



# FRIENDLY VILLAGE of GORHAM COMMUNITY NEWS AUGUST 2021



### Special Dates in August

- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 5 National Work like a Dog Day
- 7 International Beer Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 13 Lefthander's Day
- 19 National Aviation Day
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 23 Ride the Wind Day
- 25 Kiss and Makeup Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day & National Dog Day

### August Fairs to check out:

8/8-15, Topsham Fair; 8/12-21, Skowhegan State Fair; 8/21-28, Union Fair; not held in 2021, Maine Farm Days; 8/26-29, Piscataquis Valley Fair; and 8/26-29, Acton Fair.

Look online for lots of Maine Festivals going on in August, too.

Get your fair fries and fried dough!!!



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

### This is my wish for you

Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, Love to complete your

life

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **MANAGER'S CORNER:**

Can't believe its August already! Where did the summer go?

I would like to remind you to check your oil tank for rust, leaks and paint.

Anyone looking for Satellite or Dish TV will have to get approval from the office first.

Residents are still asked to be conservative with water, even though we have had rain August can be a very dry month.

Remember to watch for pedestrians walking and bicyclist on the road ways, keep it to the speed limit please!



**JOHN L. RICHARD**

## Lemon Blueberry Layer Cake

I always leave the sides of this cake unfrosted so you see the beautiful layers. In the summer I use strawberries instead of blueberries." — Ree

Drummond

CAL/SERV:645

YIELDS:12

PREP TIME:0 hours 50 mins

TOTAL TIME:3 hours 20

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
3 tbsp. cornstarch  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. Kosher salt  
1 1/2 c. granulated sugar  
1 1/2 c. unsalted butter  
3 large eggs  
1/2 c. sour cream  
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
8 oz. cream cheese

### DIRECTIONS

- Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray two 8- by 2- inch light-colored cake pans with cooking spray, line the bottoms with parchment, and coat the parchment.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cornstarch, baking soda, and salt.
- Using an electric mixer, beat the granulated sugar and 1/2 cup butter on medium-high speed until smooth and creamy, 3 minutes. Reduce speed to medium and add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add the sour cream and vanilla and beat until combined. Reduce the mixer speed to low and add the flour mixture, beating until incorporated.
- Divide the batter between the prepared pans and bake until a wooden pick inserted into the cake comes out clean, 27 to 30 minutes. Let the cakes cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.
- Meanwhile, using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and remaining 1 cup butter until smooth. Add the confectioners' sugar and beat until combined. Using a fine grater, zest the lemon over the bowl and squeeze in 2 tablespoons juice. Beat until combined. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour or up to 1 week.
- Cut the cakes in half horizontally to create 4 layers. Spread a quarter of the icing on one layer (about 3/4 cup). Sprinkle with a quarter of the blueberries. Sandwich with another layer of cake and repeat with the remaining layers. Spread the top cake with the remaining icing and sprinkle with the remaining blueberries. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

## August 23rd is Ride the Wind Day

It is the anniversary of the first human powered flight to win the Kremer Prize. Dr. Paul Macready was the first to win in 1977. Lots of sports use the wind for propulsion like: recreational hang gliding, hot air ballooning, kite flying, snow-kiting, kite land-boarding, kite surfing, paragliding, sailing, and windsurfing. Get out and do your favorite sports while the weather is nice. If you don't participate, find a comfortable place where you can watch these kind of events. Visit this site for more information: <http://www.cute-calendar.com/event/ride-the-wind-day/16780.html>



## Preventing dehydration in your pets

In hot weather, your dog can overheat very easily, causing heat stroke. Be sure to have fresh cool water available for them at all times. If you take your pet hiking or out playing, you must not forget to bring along a jug of water, not only for yourself, but for your dog, too. They make some really neat water containers that can strap right onto your pets back, making it possible for them to carry their own water supply. You can find a variety of styles online. See sample photo below.



Never leave your dog or cat in the car on hot days, because they can overheat extremely quickly. Be sure your cats have plenty of fresh clean water, too. Providing a drinking fountain with running water or adding a couple ice cubes to the water bowl will sometimes encourage them to drink more water.



## Reminder to Dog Owners in the Community

There has been an increase in complaints lately about dogs running loose, dogs being aggressive to residents walking the streets and dog feces in vacant lots, residents lots and roadside not being picked up by dog owners. Most of the dog owners in our community are responsible dog parents, we appreciate your care of your dog, your lot and the community.

For all who are not so careful, please read this article and follow the community guidelines so everyone can enjoy their life here at Friendly Village.

### 4 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO PICKUP YOUR DOG'S POOP

Responsible dog owners pick up after their pets in public places. However, there are times when owners neglect to pick up their dog's waste, perhaps they are in a rush, don't have poop bags, or they don't see why it's so important. And because of this, you've probably stepped in more than your share of undisposed dog poop. Chances are you've stepped in dog poop and not even been aware of it until you smell it wafting through your car. This is just one of many reasons why it is so important to clean up after your dog. Here are a few more.

