



In like a lion!

Community News ~ March 2022

Friendly Village of Gorham



out like a lamb.

Dates to remember in March:

- 1 - Mardi Gras
- 13 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 12 - Girl Scout Day
- 15 - Ides of March
- 17 - Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 - March Equinox, First Day of Spring
- 21 - International Day of Forests
- 22- World Water Day
- 23- National Puppy Day
- 31 - National Crayon Day



Residents!!

Please use caution around the Community snow plows and Residents clearing their driveways. We sometimes 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!

If your street light is out, please call the office and let us know. The front of the park, maintenance changes the lights. Back of the park are CMP area lights and the office has to report the outage to Central Maine Power.
Thank you



May you find pots of gold at the end of your rainbow.

Daylight Savings begins, Sunday March 13, 2022 at 2:00 AM

turn your clocks *forward* 1 hour to be 3:00 AM local time

**TRASH NOT PICKED UP ON MONDAYS
CALL GORHAM PUBLIC WORKS 892-9062
TOWN OF GORHAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR REGULAR TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP**



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



MANAGEMENT CORNER

So you think spring is finally here? There is still time for a sneaky snow storm so don't put the shovels away yet!

With good window opening weather coming here are a few reminders:

Please keep TV, radios and stereos noise down, so your neighbor doesn't have listen to what you are.

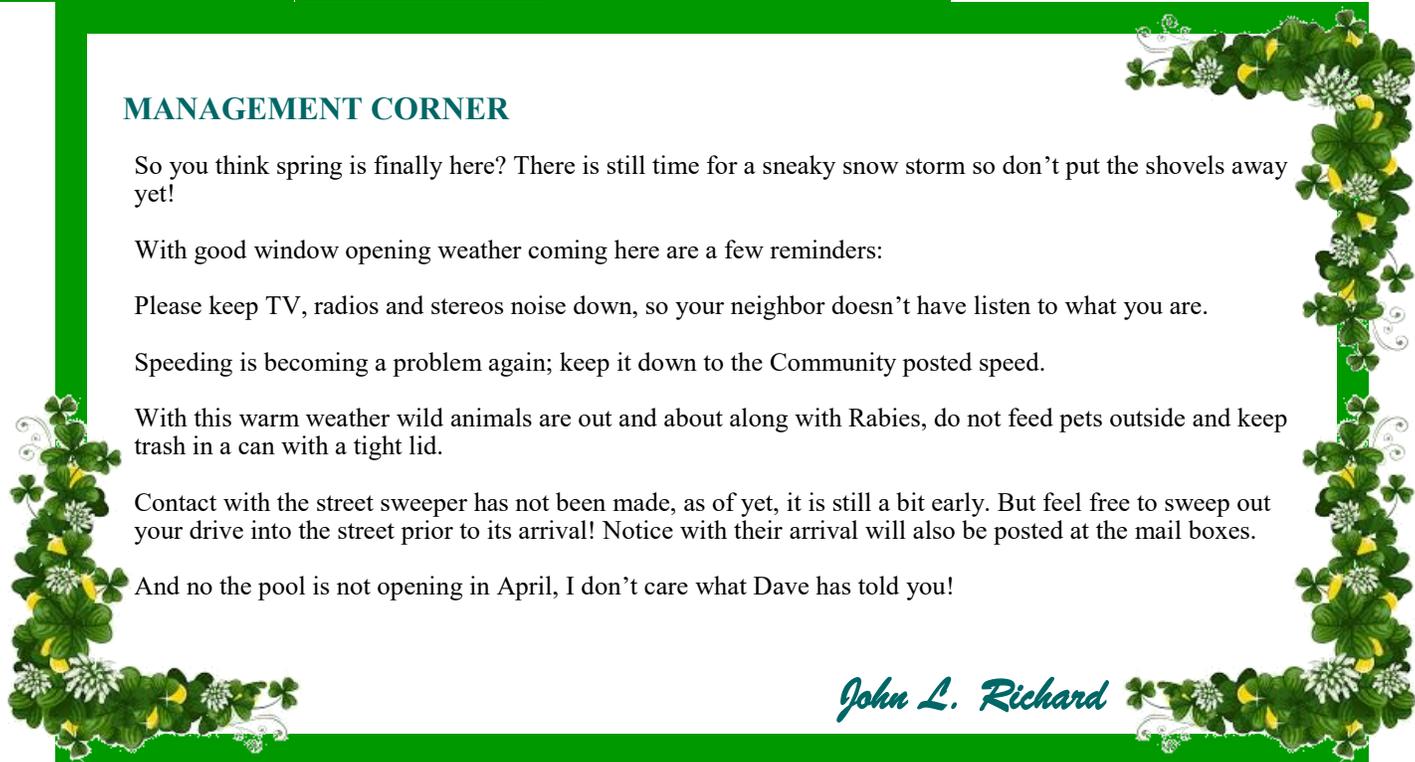
Speeding is becoming a problem again; keep it down to the Community posted speed.

