



COMMUNITY NEWS
FRIENDLY VILLAGE
of GORHAM
JULY 2022



- Current Events for July 2020**
- 4th Independence Day
 - 5th National Fried Chicken Day
 - 10th National Kitten Day
 - 17th National Ice Cream Day
 - 24th National Parents Day
 - 25th National Hire a Veteran Day
 - 30th National Cheesecake Day
 - International Friendship Day
 - 31st National Mutt Day

Please Note:
Friendly Village Office will be closed Monday, July 4th.
Enjoy your 4th of July weekend and be safe!

Remember:
No Town trash pickup on Monday the 4th, it will be picked up Tuesday, July 5th
Thank you!


How to Save Water in your Garden

1: Water your Garden in the morning
Early morning there is less evaporation, and plants can utilize the moisture for afternoon heat. Leaves will be dry going into the evening preventing fungal disease on foliage.


2: Mulch Mulch Mulch
Up to 70% of water can evaporate from the soil on a hot day if you don't have mulch as a protective layer on top. **Mulch is one of the best moisture holding strategies you can employ.** In the South, they used pine needles, we have plenty in FV, composted chopped leaves work well also.

3: Water-wise pot choice
Terracotta plant pots are very porous and do not hold moisture for your plants very long. Glazed or plastic pots will hold moisture longer.

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



****REMINDER****
There has been an increase in sightings of bags of trash, recycling and bottle recycling on porches and decks.
ALL TRASH MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT. Help keep our community looking nice.



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. Same goes for open burning.

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 installation, you need the approval prior from the office for location.

I would like to thank those residents who work hard to keep their sites looking good so far!

JOHN L. RICHARD

Creamy Chicken Pasta

Ingredients:

Kosher salt	2 T unsalted butter
1 shallot	2 celery stalks, sliced thin plus leaves
2 carrots, shredded	1 t chopped fresh thyme
Black pepper	½ c dry sherry
1 ½ c heavy cream	1 ¼ lb. chicken breast cut in thin strips
Pinch of nutmeg	1 c grated gruyere (about 4 oz)
¼ c grated parmesan	¼ c chopped fresh parsley
12 oz fresh fettuccine	1 c sugar snap peas thinly sliced

Directions:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the shallot and cook until slightly softened, about 1 minute. Add the celery, carrots, thyme, ¾ teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper and cook until the vegetables soften, about 2 minutes. Add the sherry and cook until slightly reduced, about 2 minutes. Stir in the heavy cream and nutmeg and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer until the sauce thickens slightly, about 5 minutes.

Add the chicken to the sauce; increase the heat to medium and simmer until just cooked through, about 3 minutes. Add the gruyere and parmesan and continue simmering, stirring occasionally, until the cheese melts and the sauce thickens, about 2 minutes (do not boil). Add the parsley; season with salt and pepper.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook as the label directs. Drain, then add to the sauce and toss. Sprinkle in the peas; serve topped with celery leaves.

Level: Easy

Total: 40 min

Prep: 15 min

Cook: 25 min

Yield: 4 to 6 servings



Senior Tax Relief Assistance Deadline August 1st.

Gorham residents over 65 years old may apply for property tax assistance again this year by completing a form available at the Town Clerk's office or printed from the Town of Gorham website. It must be returned to the Clerk's office by August 1, 2022..

To qualify, seniors must meet all of the following criteria: be at least 65 years old, have lived in the home as an owner or renter for the past year, have been a resident of Gorham for at least five years, and have household income that does not exceed qualifying limits. Taxes on the property must be paid through the current year.

The application must show all income from all members of the household. The application lists what qualifies as income and includes social security and pension benefits even if they are not taxable. The income limits have increased slightly over last year. For one person the limit is \$70,369, for two people \$80,438, three people \$90,506, and \$101,430 for four.

Applicants must attach copies of their 2021 tax filing (page 1&2), or if they do not file taxes, other forms that document income. There can only be one application per household. In addition to tax filings, applicants must include a copy of one form of identification, such as a drivers license, Maine State I.D., or passport. Applicants who are renters are to attach a copy of their lease as well.

Application does not guarantee a rebate. Benefits will range from \$200 to \$500 with applicants with lower income receiving the most relief. Decisions on eligibility and benefits will be made by the Town Clerk's office and are final, but may be appealed to the Town Council.

The Senior Property Tax Assistance Ordinance can be read online by clicking on Ordinances on the town website. Seniors who have questions or need assistance in completing the application should call 222-1671 or email seniorrebate@gorham.me.us to schedule an appointment. Copy of forms available at the park office for pickup.

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 dishwashing 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

Tips on How to Use Water Wisely This Summer

1. Plug the sink or bath instead of running the water to rinse your razor, or wait for the water to adjust to your desired temperature.
2. Use your dishwasher. Dishwashers save more water and energy than washing dishes by hand. Energy Star dishwashers are more energy efficient than older models, so they end up reducing water waste. If washing dishes by hand, scrap food in the trash before washing, plug the sink, and then wash.
3. Avoid playing with recreational water toys that require a considerable amount of water. Try water guns or water balloons for some fun in the sun.
4. Instead of using the hose to clean sidewalks, garages and driveways, grab a broom.
5. Recycle water. If you drop ice cubes, or need to get rid of water you used to steam vegetables, don't waste it. You can use the water to feed plants, or turn the excess water into a soup.
6. Check your hoses, faucets and appliances regularly for leaks.
7. Place tissues into a trash can instead of flushing them.
8. Purchase a plastic or aluminum water bottle. It will cut down on the amount of water you waste washing glasses.
9. Wash your car on your lawn. That way your lawn will get watered at the same time.

