



FRIENDLY VILLAGE of GORHAM COMMUNITY NEWS AUGUST 2022



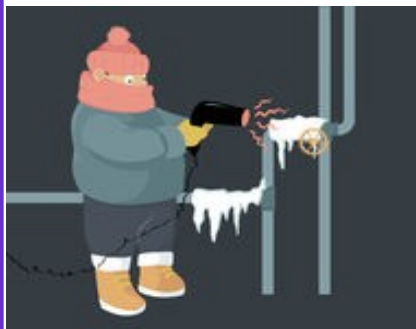
Special Dates in August

- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 5 International Beer Day
- 7 Sisters Day
- 10 National Spoil Your Dog Day
- 13 Left Hander's Day
- 19 National Potato Day
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 25 National Park Service Founders Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day



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

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 2022****

August Fairs to check out:

Bangor Fair: July 28 - August 6, **Northern Maine Fair:** July 30 - August 7

Topsham Fair: August 7 – 14, **Skowhegan State Fair:** August 11 – 20

Pembroke Trotting Park: August 20 - 21

Maine Farm Days: August 24 – 25, **Acton Fair:** August 25 - 28

Piscataquis Valley Fair: August 25 – 28,

Washington County Fair: August 27 – 28, **Windsor Fair:** August 28 - September 5

MANAGER'S CORNER:

**Please be conservative with your water use, as we are in a
modified drought.**

Reminding you those utility trailers are not to be stored at your site unless it is in your driveway per Community Guide lines.

Yes it's time to be thinking about heat tapes, call the office to sign up for our free heat tape check.

Satellite TV dishes are allowed on the **home** only!

Any improvement must get approval from Park Office.

Now is a good time to inspect your oil tank for painting needs and possible leaks.

JOHN L. RICHARD





LAWN TREATMENT PROGRAM

CEDAR RAPIDS - IOWA CITY - DES MOINES - WATERLOO - CEDAR FALLS - QUAD CITIES

1. EARLY SPRING

Your lawn needs extra nutrients to maintain color and density. At this time we will apply a quick release fertilizer. Now is also a great time for spring aeration.

2. SPRING

With the weather turning warmer we apply a slow release fertilizer that prepares your lawn for summer. We will also apply preventive crabgrass control at this time.

3. EARLY SUMMER

Grub Control/Insect Control is applied, giving season-long control against grubs and the damage they cause. Lawn-Tek highly recommends grub control on all lawns, as they can cause extensive damage to a lawn.

4. SUMMER

Summer conditions can stress your lawn. To prepare for the warm season ahead, we fertilize, look for problems, and treat weeds as necessary. Remember to water, preferably in the early morning.

5. LATE SUMMER

Care continues with a summer fertilizer application that helps maintain color without encouraging excess growth. Weeds will be treated if necessary, and if grubs are present, we recommend a control option for you.

6. EARLY FALL

Your lawn needs help rebounding from summer stress. We provide proper fertilization to facilitate recovery, and treat weeds as necessary. Now is a great time for a fall aeration and to seed any bare areas!

7. LATE FALL

The late fall / winterizer promotes root growth and food storage important for your lawn's survival during winter months.



Dog Ice Cream

Ingredients:

16 oz of plain yogurt

1 ripe banana

1/3 cup of Peanut Butter (you could use a bit less if desired)

Instructions:

Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Once all of the ingredients are blended, pour the mixture into your desired containers for freezing. Place in the freezer for at least a few hours to harden. Feed to your pups and enjoy their excitement and gratitude (I like to pretend my dogs say thank you. I know they mean it).



Thicken Your Lawn by OVERSEEDING

Why Overseed Your Lawn?

The weather, kids, and pets can be tough on lawns. By applying grass seed over an existing lawn, you can help fill in bare spots and reinvigorate your lawn. It's an easy and effective way to strengthen your lawn and thicken your grass to help naturally protect against weed problems.



THIN LAWN



THICK LAWN

Overseeding helps to:

- ✓ Revive a worn & thin lawn
- ✓ Fill in bare spots
- ✓ Crowds out weeds by thickening lawn
- ✓ Improve heat & drought tolerance



How to Overseed

1 PREP

Before overseeding your lawn, you should mow your lawn at the lowest setting and bag the clippings. This will allow the seed to come into contact with the soil when you spread it. After mowing, rake to remove debris, dead grass, and loosen soil. To choose the best seed for your area, see map below.



2 SEED

Now comes the easy part. Fill up your Scotts® spreader with grass seed, adjusting the setting according to label directions and apply. For best results, use Scotts® Turf Builder® Starter® Food For New Grass before watering to help new grass grow thicker and quicker.*

Seed Tip: Use the reseeding settings on the back of your seed package.

*Versus unfed.



3 WATER

To get your seed going, water your lawn once or twice per day based on weather conditions, until the new seedlings have reached the height of your existing lawn.

