



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Meeting Date	05/27/2026	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	4.f) Consideration of approval of the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report		
Est. Cost			

Background Information

State statute mandates that each town and city in Maine publish an Annual Report that includes budget information, a statement of assets and liabilities and delinquent taxpayers. It also contains audit reports and other information considered to be of historic significance for that particular year.

As such, the city is required to send a copy of the report each year to the following agencies:

State Library- Augusta

Department of Administrative and Financial Services- Maine Revenue Service

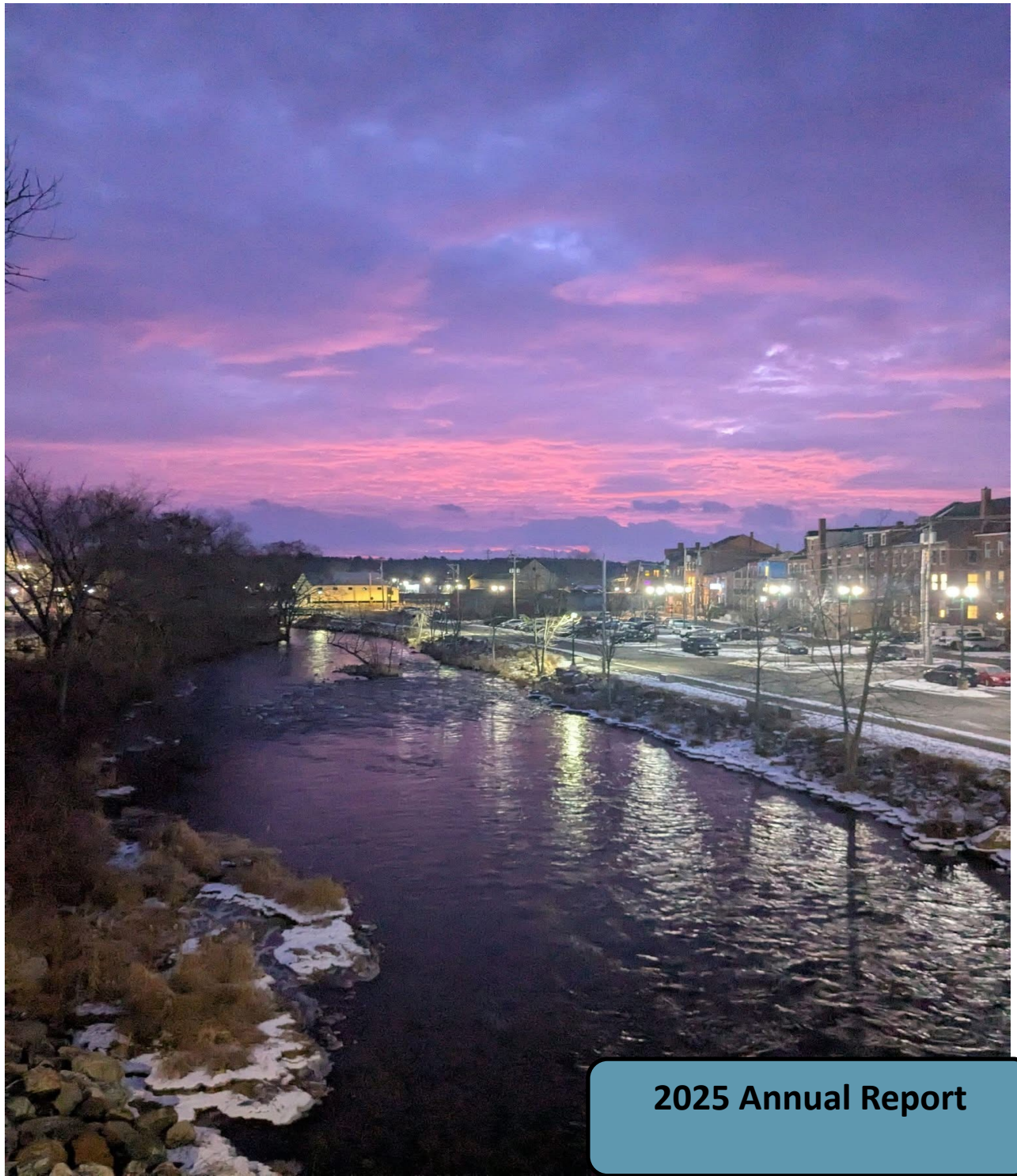
The Fogler Library at the University of Maine, Orono

Maine Municipal Association

Council are being asked to approve distribution of the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report.

Requested Action	"I move to approve the distribution of the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____



2025 Annual Report





2025 Annual Report



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Dedication for the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report:



On behalf of the City Council, it is my distinct honor to dedicate the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report to Annie Cough, a longtime resident and volunteer of our city. Annie's contributions to Gardiner are numerous, and her care and concern for her neighbors are truly remarkable.

Annie was born and raised in Gardiner, graduated from Gardiner Area High School, and began her professional career working at the Gardiner Public Library in high school and while pursuing a degree from the University of Maine at Augusta. She went on to a long career of public service at the Maine State Library, where she currently serves as a Customer Service Representative II in the Circulation Department. In this role, Annie works diligently to help patrons find the books, materials, and information they need. She is known for her impeccable customer service and her keen curiosity, which she uses to find solutions for every request. Her coworkers frequently sing her praises, sharing stories such as Annie delivering newspapers to a patron in the hospital so they would not miss their daily news.

Annie shares her skills and interests generously with the Gardiner community and throughout greater Kennebec County by preserving and sharing the stories of our past. She has been a board member of the Kennebec Historical Society for 20 years, serving as its Program Chair for 15 years. She has stewarded the histories of Gardiner's cemeteries—both well-known sites such as Oak Grove and St. Joseph's, as well as lesser known places like Plaisted Cemetery, where the poor were buried in unmarked graves. Annie researches these histories, shares their stories with the community, and passionately advocates for the respect these sacred grounds deserve.

For many years, Annie has led a group of volunteers to place flags on veterans' graves in the spring and lay wreaths in December to honor and pay respect for those who served our country. She has been an active member of the local Wreaths Across America group, cataloguing veteran histories and grave sites to preserve their memories.

While her commitment to community service and local history is steadfast, perhaps Annie's most cherished quality is her genuine care for others. She visits the infirmed at home, acquaintances in long term care facilities, and delivers the church bulletin to those unable to attend Sunday services. Annie checks on neighbors during her daily walks through the neighborhoods. Her "patrol," as she jokingly calls it, takes her past many homes and businesses, where she is known as a friendly face and a thoughtful conversationalist. She freely shares the histories of local houses and old homesteads with current residents and neighbors. Though she knows Gardiner's history well, Annie is most proud to say that she knows not just the history—but the people who make the community what it is today.

For all the care, compassion, and dedication she shares, we are proud to dedicate the 2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report to Annie Cough—Gardiner resident, librarian, historian, and friend to all.



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Utility Clerk	Ashley Ashley	588-4070	aashley@gardinermaine.com
Wastewater Treatment Director		582-1351	

City of Gardiner Mayors

<u>Robert Hallowell Gardiner, First Mayor</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>Charles H. Gray</u>	<u>1909-1910</u>
<u>Parker Sheldon</u>	<u>1851</u>	<u>B.E. Lamb</u>	<u>1911-1917 & 1921-1923</u>
<u>Robert Thompson</u>	<u>1852</u>	<u>G.L. Bragdon</u>	<u>1918-1920</u>
<u>Edward Swan</u>	<u>1853</u>	<u>Donald S. McNaughton</u>	<u>1924-1925</u>
<u>Noah Woods</u>	<u>1854-1858 & 1861-1868</u>	<u>Wallace N. Price</u>	<u>1925-1926</u>
<u>Henry B. Hoskins</u>	<u>1859-1860</u>	<u>William O. Cobb</u>	<u>1927-1934</u>
<u>James Nash</u>	<u>1863-1864</u>	<u>Edwin P. Ladd</u>	<u>1935-1940</u>
<u>Nathan O. Mitchell</u>	<u>1865-1866</u>	<u>Philip H. Hubbard</u>	<u>1940-1952</u>
<u>George W. Wilcox</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>Percy K. Hanson</u>	<u>1953-1954</u>
<u>Joshua Gray</u>	<u>1867-1870</u>	<u>Russell J. Leighton</u>	<u>1956-1958</u>
<u>D.C. Palmer</u>	<u>1871-1873</u>	<u>Dwight Emery</u>	<u>1955 & 1959-1962</u>
<u>H.M. Wentworth</u>	<u>1874-1875</u>	<u>Wallace E. Shepard, Sr.</u>	<u>1962-1967</u>
<u>James B. Dingley</u>	<u>1876-1878 & 1893</u>	<u>Ralph M. Clark</u>	<u>1968-1969</u>
<u>Joseph E. Ladd</u>	<u>1881-1886</u>	<u>Harold J. Shapiro</u>	<u>1970-1975</u>
<u>William Perkins</u>	<u>1882-1883</u>	<u>Robert D. Mooers</u>	<u>1976-1977</u>
<u>S.E. Johnson</u>	<u>1884-1885</u>	<u>Irving B Faunce</u>	<u>1978-1979</u>
<u>John W. Berry</u>	<u>1887-1888</u>	<u>William F. MacDonald</u>	<u>1980-1985</u>
<u>A.M. Spear</u>	<u>1889-1892</u>	<u>Charles J. McLaughlin, Jr.</u>	<u>1986-1988</u>
<u>Oliver B. Clason</u>	<u>1894-1896</u>	<u>Brian MacMaster</u>	<u>1989-1990</u>
<u>James Walker</u>	<u>1897-1898</u>	<u>Patricia C. Bourgoin</u>	<u>1991-1992</u>
<u>Freeman Patten</u>	<u>1899-1900</u>	<u>Brian Rines</u>	<u>1993-2006</u>
<u>Frederic Danforth</u>	<u>1901-1902</u>	<u>Andrew MacLean</u>	<u>2007-2012</u>
<u>Edwin L. Bussell</u>	<u>1903-1904</u>	<u>Thomas Harnett</u>	<u>2013-2018</u>
<u>Charles A. Knight</u>	<u>1905-1906</u>	<u>Patricia Hart</u>	<u>2019-</u>
<u>Will G. Atkins</u>	<u>1907-1908</u>		

CITY MAYOR

Dear Gardiner Residents,

It is my honor to share the City of Gardiner Annual Report for 2025. This report reflects a year of steady work—often behind the scenes—by dedicated municipal employees, volunteers, community partners, and engaged residents who care deeply about our city and one another.

As I reflect on 2025, I am reminded how fortunate I am to live in Gardiner alongside all of you. During a year marked by federal government grid lock, and slews of Presidential Executive orders designed to cut services for our most vulnerable, you—the people of Gardiner—stepped forward to support neighbors affected by these spending cuts. You donated money, food, clothing, and your time. You worked with those experiencing homelessness, supported isolated seniors, and lifted up children and families who needed an extra hand. You helped neighbors facing job loss find new opportunities, and you kept our city strong by serving on committees, volunteering with nonprofit organizations, and participating in civic groups.

What stands out most is that you do all of this from a place of genuine care and concern for one another, always putting neighbors first. That spirit defines Gardiner.