With this warm weather wild animals are out and about along with Rabies, do not feed pets outside and keep trash in a can with a tight lid.

Contact with the street sweeper has not been made, as of yet, it is still a bit early. But feel free to sweep out your drive into the street prior to its arrival! Notice with their arrival will also be posted at the mail boxes.

And no the pool is not opening in April, I don't care what Dave has told you!

John L. Richard



Favorite Corned Beef and Cabbage

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 2-3/4 hours

YIELD: 10 servings.

. This is how to make corned beef and cabbage.

Ingredients

- 1 corned beef brisket (about 4 pounds) with spice packet
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 3-1/2 pounds small potatoes (10-15), peeled
- 8 medium carrots, halved crosswise
- 1 medium head cabbage, cut into wedges
- **HORSERADISH SAUCE:**
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup horseradish

• 1. Place brisket, contents of seasoning packet, brown sugar and bay leaves in a large Dutch oven or stockpot; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 2 hours.

• 2. Add potatoes and carrots; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, just until beef and vegetables are tender, 30-40 minutes. (If pot is full, remove potatoes and carrots before adding cabbage; reheat before serving.)

• 3. Add cabbage to pot; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until cabbage is tender, about 15 minutes. Remove vegetables and corned beef; keep warm.

• 4. For horseradish sauce, strain and reserve 1-1/2 cups cooking juices; skim fat from reserved juices. Discard remaining juices. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; stir in flour until smooth. Gradually whisk in 1 cup reserved juices. Stir in sugar, vinegar and horseradish; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until thickened. If desired, thin with additional juices and season to taste with additional sugar, vinegar or horseradish.

• 5. Cut beef across the grain into slices. Serve with vegetables and sauce.

Do you qualify for an Exemption on your taxes?

Will you have owned your home for at least 12 months prior to April 1st? If so, you might qualify for a Homestead Exemption. Visit: www.gorham-me.org for the form or stop by the Gorham Town Office for more information.

Are you a veteran?

You may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of your property. Are you a veteran who was *not* dishonorably discharged? Did you serve during any recognized war period? Are you over 62 or an unremarried widow of a qualifying veteran? Visit: www.gorham-me.org or stop by the Gorham Town Office for more information.

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.

Problems logging in to your existing account. Call the office if you have trouble logging on to make your online payment. We will reset your account via email with all the information to reset your account.

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

No Hassle.

Rent payment,



Sales Referral Program

Any current resident of Friendly Village can earn one month free rent by referring a party who purchases a new home.

The program applies to new homes and to Maine Mobile Homes broker deals if the seller of the brokered home participates by paying the referral fee. If the seller does not participate then the current award of \$100 for the referral of a brokered home sale applies. The name of the referral and the resident making the referral must be submitted in writing to Friendly Village management **prior** to the referral's first meeting with the Friendly Village Sales Department. Forms at the Office.

Spring and Summer Home Maintenance

It's important for you to conduct routine maintenance on your home to prepare it for the changing seasons. Here are a few tips to keep in mind for the spring and summer.

For the inside of your home, start by

Changing your air filters every 30 to 90 days

Clean behind and under furniture

Deep clean all your kitchen appliances inside and out. Be sure to throw away any outdated products left in your fridge or pantry.

Dust blinds and wash curtains to help prevent dust and dirt from building up

Clean out drains and dryer vents

The outside of your home is just as important as it serves as the first line of defense against mother nature. Be sure to Conduct regular yard maintenance including trimming trees and shrubs around your home

Check window screens for holes or tears

Check your roof for damaged or missing shingles and leaks

Remove debris from gutters and around down spouts

You've got to take the good with the bad, smile with the sad, love what you've got, and remember what you had.

Always forgive, but never forget. Learn from mistakes, but never regret.

Unknown author

Written by Allison Fallon

8 Ways to Get Rid of Clutter and Get Your Life Back

It's safe to say most of us wish our lives were less cluttered than they are. And yet when it comes to actually going through our physical possessions and getting rid of the stuff we don't need, most of us get stuck.

Maybe we tell ourselves we don't really have the time to do that, or we convince ourselves we don't really have that much clutter anyway. But there is a significant amount of research that shows what common sense could have told us all along, which is that clutter causes more than just a mess. It causes us a significant amount of stress. It bombards our minds with stimuli and makes it more difficult for us to relax.

Not to mention, when we actually do get around to going through our possessions and sorting through what we need and what we don't, our brain tricks us into thinking we're more attached to those things than we actually are. A new study shows that the part of your brain that lights up when you get rid of clutter is the same part that registers when you experience physical pain.

No wonder it's so hard for us to clear out the clutter.

I thought I'd give you a few simple ways to get rid of clutter — a guide you can follow — so that when you make the attempt to clear your clutter and your brain tries to protest, you have a solid plan you can follow, reminding yourself, "this will be worth it in the end." Here are eight steps you can take to start clearing out the clutter. If you've been putting off this task, any of these places would be a great place to start.

