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USM Fall Craft Show

Gorham Times Staff



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USM Craft Show, view from the stairs.

The USM Craft Show, Nov. 14 and 15, is one of the largest and longest-running shows in the state. The show originally started in 2008 (we believe) with a fall show only. The next year we began a fall and spring show, running in November and April. The show began with fewer than 100 vendors and now is over 150 (maximum capacity). We require all items to be handmade by the vendors and have a wide variety of items…wooden creations, paintings, photography, jewelry, fudge, jellies and jams, knit items, doll clothes, baked goods, maple syrup, candles, quilts, bird feeders, decorative items, pottery, and so much more.

The applications are taken in late January and vendors are notified in March of acceptance or waitlist for both the spring and fall shows. The application is available on our USM Craft Show Facebook and Instagram pages and we send it out to previous vendors by email.

Each year we end up with over 150 on the waiting list to get in. Selection to the show each year is not guaranteed, as we try to bring in new vendors and keep the variety new and exciting. The show originally started with the field hockey and men's and women's soccer

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Girls Volleyball Does It Again

Katie Brown, *Sports Editor*



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GHS Varsity Volleyball 4X Champions

Congratulations to GHS Volleyball four-time champions!

Rising Soccer Stars Cap Off a Stellar GYSA Fall Season

Katie Brown, *Sports Editor*



Photo Credit: Jason Schucker & Chrissy Chase

Girls U14 team photo.



Photo Credit: Jason Schucker & Chrissy Chase

Sylvie Ouellet fights for possession.



Photo Credit: Jason Schucker & Chrissy Chase

14U teamwork makes the dreamwork.



Photo Credit: Tyler Berthiaume

9U team wins the Falmouth Fall Classic, 3-2.

The Gorham Youth Soccer Association (GYSA) is a Maine-based soccer club founded in 1995 supporting opportunities for players U9 -U14 age groups. The mission of GYSA is to develop and empower players to become well-balanced, successful individuals through a competitive team environment, mastering the game together by focusing on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological pillars of soccer.

The GYSA travel soccer program has provided Gorham youth with a competitive soccer playing environment, and continues its success. Plus, with their families cheering them on, players get to play in the traditional annual Fall Classic tournaments and playoffs. The program also strives to have an exceptional coaching staff and a well-organized club supporting players. In the fall of 2024, over 280 GYSA players participated in 23 travel teams, making GYSA one of the largest travel soccer clubs in the state.

This year the program carried five girls teams and nine boys teams (two U13 and two U9 teams, respectively). The U14 girls wrapped up their final season with the club on a high note with a regular season record of four wins, one loss, and one draw. The team made it to the semifinals. Coach

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Home Heating Resources

Rep. Parnell Terry

As families prepare for the colder months ahead and heating oil hovers around $6 per gallon, the biggest issue I am hearing about in Gorham is the cost of heating homes this winter.

In Maine, roughly half of all households rely on heating oil, so record high fuel prices are putting more pressure on family budgets than ever before. Over the last few years, the cost of electricity has also skyrocketed, largely due to New England's dependence on natural gas to produce our power.

If you are struggling to stay warm this winter, please know that help is available.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is available to homeowners and renters to help heat their homes. If you think you might qualify, I encourage you to apply early. If there comes a time this winter when you have an extremely low supply of heating fuel, you may also qualify for crisis assistance through the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

Those who rely on electricity for heat may also be eligible for help with their electric utility bills through the Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP).

Gorham residents can learn more and apply for each of these programs through the Opportunity Alliance. To get started, give them a call at (207) 553-5900. For more information, visit their webpage: www.opportunityalliance.org/heap. You can also go directly to MaineHousing's website, www.mainehousing.org, to learn more and apply online.

211 Maine can also help you access heating fuel assistance and other support. Call 211 to be connected with a specialist or text your zip code to 898-211.

Additionally, you can contact the Town of Gorham at (207) 892-1906 to see if you qualify for General Assistance, which can help with housing, fuel and the cost of other necessities.

The Town of Gorham also has the Gorham Heating Assistance Fund, which is supported by Gorham citizens and businesses who want to help keep our neighbors warm. Donations can be made at the Gorham Town Clerk's office or mailed to the Gorham Town Office at 75 South Street, Suite 1, Gorham ME 04038. If you have any questions, you can call the clerk's office for more information at (207) 222-1670.

Maine has an older housing stock, and improving energy efficiency can significantly reduce the cost to keep a house warm. If you need to make energy-related repairs to your home, MaineHousing offers two programs that can help: weatherization and central heating improvement (CHIP). These programs provide grants to reduce energy costs by improving home energy efficiency or to repair or replace central heating systems. Some households may also qualify for low-cost energy loans to make repairs or upgrades.

Finally, earlier this month, the Maine Department of Energy Resources released a winter heating guide with a list of statewide heating fuel prices that is updated weekly and other resources to help Mainers stay warm this winter. Find the 2026-2027 guide online at www.maine.gov/energy/winter-heating-resources.

As state legislators, we can't control the federal government or national economic trends, but we can and should focus our efforts on how to ensure every Mainer is warm, fed and cared for.

When lawmakers return to the State House in December, making sure Mainers can safely and affordably heat their homes must be an urgent priority.