In this report, you will read about the work carried out across our city over the past year. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented team of municipal employees who work every day to keep Gardiner safe, functional, and welcoming. From our Clerks Office and Front Office staff to Finance, the Library, Wastewater, Economic Development and Planning, Police, Fire and Ambulance, and Public Works, each department plays a vital role in serving our community. I would also like to extend special thanks to our Interim City Manager/Finance Director for taking on two demanding roles during this transitional period.

As we look ahead in 2026, we remain resilient and optimistic. Gardiner's progress is rooted in local leadership, mutual support, and a shared commitment to civic engagement. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, expertise, and care throughout the year—your efforts help shape a strong, connected, and forward-looking city.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Hart - Mayor, City of Gardiner





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District 4	Kendall Holmes	2027	kholmes@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Marc Cone	2026	mccone@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Russell Greenleaf	2026	rgreenleaf@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Timothy Cusick	2026	tcusick@gardinermaine.com

City Council meetings are typically held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. They take place at City Hall, 6 Church Street, and begin at 6pm. Council meetings are available on our website to watch and listen live. They are also archived for your convenience. Please feel free to contact City Hall, 582-4460, or refer to our online calendar for upcoming meetings.

Council Definitions

Ordinance– A law enacted by a municipal legislative body, such as a city council or county commission. Ordinances govern matters not already covered by state or federal laws such as zoning, safety and building regulations. A municipal ordinance is equivalent to a state statute/law. On-going until voted by the body to amend or repeal.

Order– A formal vote by a municipal body, such as a city council or board of selectmen, instructing that something be done, issuing a formal directive that some action occur. Usually refers to a one-time action by the body, such as an order to transfer funds from one account to another.

Resolve/Resolution– Expressing an opinion or endorsement of an action or sentiment, expressing that something should be done, non-binding.

Assessing Department

Curt Lebel, City Assessor

The Assessing Department operates under the Finance Department of the City of Gardiner.

The City Assessor is responsible for determining the equalized value of real estate and personal property that is subject to municipal taxation. In Maine, a large portion of Municipal, School and County budgets are funded by the property tax. The City Assessor, acting as an agent of the State, governed by State Law and local management policy is responsible for the equitable distribution of the property tax between all the taxable properties within the City. Ongoing administrative duties involve the maintenance of property information on parcels within the City, municipal budget cap development, maintenance and determination of captured value of the City's Tax Increment Financing districts and production of GIS maps for City projects. Specific records include legal information regarding ownership, parcel maps, property record cards, sales information, etc.

Property resale values continued to rise during the period preceding the April 1, 2024 (FY25) assessment, but at a slower pace than we observed in the years coming out of the pandemic. An assessment ratio study conducted by Maine Revenue Services showed an 2% decrease (appreciation) in the residential average assessment ratio from the previous year and was reported to be 47% of market value. The City has solicited bids and contracted with KRT Appraisal for a 2027 revaluation. Project start up is expected in the spring of 2026. The growth in taxable valuation base was \$12.8 million from Fiscal year 2024.

Assessment Statistics for Fiscal Year 2025

Assessment Date: April 1, 2024	Homestead Exemptions: 1,195
Commitment Date: August 1, 2024	Veterans Exemptions: 162
Taxable Valuation: \$382,269,340	Blind Exemptions: 3
Net Assessment: \$10,113,522.37	Parsonages: 4
Tax Rate: .0256	Tree Growth Parcels: 10
Assessment Ratio: 63% Certified Ratio (SV24)	Farmland Parcels: 12
Transfers Processed: 180 (Apr 25-Mar 25)	Open Space Parcels: 6
Permits Issued Checks: approximately 475	

FY 2023 Municipal Levy Limit: \$5,076,796.46

FY 2023 Municipal Levy: \$3,165,243.85

FY 2023 Municipal Levy was: \$1,911,252.61 less than allowable limit.

Abatements issued: (1) \$72,200 valuation (-1,711.14 Tax)

Supplemental Assessments: (0)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Denise Brown, Finance Director

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

The Finance Department is dedicated to providing the City Manager & City Council, all city departments, business owners, and the residents of Gardiner with fiscal support. The department is responsible for ensuring that all funds are budgeted, expensed, and collected accurately; as well as for all cash reconciliations and investments of the City's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. Other functions of the department include, purchasing, payroll and benefit administration, human resource management, risk management, and debt administration.

Below is an overview of the financial activities of the City of Gardiner for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

- The City's net position at the close of FY25 was \$23,198,413. Of that amount, \$3,670,098 (*unrestricted net position*) could be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,374,795.
- The unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$3,248,411.
- The City had total long-term debt of \$10,243,363. Of this amount, \$3,959,948 was for governmental activities and \$6,283,415 was for business-type activities.

The FY26 budget resulted in a .70 increase to the tax rate, resulting in a 26.3/mil.

General Fund budget:

\$7,966,669 (City)

\$5,150,291 (Education)

\$728,636 (County)

Ambulance Enterprise Fund budget of \$2,327,029

Wastewater Enterprise Fund budget of \$2,115,122

The Finance Director works closely with the City Manager on the budget process and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing financial statements. The full financial statements from FY25 are available on the City's website. The audit was performed by RHR Smith & Company, Buxton, Maine.



January 19, 2025

City Council
City of Gardiner
Gardiner, Maine

We were engaged by the City of Gardiner, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the City of Gardiner, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the City. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule A
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B

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STATEMENT C

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,363,692	\$ 156,665	\$ 5,520,357
Investments	-	323,654	323,654
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	461,187	-	461,187
Liens	142,161	-	142,161
Other	121,077	308,804	429,881
Due from other funds	1,119,153	2,159,350	3,278,503
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,207,270	\$ 2,948,473	\$ 10,155,743
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 184,346	\$ 444,615	\$ 628,961
Accrued payroll	78,206	-	78,206
Accrued expenses	5,211	-	5,211
Due to other funds	2,610,408	9,865	2,620,273
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,878,171	454,480	3,332,651
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	27,188	-	27,188
Deferred revenue	-	26,109	26,109
Deferred tax revenue	395,000	-	395,000
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	422,188	26,109	448,297
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	307,399	307,399
Restricted	-	1,423,095	1,423,095
Committed	-	746,467	746,467
Assigned	658,500	-	658,500
Unassigned (deficit)	3,248,411	(9,077)	3,239,334
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,906,911	2,467,884	6,374,795
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,207,270	\$ 2,948,473	\$ 10,155,743

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT E

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 8,865,906	\$ 1,343,219	\$ 10,209,125
Excise taxes	1,387,564	-	1,387,564
Intergovernmental revenues	2,235,013	1,038,909	3,273,922
Charges for services	149,426	6,000	155,426
Investment income	220,346	5,796	226,142
Miscellaneous revenues	234,330	869,843	1,104,173
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>13,092,585</u>	<u>3,263,767</u>	<u>16,356,352</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,071,136	219,465	1,290,601
Technology	145,043	-	145,043
Public safety	3,285,550	5,000	3,290,550
Public works	1,791,792	289,764	2,081,556
Community services	971,669	868,399	1,840,068
Education	4,967,744	-	4,967,744
County tax	616,809	-	616,809
Debt service:			
Principal	520,182	146,698	666,880
Interest	81,298	72,229	153,527
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>13,451,223</u>	<u>1,601,555</u>	<u>15,052,778</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(358,638)</u>	<u>1,662,212</u>	<u>1,303,574</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	524,380	158,000	682,380
Transfers (out)	(5,000)	(525,235)	(530,235)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>519,380</u>	<u>(367,235)</u>	<u>152,145</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>160,742</u>	<u>1,294,977</u>	<u>1,455,719</u>
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	3,746,169	1,172,890	4,919,059
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	<u>3,746,169</u>	<u>1,172,907</u>	<u>4,919,076</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 3,906,911</u>	<u>\$ 2,467,884</u>	<u>\$ 6,374,795</u>

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SCHEDULE 1

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 3,746,169	\$ 3,746,169	\$ 3,746,169	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	9,165,885	9,165,885	8,865,906	(299,979)
Excise taxes	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,387,564	137,564
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State revenue sharing	1,186,868	1,186,868	1,268,350	81,482
Homestead reimbursement	366,107	366,107	366,107	-
BETE reimbursement	132,109	132,109	132,201	92
Urban rural initiative	84,000	84,000	85,324	1,324
Tree growth	4,800	4,800	5,208	408
Veterans' reimbursement	5,300	5,300	4,880	(420)
Library	140,900	140,900	140,901	1
Other	248,200	248,200	232,042	(16,158)
Investment income	200,000	200,000	220,346	20,346
Interest on taxes/lien costs	55,000	55,000	53,322	(1,678)
Licenses and permits	65,000	65,000	93,094	28,094
Charges for services	51,500	51,500	56,332	4,832
Miscellaneous revenues	100,000	100,000	181,008	81,008
Transfers from other funds	149,145	149,145	524,380	375,235
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>16,950,983</u>	<u>16,950,983</u>	<u>17,363,134</u>	<u>412,151</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,141,975	1,141,975	1,071,136	70,839
Technology	153,810	153,810	145,043	8,767
Public safety	3,209,880	3,209,880	3,285,550	(75,670)
Public works	1,919,084	1,919,084	1,791,792	127,292
Community services	1,048,153	1,048,153	971,669	76,484
Education	4,967,744	4,967,744	4,967,744	-
County tax	616,809	616,809	616,809	-
Unclassified	40,853	40,853	-	40,853
Debt service:				
Principal	525,208	1,007,735	520,182	487,553
Interest	81,298	81,298	81,298	-
Transfers to other funds	-	-	5,000	(5,000)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>13,704,814</u>	<u>14,187,341</u>	<u>13,456,223</u>	<u>731,118</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 3,246,169</u>	<u>\$ 2,763,642</u>	<u>\$ 3,906,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,269</u>
Carryforward of fund balance	\$ -	\$ 482,527	\$ -	\$ (482,527)
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	500,000	500,000	-	(500,000)
	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 982,527</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (982,527)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,954	\$ -	\$ 131,711	\$ 156,665
Investments	-	-	323,654	323,654
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	205,286	103,518	-	308,804
Due from other funds	1,337,454	821,896	-	2,159,350
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,567,694	\$ 925,414	\$ 455,365	\$ 2,948,473
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 265,668	\$ 178,947	\$ -	\$ 444,615
Due to other funds	8,882	-	983	9,865
TOTAL LIABILITIES	274,550	178,947	983	454,480
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	26,109	-	-	26,109
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	26,109	-	-	26,109
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	307,399	307,399
Restricted	1,276,112	-	146,983	1,423,095
Committed	-	746,467	-	746,467
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficits)	(9,077)	-	-	(9,077)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,267,035	746,467	454,382	2,467,884
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,567,694	\$ 925,414	\$ 455,365	\$ 2,948,473

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE B

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 90,358	\$ 948,551	\$ -	\$ 1,038,909
Taxes	1,343,219	-	-	1,343,219
Charges for services	6,000	-	-	6,000
Investment income	-	-	5,796	5,796
Other	817,510	-	52,333	869,843
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,257,087</u>	<u>948,551</u>	<u>58,129</u>	<u>3,263,767</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	219,465	-	-	219,465
Public safety	5,000	-	-	5,000
Public works	24,835	264,929	-	289,764
Community services	868,399	-	-	868,399
Debt Service:				
Principal	146,698	-	-	146,698
Interest	72,229	-	-	72,229
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,336,626</u>	<u>264,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,601,555</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>920,461</u>	<u>683,622</u>	<u>58,129</u>	<u>1,662,212</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	8,000	150,000	-	158,000
Transfers (out)	(525,235)	-	-	(525,235)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(517,235)</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(367,235)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>403,226</u>	<u>833,622</u>	<u>58,129</u>	<u>1,294,977</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	863,809	(87,155)	396,236	1,172,890
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	-	-	17	17
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1	<u>863,809</u>	<u>(87,155)</u>	<u>396,253</u>	<u>1,172,907</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,267,035</u>	<u>\$ 746,467</u>	<u>\$ 454,382</u>	<u>\$ 2,467,884</u>

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TAX COLLECTOR

Kathleen Cutler, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

Kathleen Cutler serves as the **City Clerk, Tax Collector, and Deputy Treasurer** for the **City of Gardiner, Maine**. The office is responsible for the collection of real estate, personal property, and excise taxes.

