

Gorham holds ribbon cutting for lighting retrofit project

GORHAM, ME – On August 13, 2025, the Town held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its recently completed Municipal LED Lighting Retrofit Project. The project, funded by a Community Action Grant from the State of Maine’s Community Resilience Partnership Program and a rebate from Efficiency Maine, included the replacement of 488 fluorescent lights with energy-saving LED fixtures, helping to reduce the Town’s carbon footprint and lower energy costs. The project was spearheaded by the dedicated efforts of Assistant Town Planner Damon Yakovleff, Facilities Coordinator Kevin Wood, and Town Engineer Chuck Norton.



In the photo from left: Town of Gorham Community Development Office Manager - Laura O’Loughlin, Facilities Coordinator - Kevin Wood, Director of Community Development - Tom Poirier, Assistant Town Planner - Damon Yakovleff, State Representative (District 108) Parnell Terry, State of Maine Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Community Resilience Partnership Program Manager - Ashley Krulik, and GPCOG Sustainability Program Coordinator - Gretchen Anderson.

Town of Gorham seeks to fill committee, council seats

GORHAM, ME – The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 for the purpose of electing:

- THREE (3) persons for Town Council to serve a 3 year term
- TWO (2) persons for School Committee to serve a 3 year term
- Nomination papers

will be available from the Town Clerk’s Office beginning on Monday, July 28, 2025. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham,

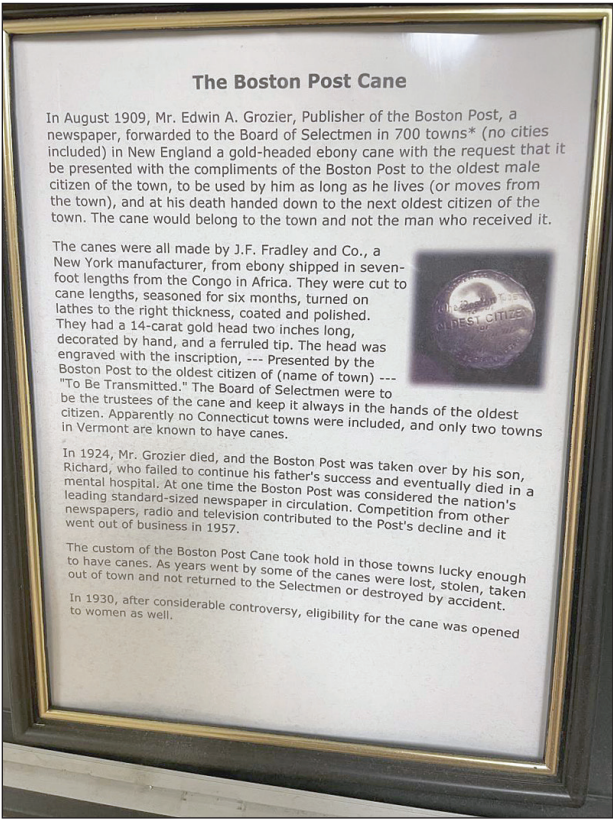
who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

Please contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.

Gorham reviving Boston Post Cane, looking for oldest resident

GORHAM, ME – The Town of Gorham is reviving the tradition of the Boston Post Cane. We are looking for the oldest living resident of Gorham. The person must have lived in the Town of Gorham for a minimum of the most recent 10-year period and must be willing to receive the honor. If you know of someone who may qualify, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 207-222-1670 or visit the Town’s website to fill out a nomination form.

Additional supporting documentation may be required. Nomination papers will be available until September 30, 2025.



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Share your input on Gorham’s Parks & Recreation Master Plan

GORHAM, ME – As part of the Town’s ongoing Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, Gorham residents can share their ideas, priorities, and vision for Gorham’s parks and recreation facilities through the community survey below. Feedback

will guide future investments and improvements that matter most to its citizens.

The survey consists of three sections and is expected to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please consider sharing

this survey with other members of the community.

Visit the Town’s website to complete the Gorham Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

Thank You - Your input is highly valued!

Lakes Region Senior Center invites Gorham seniors to activities

GORHAM, ME – If you are looking for a fun senior center with lots of activities daily, come join us at Little Falls Activity

Center, 40 Acorn Street, Gorham, Maine. We are open from 8:30 to 2 or 3 pm depending on the activity. Our calendar is online.

Call Gerry Day, President, at 839-3859 for more information

Membership fee is \$20 a year with many perks.

Living Waters Church invites Gorham to Haddock Supper

BUXTON, ME – Try our delicious Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, August 30, 2025 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church,

Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family.

Please note: We

will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

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UMaine Extension to host webinar on growing garlic

ORONO, ME – University of Maine Cooperative Extension will kick off its Fall Gardening Webinar Series with “Growing Great Garlic” from 6–7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16.

Led by Peyton Ginakes, vegetable production research associate, the webinar will explore everything home gardeners need to know to grow garlic successfully, from planting and seasonal care to harvesting and long-term storage. The session will also address common garlic-growing challenges and how to manage them. Whether you’re new to gardening or a seasoned grower, this webinar offers practical tips for all experience levels.

This session is the first of four in UMaine Extension’s Fall Gardening Webinar Series.

Registration is required; sliding scale fee options are available. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive the recording link. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Rebecca Gray at 207.356.1348 or extension.gardening@maine.edu.

2025 MOFF selects tour schedule

MAINE – From mid-August to early November, MOFF travels the state of Maine for its Selects Tour. Partnering with local venues and sponsors, we visit numerous towns and cities around Maine to bring specially curated film programs to area residents. Click on the screening link for more details, and we hope to see you out there!