If you need assistance navigating state services or accessing support, please reach out to me at Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1430. I can best represent our community by hearing from you about issues both in our district and across the state.



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

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

There's a winter retreat in your backyard, and you might be surprised by who's checking in.

Beneath autumn's brilliant red and gold leaves, newly mated bumblebee queens may be burrowing into the soil for shelter through the winter, while woolly bear caterpillars curl up among fallen leaves, able to withstand freezing temperatures, and firefly larvae take refuge in the soil and leaf litter until spring. Even that pile of branches in the corner of the yard can provide vital shelter for rabbits escaping predators, birds seeking cover from icy winds, and salamanders tucked into cool, damp hiding places.

So before raking up every leaf or hauling away every fallen branch this fall, consider leaving a little shelter behind. Your yard may look less tidy, but to the animals who live there, it could be just the place they need to make it through the winter.

Melissa Rae Sanger, LVT, The PETA Foundation, Norfolk, Va.

To the Editor,

In its October Clerk's Corner, the Gorham Times described the town's Heating Assistance Fund and the pressures facing families who never expected to need help. That is worth remembering as nights grow colder.

The house that needs assistance may not look different from any other house on the street. Its occupants may work, serve others, keep up appearances, and quietly wonder how to pay for heat.

Jesus taught that love of neighbor is something we do, not simply something we feel. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, compassion interrupts a journey and costs the helper something. The lesson is not to pity people from a safe distance. It is to notice them and respond without humiliation.

A heating fund is practical mercy. The same spirit can appear when a church shares information discreetly, a neighbor checks in without prying, or a donor gives with no expectation of recognition.

I hope Gorham residents will see this effort as an invitation to protect one another's dignity, not merely to keep thermostats running. A community is warmer when help can be requested without shame.

The test of neighborly love is whether it reaches the quiet house before someone has to announce a crisis.

Douglas Vandergraph, Ft. Collins, Colo.

Young Soccer Stars

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Naomi Schucker shared, "We are so proud of all they have accomplished and can't wait to see what these players achieve as they head into high school next year." Aaron Ouellet (parent/ long-time coach for GHS) resonated, "It's a bonus and always fun to play the best soccer at the end of the season." The entire coaching staff, including Schucker and Becky and Daryl Hooper, couldn't agree more.

For most players and families, GYSA becomes more than just a league—it becomes a family. Spending sometimes up to eight years with the same teammates and coaches creates an incredible bond, which is one of the most rewarding aspects of the program, building a foundation of chemistry and friendship that naturally carries over to the next level: high school soccer.

Congratulations to all of the GYSA teams this season, and best of luck to all of the U14 players moving into their next level of play.



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Gorham School Budget Process

Heather Perry, *Superintendent of Schools*

The Gorham School Department has already begun the work to develop the FY 28 Gorham Schools budget. As we get started, I thought it would help to share how the process works, what to expect, and, most importantly, how the public can stay informed and involved.

All School Committee meetings and joint meetings with the Town Council are open to the public, and all community members are encouraged to attend. Meeting recordings are also available through the Town's GoCAT website, and our district's webpage will be updated throughout the process with agendas, presentations, supporting documents and more.

Gorham Schools uses a zero-based budgeting approach, meaning we start fresh each year and carefully review all thousand budget lines. Rather than automatically increasing last year's numbers, we build our budget around anticipated needs, ensuring resources are justified and aligned with our district's mission and priorities. While this can cause individual budget lines to fluctuate from year to year, it provides a thoughtful, transparent approach to allocating taxpayer resources.

The process begins, where it should, with teachers and support staff. Starting this month, administration will gather input from those working directly with students. Principals and program directors then develop budget requests and submit them to the superintendent in December for careful review. From there, the process generally follows this timeline:

October–December: Staff input, school and program budget development, and administrative review.

February: Superintendent presents the initial proposed budget to the School Committee.

February–April: School Committee conducts detailed public reviews, makes adjustments, and approves its proposed budget.

May: Town Council reviews and acts on the proposed school budget.

June: Gorham voters have the final say through the annual school budget referendum. Stay Informed. Stay Engaged. Your Voice Matters!

Gorham School Committee Workshop Meeting Oct. 28

Michael Lortie, *School News Editor*

The Gorham School Committee held a Workshop Meeting on Oct. 28 at the new Gorham Adult Education Office at 381 Main Street. Six members were present. (Tompkins)

The first program review was a summary of adult education services and a tour of their new facilities, led by director Bridget Kahn and program coordinator Kathleen Points. The two leaders detailed their wide range of services, including ESOL classes, high school equivalency classes, workforce training, English for healthcare careers, college and career advising and community enrichment classes.

The second review was a summary of the grades PK-12 music program. Introduced by curriculum coordinator Kim Fadrigon, music teachers Lila Weiser, Luke Schultz and Isaac Hawkins described their program components and the transition through the grades. Their slide show detailed their current structure, offerings and student participation numbers.

Superintendent Heather Perry summarized the gas leak detected by people outside the Narragansett School during a recent weekend. The Gorham Fire Department responded and with the help of the gas company were able to locate an exterior leak. Through the work of Maine Natural Gas and the school maintenance department along with their contracted service provider, the problem has been identified and corrected and a plan for system inspections has been established. All of this information was shared with parents and community members by Dr. Perry and Principal Erin Eppler.

