



News About Town

Gray, Maine – May 2021



MEET OUR NEW TOWN MANAGER, NATE RUDY

I am pleased that the Town Council chose me to serve as Town Manager for Gray, and I'm excited for the work we will do together! Having recently served as Hallowell's City Manager and the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Gardiner, I hope to work with you and Gray's Town staff to promote the goals and vision in your 2020 Comprehensive Plan, foster community economic development projects, and make Gray more bike-ped friendly and attractive for new business and real estate investments.

I currently serve on the board of directors for the Maine Council on Aging, as well as on the Governor's Commission for Volunteer Maine. I attended Virginia Tech for a B.S. and graduate studies in Environmental Science and Engineering and earned a M. B.A. from Thomas College. My past roles include arts non-profit management, health care IT project management, software development, commercial real estate sales, and business development working for the Maine DECD.

I'd like to hear from you about why you love Gray and what we can work on together to keep it safe, fun, and prosperous. Please feel welcome to contact me at Gray Town Hall, or through our website: www.graymaine.org

Nate Rudy, Town of Gray
Office: (207) 657-3339

5th annual Town of Gray 'wild Blueberry' Festival

Celebrating Community & Culture!

- Inviting 'made in Maine' crafters & artists and G-NG school & community groups to Save the Date:
Saturday, August 14, 2021
9:30 am to 6:00 pm
(This fun-filled annual event is held each year on the second Saturday in August. Gray's Fire Rescue Chicken BBQ is held the first Saturday in August.)



- We are currently accepting applications for 2021 festival booth space. Download the form from our Committee page <https://www.graymaine.org/blueberry-festival-committee>.



Special thank you to Kathy Tombarelli (our Town Staff Liaison from 2016 to 2020)

The Gray Blueberry Festival is made possible by the generous financial support of our local Sponsors. We'd like to also thank our 2019 Presenting Sponsor: Enercon Technologies, and our 2019 Major Sponsors: Patriot Dental, Bruns Bros., and Cumberland County Federal Credit Union.



- If you would like to be a Sponsor, please email us to find out more about this year's 5th annual event.
- Sponsor levels range from \$100, \$300, \$500 to \$1,000.
- Like/Follow <https://facebook.com/grayblueberryfestival/>
- Email blueberryfestival@graymaine.org
- Visit <https://www.graymaine.org/blueberry-festival-committee>

RECYCLING CORNER

Thank you for sorting your waste and displaying your pass prominently on your windshield.



PUT A LID ON IT

It is that time of year. Critters are out! Make sure you put a lid on our trash and batten that lid down! Also, take care not to let things fly out of your truck on the way to the transfer station.

GNG COMPOST COALITION

GHG High School students are set to begin cooking their compost piles thermophilically this month. Thank you to all the compost elves out there that brought in materials for them.

SORTING GLASS

There are two distinct glass bins at the Transfer Station. Please continue to sort your clear glass jars and bottles from all other glass.

CURRENTLY MEETING 2ND MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

Care about the environment? Interested in sustainability? Resilience planning? Join us while we are working expanding our charge to make a difference in the future of Gray. Our meetings are currently online via zoom. Open to all. People considering volunteering with us are welcome to drop in and check us out.

The FBI's Boston office is warning New Englanders about scammers claiming to be a government official and using intimidation or threats to get money from victims. The office said it's seeing a rise in the number of reports of the scam from its coverage area, which includes Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

**DON'T
BE A
VICTIM
OF
PHONE
SCAMS!**

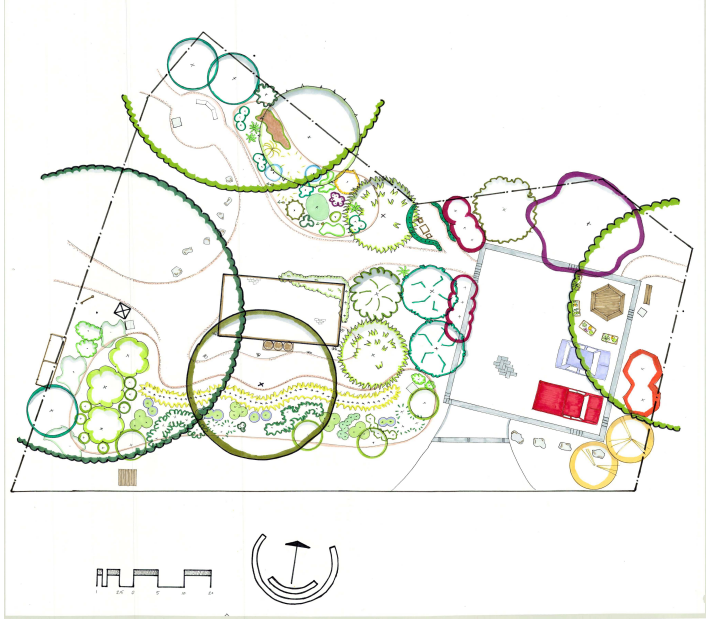


The FBI stressed that federal agencies do not call or e-mail people threatening arrest or demanding money. The office said more than 400 complaints of government impersonation scams were filed in its coverage area last year, with financial losses totaling \$3.8 million.

**Thank you to the
GNG ATV Club for their
Earth Day efforts in
cleaning up the Maine
Wildlife Parkway (Rt26A)
where they picked up
enough roadside trash to
fill 57 large bags.**

Great job GNG ATV Club!





Permablitz!

May 8, 2021, 9 AM — 3 PM

5 Yarmouth Road, Gray, ME

Join us for a day of learning and community building while helping transform an abandoned public lot into a beautiful, vibrant commons in the heart of Gray!

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Please watch small children closely.

Vote on the name of the park at the event

Projects include:

- Sheet Mulching
- Living Willow Fence
- Gray Birdhouse Project
- Video Recording
- Tree Planting
- Pollinator Garden Planting
- Soil Building

Additional Info:

- ♦ Coffee, Tea and refreshments provided.
- ♦ Please bring boots, clothes that can get dirty, a lunch, and a notebook.
- ♦ Bring shovels and rakes, gloves buckets, a hammer drill if you got one.
- ♦ Donations of plants and supplies for sheet mulch are welcome! More information available on the Facebook event.

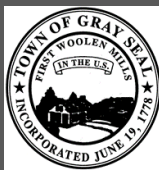
RSVP Online with GNG Earth Keepers Meetup

FMI: CEDC@graymaine.org or

call Rachel Lyn @207-332-7224

#graypermablitz

#graybirdhouseproject





CEDC has added a layer of mulch to the Welcome Sign. Thank you CEDC!

CEDC looking for more members to help with Gray Birdhouse Project, the Mural Project, ongoing engagement with the new park, village beautification, trail development, community development, visioning and manifesting new businesses in Gray and more! Come check out the Gray CEDC today!