



# FRIENDLY VILLAGE of GORHAM

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Please Note:

**Friendly Village Office will be closed Monday, September 5th, for Labor Day**

TIME TO PLAN AHEAD TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th ELECTION!!

August to just prior to Election:

Plan ahead if you are going to absentee ballot vote this year. Go online or call the Town of Gorham Town Clerks office to request an absentee ballot. They will mail it to you and you have some options to get the ballot back to the Town:

- ◆ You can mail it back, make sure to put proper postage on it
- ◆ You can drop it off at the drop off box at the Town Office

Mid October to day before Election Day:

Early Voting will be available at the Gorham Town Office starting early October , call the Town Clerk's office for info: 207-222-1670 (I did not have a start date at publish time). Early voting you stop by the Town Off anytime during their normal business hours.

November 8th: Friendly Village is Ward 2 and voting will be at the Town office, Shaw Gym

#### *Special Dates in September*

5	Labor Day
7	National Beer Lovers Day
11	Patriot Day
11	Grandparent's Day
17	Citizenship Day
22	September Equinox
27	National Voter Registration Day

**FRIENDLY VILLAGE COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**  
**RAIN DATE SUNDAY, 18TH**  
**9:00 AM TO 3 PM**  
**WILL POST ON FV FACEBOOK & FB MARKPLACE**  
**FEEL FREE TO SHARE ON YOUR PAGES**



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

#### MANAGER'S CORNER:

We are still in a severe drought so please con serve your water usage till more rain has falling!

Schools open, so please drive with caution! Parents are also reminded to speak to their kids about walking down the side of the road, not in the middle.

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

Reminder: Satellite TV dishes are allowed on the home only!

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

After Labor Day the pool will be closing but depending on weather and usage we may stay open for another week, but only till 4:30

As the leaf season approaches please on over filled bags, as we have to throw them five or more feet on to the truck!

**JOHN L. RICHARD**

## Blueberry Pie

Since 1992, Rachel Pilling of Deer Isle, ME and her twin Sister, Rebekah, have entered blueberry pies in the Blue Hill Fair's annual pie contest. This recipe, which calls for grape juice, garnered the blue ribbon.

It's sure to win the approval of your family and friends, too.

**Crust:** 2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp salt

2/3 cup vegetable shortening

5 to 6 tbsp cold grape juice

**Filling:** 4 cups blueberries

2 2/3 tbsp instant tapioca

2/3 – 1 cup sugar

1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice

2 tbsp butter

**Glaze:** 1 tbsp milk

1 tbsp sugar

To make the crust, combine the flour and salt in a bowl. Cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the grape juice, 1 tbsp at a time and mix until the dough forms a ball. Chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. For the filling, pour the blueberries into a bowl, toss tapioca and sugar. Let stand for 15 minutes.

In the meantime, divide the pie dough in half, roll out one of the halves into a circle 1/8 inch thick. Transfer the crust to a 9 inch pie plate and trim edges.

Add lemon juice to the blueberry mixture, toss and pour into the bottom crust. Dot with butter. Roll out the top crust, place over the blueberry filling and crimp edges. Use scraps of dough to decorate top of pie. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat the top crust with milk, then sprinkle with sugar.

*Prize winning tip: Judges like a dressed up pie. Pretty pies gain points; cracked pies might not even be tested. Try decorating the top.*

## Important Tips for Mobile Home Maintenance

Mobile and manufactured homes have many advantages over traditionally built houses, including affordability and mobility. These houses require routine maintenance just like any other home. But because they are constructed in a factory, they aren't designed the same as site-built homes. Thus, mobile and modular homes have entirely different maintenance concerns. Read on for important mobile home maintenance tips from Inspect-It 1st.

### 5 Tips for Mobile Home Maintenance

Just like any other piece of property, mobile homes require vigilant upkeep to protect your family and investment.

## Keep Your Home Properly Leveled

One essential concern when it comes to mobile home maintenance is making sure your home is leveled properly. Though mobile homes are leveled during installation, over time, they need to be adjusted. Keep an eye out for doors that don't close properly, and windows that don't seem to fit right, as it may mean your home is unbalanced. If your floors are creaking or you notice cracks in walls or ceilings, that is another indication that your mobile home needs to be re-leveled. To verify, use a carpenter's level at various places in your home.

While there are some do-it-yourself kits available, a lot is riding on a successful execution, and it may be best to call a professional.

## Maintain Your Mobile Home Skirting

Your mobile home's skirting, or perimeter enclosure insulates the whole residence, protects the belly of the structure, adds curb appeal and protest energy efficiency. If you notice holes in the skirting, repair them immediately so they don't cause further damage. The skirting needs to be secure but also requires adequate venting so humidity and mold can't damage the home. Proper ventilation is no joke! There is even a formula to determine if your mobile home has proper skirting ventilation. The formula (1:150) is based on the square footage of your home. For every 150 square foot of space under your home, you need one square foot of venting.

## Know Your Home's Plumbing

Understand that plumbing systems in mobile and manufactured homes differ slightly from that in traditional homes, but the overall concept is the same. In mobile homes, the plumbing pipes are located under the structure and are stubbed up through the floor, as opposed to within the walls, where they are located in conventional homes.

Frequently, mobile home plumbing systems are equipped with plastic or cross-linked polyethylene (pex) waterlines and PVC piping. In conventional homes, the system is likely to be made of galvanized pipe or copper waterlines.