The School Committee members shared the results of the recent self-evaluation conducted to review their progress through their identified goals. Committee member Eric Thistle summarized the document by reviewing the positives and the challenges of meeting, as well as a vision for future goal achievement. A discussion of the document by the full committee followed, with some suggestions for setting new goals and some strategies for assisting new members joining the board.



Bangor Savings Bank Opens

Gorham Times Staff

Bangor Savings Bank (BSB) will open their new location at 95 Main Street (Hannaford Plaza) in Gorham on Nov. 9, 2026. One of the oldest banking institutions in Maine, it was founded in 1852 and now has 70 branches throughout Maine and New Hampshire with the addition of its Gorham branch.

BSB prides itself on being closely invested in each community in which they are located. In September, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation announced that they awarded more than $120K in grants to northern New England nonprofits. Supporting their neighbors through corporate funding, grant-making, volunteerism, and creative community partnerships is one of their core values. To that end, BSB recently made a $5,000 gift to The Gorham Food Pantry which will allow the pantry to add a new, energy-efficient walk-in freezer that will save money and add valuable space to their facility at St. Anne's parking lot.

The bank opening also signifies a homecoming for GHS '08 graduate Kathryn Nordfors Brewster, who will be providing leadership as branch manager. Brewster is excited about her role and is thrilled to be working in her hometown. She said, "As a Gorham graduate, it's incredibly rewarding to have the opportunity to return and serve the community that played such an important role in shaping who I am."

Brewster loves her job and finds an agreeable alignment with Bangor Savings Bank's mission to work closely within the local area. Part of her job will be to work within the community to support the goals of local organizations, businesses and families. "Being able to help individuals, families and local businesses achieve their financial goals right here in Gorham truly feels like coming home," she said.

Brewster also envisions finding ways to connect with the school community through programs like Junior Achievement. She would like to continue this type of programming, which she accomplished at her previous position in Scarborough. Brewster also believes in the importance of working with students in work force training, teaching job skills, life skills and financial education.

Bangor Savings Bank prides itself on being named to the 2026 Best Places to Work in Maine in the Large-Employer category. It is also named on the Forbes List of World's Best Banks in 2026 where its listing states, "Bangor Savings Bank has been meeting the financial needs of New Englanders for nearly 175 years by living our promise: to remain true to the mission of our founders and deliver our 'You Matter More' promise to help our employees, customers, and communities prosper."



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Movement Is Life: Your Body Is Keeping Score

Ryan Hawes, *Contributing Writer*

Most people wait for pain before they pay attention to their bodies. But the body usually starts communicating much earlier. Stiffness when you get out of bed, getting winded on the stairs, struggling to carry groceries, losing balance, or feeling unusually tired are all information.

Your body keeps a record of how you move, sleep, eat, recover and handle stress. It adapts to what you repeatedly ask it to do. If you sit most of the day, it becomes efficient at sitting. If you regularly lift, walk, bend, reach, and challenge your balance, it becomes better prepared for those demands. No change happens overnight, but change does accumulate over time.

That is why small warning signs matter. A sore knee may cause you to use one leg differently. A stiff shoulder may change how you reach overhead. Fatigue may lead you to move less, which lowers your capacity and makes activity feel even harder. Over time, the body finds ways to compensate.

The encouraging part is that the score is not final. Your body is also keeping track of every positive choice you make.

A 10-minute walk counts. So does getting up from your chair more often, practicing balance, or going to bed a little earlier. These habits are important, but walking and general movement do not fully replace strength training. To remain capable, your muscles need regular resistance and a reason to adapt.

That is where a gym can become more than a place to exercise. It provides equipment that can be adjusted as you grow stronger, a consistent environment for building a routine, and access to people who can help you use that equipment correctly. Often, the greatest benefit is having a plan, a scheduled time to follow it, and someone who notices when you stop showing up.

Going to a gym does not mean you need to become a bodybuilder or already know what to do. A good starting point may be two strength-training sessions per week built around movements that support everyday life: standing up, climbing stairs, carrying objects, pushing, pulling, and maintaining balance. The purpose is not to prove how much weight you can lift. It is to make daily life require less effort.

Ask yourself: What feels harder than it did a year ago? Is it getting off the floor, carrying laundry, turning to back up the car, or keeping up with your children or grandchildren? Your answer gives you a more meaningful starting point than a number on a scale. If you are unsure how to begin, a qualified fitness professional can help assess your current abilities and build a progression that meets you where you are.

Progress should be measured by what your body can do, not only by how it looks. More energy, better balance, easier movement, improved strength, and greater confidence are real results. They help you stay independent and continue doing the things that make life enjoyable. If pain is persistent, worsening, or changing how you move, talk with a qualified medical professional rather than trying to push through it.

Your body is keeping score, but it is not judging you. It is responding to the signals and demands it receives. Pay attention to the early messages, give it useful challenges, and allow it time to recover. You do not need to wait for a crisis to begin taking your strength seriously. The best time to start listening is before your body has to shout.



Ryan Hawes is the owner of RYZE Personal Training in Gorham. He specializes in helping adults build strength, maintain mobility, and continue doing the activities they enjoy throughout their lives.

