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# Gouldsboro News



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**SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER**- Second payment of property taxes are due March 31, 2024. *\*Correction\** Interest will start accruing April 2, 2024 as March 31, 2024 falls on a Sunday. Residents of the community vote annually to set the date that interest begins accruing. If you are delinquent or going to be, please call our office to get the most accurate amount due.

**REMINDER:** The current transfer station passes are still good through June 30, 2024. Please be sure to read future newsletters for information regarding when the next fiscal year transfer station passes will be available!

Please note, there may be a special town meeting (date to be determined) to vote on the Land Use Ordinance Amendments (Prohibited Finfish Aquaculture). This will be advertised in advance. If you have questions, please call the Town Office at 963-5589.

**GOULDSBORO & WINTER HARBOR HOUSING SURVEY LAUNCH:** the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor are launching a workforce housing survey on April 1<sup>st</sup> as part of an ongoing study aimed at understanding the workforce housing shortage and informing future planning initiatives. The survey seeks input from residents of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor to gain insights into the local housing market and to understand housing needs and demand. The findings will identify current challenges and assist in developing strategic plans to address the community's housing needs. Survey participants can access the questionnaire online at the following link or by scanning the QR code <https://bit.ly/3Tgluck>.

Paper surveys will be available at local libraries and the town halls. The towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor encourage all residents to participate in this important initiative to help create a comprehensive understanding of housing needs in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. Your input will play a pivotal role in shaping priorities for housing in our communities.



Please view this website to read an update from Commissioner Keliher on funding for rebuilding Maine's Working Waterfront. <https://content.govdelivery.com/>

**SOUTH GOULDSBORO CEMETARY ASSOCCATION**- The committee will be holding a meeting at the Gouldsboro Town Office on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1PM. We welcome all who would like to attend.

**GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT**- All burning permits are issued online on the Maine Burning Permit System at <https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public/index.html>. We can no longer give written permits.

**SCHOODIC SHINES ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP**- In celebration of Earth Day, the Towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor will designate all of April to cleaning up our Peninsula. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, large white DOT bags and a clipboard will be available in tote boxes outside each Town Office. Be sure to write your name and contact information on the clip board. You can also add the area you are targeting so others may choose a different location. Grabbers will be available so please check off your name if you are borrowing one for the clean-up and return it to the tote box when you are finished. It is important to use ONLY the bags provided! Once a bag is filled, leave it where you have cleaned up and the white bags will be picked up from the road. In thanks for your great work, The Pickled Wrinkle will celebrate your participation on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. For more info contact Becky O'Keefe at 669-2187 or Vicki Rea at 812-2839. Thank you for all you do to make Schoodic Shine!

**TAKEN BY STORM**- The "*Taken by Storm*" photography exhibit by Dean Kotula highlights some of the more dramatic effects January's back-to-back storms had on the Schoodic Peninsula. The show opens April 7<sup>th</sup> 1PM-4PM at the Salty Dog Gallery, 173 Main St., Prospect Harbor (after the opening the gallery will only be open by appointment). All are welcome. Bring your own storm stories to share with attendees. Refreshments will be served. Call 963-7575 with questions.

**DORCAS LIBRARY**- Stop by and visit SHOW&TELL - MEET GOULDSBORO, Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 3PM -5PM at Dorcas+ and Dorcas Library. Gouldsboro Historical Society, Schoodic Food Pantry, Gouldsboro Shores, Hardy's Friends, Seabreeze Society, and Healthy Acadia will be there along with displays of Peninsula School artwork. Meet new neighbors and long-time residents at this first of its kind community event. Story hour with Liz will be on Thursdays, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (with special guest Adeline) at 10:15AM. The writer's group with Merry meets April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. The knitters with Cyndi will gather April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM at the library. The library will close at 12:30PM on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for the Eclipse event.

**SUMNER SPRING FESTIVAL**- Rain or Shine! May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 2PM at the Sumner Middle/High School. Admission is \$15 per vehicle. We would like to welcome you to join us for the first annual Spring Festival. There will be food trucks, a craft fair, Drew & his Animals too, cookie decorating by Schoodic Arts for All, raffles, and SO MUCH MORE! Come support each of the classes with fun fundraisers and pay to play carnival games. All proceeds go to the students of Sumner. Details to follow on the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus Facebook Page, or for questions please contact Ellysea Bryant at [ebryant@rsu24.org](mailto:ebryant@rsu24.org). The event is put on by Sumner Classes of '24, '25, '26, '27, '28 & PTO.

