delaney) were absent; one Planning Board seat is currently vacant.

Chair Hager noted for the record that the large volume of work coming through the Planning Division in recent months has caused a backlog of items requiring Planning Board action, necessitating implementation of a second monthly meeting, which occurred last month and will also be necessary in October and possibly in November as well.

Five agenda items were addressed at the Oct. 5 meeting.

Item 1 was a public hearing on an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to provide definitions for "Data Centers" over 50,000 square feet. The amendment also restricts uses, including data centers, not expressly enumerated in any zoning district. No members of the public spoke on the issue. The board moved to send the amendment to the next available Planning Board Ordinance Committee meeting (4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy).

Item 2 was a public hearing on a request for a contract zone by Ruff Life Retreat, LLC, regarding property located at 252 Ossipee Trail East, which is seeking to raise the number of allowed dogs at a dog daycare and overnight boarding facility from

10 to 55. No members of the public spoke on the issue. The board voted to table review pending submission of contract zone language (4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy).

Item 3, also a public hearing, was a request for a site plan review for Perennial Gorham Solar's proposed construction of a 0.99 MW solar array on 10 acres of land within the westerly portion of the Martin-Place farm on Fort Hill Road, zoned Rural (R). No members of the public spoke on the issue. The board moved to grant three requested waivers (4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy) and to approve site plan with conditions (4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy).

Item 4 was a request for review of a site plan amendment to revise the approved landscaping plan for Dollar General, located at 4 Cornerstone Drive off Dingley Spring Road, zoned Roadside Commercial (RC). Following discussion, the board moved to approve with conditions (4 Ayes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy).

Item 5 was a request for a gravel pit sketch plan review for a proposal by Shaw Brothers to expand its Brickyard Quarry operations in a 6.3 acre area adjacent to an existing permitted quarry. The sketch plan and plans for a site walk were discussed. No vote was taken on the item.

Before adjourning, the board scheduled a second October Planning Board meeting for Oct. 19.

2026-27 Capital Expenditure Matching Grant Program

Nina Snyder, Gorham Economic Development Specialist

The Town of Gorham is announcing its 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure ("CapEx") Matching Grant Program, helping eligible local businesses and farms invest in improvements that strengthen operations, reduce costs and create new opportunities for growth.

Funded through the Town's municipal budget, the competitive program reimburses up to 50% of approved eligible project costs, with a maximum award of \$12,000 per Gorham business or farm. Applicants are responsible for paying project expenses before receiving reimbursement and cover any remaining costs.

The program supports one-time purchases or projects that expand market reach, increase production or capacity, or strengthen visibility and sales. Eligible investments may include equipment, furnishings, technology, business services and facility improvements. Businesses are encouraged to consider investments that improve efficiency, lower operating costs, or increase accessibility.

The program serves three broad sectors that

accommodate a range of business activities:

1. Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Agritourism;
2. Manufacturing, Construction, and Skilled Trades;
3. Retail, Food, and Other Services.

A committee will score eligible applications and recommend awards to the Town Council for final approval. Applying does not guarantee funding and purchases made before award approval are not reimbursable. General operating expenses and real estate purchases are excluded.

Visit gorhammaine.org/our-services/local-grant-programs/ for guidelines and application materials. Completed applications and required supporting materials must be received by:

Email (preferred): Friday, Jan. 15, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. EST, at econdev@gorham.me.us.

In person: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. EST, at the Office of Community Development, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South Street, Gorham.

Questions or application assistance: (207) 222-1620 or econdev@gorham.me.us.



Upcoming Town Meetings

10/26 Planning Board Site Walk, Brickyard Quarry, 3 p.m.

10/26 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

10/27 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

10/27 Planning Board Site Walk, 239 County Road, 4 p.m.

11/2 Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

“BZZZY” Village Elementary Students Learn How Plants Grow

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Michelle Bourget, Aspire Gorham ELO Coordinator
Second grade students work together, with a little assistance, to plant their very own thyme or chives.

