



COMMUNITY NEWS
FRIENDLY VILLAGE
of GORHAM
JULY 2020



Current Events for July 2020

- 4th Independence Day
- 5th National Bikini Day
- 10th National Pina Colada Day
- 18th World Listening Day
- 22nd National Hammock Day
- 25th National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
- 30th National Father-in-law Day

Please Note:
Friendly Village Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd.
Enjoy your 4th of July weekend and be safe!

Remember:
Fireworks are NOT allowed in the Friendly Village Community.
Thank you!

How to Save Water in your Garden

1: Water your Garden in the morning

Early morning there is less evaporation, and plants can utilize the moisture for afternoon heat. Leaves will be dry going into the evening preventing fungal disease on foliage.

2: Mulch Mulch Mulch

Up to 70% of water can evaporate from the soil on a hot day if you don't have mulch as a protective layer on top. **Mulch is one of the best moisture holding strategies you can employ.** In the South, they used pine needles, we have plenty in FV, composted chopped leaves work well also.

3: Water-wise pot choice

Terracotta plant pots are very porous and do not hold moisture for your plants very long. Glazed or plastic pots will hold moisture longer.

Happy Birthday to all residents who are celebrating a July Birthday... We hope you have a great one!



****REMINDER****

There has been an increase in sightings of bags of trash, recycling and bottle recycling on porches and decks.
ALL TRASH MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT. Help keep our community looking nice.

MANAGER'S CORNER:

As stated in the past, lighting of fireworks is not permitted within the Community. State law clearly states that you must have the owner's (of the land) permission to set off fireworks, along with a permit from the Gorham Fire Department. No one has permission. Same goes for open burning.

Also any improvements need approval from the Community Office.

As we approach the 4th of July, it is a very different one from past years for sure! Virus, shut downs and now a lack of rain. We are watching the wells at this time, if we do not get some rain I will have to go to the next phase of no watering. Any questions please call me at the office.

JOHN L. RICHARD

OLD FASHION DOWNEAST CLAM CAKES

Clam cakes to Mainers are like a taste of summer - all year long. Just their taste brings back fond memories of summer clam shacks that dot the Maine coast. Crispy, golden brown on the outside, these clam cakes are pillowy and light on the inside. Tiny chunks of clam nestle themselves in the folds of the pillow, offering surprising bites of chewy meatiness as you down these little glories one after another.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Sleeves of Saltine Crackers
 - 2 Cans of Snow's Chopped Clams (6ounce cans)
 - 1/2 Vidalia or Sweet Onion - finely minced
 - 2 Teaspoons of grated horseradish (optional)
 - 2 Tablespoon of Old Bay Seasoning
 - 1 Tablespoon of Italian Seasoning
 - 1 Teaspoon of Paprika
 - 1 Teaspoon of Pepper
 - 1 Teaspoon of Salt
 - 4 Large Eggs (divided)
 - 1 cup of Panko Bread Crumbs
- Vegetable oil for pan-frying

DIRECTIONS

In a food processor pulverize the saltine crackers into very fine pieces. Add the Old Bay, salt, pepper, Italian seasoning and paprika and set aside.

Finely mince the onion. Beat 2 of the 4 eggs. Add the onions & the 2 eggs to the Panko breadcrumbs.

Open the clams and do not drain them completely. Keep a little of the juice to add moisture to the mixture. Add the horseradish and run the clams through a food processor to finely chop.

At this time, add about 1 inch of canola oil to a Dutch oven or deep cast iron frying pan. Allow the oil to get hot, but not beyond 350 degrees. About 3 minutes.

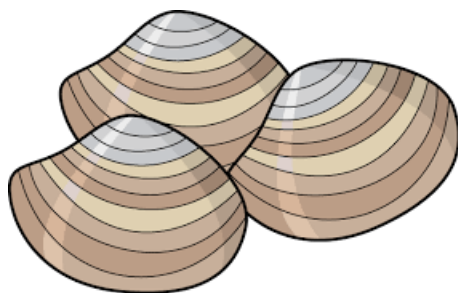
While the oil is heating, thoroughly mix the clams, the 2 remaining eggs and the dry ingredients. Form into 4-inch patties. Lastly, press the patties in to the Panko breadcrumbs on each side. This finishing touch allows the clam cakes to be chewy on the inside with a great crispy coating on the outside. Place in the oil and cook on each side for approximately 3 minutes.

