

It's finally...



Community News

Friendly Village of Gorham

April 2017

PLEASE SECURE YOUR RECYCLING ON WINDY DAYS

PLACE YOUR TRASH BAGS ON TOP OR A COVER TO HOLD THE RECYCLING IN PLACE.

It is becoming a problem in the community, flying trash that litters other residents yards. Secure your trash , so others do not have to pick it up.

Happy Birthday!



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



Open your windows and let some fresh air in...but please be mindful and considerate to your neighbors when having your windows open, because sounds travel. If you feel you must have your T.V. or stereo up loud in order to hear it and enjoy it, please consider using headphones. All residents of the Friendly Village Community have the "Right to Quiet Enjoyment" as per the Friendly Village Community Guidelines.

Dates to Remember in April:

- 1- April Fool's Day
- 2- Good Friday
- 4- Easter
- 15- Tax Day
- 22- Earth Day
- 28- National Super Hero Day
- 30- Arbor Day



MANAGER'S CORNER



Is it over, is winter really over? We can never be sure till the end of April!

We will be stepping up on violations in the next weeks to come, especially after the snow is gone.

Thinking about Dish or Satellite TV? You must get approval first; dish has to be located on the home! Branches can be put at curb side for pick up, Please watch the weight on leaf / pine needle bags (no snow in them!).

Street sweeper has been contacted, looking for an early May date. Weather permitting Please take a moment and look in the trees at your site for any limbs that may be "hangers" or broken then give us a call.

Also remember the speed limit is 15 MPH! Residents will be walking dogs with Their small children and kids will be riding bikes!

Office is open for business, sales, rent payments, & office services, we require you To wear a mask when in the clubhouse. Thank you

We are currently working on a protocol for both the pool and clubhouse to be open in accordance with CDC guide lines.

Also we are looking for a Pool Monitor, any interest call the office for more info.

JOHN L. RICHARD





Arbor Day, April 30th, came about as an idea from a Nebraskan journalist and politician, Julius Sterling Morton, who strived to improve agricultural techniques. He actually had served under President Grover as the Secretary of Agriculture. The first Arbor Day was on April 10, 1872. In 1970, President Nixon proclaimed the last Friday of April as National Arbor Day. Arbor Day is now celebrated in other countries including Australia, although many go by different names such as: 'Greening Week' in Japan, 'The New Year's Days of Trees' in Israel, 'The Tree-loving Week' in Korea, 'The Reforestation Week' in Yugoslavia, 'The Students' Afforestation Day' in Iceland and 'The National Festival of Tree Planting' in India (<http://arbor-day.net/index.htm>).

As a homeowner, Arbor Day is a great reminder to take a look at the trees around your home. How did they fare through the winter? If you notice any broken limbs or branches, report them to the Friendly Village office, so they can be dealt with by our arborist.

RHUBARB CUSTARD CAKE

This cake is designed to be mixed by hand. Using an electric mixer works more air into the eggs, which lightens the batter and makes it less dense, so the fruit is more prone to sinking. Also, make sure you leave the stalks whole, as chopped rhubarb is more likely to be swallowed up by the batter and sink to the bottom.

Ingredients

8 SERVINGS

4 Tbsp. melted unsalted butter, cooled, plus more room-temperature for pan

1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for pan

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. baking powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. kosher salt

2 large eggs

1 large egg yolk

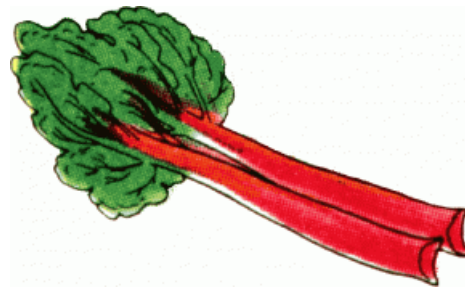
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar, plus more for sprinkling

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour cream

2 Tbsp. dark rum

2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest

13 oz. rhubarb stalks, halved lengthwise if thick



SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

9" springform pan

Preparation

Step 1 Preheat oven to 350°. Butter and flour pan. Whisk baking powder, salt, and 1 cup all-purpose flour in a medium bowl. Whisk eggs, egg yolk, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar in a large bowl until very pale and thick, about 1 minute. Whisk melted butter, sour cream, rum, and lemon zest in a small bowl. Whisk butter mixture into egg mixture just to combine. Add dry ingredients and fold in until batter is smooth; scrape into prepared pan. Chill 10 minutes to let batter set.

Step 2 Arrange rhubarb over batter however you like, trimming as needed. Don't press fruit into batter—just place over top and let it rest on the surface. Sprinkle with more sugar and bake until cake is golden on top and browned around the sides, 45–55 minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack and let cake cool in pan 10 minutes. Slide a knife around sides of cake to loosen and unmold. Slide directly onto rack and let cool completely.

Step 3 Do Ahead: Cake can be baked 1 day ahead. Store tightly wrapped at room temperature.

Spring is here and you will see FV staff walking around your yards to inspect for winter damages to water and power supplies to each home. Be aware we are also looking at lot maintenance and violations as we walk around the community.