Thursday, 8/28 – Selects Tour at Camden Public Library Amphitheatre, Camden

Friday, 8/29 – Selects Tour at Rangeley Lakeside Theatre, Rangeley

Saturday, 8/30 – Selects Tour at The Milbridge Theatre, Milbridge

Friday, 9/5 – Selects Tour at University of New England, Biddeford

Saturday, 9/6 – Selects Tour at Tidewater Farm, Falmouth

Thursday, 9/11 – Selects Tour at Memorial Park, Scarborough

Saturday, 9/13 – Selects Tour at The Boreal Theatre, Millinocket

Saturday, 9/13 – Selects Tour at Riverbank Park, Westbrook

Thursday, 9/18 – Selects Tour at The Alamo Theatre, Bucksport

Thursday, 9/18 – Selects Tour at Riverton Trolley Park, Portland

Friday, 9/19 – Selects Tour at The Waldo Theatre, Waldoboro

Thursday, 9/25 – Selects Tour at Bissell Brothers, Portland

Thursday, 10/9 – Selects Tour at Rock Row, Westbrook

Saturday, 10/11 – Selects Tour at The Gem Theatre, Bethel

Saturday, 10/17 – Selects Tour at Johnson Hall, Gardiner.

2025 Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival winners announced

BRUNSWICK, ME – The Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 19th annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival held on Saturday, August 16th in Downtown Brunswick.

Judging the exhibiting artists this year were Rory Scranton, Amanda Skinner, and Seth Watkins.

Best in Show: Jon White

1st Place - Mixed Media: Kelly Desrosiers

2nd Place - Mixed Media: Anne Alexander

1st Place - Graphics/

Drawing: Kathleen Buchanan

2nd Place - Graphics/Drawing: Mattie Rose Templeton

1st Place - Jewelry: Andrew Xenos

2nd Place - Jewelry: Trish Conant

1st Place - Painting: Kim Ferreira

2nd Place - Painting: Teresa McCue

1st Place - Photography: Doug Hockman

2nd Place - Photography: Tom Kretsch

1st Place - Fine Craft: Doug Frati

2nd Place - Fine

Craft: Rachel Herzer

Congratulations to all the 2025 Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival Award Recipients!

Presenting Sponsor: Bowdoin College

Supporting Sponsors: Wild Oats, Martin’s Point Health Care, Renewal by Andersen, Maine State Music Theatre, Ray Labbe & Sons

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For more information on the Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival, visit brunswickoutdoorarts-fest.com.

BBB: Tips to be aware of scams

Every day, businesses juggle dozens of tasks. From supervising employees to balancing books, days are jam-packed with details large and small.

Since 2022, Better Business Bureau® (BBB®) has received over 3,600 reports from businesses encountering scams in the course of everyday business.

Stories ranged from light nuisances such as incessant spam emails, to complete disruption, such as scammers holding data for ransom. In nearly every report, fraudsters show little regard for how their schemes could affect the livelihood of countless business owners and their employees.

And the cost is high. Federal agencies report that billions of dollars are lost each year, and the methods used grow in sophistication and number each year. Many businesses expressed dismay when encountering scams, especially those that cost them significant amounts of money. However, there are ways to fight back against scammers.

To help protect businesses, BBB’s International Investigations Initiative put together “BBB Study: How impostors, stolen data, and fake services cost businesses billions.”

This study is intended to give businesses, news media, researchers and regulatory agencies an in-depth understanding of:

How these scams work

The most common types of business scams.

What businesses can do to protect themselves.

Red flags for businesses.

One business owner in Nebraska, David, was looking to buy some equipment for his gas pump repair business. He found a reputable-looking site and decided to purchase over \$20,000 in equipment, including a skid steer and a bobcat.

Once the money was wired, the seller disappeared. When researching online, he found that the scammer had stolen a real company’s website. David never recovered his money.

Linda, another business owner in Mississippi, runs a commercial cleaning business with her husband. Someone contacted them, attempting to hire them for a job. The duo agreed, and the customer sent them a check, which they deposited in their bank.

Before the job started, the customer asked whether the money had been deposited. When Linda told them it was currently held at her bank, the customer asked for a deposit slip and their banking information to ensure she had actually attempted to deposit it. At this point, Linda knew it was a scam, which was confirmed when the check bounced.

Red flags: Learn these signs

Unknown businesses, government agencies and big-ticket buyers.

Invoices from unexpected emails.

Odd behavior from “known” vendors or businesses.

Requests for gift cards or pre-paid debit card payments.

Urgent demands to renew or obtain licenses or trademarks.

Claims about expiring domain names.

Consultants making big promises about helping your business.

BBB’s tips to avoid business scams

Train employees to recognize scams.

Double-check invoices and payments before sending.

Verify vendor contact information.

Establish payment procedures.

Avoid wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, and gift cards whenever possible.

Find more tips and resources at BBB’s Business Scam HQ.

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Researchers confirm invasive tick in Cumberland County

ORONO, ME – The University of Maine and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) have confirmed the presence of an invasive Asian longhorned tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*) in the state for the first time.

The tick was submitted through University of Maine Cooperative Extension’s passive tick surveillance program and identified by staff at the UMaine Extension Tick Lab. Follow-up active surveillance in the surrounding area did not detect any additional specimens.

