



Community News Friendly Village of Gorham February 2021



Do you need a little extra assistance with your groceries?

The Gorham Food Pantry offers food assistance at no cost to any Gorham resident in need.

Gorham Food Pantry
299-B Main St., Gorham

Open Thursdays 9-11AM

They are also open on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-7PM.

For additional information visit the Gorham Town Office.

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



Dates to remember in February:

- 1- National Freedom Day
Spunky Old Broads Day
- 2- Groundhog Day
- 12- Lincoln's Birthday
- 14- Valentine's Day
- 15- President's Day
- 22- Washington's Birthday
- 27- Polar Bear Day



COVID- 19 OFFICE PROCEDURES

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS!!

FACE MASKS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE COMING INTO THE CLUBHOUSE.

WE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF ONE RESIDENT AT A TIME. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO ONE ALREADY BEING WAITED ON.

STILL DOING NOTARIZATIONS, PHOTOCOPIES, SCANNING AND PAYMENT RECEIPT FREE OF CHARGE.

MANAGEMENT CORNER:

I know that we have had little snow to speak of, but I still would like to remind you of the following,

No parking on the streets during snow storms so that we may get the streets as clean as possible. Vehicles will be towed at your expense.

Keep pathways to your oil tank and water shut offs clear of snow.

Snow should be removed from your roof after 6 or more inches have accumulated.

And remember if you see icicles you have a chance for water backup, causing damage to the interior of your home.

February can be a very snowy month, so were not out of this winter yet!

On a positive note Spring is only 48 days away!

John L. Richard



PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE SUNDAES

Warm pineapple/sugar/cinnamon mixture spooned over crumbled pound cake and ice cream

MAKES 4 SERVINGS TOTAL PREP: 15 MINUTES

- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pineapple or canned pineapple tidbits, juice packed and drained
- 1 pint French vanilla ice cream
- 1/4 of a frozen loaf pound cake, thawed and coarsely crumbled
- Whipped cream and maraschino cherries with stems

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a heavy skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar, honey and cinnamon. Bring to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for 2 minutes. Add pineapple. Cook and stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until heated through. Remove from heat
2. Scoop ice cream into four dishes. Top with crumbled cake, warm pineapple mix, whipped cream and a cherry. Serve immediately

Tip: To toast pound cake preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread crumbled cake pieces on a sheet pan. Bake 5 to 10 minutes until lightly toasted.

YUM

Homestead Exemption

The 1998 Legislature enacted a law giving homeowners property tax relief beginning in the spring of 1998. Under this law, homeowners are eligible for reduction in their permanent residence's property valuation. This law continues in effect for the coming tax year. Those who applied for and received this exemption in the current tax year and are still residence owners in Gorham will receive it again this year. They **DO NOT need to reapply** for it. It will be applied to qualified owner's property taxes until they sell, move, or the Legislature rescinds the program.

New Applicants Must:

1. Have owned their permanent legal residence in Gorham for the twelve months prior to April 1st of each respective year. Fill out and return this form to the Assessor's Office by April 1st to qualify for the exemption.

The first tax bill to be impacted by an approved Homestead Application will be the Fall bill.

If a residence owner did not receive this exemption last year, they may apply for the coming year by obtaining an application online via Town of Gorham website or pick up one at the Clubhouse office.

Veterans Exemption

Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 653

A property owner may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of their property if they:

- Own a residence in Gorham on April 1 of the tax year in question
- Are a veteran who is not dishonorably discharged
- Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
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Are over 62 or are a not remarried widow of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, he/she might likewise qualify. In any case the veteran must fill out a form and provide proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214 form.

Application forms are available by contacting the Gorham Assessing Office, you can pick one up at the Clubhouse office also. Forms must be in the Assessing Office by **April 1**, in order to qualify for an exemption for the upcoming tax year.

Spices and Herbs

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STAR ANISE
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THYME
TURMERIC
FENNEL
CINNAMON
SAGE
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ROSEMARY
TARRAGON
NUTMEG
PAPRIKA
ALLSPICE
OREGANO
BASIL
GINGER
PEPPER

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 in countries all over the world. It is a chance to show how much you adore or love a special someone, whether they are a friend, child, relative, or sweetheart. All kinds of gifts are given, but the most common ones include: cards, chocolates, jewelry, flowers, and romantic dinners.



February 2, Groundhog Day, originated on this day back in 1887 in Punxsutawney, PA, by German settlers. If the groundhog comes out of its hole and sees its shadow, we will have 6 more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, we will have an early spring.