HERE ARE 4 REASONS WHY PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK!!

#### 1. IT WILL NOT BREAKDOWN ON ITS OWN

If you believe that dog poop will break down or just wash away, you're wrong. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Plus, when rainwater washes over dog poop, it flows into the drainage systems. Then the contaminated water is carried into lakes, streams, and rivers. What this means is the next time you go swimming in your favorite spot, you could be swimming in fecal water. Studies have shown that up to 30% of bacteria found in watersheds come from pet waste!

According to [livescience.com](http://livescience.com) America's 83 million pet dogs produce about 10.6 million tons of poop every year!

#### 2. DISEASE-CAUSING BACTERIA AND PARASITES

The parasites and bacteria in dog waste can spread disease to other dogs and even you if not properly picked up. E. coli and salmonella are some of the bacteria which are carried in dog waste. Even if your dog does not show symptoms of being sick their waste can carry diseases that are harmful to humans and other pets. Plus, Coronavirus, Giardiasis, Parvovirus, Cryptosporidiosis, Salmonellosis, and Campylobacteriosis, along with several types of worms like ringworm and tapeworm.

The parasites and bacteria can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you're putting other people's pets at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. Children who play outside and gardeners are at the most risk for contamination. This harmful bacteria also affects water quality. There are nutrients and pathogens that can pollute the water if the poop is not disposed of correctly. When your furry best friend does his business and the waste ends up in the water, it decomposes and releases harmful nutrients that will cause excessive growth of algae and weeds in the water. The water will become smelly and unusable for locals to swim, fish, or boat in. When water is polluted with this kind of waste it can cause severe illness for humans.

You should avoid letting your dog poop within 200 feet of a body of water and remember to never throw dog waste into a storm drain.



3. IT'S COMMON COURTESY TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG  
Picking up after your dog is not only common courtesy but your duty as a pet owner. When feces is left lying in yards, grassy areas, parks, and even the sidewalk the smell can quickly become overwhelming! IT STINKS! When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, what waste your dog makes is your responsibility to pick up. It is even the law to clean up after your pet in some urban and suburban areas. Plus, it's just good manners.

While it may be convenient to re-use plastic grocery bags, a more environmentally-friendly option is biodegradable baggies made specifically for the job.

#### 4. DOG POOP IS NOT A FERTILIZER

If you think, as many people do, that dog waste is a natural fertilizer, think again. Since most dogs' diets are high in protein, it has the reverse effect of fertilizer. Dog poop is exceptionally high in nitrogen and phosphorus, so if you let your dog's waste lay in your grass, it can actually cause burns in your lawn. Since it's so acidic, it will kill your grass if it isn't picked up.

Dog waste isn't the same as cow manure since cows eat plant matter. While cow poop can be used as compost in gardens and fields. In fact, dog poop can contaminate fruits, vegetables, and surrounding areas with harmful bacteria if not composted properly.

You might think that your dog's poop cannot do much harm. However, it can throw off the balance of an ecosystem especially in heavily populated areas. An ecosystem can handle about two dogs per square mile. However, in many cities, there are close to 125 dogs per square mile! Which is plenty to throw off an ecosystem especially if some owners are not picking up pet waste on a regular basis.

## August 21st is Senior Citizen's Day

"For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older." --President Ronald



## IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO HAVE YOUR HEAT TAPE CHECKED AND PLUGGED IN FOR THE WINTER.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO GET ON THE LIST FOR THIS FREE SERVICE THAT WE DO IN OCTOBER. CALL COLEEN 839-5577



\*\*\*\*Even if you were on the list last year, you need to call to be put on the list for 2021\*\*\*\*

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FOR FRIENDLY VILLAGE LIVING\***

## **NEW HOMES FOR SALE**

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

**7 TAMARACK CIRCLE—pending Oct 2021 tentative delivery**  
**14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—pending Feb 2022 tentative delivery**  
**7 BEECH CIRCLE— pending Feb 2022 tentative delivery**  
**39 HEMLOCK DRIVE—pending March 2022 tentative delivery**  
**65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Pending May 2022 tentative delivery**

## **PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE**

**\*\* SOLD: Closing soon\*\*** 30 Evergreen Drive 1984 Skyline 2 BD 2 BA 14x70 home with a n attached sunroom and awnings. This is a wonderful home to enjoy sitting out in the summer under the awnings or in the sunroom enjoying the breeze . The home has two bedrooms located at each end of the home with a LARGE open concept Kitchen/ Livingroom/Dining area between. Each bedroom has its own bathroom, bathroom at the back has an laundry room located off from it. Home has a metal roof, fairly new furnace and comes all the appliances. 8x10 shed also part of the sale. Sale price: \$54,000

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