As part of their science unit on the natural world, second grade students at Village Elementary School have been learning all about plants and how they grow and adapt. Through a collaborative whole grade approach, students in Mrs. McLaughlin's, Ms. West's, Mrs. Roberts,' and Ms. Johnson's classes were treated to a presentation by members of the Gorham High School “Bee Club.” The high school students, along with their advisor, Catherine Paul, walked to Village School to teach the second graders all about bees and their important role in the growth and adaptation processes of plants. Students identified the

parts of the bee, how a hive works and the roles of the different kinds of bees, they tried on beekeeping gear, and best of all, each student got a honey stick to try. “Wow. I learned a lot” said Theo from Ms. West’s class. “Worker bees work together to pollinate one teaspoon of honey. It takes a lot of bees!” and “I liked the honey and I liked learning about bees,” reflected Maisie L. in Mrs. Roberts’ class. “I learned that they help make honey! Bees are nice and furry!” In addition, all 67 second graders were also welcomed by the education outreach coordinator and staff of O’Donal’s Nursery, where they toured the nursery and talked about the different kinds of plants and trees. Some students picked crab apples, and all got to plant and bring home their very own pot of chives or thyme. Maisie, a student in Mrs. McLaughlin’s class, was happy to report, “The best part was planting the herbs. I picked a couple to try and it tasted like onions!” Thanks to the dedication of their teachers, these students explored careers and hobbies connected to their study of plants. The experience brought the curriculum to life, connected the classroom with the community, and sparked new aspirations for Gorham students.

Narragansett School Hosts In-Service for Elementary Staff

Erin Eppler, Narragansett School Principal



Photo Credit: Erin Eppler

On Friday, Oct. 9, Narragansett Elementary School welcomed staff members that support students in Grades K–2 from Village and Great Falls Elementary Schools for a Purposeful Play Showcase. Narragansett educators shared play-based learning strategies designed to strengthen academic and social-emotional skills while fostering creativity and collaboration. Participants had the opportunity to visit classrooms, observe practices, and exchange ideas with colleagues. The showcase highlighted the power of purposeful play to make learning meaningful and engaging for young learners, while celebrating the value of collaboration among Gorham’s elementary educators.

Bee Presentation at Great Falls School

Becky Fortier, Great Falls School Principal



Photo Credit: Becky Fortier

Students at Great Falls School regularly benefit from members of our community sharing their interests and expertise. One special September experience included a presentation from Mr. Skip Baker, who taught students about bees, beehives, pollination and the important role bees play in our environment. Students were highly engaged and asked wonderful questions throughout the presentation.

Great Falls Family Picnic

Becky Fortier, Great Falls School Principal



Photo Credit: Becky Fortier

The Great Falls School Back-to-School Family Picnic, held on Sept. 29, was a wonderful celebration of the Great Falls community. Families and staff gathered for an evening of food trucks, face painting, conversation, and fun. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with returning families and welcome those who are new to Great Falls.

Hollis Cobb Named School Business Official of the Year

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools



Gorham School Department business manager Hollis Cobb was recently named the MEASBO (Maine Association of School Business Officials) School Business Official of the Year. The Gorham schools are very proud of this recognition of Hollis. Mrs. Cobb has worked for the Gorham Schools for over 25 years. Photo credit: Heather Perry

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Fall is in the air for Gorham Rec soccer teams

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76 to tie for 2nd place individually in the state. Sands was also Gorham’s top scorer at the SMAA qualifier. Once again Will Provost served as a key returning starter and veteran presence anchoring the top of the match-play rotation. Graham Staples was recognized as an essential returning core player crucial to Gorham’s competitive depth in the SMAA league.

Consistently all three athletes helped power the Rams back into a top 5-finish at the state championship. Oct. 1 concluded the regular season and was host to senior night. Coach Horgan and the parents worked seamlessly behind the scenes to support the athletes, coordinating everything from team dinners to postseason travel so the team could focus on winning.

