



FRIENDLY VILLAGE of GORHAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Please Note:

**Friendly Village Office will be closed
Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day**

TIME TO PLAN AHEAD TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION!!

August to just prior to Election:

Plan ahead if you are going to absentee ballot vote this year. Go online or call the Town of Gorham Town Clerks office to request an absentee ballot. They will mail it to you and you have some options to get the ballot back to the Town:

- ♦ You can mail it back, make sure to put proper postage on it
- ♦ You can drop it off at the drop off box at the Town Office

Mid October to day before Election Day:

Early Voting will be available at the Gorham Town Office starting early October, call the Town Clerk's office for info: 207-222-1670 (I did not have a start date at publish time). Early voting you stop by the Town Office and vote anytime during their normal business hours.

November 3rd: Friendly Village is Ward 2 and voting will be at the Gorham High School off Morrell Avenue.

Special Dates in September

7	Labor Day
8	International Literacy Day
11	Patriot Day
13	Grandparent's Day
17	Citizenship Day
22	September Equinox
27	Gold Star Mother's Day

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Due to low resident interest and increased risks of COVID-19 with gatherings of people.

There will be NO Friendly Village Community Yard sale this September.

We will check with everyone again in the Spring to see if there is interest again.



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

MANAGER'S CORNER:

As the leaf season is upon us, please remember: "If you cannot lift it over your head, we cannot load it".

Now is the time to inspect your home for winter, such as oil tanks, skirting and varmint holes in your under belly.

If you haven't called to get on the heat tape check list, now is the time to call the office to get added.

Remember satellite dishes are to be on the home only!

School is back in session. Watch for children when driving.

JOHN L. RICHARD

Blueberry Pie

Since 1992, Rachel Pilling of Deer Isle, ME and her twin Sister, Rebekah, have entered blueberry pies in the Blue Hill Fair's annual pie contest. This recipe, which calls for grape juice, garnered the blue ribbon. It's sure to win the approval of your family and friends, too.

Crust: 2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
2/3 cup vegetable shortening
5 to 6 tbsp cold grape juice

Filling: 4 cups blueberries
2 2/3 tbsp instant tapioca
2/3 –1 cup sugar
1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp butter

Glaze: 1 tbsp milk
1 tbsp sugar

To make the crust, combine the flour and salt in a bowl. Cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the grape juice, 1 tbsp at a time and mix until the dough forms a ball. Chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. For the filling, pour the blueberries into a bowl, toss tapioca and sugar. Let stand for 15 minutes.

In the meantime, divide the pie dough in half, roll out one of the halves into a circle 1/8 inch thick. Transfer the crust to a 9 inch pie plate and trim edges.

Add lemon juice to the blueberry mixture, toss and pour into the bottom crust. Dot with butter. Roll out the top crust, place over the blueberry filling and crimp edges. Use scraps of dough to decorate top of pie. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat the top crust with milk, then sprinkle with sugar.

Prize winning tip: Judges like a dressed up pie. Pretty pies gain points; cracked pies might not even be tested. Try decorating the top.

Important Tips for Mobile Home Maintenance

Mobile and manufactured homes have many advantages over traditionally built houses, including affordability and mobility. These houses require routine maintenance just like any other home. But because they are constructed in a factory, they aren't designed the same as site-built homes. Thus, mobile and modular homes have entirely different maintenance concerns. Read on for important **mobile home maintenance** tips from Inspect-It 1st.

5 Tips for Mobile Home Maintenance

Just like any other piece of property, mobile homes require vigilant upkeep to protect your family and investment.

Keep Your Home Properly Leveled

One essential concern when it comes to mobile home maintenance is making sure your home is leveled properly. Though mobile homes are leveled during installation, over time, they need to be adjusted. Keep an eye out for doors that don't close properly, and windows that don't seem to fit right, as it may mean your home is unbalanced. If your floors are creaking or you notice cracks in walls or ceilings, that is another indication that your mobile home needs to be re-leveled. To verify, use a carpenter's level at various places in your home. While there are some do-it-yourself kits available, a lot is riding on a successful execution, and it may be best to call a professional.

Maintain Your Mobile Home Skirting

Your mobile home's skirting, or perimeter enclosure insulates the whole residence, protects the belly of the structure, adds curb appeal and protects energy efficiency. If you notice holes in the skirting, repair them immediately so they don't cause further damage. The skirting needs to be secure but also requires adequate venting so humidity and mold can't damage the home. Proper ventilation is no joke! There is even a formula to determine if your mobile home has proper skirting ventilation. The formula (1:150) is based on the square footage of your home. For every 150 square foot of space under your home, you need one square foot of venting.

Know Your Home's Plumbing

Understand that plumbing systems in mobile and manufactured homes differ slightly from that in traditional homes, but the overall concept is the same. In mobile homes, the plumbing pipes are located under the structure and are stubbed up through the floor, as opposed to within the walls, where they are located in conventional homes. Frequently, mobile home plumbing systems are equipped with plastic or cross-linked polyethylene (pex) waterlines and PVC piping. In conventional homes, the system is likely to be made of galvanized pipe or copper waterlines. In many areas, codes for site-built houses are quite strict and have changed very little over the years. Whereas manufacturers of modular and mobile are often the first to test and apply new technology. Familiarize yourself with the system's ventilation pipes and the main stop valve so you can shut off your water in the event of an emergency.