Key Responsibilities

The Tax Collector is an appointed public officer whose duties include:

- **Tax Billing & Collection:** Preparing tax bills, sending 30-day demand notices, and administering the "tax club" payment plan.
- **Legal & Finance:** Filing tax liens, processing foreclosures, and providing tax information to mortgage holders.

Resident Licensing: Assisting with motor vehicle registrations and licensing for boats, snowmobiles, and ATVs.

The City offers a Tax Club, which allows residents the option to pay their taxes in nine (9) equal payments. All previous accounts must be paid in full before a Tax Club is issued. Tax Clubs may include both Real Estate and Personal Property. On average 135 residents participate in the tax club each year.

In FY25 we sent out 2744 tax bills, 134 liens were filed, and 22 foreclosure notices were sent. In accordance with the State of Maine revised the statute (36 M.R.S. § 943) regarding real estate foreclosures and the Notice of Impending Foreclosure, the City of Gardiner has contracted with a licensed Real Estate Broker to dispose of all tax acquired property.

In FY25 we processed 6192 motor vehicle transactions for a total of \$1,525,408.

We continue to work on outreach with elderly residents and are always looking for ways to provide tax relief. The city currently offers a Tax Discount Program. In 2025 38 residents qualified for relief and received a combined \$17,705 in refunds. For information on this program please call city hall.

FY2025 Outstanding Real-Estate Taxes	
158164 WEST HILL ROAD LLC	\$1,162
33 ASH STREET LLC	\$2,030
A-COPI LLC	\$290
ALBERT ISLA M	\$1,819
AMADON FLOYD T	\$10,037
ASSELIN AMANDA	\$1,323
BAILEY, GEROGE HEIRS OF	\$1,525
BAILEY NORMAN S JR	\$144
BAILEY STEPHEN E	\$41,974
BAKER KRISTIE	\$5,350
BEAUMIER LISA	\$1,948
BERNARD ASHLEY L TRUSTEE	\$3,038
BERRY, TERRY, ESTATE	\$2,319
BINTLIFFS CORNER BREW	\$869
BIRD MARY	\$470
BOMALI LLC	\$6,054
BONENFANT EDWARD J	\$1,120
BRONN KATHERINE M	\$1,486
BROWN DARRYL G SR	\$2,056
C B MAREIC INC	\$1,700
CANYON LLC	\$5,438
CAPITAL AREA PROPERTIES LLC	\$10,571
CASTLE ROCK DEVELOPMENT LLC	\$2,005
CLARY EARL W JR	\$2,765
CLUKEY CHERYL D	\$2,240
CMR PROPERTIES LLC	\$3,835
COLLIER JEREMY DAVID	\$1,741
COULOMBE DAVID L	\$249
CRAPPS CHARLES N	\$6,057
DICK T W CO INC	\$19,452
DINEEN DAVID F JR	\$8,038
DINEEN, DAVID JR, MATTHEW,	\$8,922
DONOHUE JOHN	\$1,358
DUBAY MARYANNE	\$2,052

FY2025 Outstanding Real-Estate Taxes	
DUQUETTE PELLETIER CATHERINE E	\$4,199
DRILLING AND BLASTING	\$1,963
EATON MARLENE HANDCOCK	\$1,097
ECHO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$37
EMERY LINDA J	\$618
FIELDER CODY MIKEL PERSONAL	\$5,897
FLAGG FINANCIAL	\$193
FITZHEBERT PHILIP J	\$4,642
FORTIN MAX	\$649
FOUR PILLAR PROPERTIES LLC	\$3,177
FOWLER CLYDE A JR	\$464
GAITHER MICHAEL L	\$612
GIAMPETRUZZI PETER	\$152
GILLEY HOWARD	\$1,680
GOODALL PROPERTIES LLC	\$4,953
GRA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC	\$19,673
GREENLAW EUGENE	\$2,279
HARRIS DAVID	\$17,265
HARVEY DISTRIBUTING	\$853
HETHERMAN KATHERINE	\$232
HIGGINSON MICHAEL J PERSONAL	\$4,827
HILL TOP LOG HOMES INC PARTY IN	\$1,119
HOLT MICHAEL D PERSONAL	\$850
HOWARD DEBRA PERSONAL REP	\$6,300
INTERSTATE FIRE	\$561
ISLAND PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE	\$7,444
JAMES GORDON S	\$2,381
JOHNSON CHANDLER B JR	\$1,530
JOHNSON WILLYS GRAY	\$5,828
JOSEPH JASON S	\$1,550
JRN HOLDINGS LLC	\$8,968
KANARIS LANCE M	\$3,234
KANON COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,655
KOKMEYER HEIDI ELIZABETH	\$1,466
KROME HAIR SALON	\$198

FY2025 Outstanding Real-Estate Taxes	
LAGASSEE ANITA J PERSON IN	\$13,075
LATOUF PETER J	\$2,169
LAVALLEE JOANNE K	\$5,221
LAWRENCE JOHN T	\$4,977
LEACH JASON R	\$87
LEATHERS DUANE M HEIRS OF	\$563
LEPOFF SARAH	\$2,080
LOMBARDO RICHARD	\$402
MACMASTER JASON T	\$3,500
MAINE AFFORDABLE PROPERTIES LLC	\$3,120
MANN J R	\$1,490
MARTIN DEAN E	\$12,692
MCKECHNIE SANDRA	\$350
MCKEEN BOBBI	\$93
MCKENNA DAVID	\$735
MCLAUGHLIN MARK D	\$5,635
MCLAUGHLIN RYAN J	\$688
MEI XIUZHEN	\$50
MID MAINE NURSERY	\$2,004
MOODY THOMAS	\$15,614
MUNGEN MARLON	\$596
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS	\$48
OASIS REFINERY LLC	\$4,101
PEIRCE MORGAN	\$492
POSILLICO ENTERPRISE PARTNERS	\$25,359
PRESBY APRIL	\$1,861
PURPLE SHED WOODWORKS	\$179
PURINGTON GARY L JR	\$56
PUSHARD DANA	\$931
QUIRION ARLENE N	\$555
R&S 860 BRUNSWICK AVENUE LLC	\$24,840
RARE FIND PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	\$34,174
REYNOLDS INVEST LLC	\$5,547
ROGERS JUDITH ANN	\$598
SHEPARD CAROLYN H HEIRS OF	\$1,765

FY2025 Outstanding Real-Estate Taxes	
SHYANNE SMART	\$402
SMART ROBERT R IV	\$149
SOLOMON CHRISTINE L	\$1,519
SPEAR JANICE R DEVISEES OF	\$1,975
STEBBINS DANIEL	\$1,806
STONIER JONATHAN M	\$6,502
STORAGE, DEPOT	\$78
Stormfield Capital, LLC	\$4,642
STORY LOUANNE	\$2,665
STRR1 LLC	\$80,239
SWEENEY KARYN	\$1,523
TERRELL DENNIS	\$197
THE BLIND PIG	\$1,680
THREE PILLAR PROPERTIES LLC	\$1,630
TIGER TOWN	\$156
TOLMAN, REBECCA JEAN	\$2,313
TOUCH OF GRAY	\$473
TPM REALTY LLC	\$8,845
TRU BLOOMS	\$2,591
TWC PROPERTIES LLC	\$7,750
WALL ROSALIE	\$57
WALTMAN JACOB S	\$3,145
WELLNESS CONNECTION	\$540
WIGHT MELISSA L	\$2,681
WILLARD ,RICHARD T PERSONAL	\$3,318
WILLARD HEATHER A	\$3,875
WILLIAMS ANGELA L	\$441
WILLIAMS WILLIAMS S	\$1,580
WRIGHT DARRELL PERSONAL	\$1,606
ZAWADZKI ROBERT T HEIRS OF	\$2,255
ZDANOVICH JOSEPH & MARY LOU &	\$23
	\$603,286

CITY CLERK

Kathleen Cutler, City Clerk

Office Staff

Kathleen Cutler,
City Clerk &
Registrar of Voters

Kathleen Cutler,
Tax Collector &
Deputy Treasurer

Alyssa Landes,
Deputy City Clerk

Ashley Ashley,
Utility Billing

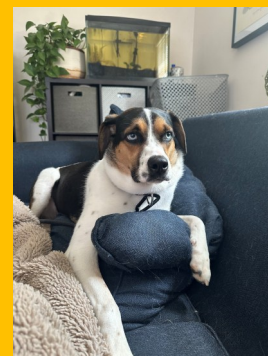
Kelly Hare
Deputy Tax Collector
MVR Agent

P: (207) 582-4200
F: (207) 582-6895

I would like to thank the Front Office Staff for all the dedicated support to the City of Gardiner.

Dog Licenses

In 2025 the front office licensed 657 dogs. Dog licenses are annual and expire on December 31st each year. January is a 30-day grace period and on February 1, a \$25 late fee is assessed per dog. The cost to license a dog is \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11 for one who has not been spayed or neutered. By law we are required to see proof of spay/neuter, and we need to see current State of Maine rabies vaccination certificate.



