



COMMUNITY NEWS
FRIENDLY VILLAGE
of GORHAM
JULY 2021



Current Events for July 2019

1st Canada Day
4th Independence Day
7th World Chocolate Day
14th Bastille Day
20th National Moon Day
29th International Tiger Day

July Fairs & Festivals in Maine:

Houlton Agricultural Fair
2021 July 3-4
Ossipee Valley Fair
2021 July 8-11
Waterford World's Fair
2021 July 16-18
Pittston Fair
2021 July 22-25
Bangor State Fair
2021 July 29-August 7
Northern Maine Fair
2021 July 31-August 8

Please Note:
Friendly Village Office
will be closed Monday,
July 5th.

Enjoy your 4th of July
weekend and be safe!



First Come First Serve

Free smoke detectors
courtesy of the Gorham
Fire Department
Limit four per lot

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



MANAGER'S CORNER:

As stated in the past, lighting of fireworks is not permitted within the Community. State law clearly states that you must have the owner's (of the land) permission to set off fireworks, along with a permit from the Gorham Fire Department. No one has permission.

Open burning is not allowed within the Community, fire pits or gas fire pits!

As you all know the pool is open and has had some big use these past hot days. Please respect the rules and the pool supervisor! Please note that **Pool Hours are 10 am to 7:30 pm.**

Please check with the office first before you start any improvements, such as Dish / Satellite TV installment, you need the approval prior from the office for location.

Residents need to think about conserving water as we are heading into a moderate drought at this time of year. If you water, do it at night or early morning and please try not to water the pavement.

JOHN L. RICHARD

Senior Property Tax Assistance Program

The purpose of this article is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 65 years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet the criteria established by this article.

Applications, which will be available in the Town Clerk's office, will be due no later than August 1 of the year for which the refund is requested, and will be required for every year the applicant seeks to participate in the program. Applicants shall also submit proof of property taxes paid or rent constituting property taxes paid during the tax year on the individual's homestead in the Town of Gorham.

The Town Clerk's decision on eligibility to participate and benefit base amount in the program are final. Appeals to the Town Clerk's determinations are to be submitted in writing to the Town Council within 14 days of the Town Clerk's or the designee's determinations. The Town Council will then review and make a determination within 30 days of receipt of an appeal.

A person who qualifies for payment under this program shall be mailed a check for the amount of the benefit he/she is eligible for no later than 30 days from the date of Council approval of the application for the year in which participation is sought.

Applications also available on the Town of Gorham website: under Town Clerk

Homestead exemption

Want to save a little on your property taxes? Have you signed up for a Homestead Exemption? If not, get a move on and pick up an application at the park office or online at the Town of Gorham website.

Town of Gorham will take \$21,500.00 (at the time of writing) off the value of your home to lower your tax bill. So it is worth getting your paperwork in to receive this. It is a once and done type of exemption, fill out and send it once and you will always receive the exemption until your home changes owners.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

As we drive around the community we are noticing it is time for some homes to be washed free of the buildup of mold and dirt that happen each season.

Take a look at the outside of your home to see if your home needs to be cleaned of seasonal dirt and debris. Check your roof to see if there is a buildup of moss, pine needles and leaves that need to be cleared off. Keeping your roof clean extends the life of your shingles and your home. There are products you can purchase to clear your roof of moss, but white vinegar sprayed onto your roof will do the same job without harmful chemicals.

Part of being a homeowner is taking care of the maintenance of your home to keep it looking great and checking for repairs that need to be done. Mold and dirt accumulate on the outside of homes and they periodically need to be cleaned. There are vinyl siding cleaners out there that are specific for this type of work. You can also use white vinegar and water, Simple Green, or a combo of Dawn dish-washing detergent and white vinegar. What ever mix you use, a good stiff brush with an extendable handle will allow you to stay on the ground to get the job done. You also can hire someone to power wash the home, but is a simple task can be a DIY project.

Pool Rule Reminders

Just to freshen resident's memories on pool guidelines now that the cold winter has passed.

We do not have a lifeguard on duty, we do have Dan who monitors the pool for us all. Please listen to his direction on following the pool rules. His work hours are 12:30 pm to 7:30 pm Tuesday thru Sunday on days the pool is open. The pool does close during inclement weather.

Pool hours are 10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Make sure you shower before entering the pool, it is a State Law

You may have 2 guests per site with you to enjoy the pool

A child under 14 yrs. old must be accompanied by an ADULT who is fully responsible for that child in their care. An older sibling is not considered an adult unless they are 18 years old or older.

No one under 14 years old is allowed in the fenced pool area without an adult responsible for them

Rough play, discourteous behavior, disregard of the pool rules, foul language or challenging the authority of the pool supervisor are considered grounds for pool privileges being suspended for a set time or permanently.

Please keep the pool area safe and pleasant for everyone!