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School Daze

Bruce Webb, *Contributing Writer*

In autumn, excitement is in the air as seasons change and children go back to school. You see kids waiting with anticipation at the bus stop sporting back-to-school haircuts, new clothes and fresh backpacks. Teachers are rested but excited and ready for their students. Kids are looking forward to meeting friends and their teachers and a resumption of their old routines.

The new school year is filled with elation for some and apprehension for others, yet is a common experience for most of us. Universal public education for 13 years is unique to the United States and one of those experiences that almost all of us share. Many districts across the country, including Gorham, also offer Pre-K for our 4-year-old students. These years serve as a marker of growth for children, parents, teachers and administrators as well as for our community.

Public education is changing rapidly and reflects the acceleration of changes in our community. In the not-too-distant past, it was sufficient to master "Readin', Writin', and 'Rithmatic," and those topics were the foundation of a successful preparation for adulthood – but no more. In the age of AI, inclusion of special services, rapidly evolving technologies, multiple languages, a mental health crisis, and recognition of different learning styles and capabilities, the schools must offer a wide array of services to students, families and their communities. This is required to help prepare future citizens for an increasingly complex world that few of us can imagine. These are challenges that past generations didn't have to face. The challenge incumbent on our community is to create a system that helps prepare students for the rapidly changing future. The future will require far more than a mastery of basic academic skills that traditional public education provided. Modern education requires social skills, creative problem solving, sharing/cooperation, critical thinking, teamwork, following directions, punctuality, self-confidence, self-motivation, character formation, discipline, an acceptable response to winning and losing, social interaction, success and failure. Listening skills, self-discipline and self-motivation in the classroom environment are all core skills. A lot of learning also occurs outside the confines of the classroom through job shadowing, sports involvement and other extracurricular participation like theater, music, and other clubs that enrich kids' lives and support their growing interests.

Of course, these services cost money. A community must periodically decide how much it is willing to pay for the school budget. This is often a contentious affair with some voters opting for maximum support while others worry about the added tax burden. These two forces often compete and democracy will prevail.

Questions about this process include: Where does funding originate? What role does the State play? What about legal requirements? Changes have taken place that need to be addressed by our community, and the way we prepare future generations to become contributing citizens and manage the following generation. Of course, parents play a major role in this process but the school system is a key institutional entity in our community. It contributes mightily to this process and deserves our support.



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

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teams and it is currently run by the volleyball and field hockey coaches and teams. Running the show is a huge endeavor and could be a full-time job in itself, so the coaches appreciate the vendors' patience as we work through the process during our busy seasons.

Vendors enjoy the venue, as our move-in and exit are quite easy with drive-in and drive-out access, allowing unloading access quite near all booths. Our athletes are also available to help unload and load up during move-in and pack-up. Our concession stand, originally run by the field hockey coaching staff, was taken over by our on-campus food service, Sodexo. During the lunch hours we provide delivery to the vendors.

Entrance to the show is free but we ask for donations to help support our teams. On-campus parking is available with a $3.00 event fee paid by kiosk or at the following link ahead of time: https://events.parkengage.com/usm

Each show, we have a raffle table; every vendor is required to donate a raffle item and tickets are available to purchase to enter the raffle of over 150 items. Ticket purchasers get to select which raffle items they would like to win by putting their ticket(s) in corresponding bags. The raffle winners are drawn after the show is over and winners are contacted to pick up their prize(s) in the week or two following the show. We also have a free-to-enter Door Prize Raffle of a $50.00 Visa Gift Card.

The fall show, over two days, has been bringing in up to 5,000 visitors and the spring show has been around 2,000 annually.

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Planning Board, Ordinance Committee

Sally Fay, *Staff Writer*

Continuing the business of its regular October meeting, the Planning Board held its second meeting of the month on Monday, Oct. 19, with five board members (Hager, Benson, Delaney, Frank, Walsh) present and one (Nichols) absent. One Planning Board seat remains vacant.

Addressing agenda item 6, the board held a public hearing on a request for a minor amendment to the Land Use Development Code pertaining to the Mosher Corner Mixed Use zone to provide clarification on standards for residential and mixed-use development. No members of the public spoke on the issue. The board moved to send the amendment to the Town Council with a recommendation for adoption: 4 Ayes, 1 Opposed (Benson), 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Item 7 was a review and discussion of a site plan and subdivision amendment for the New Portland Parkway Subdivision at 5 Jenna Drive, zoned Industrial (I). The proposed project comprises a 9,820 square foot warehouse with four individual units, including associated driveways, parking, and stormwater infrastructure, with the proposed subdivision amendment revising the impervious cover allocation. The board moved to approve the site plan and the subdivision amendment, both with conditions: both motions 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Item 8 was a request for preliminary subdivision approval for Jocelia Hartwell – Great Falls Road Subdivision, a 3-lot residential subdivision on Great Falls Road, zoned SR-MH. The board moved to grant waivers for class B soil survey and nitrate plume analysis and to grant preliminary subdivision approval: all motions 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

The final agenda item was a request for a sketch plan review of Dolloff Ridge Mixed-Use Development, a proposed three-story retail office mixed-use building with parking and associated infrastructure on a 73-acre lot off Main Street at Dolloff Road, zoned Mosher Corner Mixed Use (MC). The proposed project was discussed but no vote was taken.

