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TOWN CLERK- The Town Office will be closed on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 for staff to attend the MMA Convention for training. The Town Office will also be closed Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day.

🍁 The property tax bills were mailed on Friday, September 4th. This year's mil rate is \$12.72. A total of 2,453 tax bills were sent to Gouldsboro property owners. The first half payment is due October 31, 2026. Since October 31st falls on a Saturday, payment must be received by the close of business on Friday, October 30, 2026, to avoid interest. Interest will begin accruing November 1, 2026 as approved at the annual town meeting.

⚓ Documented boat taxes are **overdue!** Reminder letters have been sent to those who have not registered your documented boat. If you have not paid for your registration, please stop by the Town Office to do so.

🐾 2027 dog tags will be available October 15th. Per Maine State Law, all dogs 6 months and older must be licensed each year by December 31st. A \$25 late fee for each dog unregistered will begin February 1, 2027. Proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter, if applicable, must be presented at the time of licensing. Dog registrations cost \$6 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. You can register in person at the Town Office or online at https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgibin/online/dog_license/index.pl.

NEW TOWN WEBSITE!!- *We are excited to announce we will be launching a **new and improved town website 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 maintain being closed for 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.

ELECTIONS- The State of Maine General Election will be held on November 3, 2026. Polls will be open from 8AM – 8PM at the Gouldsboro Rec Center, 679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro. The Town Office will be closed on Election Day to be present at the Election Polls. In person voting will begin Monday, October 5, 2026. Closed period for new voters and party changes will begin Wednesday, October 14, 2026, end of business day. Gouldsboro voters can obtain absentee ballot 3 ways:

- Visit <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> to request an absentee ballot online.
- Deliver or mail an absentee request form to the Town Office. Visit our website to print the application.
- Call the Town Office (207) 963-5589 to request. We need to speak to each voter individually for this method.
- Or if you would like to request an ongoing absentee ballot form, visit our website or come into the Town Office to fill out the form.

EMS & FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION- The Town is planning an informational workshop in 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 informational workshop will be held on **October 15th starting at 6PM**, followed by a **Special Town Meeting to be held October 29th starting at 6PM. Both to be held at the Peninsula School Gym, 71 Main Street, Prospect Harbor**, at which voters will consider the necessary additional appropriation. Watch for the town website and Facebook page, and other town announcements for additional details.

LOBSTER TRAP CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS- It's that time of year and we are planning our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree. We are looking to gather about 200 lobster traps as well as buoys. Donations of traps and buoys can be dropped off at 881 Pond Road. We plan to start construction of the Christmas Tree in November.

GOULDSBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE- The Budget Committee has one vacant seat we are looking to fill. The Budget Committee members are volunteers and play an important role reviewing the Town's proposed budget and helping provide valuable input throughout the budget process. If you are interested in serving on the Budget Committee, please email Town Manager Josh McIntyre at town.manager@gouldsborotown.com.

GOULDSBORO PLANNING BOARD- Have you ever wondered how things work in Gouldsboro town government, or asked yourself how decisions are made that affect residents? Find out by doing your civic duty! The Planning Board has openings for 2 alternate members. We are all volunteers and meet monthly at the Town Office on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6PM. Interested? Have questions?? Email Chair Deirdre McArdle at dmcardle@gouldsborotown.com.



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT- *Effective September 2026, 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.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6 th	TUESDAY	VETERANS’ COMMITTEE – Special Informative Meeting Prospect Harbor Methodist Church, 57 Main Street, Prosect Harbor	1:30PM
OCTOBER 6 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
OCTOBER 7 th	WEDNESDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR STAFF TO ATTEND MMA CONVENTION FOR TRAINING	ALL DAY
OCTOBER 8 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
OCTOBER 12 th	MONDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	ALL DAY
OCTOBER 12 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
OCTOBER 14 th	WEDNESDAY	SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ STATION #3	6PM
OCTOBER 15 th	THURSDAY	INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP - EMS & FY27 Budget Peninsula School, 71 Main Street, Prospect Habor	6PM
OCTOBER 20 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Public Hearing	6PM
OCTOBER 22 nd	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
OCTOBER 29 th	THURSDAY	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - EMS & FY27 Budget Peninsula School, 71 Main Street, Prospect Habor	6PM

GOULDSBORO VETERANS’ COMMITTEE- The GVC will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 1:30PM at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church Fellowship Room. This special informative meeting will be featuring a presentation from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Their representative, Donna Brookings will be presenting a program explaining the foundation and how they honor our service members and veterans with handmade quilts and how you can get involved. This program is open to the public. All quilters are especially invited to attend. A general committee meeting will follow the presentation. We will be discussing the upcoming Veterans dinner for November 7th. We hope you can attend this special meeting. The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will host the Veterans Coffee Hour on Tuesday, October 6th at 6PM at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church Fellowship Room. All veterans are invited to attend this social time of camaraderie and conversation with fellow veterans. We also have available contact information for veteran assistance. We hope you can join us for this evening event.

DORCAS LIBRARY- Robin Ann Barron joined as library director, shadowing with Ruth Mapleton beginning in mid-August and officially starting on September 1st. Robin has been visiting Prospect Harbor since the 60’s in the summers. Robin’s family owns the home next to the Methodist Church. She has been a church organist for 50 years, a public school and private school music teacher, librarian at several RSU 24 schools and a member of the Frenchman’s Bay Library board. She lives in Sullivan with her cat Bodhi and her dog Brodie. Writers Group meets on Thursdays. Baked Bean Supper to inaugurate the new kitchen in the Dorcas Plus Building was held on Saturday, September 5th with two seatings: one at 5PM and one at 6PM. The supper was very well attended and very successful. Knitting and Crocheting meets on Thursday, September 3rd & 17th, at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM at the library. Pre-School Story Hour resumes this month on Thursday, September 10th 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 Shipler returns to Dorcas on Tuesday, September 8th 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 24th at 4:30PM. Plus Building: Dance & Movement Circle is every Friday from 9AM – 10AM through September 11th, rain or shine. The Quilting group meets on Wednesday, September 9th from 9AM – 4PM. 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. Dorcas Library will be holding its Annual Halloween Celebration for our local kids on Saturday, October 31st, 4PM – 6PM. All are invited for treats, games, cookie decorating, and a free book pick!

OCTOBER AT SCHOODIC INSTITUTE- This season, we enjoyed welcoming visitors from all over to the Schoodic Peninsula! Many stopped by the Welcome Center at Rockefeller Hall to learn about our campus history and discover trails and areas to explore. Thank you to the volunteers who make this possible and provide such friendly and knowledgeable advice. The Welcome Center closes to the public on October 25th and reopens next spring. Visitors can continue exploring campus year-round. You can keep up with our science, learning, and community programming by following us on social media or subscribing to our email newsletter. We also recently announced our search for a new President and CEO. Please visit our website for more information: <https://schoodicinstitute.org/schoodic-institute-is-hiring-a-president-ceo/>

CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS- Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus will be hosting its second Festival of trees and craft fair, November 21st and 22nd. If you would like to reserve a table for the craft fair, please reach out to ebryant@rsu24.org or (207) 610-0972. All proceeds will benefit classes 8-12.



SUMNER'S 2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

November 21st, 2026 10:00-5:00

November 22nd, 2026 10:00-3:00

- *Beautiful Trees to Win*
- *Crafts by Local Artisans*
- *Delicious Food*
- *Activities for kids and families*

Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus

2456 US-1, Sullivan, ME 04664

All proceeds support Sumner's classes 2028-2031