In many areas, codes for site-built houses are quite strict and have changed very little over the years. Whereas manufacturers of modular and mobile are often the first to test and apply new technology.

Familiarize yourself with the system's ventilation pipes and the main stop valve so you can shut off your water in the event of an emergency.

## Prioritize Roof Care

The roof is your home's first line of defense against the outside elements. Mobile homeowners need to prioritize proper roof care to keep the property safe and sound. Due to the design of mobile homes, though, certain areas require particular attention.

Many mobile homes have flat roofs. Flat roofs—or nearly flat roofs—have special needs, especially in cold winter climates. Heavy snow can lead to property damage, and significant accumulations must be removed quickly. Repair and replace damaged roofing materials to mitigate problems.

You can extend the life of your roof by sealing it annually. Regular sealing can also prevent other issues from becoming worse. The type of roofing on your home will determine how often you need to seal it. Metal roofs, for example, require more frequent sealing than those with shingles.

The [National Roofing Contractors Association](#) (NRCA) urges homeowners to inspect their roofs at least two times each year, both in the spring and the fall.

## Perform Regular Inspections

As with any type of house, performing regular inspections—both inside and out—is a crucial responsibility of being a homeowner. By taking the time to check these key points of your home, you'll be able to catch potential problems before they become costly headaches.

Masonry piers

I-beams

Windows and Doors

Wood floor framing

Roof

Anchors and straps

## Are you wondering how to stretch your money to get you through the winter? Do you need Fuel Assistance?

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP or LiHEAP, provides heating assistance to income eligible households in Cumberland County to pay for a portion of their annual heating expenses. Applications are taken by appointment from August to April. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 553-5900 or 553-5800, or email at

[heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org](mailto:heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org).



**Please use caution when driving in the Friendly Village Community, and always come to a complete stop at STOP signs.**

- The posted speed limit is 15 MPH.
- Use extra care when coming to intersections and going around corners.
- Pedestrians should always walk facing the oncoming traffic.
- Anyone walking at dawn or dusk should be sure to wear light colored clothing or reflective wear, so they are visible for the motorist to see.

### THE GORHAM FOOD PANTRY

Located at St. Anne's Church at 99 Main St., Gorham, wanted to let people know their hours of operation and that they are open to all residents of the Town of Gorham.

Food Pantry runs: Every Second and Fourth day of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. Every Thursday 9 am to 11 am each month. Anyone who wishes to donate there is a box outside the door, lift up the lid and place your donation



### TIME TO CALL THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE HEAT TAPE CHECK.

OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF WILL GO AROUND IN OCTOBER TO CHECK IF HEAT TAPES ARE PLUGGED IN AND WORKING. MUST CALL THE OFFICE TO GET ON THE LIST FOR THIS SERVICE. CALL COLEEN 839-5577



The weather is still nice, but unfortunately it's going to be winter before we know it. Now is the perfect time to begin your Fall cleanup & pre-winter winterizing.

#### Inside:

Clean out dryer exhaust tubes & vents  
Get your furnace serviced and replace filters  
Drain sediment from hot water heater  
Test smoke & carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries in them

Replace furnace filter

Sweep chimney, if you have one  
Vacuum condenser coils on refrigerator  
Remove air conditioner units from windows

#### Outside:

Check weather stripping & caulking around doors & windows

Check & clean gutters & downspouts

Clean & store patio furniture

Drain & store garden hoses

Check exterior paint & touch-up as needed, such as trim, railing, and deck

Install insulation covers over exterior spigots

Inspect your roof, patch any trouble spots

Inspect heat tape and replace if necessary

Drain hoses and pipes from A/C condenser units and cover them

Insulate your water pipes with Insul-tubes from the hardware store

Drain gas from lawn mowers before storing them

### Woolly Bear

Woolly, woolly bear  
Who feeds on the weeds  
Hurry furry chestnut,  
Move at speed.

Wee hairy wombat  
Warming in the sun,  
On curlywurly loops  
Many feet run.

By dandelion and nettle  
Wriggly-squiggly crawl,  
When you are touched,  
Curl up in a ball.

Woolly, woolly bear,  
Ginger-beer froth,  
Varnish and change  
Into a tiger moth

Valerie Gillies



**POLICE - FIRE- RESCUE,  
Emergency dial: 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency dial: 839-5581**  
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**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,**  
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[www.mainemobilehomes.com](http://www.mainemobilehomes.com)  
[facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham](http://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.



## **Yard Cleanup Services:**

*Residents call the office all the time looking for help with lot care and do I know someone in the park who will do raking, mowing and snow removal. This is a GREAT place to advertise!!*

**Anyone interested in listing  
for Fall cleanup services or  
Winter clean up services.  
Call the office with your info**



**ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT.**

**CALL COLEEN 839-5577**

## **NEW HOME LISTINGS**

**39 HEMLOCK DRIVE:** 2022 Pine Grove 14x60 2 BD 1 BA Wonderful open floorplan with a cute porch on front. This home is 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 45 oz sunset beige carpeting with heavy duty pad , 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 \$155,900 plus tax

**\*\*\*\*\* 2022 DESIGN AND ORDER HOMES COMING FOR SUMMER & FALL**

### **ALREADY PURCHASED:**

**14 CHESTNUT CIRCLE—Delivered and installed**

**65 HEMLOCK DRIVE—Delivered and installing**

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

**\*\*UNDERCONTRACT\*\*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 LISITING 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**