Before adjourning, the board also had a brief discussion with Town staff regarding the status of an 80B appeal recently filed with Cumberland County Superior Court by Gorham United. The appeal seeks to overturn the Planning Board's approval of the 146,000 sf Amazon distribution facility project.

The Ordinance Committee held its monthly meeting on Oct. 15, with all three committee members present. Also attending were Town of Gorham staff members, including Lieutenant Dan Young of the Gorham Police Department; Maine House Representative Eleanor Sato; Town Councilor David Willis; and two members of the public.

The committee agreed by unanimous consent to review agenda item G first, since Lt. Young was present to contribute to its discussion. The issue for review and discussion was adoption of a standalone ordinance that would prohibit municipal employees who are not already subject to state law from interacting with and/or supporting federal officials with immigration enforcement actions. Following discussion, the committee asked for the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance that would work best for Gorham. No formal vote was taken on which example to use to model an ordinance for the Town.

Agenda item B, amending Gorham's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) to allow for more flexibility for existing homeowners with regards to accessory apartments, was also taken up out of order by unanimous consent. The committee debated the implications of increasing the current 800-square-foot limit on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). A Gorham resident described how plans for an ADU to provide a multigenerational living arrangement for his family would benefit from an LUDC amendment. Occupancy limits and enforcement issues were also discussed. The committee did not decide on a recommended change at present. Town staff agreed to compare nearby towns' ADU standards, including size, construction numbers, occupancy, and rental or eligibility rules, for a future discussion.

Last, the committee took up agenda item A, updating standards for sidewalks. Discussion broadly involved existing and proposed active transportation connections, including potential shared lanes, paved shoulders, and shared-use paths. The committee asked staff to map major destinations within Gorham and assess walking and biking access to them. Members recognized that funding is limited and suggested focusing on smaller areas and building connectivity incrementally.

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Clerk's Corner for Nov. 5

Laurie Nordfors, *Town Clerk*

As the holidays approach, many of us think about neighbors who may need a little extra help. The Town of Gorham's holiday assistance program supports local families in need, and you can help by sponsoring a family. This is a meaningful way for a business, community group, organization or family to get involved. To become a sponsor, call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 before the holidays. You will receive a family's wish list, along with the children's ages and clothing sizes.

In addition to families seeking holiday assistance, many low-income households and older residents struggle to heat their homes each winter. In response, the Town created the "Gorham Heating Assistance Fund." Supported by donations from Gorham residents and local businesses, 100% of the money received goes directly toward heating fuel for those we assist.

With household budgets under increasing pressure, we are helping more families who never expected to need assistance. As another heating season approaches, we anticipate significant demand. Please consider contributing to the fund and helping us keep Gorham residents warm and safe this winter. Your donation can make a meaningful difference in the life of a family in our community. On behalf of everyone who will benefit from these programs, thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at (207) 222-1670 or lnordfors@gorham.me.us.

We can all use a little help now and then. These programs give Gorham residents meaningful ways to pay it forward and support neighbors in need.

Public Works Prepping for Winter

Kelly Meslin, *Department of Public Works*

Our office and garage will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Thank you to all who served! There will be no changes to the trash collection schedule this week. Winter is coming! Our first storm of 2025 was Dec. 2-3 and was 6.2 inches. Below are some key guidelines to remember while navigating this winter season. As colder weather approaches, the Gorham Department of Public Works is ramping up winter operations to keep our streets clear, safe and navigable. To ensure local snowplow drivers can efficiently do their jobs during a winter storm, the town relies on the cooperation of residents regarding parking rules, mailbox setups, and the new automated trash collection system.

Winter Operations & Parking Bans: Plowing operations naturally scale up as soon as snow starts accumulating on the roads. To facilitate full street clearing, Gorham's overnight winter parking ban is in effect from Nov. 1 to May 1. Parking is strictly prohibited on any public road or public easement roadway between midnight and 6 a.m., as well as during any emergency parking ban declared throughout the day. Vehicles left on the street block the path of plows, create safety hazards, and are subject to ticketing or towing at the owner's expense.

For residential property maintenance, winter sand is available for pickup at the Public Works sand shed (near the leaf and grass disposal area) at 80 Huston Road, with a limit of two 5-gallon buckets per storm (please bring your own shovel and bucket).

Mailbox Placement: Heavy snow and slush flying off a plow's side wing can easily damage or knock over improperly placed or poorly maintained mailboxes. The town is generally not responsible for damage to items located within the public right-of-way, making proactive setup essential. Mailboxes should be installed at least 42 inches high from the ground (the Maine Department of Transportation recommends closer to 44-45 inches) to give plow wings proper clearance. For uncurbed roadways, set the post back at the far edge of the shoulder to maximize road clearance. If you are along a curbed road, the face of the mailbox must sit exactly one foot back from the curb face. Public Works recommends utilizing an extended-arm post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox, allowing plows to clear snow cleanly underneath without striking the structure.

Automated Trash Cart Placement: Following the town's official transition to Casella mechanical-arm automated collection trucks, proper curbside placement of your 65-gallon trash and recycling carts is critical, especially when managing snowbanks. Carts must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your designated route day with the lid arrows pointing directly toward the street. During snowy weather, never place your carts on top of or buried inside a snowbank, as the mechanical arm cannot safely reach them. Instead, clear a small, flat shelf on the roadside shoulder or driveway apron for the carts to sit securely at street level.