12 FUN FILED THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS THIS SUMMER IN MAINE

1. Acadia National Park

Located on Mount Desert Island, [Acadia National Park](#) is one of the most popular places in Maine for hiking, camping, kayaking and more. Kids of any age will love the natural beauty here.

2. Whale Watching

There are few adventures as exciting as [whale watching in Maine](#)! Head to [Cap'n Fish's Whale Watch](#) in Boothbay Harbor, or [Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co.](#), and see humpback whales, fin whales, and more.

3. A Portland Sea Dogs Baseball Game

The [Portland Sea Dogs](#) are the AA minor league affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, and a Sea Dogs game is one of the best things to with kids in Maine! Minor league baseball games are both family-friendly and budget-friendly!

4. The Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine

Located in Portland, the [Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine](#) is the perfect outing for kids. Exciting exhibits, theater shows, educational programs and more are in store!

5. Fishing Charters

[Maine fishing charters](#) are great for kids and parents alike, allowing them to experience the thrill of not only the ocean but reeling in fish you can't catch from the shore.

6. York's Wild Kingdom

[York's Wild Kingdom](#) is a popular choice for things to do with kids in Maine, and it's easy to see why. Exotic wildlife (like the Bengal tiger and spider monkey), animal presentations, an exciting amusement park, and more can be found at York's Wild Kingdom.

7. Wolfe's Neck Farm

Located by the water in Freeport, ME, scenic [Wolfe's Neck Farm](#) offers visitors camping, hiking, bike rentals, hay-wagon tours, summer camps, agricultural education, and more.

8. Kayaking

Thanks to the state's many lakes, rivers, and miles of coastline, [Maine kayaking](#) is a fun activity that kids will love! Head to [Sebago Lake](#), one of the state's best kayaking spots, and enjoy paddling its beautiful waters.

9. Funtown Splashtown USA

Summer isn't complete without a trip to a waterpark. Head to [Funtown Splashtown USA](#) and enjoy the park's exciting slides and pools, as well as the classic park rides. This park is one of the most fun things to do with kids in Maine!

10. Carousel Music Theater

If your family has an appreciation for great theater performances, take them to Boothbay Harbor's [Carousel Music Theater](#). Enjoy coffee, dessert, food, and more before the show!

11. Maine Wildlife Park

Gray, ME, is home to the [Maine Wildlife Park](#), where visitors can see and learn all about the exciting animals that inhabit the state, like moose, bald eagles, and more. Don't forget to tour the fish hatchery!

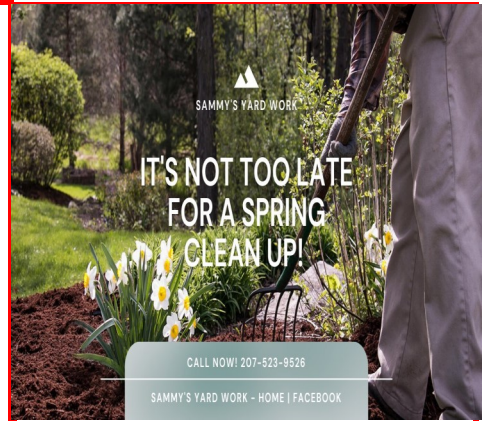
12. Lobster Tours

Lobster is the premier food of New England dining, so why not see where they come from? [Maine lobster tours](#) are both educational and exciting.

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Emergency dial: 9-1-1
Non-emergency dial: 839-5581

For Friendly Village
Maintenance Emergencies:
Water-Sewer-Power
Dial Friendly Village Pager:
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For Use In An Emergency Only
Weekends & After Office Hours

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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.



ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT.
***LOOK INTO DESIGNING YOUR OWN NEW HOME**
FOR FRIENDLY VILLAGE LIVING*

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

39 HEMLOCK DRIVE—IT'S HERE!!!!: 2022 Pine Grove 14x60 2 BD 1 BA Wonderful open floor-plan 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 wood look vinyl floors and eat at bar. Both bedrooms have heavy duty pad & 45 oz sunset beige carpeting, and large closets for storage. Utility area of home is ready for a space saving stackable washer/dryer unit. Comes with an 8x12 shed stained to match the home, custom built steps & composite deck with vinyl rails. Lawn, driveway and walkways installed as weather permits. List price \$159,900 plus tax

******* 2022 DESIGN AND ORDER HOMES COMING FOR SPRING & SUMMER**
ALREADY PURCHASED:
14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—Delivered and installed
7 BEECH CIRCLE— Sold and resident moved in
65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Aug 4th tentative delivery

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

69 MAPLE DRIVE—SOLD
42 EVERGREEN DRIVE: SOLD