Prioritize Roof Care

The roof is your home's first line of defense against the outside elements. Mobile homeowners need to prioritize proper roof care to keep the property safe and sound. Due to the design of mobile homes, though, certain areas require particular attention. Many mobile homes have flat roofs. Flat roofs—or nearly flat roofs—have special needs, especially in cold winter climates. Heavy snow can lead to property damage, and significant accumulations must be removed quickly. Repair and replace damaged roofing materials to mitigate problems. You can extend the life of your roof by sealing it annually. Regular sealing can also prevent other issues from becoming worse. The type of roofing on your home will determine how often you need to seal it. Metal roofs, for example, require more frequent sealing than those with shingles. The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) urges homeowners to inspect their roofs at least two times each year, both in the spring and the fall.

Perform Regular Inspections

As with any type of house, performing regular inspections—both inside and out—is a crucial responsibility of being a homeowner. By taking the time to check these key points of your home, you'll be able to catch potential problems before they become costly headaches. Masonry piers

I-beams

Windows and Doors

Wood floor framing

Roof

Anchors and straps

Are you wondering how to stretch your money to get you through the winter? Do you need Fuel Assistance?

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP or LiHEAP, provides heating assistance to income eligible households in Cumberland County to pay for a portion of their annual heating expenses. Applications are taken by appointment from August to April. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 553-5900 or 553-5800, or email at heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org.



Please use caution when driving in the Friendly Village Community, and always come to a complete stop at STOP signs.

- The posted speed limit is 15 MPH.
- Use extra care when coming to intersections and going around corners.

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- Pedestrians should always walk facing the oncoming traffic.
- Anyone walking at dawn or dusk should be sure to wear light colored clothing or reflective wear, so they are visible for the motorist to see.

THE GORHAM FOOD PANTRY

Located at St. Anne's Church at 99 Main St., Gorham, wanted to let people know their hours of operation and that they are open to all residents of the Town of Gorham.

Food Pantry runs: Every Second and Fourth day of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. Every Thursday 9 am to 11 am each month. Anyone who wishes to donate there is a box outside the door, lift up the lid and place your donation



TIME TO CALL THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE HEAT TAPE CHECK.

OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF WILL GO AROUND IN OCTOBER TO CHECK IF HEAT TAPES ARE PLUGGED IN AND WORKING. MUST CALL THE OFFICE TO GET ON THE LIST FOR THIS SERVICE. CALL COLEEN 839-5577



The weather is still nice, but unfortunately it's going to be winter before we know it. Now is the perfect time to begin your Fall cleanup & pre-winter winterizing.

Inside:

Clean out dryer exhaust tubes & vents
Get your furnace serviced and replace filters
Drain sediment from hot water heater
Test smoke & carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries in them
Replace furnace filter
Sweep chimney, if you have one
Vacuum condenser coils on refrigerator
Remove air conditioner units from windows

Outside:

Check weather stripping & caulking around doors & windows
Check & clean gutters & downspouts
Clean & store patio furniture
Drain & store garden hoses
Check exterior paint & touch-up as needed, such as trim, railing, and deck
Install insulation covers over exterior spigots
Inspect your roof, patch any trouble spots
Inspect heat tape and replace if necessary
Drain hoses and pipes from A/C condenser units and cover them
Insulate your water pipes with Insul-tubes from the hardware store
Drain gas from lawn mowers before storing them

Woolly Bear

Woolly, woolly bear
Who feeds on the weeds
Hurry furry chestnut,
Move at speed.

Wee hairy wombat
Warming in the sun,
On curlywurly loops
Many feet run.

By dandelion and nettle
Wiggly-squiggly crawl,
When you are touched,
Curl up in a ball.

Woolly, woolly bear,
Ginger-beer froth,
Varnish and change
Into a tiger moth

Valerie Gillies



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 8:30 to 4:30
(Hours subject to change w/out notice.)
Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



Yard Cleanup Services:

**Anyone interested in listing
for Fall cleanup services or
Winter clean up services**

Call the office with your info



ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT.
INTERESTED IN DESIGNING A NEW HOME TO MEET YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS?
CALL COLEEN 839-5577

NEW HOME LISTINGS

56 MAPLE DRIVE \$141,900 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.

USED HOMES

22 ASH DRIVE - \$79,900 2007 Pine Grove Home 28 x 52 Enter this spotless home into the open concept living room with wood burning fireplace that features an oak surround and built in storage on each side. Light oak cabinets and large windows make the eat in kitchen a spacious and airy place to make and enjoy meals with family. Large master with walk in closet and attached master bath featuring a whirlpool tub will be your haven to relax. Two more bedrooms that share the main bath round out this beautifully maintained Pine Grove Home. Appliances and ceiling fans have been updated in the past year. 8X10 shed part of the sale will be added value to the sale.