The specimen, a nymph, was collected in Cumberland County and submitted for identification and pathogen testing. This marks the first known occurrence of the species in Maine and raises important considerations for livestock care, wildlife management and public health.

“This discovery underscores the critical importance of continued tick surveillance in Maine,” said Griffin Dill, director of the UMaine Extension Tick Lab. “While this appears to be an isolated case, we are closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with state and federal partners. Early detection is essential to understanding and mitigating the potential risks associated with this species.”

Why the Asian Longhorned Tick Is a Growing Concern

Native to East Asia, the Asian longhorned tick was first confirmed in the United States in New Jersey in 2017 and has since spread through more than twenty states. Unlike most ticks, female Asian longhorned ticks can reproduce without mating, creating infestations from a single individual and posing a unique challenge for control. The tick found in Maine was at a juvenile stage that can’t reproduce.

They feed on a wide range of hosts, including livestock, pets, wildlife and



Asian longhorned tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*), courtesy of University of Maine Cooperative Extension

people. In other regions, they have been shown to transmit the cattle pathogen *Theileria orientalis*, which can cause significant illness. Research is ongoing to understand if this tick species can spread the pathogens found in Maine and elsewhere in the U.S.

In response to the recent finding, state and research partners are intensifying monitoring efforts to determine whether the Asian longhorned tick is persistent in Maine and, if so, to understand its potential spread. UMaine, DACF and the MaineHealth Institute for Research will continue targeted active surveillance in the region and encourage the public to remain vigilant.

How Maine Can Prepare

DACF, in collaboration with the UMaine Extension Tick Lab and Maine CDC, recommends these preventative measures:

Use tick preventatives: Veterinarians should advise on effective treatments for livestock and pets.

Conduct rigorous tick checks: Examine animals, especially ears, eyes, tails, and feet, regularly and remove any ticks found promptly and safely.

Maintain the landscape: Keep yards and pastures brush-free and create mulch or gravel borders to reduce tick habitat.

Continued Monitoring and Reporting

The presence of Asian longhorned ticks in Maine and neighboring

states, along with the data from UMaine Extension’s ongoing passive surveillance program, highlights the urgency of staying alert.

“If you find an unusual-looking tick or suspect an infestation, don’t hesitate to report it to DACF,” said Dr. Rachael Fiske, assistant state veterinarian. “In this and every instance, early detection is key to protecting Maine’s livestock, pets, wildlife and public health.”

To report findings or for more information, contact the Maine DACF’s Animal Health Division, 207.287.3701; animal-health.dacf@maine.gov.

For more information on tick species in Maine and submitting a tick for identification and testing, visit the UMaine Extension Tick Lab website at extension.umaine.edu/ticks. Additional guidance is also available on the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention website and the U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

Funding for ongoing UMaine research on ticks and tick-borne pathogens is supported by Congressionally Directed Spending secured by U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, currently chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Additionally, an annual state appropriation directly supports the operations of the tick lab and enables UMaine to maintain testing affordability for Maine residents.

Ogunquit’s Perkins Cove Plein Air Painting event 2025

OGUNQUIT, ME – The Town of Ogunquit’s Parks and Recreation committee is proud to present one of Maine’s premier cultural happenings for its exciting 5th year. Ogunquit’s Perkins Cove Plein Air Painting Event returns on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, (Rain date Sunday, September 7th).

More than one hundred (100) professional and amateur plein air painters will gather to capture the rugged coastal beauty of Perkins Cove and Ogunquit, our “Beautiful Place by the Sea.” This year, Ogunquit is celebrating the 100 anniversary of the famed coastal walk, The Marginal Way. Part of its rich legacy are the countless plein air painters who have, for a century, chosen scenic spots along its path down across the rocky cliffs, and along its tiny tidal “beaches” to capture the timeless beauty of the Ogunquit, Maine coast. In addition to watching painters along The Marginal Way, visitors can wander through Ogunquit, to Ogunquit Beach, and down to Perkins Cove to enjoy paintings as they are created live on the easels by the bounty of professional and amateur painters. Plein Air painting—painting out-

doors—is a time-honored tradition for many artists.

In Ogunquit and Perkins Cove, past and present artists make up what is collectively known as The Ogunquit Art Colony. For more than a century Perkins Cove and Ogunquit have welcomed thousands of both luminary and local artists; drawing, painting, sketching, and photographing the picturesque vistas including the rocky coastline, tidal river, Ogunquit Beach, and The Marginal Way, along with Perkins Cove’s harbor and famed foot drawbridge. Perkins Cove, “The Cove” will again serve as the headquarters for the 5th annual plein air event. Hailed as the “largest one-day plein air event in New England,” Ogunquit-Perkins Cove Plein Air Art Event draws thousands of first-time and repeat art-loving visitors each year.

The event’s schedule begins with plein air painting from 9am to 3pm. Judging begins at 3pm in Perkins Cove with awards in both the professional and amateur categories. After the judging and awards presentation, the day culminates with a popular Wet Paint Sale offering the chance to take home a fresh-off-the-easel paint-

ing. Live music in Perkins Cove adds to the festive energy of the day.

For the second year the event judge will be Olena Babak. Olena is an award-winning, classically trained artist, whose landscapes and figurative works can be found in galleries, public and private collections both regionally and internationally. Her work has been featured in “Plein Air Magazine”, the “Poet’s and Artist’s: 100 Great Drawings,” and the “Classicist” as well as “Strokes of Genius” series.

For more information visit: OgunquitPerkinsCovePleinAir.com or email opcpleinair@gmail.com.

