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Richard Hebbard charged with driving at jogger

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DOVER — Richard Hebbard, a 66-year-old city resident, is being held in preventive detention after being arrested and accused of driving at a man running on Spruce Lane, forcing the jogger off the road.

Hebbard, of 97 Spruce Lane, surrendered to Dover police Sept 29, after de-

tectives obtained an arrest warrant charging him with reckless conduct, a felony, according to city Police Chief David Terlemezian. Hebbard and his wife, Mary, have a history of disputes with the city over the use of Spruce Lane, calling those who walk or run on the road trespassers. They currently face a claim from Dover they are in contempt of the latest court ruling against them.

Police said the runner on Spruce Lane reported the incident.

Jogger incident one of many, according to Dover police

Dover police Lt. Mark Nadeau stated in court documents the Aug. 25 incident leading to the arrest of Richard Hebbard is one of 16 different reports to police alleging "very similar" behavior by him.

The man on Aug. 25 told police someone driving a vehicle had "attempted to purposefully hit him as he ran on Spruce Lane." He said he was on a jog, going east on Spruce Lane in the direction of Garrison Road. The man said the driver began to honk at him as it approached, and came in his direction, "forcing him to leave the roadway to avoid being hit." In another interview with police, the man said he could hear the noise of the engine revving as it accelerated toward him.

A neighbor told police Richard Hebbard of 97 Spruce Lane was the owner of

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Sunny, a zebra foal born Sept. 19 at York's Wild Kingdom, stands beside its mother on Sept. 29. DEB CRAM/SEACOASTONLINE

Wild Kingdom welcomes newborn zebra just before season's end

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YORK, Maine — Staff at York's Wild Kingdom got an unexpected gift on the morning of Sept. 19: a newborn zebra foal named Sunny had arrived overnight in its enclosure.

"Welcome to the zoo, little one!" the park posted on Facebook. "Both mother and baby are doing great."

Sunny's gender has not yet been determined, according to general manager Samantha Sauls, whose family owns the park. The birth came just in time for the zoo's final weekend of the season, drawing a larger-than-usual crowd.

Many guests said they came specifically to meet Sunny, who now joins two other zebras at the park.

Sunny will not be at the park permanently, but Sauls said there is a possibility the foal will be there in 2026 when the park reopens. Sauls said young zebras are eventually separated from their parents to prevent them from mating together.

Sunny's birth expected since start of 2025 season

York's Wild Kingdom last welcomed a zebra birth two years ago, according to Sauls. Staff suspected another was on the way this past April, when signs of pregnancy appeared in Sunny's mother.

In recent weeks, Sauls said the birth seemed imminent — she noticed the mother's stomach shifting, much like the visible kicks and movements of a human baby in the womb.

Zebras typically give birth at night in the wild, a natural instinct to avoid predators, Sauls explained. Sunny's overnight arrival followed that pattern.

The newborn foal stands about 3 to 4 feet tall, though he hasn't been weighed yet. Sauls said Sunny will remain with his mother for an extended period before eventually being transferred to another zoo.

So far, Sunny has spent much of his time

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Rochester mayoral candidates in 2025 are, clockwise from top left, Matt Mayberry, Chuck Grassie, Peter Lachapelle and Douglas Robbins. PROVIDED BY CANDIDATES

Candidates for mayor define city needs

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ROCHESTER — Chuck Grassie, Peter Lachapelle, Matt Mayberry and Douglas Robbins are competing in a four-way race for mayor in the city's 2025 election on Nov. 4.

State Sen. James Gray and state Rep. Kelley Potenza, both Republicans, dropped out of the mayor's race on the final day of the filing period. Gray decided to run for the city's Police Commission instead, and Potenza announced she is endorsing Mayberry, a longtime active Republican.

All four candidates are seeking to succeed two-term Mayor Paul Callaghan, who announced he would not seek reelection, citing a desire to spend more time with his family.

What does Callaghan make of the

crowded race for mayor? "My initial thought is that right now the city is going in the right direction, and maybe they want to be a part of that," Callaghan said. "We have the Ridge and soon the Ridge 2 (residential and commercial developments). I am told 5.1 million people visited there last year. When that began, taxes on the land was \$100,000. When this is finished and the tax programs are over, that property will bring in \$5 million a year. That is how a tax incentive program works for a city, and it will be a good time for the new mayor to educate residents on how (tax increment financing) programs work. What we

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