Always leave plenty of clearance space between your trash cart, recycling cart, and neighboring obstacles like mailboxes so the mechanical arm has room to function safely.

Download the Recycle101 app, subscribe to the Town of Gorham's webpage or follow Public Works Facebook page to keep up with trash information and any changes that may occur during winter events.

Stay Informed: Stay informed on all things Public-Works-related. Follow Public Works on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/GorhamMEPublicWorksDepartment

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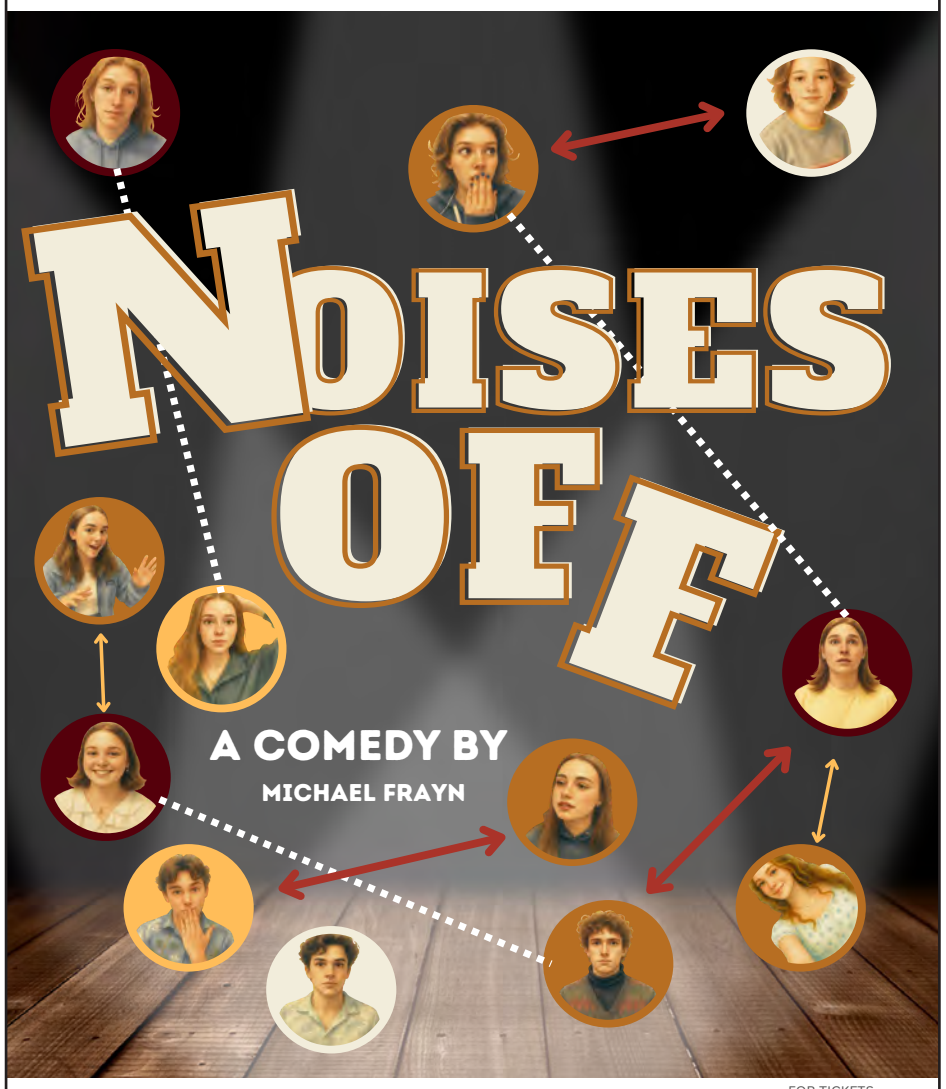
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Gorham MAINE

Upcoming Town Meetings

11/4 Minor Site Plan Review Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.
11/9 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
11/9 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
11/10 Regular Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11/11 School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Village School Celebrates Socktober Drive

Cheryl Fotter, *Principal, Village School*



Photo Credit: Cheryl Fotter

Village School participated in Socktober in October. The school collected 862 pairs of socks of all sizes to donate to Maine Needs. On Oct. 30 the students and staff celebrated the great success of the drive with Crazy Sock Day!

Knights of Columbus Donates Winter Coats

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: April Roland, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

The Gorham Schools are thankful to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of winter coats to support Gorham students. Their kindness and generosity will help keep twenty-four local students warm as the colder months approach. We are grateful to have community partners who continue to step up and make a difference for our students and families. Pictured: Randy Porter, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Quinton Donahue and James Falk. Mr. Porter and Mr. Falk represent the Knights of Columbus Council #10221 at St. Anne's Church.