The golf program also held their JV Jamboree at Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel to conclude the JV golf season. Hard work, teamwork, and dedication on the greens truly paid off.

The Rams postseason quest begins for the rest of the fall sports teams.

Here is a brief outlook on standings.

The varsity boys soccer team is aiming to establish themselves as title contenders. A recent regular-season match up at South Portland didn't go their way, but the adversity could be exactly what the team needs to spark a deep playoff run.

The varsity girls soccer team will await their placement after tying #15 with the Portland Bulldogs on Oct. 13. This brings them to a 5-5-2 record with two games remaining on their regular season schedule.

The field hockey team is in a similar position with a 7-6 record with one game remaining.

The volleyball team (defending 3-peat State champs) are 9-3 with two remaining matches to round out the season.

The football team defeated Cheverus mid-season and will look to gain some momentum down the stretch with homecoming in its sights.

Good luck to all of the Rams teams in the postseason.



Girls Varsity soccer in action

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Olde School Fiber & Craft

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Photo Credit: Nichole Heady
A recent gathering of stitchers at Olde School Fiber & Craft at 18 South Street in Gorham.

Olde School Fiber & Craft opened its doors at 18 South Street in downtown Gorham in May 2025. More than anything, owner/founder Nichole Heady wants the community to know that the shop is about so much more than supplies—it’s about the experience and joy of making something by hand. “We’ve created a beautiful, welcoming space where makers of every skill level—from the curious beginner to the lifelong crafter—can feel inspired. Our materials, tools and projects are thoughtfully curated, because we believe choosing what you’ll make next should also be a meaningful part of the creative experience. Most importantly, we believe there is always more to learn.” Whether someone is picking up a new craft for the very first time or refining a skill they’ve practiced for decades, everyone at the shop hopes to provide the inspiration, education and community that

encourages them to keep creating. Heady believes there is something incredibly special about carrying these time-honored skills forward, while continuing to discover all the possibilities they still hold. “We offer a thoughtfully curated selection of supplies for knitting, crochet, embroidery and cross-stitch, along with grab-and-go kits that make discovering a new project or skill easy. Our beautiful tools and materials are chosen to bring as much joy to the making as the finished piece.” Beyond shopping, weekly Open Community Stitching Circles are held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Classes are also available for registration nearly every Saturday and Sunday. Novice or expert, introvert or extrovert, young or old, stranger or friend, everyone is welcome at the table. “We’ll save a seat for you!” Learn more by visiting the website, <https://oldeschoolcraft.com>, following them on socials (FB/IG @oldeschoolcraft) or by dropping by the shop at 18 South Street to chat in person. Email subscribers hear about new classes and products first via a weekly newsletter. Store hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed on Mondays. Gorham Times editor Lori Arsenault visited a recent Tuesday stitching group to find knitting, crocheting, laughing, and idea sharing. One knitter, Michelle, said, “If you want a quote, just say ‘Nichole’s always right.’” The laughter erupted. The group talked for two hours about many things, including how welcoming Gorham is beyond this shop. Nichole replied with, “Good attracts good—good, kind people attract more of it in the universe.”

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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 will also offer two sessions of a six-part online 4-H series on six Mondays from Nov. 9 through Dec. 14, 2026. The sessions are identical. One will be held from 4-5:15 p.m. and the other from 6-7:15 p.m. Sessions will be held via Zoom. "Machine Learning: Intro to AI" is designed primarily for youth ages 9 to 12, though teens are welcome. Through hands-on activities, participants will explore how machine learning models make predictions, practice training AI models and build beginner computer-science skills. No prior experience is required. Participants need access to a computer or tablet. The series is free, and donations are welcome. Registration is required by Nov. 1; space is limited to eight participants. A waitlist will be available if capacity is reached. An adult or teen volunteer who is comfortable with Zoom and has basic computer science skills is also sought to help lead the series. More information and registration is available at <https://extension.umaine.edu/event/machine-learning-intro-to-ai-evening/> If reasonable accommodation is needed, please contact Sarah Sparks at (207) 581.8206 or sarah.sparks@maine.edu by Oct. 26.