Place paper towels on a plate and remove the clam cakes from the oil. Pat off any excess oil.

Tarter sauce is the best condiment to have for these. It's just relish and mayo, with some tasty additions, mixed together.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup dill pickle relish
- 2 Tablespoons grated onion
- 1 Tablespoon chopped capers
- 2 Tablespoons minced fresh parsley



Senior Tax Relief Assistance Deadline August 1st.

Gorham residents over 65 years old may apply for property tax assistance again this year by completing a form available at the Town Clerk's office or printed from the Town of Gorham website. It must be returned to the Clerk's office by August 1, 2020.

An ordinance passed by the Town Council has made available \$65,000 to be allotted to qualifying seniors.

This is an increase over last year and should make funds available for all qualified applicants.

To qualify, seniors must meet all of the following criteria: be at least 65 years old, have lived in the home as an owner or renter for the past year, have been a resident of Gorham for at least five years, and have household income that does not exceed qualifying limits. Taxes on the property must be paid through the current year.

The application must show all income from all members of the household. The application lists what qualifies as income and includes social security and pension benefits even if they are not taxable. The income limits have increased slightly over last year. For one person the limit is \$61,819, for two people \$70,650, three people \$79,481, and \$90,180 for four.

Applicants must attach copies of their 2018 tax filing, or if they do not file taxes, other forms that document income. There can only be one application per household. In addition to tax filings, applicants must include a copy of one form of identification, such as a drivers license, MaineState I.D., or passport. Applicants who are renters are to attach a copy of their lease as well.

Application does not guarantee a rebate. Benefits will range from \$200 to \$500 with applicants with lower income receiving the most relief. Decisions on eligibility and benefits will be made by the Town Clerk's office and are final, but may be appealed to the Town Council.

The Senior Property Tax Assistance Ordinance can be read online by clicking on Ordinances on the town website. Seniors who have questions or need assistance in completing the application should call 222-1671 or email seniorrebate@gorham.me.us to schedule an appointment

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

As we drive around the community we are noticing it is time for some homes to be washed free of the buildup of mold and dirt that happen each season. Take a look at the outside of your home to see if your home needs to be cleaned of seasonal dirt and debris. Check your roof to see if there is a build up of moss, pine needles and leaves that need to be cleared off. Keeping your roof clean extends the life of your shingles and your home. There are products you can purchase to clear your roof of moss, but white vinegar sprayed onto your roof will do the same job without harmful chemicals. Part of being a homeowner is taking care of the maintenance of your home to keep it looking great and checking for repairs that need to be done. Mold and dirt accumulate on the outside of homes and they periodically need to be cleaned. There are vinyl siding cleaners out there that are specific for this type of work. You can also use white vinegar and water, Simple Green, or a combo of Dawn dishwashing detergent and white vinegar. What ever mix you use, a good stiff brush with an extendable handle will allow you to stay on the ground to get the job done. You also can hire someone to power wash the home, but is a simple task can be a DIY project

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Tips on How to Use Water Wisely This Summer

1. Plug the sink or bath instead of running the water to rinse your razor, or wait for the water to adjust to your desired temperature.
2. Use your dishwasher. Dishwashers save more water and energy than washing dishes by hand. Energy Star dishwashers are more energy efficient than older models, so they end up reducing water waste. If washing dishes by hand, scrap food in the trash before washing, plug the sink, and then wash.
3. Avoid playing with recreational water toys that require a considerable amount of water. Try water guns or water balloons for some fun in the sun.
4. Instead of using the hose to clean sidewalks, garages and driveways, grab a broom.
5. Recycle water. If you drop ice cubes, or need to get rid of water you used to steam vegetables, don't waste it. You can use the water to feed plants, or turn the excess water into a soup.
6. Check your hoses, faucets and appliances regularly for leaks.
7. Place tissues into a trash can instead of flushing them.
8. Purchase a plastic or aluminum water bottle. It will cut down on the amount of water you waste washing glasses.