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Northern Light Mercy Primary Care's New Gorham Provider

Gorham Times Staff

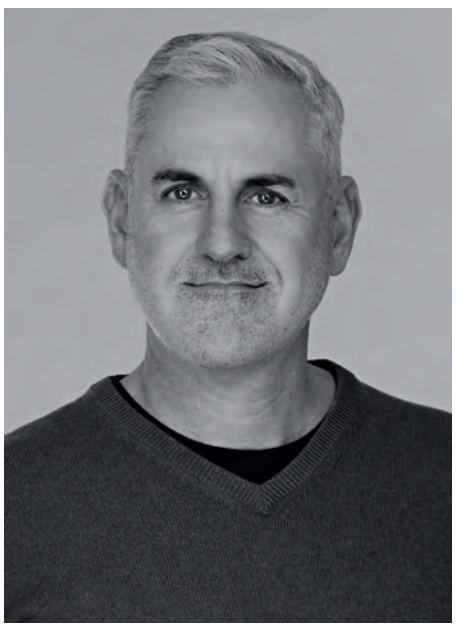


Photo Credit: Northern Light Mercy

Kieran Donaghey, FNP at Northern Light Mercy Primary Care.

Northern Light Mercy Primary Care is welcoming Kieran Donaghey, FNP, to its Gorham practice. Donaghey, an established Northern Light Mercy provider, recently moved from Northern Light Mercy Internal Medicine in Portland to the Gorham location at 19 South Gorham Crossing.

Donaghey earned his nursing and family nurse practitioner degrees from the University of Southern Maine and is certified as a family nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. His clinical interests include chronic disease management, men's health, behavioral health, and caring for underserved populations. He looks forward to welcoming patients at his new Gorham location.

For more information about Northern Light Mercy Primary Care or to find a primary care provider, visit: Primary Care Services in Maine - Northern Light Health.

Cherry Hill Place Opens With Maker's Market

Gorham Times Staff

As of Sunday, Nov. 1, doors are open at Cherry Hill Place, Gorham's eagerly awaited new event space located on Main Street next to Sebago Brewing Company.

Developed by the Shaw Brothers Family Foundation, the nearly 6,000-square-foot venue is available for weddings, corporate events, and other gatherings and has weekly Sunday markets scheduled through the end of the year (calendar at https://cherryhillmaine.com/events).

For more about the facility, visit https://cherryhillmaine.com/



Photo Credit: Sally Fay

Musical guest Don Campbell (pictured, with Tonya Shevenell on bass) provided entertainment for the festive opening event.

Photo Credit: Sally Fay

Clear blue skies and brisk fall temperatures made for a picture-perfect opening day.



Photo Credit: Sally Fay

Sunday's inaugural Maker's Market, featuring more than 40 vendors, drew large crowds to the beautiful post-and-beam barn.

From 3 Little Pigs to Exploring How a Neighborhood Is Built

Kelli Deveaux, *Staff Writer*



Photo Credit: Kelli Deveaux

Project manager with students learning how a neighborhood is made.

On the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 29, the Robie Street development was overrun with pint-sized supervisors. With their safety vests and hard hats on, 60 second grade students from Narragansett Elementary School spent two hours examining blueprints, learning about the reason Maine houses have sloped roofs, and tracing the process of building of a house, from site clearing to finished carpentry.

Teachers Rachael Hamilton, Katie Penley and Stephanie Nichols saw a perfect opportunity to connect the classic folktale of "The 3 Little Pigs," the learning goals of second grade, and the real-world industries that support how houses actually get built. They reached out to the Aspire Gorham team for some help, and with the assistance of half a dozen parent volunteers as chaperones, a perfect onsite experience will become a lasting memory for the 7-year-olds.

David Willis of Willis Real Estate, along with Mike Shea and Adam Shane, project managers for Optimum Construction, spent two hours of their day with the students, walking along Lochwood Drive and explaining how a neighborhood is made.

They created the tour plan, made a worksheet that required the students to put the steps of building a house in order, and prompted the students with developmentally appropriate questions that got students thinking and sharing their ideas and experiences.

Along the route, they looked at the materials required and the sequence of the construction, and talked about the approximately 25 different jobs it takes to build a house. The students even got to hear from the electricians with Ryan Petit Electric and the plumbers of SF Plumbing and Heating, who showed them the materials they use and shared what they love about their jobs and how they trained and prepared for their careers.

All young men, their stories truly inspired many of the students. Edrick, in Mrs. Hamilton's class, said, "This was my favorite field trip. I liked learning about electricity. It is cool how they put together the wires to make the electricity work." Greta, in Mrs. Nichols' class, agreed. "I liked learning about electricity and that we could touch wires like they use."

Highlights of the experience also included getting to go inside a nearly completed house, and seeing the heavy equipment that was digging a new foundation. When asked for comment on the adventure, Julian, a student in Mrs. Penley's class, said, "Thank you for showing us around a halfway finished house. I loved it, I give it five stars for how good it already looks.

And for how much work you have already put into it. I also think the blueprint is really really really cool!"

Approached by the Aspire Gorham team to help make this experience a reality for the second grade Narragansett teachers, David Willis was quick to agree to the idea. As a frequent mentor for Gorham students and the father of two young children, he was keenly aware of the intrinsic curiosity of young students and the value of having a first-hand look at how things really happen in our community. "I believe real-life experiences like this stay with students long after their schooling ends, and opens their minds to the many opportunities ahead of them," said Willis.

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OF INTEREST

Gorham High School student **McKenzie Dicks** has added another championship to an extraordinary 2026 equestrian season, recently earning the *2026 United States Northeast Dressage Association Championship* after securing a national podium finish earlier this year.