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AGC Maine receives national recognition for safety excellence

AUGUSTA, ME – The Associated General Contractors of Maine (AGC Maine) received national recognition this month from AGC of America as a recipient of a AGC Chapter Safety Award as part of the National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program in the Chapters with 126-



250 members category. AGC of America hosts the National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) each year across chapters in the

nation and has two award categories: AGC Chapter Safety Awards and AFC Member Awards. The Chapter Safety Awards are based on a weighted average of participation and the overall incident rate of the Chapter's members. Each Chapter is divided into four size categories: Less than 125 general contractor members; 126-250 general contractor members; 251-400 general contractor members; and over 400 general contractor members.

"We are proud of our members' continued commitment to promoting the highest standards of safety in our industry. AGC Maine's recognition in the AGC Chapter Safety Award this year is a direct reflection of our members' dedication to safety excellence, and the chapter's mission, vision, and values," said Kelly Flagg, Executive Director at AGC Maine.

The NASA program has been an ongoing effort since 1991 to offer AGC Members an opportunity to evaluate their safety record and provide contractor members with excellent safety records to compete for nationally recognized awards. The awards process compares an AGC member's safety record with other AGC members across the country according to the member's size and construction type.

AGC Maine will gather in November of this year with members to recognize and celebrate this year's NASA recipients.

REALTOR® Foundation awards grants totaling \$210K

AUGUSTA, ME – The Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation, the charitable arm of Maine Association of REALTORS®, has awarded \$210,000 through its 2025 Competitive Grant Program to twenty-two non-profit organizations to address a variety of housing needs of low-income individuals and households across Maine.

The following organizations each received a \$10,000 grant:

Aroostook Community Action Program (Presque Isle) to provide financial support for heating repairs

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter (Bangor) to support their Emergency Shelter and supportive services

Caring Unlimited (Sanford) to sustain expanded emergency domestic violence shelter capacity

CHIP (Newcastle) to make essential home repairs in Lincoln County

Community Concepts (Lewiston) to clean, tune and evaluate central heating systems for low-income households

Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine (Bath) to fund materials and job site costs for their Critical Home Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor (Bangor) to help construct affordable housing

Habitat for Humanity of Waldo County (Belfast) to help install ramps, railings and bathroom safety features for low-income individuals over 60 and/or disabled residents

Habitat for Humanity York County (Kennebunk) to help construct five affordable houses in partnership with low-income households in Sanford

Homeworthy (Rockland) to support final ex-

penses of Firefly Field/Talbot Avenue Community Housing Projects

Milestone Recovery (Portland) to provide rental assistance, security deposits and housing navigation services to help individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders

Mission at the Eastward (Farmington) to purchase building tools and materials for volunteer driven home repairs for low-income individuals and families

New Hope Midcoast (Rockland) to safely house victims of domestic abuse in Midcoast Maine

Partners for Peace (Bangor) to provide security deposits to support survivors of domestic violence in obtaining safe, affordable housing

Preble Street (Portland) to support Teen Housing Services to youth experiencing homelessness

Rural Community Action Ministry (Leeds) to provide a variety of housing assistance to low-income rural families

Safe Voices (Auburn) to provide housing assistance through their Survivor Relief Fund

St. Martin dePorres Residence (Lewiston) to provide essential repairs and updates needed for safety compliance in both shelters

Waldo Community Action Partners (Belfast) to ensure access to healthy, safe housing for people who live in poverty in Waldo County

York County Community Action Corporation (Sanford) to provide essential home repairs and modifications to low-to-moderate income households in need

The following organizations each received a \$5,000 grant:

Hancock County

Homes Foundation (Ellsworth) to replace heat detectors in the dwelling units of Meadowview Apartments

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter (Waterville) to support their Young Adults Empowerment Supports Program

According to Andrea Page, 2025 Chair of the Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation and Co-Team Leader, Keller Williams Realty in Portland, "As REALTORS®, we are committed to being part of the solution — supporting the local organizations who are building stronger communities, expanding access to housing, and creating pathways to a safer, more stable future for all Mainers."

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Exploring the Georges Islands by Kayak

Several years ago, I launched with a group of kayakers from Port Clyde. Parking was a significant problem so I wrote it off as a starting point for kayak trips despite the presence of a couple of exceptional paddling opportunities in the area.

In June, I met a kayak guide who reported that Port Clyde had built a new landing with plenty of parking. I immediately began planning a kayak trip to take advantage of the new facility.

Two outstanding kayak trips conveniently begin from Port Clyde. The first is a traverse north from Port Clyde along the shore and through a series of coastal islands to Spruce Head or possibly beyond. The second is an out-and-back paddle through an archipelago called the Georges Islands that extends several miles south towards Monhegan Island.

After identifying a late-July day with light winds, gentle seas, and partly cloudy weather predicted, I extended an invitation for either of the two trips to several of my frequent paddling companions. Nine enthusiastic paddlers quickly responded in the affirmative and expressed a preference for an exploration of the Georges Islands. A trip was on!

When the ten of us met at the spacious new boat landing on a cloudy morning, the weather forecast had worsened overnight. Rain showers were predicted to begin midafternoon followed by steady rain. Fortunately, unlike a common coastal theme this summer, fog was not expected to be in the mix.

Another unexpected obstacle, parking was limited to four hours. We spoke to the harbormaster who graciously agreed to grant us a short exten-



Paddlers depart Port Clyde Landing

sion but returning within five hours was necessary. We now had a heightened sense of urgency.

