



In like a lion!

Community News ~ March 2021

Friendly Village of Gorham



out like a lamb.

Dates to remember in March:

- 1 - National Peanut Butter Day
- 10- National Hug your Dog Day
- 14 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 17 - Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 - March Equinox, First Day of Spring
- 21 - International Day of Forests
- 22- National Goof Off Day
- 23- National Puppy Day
- 28 - Palm Sunday
- 30 - National Doctors' Day
- 31 - National Crayon Day



Daylight Savings begins, Sunday March 14, 2021

at 2:00 AM
turn your clocks **forward**
1 hour to be 3:00 AM
local daylight time.



May you find pots of gold at the end of your rainbow, but don't let the "bad" leprechauns get to it.

Don't Forget to Lockup.

Lock the doors and windows of your home. Lock your car doors, trunks, and truck toolboxes. Never leave any valuables in your vehicle, not even your glove box. Always report any mischievous conduct to the police and please let the Friendly Village Office know, too.

Residents!! Please use caution around the Community snow plows and Residents clearing their driveways. We do have significant snow banks and there are blind spots where sometimes you cannot be seen or heard!!

Please drive with care, let the people working the snow blowers and plows know you are there, once seen they can move out of your way. The last thing we want is an accident to a resident or park equipment!



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



MANAGEMENT CORNER

With a lack of snow don't get your hopes up for an early spring, Mother Nature still can send us some more surprises! As I write this it is very cold but maybe, just maybe we will warm up for March!

As warmer weather approaches please remember skunks will come out of hibernation, do not feed your animals outside and keep your trash in covered trash cans.

Due to COVID-19 we're still on a lock down at the office. You're still welcome to come in, but it's best to call ahead, or knock on the door, don't forget your mask!

I do appreciate your cooperation with keeping the streets clear of vehicles during snow storms.

Don't forget the time change on the 14th!

John L. Richard

Quick and Easy Roast Chicken

Total:
45 min
Active:
5 min
Yield: 4 Servings



Ingredients

- 1 whole roasting chicken (giblets removed)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 lemon, halved
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons granulated garlic
- 3 tablespoons oregano

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Put lemon halves inside the bird. Season with olive oil all over, sprinkle with salt and pepper, & oregano, then place breast side up on a rimmed baking sheet. Roast 20 minutes, until skin starts to get brown and crusty in the high temperature oven. Once it is browned, cover the whole pan tightly with aluminum foil and turn oven down to 375 degrees.

Continue to roast until the chicken is golden and cooked through, about 20 more minutes. Uncover the chicken and let it rest before serving.

Pan drippings will make wonderful gravy or base for a soup with the leftover chicken. This is my no fail method for cooking a chicken and having the leftover for soup the next day. **ENJOY**

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WHAT'S IN SEASON

- Artichokes
- Cabbage
- Beets
- Brussels Sprouts
- Carrots
- Garlic
- Grapefruit
- Greens
- Maple Syrup
- Onions, Shallots
- Potatoes
- Squash
- Turnips



**SPRING IS HERE
AND SO ARE THE
SKUNKS!!**



Protecting your yard

Habitat modification

Skunks are opportunists at heart — they're mainly attracted to low-hanging fruit like garbage and pet food left out at night, as well as convenient denning sites, such as wood and rock piles, elevated sheds, openings under concrete slabs and porches and crawl spaces.

Preventive measures, such as removing attractants around houses, will decrease the likelihood of an unpleasant skunk encounter. This includes [securing trash](#), covering window wells, feeding pets indoors, or if fed outdoors, removing food immediately after pets eat.

Skunks also dig for grubs in lawns when wet soil conditions push grubs close to the surface — their presence may be a sign of an overwatered lawn. Occasionally, however, a skunk may also wander into an open garage or shed, which is a compelling reason to secure all outbuildings.

Preventing denning (exclusion)

Exclusion techniques should be used proactively to prevent denning before an animal moves in. Any suspected skunk den should first be checked to determine if it has residents.

This may be done by loosely filling the hole (or holes) with soil, leaves, straw, crumpled paper or similar material. If a skunk is present, the animal will easily push their way out overnight and reopen the hole.

If the plug remains undisturbed for two or three nights, it is safe to assume that the hole is unoccupied and can be filled. In the winter, skunks may remain inactive for longer periods, so provide them with a bit more time to disturb the plug before blocking the den entrance. Permanently exclude skunks (and other den-seeking creatures) with an [L-shaped footer](#) of welded wire or similar barriers.

If a skunk is using the den, either harassment or eviction using a [one-way door system](#) is recommended. When evicting skunks, be sure that dependent young are not present. When in doubt, assume they are and use the door only after they start following their mother to forage. Leave the door in place from two or three nights to a week to be sure the skunk has left.

Harassment

When it is safe to displace skunks, mild harassment can be very effective. This can be as simple as loosely repacking the den hole with leaves or straw or other material to see if the skunk gets the message and moves elsewhere. If they require more persuading, adding light and noise to make an dark and quiet denning space unattractive may help as well. Make sure the skunk is not close by before setting up the disturbances.