**9th Grade Class** is doing a bottle drop & drive Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> **Drop off locations:** at Sumner, Mountain View, Peninsula, Ella Lewis or BLT Redemption in Steuben. **NO LATER THEN 10AM. Pick up:** Bottles must be at curbside **NO LATER THAN 8AM** in Steuben, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor, Sullivan, Sorrento, and Franklin. Thank you!

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS COMMITTEE**- The committee will kick off our 2024 season on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM at the Town Office. You don't have to be on the committee to come and see what is going on. You are also welcome to come just to socialize with fellow veterans and friends. All Vets and their supporters are welcome. Initial discussion items are updating the Veterans Memorial by adding more memorial bricks and discussion on fixing the pavement settling problem, planning our Memorial Day Ceremony, our upcoming raffle, and starting to identify what Veteran support the Schoodic Region needs or what would be beneficial. Please come join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND**- The Schoodic Community Fund is now accepting grant applications which will be considered by our advisory committee this summer and awarded in September. All peninsula non-profits, schools, and municipalities are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> and can be downloaded from the SCF website: <http://www.schoodiccommunityfund.org>. Contact Tim Fisher with any questions at [timliza@gmail.com](mailto:timliza@gmail.com) or call 546-6658.

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE**- The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee continued to work on outreach and planning on implementing a Peninsula-wide broadband improvement project 2023. Our focus early on was outreach to community members in both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. In the fall, we distributed our Request for Proposals (RFP) to area Internet Service Providers and received two responses.

In 2024, the committee will be working to refine the requirements of our project and communicating out the findings and possibilities to our communities and select boards. We hope to be able to apply for grant funding at the end of this year to begin implementation of a proposal and plan on having one more community outreach event this spring to present an updated plan and potential roadmap for this project.

We meet regularly over Zoom and encourage anyone interested in attending to reach out to us for the meeting link. Our agendas will be posted on our website, [www.schoodicbroadband.org](http://www.schoodicbroadband.org) and we can be reached at [schoodicpeninsulabroadband@gmail.com](mailto:schoodicpeninsulabroadband@gmail.com).

**SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY**- Thank you to all of the primary voters who stopped by our table at the polls to look at our plan for an addition to our pantry. At the end of the day our donation canister had \$900 to add to our building fund, bringing our total in this initial fund-raising phase to \$7,500. If you missed us on Primary Day and would like to help us, make our dream of a bigger, safer, more efficient pantry a reality, you can find us back at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center for Election Day in June, or you can send a check to Schoodic Food Pantry, P.O. Box 173, Corea, ME 04624. Just indicate "Building Fund" in the memo line.

**HARDY'S FRIENDS**- After more than 15 years providing pet food, meds and veterinary assistance, Hardy's Friends is retiring. We are beyond grateful to the many individuals, families and organizations that have provided the support that allowed us to do the work we have been so happy to do.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**- All new sheds and out buildings NEED a town permit.

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NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Stephen Oliver	12 Mill Pond Road	Demo/Reconstruction

**RSU 24**-We are in the final stages of the domestic water cistern project completion for the new school. We are in the process of planning for the softball and baseball field dugouts and scoreboards, and we hope that the fencing will be put up around the fields within the next couple of weeks. Although we would like to play our spring sports on the fields at the school, we are currently planning on playing baseball and softball at the Peninsula School as we won't know for a while whether the fields at Sumner will be ready. The formal review of the budget by the Budget and Finance Committee has been completed. The next step will be addressing and adjusting the bottom line (total amount) of the budget. That work will take place at its meeting scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at the District Services Facility, starting at 6:30PM. They have reviewed the individual school and department budgets and had a chance to ask questions. Most likely, the RSU Board of Directors will receive the budget for their approval at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Upon approval by the Board, we will begin the preparations for the district budget meeting and the referendum process. The district budget meeting will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the referendum on June 11<sup>th</sup>. More information regarding those two events will be sent out at a later time. The materials discussed at the Budget Workshops are posted on the RSU Business and Finance Webpage, found under the Departments tab of the [rsu24.org](http://rsu24.org) website.

**CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR APRIL**

MONDAYS + WEDNESDAYS APRIL 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29		*BUDGET MEETINGS @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 11 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 15 <sup>th</sup>	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OSBERVATION OF PATRIOTS' DAY*	ALL DAY
APRIL 16 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 25 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 30 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM

**\*Budget meetings are subject to change. Please call for confirmation.**

**Our Town Office hours are Mon +Wed 8AM - 4PM, Tues 8AM - 5PM, Thurs 8AM - 6PM and Friday 8AM - 1PM.**





# FEMA

March 26, 2024

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FEMA News Desk: 617-551-0631 | [FEMA-DR-4754-ME-newsdesk@FEMA.DHS.gov](mailto:FEMA-DR-4754-ME-newsdesk@FEMA.DHS.gov)

## News Release

### How to Apply for FEMA Assistance After the January 9-13, 2024, Severe Storms and Flooding

**SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine** – On March 20, President Biden approved the disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding that occurred on January 9-13, 2024.

Maine homeowners and renters in Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington or York counties who were affected by the January severe storms and flooding, may apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

There are several ways to apply:

- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages. The Helpline is available daily from **7 a.m. to 1 a.m. ET**.
- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) (also in Spanish).
- Download the FEMA [mobile app](#) (also in Spanish), available at Google Play or the Apple App Store.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information ready:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying
- Your Social Security number
- A general list of damage and losses

- Banking information if you choose direct deposit
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

If you have a homeowner's or flood insurance policy, file your insurance claim immediately, before applying for federal assistance. The faster you file, the faster your recovery can begin. FEMA is unable to duplicate insurance payments. However, those without insurance, or those who may be underinsured, may still receive help after their insurance claims have been settled.

Disaster assistance may provide temporary help and a place to stay while you build your recovery plan. Although the federal government cannot make you whole, it may be able to help your recovery move forward by providing grants for basic repairs to make your home safe, accessible and secure.

For the latest information on Maine's recovery from the severe storm and flooding from Jan. 9-13, 2024, visit [Maine Flood Resources And Assistance Hub](#) and [fema.gov/disaster/4764](https://fema.gov/disaster/4764). Follow FEMA on X, formerly known as Twitter, at [twitter.com/femaregion1](https://twitter.com/femaregion1) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).

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*FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.*

*All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.*



## Disaster Field Operations Center East

**Release Date:** March 25, 2024

**Contact:** Michael Lampton (404) 331-0333

[Michael.Lampton@sba.gov](mailto:Michael.Lampton@sba.gov)

**Release Number:** 24-275, ME 20172/20173

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### SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Businesses and Residents of Maine Affected by Severe Storms and Flooding

**WASHINGTON** – Low-interest disaster loans from the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) are available to businesses and residents in **Maine** following the announcement of a Presidential disaster declaration due to severe storms and flooding that occurred on Jan. 9-13.

“SBA’s mission-driven team stands ready to help **Maine** small businesses and residents impacted by this disaster in every way possible under President Biden’s disaster declaration for certain affected areas,” said [SBA Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman](#). “We’re committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild.”

The disaster declaration covers Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York counties in **Maine**, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Androscoggin, Aroostook, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, and Somerset in **Maine**; Strafford, Rockingham, and Carroll in **New Hampshire**.

Disaster survivors should not wait to settle with their insurance company before applying for a disaster loan. If a survivor does not know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, SBA can make a low-interest disaster loan for the total loss up to its loan limits, provided the borrower agrees to use insurance proceeds to reduce or repay the loan.

Customer Service Representatives at SBA’s Business Recovery Center will assist business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents for existing applications, and provide updates on an application’s status. The Center will operate as indicated below until further notice:

#### **Business Recovery Center**

#### **Hancock County**

General Bryant E. Moore Community Center

[125 State Street](#)

Ellsworth, ME 04605

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Closed:** Sundays



Businesses and private nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers [Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDLs\)](#) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as **4%** for businesses, **3.25%** for nonprofit organizations, and **2.688X%** for homeowners and renters, with terms of up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and monthly payments are not due, until 12 months from the date of the initial disbursement. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Building back smarter and stronger can be an effective recovery tool for future disasters. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase of up to 20% of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a safe room or storm shelter, sump pump, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future disasters.

“The opportunity to include measures to help prevent future damage from occurring is a significant benefit of SBA’s disaster loan program, said “[Francisco Sánchez, Jr., associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration](#). “I encourage everyone to consult their contractors and emergency management mitigation specialists for ideas and apply for an SBA disaster loan increase for funding.”

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](#) or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at [SBA.gov/disaster](#). Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **May 20, 2024**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **Dec. 23, 2024**.

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### **About the U.S. Small Business Administration**

*The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).*