Paddling solo sea kayaks, ten of us departed from the landing in calm seas with light winds out of the north. Our immediate goal was to proceed west across Port Clyde Harbor to substantial Hupper Island where the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Roberts, currently has a summer home.

After connecting with the Hupper shoreline, we rounded the northern terminus and traversed open water for a long mile to Teel Island. Continuing west beyond Teel, we turned south and passed the small scenic islands of Stone, Ram, and Seavey while enjoying a light tailwind.

We progressed farther south against an incoming tide maneuvering between McGee and Barter Islands on our right and the rugged Inner Shag Ledges immediately left. Sizeable Thompson Island was next.

Following a substantial channel crossing, we began navigating along the irregular Thompson Island shoreline. A member of the group suggested stopping for lunch at a beach on a tiny islet south of Thompson and north of Davis Strait. Leaving Thompson behind, we weaved through a collection of small islands in narrow twisting channels

until locating the well-concealed beach which was ideal for a respite.

At lunch, we added rain jackets for protection from the expected showers and the light headwind. Emerging west from Davis Strait, we turned north and rode the incoming tide along the west side of Thompson while enjoying views of distant Eastern Egg Rock and Franklin Island in the west.

Once our entourage reached the southern tip of Barter Island, we speculated on whether or not the tide had risen sufficiently to allow us to pass through the attenuated gut between Barter and McGee Islands. The collective decision was to take the gamble. Good fortune was on our side as the eastern end of the picturesque narrows was just filling in when we passed through.

From the gut, we backtracked through the northern Georges Islands while proceeding into a stronger headwind. The first mildly choppy seas of the day were encountered while crossing the wide channel between Teel and Hupper Island.

Once past Hupper, the seas in Port Clyde Harbor were calm for our return to Port Clyde. Showers were just beginning when we disembarked at the landing completing an exceptional day of paddling in one of Maine's most spectacular archipelagos.

The harbormaster

made good on his word as there were no problems with late parking. The steady rain held off until our kayaks were loaded and we were on the road.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates eight more exciting sea kayak trips along the Maine coast including a voyage to visit the puffins on Eastern Egg Rock.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is available at www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco or in bookstores and through online retailers. His previous books are *"The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery"* and *"Mountains for Mortals – New England."* Visit his website at www.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



Kayakers pass one of the many Georges Islands in Penobscot Bay.



Paddlers are barely able to pass through a narrow channel in Georges Islands.

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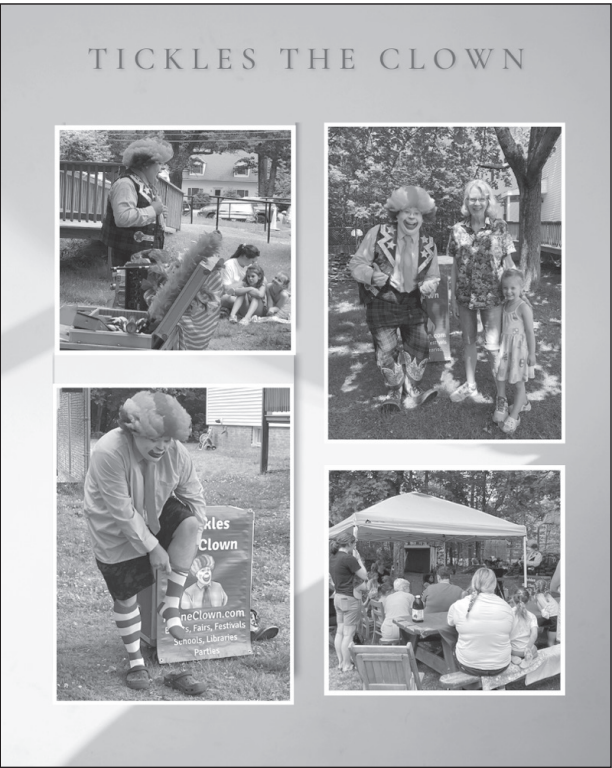
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GORHAM, ME – Many thanks to “Tickles the Clown,” who put on a great show at North Gorham Public Library one warm day in June. Because he understands that some children (and probably adults) are a bit leery of clowns, he put on his clown makeup and costume in front of the audience. He even enlisted some help choosing what comes next! His pre-show was a great idea! High five, Tickles!

Send all items for What’s Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.



Live Greek music to benefit Hellenic Society of Maine

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME – Grab your dancing shoes! An outstanding Greek band from Boston, “Mia Anasa,” will perform Greek music for listening and dancing on Sunday, September 14, 2025. A fundraiser for the non-profit group, the Hellenic Society of Maine, the event will take place from 4 – 7 p.m. in the “industrial chic” event space at Fork Food Lab, 95 Darling Avenue, South Portland, near the Maine Mall. Individual tickets in advance are \$35; \$40 at the door. A reserved table of eight is \$265. Go to the HSoM website at www.hellenicsocietyofmaine.org or call Chris Ziagos at 775-3607. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.



In addition to the great music, there will be outstanding Greek appetizers, mezedes, for sale by Hellenic Kitchen, a member of the Fork Food Lab. This small catering group has earned a large following for authentic food that they sell at some farmer’s markets in the area. There also will be a cash bar.

“Mia Anasa” plays traditional dance music, but specializes in rembetiko, a soulful Greek style of music that is reminiscent of American “blues.” This compelling style of music developed in the urban areas of Greece in the early 1900’s among the populations of ethnic Greeks displaced from Asia Minor after World War I. Their songs spoke of persecution and sorrow, but also of love and endurance. Later generations of Greeks who emigrated to other countries found refuge in this music to express the longing for their mother land.

