

It's finally...



Community News Friendly Village of Gorham April 2023



Please come to a complete stop at all STOP signs, then proceed slowly at **15 mph** throughout the Friendly Village.

REMINDER: Do not take short cuts thru other resident's yards. There are plenty of roadways to get around the park.

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



Open your windows and let some fresh air in...but please be mindful and considerate to your neighbors when having your windows open, because sounds travel. If you feel you must have your T.V. or stereo up loud in order to hear it and

enjoy it, please consider using headphones. All residents of the Friendly Village Community have the "Right to Quiet Enjoyment" as per the Friendly Village Community Guidelines.



Dates to Remember in April:

- 1- April Fool's Day
- 9- Easter
- 15- Tax Day
- 19- Administrative Professionals Day
- 22- Earth Day
- 23- National Take a Chance Day
- 26- International Guide Dog Day
- 28- Take Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 28- Arbor Day
- 30- Honesty Day



MANAGER'S CORNER

Spring is finally here.. and soon the black flies! Weather permitting, will be getting the street sweeper in, feel free to sweep your driveway into the street.

Residents are reminded that NO motorized equipment other than licensed vehicles are allowed on Community roads, with the exception of lawn mowers. This includes but not limited to, ATV's, mini bikes, dirt bikes, electric scooters or any other motor driven equipment, other than lawn mowers. If you have any question please call the office.

When it comes to raking, keep the weight down on the leaf bags. We have to throw them at least 5 to 6 feet into the trucks. Bags that are overweight will be left behind, so if you can't lift them over your head, we can't throw them!

Any limbs or branches can be put at curbside for pick up.



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Arbor Day, April 28th, came about as an idea from a Nebraskan journalist and politician, Julius Sterling Morton, who strived to improve agricultural techniques. He actually had served under President Grover as the Secretary of Agriculture. The first Arbor Day was on April 10, 1872. In 1970, President Nixon proclaimed the last Friday of April as National Arbor Day. Arbor Day is now celebrated in other countries including Australia, although many go by different names such as: 'Greening Week' in Japan, 'The New Year's Days of Trees' in Israel, 'The Tree-loving Week' in Korea, 'The Reforestation Week' in Yugoslavia, 'The Students' Afforestation Day' in Iceland and 'The National Festival of Tree Planting' in India (<http://arbor-day.net/index.htm>).

As a homeowner, Arbor Day is a great reminder to take a look at the trees around your home. How did they fare through the winter? If you notice any broken limbs or branches, report them to the Friendly Village office, so they can be dealt with by our arborist.



It's April and after a long winter it is a good time to freshen things up with a thorough Spring cleaning.

Save time and money while being kind to the environment by making your own cleaners at home with ingredients you most likely already have in your cupboard.

Make sure to keep all home-made formulas well-labeled, and out of the reach of children.



Mold and Mildew: Use white vinegar or lemon juice full strength.

Apply with a sponge or scrubby.

Tub and Tile Cleaner: For simple cleaning, rub in baking soda with a damp sponge and rinse with fresh water. For tougher jobs, wipe surfaces with vinegar first and follow with baking soda as a scouring powder. (Vinegar can break down tile grout, so use sparingly.)

Window Cleaner: Mix 2 teaspoons of white vinegar with 1 liter (qt) warm water. Use crumpled newspaper or cotton cloth to clean. Only use the black and white newspapers, not the colored ones. Don't clean windows if the sun is on them, because if they are warm, streaks will show on drying. Be sure to follow the recipe, because using too strong a solution of vinegar will etch the glass and eventually cloud it.

Chopping block cleaner: Rub a slice of lemon across a chopping block to disinfect the surface. For tougher stains, squeeze some of the lemon juice onto the spot and let sit for 10 minutes, then wipe.