PAY YOUR RENT ONLINE

Lot rent payments may be made online, you may review your balance and look at your transaction history.

Contact the office by phone or email to set up a user name and password then simply go to:

[Http://www.mainemobilehomes.com/resident.html](http://www.mainemobilehomes.com/resident.html)

Click the link to Pay Lot Rent and sign in.

Pay at your convenience from home, any time of day or night. No more writing checks. Pay using your checking account, savings account or by MC/VISA

SIGN UP FOR AUTO PAY

NO Late Fees, No Forgotten Rent payment, No Hassle.

MC - VISA - DISCOVER
CHECKING AUTO DEBIT



REMINDERS OF OUR COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

If you are interested in selling your home, you need to notify the office at least 30 days prior to sale to let us know of your intent. The home will then need to be inspected to get an approval to sell through the park manager. This just makes sure basic safety features of the home are in place and working, smoke alarms, oil tanks, safety of steps and decks etc. Just call the office to set up an appointment for John to come out and look your home over.

You also can use the community staff to sell your home or hire an outside real estate agent to list your home. An important rule to let potential buyers to know right away.

The home cannot be sold until the potential buyer is approved to live in our community. They must have an approved residency application to follow through with the purchase of the home.

On another note, we do ask to be notified before you get a dog, you must have park approval before obtaining a dog.

There are breed restrictions (due to insurance purposes), spay and neutering is required, vaccinations and licensing are requirements as well.

As you may know the staff love dogs, and these rules are in place for the safety of the community and it's residents.

I also want to thank residents who own a dog and are responsible owners who take care their dog by updating their vaccinations and licensing.

If you have any questions concerning any of issues, please call the office with your questions.

The Girl Scout Cookie: A Delicious Tradition

This month, the 2.3 million Girl Scouts across the United States will begin taking orders for some 200 million boxes of Thin Mints, Tagalongs and more as they launch their annual Girl Scout cookie sale. A considerable source of funding for troop activities, the sales are also an important learning opportunity in the spirit of the Girl Scout organization, helping the girls develop valuable business and marketing skills.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low called together 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, for the first meeting of the Girl Scouts. Low, who had always played sports and had an interest in the arts since she was a child, wanted to encourage girls to get out of the house and be active in order to promote physical and mental development. Girl Scouting took off and soon spread throughout the United States, with local troops taking part in service projects to finance their activities. In 1917, the Girl Scouts of Muskogee, Oklahoma, also known as the Mistletoe Troop, decided to sell cookies in a local high school cafeteria to raise money for their club, unofficially launching the tradition of Girl Scouts cookie sales.

In July 1922, Chicago's local Girl Scout director Florence E. Neil wrote an article for the organization's national magazine, *The American Girl*, in which she included a cost-efficient cookie recipe for girls to use for their baked goods sales. The ingredients for the recipe would cost 26 to 36 cents and would yield up to seven dozen cookies; the cookies could then be sold for 25 to 30 cents per dozen. Gradually these cookie sales evolved from girls baking in their kitchens at home to an enormous commercial enterprise. The organization licensed their first commercial baker in 1936 to accommodate the nationwide sale of Girl Scout cookies. By the end of the 1940s, the Girl Scouts were employing nearly 30 commercial bakers for their cookie sales, and by 1951 they offered three tasty options: Peanut Butter Sandwich (Do-si-dos), Shortbread (Trefoils) and Chocolate Mints, now called Thin Mints.

Today, Girl Scout cookie production is handled by just two bakers, ABC Bakers and Little Brownie Bakers, in order to maintain consistency. Each baker produces eight cookie varieties. The selection varies each year—for instance, in 2012 they introduced "Savannah Smiles" to honor the 100th anniversary of Low's first Girl Scout meeting—but they are always required but bake the original three flavors. Though the cookies themselves are the same around the country, their names—with the exception of Thin Mints—vary depending on which bakery they come from. So if you're looking for a tasty coconut-covered treat and your local troop gets its cookies from Little Brownie Bakers, you'll be snacking on a Samoa, but if they order their treats from ABC Bakers, you'll be enjoying a Caramel deLite. Though their names may get shaken up, they still represent the same hard work and tradition that enterprising young scouts have enjoyed for nearly a century.

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

For Friendly Village Maintenance Emergencies:
Water-Sewer-Power
Dial Friendly Village Phone: 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.



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 or ericimason713@gmail.com



ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT
ORDER YOUR DREAM HOME FOR SPRING DELIVERY AND SET UP

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

****IT'S HERE** 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 & FALL ALREADY PURCHASED: ****

- 44 HEMLOCK DRIVE
- 23 HEMLOCK DRIVE
- 7 TAMARACK CIRCLE

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

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 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

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 sale

Interested in selling your home, call Coleen

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!
Call Coleen At 839-5577