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BOATS	LEMONAIDE
CAMPING	MOUNTAIN
CORN	POOL
CORNHOLE	SUNBURN
DOGPADDLE	SUNSHINE
FISHING	SWIMMING
GRILLING	SWIMSUITS
HAMBURGER	TENT
HIKING	UMBRELLA
HOT	WATERSKI

POLICE - FIRE- RESCUE,
Emergency dial: 9-1-1
Non-emergency dial: 839-5581

**For Friendly Village
Maintenance Emergencies:
Water-Sewer-Power
Dial Friendly Village Pager:
207-400-0368**
For Use In An Emergency Only
Weekends & After Office Hours

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & 12:30-4:30
(Hours subject to change w/out notice.)
Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



**IF YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR HOME GIVE
COLEEN A CALL TO TALK ABOUT LISITING
YOUR HOME.**

**REMEMBER WE HAVE A SALES REFERRAL
PROGRAM TO ANYONE YOU SEND TO US
THAT BUYS A HOME THROUGH OUR OFFICE.
See the office for restrictions and form.**

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839-5577**



ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT.

***LOOK INTO DESIGNING YOUR OWN NEW HOME
FOR FRIENDLY VILLAGE LIVING***

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

56 MAPLE DRIVE \$142,900 2020 Pine Grove 28X48 This 3 bedroom 2 bath home features a pleasing neutral palette with white trim and doors to allow you to add those touches of color to suit your style. Wood look walnut luxury vinyl flooring throughout the home looks amazing against the white shaker cabinetry and will make clean up a breeze. This kitchen feature a premium stainless steel appliance package, with wall ovens, cooktop, dishwasher, commercial style hood and side by side refrigerator with ice and water dispenser. All the bedrooms will be have high quality deep carpeting for comfort, second and third bedroom are located near the main bath. Master Bedroom has an attached master bath with a walk in shower and walk in closet. Custom made steps and deck round out this home, deck is located on the back of the home for privacy and 8x10 shed included. This home comes with a full 1 year factory warranty and a 10 year limited manufacturer's warranty.

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

78 MAPLE DRIVE \$123,900 2017 Pine Grove 24x56 This 3 bedroom 2 bath home looks brand new!! Luxurious Master Suite with attached Master bath will become your retreat. Lots of storage in the bath, double vanity, linen closet and walk in shower. Other two bedrooms are good size with large closets, one is towards the front of the home near the main bath and the other is located near the Master. Kitchen features spiced maple cabinetry, dark counter tops and premium Stainless Steel appliances, propane range, side by side fridge with ice and water dispenser, pot scrubber dishwasher and microwave/hood. Beautiful glass front overhead cabinets will be the showplace for your "good" dishes. Nice dining area is right off the kitchen and the living room is nearby, large enough to do your entertaining easily. To cap off this beautiful home, there is a roof covered porch for the entryway to sit out and listen to the birds in the area. This home comes with an 8x10 shed, central air conditioning and a standby generator. The lot has been professionally landscaped and maintained.

21 TAMARACK CIRCLE- \$86,900 2008 Pine Grove Home 28 x 56 Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with mature landscaping and trees, this home is a secluded haven from life's hustle and bustle. Enter this spotless home into the Living-room that features a propane heater stove for a little extra warmth in winter. The kitchen is a dream for the cook in your life to work in with it's solid oak cabinetry, plenty of storage and counter space to function. Move through the light and bright dining room to the utility room which is the opening to the attached sunroom/screen porch at the back of the home. A lovely place to hangout on hot summer days. The master bedroom with plenty of closet space and attached master bath features a large tub and walk-in shower. Main bath is between the other two bedrooms makes it convenient for family and guests to use. The home is a rare find, great like new condition, located on a nice site. Call for an appointment to take a look.