Band members are led by Makis Emmanouilidis, guitar, baglama, vocals; Yanni Mitaras, bouzouki and vocals; Jim Varetimos, guitar and vocals; and guest vocalist Nectaria Sofou-Boustris.

The Hellenic Society of Maine is an active educational and cultural organization with members from Maine as well as some as far away as Florida, Missou-

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Sunday, September 14, 2025 | At Fork Food Lab's
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The Hellenic Society of Maine hosts the Greek Rembetiko music ensemble “Mia Anasa,” with singer, Nectaria Sofou-Boustris.



Food and Drinks are available for purchase. Hellenic Kitchen will be offering Greek cuisine.

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ri and New York. It holds many of its events on Zoom which allows for wide participation. With a mission to promote modern Greek culture as well as Hellenism (humanistic and classical ideals associated with ancient Greece) the society presents lectures on a wide range of topics, hosts Greek language lessons, holds Greek book and film discussions, Trivia Happy Hours, live social gatherings and other special events -- like this rembetiko concert. They also support the official Sister City relationship between Portland, Maine, and

Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece – now in its 20th year. At the event the group will have a table of Greek-related items for sale, and a raffle, which will also raise funds. “The Society tries to offer its educational and cultural programs at no or low cost,” says Mary Snell, president. “We occasionally hold fundraisers to be able to continue to do that. Even if folks don’t know much about Greek music and dance, we hope they will turn out for this immersive cultural experience. They’ll have a wonderful time!”

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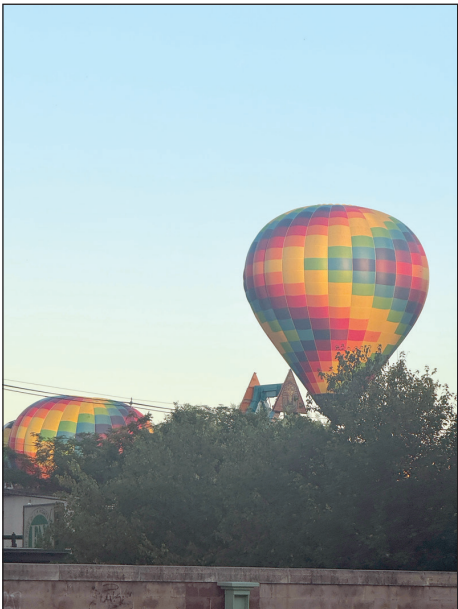
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Art, music, circus arts at Art Walk tonight!

WISCASSET, ME – The final Wiscasset Art Walk of the 2025 season presents exquisite art, sublime music, the challenge of juggling, the tenderness of remembrance, and tasty places to eat on Thursday, August 28, 4-7pm.

Sylvan Gallery hosts award-winning plein air artists Crista Pisano and Neil Hughes during the WAW evening. The two award-winning artists are kindred spirits in their enjoyment of painting plein air, but their final results could hardly be more different. While Pisano paints small, delicate land and sea scapes, Hughes’ paintings are broad and big. Meet the artists and see their paintings during the evening.

Long Branch returns to the Village as the Art Walk’s featured musical performer. The trio of Nanci Stein, Bill Donovan, and John Favreau play bluegrass and country with

See Art Walk, page 16



Long Branch plays the sidewalk during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thurs., Aug. 28, 4-7pm, featuring country, bluegrass, and a bit of early folk. (Bob Bond photo.)



During Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, Aug. 28, Healthy Lincoln County and Studio B commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day with info. tables and healing arts displays. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo.)

Clothes galore at Gorham’s Mission of Hope Clothes Closet

GORHAM, ME – The FREE Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church (Mission of Hope Clothes Closet) is open to all who need Fellowship, Friendship and Clothes. We are located at 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, and we are open on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month from 9 o’clock AM to 12 Noon.

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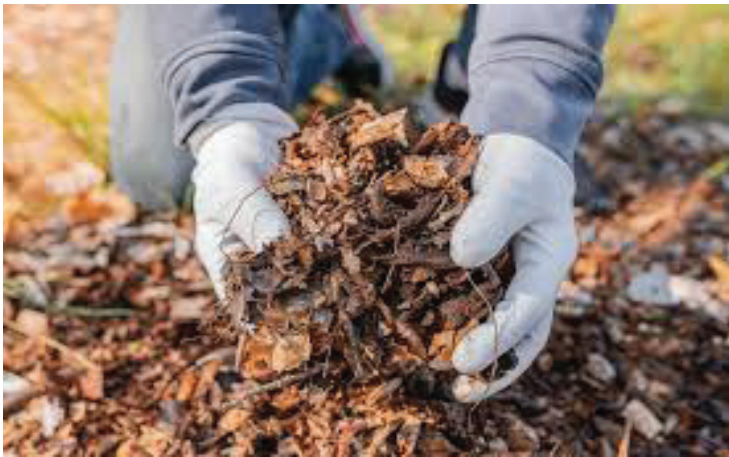
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Camden National Bank boosts transitional housing support

CAMDEN, ME – Camden National Bank recently donated \$55,000 to Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire to help finalize the expansion of their Transitional Housing Program to house up to 8 families. The nonprofit organization provides vital housing and case management for families temporarily experiencing homelessness.

