



# News About Town

A Message From Our Interim Town Manager

Welcome to fall, and welcome to the October Town of Gray Newsletter.

For those who have not heard, Nate Rudy accepted a position as a Foreign Service Officer with the United States State Department and concluded his time as Gray Town Manager on September 8th. We thank him for his time and efforts, and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



Josh Tiffany, Interim Town Manager

For those who don't recognize me, I'm Josh Tiffany and I will be serving as Interim Town Manager until a permanent replacement can be hired. Prior to this unexpected addendum in my resume, I've been a librarian since 2001, the Director of the Gray Public Library since 2013, and a proud resident of Gray since 2017.

Despite being barely able to locate it on a map before my first drive up I-95 for an interview, Gray has become my home. When the opportunity arose to help the Town, its people, and its staff move through an unexpected moment in time, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to give back to the place I have grown to love so much.

So, for now, I'm keeping the chair warm, the home fires burning, and the wheels spinning on this glorious endeavor called The



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Town of Gray.

With all that said – welcome to October! This is my favorite month and season. I love the crisp air, the dazzling scenery and colors that delight our eyes, the calm and peace that comes on a cold night when under a warm blanket, and drowning everything pumpkin-spice. October does not last long, so you must grab it while it's here. We all know what comes next.

And this October, in addition to apple picking, pumpkin donuts, haunted hayrides, and every other thing you do to make October special, don't forget some amazing festivities the Town is hosting. Gray-New Gloucester Parks and Rec will be holding their annual "A Very GNG Halloween" on Saturday, October 28th at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds, plus hosting a special outdoor screening of Hocus Pocus on October 20th at Town Hall. The Patriot Soccer Club is hosting the 23rd Annual Crosstown Challenge from October 7th and 8th. The Gray Public Library will be screening a series of classic Universal Monster films (Dracula, Frankenstein, The Mummy, and The Wolf Man) every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in October. And speaking of the library, if you haven't had a chance to experience Ms. Andrea's amazing story times, it is worth a visit.

So please read on to keep updated on everything occurring in our Town. And if you secretly wished the Town would try different avenues to keep you updated on our happenings, we are looking for your input! Read on to discover more!

Thank you for your interest in this newsletter, and we can't wait to see you back next month.

Best,  
Josh Tiffany  
Interim Town Manager

## Upcoming Events

### October 3

7 p.m.: Town Council Meeting—24 Main Street and Zoom

### October 16

6 p.m.: Planning Board Meeting —24 Main Street and Zoom

### October 17

7 p.m.: Town Council Meeting—24 Main Street and Zoom

### October 20

6:30 p.m.: Hocus Pocus Movie Night—Newbegin Gym

### October 25

7 p.m.: Zoning Board of Appeals—24 Main Street

### October 28

2 p.m.: Trunk or Treat – New Gloucester Fairgrounds

### Wednesdays + Fridays

10:30 a.m.: Kids Story Time – Gray Public Library

### Tuesdays and Saturdays

1 p.m.: Movie Time—Gray Public Library



## 23rd Annual Crosstown Challenge to Attract 111 Soccer Teams, Thousands of People to Gray

The Crossroad's Challenge is a two-day soccer tournament held over Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend, October 7-8, 2023, for boys' and girls' "classic" teams ages U9-U14.

U9 and U10 teams will play three games each either on Saturday or Sunday. U11 teams will play three games spread out over Saturday and Sunday. U12-U14 "competitive" teams will play a minimum of three games with the opportunity to advance to the championship game.

Make sure to visit the student- and parent-run booths at the high school to enjoy a classic snack shack menu, including pulled pork, loaded baked potatoes, and donuts, along with face painting, hair spray, and much more! At the event, they will also have a clothing drive for the G-NG Caring Closet and a food drive for the G-NG Backpack Program.

Check out a map of the event and learn more at the Patriot Soccer Club's [website](#).

## November Election Worker Applications Now Open

The Town of Gray is always looking for people who want to ensure a smooth and accurate voting process. Election workers are responsible for checking voters in, distributing ballots, assisting with machines, processing absentee ballots, and handing out stickers.



Interested in becoming an election worker for November 7, 2023? Fill out the online application [here](#), or visit the Clerk's Office for a paper application. You'll be able to indicate your preferred shift (morning or afternoon) on Election Day. You must be a registered Gray voter and at least 18 years old to apply.



A VERY GNG HALLOWEEN



# Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 28th  
From 2pm to 4pm



**COSTUMES - DECORATED CARS - CANDY  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

Registration for this event is encouraged at [gngrec.com](http://gngrec.com)

**Candy Donations still needed!**

**New Gloucester Fairgrounds**

[www.GNGREC.com](http://www.GNGREC.com)





The poster features a dark purple background with a large full moon, a black silhouette of a haunted house with glowing windows, and several white ghost figures. One ghost is holding a drink, another is holding popcorn. There are also black silhouettes of trees and flying bats. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "GNG REC PROGRAMS" which includes a stylized figure and the letters "GNG".

