

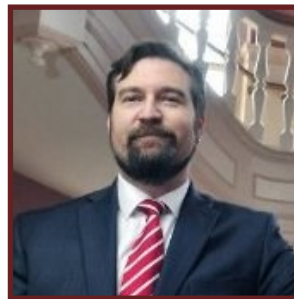


# News About Town

## A Message From Our Town Manager

Hello Friends and Gray Citizens,

November is special here in Gray – and not only because it’s exceedingly beautiful as we head into winter. It’s Election Month! I hope you take advantage of this democratic right on or before Nov. 2 and make your voice heard.



Please visit [graymaine.org](http://graymaine.org) to learn more about Election Day.

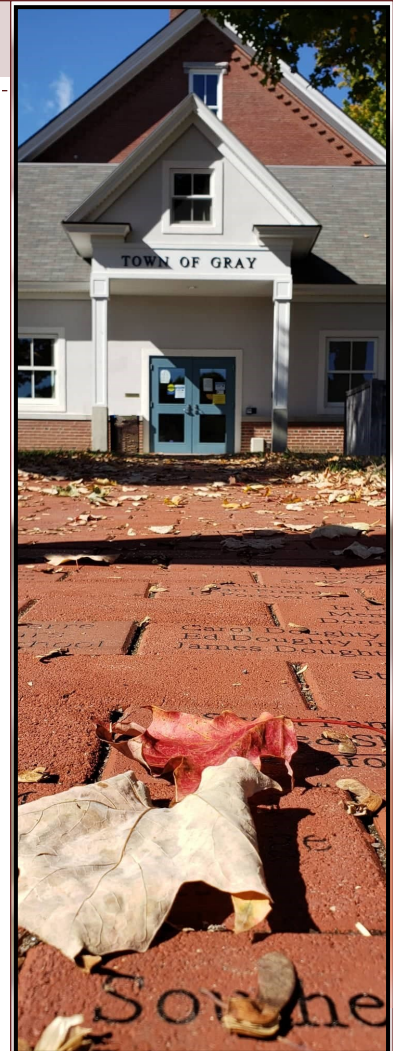
Otherwise, I want to remind you that due to Town Council decree, all Town meetings will be remote at least until Nov. 16. We will provide Zoom links to these meetings as far in advance as possible, and you’ll still be able to watch via [GCTV](#). We’ll keep meetings remote until [COVID-19 community transmission levels](#) in Cumberland County lessen. Thank you for your patience as we, once again, navigate a remote world.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please know that the Town Office will be closed on November 25 and 26 in observance of the holiday.

All the best,

*Nate Rudy*

Nate Rudy, Town Manager



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## Upcoming Events

### Nov. 6:

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

### Nov. 5 and 19:

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

### Nov. 16:

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

### Nov. 17:

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

### Every Weds. And Friday

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

## Town Council Bestows Spirit of America Volunteer Award

Donna Rand, the driving force behind the Gray Food Pantry, was recently acknowledged by the Gray Town Council in a big way. She was bestowed the **Spirit of America Volunteer Award** for her exemplary community service to the Town.

The Council specifically recognized how Donna

coordinates delivery and donations, stocks shelves, directs many volunteers, and holds food-insecure individuals and families close to her heart.

As Town Councilor Anne Gass noted, Donna “is seemingly everywhere at once, re-packaging donated food, sorting bags and boxes, and directing volunteers. I watch in awe as she remembers everyone’s names and what—and how much—is in each of the multiple refrigerators. Then she turns and dashes up the stairs to greet food bank customers, always as if they’re her good friends that she’s welcoming them into her kitchen. She is absolutely amazing!”

Thank you, Donna, for your service to Gray. This is a well-deserved award!





## Gray Benefits From Eagle Scout Projects

Gray is now a bit more beautiful thanks to the efforts of a couple hardworking Eagle Scouts!

Robbie Cook recently built two planters: one near the volleyball courts and the other near the time capsule by the Town Office.

Seth Carter built a planter with a sitting bench near the Gray Congregational Church. He also built two planters with a sitting bench near Wilkies Beach.

Eagle Scouts go through a rigorous set of guidelines that are required to complete any Eagle Scout project. The planning, development, and demonstration of leadership must be presented to the Boy Scouts of America district board. Then the scout needs to implement a plan that includes reaching out to the beneficiary of the project, propose a plan, and then present the project to the Gray Town Council for their blessing. Next steps are to acquire permits that might be needed, propose fundraising ideas, seek donations, work closely with the Town of Gray Building & Grounds Department, coordinate volunteers, buy materials, assign jobs and finally complete the project.

View more pictures of these projects on our [Facebook page](#).

Thank you Robbie and Seth for contributing to your community!



## Trunk or Treat Attracts Families, Monsters to Fairgrounds

The 2021 Trunk or Treat on October 31 was a great success! So many families turned out at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds to show off their costumes and get a bit of candy. Thank you to all who turned their cars and trucks into candy havens, and thanks to families who joined in the spooky festivities!

Check out more costumes from the event on the [Gray Parks and Recreation Facebook page](#).



# 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](http://graymaine.org/volunteer).**



## New Optimist Club Coming to G-NG

A new community service club is coming to Gray-New Gloucester thanks to support from the Lewiston-Auburn Optimist Club.

Optimist Clubs are similar to the Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and focus on “bringing out the best in kids” by offering a variety of strong youth programs. The club's service activities are based on the needs of the community.

To form the Gray-New Gloucester Optimist Club, 15 Charter Members are needed to actively support their community. If you are interested, please contact Beth Balekman-Pohl, program director of Casco Bay CAN, at 926-8124. Visit [optmist.org](http://optmist.org) to learn how these clubs benefit communities worldwide.

## Submit a Nomination for the Town of Gray Honor Roll



The Town is now taking submissions until Nov. 15 for the Gray Honor Roll. This award is given to people who, during the course of their lifetimes, demonstrated exceptional dedication, service or other contributions to Gray.

Nominations are only acceptable for persons deceased a minimum of five years at the time

of application. The honoree is required to have lived in Gray at some point in their lives. Please complete the form online [here](#). The [Honor Roll Application](#) is also available in PDF format if you prefer to print and mail/deliver your application.

## Autumn Yard Clean-Up Aims to Help Seniors

The Gray Lifelong Living Committee, along with the G-NG High School Community Service Club, are teaming up to help folks 65 years or older with yard clean-up.

The intent is to accommodate as many people as possible but requests will be fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to the eldest and disabled.

Will out the form [here](#) to sign-up for the service, and a committee member will be in touch with you soon.

## 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 October 5 Town Council meeting [here](#) and the October 19 meeting [here](#).
- The October 21 Planning Board meeting is viewable [here](#).
- The October 27 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting can be viewed [here](#).



We hope you had a spooky Halloween!

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

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