



**TOWN CLERK-** The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.

- 🔗 Tax commitment was completed on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Residents can expect to receive their tax bills by mid-September. If you do not receive your tax bill by the end of September, please contact the Town Office to request a copy or tax bills will also be available on our town website for those who prefer to access their bill digitally.
- 🔗 Documented boat excise taxes are due. Reminder letters have been sent to those who have not yet registered.
- 🔗 Check out our Facebook page to stay up to date with any town reminders, links to online services we offer, and much more! <https://www.facebook.com/gouldsborotown/>.
- 🔗 We are excited to announce we will be launching a **new and improved town website in early October 2026!** The new website will provide residents with easier access to town information and services, including new **broadcasting options for meetings, newsletters, announcement, access to online forms, the ability to purchase transfer station passes 24/7, and much more.** We look forward to providing a more convenient and user-friendly way for residents to stay connected with everything happening in Gouldsboro. Stay tuned!

**TOWN OFFICE TRANSITIONING TO A FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK-** The Town Office will be transitioning to a four-day work week beginning November 9, 2026. The new office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 7:45AM – 5PM, closed on Fridays. We will still be closed for a lunch break from 12:15PM – 1PM. Many of our services are available online, making it easier and more convenient for residents to take care of business from the comfort of your home. Residents can use the online services for vehicle registration renewals, hunting and fishing licenses, vital record requests, property tax payments, and more. Links for these services can be found on our website at [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com).

**COMING IN OCTOBER: EMS & FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION-** The Town is planning an informational Town Hall in mid-October to discuss proposed changes to the FY27 budget, primarily related to expanding EMS staffing to provide a paid crew around the clock and better ensure reliable emergency response. The Town Hall is tentatively planning for **October 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>**, followed by a **Special Town Meeting around October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>** at which voters will consider the necessary additional appropriation. Watch for the town website and Facebook page, October newsletter, and other town announcements for confirmed dates, times, and additional details.



**GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT-** *Effective immediately, due to safety concerns, the Town of Gouldsboro will no longer allow signs to be posted on the Village Green in West Gouldsboro, located at the intersection of Route 186 and Clinic Road. Any signs placed in this location will be removed by law enforcement. Thank you for understanding and your cooperation in helping keep our roads safe!*

The Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Police Department are pleased to offer a new program called “The Sunshine Program”, a free outreach service to senior residents and individuals who live alone within our communities. 🌞 **The Sunshine Program** is a simple daily wellness check designed to ensure the safety and well-being of participating residents. The way the program works is a couple times a week, in the morning, a member of the Police Departments will attempt to place a brief telephone call to program participants. The purpose of the call is to simply confirm everything is okay. If we are unable to reach a participant during the initial call, a second call will be attempted. If we are still unable to make contact, an officer may be dispatched to the residence to ensure the individual is safe. This program is intended for senior residents, residents who live alone, and residents who may benefit from a daily check-in. Participation is completely voluntary and may be discontinued at any time at your request.

**MOORING PERMITS-** Please be aware, ALL mooring fees are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> and can be paid until August 31<sup>st</sup> by 4PM without penalty. Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$200 and processing fees will be added to all outstanding fees. Please come into the Town Office to pay these fees.

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

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| SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>st</sup>  | TUESDAY   | VETERANS' COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE                     | 1:30PM  |
| SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>st</sup>  | TUESDAY   | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE                          | 6PM     |
| SEPTEMBER 7 <sup>th</sup>  | MONDAY    | TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY | ALL DAY |
| SEPTEMBER 7 <sup>th</sup>  | MONDAY    | COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE                      | 5PM     |
| SEPTEMBER 9 <sup>th</sup>  | WEDNESDAY | SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ STATION #3                      | 6PM     |
| SEPTEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup> | THURSDAY  | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE                            | 5PM     |
| SEPTEMBER 15 <sup>th</sup> | TUESDAY   | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE                          | 6PM     |
| SEPTEMBER 17 <sup>th</sup> | THURSDAY  | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE                            | 5PM     |

**COASTAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE-** New projects focused on the next stages of planning for the Prospect Harbor launch ramp and the reworking of the breakwater and jetty in South Gouldsboro will be the focus of the Committee's meeting in the Town Office at 5PM on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are open to the public in person or online. For more information, see [www.gouldsboroshore.me](http://www.gouldsboroshore.me).

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE-** The Veterans' Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of our 2026 summer raffle. We had our most successful event yet. The drawing was held on August 9, 2026. The winners are as follows: Arnold M. – Handmade 72” x 72” quilt; Cathy B. – Portable room a/c; Wade H. – Maine themed wine basket; Monique B. – Igloo cooler. The money raised goes to help veterans with emergent obstacles to living that may arise. If someone knows a veteran who needs help, please contact the committee to see what resources can be used to help them. Our committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30PM in the Town Office meeting room. One big item on the agenda will be the planning for the Veterans Day Dinner that will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall of the Prospect Harbor Methodist Church. We will be asking for help in cooking and refreshment preparations as we get closer to the date. The committee extends their condolences to the friends and family of US Navy veteran William VanHorn who passed away on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We salute him for his service to his country and community. As always, all veterans and veteran supporters are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. We hope to see you on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR-** The Coffee Hour for the local veterans will be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6PM in the fellowship hall of the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church. All veterans are welcome to attend this time of fellowship and camaraderie with fellow veterans. Also, the VA has provided some valuable information packets, so stop by if you have questions or need help.

