



News About Town

A Message From Our Town Manager

Hello Friends and Gray Citizens,

It's been seven months since I came aboard as Town Manager for this thriving community, and since then I've been inspired by what I've seen at Town Hall and around Gray. From the hardworking staff at the Town Office who conduct Town business, to the dedicated community members who volunteer their valuable time and insights on committees and projects, we all share one goal: making Gray the best place it can be.



No matter what we accomplish together, I want as many people as possible to be engaged. That could mean many things, from showing up for a community event, to staying apprised of town news, or simply watching Town meetings via GCTV. The more people we have engaged, the better our community is! Reading this newsletter is a form of community engagement, so I thank you for your participation.

All the best,

Nate Rudy

Nate Rudy, Town Manager



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Upcoming Events

October 2:

5 p.m.: Public Supper
- American Legion —
15 Lewiston Road,
Gray

October 3 and 17:

12:30 p.m.: Gray
Food Pantry Open
— Gray
Congregational
Church Parish
House

October 5 and 19:

7 p.m.: Gray Town
Council Meeting —
Gray Town Hall

October 21:

7 p.m.: Planning
Board Meeting —
Gray Town Hall

October 27:

7 p.m.: Zoning Board
of Appeals Meeting
— Gray Town Hall

October 30:

10 a.m.: Community
Clean-Up Day —
Village Green

Every Weds. And Friday

10:30 a.m.: Facebook
Story Time — Gray
Public Library

A Key Piece of Gray History, Restored

The Gray Historical Society recently celebrated the conclusion of a years-long project: the restoration of the Pennell Clock Face.

The iconic clock face had been absent from public view since 1992, when it was taken down during the clock's restoration.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Don Whitney, member of the Gray Historical Society and Pennell School alum, and Doug

Webster of Gray's Community Development Office, the clock face is mounted in the Gray Town Hall, where it keeps time in unison with the building's other clock faces.

The Gray Historical Society estimates that the clock face has ticked more than 1.5 billion times since its purchase in the 1880s. Here's to 1.5 billion more ticks!

Read more about this project in the [Lakes Region Weekly](#).





Blueberry Festival Attracts Thousands of People

About 2,450 people participated in Gray's fifth annual wild Blueberry Festival on August 14 at the Town Hall. Festivities included, food trucks, contests, races, artisans, crafters, fire trucks, community groups, and non-stop live music. This year's event helped GNG groups raise more than \$5,500.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Enercon Technologies and our major sponsors: Bruns Bros., Cumberland County Federal Credit Union, Hannaford, Otelco, and Patriot Dental.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 13, 2022, for Gray's sixth annual wild Blueberry Festival!

The Town of Gray is Looking for Committee Members

Serve your town by volunteering for these committees!

Blueberry Festival Committee: Celebrates and promotes local businesses, community and school organizations, and the Pennell Complex.

Community Economic Development Committee: Promotes community and cultural connections in Gray and supports established businesses.

Community Television and Communications Advisory Committee:

Makes recommendations regarding broadcast options for Gray, and recommends improvements to public, educational, and governmental programming.



Dry Mills School House Committee:

Preserves the rich history of the Dry Mills School House.

Library Trustees: Adopts policies related to the library's operation and planning.

Open Space Committee: Makes recommendations to the Town Council to help secure access to land/corridors through acquisitions, easements, land swaps, and other forms of agreements.

Planning Board: Reviews and approves subdivision plans, site plans, conditional uses, and Shoreland Zoning applications in accordance with State Statutes and Town Ordinances.

Recreation and Conversation Committee: Advises and recommends recreational and public parks matters to the Town Council, such as programs, policies, development, planning, or leisure activities.

Resiliency Committee: Promotes climate action planning and related actionable items.

Zoning Board of Appeals Committee: Hears and decides administrative appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination by the Code Enforcement Officer.

To apply to any of these committees, go to graymaine.org/volunteer.



Placemaking Event Helps Grow Village Green

The September 11 Placemaking Event at the Village Green was a great success, with community members coming out to help improve the space. They repositioned the raised beds and filled them, landscaped and seeded around the permeable parking lot, weeded and mulched the berm, built a trellis for the kiwi vine, painted the kiosk, mounted signs, and prepped an area for the Gray Historical Society to add their historical marker to the site. This month, the library is adding a mini-lending library to the park, as well.

The micro-park has come a long way since its groundbreaking back in May, and the Community Economic Development Committee invites everyone to get involved in making the park even better! For more information, contact the CEDC at cedc@graymaine.org, or come to the Clean-Up Day on October 30 at 10 a.m.

Long Hill Road Trail, New and Improved!



If you've visited Long Hill Road Trail in the last couple of months, you might notice a major improvement to the trail. Thanks to Councilor Anne Gass, ATV Club President Jon Powers, and TruView

Mulching, Inc., culverts and erosion control measures were recently installed that make this trail once again safe for passage. Many thanks to the players involved for making this project a success, as well as Long Hill Road residents who patiently awaited these results.

GCTV – A Community Resource Brimming with Potential

We encourage community members to stay apprised of any and all discussions and decisions made by town leadership, so we livestream and broadcast Town Council, School Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings on Gray's community TV station. You can watch this station on cable channel 2, or [online](#). When we aren't broadcasting a meeting, a virtual bulletin board displays nice-to-know information from around town.

We encourage community members to submit ideas for what to air on our bulletin board. You can submit a bulletin item [here](#).

If you have an idea for a governmental, educational, or public program to air on GCTV, please let us know by completing this [form](#). We're always looking for ways to expand our programming!

The Community Television and Communications Advisory Committee, the group that oversees GCTV, is looking for volunteers! Apply [here](#).

Need to Spread a Message Across Town?

Are you a volunteer, community member, or organizer who wants to get a message out to Gray residents? You can submit a posting request for the town's two LED signs. They are located at the Henry Municipal Complex on Main Street and the Gray Public Safety Headquarters on Shaker Road and managed by the town's Communications and Information department. Follow this [link](#) to apply.

A VERY GNG
HALLOWEEN



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 30th
From 2 to 4 PM



**COSTUMES - DECORATED CARS - CANDY
VOLUNTEER TRUNKS ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES**

Registration for this event is encouraged. Registrants will receive a bonus item.
If you're interested in volunteering or donating candy please contact the recreation office.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

New Gloucester Fairgrounds

www.GNGREC.com

The Town of Gray is Hiring!

We hire great people from a variety of backgrounds to do the town's important work. If you are looking for a career opportunity, check out our [Employment page](#) to see if there's an opening that's right for you!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- You can watch the Town Council on September 7 [here](#) and the September 21 meeting [here](#).
 - The Town Council proclaimed September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention + Action Month. Learn more [here](#).
 - The Town Council also formally supported a Carbon Trust Fund, and [urged other elected officials to do the same](#).
- You can watch the September 8 MSAD 15 School Board meeting [here](#).
- The September 20 Planning Board meeting is viewable [here](#).

If you have an idea for a newsletter submission, please fill out this [form](#).

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