Farmers and Small Businesses: You are eligible for the Capital Expenditure ("CapEx) Matching Grant Program. Maximum award of $12,000 per Gorham business or farm. 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. Visit gorhammaine.org/our-services/local-grant-programs/ for guidelines and application materials. Completed applications and required supporting materials must be received by: Friday, Jan. 15, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. EST, Email (preferred) at econdev@gorham.me.us. or in person: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2027, at 5 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.

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

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 will hold its Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Donation Drive on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sam's Club in Scarborough. Residents can meet local veterans, receive a Buddy Poppy, and donate to support veteran assistance programs, including help with basic necessities and housing when available. "No veteran should feel forgotten or face Maine's harsh winters alone," said Quartermaster Jakob Bauder, a combat soldier and Army Wounded Warrior. Founded in 1990 by 36 veterans and merged with South Portland VFW Post 832 in 2020, the post thanks Gorham, Standish, South Portland and surrounding communities for their support. Veterans who served in qualifying foreign wars, campaigns or expeditions are invited to monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Station, 270 Main Street. 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

A Highland Lake Grange drive-through-only roasted turkey dinner will happen on Saturday, Nov. 14 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). Please have the exact price for the meals you want. No substitutions, no pre-orders. You drive up, pay and receive your meal. The Grange is located on the corner of Route 302 and Hardy Road in Westbrook.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Norway Savings Bank will hold its Share and Care Food Drive at all Maine and New Hampshire branches from Monday, Nov. 16, through Monday, Dec. 14. Customers and community members can drop off non-perishable food items at designated areas in each branch, and team members will hand deliver the donations to local food pantries and food banks. "Many food pantries have reported that donations can slow down or drastically decrease once Thanksgiving is over," said NSB President Darci Hamm. For branch locations and hours, visit norwaysavings.bank/locations-hours.

Are you spending Thanksgiving alone? Unable to fix a Thanksgiving dinner? Please call Roxanne Hanscom Moody (207) 839-4516 or email her at trmoody75.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.

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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 is hosting a free Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 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 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.

Types of Knowledge

Based on the Rumsfeld Framework
Feb. 12, 2002
Donald Rumsfeld,
U.S. Dept. of Defense

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Things you know that you know.

Known unknowns:
Things you know that you don't know.

Unknown unknowns:
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Unknown knowns:
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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 5
Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., Book Group, 10:15 a.m., Board Game Café, noon., Teen Advisory Board, 2:45 p.m., Beginner Basics Sewing Class, 4 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, Trustee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, November 6
USM Athletics, WIH vs. New England College, 4 p.m. Live video and states available.

Saturday, November 7
Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Donation Drive, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sam's Club, Scarborough.
Gorham Arts Alliance, Seize the Day! Accessible Stages Collaborative, GMS Auditorium, noon and 4 p.m. royalrivercommunityplayers.com/shows

Tuesday, November 10
Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m., Aging Series Part 2: Your Brain on Adventure, 1 p.m., Dogs Dig Reading, 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 12
Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., Creative Corner, 12 p.m., Youth Stretch Your Sewing Skills Class, 4 p.m., Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 14
Baxter Memorial Library, Repair Fair!, 10 a.m.
Highland Lake Grange drive-through supper, 4 - 6 p.m., $13 per meal, corner of Route 302 and Hardy Road, Westbrook

Monday, November 16
Norway Savings Bank Share & Care Food Drive runs today to Monday, Dec. 14.

Tuesday, November 17
Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m., Aging Series Part 3: Staying Strong, Staying Independent, 1 p.m., Library, Lizards Love Literacy, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m., IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m., D&D Group 1, 4 p.m.
USM Athletics, WBB vs Clark University, 5:30 p.m. live video and stats available.

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After a traffic stop on Valley View Drive, the homeowner at Valley View Drive flagged the officer down and told him that police could use his property to run traffic on Fort Hill Rd, as he is concerned about speeders in the area.

An officer responded to Little River Drive for a harassment complaint and possible criminal trespass. The officer served the subject with a criminal trespass notice from the address, which dispatch activated. Officer explained the paperwork and that he needed to be gone by the next afternoon and he seemed to understand. The officer then cleared the address.

A caller reported fireworks close to her home that appeared maybe too close to houses. Officer checked the area and did not find any fireworks. Officer heard fireworks in the distance, but did not know where, then informed the caller and informed her about the fireworks ordinance in case there were more fireworks the next night.

Caller reported a vehicle that was swerving and brake checking. The caller reported that the vehicle turned into Carson Drive. The officer found the vehicle parked in a driveway and spoke with the operator who appeared normal and had been confused on the turn she needed to take.

Officer dispatched to Winslow Road in Gorham for a noise complaint. The caller advised that there was loud music being played. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with the resident and just asked if they could keep it down.

Caller reported an older model truck driving down Flaggy Meadow with smoke coming out the back and leaving debris in the road. They last saw it heading north on Fort Hill. Officer was right in the area and saw the vehicle turn down Meadow Crossing. Officer saw no debris or smoke and continued to the noise complaint the officer was assigned to.

Officer found a vehicle parked in the back of the cemetery on North Gorham Rd. with its lights on. Officer checked on it and found someone in the driver's seat. She stated she was just visiting a grave, and pointed it out to the officer who mentioned she was not supposed to be there after dark, and left.

A turtle was crossing the road, causing a traffic hazard. An officer arrived and was able to assist it.

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