Vital Records

Births 46

Deaths 66

Marriages licenses issued 20

Weddings performed 8



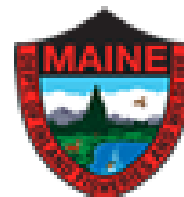
Inland Fisheries

Hunting & Fishing Licenses-198

Boat registrations- 200

ATV registrations-97

Snowmobile registrations-102



4230 Registered Voters in Gardiner

Election Day

June 10, 2025
MSAD 11 Budget Referendum
Election Article 1 Yes 145, No 44, Blank -zero
Article 2 Yes 138, No 49, Blank 2

Election Day

November 4, 2025
General Election
1933 votes cast,
46% turnout



Employees Recognized for Years of Service in Calendar 2025		
Name	Position	Years of Service
Marston, Kaleb	Police Officer	5
Pekins, Rob	Safety Officer	5
Ross, Damon	Firefighter/Paramedic	5
Lodolce, Justin	Firefighter/Paramedic	10
Thistle, Dawn	Library Director	10
Lebel, Curt	Contracted Assessor	20
New City of Gardiner Employees since the Sept 2024 Appreciation		
New Employees	Position	Month Hired
Alley, Phil	PW Equipment Operator	Sept
Haskell, Bryden	WW Lab Technician	Nov
Moore, Ben	WW Operator	Nov
Perkins, John	PW Equipment Operator	Jan
Hare, Kelly (returning)	Deputy Tax Collector	Feb
Aievoli, Stephen	WW Director	Feb
Baumer, Belinda	Custodian	April
Hunt, Matthew	Police Officer	May
Lester, Todd	WW Operator	August
Ashley, Ashley	Utility Billing Clerk	Sept
Promotions and Transfers		
Name	Action	
Marston, Kaleb	Promoted to Sgt.	March
Lewis, Christopher	Promoted to Detective	July
Christopher, Angie	Promoted to Planning Coordinator	July
Fitzmaurice, Tucker	Promoted to Equipment Operator	July
Bouchard, Keleb	Promoted to Public Works Mechanic	July



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Angelia Christopher, General Assistance Director

Gardiner's General Assistance (GA) program provides assistance to eligible residents who are struggling to or are unable to provide the basic necessities essential to maintain themselves or their families. General Assistance is designed to provide specific amount of aid for basic needs during a limited period of time and is not intended to be an ongoing resource. Applications for General Assistance can be taken any time during normal City Hall Business hours. Applicants can also call 207-530-0178 after hours for emergencies. Applicants can apply for assistance with basic needs such as rent, heating fuel, electricity, food, and medication. All recipients must meet the state-mandated requirements to be eligible and are responsible for meeting their own basic needs by any means available before applying for General Assistance.

Number of Applications: 41	
Number of Residents Assisted: 36	
Expenditures for 2025	
Housing	\$24,490
Heating	\$1,022
Electric	\$2,799
Household / Personal Supplies	\$240
Food	\$260
Burial	\$5,235
Other	\$360
Total amount issued	\$34,405
Funding Sources for the above expenditures include:	
State of Maine, DHHS (Reimbursement 70%)	\$24,084
Net Cost to Gardiner	\$10,322

GARDINER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dawn Thistle, Librarian

Gardiner Public Library prides itself on being a vital and welcoming asset to the City of Gardiner and the residents of our partner communities. The beauty of our historic building draws visitors of all ages, but it is what awaits inside that truly sets us apart.

Patrons are greeted by an exceptional team whose kindness, professionalism, and dedication define the library experience. Our full-time staff - Jess Betit, Stacy Caron, Ann Russell, and Heather Wade - are supported by part-time staff Bob Fagan, Barbara Gipson, and Marlene Patten, as well as on-call and seasonal team members Stacia Bolitho, Iris Ireland, and Erin Overlock. Together, they are deeply committed to serving every person who walks through our doors, and their dedication to outstanding customer service is widely appreciated and frequently noted.

Gardiner Public Library serves the City of Gardiner and the five supporting municipalities of Farmingdale, Litchfield, Pittston, Randolph, and West Gardiner. As a truly regional organization, we serve a community of more than 20,000 residents. We are also a significant economic driver for Gardiner's historic downtown and an important asset for those considering a move to the area. We continually adapt and enhance our services to meet the evolving needs and interests of our patrons, ensuring we remain a valued and essential resource for all our supporting towns and subscribing members.

In addition, we proudly support all MSAD 11 schools during the academic year by providing both teacher and student library cards, strengthening literacy, learning, and access to resources across the region.

Our offerings serve the entire community. They range from an excellent in-house collection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks to an extensive interlibrary loan network spanning libraries across Maine, as well as a rich array of digital resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, and more.

We also offer a variety of passes to Maine State Parks and regional cultural destinations, including Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Farnsworth Art Museum, Boothbay Railway Village, Southworth Planetarium, Kennebec Historical Society, Maine Wildlife Park, and Maine Maritime Museum. These passes allow patrons to explore and enjoy the natural beauty, history, and culture of our region.

Our Library of Things further expands what you can borrow - and we are always adding to it. Current offerings range from practical tools like pole pruners for managing brown tail moth nests, to a metal detector for discovering hidden treasures, to a fly-fishing rod for practicing a new skill.



Programming is a cornerstone of our work. For children, we host weekly story hours on Tuesday mornings, a STEM program on Wednesday mornings, and Baby Bounce on Friday mornings, alongside a vibrant Summer Reading Program and other activities for young people. Teens are invited to a weekly homeschool book group and a Young Adult (YA) afterschool program on Thursdays during the school year, and they are also encouraged to participate in the Summer Reading Program.

Adults enjoy several book groups on Tuesday evenings, as well as rotating training on electronic devices, author readings, historical lectures, and movies for all ages. On Friday mornings, we host a casual coffee chat where community members can talk about books and ideas, learn a new game, meet friends, or simply enjoy getting out of the house. For those unable to visit in person, home delivery services are also available.

Beyond regular programming, we actively engage with the community. We serve as a host site for three annual Art-Walk events, participate as a stop in Gardiner’s Downtown Trick-or-Treat, and organize several annual events, including our fall book sale, the Marjorie Standish Potluck event, and a plant sale with a silent auction. We also sponsor the Feed Your Neighbor fundraising event each March, supporting the Chrysalis Place food pantry.

A defining strength of Gardiner Public Library is its longstanding partnership with the Gardiner Library Association. Since 1881, the Association has owned the library’s land and building, serving as steward of this historic space and ensuring its continued use as a public library. The City of Gardiner provides staffing, training, and day-to-day operational support, including custodial services, snow removal, utilities, and staff development, while the Association oversees major maintenance, preservation efforts, capital improvements, and financial support for library materials and programming. Together, this partnership allows the library to thrive as both a modern public resource and a treasured historic landmark.

With all this in place, Gardiner Public Library has had an exceptional year. Our doors are bustling with patrons from all supporting towns and beyond, and programming for all ages continues to grow. Positive word of mouth brings visitors back again and again, reflecting the value our community places on the library.

This success is made possible through the dedication of our Board of Trustees, the Gardiner Library Association, all its board and committee members, and every advocate and lifelong library supporter. Above all, a public library is only as strong as its staff - and Gardiner Public Library is proud to have one of the finest library teams in the state, providing outstanding service at every turn.

Dawn Thistle, Library Director



CHECK OUT ALL WE HAVE TO OFFER!





























GARDINER FIRE AND RESCUE

Richard F Sieberg, Fire Chief

Vision Statement

The Gardiner Fire Department strives to be a trusted, community-centered fire and rescue service that meets the evolving needs of our citizens. Through teamwork, professionalism, and ongoing development, we are committed to creating a safe and secure community where residents and visitors alike feel protected and supported.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Gardiner Fire Department is to proudly serve our community by providing dependable, high-quality public safety services. We are dedicated to protecting lives and property through fire suppression, emergency medical care, disaster response, fire prevention, and public education.

Core Values

The members of the Gardiner Fire Department are guided by the following values in every interaction with the public and with one another:

- ♦ Professionalism – Upholding high standards in conduct, appearance, and performance
 - ♦ Integrity – Acting with honesty, transparency, and fairness
 - ♦ Compassion – Serving with kindness, understanding, and empathy
 - Responsibility & Accountability – Being personally, professionally, and fiscally responsible
- ♦ Respect – Valuing one another, City leadership, and the citizens and visitors we serve
- ♦ Diversity – Embracing the unique needs and backgrounds of our community
- ♦ Commitment – Demonstrating dedication to service and continuous improvement
- ♦ Teamwork – Working together with unity and cooperation
- ♦ Health & Safety – Prioritizing the well-being of our members and the public.

Emergency Responses Gardiner Fire & Rescue is proud to serve a population of approximately 25,742 residents across 173 square miles. In addition to the City of Gardiner, we provide contracted ambulance services to the communities of Litchfield, West Gardiner, Farmingdale, Randolph, Chelsea, Pittston, and Richmond. In 2025, our department responded to: • 3,454 emergency medical calls • 206 fire-related calls Each response represents a neighbor, family member, or visitor in need. We are honored to be trusted with the responsibility of answering those calls—day or night.

Personnel

The Gardiner Fire and Rescue Department is made up of 20 full-time firefighters, supported by a dedicated call company of 4 active members. Our four-shift schedule ensures 24-hour, 365- day coverage, allowing us to respond quickly and effectively whenever the community needs us. Each shift is staffed with five firefighter/paramedics, enabling us to provide both fire protection and advanced life support medical care.

A-Shift

Captain/Paramedic Nate Sutherburg
Lieutenant/Paramedic Eric Davis
Firefighter/Paramedic Rohobot Carlson
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Joshua Seekins
Firefighter/Paramedic Liam Callahan

C-Shift

Captain/Paramedic Andrew Santheson
Lieutenant/Paramedic Justin Lodolce
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Cody Hickey
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Damon Ross
Firefighter/EMT Kaleb Barnes

B-Shift

Captain/Paramedic Jesse Thompson
Lieutenant/Paramedic Josh Webb
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Gary Hickey
Firefighter/Paramedic Derek Hodgkins
Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Updyke

D-Shift

Captain/Paramedic Josh Johnson
Lieutenant/Paramedic Brandon Melanson
Firefighter/Paramedic Connor Osborne
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Mathew Gilbert
Firefighter/EMT Patrick Drake

Apparatus & Equipment

To serve our community effectively, the department maintains a well-rounded fleet that includes:

- Two engines
- One 100' ladder truck
- Four ambulances
- One utility/Chief's vehicle
- One UTV
- One boat
- One paramedic fly car/command vehicle



Rescue 1 is currently undergoing a remount process, with its ambulance box being installed on a new chassis. This unit is expected to return to service shortly. Once complete, Rescue 2 will receive the same upgrade. This approach allows the City to responsibly manage resources while ensuring reliable emergency medical transport for the community.

Delivery of a new engine has been delayed and is now expected in spring 2026

Fire Prevention and Education & Community Education

Fire prevention and public education remain a cornerstone of our service. Lieutenant Eric Davis, our Fire Prevention and Education Specialist, has led exceptional outreach efforts throughout the year. Lt. Davis visited all local schools, UpLift programs, and Scout packs, providing age-appropriate fire safety education while giving children hands-on opportunities to explore fire apparatus and equipment. These interactions help build trust, reduce risk, and empower young residents with life-saving knowledge. The Gardiner Fire Department welcomes opportunities to partner with residents, schools, and organizations for fire prevention and safety education programs.

Training – Fire & EMS

Ongoing training ensures our firefighters and paramedics are prepared to safely and effectively serve the community. Through regular company drills, regional training opportunities, and specialized certifications, our personnel maintain the skills needed to respond to fires, rescues, and medical emergencies. All training meets or exceeds state and federal requirements, particularly for operating in Immediately **Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH)** environments.

Fire Training

Firefighters regularly attend regional classes and seminars. Several members have completed Fire Officer I and II certifications, strengthening leadership within the department. The call company participates in monthly training sessions supported by on-duty crews, and the department continues to collaborate with neighboring agencies through mutual aid training.

EMS Training

The department currently includes:

16 EMT-Paramedics

3 Advanced EMTs

2 Basic EMT's

In 2025, the department hosted training in ACLS, PEPP, BLS/CPR, and AMLS, along with monthly continuing education. Quarterly quality assurance reviews, overseen by Medical Director Dr. Kelly Meehan-Coussee, help ensure the highest standard of patient care for our community.