Prizes for Best Adult and Best Kid Costume!

**GNG**  
REC PROGRAMS

**FREE**

**OUTDOOR MOVIE**

Embrace the Night with a Spectacular Halloween Movie Party! Popcorn provided!

**OCTOBER 20TH 6:30PM**  
Hocus Pocus on the big screen

Bring your chairs or blanket to sit on. Candy donations accepted to benefit October 28th Trunk or Treat event.

For more information and to register visit [gngrec.com](http://gngrec.com)



An illustration of a red and white striped popcorn bucket spilling popcorn, with several movie tickets and film reels scattered around it.



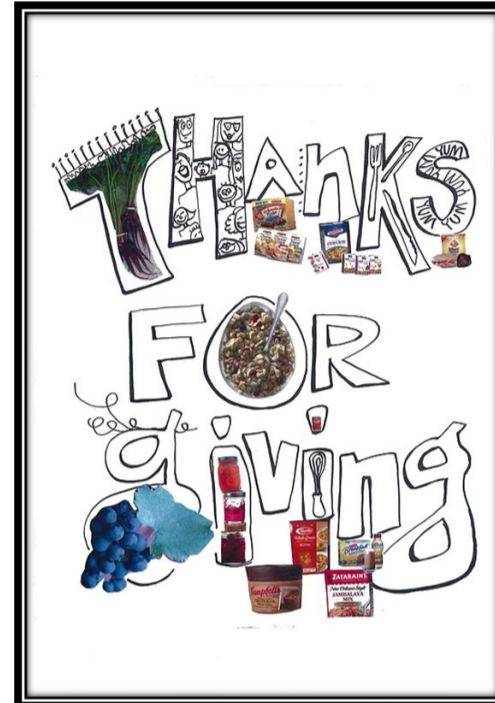
## Gray Assessing Department Partaking in Food Drive

The Gray Assessing Department is joining others across Maine in holding an Election Day “Thanks for Giving” Food Drive.

Donations received will support the Gray Community Food Pantry.

Please bring non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations to the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th, or during absentee voting.

For additional information on our efforts, please visit: [www.thanksforgivingmaine.com](http://www.thanksforgivingmaine.com) or contact the Gray Assessor’s office at (207) 657-3339 ext.112.

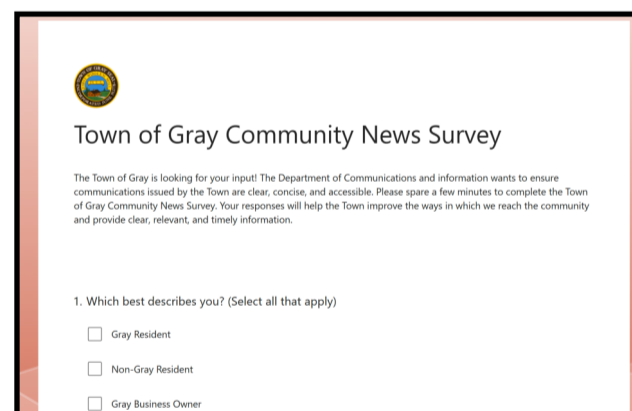


## Community Survey Aims to Assess, Improve Town of Gray Communications

The Town of Gray is looking for your input! The Department of Communications and Information wants to ensure communications issued by the Town are clear, concise, and accessible. Please spare a few minutes to complete the [Town of Gray Community News Survey](#). Your responses will help the Town improve the ways in which we reach the community and provide clear, relevant, and timely information.

The survey asks responders which communications channels the Town of Gray should use more; the quality of current communications; and from which departments they usually seek information, among other things.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the [Town of Gray](#).



Your voice matters. Your input will help improve Town of Gray communications.



## Gray is Looking for Committee Members

*Serve your town by volunteering for these committees!*



Various committee/board members meet for a Leadership Academy in 2022.

- **Wild 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 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.
- **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.
- **Resiliency Committee:** Promotes climate action planning and influences the path our community will take toward climate resilience, energy efficiency, waste management and renewable energy.
- **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.
- **MSAD #15 School Board:** Shapes the functioning of the Gray-New Gloucester school system.
- **Recreation Committee:** Advises and recommends to the Town Council on recreational and public parks matters, such as: programs, policies, development, and leisure time activities.

To apply to any of these committees, go to [graymaine.org/volunteer](https://graymaine.org/volunteer).



### 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...

- The Gray Town Council will hold a Public Hearing during their meeting on October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to consider amending the municipal [General Assistance Ordinance](#) by repealing and replacing appendices A through H of the existing ordinance, which shall be in effect from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Learn more [here](#).
- The Town of Gray Planning Board will review and host public hearings on Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m., at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex, 24 Main Street, Gray on the following applications: A request by 38 Blackthorne LLC, to amend the Hemlock Woods subdivision, and a request by McDonnell Brothers Custom Builders, LLC, for an amendment to the Cambell Acres subdivision. Learn more [here](#).

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

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