Make sure your lot is cleaned up for spring, rake your leaves, put your limbs, shrub clippings and bagged leaves at curbside for our no charge pickup service. Time to make sure your skirting is back in place if it was pushed in by the snow. Clean-up any waste your pets have left behind on your lawn this winter.

Please make sure your lot looks neat and organized, unnecessary and infrequently used items should be stored out of sight in your sheds. If you see an older neighbor struggling to get their yard cleaned up, lend a hand and help them out.

Earth Day is April 22, 2016.

What are you willing to do in order to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? Here is a list of several earth friendly alternatives for everyday household products and their uses:

- Baking Soda - cleans, deodorizes, softens water, scours.
- Soap - unscented soap in liquid form, flakes, powders or bars is biodegradable and will clean just about anything. Avoid using soaps which contain petroleum distillates.
- Lemon - one of the strongest food-acids, effective against most household bacteria.
- Borax - (sodium borate) cleans, deodorizes, disinfects, softens water, cleans wallpaper, painted walls and floors.
- White Vinegar - cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build-up.
- Washing Soda - or SAL Soda is sodium carbonate decahydrate, a mineral. Washing soda cuts grease, removes stains, softens water, cleans wall, tiles, sinks and tubs. Use care, as washing soda can irritate mucous membranes. Do not use on aluminum.
- Isopropyl Alcohol - is an excellent disinfectant. (It has been suggested to replace this with ethanol or 100 proof alcohol in solution with water. There is some indication that isopropyl alcohol buildup contributes to illness in the body. See <http://drclark.ch/g>)
- Cornstarch - can be used to clean windows, polish furniture, shampoo carpets and rugs.
- Citrus Solvent - cleans paint brushes, oil and grease, some stains. (Citrus solvent may cause skin, lung or eye irritations for people with multiple chemical sensitivities.)



The weather is beginning to warm up.

Be sure to lock your windows and doors at night. Always lock doors and windows whenever you are not going to be home. Lock your car doors and don't leave any valuables in the vehicles. If you will be away for a few days, let a trustworthy neighbor know and ask them to check on your home every once in a while. It's a good idea to notify the F.V. office, too.



To Do List for April Gardeners

- Cut back ornamental grasses and other winter standing perennials
- Clean leaf litter in garden beds
- Apply dormant oil sprays to appropriate trees, shrubs and vines
- Sow seeds indoors
- Get a soil test for acidity & nutrients
- At end of month usually warm enough to plant bare root trees and shrubs

From O'Donal's Nurseries



JUST AROUND THE CORNER May Community Wide Yard sale

**TIME TO CLEAR OUT YOUR
SHEDS AND HOMES TO GET READY
FOR THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE
YARDSALE BEING HELD SATURDAY,
MAY 22nd WITH RAIN DATE OF SUN-
DAY, MAY 23rd.**

SELL YOUR STUFF FOR CURBSIDE CASH



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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facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham
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.



Winter & Spring Yard Cleanup Services:

If you are interested in advertising your spring/summer cleanup and yard work in our newsletter

Call the office
to place an ad
to boost your
business.



**ALL
PINEGROVE HOMES ARE
ENERGY STAR
EFFICIENT**

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

6 BIRCH DRIVE 2021 PINE GROVE 24X48 3 BD 2 BA \$149,900 Floor plan G-1767 Great layout with plenty of storage and space. Large kitchen with pantry has light salvaged oak cabinetry, premium stainless steel appliance package and dark wood luxury vinyl flooring. Dining area is light and bright with a large window facing the street. Two points of entry will allow you to control the flow traffic into your home. Front utility room has been changed up a bit from floorplan to take out the powder room and add a seven foot closet, washer and dryer hookups, furnace and hot water heater access located there as well. Large living room is open to kitchen and dining for your entertaining needs, featured hookups for cable and phone, entryway closet and that beautiful dark luxury vinyl flooring found in the rest of the home. Master bedroom has an attached master bath with 60" walk-in shower, single sink and large corner linen closet. This home will have our usual turnkey package of dormer over the main entry way, white interior doors, baseboard and crown molding throughout, higher grade vinyl and carpet for flooring, the value adding features are too numerous to list here.

***** 2021 DESIGN AND ORDER HOMES COMING FOR SPRING & FALL ALREADY PURCHASED: *****

44 HEMLOCK DRIVE

23 HEMLOCK DRIVE

7 TAMARACK CIRCLE

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

***** SOLD***10 Forest Circle 1997 Skyline 14x76 3 BD 2 BA \$68,900** Wonderful home located on a quiet cul-de-sac, filled with other beautifully kept homes. Open kitchen, living room and dining area make entertaining an easy task. Private master with attached large master bath has a deep garden tub and walk in shower. The other two bedrooms at the other end of home share the main bath with a tub/shower combo and skylight. This home is selling with all appliances including central air and the washer and dryer. Two sheds add to the homes storage and large deck is a great spot to sit out in the warmer weather. Call for an appointment for a walk through to check out this wonderful home.

CUSTOM ORDER YOUR OWN ENERGY STAR HOME! Prices start at \$99,000.00