Vision for the Future

The future of the Gardiner Fire Department is bright. As our community grows and service demands increase, we are actively exploring opportunities to improve efficiency and sustainability. Discussions with neighboring fire chiefs regarding regional collaboration have been productive and encouraging. Working together may allow us to continue providing high-quality service while responsibly managing costs for our communities.

On behalf of the members of the Gardiner Fire Department, thank you for your continued trust and support. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve the citizens and visitors of Gardiner. We remain committed to being there when you need us most.

Chief Sieberg

207-582-4535 ext. 1120

fire@gardinermaine.com





Gardiner Police Department

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gardiner Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life and provide a sense of safety and security within the City of Gardiner. Through highly dedicated employees, we are committed to the protection of all who live, work, or visit our city.

Todd Pilsbury

Chief

Sergeants

Alonzo Connor

Kaleb Marston

Detective

Christopher Lewis

Patrolmen

Scott MacMaster

Michael Caputo

Dylan Burk

Noah Lebel

Matthew Hunt

Vacant

Safety Officer

Rob Pekins

Public Safety Assistant

Tara Merrill

Message from the Chief

The year 2025 turned out to be better than the previous years as far as staffing levels. As of January of 2025 the department was only two officers down compared to 3 or more vacancies that the department has dealt with for large parts of the last few years. In 2025 the department added Matthew Hunt to our department which leaves us with one vacancy. There were two promotions in 2025. Kaleb Marston was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and Christopher Lewis was promoted to Detective. Officer Lewis is currently working the open patrol shift until our final vacant position is filled then he will begin his full time assignment as the departments detective. Despite these vacancies, as well as having an officer attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for 18 weeks, the remaining core of officers worked above and beyond what was expected of them to ensure that the department provided policing excellence, customer service, and ensuring the safety and quality of life for Gardiner citizens, businesses, and visitors. Once again, the department's crime reduction strategies and our partnership with the community has contributed to another year of reduced incidents of serious criminal offenses. Due to the support and continued participation of our citizens it is our hope that these numbers will continue to drop, continuing to make Gardiner a safer community and a destination for new families and businesses. If you or someone you know would like to become an officer for the Gardiner Police Department, please visit the City of Gardiner website to learn more about these exciting job opportunities.

I will continue every year to thank all the officers of the Gardiner Police Department and their families for their dedication to the department and the City of Gardiner. There were some very draining months for these officers and their families due to the hours they worked to keep the expected level of service to the City, citizens, businesses, and visitors. I also want to thank the Interim City Manager, City of Gardiner Department Heads, and our elected officials for their continued support and assistance during my second full year as Chief of Police. Although I have been here for many years I continue to find items that I am not familiar with or don't quite have a full grasp of but with any question I may have there is always an answer I can find because of the wealth of knowledge that these people possess. As a team we have been able to work through all issues that may have arisen.

I want to thank the citizens of Gardiner for their continuing support over the last 27 years. I continue to meet more and more interesting people every year and hope to meet many more. As always, my door is always open, and all are welcome to come in for a chat about whatever issue is on your mind. And yes, I still like my coffee black.

In conclusion, The Gardiner Police Department is made up of talented, dedicated, and hard working professionals that continue to make tremendous sacrifices to provide the level of services that the City of Gardiner citizens, businesses, and visitors deserve and require. I know this goes without saying because I see and hear it almost daily from citizens and visitors but please continue to extend your gratitude and support to these officers and their families every chance you get. Thank you again for your continuing support of the Gardiner Police Department.

Sincerely,

Chief Todd Pilsbury

About the Department

The Gardiner Police Department maintains twenty-four hour police protection 365 days a year when at full staff. The eight staff members (2 Sergeants and 6 Patrolman) that are assigned to patrol work 12-hour shifts. We also have a full-time detective, and a part-time, civilian safety officer. The safety officer is a civilian position and works 25 hours a week. For your safety, there are ALWAYS at least 1-2 officers on duty during from 6am-6pm and there are always at least 2 officers on duty from 6pm-6am when at full staff.

The detective is responsible for investigating all major crimes and incidents. His duties also include evidence collection, preservation, and accountability.

The safety officer is a hybrid position that is responsible for animal control, parking enforcement, harbor management and school crossing guard at LER.

Year at a Glance

The Gardiner Police Department responded to an approximately 7,100 calls for service this year. An analysis of those calls for service indicate over 90% of calls are responded to within five minutes. I am extremely proud of the department, and the quality of work the employees produce is outstanding. A call for service is defined as anything that the Gardiner Police Department has done and includes all citizen complaints. Calls for services resulted in:

- ◆ 194 offense reports
- ◆ 233 arrests (an arrest is defined as any time someone is issued a summons with an arraignment court date, any time an individual is arrested on a warrant, probation holds, etc.).
- ◆ 162 motor vehicle accidents (includes reportable and non-reportable damage)
- ◆ 253 parking tickets

The department also issued 4 new Concealed Weapons Permits and 16 renewals/transfers.

- *Always on duty*
- *624-7076 or 911*
- *Nixle.com for alerts*
- *LIKE US on Facebook*
- *See something, Say something!*

Community Relations

- ◆ Facebook Page - Gardiner Police Department [Maine]
 - ◆ Nightly business checks
 - ◆ Self service prescription drug box available in Police Department lobby during normal business hours. Please disposed of your unused and unwanted meds here
 - ◆ Free trigger lock program
 - ◆ Coffee with a Cop Program
 - ◆ Property checks—we will check your property while you are away
 - ◆ ALICE— Business and School training to help survive a violent encounter
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Animal Control & Parking Enforcement

The Animal Control Officer (Safety Officer) is in charge of animal welfare, stray and domesticated animals (cats and dogs). Any complaint of a non-domesticated animal will be referred to the Maine Warden Service.

We would like to remind dog owners that per State law, your dog must be registered with the City by Dec. 31 of each year. Please keep your dog on a leash when you are off of your property and please clean up after your dog in order to keep the City's parks clean and enjoyable for all. Please be sure to check out the City's new dog park located on upper Water St., just west of D&H motors, as it is a park just for dogs!

Here are some friendly parking ordinance reminders : there is a 2 hour time limit for parking in the downtown on Water Street. Overnight parking is never allowed in the downtown section of Water Street. It is illegal to park on the sidewalk. It shall be unlawful to park on any street within the City of Gardiner between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 30th regardless of weather conditions. All parking violations found within the City are subject to ticketing and towing, so, please pay attention.

For Parking or Animal Control inquiries, please contact the Safety Officer at 582-3211 ext. 1344 or dispatch at 624-7076.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

John Cameron, Public Works Director

The Public Works Department's primary service is to maintain the city's infrastructure which includes, but not limited to, roads, parks, cemeteries, city buildings, culverts and stormwater basins, and sewer lines and basins. We also help respond to sewer calls, oversee streetlights, and assist in community events.

A few projects that the Public Works Department took care of during 2025 were raising basins prior to paving projects. Weeks Road got chip sealed, which is a cost-effective alternative to paving. After we pave, there is always shoulder work that needs to be done to help keep the roads in good shape. With some of the heavier rain events, there always seem to be more washouts than expected. The crew works very hard to come up with alternatives to try to limit how often and how bad the washouts are.

We set aside a couple of weeks each year to put towards trimming brush along the roadsides and overhead along the roads so residents have good visibility, and the sun can shine on the roads to help keep things dry. This year we were able to purchase a Bush hog to go on the end of the excavator to get some larger brush and to help with the roadside brush. We also purchased a roadside mower for our miniature loaders. Instead of being limited to mowing for one to two weeks a year, we can take care of roadside mowing anytime that we have a chance.

The department focused on storm water and sewer infrastructure on High Holborn St. In preparation for pavement next year. We completed the list of sidewalks to be removed. Identified areas that need to be loomed and seeded next spring. PW did the demo work on Dearborn Park prior to the contractor completing the project. We rebuilt the walkways with a fresh layer of reclaim at the Common.

The City of Gardiner took over Mount Hope Cemetery, and in doing so it created additional mowing and maintenance for the department, so we opted to subcontract some of the mowing, and it worked very well.

This year the department was able to take delivery of a new Western Star dump truck. This is a great addition to the fleet. Many thanks to the residents and the City Council for supporting this acquisition.

The Public Works team is made-up of Director John Cameron, Foreman Dave Grover, Mechanic Kaleb Bouchard, Operators Tucker Fitzmaurice, Phillip Alley, John Perkins, Mike McArthur Jr. and Jayden Mills. Laborer Mike McArthur Sr.

John Cameron

Public Works Director

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Steve Aievoli, Director

In 2025 the City of Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) treated 451,178,000 gallons of sewage and combined stormwater. That calculates to be an average daily flow of 1,123,528 gallons per day. The Town of Farmingdale contributed 40,554,000 gallons or 11.0% of flow contribution and the Town of Randolph contributed 41,850,000 gallons or 11.35%.

The finished clean water or “effluent” discharged to the Kennebec River was cleaned to an average of 93% removal of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and 93% of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). The final effluent was disinfected to DEP and DMR standards during the period of seasonal chlorination May 10 to September 30 using a combination of Sodium Hypochlorite/Meta Bisulfite. The collection system, or sewers, is comprised of miles of underground piping connected through 18 pump stations, 2 siphons, 4 interceptors, force mains, a stormwater CSO/RTB (Combined Sewer Overflow/Retention & Treatment Basin), a storage interceptor and residential service lines.

The final waste component of the treated sewage is separated and condensed down to a moist, solid material called bio-solids or sludge. A total of 984 cubic yards (18.9 Yd³/week production avg.) and 773 wet tons (14.9 tons/week avg.) were produced in 2024. Current PFAS regulations do not allow for the re-use of bio-solids. This means that 100% of Gardiner’s Biosolids are now being disposed of at the State of Maine owned Juniper Ridge Landfill in Alton, Maine.

The CSO/RTB (Combined Sewer Overflow/Retention and Treatment Basin) project completed in September 2016 at the Maine Avenue Pump Station captured, treated and returned to the system 270,000 gallons of combined sewage and stormwater (CSO flow) that would have otherwise gone untreated out to the Kennebec River. An additional total of 1,412,000 of CSO flow was given basic screening and primary treatment through the CSO system at the treatment plant (primary bypassing secondary) before discharge to the river during one heavy rain/snow melt event. This flow would have been discharged directly to the river without treatment if not for the ability of the treatment plant to bypass secondary treatment and still provide solids removal and primary treatment.

The CSO Master Plan was updated in 2025. This plan is completed every five years and outlines the cities plan for work in the future to remove storm water from the sanitary sewer collection system. The gravity sewer main lines on four streets that are upstream of the Maine Avenue Pump Station where the Combined Sewer Overflow is located were identified and listed in the plan as projects to be completed over the next 5-6 years. Those main lines are located on Spring Street, A portion of West Hill Road, Ash Street and a portion of Central Street

There were several process control improvements implemented throughout the year that improved the quality of the facilities effluent discharge. These improvements were part of the plan to reduce sludge disposal and chemical costs.