**PROSPECT HARBOR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION-** The Prospect Harbor Cemetery Association is now accepting donations for 2026, and we invite you to be part of preserving this important community space. Your gift, no matter the size, helps care for the cemetery and ensures it remains a respectful, well-maintained place for families and future generations. Your donation will directly support routine mowing and grounds maintenance and essential operating costs. **To donate:** Please make your check payable to **Prospect Harbor Cemetery Association** and mail to: Prospect Harbor Cemetery Association, PO Box 123, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669. If you have questions, please call **(207) 963-4111** or email [prospectharborcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:prospectharborcemetery@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us care for this meaningful place.

**DORCAS LIBRARY-** Farewell and Hello We bid goodbye to our director Ruth Mapleton, who has been at Dorcas Library for a little over two years, and we say hello to our new director Robin Ann Barron. Ruth is retiring (from both Dorcas and Winter Harbor libraries) and will enjoy her retirement in her pollinator beds in Winter Harbor and with husband and grandkids. We'll introduce Robin in next month's newsletter. The library will be closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. Writers Group is Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1PM. Baked Bean Supper to inaugurate the new kitchen in the Dorcas Plus Building is Sat. September 5<sup>th</sup> with two seatings: one at 5PM and one at 6PM. Call ahead to reserve a spot or to order takeout (207) 963-4027. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6. Walk-ins welcome, subject to availability of food. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM at the library. Pre-School Story Hour resumes this month on Thursday, September 10 at 10:15AM. Liz will read a story, lead the children in a song or rhyme, do a simple STEM or art activity, and provide a healthy snack. Author Talks Pulitzer-prize winning author and journalist David Shipper returns to Dorcas on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM to discuss his novel *The Interpreter* as well as his new book of short stories *The Unfinished Sentence* (releasing September 2026). Poet and former librarian Faith Lane will read from her poems and hold discussions on them, Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Summer Raffle: You can still enter the library's quilt raffle. Drawing is September 7<sup>th</sup>. Plus Building: Dance & Movement Circle is every Friday from 9 – 10AM through September 11<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. The Quilting group meets on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 4PM. If you want to reserve the Dorcas+ Building for meetings, gatherings, social events, please email Diane Higgins at [big6pi@roadrunner.com](mailto: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.

**SCHOODIC INSTITUTE-** From September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to offer various astronomical evenings with amateur astronomer Richard Luecke. From an image-enhanced journey in Moore Auditorium to a green laser tour and telescope experience outside, join us to learn about the stars. Each event is \$15; please register ahead. Visit [schoodicinstitute.org/events](https://schoodicinstitute.org/events) for all Downeast Night Sky Festival events at Schoodic Institute. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Schoodic Institute's 2026 Summer Lecture Series concludes with *Skywatching: Human-Bird Relationships Through Time*, featuring Dr. Bonnie Newsom, Angi King Johnson, and Olivia Olson. Join us 7PM – 8:30PM in person in Moore Auditorium or online via Zoom. This is a free event; register ahead at <https://schoodicinstitute.org/event/summer-lecture-series-skywatching>.

**RSU 24-** Well, the start of the 2026-2027 is upon us! Our students in pre-K to sixth grade and our freshmen will begin school on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be joined by the remaining students on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child in one of our schools, you should have received communication directly from the school with important information for the start of school. If you haven't received anything, please reach out to the school. Sumner Memorial High School Principal Amy Watson has resigned to take a position in Western Maine. Given the time of her departure, we have decided to provide interim leadership for the school. The Middle School Principal Devin Young has agreed to serve as the principal at Sumner Memorial in addition to his current responsibilities. A huge thank you to him for stepping up. In addition, we have a new interim principal at the Ella Lewis School. Teacher Meagan Worcester has agreed to serve as interim principal as former principal Hayley Fenton has been hired as our new Director of Curriculum. We are appreciative of Meagan's willingness to step up. A special thank you to our maintenance/custodial staff. They do a tremendous amount of upkeep and improvements in our buildings during the summer. They have been waxing floors, painting, and getting to the much-needed fixes in order to prepare for the arrival of staff and students for this school year. At the RSU Board of Directors meeting in August, the Board accepted a donation of \$100,000 from the Mountain View School PTO to build a brand-new playground. This is a very generous offer from this small group of parents who will provide a wonderful opportunity for our Mountain View students. A special thank you to Erica Belhumeur and Michelle Bennett for their hard work and dedication toward this amazing project. A reminder to check out our Sumner Adult Education website to see what will be offered in the coming months.