

TOWN CLERK- The Town Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance to Fourth of July!

- Thank you to all the elections clerks who helped at the polls on election day! We appreciate your time and dedication to serving our community.
- 2026/2027 Shellfish Licenses for will be available for purchase Wednesday, July 1, 2026.
- Reminder, all ATV registrations expire June 30th. Come in to the Town Office to renew your ATV or you can renew online at Maine.gov at https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/atv_snow/index.htm.
- *Congratulations to Johnathan Renwick, Deirdre McArdle-Manning, Jed West & Roy Gruver for being re-elected in the June 2026 election!*
- Tax Liens were delivered to the Hancock Registry of Deeds on June 23rd. These liens were applied to all delinquent real estate accounts that are unpaid for the 2025 tax year. If you are delinquent, please be sure to give us a call to obtain the current amount due before sending payment.
- Tax bills will be sent out late August / early September. If you do not receive a bill by the end of September, please call the Town Office to request your bill or go online to our website to obtain your bill. We only send out ONE tax bill that includes two coupons at the bottom of the bill. The first half payment is due October 31, 2026 and the second half is due March 31, 2027. You can make weekly or monthly payments as well. Please be aware, we are not required by the State of Maine to send tax bills. We do this service to help remind all Gouldsboro property owners! **You can also pay your tax bills online at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/mystore?ts-name=1502>.** This will walk you through the steps and will be applied to your tax account. Please keep in mind there is a 2.5% charge fee for debit / credit cards. This is the same fee that is charged when payments are made in person or over the phone with cards.
- We are very sorry to hear the recent passing of Jerry Kron, who was a member of the Solid Waste Committee for many years. He will be missed.

MOORING PERMITS- Please be aware, ALL mooring fees are due by July 1st and can be paid until August 31st by 4PM without penalty. Starting September 1st, a late fee of \$25 will be added to all outstanding fees. Please come in to the Town Office to pay these fees.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR JULY

JULY 2 nd	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JULY 3rd	FRIDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE TO FOURTH OF JULY	ALL DAY
JULY 6 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JULY 7 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JULY 21 st	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JULY 30 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- You are cordially invited to the Third Annual Schoodic Food Pantry’s Chinese Auction to be held on Saturday, July 18th from 8AM to 1PM at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center, 679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro. As in past years, the event will auction a plethora of donated goods, services, artwork, and gift certificates. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a delicious, decadent dessert bar with all of your favorites donated by Corea Catering and other supporters of the pantry. Last year, we raised over \$26,000 that went directly back into our community by stocking the shelves at the pantry. There are no income guidelines, and no one is ever turned away with the pantry donating to those in need hailing from towns ranging from Ellsworth to Machias - all out of the former, tiny D.O.T. office along Route One in Gouldsboro. Now, more than in past years, your donations are critical to help stock the shelves at the pantry. Families, individuals, veterans, children, and homeless in our community are hungry, and many do not know where their next meal is coming from. Last year, we served 450+ families. Today, we serve 680+ families with 5-10 new families arriving at our door each week. The escalation in food insecurity is due to a host of factors resulting from sky high food and fuel prices, high housing costs, as well as downward trends in seasonal employment in forestry, agriculture, and fishing - the economic mainstay of our area. Thank you in advance for your support! All donations are tax deductible.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS’ COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 7th, at 1:30PM at the town office meeting room. We are continuing to sell raffle tickets, with the drawing date on August 9th. We will be discussing our table set-up for the August 8th Lobster Festival at a private home in Winter Harbor for selling tickets and giving out veteran assistance information. We will need help for this event. The GVC would like to thank the community for assisting in the gathering of worn US flags. Since this program began in 2018, we have gathered 2,202 flags which were turned over to the Ellsworth VFW for proper disposal. The disposal collection boxes are in the Gouldsboro Post Office and the town office. Remember, all local veterans and veteran supporters are welcome to attend our meetings. GVC Veteran Social Hour is held on Tuesday, July 7th at 6PM in the fellowship hall of the PHUMC. All local veterans are invited to attend this informal gathering of fellow veterans for lively conversations and camaraderie. We also have a significant collection of VA information pamphlets available to anyone who needs them. Refreshments are also provided.

GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY- What should we remember about the American Revolution? Liam Riordan, Professor of History at the University of Maine will answer that question 7PM Monday July 20th at the Prospect Harbor Women’s Club. The program is offered by the Gouldsboro Historical Society and sponsored by US Bells. The public is welcome!

SEABREEZE SOCIETY- The SeaBreeze Society will hold their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 11th, from 9AM to noon at SeaBreeze Hall, 64 Crowley Island Road in Corea. Inside and out will be items from Corea homes ranging from the practical to special treasures. Comb the kitchenware, glass, linens, crafting materials, and game tables for items you need or fancy. There will be small things for small hands. Stuff all you can in your \$5 box. But don’t miss the traditional DownEast Bake Sale of homemade goodies, the Silent Auction, or local Plant Sale.

DORCAS LIBRARY- Closed for normal operations Saturday, July 4th, for Independence Day. (Attic Treasures will be open). Retirement Library Director Ruth Mapleton will be retiring from Dorcas Library at the end of August. If you are interested in applying for the position of Library Director, please email the library at dorcaslibrary1@gmail.com for details. You can also find details on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dorcaslibrary>) and website (<https://www.dorcaslibrary1.org/>). Welcome, high school intern Chloe Schollenbarger. Chloe will be working at the library in July and August. The final Attic Treasures sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 2nd, 3rd, 4th from 10AM – 3PM. All proceeds benefit the library. Children’s Story Hour will be suspended for the summer months. It will resume in September. In the meantime, children are invited to participate in our Children’s Summer Reading Challenge. Pick up a Bingo reading card at the front desk for a chance to win a free book and a kid’s scoop at Me & Ben’s. Thank you, Me & Ben’s, for providing the ice-cream! Writers Group is Thursday July 9th, at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, July 9th & 23rd, at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM at the library. Summer Raffle If you haven’t seen the beautiful “Host of Hearts” quilt at the library, please stop by. Raffle tickets are \$5/each or 3/\$10. Drawing is in September. The Quilting group will resume in August. The Gouldsboro Historical Society is holding a display at the Dorcas Plus building from July 7th through the 21st. Please stop by and see the historical memorabilia. There will also be a concert series there from July 22nd – 24th. If you want to reserve the Dorcas+ Building for meetings, gatherings, social events, please email Diane Higgins at big6pi@roadrunner.com. Make sure you include “Dorcas+” in the subject line. You can drop off items for the Schoodic Food Pantry at the library. It is collected weekly.

WINTER HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY- The Winter Harbor Historical Society and Schoodic Arts for All invite you to a program with **Larry Smith** on **July 24th at 6PM at Hammond Hall** about “*The Families of Grindstone Point and the Titanic.*”

RSU 24- It's hard to believe the school year has come to an end. I believe staff and students were more than ready for the end of the school year. I offer my sincere thanks to the teachers, staff, and administrators at each school or program. I recognize the part that each employee played in making sure that our students had a quality experience in our school district, from the moment they stepped on a bus or arrived at school until the moment they left our schools or stepped off of the bus, our students were lucky to have them. A huge thank you to those who came out to vote on June 9th. The school budget passed 1599 to 1045. A huge thank you for the continued support of the school district. Please find the budget referendum results broken down by town below: Eastbrook: 69 yes, 27 no, Franklin: 211 yes, 278 no, Gouldsboro: 447 yes, 256 no, Mariaville: 99 yes, 58 no, Sorrento: 93 yes, 61 no, Steuben: 211 yes, 98 no, Sullivan: 248 yes, 162 no, Waltham: 82 yes, 48 no, Winter Harbor: 139 yes, 57 no. A huge thank you to Terry Noyes, RSU Board member from Sorrento. His term expired as Board member and we are appreciative of his work and commitment to students. We welcome Dr. Leslie Potashner who was elected to serve Sorrento for the next three years. Her first meeting will be July 14th. For those planning ahead, students in grades K-6 and grade 9 will begin school on August 31st. The remaining students will join them on September 1st. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at meastman@rsu24.org. Thank you for your continued support.