The Gardiner WWTF is normally staffed by 5 employees, In February 2025 Steve Aievoli was hired as the Wastewater Superintendent. The facility staff include Todd Lester, Todd was hired as an operator in August and transitioned to the position of Interim Chief Operator in November, Chris Miller is the Mechanic/Operator; Bryden Haskell is the Lab Tech/Operator and Ben Moore is an Operator. Both Bryden and Ben celebrated their 1 year anniversary as employees of the City in November. The residential collection system (sewers) is maintained in part by the Gardiner Public Works Department led by Public Works Director John Cameron, Foreman Dave Grover, Mechanic Kaleb Bouchard, Operator John Zack, Operator Kyle Burns, Operator Tucker Fitzmaurice, Operator Phillip Alley, Operator John Perkins, Laborer Mike McArthur Senior and Laborer Mike McArthur Junior.

Department of Economic and Community Development

Office of Planning and Development

The Gardiner Economic Development Department works to create an environment that encourages economic growth by supporting Gardiner businesses, strengthening our community, and maintaining a high quality of life.

2025 Economic Development Highlights

Dearborn Park, the downtown pocket park between Mechanic Street and Water Street, underwent a complete renovation. The project was primarily funded with a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Maine Department of Community & Economic Development. These improvements transformed the park into a more vibrant and functional public space, enhancing its role as a community hub for events and everyday use while creating an accessible, welcoming passageway and gathering place for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

The City of Gardiner sold Lot #12 in the Libby Hill Business Park to Elwell Excavation for \$49,900 in April 2025. The developer has received Planning Board approval to build a 9,600 sq ft warehouse for construction operations. The remaining two City-owned lots in the business park are under contract and pending sale in February 2026.

A Climate Vulnerability Assessment of Gardiner's infrastructure is underway. The project is funded by a \$50,000 Climate Action Grant from the Maine Community Resilience Partnership. Environmental engineers at Haley Ward are conducting the assessment with assistance from an ad hoc committee created for this project. The final assessment report is expected in spring 2026 and will help position the City for future resiliency investments and competitive funding opportunities.

Iron Heights, a multi-family housing project located on the former T.W. Dick Steel property at 1 Summer Street, broke ground in April 2025. Developed by Mastway Development, the Affordable Housing Project will provide 32 new apartments in Gardiner's downtown. The project is expected to be complete by summer 2026 and represents an important investment in housing availability, downtown vitality, and long-term economic growth.

Brownfields Cleanup Assessment Grant funds continued to be used to identify properties where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, and to assess mitigation options. Nine properties have been assessed in Gardiner since the program began in 2023, helping remove barriers to redevelopment and unlock future investment potential.

To expand the department's planning capacity, Angelia Christopher transitioned from her role as Administrative Assistant to Planning Coordinator in July 2025. With more than six years of experience serving the City of Gardiner, Angelia brings valuable institutional knowledge and has strengthened the department's ability to support private development projects, land use review, and ordinance administration with greater responsiveness and efficiency.



New Developments & Businesses to Gardiner

Bloom & Beam Beauty

Buck's Naked BBQ

The Cat's Familiar

Cluck Ya Poultry

Core Cutter

Iron Heights

Pet Utopia

Rags To Riches Thrift Shop

Sunrise Bagel



Department of Economic and Community Development

Office of Planning and Development Continued...

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Office provides services that guide the physical development of Gardiner toward the achievement of community goals. These services include:

Issuing Permits: Review of applications and construction plans for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and structures

Pre-Construction Inspections: Site conditions, setback verification, building envelope assessment, vegetative cutting, excavation, high water determination, and drainage

Construction Inspections: Foundations, structural framing, insulation, disability accessibility, egress, internal plumbing, septic systems, building alterations, swimming pools, signs, site maintenance, retaining walls, and erosion control

Post-Construction Inspections: Occupancy permits, site stabilization, health and safety, and accessibility compliance

Enforcement of City of Gardiner Code and Land Use Ordinance: Including Floodplain and Shoreland regulations, Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), Maine Uniform Plumbing Code, Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal (septic system) Rules, State Statutes, and Federal Law.

Total Permits Issued & Inspected in 2025: 386

168 Building Permits

56 Internal Plumbing Permits

17 Subsurface Wastewater Permits

144 General Permits

18 Occupancy Permits

29 New Addresses were created

162 Complaints were investigated and resolved

10 Projects were brought before Planning Board

7 Projects were brought before Historic Preservation

3 Notice of Violations were issued

0 Cases went to court

0 Administrative appeals went before the Appeals Board

0 Variance Applications went before the Board Of Appeals

16 New ordinances were written and adopted

2 zone changes

Permit Fees in 2025 generated a total of \$48,406.10

The City of Gardiner Code and Land Use Ordinance is now digital. Easily search and find what you're looking for online through the new eCode, available on the City of Gardiner website or directly at ecode360.com/GA6894.

Through strategic investment, proactive planning, and responsive public service, the Economic Development and Planning Department continues to advance Gardiner as a vibrant place to live, work, invest, and visit.



BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Ambulance Advisory Committee

Audit Committee

Board of Appeals

Board of Assessment Review

Brownfields Advisory Committee

City Council

City Parks Committee

Cobbossee Watershed

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

Economic Development Committee

Election Day Staff

Library Board of Trustees

Historic Preservation Commission

MSAD#11 School Board of Directors

New Mills Dam Committee

Ordinance Review Committee

Planning Board

Quimby Trust

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee

Wastewater Advisory Committee

Water District Trustees

COMMITTEES



If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to call City Hall at 582-4460 or email kcutler@gardinermaine.com for more information or go to <http://www.gardinermaine.gov/gardiner-city-council/webforms/committee-request-form> to fill out an online request form. Please tell us why you are interested and what your qualifications are that pertain to the chosen group.



2025 in Review

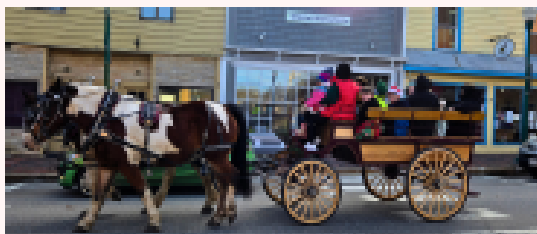
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STRENGTHENING COMMERCE
SUPPORTING BUSINESSES**

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WHAT DOES GARDINER MAIN STREET DO?

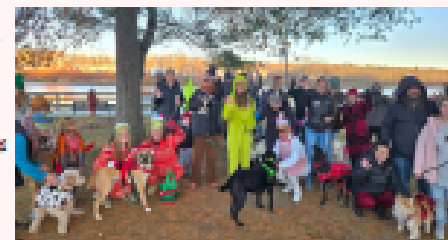
Since 2003, Gardiner Main Street has worked to create a welcoming downtown, preserve its historical culture, attract and support small businesses, and connect residents and visitors to each other and the Gardiner community. GMS is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Gardiner Main Street is a nationally accredited program and a member of Main Street America.



Music Mutt Holiday Street

Horse drawn carriage rides



12 New Businesses opened, expanded, or relocated to downtown

\$3,000 +

In Gift of Gardiner certificates, cash, and goods...

Distributed to the public to encourage patronage of downtown businesses



Volunteers restore garden in Waterfront, damaged by the 2023 floods

AAA! Seniors planted 22 flower boxes along Water Street during Day of Garding

New Events In 2025

- Mutt Strut
- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
- Pie Tasting Contest
- Lantern Parade and Winter Solstice Celebration
- Downtown Business Meeting

GMS Staff:

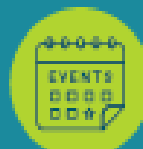
Tamara Whitmore, Director
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Tonya Gorman, Communication Coordinator
tonya@gardinermainstreet.org

GMS Board of Directors:

Ehrin Simanski, President; Hope Olivencia, Secretary; Patricia Buck-Welton, Alan Claude, Becky Fles, Mike Gent, Pat Hart (ex-officio), Melissa Lindley (ex-officio), Janet Slade, Dawn Thistle

Events Breakdown



EVENTS

51



ATTENDEES

10,306



**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

1,723

Gardiner Main Street is dedicated to being an integral part of the community, as a member of:

- City of Gardiner Economic & Community Development Committee
- Climate Change Vulnerability Working Group
- City of Gardiner Arcade Parking Lot working group
- Duct Tape Council
- Gardiner Board of Trade
- Gardiner Area Thrives



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About Us

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley (BGCKV) provides safe, affordable, and high-quality care and out-of-school time programming for children and teens across MSAD 11 and the greater Kennebec Valley. We operate from a new, state-of-the-art 28,000-square-foot Clubhouse and a high school regulation soccer and lacrosse field—both made possible through generous support from individuals, towns, the county, private foundations, state funding, and community project funds. Our doors open at 6:30 a.m. so working families can start their day with reliable care, and our building also serves as a welcoming community meeting space during school hours. [Kennebec Valley Needs Club Kids.](#)

The Need

Rural communities need dependable childcare, enriching after-school options, and safe spaces for youth during school breaks, early release days, and summer months. Families also face food insecurity and rising costs, making consistent access to healthy meals and scholarships essential. BGCKV responds to these needs by offering year-round programming, serving meals across the day, and ensuring cost is not a barrier through scholarships and donor-supported programs.

\$132,000

is the total BGCKV anticipates investing in Scholarships for FY26. With over 20 Scholarships being allocated to Teen Center Summer Scholarships

\$142,131

BGCKV self-funded in Food Program Costs in FY25. Supporting 120,000 meals to youth across our programs.

\$315,250

Our 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant **supports after-school services at our Gardiner, Chelsea, and Whitefield Clubhouses, including our Teen Center in Gardiner, student tutoring and other educational programming.**

Our Approach

BGCKV supports youth from infancy through high school with a full continuum of care, learning, and enrichment. Our early childhood classrooms provide developmentally appropriate learning through Creative Curriculum and Pre-K for ME, creating fun, nurturing days for our youngest members. School-age children begin their mornings at the Club with breakfast before heading to school, and we remain open on early release and no-school days to support working parents. After school, youth from kindergarten through high school arrive starting around 2:00 p.m., and every child is offered a small supper meal as soon as they get to the Club, followed by tutoring, enrichment, gym activities, outdoor play, arts, games, and time to connect with caring adult mentors.

Nutrition is a core part of our approach. BGCKV serves close to 100,000 meals annually, including breakfast, lunch, snacks, and supper for Club kids of all ages. This is made possible through annual private fundraising and Department of Education reimbursement for summer food programming. We also operate a free summer food program for all youth ages 18 and under, regardless of Club membership, and provide summer meals to the Gardiner Public Library and MSAD 11 summer school programs.

Developing Leadership and Opportunity for Teens

- BGCKV offers **free school-year Teen Center programming** that creates a safe space for teens to connect, grow, and lead.
- Our team raises **\$700,000+ each year** to fund teen staffing, supplies, field trips, and enrichment opportunities.
- Teens receive a **meal and structured support** after school, including tutoring, enrichment activities, and recreation.
- Through **Keystone Club**, a self-funded Club program, teens build leadership through community service, monthly meetings, and running the **Snack Shack** to support group experiences.
- Staff helps remove barriers through **transportation support**, field trips, and meaningful guest experiences.