The funding supports the renovation of the former Vintage Grace Adult Day Care facility in Derry, New Hampshire, transforming it into a welcoming space for families. The updates included converting rooms into eight private family suites, enhancing the kitchen, dining, laundry, and living areas, and creating dedicated conference rooms and administrative offices. “Community and



From Left to Right: Renée Smyth, EVP Camden National Bank; Michelle Guer-rin, Finance and Compliance Director and Matt Hodgkiss, Operations and Volunteer Program Director of Family Promise; and Oscar Moreno, SVP Camden National Bank

giving back have been at the heart of Camden National Bank for 150 years,” said Renée Smyth, Executive Vice President and Chief Experience & Marketing Officer at Camden National Bank. “Our investment in transitional housing reflects our deep commitment to helping families build sustainable,

independent futures.” In 2024, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire was awarded \$625,000 from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA) Tax Credit Program to support the expansion of their Transitional Housing Program to a second facility, increasing access to critical services for families within the region. As they approached the state’s fiscal year-end, the organization needed the remaining \$55,000 to complete tax credits.

“We’re very grateful for Camden National Bank’s generous support and belief in our mission,” said Pam Wellman Executive Director of Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire. “This donation came in at the end and enabled us to open our facility to eight families just in time for the school year, providing children with the stability and safety of a home environment. Contributions like this truly transform lives and empower families to thrive.”

“A Taste of Ireland” comes to Maine

PORTLAND, ME – One of the world’s top Irish dance shows, featuring a starry roster of international dance champions, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation, comes to Maine, fresh off its West End debut in the U.K. With performances launching Thursday, September 4, 2025 in Orono, the show travels through The Pine Tree State (Portland, Rockport, Windham, Caribou, and Dover-Foxcroft), concluding its tour Monday, September 15, 2025 in Waterville (see full schedule below). Offering an exhilarating celebration delivered with more than a pint of Irish wit, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation is presented by Pace Live as part of its 2025 world tour. The production debuted in the U.S. in 2024 with a wildly successful Off-Broadway engagement, followed by smash hit runs around the world where it was praised by Time Out Sydney as “world-class Irish dancing, melodic folk music mash-ups, live acapella tap battles, and craic galore,” and BroadwayWorld Sydney as “an evening to excite and satisfy your Irish palette.” For tickets and information, the public may visit ATasteofIrelandShow.com.

Featuring an acclaimed cast of World Champion Irish dancers, dazzling musicians, and a contemporary vocalist, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation combines Irish charm with sensational talents for an unforgettable evening of entertainment. Set to reimagined classics such as “Danny Boy,” “Wild Rover,” and others that have been given modern spins, the high-octane performance offers thrilling dance performances that convey heartfelt emotion, transporting audiences through Ireland’s tumultuous history with electrifying dances, dramatic scenery, and spectacular lighting effects.

The production features World Champion Irish dancers, stars from Lord of the Dance and Riverdance such as headliners Gavin Shevlin (two-time World Champion, formerly of Lord of the Dance and Riverdance), Callum O’Neill (World Champion, formerly of Riverdance), Cian Walsh (World Championship runner-up), as well as fiddle player Megan McGinley (Patrick O’Keefe Young Musician of the Year, featured in the film “TRAD” and formerly of Lord of the Dance), who are set to perform, among other world-class Irish dancers and performers. (NOTE: casting is subject

to change.)

A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation blends cultural traditions with modern flair and plenty of ‘craic,’ creating a performance that has had audiences across the globe leaping to their feet for an immersive experience that captures the essence of Irish culture. With more than 150 five-star reviews on Facebook, the show combines storytelling with modern Irish dance, tap, and contemporary dance, while its world-class performers offer up heartwarming storytelling to create a memorable and dynamic performance that bridges traditional and contemporary Irish art forms.

Directed and produced by Brent Pace (This is Not a Happy Room – Off West End, A Taste of Ireland – Off-Broadway), co-directed and produced by Ceili Moore (World Champion, Riverdance and Lord of the Dance artist), and with musical direction by Charlie Galloway (Talisks), A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation unites a powerhouse creative team driving this bold reimaging of Irish theatrical performance.

Said the show’s producer and director Brent Pace, “This show offers audiences an adventure through the heart and soul of Ireland, where every beat of music and every step of Irish dance shares a captivating journey. Each narrative is interwoven with dramatic lighting, breathtaking visual scenery, and performances that express the depth of these stories, so that audiences can appreciate Ireland’s rich history through movement, music, and dance.” He also notes, “Dance fans will be further thrilled to find that the taps in A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation are not pre-recorded but performed 100 percent live. Every performance is a breathtaking feat of excellence.”

Brent Pace (Producer and Director) has over 20 years of experience in Irish dance. As the son of a prominent Australian Irish dance teacher, Pace trained with top dancers in London, Dublin, Australia, and the United States. His career highlights include becoming a world medalist, a six-time national champion, and earning top placements in major competitions worldwide. After joining The Rhythms of Ireland in 2009, he became its youngest lead dancer by 2011 and later performed as principal dancer with Gaelforce Dance. He also starred in ABC3’s “Danc-

ing Down Under” documentary, which followed his journey to the world championships. Now a theatrical producer and director, Pace continues to specialize in Celtic productions and trains at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in Sydney, Australia. His career highlights include producing A Taste of Ireland (Off-Broadway) and serving as associate producer on This is Not a Happy Room.