Toss or Keep How to Downsize Efficiently

Whether you're [moving into a smaller space](#), moving in with a significant other, or simply want to pare down as you [look for a new place](#), downsizing your home is not always an easy proposition. Rather than tackling the task blindly, it's important to make a plan and execute it with intention. Use the following expert tips to learn how to downsize your belongings and declutter your home this summer.

1. Start early

Downsizing is not an overnight event. Getting rid of "stuff" is often an emotionally charged process and, if rushed, stress levels can rise like the mercury in July. Instead of trying to attack all your clutter in one weekend, plan your stuff-shedding process over the course of a few weeks. Tackle big projects room by room. As you get closer to your moving date, treat yourself to a tasty dinner out or listen to an entertaining podcast while you're decluttering to keep up momentum. Factor in time to list and sell items of value that need a new home. But remember: Moving unwanted items to your new home is a no-no. Even if those items were expensive to acquire, holding on to them will cost you more in the long run.

2. Organize the chaos

It can be easy to drift from room to room aimlessly working on an area and flitting to the next when you hit a stumbling block. *Should I keep these cake pans? I don't bake, but they were Grandma's. I'll work on the hall closet instead.* Rather than creating several small messes, set goals and tackle your clutter room by room. Josh Becker, author of *the New York Times* best-seller *The More of Less*, suggests using the four-box method: trash, give away, keep, or [relocate](#). Each item in your home needs to be classified in one of the four categories and be dealt with. Set ground rules upfront to keep yourself on task — once you touch an item, you must decide its fate. If you're unsure, place it in the give-away pile for 24 hours. If the day passes and you haven't thought about it, then toss it.

3. Let go of guilt

If you've inherited items you're keeping out of guilt, now is the time to divest yourself of the burden. "Make a list of the things you've inherited. Consider each one and ask if you're enjoying this thing in your life, or if it is best to let it go," says Brooks Palmer, a decluttering expert and author of *Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back*. "For most people, if they knew that you don't care for the inherited item, they would want you to let it go." Define clear priorities for your new space and sell or donate items that no longer fit your narrative. You will have more breathing room, and hopefully make some decent cash to offset your moving costs.

4. Eliminate multiples

Storing four huge soup pots in your 3,500-square-foot home wasn't a big deal, but wedging just one into the kitchen of your new one-bedroom apartment is going to be a challenge. When it's time to downsize, discarding multiples is a no-brainer. Turn a critical eye to your "keep" pile and question the necessity of each addition. Just because you've always had an overflowing linen closet doesn't mean you need five sets of sheets at your new place. (Let's be real: You probably wash and use the same set week after week anyway.) Clear out the clutter and

5. Fall in love

Invest in quality, not quantity. When you're in downsizing mode, begin to think of your things in terms of love. Not the romantic kind, but the "if you don't love it, then get rid of it" kind. Sell or donate those five black winter coats you bought on sale and invest in your dream coat. Not only will your closet feel roomier, but you'll also have a smile on your face when you put on that new coat that you love.

6. Get help

When your car is sick, you take it to the mechanic; if your leg is broken, you see a doctor. If your home is overflowing with items and you're apprehensively staring at a move-day calendar, it might be time to [call in the professionals](#). a professional organizer based on personality and skill set rather than price. An organizer with a skill set that best matches your needs is most likely to help you. If you're short on cash, consider asking a trusted, well-organized friend to help you with the process.

Rosemary Salmon and Veggies

Total Time: Prep/Total: 30 min Makes: 4 Servings

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds salmon fillets, cut into 4 portions
- 2 tablespoons melted coconut oil or olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°. Place salmon in a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Combine oil, vinegar, rosemary, garlic and salt. Pour half over salmon. Place asparagus and red pepper in a large bowl; drizzle with remaining oil mixture and toss to coat. Arrange around salmon in pan; sprinkle with pepper.

Bake until salmon flakes easily with a fork and vegetables are tender, 12-15 minutes. Serve with lemon wedges.

Nutrition Facts 1 serving: 357 calories, 23g fat (9g saturated fat), 85mg cholesterol, 388mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 2g fiber), 31g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 4 lean meat, 1-1/2 fat, 1 vegetable.

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THROUGH OUR OFFICE. See the office for restrictions and form.

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

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

23 HEMLOCK DRIVE—delivered-installed and moved in
7 TAMARACK CIRCLE—pending

14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—pending

7 BEECH CIRCLE— pending

39 HEMLOCK DRIVE—pending

65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Pending

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

**** UNDER CONTRACT**** 30 Evergreen Drive 1984 Skyline 2 BD 2 BA 14x70 home with a n at-
tached sunroom and awnings. This is a wonderful home to enjoy sitting out in the summer un-
der the awnings or in the sunroom enjoying the breeze . The home has two bedrooms located at
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