A Community Hub and Partnerships

BGCKV is deeply integrated into the daily life of the community and MSAD 11. We maintain the sports field for use by MSAD 11 middle and high school teams as well as Club sports, and our spring and fall sports programs provide healthy physical activity opportunities for more than 700 youth through lacrosse, softball, soccer, and Gardiner Fire soccer. We also support MSAD 11 programming needs by hosting REACH students twice per month for full school days and providing lunch for those visits, and by welcoming MSAD 11 bus drivers for monthly meetings at the Club.

"The Boys and Girls Club isn't just a place to go; it's a second home and a gigantic family that includes so many people. When I think about what the Club has done for me, it's hard to put it into words. The club is such an important place for kids like me who need someone to count on. I'm so honored to now be that mentor who can be there for those who need the support, joy, or confidence I needed."

Because of the Club, I've learned that even the hardest chapters in your life lead to beautiful memories, and I'm more than ready to help other club kids write their stories."

— Camden Genest, 2025 BGCKV Youth of the Year



Beyond youth programming, BGCKV serves as a gathering place that strengthens community connection.



OLDIES BUT GOODIES

30 Seniors gather every Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In our dining hall



WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers read with our
Weekly early learners and support
classrooms year-round

Creating connection across generations.

Creating connection across generations.



Join Us

At BGCKV, we are committed to one singular mission: enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential. We can't discount the unique needs of our rural Clubs, Club leaders, kids and communities. Your partnership will help us strengthen the capacity and capability of our organization to serve these extraordinary young people, improve the quality of programming we offer, and advocate for all kids and teens in rural communities.

Join us in opening doors of opportunity for youth in your community. Together, we can prepare our young people to graduate on time with a plan for a healthy, successful future, so they can lead change in their communities, at work, and around the world.



BGCKV At A Glance

We work to fulfill our mission by providing safe spaces filled with opportunity, enriching programs, and caring adults who actively cultivate relationships, ensuring that our youth feel connected, supported, and valued. Our programs focus on academics, recreation, art, music, health and wellness, and character development for youth ages 6 weeks to 18.

Our Mission

The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley (BGCKV) is to enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Kennebec Valley Needs Club Kids. And Club Kids Need You.

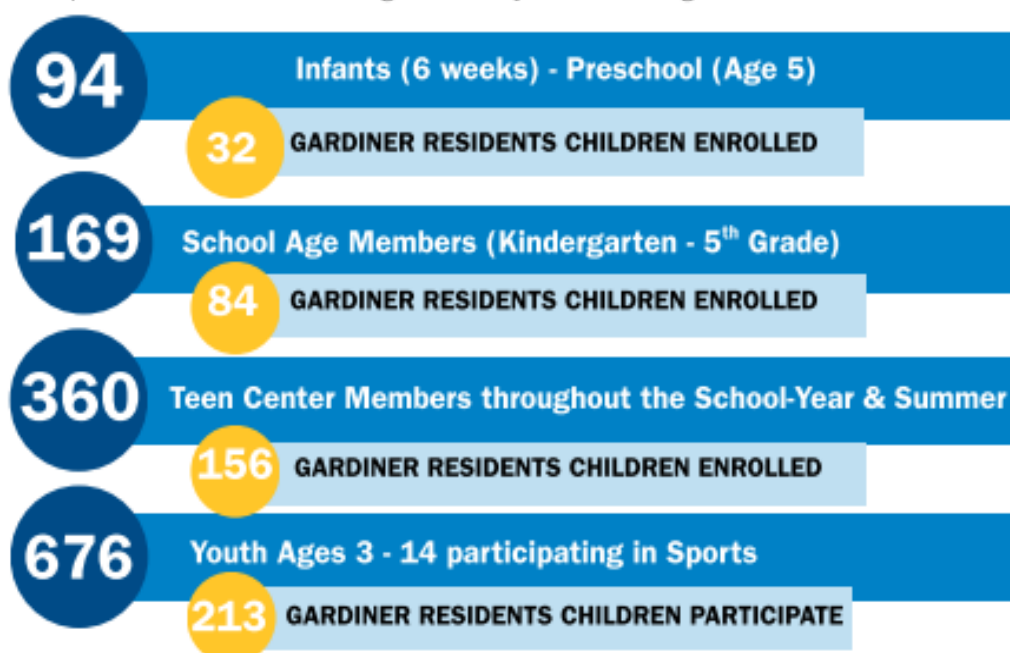
Club kids are more likely to be:

- **Determined Scholars** - 85% of Club teens receive mostly A's & B's in school. 100% are expected to graduate from high school. 98% plan to go to post-secondary school.
- **Future Professionals** - 100% of 11th and 12th-grade Club members have participated in a career exploration program at our Club.
- **Strong Leaders** - 82% of Club members stand up for what is right, even if their friends disagree.
- **Emotionally & Physically Healthy** - 93% of Club members can talk to an adult at the Club about their problems.

*Data Collected from BGCA NYOI Survey in 2025 completed by Teen Center members

Scale & Reach in 2025

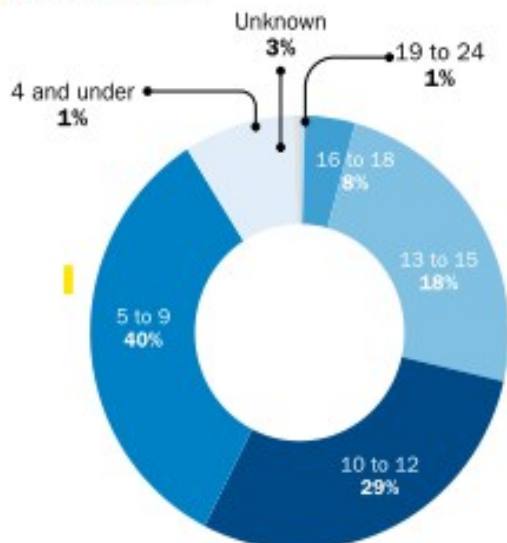
Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley serve about **1,300 young people** annually. We serve **623 youth** through membership and **an additional 676** through community outreach through **4 Club locations**:



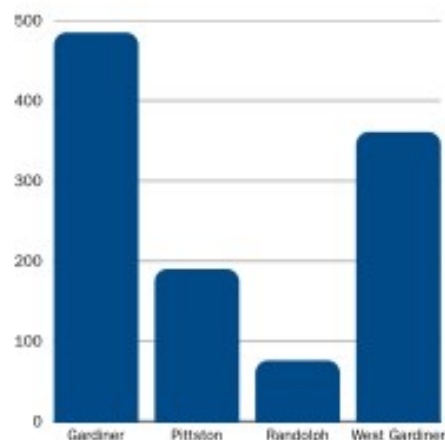
Club Kids Need You.

About Our Club Kids & Staff

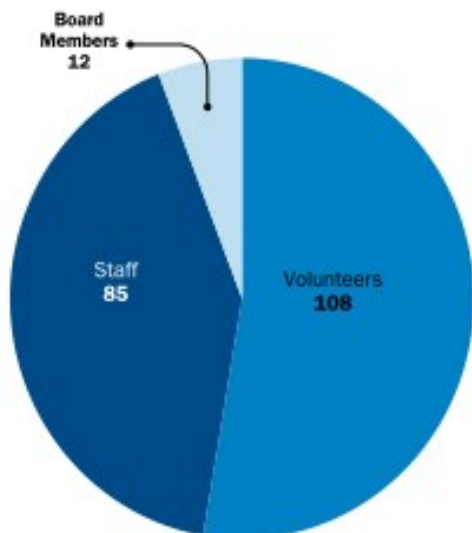
Club Members Ages



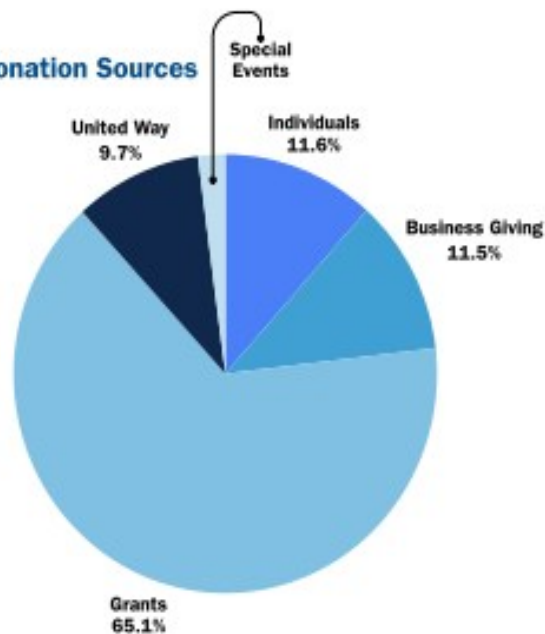
Club Members by Town



205 Local Adult Staff & Volunteers



Donation Sources



Boston Post Cane

The Boston Post Cane was established in 1909 by Edwin Grozier (Editor and Publisher of the Boston Post Newspaper, to honor the oldest living resident in participating municipalities. In 2025, the Gardiner City Council voted to participate in this tradition and Gloria Pollis was the first recipient. A replica of the cane resides in the lobby at City Hall alongside a plaque commemorating recipients. Recipients receive a pin.



Gloria Muriel Lavallee was born September 11, 1925 in Gardiner, Maine, the daughter of Ida Ouellette Lavallee and Theophile Lavallee. They resided on a farm on Libby Hill owned by Gloria's uncle, Henry Sansoucy, who was widowed, and Henry's three children. Gloria was the next to the youngest of Ida and Theophile's seven children. She spent her childhood on the farm, attended Gardiner schools and graduated from Gardiner High School. After graduation, Gloria went to work in the shoe shop. After the end of World War II, she met and fell in love with Robert Pollis, and they married in Gardiner on September 11, 1946.

Gloria had five children, Robert Jr.; Linda, who died as an infant, Daniel; Brian; and Michael. While the children were young, Gloria was a stay-at-home mom and housewife raising the four boys, a job that required lots of patience and love, gifts that Gloria is blessed with.

In their leisure time, Bob Sr. and Gloria would take the family camping where they would hike, fish and swim. The Moosehead Lake region was one of their favorite places.

In the very early years of their marriage Gloria and Bob rented an apartment on Spring Street, later they purchased a home on Middle Street where the children grew up. In the early 70's, Bob and Gloria purchased a home on Highland Avenue where Gloria still resides. The property afforded them the opportunity to have a garden where they grew vegetables which they shared generously with family, neighbors and friends.



Once the family was grown, Bob and Gloria would take their camper trailer and visit places of interest from Maine to Texas, always returning a little early to tend the garden! Gloria was excited to tell the family about the places they had been and the things they had seen.

After the kids were old enough, she worked for the State of Maine Retirement System until she retired.

In December of 2013 she suffered the loss of her husband, Bob, of 67 years. Gloria continues to live in the house she shared with Bob for so many wonderful years. Her sons Brian and Michael are always present and her other two sons are close enough to spend time with her frequently. Gloria especially delights in the visits from her nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren plus many of her nieces and nephews. She is an avid fan of romance novels, often reading a book a night in front of her wood-stove. She retains all of the skills she developed while trying to feed four growing boys. She still makes whoopies pies, homemade jams, pies and cakes. She makes the best pickles and molasses cookies ever! Gloria continues to cook for the holidays and other special events by making multiple pies for Christmas and Thanksgiving and birthday cakes for celebrating with family.

