



**Community News**  
**Friendly Village of Gorham**  
**May 2021**



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



**PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR SPEED AND YOUR SURROUNDINGS AS YOU DRIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE PLATE NUMBERS OF THE OFFENDERS**

**THANK YOU!!!**

**Dates to Remember in May:**

- 1 - May Day
- 4 - Star Wars Day (May the fourth be with you)
- 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- 9 - Mother's Day
- 15- Armed Forces Day
- 16—Love a Tree Day
- 23—Lucky Penny Day
- 26—World Otter Day
- 31- Memorial Day

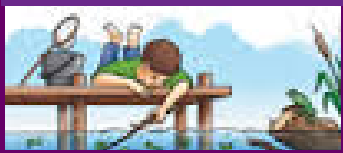
Clubhouse will be available again for residents to book for events with some restrictions.

- Only book one event per weekend
- Restricted to 25 people maximum attendance
- Resident will be responsible for obtaining contact tracing information if needed
- Resident will be responsible for cleaning of touched surfaces.
- Resident will be responsible for following CDC guidelines on gatherings
- A disinfection station will be supplied at the door for gatherings.

Call to hold the date, we require a check for \$100 as a deposit on the clubhouse rental and \$15 cash deposit for the key, paid prior to date of event

**Current Events for May 2021:**

- Annual Friendly Village lot inspections will be conducted throughout the month of May. You may see us walking around your lots while inspecting.
- Community-wide Yard Sale: Sat., May 22nd , rain date Sun, May 24th
- Tentative Pool opening Memorial Day weekend, May 29th, depending on weather– check Facebook for updates



**MANAGER'S CORNER:**

Skunks are about, tidy up your skirting; do not leave trash outside put it in a container, and sunk proof your shed.

Residents are reminded not to feed pets outside due to the fact that wild animals will take advantage of your generosity.

Loam will be available once the rain stops and it dries out.

Thanks to all residents who have started or completed their yard clean up, for those that haven't started it's time.

Many residents have mold on their home and skirting it's time to remove it.

Pool should be opening by Memorial Day, weather permitting.

Remember no **fire pits** of any kind are allowed in the Community period!

Also call the office before any dish or satellite TV is installed, you need approval.

**JOHN L. RICHARD**



## Baked French Toast

### PREP TIME:

15 Minutes

### DIFFICULTY:

Easy

### COOK TIME:

1 Hours

### SERVINGS:

12 Servings



### FOR THE FRENCH TOAST:

1 loaf Crusty Sourdough Or French Bread

8 whole Eggs

2 cups Whole Milk

1/2 cup Whipping (heavy) Cream

3/4 cups Sugar

2 Tablespoons Vanilla Extract

### FOR THE TOPPING:

1/2 cup All-purpose Flour

1/2 cup Firmly Packed Brown Sugar

1 teaspoon Cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon Salt

1 pinch Nutmeg (optional)

1 stick Cold Butter, Cut Into Pieces

Fresh Fruit (optional)

### Instructions:

Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking pan with butter. Tear bread into chunks (or cut into cubes) and evenly distribute in the pan.

In a medium sized bowl mix together eggs, milk, cream, sugar, and vanilla. Pour evenly over the bread. Cover tightly and store in the fridge for several hours or overnight.

In a separate bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add nutmeg if desired. Add butter pieces and cut them into the dry mixture until mixture resembles fine pebbles. Store in a Ziploc in the fridge.

When you're ready to bake the casserole, preheat oven to 350 F. Remove casserole from the fridge and sprinkle crumb mixture over the top. (If you're using fruit, sprinkle on before the crumb mixture.) Bake for 45 minutes for a softer, more bread pudding texture. Bake 1 hour or more for a firmer, less liquid texture.

## Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, 2021

This is a day set aside for all civilians to show their appreciation and gratitude to all the men and women who have served, and who are serving, in the U.S. military. It is because of them that we are still enjoying our freedom. If you are a veteran or are currently enlisted in one of the U.S. armed forces...

**“Thank you for your service!”**

## Fishing season is April 1-August 15...

for Maine rivers, streams, and brooks. You might catch trout, togue, salmon, and/or bass. Be sure to be current with all fishing laws. The Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website, has a lot of great information about fishing in Maine. Otter Pond, in Standish, or Sticky River, in Standish, are a couple of local options for a family fishing trip. Always ask permission before going onto someone else's land.



## Mother's Day

is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in the United States, but it is celebrated worldwide on different dates. It is a very special day just for Mom, and although it has become very commercialized in some countries, in other countries it is less so. Flowers, gifts, cakes, cards, and feasts are some of the examples of the gifts often given. It is a great day to let “Mom” just sit back and relax, doing her favorite things, while the rest of the family takes over her duties for the day. How will you show your respect and honor your Mom?



## Time to start Lot clean up

**We will be doing our annual lot inspections during May. Please check that your lot is in compliance with all community guidelines.**

Please bag leaves and needles in paper or regular bags so they can be easily lifted or carried by 1 person. No heavier than 50 pounds. If you have to drag it, it is too heavy. We need to lift the bags 4 ft to get them in the truck. Bags that are too full or heavy will *not* be picked up and must be re-bagged. No trash is to be inside leaf bags.

