



News About Town

Gray, Maine – August 2020

A New Face in Town

The sole remaining Pennell clock face is now back in the Pennell building after being taken down and stored during the clock restoration of 1992. After a long and well-deserved rest, the face will once again keep time, this time from inside the Pennell building.

Gray Historical Society member and Pennell alumni Don Whitney is leading the effort to preserve and showcase the only surviving clock face. Plans to not only mount the clock face in the building, but to actually make it keep time again are underway.



Doug Webster, a student of the workings of the clock and largely responsible for the historic preservation of the clock and Pennell itself, is assisting Don in the planning and execution of mounting and mechanizing the clock face.

Due to the size (nearly eight feet in diameter) and weight, the location inside the Pennell building is still undecided. The face will remain in its present original state complete with faded peeling paint and chips. An original set of hands will be re-installed. The difficult task and (costly) will be to run the necessary gears and connecting shafts to the face somewhere in the historic building.

Funding for the project will come from donations. FMI please contact the [Gray Historical Society](#).

Music in the Park Fundraiser, August 8



Yes! Registrations/reservations to attend are still being accepted. Email blueberryfestival@graymaine.org the time slot, # of people attending, ages of kids, and cell phone #. August 8th, enjoy live acoustic music performing outside Town Hall, 24 Main Street, Gray. 10-12 foot social distancing seating/event is limited to 100 people per time slot. Register to hear: 1) The Sofa Kings - easy Rock & Roll band 12:30 to 2 pm and 2) The Sofa Kings again 2:30 to 4 pm; 3) Firefly Performing Arts plus Mocking Birds @ Moonlight – Ukulele & Rock bands 4:30

to 6 pm; and 4) The Northern Grey Band – Bluegrass, Rock & Pop songs 6:30 to 8 pm. Bring your own folding chairs and picnic blanket, wear a mask when 6-foot social distancing is not feasible, stay home if not feeling well. We'll have some pop-up tents for shade and the large maple trees at Town Hall.

Music in the Park also includes: 'Taco the Town' tacos, quesadillas, tea, and soda for sale; G-NG 4-H Club's blueberry lemonade for sale; simple kids' craft & activities to do while seated with their parents/grandparents; and goodie bag and chance to win door prizes (one per car/registration) including pints of fresh wild blueberries. Enter and park your vehicle for this event at Town Hall, 24 Main Street, Gray.

Non-profit groups receiving the \$5 donation (per person ages 5 and older) include: Gray Food Pantry, 4-H Club's Food Pantry Project, G-NG Destination Imagination, and Dry Mills Schoolhouse Museum. For more details, visit Facebook at Gray Blueberry Festival (co-host of Music in the Park).

Our main sponsors making this event possible are: Bruns Bros. Process Equipment, Patriot Dental, Cumberland Farms Federal Credit Union, and Norway Savings Bank. Save August 14, 2021 for next year's 5th annual Gray Blueberry Festival.



Music in the Park features ~ 60 minutes live performance during each 90 minute time slot:

The Sofa Kings 12:30 to 2:00 PM

The Sofa Kings 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Firefly Performing Arts plus Mocking Birds @ Moonlight 4:30 to 6:00 PM

The Northern Grey Band 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Vendor/Artisan Market Saturday, August 8

Shop local this Saturday at the Makers' Market 10 am - 3 pm in the large open field (33 Main Street/Route 100) just north of Town Hall, Gray. Currently, eight local vendors are signed up: Carrageen Alpacas, Colorful Lady Bug, Craft Curbside, Jamz & More, Lakeside Custom Wood Signs, LocalCentric, Paintings by Helen, and Wonders from the Waves. And if you get hungry while out & about on Saturday, stop by 'Taco the Town' food truck (from Brunswick) and G-NG 4-H Club's blueberry lemonade set up across the street, at 24 Main Street in front of Town Hall. Plus Craft Curbside is selling delicious frozen meal kits for your August meal planning.

12-foot social distancing measures will be in place between vendor booths and folks are asked to wear a mask. In lieu of the 5th annual Gray Blueberry Festival due to Covid-19, this year's planning committee reduced the size of, and separated the location of, the Market, from the food, and from Music in the Park. 'Large gatherings' in Maine are limited to 100 people per event.



Election Information September 8, 2020

**GRAY TOWN ELECTION— REFERENDUM VOTE
ON LD1 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**



[Detailed Information on this vote](#)

[can be found here.](#)

GNG YOUTH SOCCER



REGISTRATION OPEN!

September 12 to October 24th

NEW GLOUCESTER FAIRGROUNDS PARK

**Weekly Skills & Drills Instruction
Open to ages 3 to 12**

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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WANTED! KIDS CLUB STAFF

The Town of Gray Parks and Recreation Department is accepting resumes/applications for the Kid's Club Staff. We are seeking staff that can create a positive impact on our community by implementing the mission of Kid's Club while delivering a quality program.

"Where Structured Activities meet Adventure and Fun".

Kid's Club is a friendly, safe environment where children are guided in stimulating opportunities that spark creativity, curiosity and success. Structured daily periods of free time, gross motor activities, arts and crafts and enrichment opportunities are designed to increase their self-esteem, discover imagination, develop tolerance and patience, widen responsibility and enjoy social time with both peers and staff.

The Kid's Club Staff are seasonal positions. The Kid's Club Staff are responsible for implementing structured activities. Duties include: implementing organized and structured activities, assisting and guiding children with assigned daily activities. Kid's Club Program Hours run between 6:45-5:30 (M-F) we are looking for staff for various times between these hours. Additional hours required during School Vacations.

Cover letter, resume, and a completed Town of Gray application form required.

View the full job description and obtain a [Town of Gray application on our jobs page](#).

Information may be submitted via email to sgallant@graymaine.org or by mail to:

Town of Gray
Attention: Suzanna Gallant
24 Main Street
Gray, ME 04039

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Funding available to improve lake properties!

Are you looking for ways to enhance your property on Forest Lake? Funding and free consultations are available in 2020 and 2021 to improve properties near Forest Lake. Improvements include practices that slow rainwater down and allow it to soak into the ground to prevent erosion. These practices include (yet are not limited to) installing driveway water diverters, crushed stone infiltration steps, roof dripline trenches, native plants, and erosion control mulch. The goal is to reduce polluted rainwater from flowing into the lake and to eliminate erosion that washes sand and soil into the lake. Even though sand and soil are natural, they can carry a lot of nutrients like phosphorous into the water. Too much phosphorus can overfeed a lake, causing algal blooms and fish kills. Preventing erosion helps protect the lake's water quality, property values, and recreational opportunities.

Fifteen \$250 grant funds are available to help purchase improvement practices. If you are interested in a free consultation to obtain recommendations and to see if your property qualifies, please contact Heather Hunt of Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District at hhuntt@cumberlandswcd.org (preferred) or via phone 207.415.8788.

Grant funds are available through the Forest Lake Protection Project, Phase III which was funded in part by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The FLA is an active partner with the District to address the highest water quality impact sites identified in the 2017 watershed survey and to strengthen ongoing lake stewardship efforts.



Photo from a Forest Lake property addressed in the early 2000s. Improvement practices installed included infiltration steps, defined walking path, native plants, and erosion control mulch.