Gloria has spent her entire 99 years, soon to be 100 years as a resident of the city of Gardiner, Maine.



Spirit of America

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community services.

Spirit of America Recipients

- 1994 Dolly Jean Platt, Cathy Pelletier and Clyde Roth-Business Guild Waterfront Breakfast
- 1996 Jean Dellert and Lewis Small Sr.
- 2000 Lauri-Beth Bailey, Clarence McKay, Clarence Pelletier-Richards School 150th Mural
- 2001 Francis Lessard
- 2003 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner
- 2004 Anne Davis-Celebrating Gardiner's Bicentennial
- 2007 Gardiner Library Association
- 2008 Conservation Committee
- 2009 Recycling Committee
- 2011 Steve Marson
- 2012 Nick Alberding
- 2013 Jim Keenan
- 2014 Deb Files
- 2015 Gardiner Rotary Club
- 2016 Rusty Greenleaf
- 2017 Robert Abbey
- 2018 Gardiner Board of Trade
- 2019 Friends of Christ Church
- 2020 Ingrid Stanchfield
- 2021 Debby Willis
- 2022 Raye Anne DeSoto
- 2023 Gardiner's Gardners
- 2024 Karen Adrienne, Kathy Cutler
- 2025 GAHS Interact Club, Aurelie Allen, Janet Slade and Pat Hart







2025 was an incredibly successful year for Johnson Hall Opera House.
We presented over 60 performances, movies, and events.

We served over 15,000 audience members from ...

- 180 cities/towns in Maine
- 36 states
- 8 countries.

We logged 1,554 Volunteer Hours

We presented 10 Free Waterfront Concerts for over 4,000 audience members.

We presented 15 Artists in the School Programs that served nearly 5,000 students in MSAD 11 and RSU 2

We collaborated with 10 community partners-

- The Boys & Girls Club
- Ampersand Arts Academy
- MSAD 11 All Staff Meeting
- Selene's Fly Shop
- Table Bar
- City of Gardiner Inauguration
- Chrysalis Place
- Gardiner Main Street
- Gardiner Public Library
- Gardiner Library Association



Gardiner Rocks!

Maine School Administrative District No. 11

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Angela Hardy
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Superintendent Report 2025-2026

As the new Superintendent of Schools for MSAD 11, I am honored to serve a community where students are at the heart of each decision we make. Our commitment is clear: every student matters, every day. I am inspired by the strong connections among our families, staff, and community partners, which create a supportive environment where students can thrive. Our teachers and staff demonstrate excellence, dedication, and care, ensuring high-quality learning experiences for all students. We remain focused on improving achievement while expanding opportunities that allow students to explore their interests and reach their full potential. This year has also been marked by remarkable drama performances, student contests, and exceptional athletic seasons which showcase the impressive knowledge, talent, and creativity of our students. As a celebration of our students and staff, we have invited them to highlight the incredible work happening in our schools at our School Board meetings this year.

MSAD 11 continues to see a decline in student enrollment. Over the past year, enrollment has fluctuated, reflecting an overall decrease ranging from 85 to 96 students. At the same time, state-assessed property valuations for all four towns in our district have increased by a combined 16.89%. This change directly impacts how education costs are shared among our communities. The proposed school budget reflects an overall increase of 2.16%, which accounts for a total cost increase of 6.19%. The impact to each municipality is: Gardiner - 8.10%, Pittston - 5.15%, Randolph - 3.55%, and West Gardiner - 5.48%.

The state funding formula for schools is expected to change, which should result in increased state subsidy for our district in the future. This shift will help offset the costs of operating our six schools and provide additional financial support. With these changes, we are hopeful it will ease budget pressures while allowing us to continue supporting student learning. Until then, we will commit to exploring ways to consolidate services and use our resources as efficiently as possible while maintaining a focus on what matters most - meeting the needs of our students.

Thank you for your support this year and for your ongoing support of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Kady Gould
Superintendent of Schools



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your governor for the past seven years. We have faced many challenges together, from confronting a global pandemic, to healing from a horrific tragedy in Lewiston, to rebuilding from unprecedented storms that damaged homes and businesses across the state. But we have done so with the strength, courage, and kindness that is at the essence of Maine people, the same community spirit that will sustain us in the years to come.

Our towns and cities are the essence of community and the foundation of our democracy. In my last year as governor, I will push to continue fully funding revenue sharing and public schools so those costs are not added to the property tax bills. We will continue to make record investments in housing to bring down the cost of home ownership. We will continue to deliver tax relief to working people and lift the burden of student debt off the shoulders of younger people to encourage them to stay here, pay taxes here and invest in our state.

I fundamentally believe that our strongest asset is you – the people of Maine – which is why my Administration's approach has always been, and will always be, to make this state the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.

I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

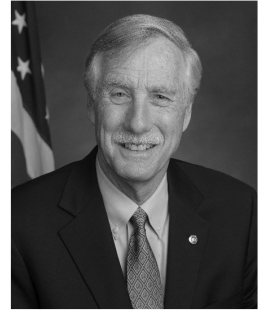
Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 2, 2026



Dear Friends,

With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been our strength, and the past year proved that once again we are stronger when we work together.

However, it is difficult to recall a year more challenging than the one we just experienced – a year that required a steady focus on our founding principles and shared values. For these reasons, I spent hours on the Senate Floor reminding my colleagues—and many of you back home—about the vision our founders demonstrated when they laid the blueprint for the American experiment. A cornerstone in their understanding was a duty to civic engagement and community. I often refer to Maine as a big town with long roads, and in my travels throughout our state, I am reassured by the grassroots participation in our civic process and the neighborly feel that makes Maine unique.

My legislative priorities remain largely the same: supporting Maine veterans, small businesses, and our heritage industries like agriculture, forest products and the marine economy. Additionally, I am grateful to have an exceptional team across Maine ready to assist you with issues involving the federal government. Whether you are facing challenges related to veterans' services, Social Security, the IRS, passports or other matters, I encourage you to reach out to our offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a stronger and more prosperous future for our state and nation. Thank you for being one of the many reasons Maine is such a special place. It is truly an honor to serve you and to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2026.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.

United States Senator



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses.

And my staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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Craig V. Hickman
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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Gardiner,

I trust you and your family are well. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. It remains the highest honor of my life to represent you in the Maine Legislature, and I remain committed to working hard for you every single day.

I have continued my work as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans & Legal Affairs. This session, we have continued our commitment to overseeing matters on campaign finance, elections, voting rights, cannabis, liquor, gambling and veterans' affairs. As the son of a Tuskegee Airman, and a staunch advocate for our civil rights and freedoms, I take this role as chair very seriously. My fellow committee members and I have completed our deliberations and voting on the bills assigned to us this session, and look forward to working them through the Senate.

I have also continued to serve as Senate Chair of the Committee on Government Oversight. Evaluating state agencies and programs and holding them accountable to the people is most essential to legislative oversight. One notable goal we continue to pursue is evaluating the Office of Child and Family Services and how to address the issues facing so many children and families across Maine. Our children are our future, and we must do better when it comes to protecting those who are most vulnerable from maltreatment.

As an organic farmer and the author of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the Right to Food Constitutional Amendment, and legislation to End Hunger in Maine by 2030, improving Maine agriculture and strengthening our local and regional food systems will always be priorities of mine. Last year, I was appointed to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board, which will design and implement programs that invest in much-needed infrastructure, especially in the rural parts of our district and the state.

Public service remains my purpose and my duty, not only during session, but also year-round. If you need to contact a state agency or department, have comments or concerns to share, or know a youngster who wants to serve as an Honorary Page in the Senate, please don't hesitate to send me an email at Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Take care of your blessings,

Craig V. Hickman
State Senator

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Dear Gardiner Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

Since taking office, one of the biggest issues I've heard loud and clear from constituents here in Gardiner is that the rising cost of living is making it harder for working families to make ends meet. Household budgets just aren't going as far as they used to, and it's making it difficult for everyday Mainers to afford to build their lives here. This year, I have continued fighting for real solutions to help address this issue.

As of this writing, the Legislature has officially wrapped up its work for this legislative session. I am proud to report that, together, we have passed hundreds of new laws to address the real issues facing Mainers, including bills to expand property tax relief, build more housing, support public schools, make child care more affordable and lower household energy costs.

Once again, I proudly served on the Transportation Committee, where I worked to develop and support sound transportation policy that includes, but is not limited to, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, safety and traffic regulation.

It has been an honor to be entrusted with the great responsibility of being your Representative. Whether I am voting on the House floor or discussing policy ideas in the Transportation Committee, your voice and the voices of our Gardiner community members remain at the forefront of my work.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family, please feel welcome to reach out. I always enjoy connecting with constituents – be it concerns about local matters, questions about state programs or thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at (207) 513-0102 and Karen.Montell@legislature.maine.gov.

I also send out e-newsletters that provide updates on my work at the State House. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Montell".

Karen Montell
State Representative

District 54: Gardiner and Farmingdale

CITY OF GARDINER 2026 CALENDAR

March

Second Tax Payment Due 03/15/2027

May

ATV registrations go on sale 05/01/2027

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Spring Clean up

30-Day lien notices for nonpayment of taxes

June

Liens filed for nonpayment of taxes

School Budget Referendum Meeting

School Budget Referendum Election

July

City Council Nomination papers become available

August

Applications for absentee ballots become available (November Election)

Tax Bills are mailed

September

First Tax Payment Due 09/15/2026

Nomination Papers Due

October

Absentee Ballots become available (November Election)

Snowmobile registrations go on sale 10/01/2026

Dog licenses go on sale 10/15/2026

Fire Prevention Week

November

State & Municipal Election 11/02/2027

December

Boat registrations go on sale 12/01/2026

Hunting and Fishing licenses go on sale 12/01/2026



GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

All non-essential departments will be closed

January 1, 2027 - New Year's Day

January 18, 2027 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 15, 2027 - Presidents Day

April 19, 2027 - Patriots Day

May 31, 2027 - Memorial Day

June 19, 2027 - Juneteenth

July 5, 2027 - Independence Day, observed

September 6, 2027 - Labor Day

October 11, 2027 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 11, 2027 - Veteran's Day

November 25-26, 2027 - Thanksgiving

December 24, 2027 - Christmas observed

Thanks to everyone for making 2025 a great success.



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Please subscribe to e-alerts on our website for up-to-date information about the city. Announcements include: weekly City Manager packet, City Council meeting agendas, library announcements, parking bans and snow removal notices, etc. Our City Council and Planning Board meetings are also available live on our audio streaming. If you can't listen to the live meeting, it will be archived for you to go back and listen at a more convenient time.

Services available online:

Dog licensing, boat renewals, ATV renewals, snowmobile renewals, fishing and hunting licenses, car registration renewals, absentee ballot requests, resident comment form, committee interest form.

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**2025 City of Gardiner Annual Report has been created and respectfully submitted by Kathleen Cutler, City Clerk and Ashley Ashley, Deputy Clerk*