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

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

Living Waters Church is hosting a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$24 Family. Parker Farm Road, Buxton

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Are you spending Thanksgiving alone? Unable to fix a Thanksgiving Dinner? Please call Roxanne Hanscom Moody (207) 839-4516 or email her at rmooddy75.rm@gmail.com to make your reservation or request delivery for Thursday, Nov. 26. Pick up or delivered meals will be provided; pick up is appreciated. Delivered meals will arrive at different times throughout the afternoon. Please leave a message with names, phone numbers and addresses and please indicate if anybody is diabetic; she will return your call to confirm. This is a free meal; if you choose to donate any donations will go to The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.

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 spring and summer 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.

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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 is hosting a free Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 - 10 a.m through Dec. 15. The library offers free one-day passes to the Portland Museum of Art for up to two adults and six children. 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 monthly 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.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

The Biennial Art Department Exhibition returns to The USM Art Gallery at 5 University Way on Oct. 22. The show will feature painting, photography, sculpture, book arts, and more from faculty and staff.

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. The next production is "The Real Inspector Hound," written by Tom Soppard and directed by Reba Askari from Oct. 23 - Nov. 1. Feuding theatre critics Moon and Birdboot are swept into the whodunit they are viewing in this hilarious spoof of Agatha Christie-esque melodramas, filled with classically Stoppardian musings on fate and free will.

AROUND TOWN:

White Elm Dermatology, an independent, woman-owned dermatology practice in Gorham, has been nominated in two categories for the 2026 Best of the 207 awards. Dr. Miller said, "Being nominated means so much to our small practice. If we've helped your skin, cared for you or your family, or you simply want to support a local, woman-owned business, we would be incredibly grateful for your vote. We would love to see Gorham represented among the Best of the 207. Voting runs Oct. 28 through Nov. 11, and supporters may vote once every 24 hours in both categories. To vote for White Elm Dermatology, visit the Best of the 207 website and select Services —> Woman-Owned Business, then Health & Beauty —> Doctor's Office/Medical Practice.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, October 22

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Book Group, 10:15 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Board Game Café, noon
Baxter Memorial Library, Sewing Class Open Project, 4 p.m.
Gorham Art Gallery, Biennial Art Department Exhibition, 5 -7 p.m.

Friday, October 23

USM Department of Theater presents "The Real Inspector Hound," 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 24

Baxter Memorial Library, Game On Saturday!, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 27

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 28

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, D&D Group 2, 4 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Author Event: K.C. Hawthorne, 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

Baxter Memorial Library, Halloween Parade, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Board Game Café, noon

Saturday, October 31

Galilee Church, Trunk or Treat, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Living Waters Church, Haddock Supper Buffet 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Dogs Dig Reading, 4 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, D&D Group 1, 4 p.m.

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GPD received a report of a crash notification with the sound of vehicles going by, but no contact with anyone. Upon arrival, the officer noticed a phone with a clear case laying in the roadway. Dispatch was able to trace the number back to its owner. The phone was brought back to GPD, and is on the patrol room table.

An officer received a report of a female with a flat tire on the side of the road. AAA arrived on scene and towed the vehicle, he was also able to take the driver home. This

ends the officer's involvement in this case.

An officer found a vehicle with a flat tire at the top of Brandy Brook Hill. The operator told the officer he had a friend coming to help. He was safely out of the roadway so the officer cleared the scene.

An officer was dispatched to Babbs Covered Bridge in Gorham for a parking problem. Caller stated that their were cars on the hill making other vehicles go in the opposite side of the road making it dangerous. The caller also stated that children were hiding in the bridge. The officer arrived on scene and saw no kids inside the bridge, but did see one vehicle in the roadway and had them move the vehicle.



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