**Stack all branches & limbs by the roadside and we will pick them up, free of charge.**



## May is College Graduation Month

Do you have a young adult in your family, who is graduating and preparing to start their career? It's sometimes difficult to know what to buy for a gift. The World Wide Web has lots of ideas, and here are a few: coffee gift cards, furniture for apartment, nice interview outfit, gift card for dress shoes, manicure, nice briefcase for laptop and files, and Thank You stationary to send after interviews. Check out the internet for more great ideas, like here: 25 Great College Graduation Gift Ideas go to: <http://biginterview.com/blog/2015/01/college-graduation-gift-ideas.html>



## Community-wide Yard Sale

**Date: Saturday, May 22nd**  
**Time: 8:00am - 3:00 pm**  
**Rain date: Sunday, May 23rd**



Do you have a bunch of whozits, whatzits, gadgets, gismos, or thingamabobs, that you just don't need or want anymore? Don't throw them out; put them in the yard sale. Residents may setup in their own yard. Clean up must be completed within 24 hours after the sale ends, including any signs placed.

*An ad will be placed in the Portland Press Herald, advertising for that weekend.*

### 5 Must Do Landscape Tasks for the Spring Garden

The chill in the air is back, but spring is here.

This means there is work to do outside. If you wait until the picture perfect spring weather, you might find yourself with more work than you can accomplish in the time left before plants explode with growth. It is way easier to rake a garden when the perennials aren't up, but some of you may be finding that your plants got a big boost from the 80 degree weather two weeks ago. That's OK. Remember to keep an eye out while raking and stepping around in your garden beds. It means you need a checklist of things to do starting at the first signs of spring so that you don't find your garden has grown up past the point of care.

#### 1. Spring Clean Up

If you are like me, you do a great deal of clean up in the fall in anticipation of all the work ahead in the spring (okay...the truth is I have a great gardening team). But if you are like many home gardeners (without gardening machines like my husband and TGC crew to help) your energy gets diverted to other things in the fall and the clean up is left to spring. Cleaning up leaves and debris is an important task in keeping the garden free of pathogens, mold, and rot that you don't want in your garden. Now this "rot" and "mold" is a natural function of decomposition, but you want it in your compost pile not your managed garden bed. So if you haven't cleaned up from fall or even the winter, time to get to it.

#### 2. Maintain Edges

Edging the garden bed is a very important task for me. I like crisp lines in the garden, but I don't like artificial or even stone edging in my beds. By using an edging tool to cut the grass edge each spring you keep the garden and lawn neatly in their place. This is a task that can be done later in the season (summer or fall), but it should be done once a year to avoid the creep of turf grasses in to the garden zone.

#### 3. Shrub Pruning

The springtime is the right time to prune some shrubs and the wrong time to prune others. First, look through your garden to see if there is any damage from the winter. Any broken, bent, twisted or otherwise undermined branching should be pruned now regardless of the plant type. A clean cut is easier for the plant to heal from as it emerges from dormancy than a tear. Second, select your shrubs that set buds on new wood and prune those. Top on this list is Spirea japonica. The vigorous grower can be pruned hard in the spring for a shorter fuller plant with lots of spring flowers. Hydrangea like Endless Summer and Annabelle are also good shrubs to prune now. As soon as the threat of hard frost is gone, it will be time to prune butterfly bush and caryopteris - look for the new growth to have emerged on these tender shrubs before pruning. Third, don't for-

get rose pruning in this task. If you have shrub roses, climbing roses, and rambling roses now is the time to prune. Again, be sure the threat of hard frost is over, but do prune the roses down by removing one quarter to one third of the plant. Prune out any dead canes too. This will make for a much happier rose as it warms up.

#### What not to prune?

Azaleas, Rhodies, and Mountain Laurels that look brown and dried up (desiccated) from the winter. These plants may look dead but they may very well have life in them. Never prune this set of plants until after they flower. By this time anything that is truly dead will look it. These plants can fool you by bouncing back from a pretty sad state in early spring.

#### 4. Perennial Clean Up

Any perennial foliage not cut off and cleaned up in the fall needs to be cleaned up now. I decided to leave all the perennial foliage up in my pollinator garden this year and was so sad to see that rather than just providing a food source for the birds, I also provided a feeding frenzy buffet for the voles that overwintered in my yard. So I am cleaning up foliage and damaged roots that have been dug up. As much as I liked the idea of leaving plants up, I will be more selective next year and leave only the sturdy plant seed heads for the birds - Rudbeckia, Sedum, and Astilbe among them.

#### Ornamental Grasses

Plants that I love to keep up for the winter are the ornamental grasses. The foliage is so pretty with the snow. This year, with so many feet of snow they were crushed early on. So now is the time to cut back the grasses to get them ready for the spring growth. Don't wait too long to do this task because while you can't see it, with each increasing minute of light and added degree of temperature those grasses are waking up in the core and starting to push up through the old sheaths. In this category I would encourage the cutting back of Carex and Liriope as well. This will make for a much neater and prettier look as the new foliage emerges.

#### 5. Dividing Perennials

While you might feel too tired after all this to even think about dividing, I am going to encourage you to make a list of plants that need it. How do you know? If you see crowding now...it will be unbearable in the summer. Any perennials that are encroaching on one another or that look like they have a bald spot in the center need dividing. Just choose the worst offenders in this category to tackle now. Plants that I often see needing dividing in this time of year are daylilies, irises, hostas, and grasses. Mark the clumps with flags to remind you of this important task. Divide the biggest clumps now. Maybe save the next set for a fall divide to get a jump on next spring.

The more work you can put into the spring gardening the better your garden will perform in the summer and fall. Remember to keep notes or even take pictures. This might inspire you to do more of this work come fall as a way to make spring easier!

Happy Gardening!





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**Weekends & After Office Hours**

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 to 4:30  
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\*\*\*\*\* 2021 DESIGN AND ORDER HOMES COMING FOR SPRING & FALL ALREADY PURCHASED: \*\*\*\*\*

- 44 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Delivered!!!!
- 23 HEMLOCK DRIVE
- 7 TAMARACK CIRCLE
- 14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—pending
- 7 BEECH CIRCLE— pending

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