Water Tip: Use a water timer to help you mist your lawn frequently.



Lawn Tip:

You can continue to mow your lawn as needed, but try to limit the activity on your lawn until your new seedlings have reached a mowing height.

When to Overseed



SPRING -OR- FALL

NORTHERN LAWNS – Spring and fall give you the right conditions for cool-season grass seed. In the fall the soil is still warm, but the air is cooler, providing optimal growing conditions.

SOUTHERN LAWNS – Late-spring through mid-summer provide ideal conditions for warm-season grass seed.

Choosing the Best Seed for Your Area

Use the map below to determine your grass seed region.

For additional help determining what Scotts® seed will best suit your project, click on the **Scotts® Grass Seed Selector Tool** below.

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.



How to Grow Grass in Sand or Gravel Conditions

Sandy, gravel-filled soil, while providing well-drained, healthy conditions for some plant life, poses difficulties for grass growth. Grass typically requires a high level of moisture to remain lush and vigorous, and neither sand nor gravel retain water well. Moisture runs through these soil types faster than others, and the frequent watering they require also tends to wash away nutrients. Regular amendments to sand or gravel conditions can improve soil retention and allow drought-tolerant grass varieties to flourish.

To water wisely and encourage deep root growth (too much water makes the grass roots shallow and susceptible to drought sooner) put your sprinkler on a timer, 10 or 15 minutes very early in the morning and again in the evening.

VERY IMPORTANT

To hold nutrients, and water in the root zone of your new grass it is a must to add organic matter. Peat moss, composted cow manure, any kind of compost all add bits and pieces to the soil so it can hold moisture and nutrients at root level. Lawns need a feeding schedule, especially in sandy soil conditions like we have here at Friendly Village. Ask around the community and if someone has a beautiful lawn, they work at it. Ask them what they do to get that nice lawn. You cannot plant some grass seed, water it a bit and expect to have a nice looking lawn.

Coleen



It is already time to prepare to go "back to school"

- Go to this website for a printable back to school budget plan and clothes shopping checklist: <http://organizedhome.com/time-money/back-school-save-money-school-supplies>
- Get prepared before you hit the stores. Go through the kids closets and drawers and get rid of clothes that don't fit or are worn out. Donate clothes to Goodwill or take them to a consignment shop and get some cash to go towards school shopping. Set aside clothes that still fit and look good and incorporate them into the new wardrobe. Make a list of the new clothes items they will need, such as shoes, pants, shirts, skirts, and underwear. Don't forget that accessories can be inexpensive and give a great way to change up a look.
- Go to your child's school website to get a list of school supplies needed. Be sure to scavenge the house to see what you already have on hand and left-overs from last year's school supplies that can be reused. Use common sense when purchasing these supplies and only purchase what is absolutely necessary. Go to AllYou.com/coupons to get coupons.
- Check out Target, Staples, and Discountschoolsupplies.com to see about price match programs.
- Use your Shop Savvy app on your smart phone to scan bar codes to be sure you are getting the best deals.
- Go shopping on week nights or days to save yourself the hassle of trying to get through crowds of other shoppers.
- Check consignment shops for great deals on barely worn clothes.
- Target, Wal-Mart, Marshall's, and TJ Maxx often have discount lines of designer labels to keep your child in top fashion.
- Save your receipts for a few weeks after shopping. Some stores will reimburse you if they have items that go on sale right after you have made your purchase.
- For your college students, be sure to check out the prices of the books they need on Amazon. COM. Chances are good that they will be less expensive than in the college bookstore.



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:
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Weekends & After Office Hours

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(Hours subject to change w/out notice.)
Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



Yard Cleanup Services:
(listed alphabetically)

Anyone interested in
running an ad for a service
such as lawn mowing, yard
work, etc. Call the office I will
be happy to place your ad in
the next newsletter.



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 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 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

65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Aug 4th tentative delivery

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

39 MAPLE DR 2007 14 x 68 This Titan home has been well maintained and you will love the screen porch for those warm nights, to sit out and enjoy the breeze without the bugs. Two large bedrooms at each end, Primary bedroom has a walk-in shower in its attached bath. Other bedroom is right next door to the main bath. Large kitchen featured tons of oak cabinets for lots of storage, it opens into the living room which makes a wonderful entertaining area, easy clean laminate floors. Great home, asking \$94,900



IF YOU ARE THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME GIVE THE OFFICE A CALL TO TALK ABOUT LISTING YOUR HOME. COLEEN LISTS ALL OVER THE INTERNET FOR FAST SALES. REMEMBER WE HAVE A SALES REFERRAL PROGRAM TO ANYONE YOU SEND TO US THAT BUYS A HOME THROUGH OUR OFFICE. See the office for restrictions and form.

We are currently not taking custom orders due to the wait time for delivery, call the office if you have questions. CONTACT COLEEN AT OUR OFFICE, 839-5577