German Proverb:

"The badger peeps out of his hole on Candlemas Day and if he finds snow, walks abroad; but if he sees the sun shining he draws back into his hole."

Shingled Roofs Last Longer With Some TLC

Most newer models of mobile homes have shingled roofs. Shingled roofs are made by installing asphalt shingles to the wooden decking that frames your roof. Similar to the flat metal roofs, you will need to watch for any buildup of debris: branches, twigs, leaves, acorns, snow, ice, etc.

Debris that is left alone can create what are called "dams." A little like beaver dams, a dam on your roof is formed when the buildup of debris traps water on the shingles. The danger of these dams is that the water can go underneath the shingles and cause a leak, eventually leading to water damage in the roof, and possibly other areas of your mobile home.

Let's look into how we clean off our shingles!

Clear your roof of Debris

This may not sound too attractive, but the best way to clean up branches, leaves, and other things is to pick them up by hand. If you don't feel stable enough to walk around your roof, please hire a professional to clean your roof for you. Your personal safety is more important than saving money.

If you don't feel that roaming your roof, stooping over and picking up debris is the most efficient use of your time, try using the second best option...a leaf blower. Although easier on your back, you should be aware that it will not be able to remove all the debris that has been wedged in and around your shingles. Sometimes the best way is the hard way!

The third option for clearing debris is a broom or long brush. However, do not apply too much pressure when sweeping because you can remove the granules from your shingles. Mobile home maintenance can result in cutting down the life of your roof in half!

Algae and Stain Removal

Have you ever noticed dark stains on your roof? It is most commonly called "roof mold," but it is actually algae that have formed on your roof due to dampness. The north side of homes is more likely to get algae stains since it receives less sunlight.

To prevent algae from forming on your shingles, you can use algae-proof shingles for your roof. If you don't need new shingles yet, but already have algae stains, you can use a cleaning solution such as hot water and soap or bleach.

Don't use a power washer to clean your roof! It can void warranties and also ruin the granules on the shingles.

Mossy Monster Attack

1 If you live where the climate is cool and moist you will have to deal with moss. It might look beautiful or mysterious in the movies, but it can cause serious damage to your home! Real roof rot and the damage it causes may not be repairable. This would mean buying new shingles or an entirely new roof! Continual mobile home maintenance can be preventative but never 100%.

2 There are three ways to keep the moss off of your mobile home.

3 Trim trees, or even cut them down, as the shade is a huge ingredient to the growth of moss.

1. Try to keep your roof dry. This goes back to the basics: keep your roof free from debris that can build up and create dams.

2. The last way to keep moss off your roof is to make your roof an acidic environment. This can be done by spraying, or applying, apple cider vinegar, lemon juice, orange juice, or tomato juice.

There are products made to rid your roof of moss at most hardware stores.

Put whatever solution you choose in a sprayer, and start misting the areas with moss. *Please remember these are only suggestions. We take no responsibility for the result of your roof. Be sure to consult a professional roofer before attempting.*

WINTERTIME

Buy a roof rake and rake your roof edge free of snow after each storm. This will help your roof shed excess water when the weather warms and snow starts to melt on the roof. This will help stop an ice dam forming on your roof edge, melting water hits that on the roof edge and has no where to go so it builds up and works it way under your shingles, causing a leak.



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

Friendly Village of Gorham,
5 Ash Drive, Gorham, ME 04038
Phone: 839-5577 Fax: 839-3233
Email: friend-lyvlage@www.mainemobilehomes.com

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.



Greenwood Landscaping -Dylan— winter plowing/ snow blowing/roof shoveling service 899-9930

Snow blowing & shoveling call Cleve 207-298-4113 lives in community

ESM Builders— carpentry services 207-939-8126



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CONTACT COLEEN AT OUR OFFICE, SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP YOU
(207) 839-5577 OR (207) 839-3303 Check our website for homes available for

NEW HOME LISTINGS

****NEW HOME COMING FEBRUARY 2021** 6 BIRCH DRIVE 2021 PINE GROVE 24X48 3 BD 2 BA \$147,900** 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 ALREADY PURCHASED: *****

44 HEMLOCK DROVE

23 HEMLOCK DRIVE

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

NONE AT THIS TIME

WE STILL HAVE SOME WINTER WINDS TO DEAL WITH FOR A WHILE.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF A NEW HOME FOR SPRING, NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN THAT DREAM HOME. CALL ME TO GO OVER FLOOR PLANS AND FINISHES TO DESIGN THE HOME THAT SUITS YOU TO A TEE!