1. Clothes you haven't worn.

Go to your closet and clean out anything you haven't worn in twelve months. Or if it's in season and you haven't worn it this season, give it up. If you're anything like me, you have dozens of items hanging in your closets or stuffed in your drawers not only that you don't wear, but that you actually dislike!

.Get rid of them. Clear out space for something better. Side note: if you have a hard time getting rid of some of these things, tell yourself you can keep it for one more week but you have to wear it this week. If you wear it, and love it, keep it. If you wear it and remember to yourself, "oh yeah, I remember now why I hated this shirt" it's time to let it go.

2. Kitchen appliances or tools you don't use. My guess would be your kitchen is full of things you don't ever use. Aside from a few seasonal things, like a big pan for your thanksgiving turkey, for example, there is just no reason to keep things in your kitchen that you aren't using at least four to five times a year.

Do you have a crock pot you never use? Either use it, or get rid of it. Do you have a blender that couldn't cut a scoop of ice cream on a warm day? Maybe you're holding onto it because you haven't wanted to invest in one that actually works. Get rid of the old one. You'll either forget about it completely, or it will motivate you to start saving for something a little more effective.

3. Any Duplicates. Do you have two vacuum cleaners or two lawn mowers? Maybe you got a new one and you're keeping the old one. Why? Just in case? Just in case of what? The running joke I have with myself is that if I need a second one of something I have, I know where to find it: the store.

That may sound wasteful or irresponsible to you, but the truth is we often overestimate the value of our possessions (ever tried to buy something on Craigslist?). More importantly, I rarely, if ever, have to go out and buy a second one of anything.

4. Expired Products.

Most of us are holding onto products — in our bathroom, our kitchen, our medicine cabinet, or our refrigerator — that are expired, nearly gone, or that we used once and decided we'd never use again. Throw them out! It will feel good, I promise.

Just go through the space under your bathroom sink and get rid of all of those bottles that are nearly empty anyway, that hairspray you bought that you never liked, or the cough medicine from 1993. You don't need it. It's taking up space. The same is true with your refrigerator, freezer and pantry. One time for fun I tried to eat for a week on just what was in my freezer and pantry already, instead of grocery shopping. It was a total challenge, it saved me money, and it makes me think twice next time I think about buying that giant pack of tuna fish from Costco, just because it's on sale.

5. Junk drawer.

I understand the need for a junk drawer as much as the next person, but every now and then it's good to go through your junk drawer and realize that most of the stuff in it is (surprise) junk. You can throw it out.

6. Books.

When it comes to books, I divide mine into four categories. First, you have books you bought (or were given to you) but that you will never read.

Second, you have books you have read but that you would like to keep so that you can reference them. Or, maybe they're a collectors edition, or simply a nice copy you'd like to keep on your shelf.

Third, you have books you've read but that you will never look at again. And finally, you have books that you purchased and plan to read, but haven't gotten around to it yet. When you are able to divide your books into these categories, it becomes easier to let the books go that you will never read, or that you've read but don't plan to read again.

Design a simple life. Start here. Start now.

You can design a life of less—and more. More of what you

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: friendlyvillage@maine.rr.com
 www.mainemobilehomes.com
 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.



Driveway and walkway snow cleanup
Year Round Services
CHRIS McGOON
NERAK PROPERTY SERVICES
207-504-7786
EMAIL: nerakproperty@gmail.com

 Call our office if you can offer services to residents for
 shoveling, snow blowing and clearing off roofs. We will
 put an ad in the newsletter



Interested in selling your home??
Give the office a call, Coleen will be glad to help you with a
speedy and smooth selling process.

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

39 HEMLOCK DRIVE—May 2022 tentative delivery: 2022 Pine Grove 14x60 2 BD 1 BA Wonderful open floorplan with a cute porch on front. This home will be installed in a neighborhood of multiple other new homes, on a sunny corner lot . Enter the home protected from the weather onto a porch, to the open living room/kitchen area. The kitchen features salvaged oak cabinets, our premium stainless steel appliance package, luxury dark vinyl floors and eat at bar. Both bedrooms have heavyweight sunset beige carpeting, and large closets for storage. Utility area of home is ready for a stackable washer/dryer unit for space saving. Should be move in ready for June 2022 list price \$139,900 plus tax

******* 2022 DESIGN AND ORDER HOMES COMING FOR SPRING & SUMMER**
ALREADY PURCHASED:

14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—pending April 2022 tentative delivery
7 BEECH CIRCLE— pending April 2022 tentative delivery
65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—July 2022 tentative delivery

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

NO USED HOMES FOR SALE AT THIS TIME

WE STILL HAVE SOME WINTER WINDS TO DEAL
WITH FOR A WHILE. HANG IN THERE, SPRING IS
RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!!