Ceili Moore (Producer) began dancing at the age of three under the tutelage of Geraldine French, her mother Fiona-Gaye Moore, and Bernadette Langshaw-Clarke. Throughout her competitive Irish dance career, she won titles such as Australian National, North American National, All Ireland, and World Champion. She began her professional career at age 18, performing in shows such as Riverdance and Lord of the Dance across 15 countries. Her highlights include performing the lead role of Morrighan alongside Michael Flatley, performing on the West End, and appearing on “The Graham Norton Show” and “Good Morning America.” Moore also served as an ambassador for the Peter “Bullfrog” Moore Foundation and was featured in ABC3’s “Dancing Down Under” documentary. Since 2016, she has been a producer and choreographer with A Taste of Ireland, working alongside her partner Brent Pace on the continuous development of Pace Live productions, touring globally.

WHEN / WHERE / TICKETS:

7:30pm, Thursday, September 4, 2025 Collins Centre for the Arts, 2 Flagstaff Rd, Orono, ME 04473

7:30pm, Friday, September 5, 2025 Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St, Portland, ME 04101

7:30pm, Saturday, September 6, 2025 Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Dr, Rockport, ME 04856

3:00pm, Sunday, September 7, 2025 Windham Performing Arts Center, 406 Gray Rd, Windham, ME 04062

7:30pm, Monday, September 8, 2025 Caribou Performing Arts Center, 308 Sweden St, Caribou, ME 04736

7:30pm, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Center Theatre, 20 E Main St, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

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Sept 3
LEWISTON – The Oasis of Music Wednesday series opens its sev-

enth season on September 3 with a performance by local legend Denny Breau.
The Oasis of Music happens at Trinity Commons, 247 Bates Street in Lewiston, every Wednesday beginning at 12:30, from September through May. Attendees are treated to a short concert of music of many genres, from folk to pop to rock to jazz and classical and beyond, performed by many of our finest local musicians, in what is considered “an acoustic jewel” of a performance space.

Sept 6
AUBURN – The Maine Iris Society is having its public auction of Siberian Iris and Daylilies on Saturday, September 6, at 1 pm at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue, Auburn. This is a public auction where members and non-members can obtain Maine garden grown Siberian irises and daylilies. <https://www.facebook.com/maineirissociety>.

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Starting Sept 10, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
LEWISTON – The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with ArtVan, will be offering in-person art programs. Starting on September 10th, the programs will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Children's Department for children ages 5-14. Make Art with ArtVan is free, open to the public, and no registration is required. All art supplies will be provided.

Sept 12

LEWISTON – At 10am the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department will be offering the program Baby Footprints Keepsakes. Caregivers and their infants will be able to create a baby footprints keepsake using the imprints of their children's feet on salt dough. This activity is recommended for caregivers with children ages 0-24 months old.

Sept 14
NEW GLOUCESTER – The Friends of the New Gloucester Public Library are pleased to invite the community to their annual Fall Book and Bake Sale on Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the New Gloucester Community Building located at 381 Intervale Road. A members-only preview sale will be held that day from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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some folk from the 60s and 70s, enhanced with their vocal harmonies. Other fine musicians on harp and jazz guitar play in the galleries. Aekeir Tap Room hosts local musicians and a song circle during the evening.

Maine Youth Circus performers will be juggling and performing other amazing feats throughout the Village. Look for the big tent on the sidewalk for demos. and an opportunity for visitors to try juggling, stilt-walking, and other circus skills.

The sidewalk is also the venue for community tables and creative vendors. For the third year, Wiscasset Art Walk hosts art and resource tables related to substance use, overdose, recovery, and remembrance in partnership with Healthy Lincoln County and Studio B. Near the end of the WAW evening, a procession through the Village starts at Railroad Ave. and leads to the Sunken Garden for a vigil to honor lost loved ones, share stories and remembrance, and



Sylvan Gallery, 49 Water St., hosts award-winning plein air painters Neal Hughes and Crista Pisano during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thurs., Aug. 28, 4-7pm. (Lucia Droby photo.)

express gratitude for those we love. The public is invited to participate.

During WAW, Woodfield Farm's horse drawn wagon offers free rides around town; get on board in front of Sylvan Gallery on Water St. Village restaurants, open during and after WAW, serve fresh seafood including oysters, fancy grilled cheese, burgers, fine dining, and local brews. Look for the streamers in participating doorways and pick up your visitors' map to the evening's activities and locations.

In 2025, the businesses that support Wiscasset Art Walk are Lead Sponsor, Ames True Value; Ma-

ior Sponsors are Big Barn Coffee, Carriage House Gardens, Cheney Insurance, Cope & Co., Sherri Dunbar/Dunham Realty, First National Bank, J. Edward Knight Insurance, Newcastle Realty, Peter Eaton Antiques, Red's Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, Water St. Kitchen & Bar; with additional support from Aekeir Tap Room, Bradbury Art & Antiques, and IndustrialME.

For more information about Wiscasset Art Walk, visit www.wiscassetartwalk.org or email to wiscassetartwalk@gmail.com. Wiscasset Art Walk is a program of Wiscasset Creative Alliance.

Share your input: Gorham branding & wayfinding survey

GORHAM, ME – The Town of Gorham is launching a branding and wayfinding initiative to strengthen our community's visual identity and enhance signage throughout town. This project aims to establish a consistent and welcoming look that reflects Gorham's

unique character—while making it easier for residents and visitors to navigate and enjoy the community.

We've developed four design concepts that showcase Gorham's history, natural landscape, and civic pride. Now we're looking for your input to

help guide the final direction. Your feedback will help shape next steps and will be shared with the Town Council during the selection process.

Take the survey on the Town's website to share your input.

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