Coffee and tea stains: Stains in cups can be removed by applying vinegar to a sponge and wiping. To clean a teakettle or coffee maker, add 2 cups water and 1/4 cup vinegar; bring to a boil. Let cool, wipe with a clean cloth and rinse thoroughly with water.

Deodorize:

- Plastic food storage containers - soak overnight in warm water and baking soda
- In-sink garbage disposal units - grind up lemon or orange peel in the unit
- Carpets - sprinkle baking soda several hours before vacuuming
- Garage, basements - set a sliced onion on a plate in center of room for 12 - 24 hours

All-Purpose Cleaner: Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/4 cup baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) into 1/2 gallon (2 liters) water. Store and keep. Use for removal of water deposit stains on shower stall panels, bathroom chrome fixtures, windows, bathroom mirrors, etc.

http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

April 19th is Administrative Professionals Day. This is a great day to acknowledge the Secretary or Administrative Assistant where you work. Maybe you are retired, but do business where a particular assistant is always very pleasant and extremely helpful to you. Let him or her know you appreciate them and that they are doing a great job. The most common ways of recognizing Administrative Professionals) today are to:



- Give them flowers, candies, or an assorted gift basket
- Purchase a card and maybe include a shopping gift certificate that they can use
- Take the associate to lunch

Earth Day is April 22, 2023.

What are you willing to do in order to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? Here is a list of several earth friendly alternatives for everyday household products and their uses:



- Baking Soda - cleans, deodorizes, softens water, scours.
- Soap - unscented soap in liquid form, flakes, powders or bars is biodegradable and will clean just about anything. Avoid using soaps which contain petroleum distillates.
- Lemon - one of the strongest food-acids, effective against most household bacteria.
- Borax - (sodium borate) cleans, deodorizes, disinfects, softens water, cleans wallpaper, painted walls and floors.
- White Vinegar - cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build-up.
- Washing Soda - or SAL Soda is sodium carbonate decahydrate, a mineral. Washing soda cuts grease, removes stains, softens water, cleans wall, tiles, sinks and tubs. Use care, as washing soda can irritate mucous membranes. Do not use on aluminum.
- Isopropyl Alcohol - is an excellent disinfectant. (It has been suggested to replace this with ethanol or 100 proof alcohol in solution with water. There is some indication that isopropyl alcohol buildup contributes to illness in the body. See <http://drclark.ch/g>)
- Cornstarch - can be used to clean windows, polish furniture, shampoo carpets and rugs.
- Citrus Solvent - cleans paint brushes, oil and grease, some stains. (Citrus solvent may cause skin, lung or eye irritations for people with multiple chemical sensitivities.)

The weather is beginning to warm up.

Be sure to lock your windows and doors at night. Always lock doors and windows whenever you are not going to be home. Lock your car doors and don't leave any valuables in the vehicles. If you will be away for a few days, let a trustworthy neighbor know and ask them to check on your home every once in a while. It's a good idea to notify the F.V. office, too.



A few things to do in April:

- April 1-2:** Springfest, Sunday River Newry
- April 6:** Sea Dog's Opening Day
- April 6-9:** Reggae Festival Sugarloaf
- April 12:** Chocolate Lover's Fling
- April 15:** Maine Wildlife Park opens
- April 22:** Acadia National Park Admission Free

Visit this website for more events and information: <https://visitmaine.com/events>

Thinkable Puzzles What Word #8

Example: Clue: Display the animal hair
"Literal" Answer: Show Fur
End Answer: Chauffeur

1. Me sprinted _____
2. Big fib, off opposite _____
3. Happy 15th letters _____
4. 14th letter, snare _____
5. 15th letter, adult males _____
6. All fingers, rattle _____
7. Horse food, not high _____
8. Dice, twigs _____
9. Green light, pet hair _____
10. Female pest _____

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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,
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www.mainemobilehomes.com
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Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30 to 4:30
(Hours subject to change w/out notice.)
Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



Services:
Tom's Mobile Home Service
Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry & Roofing
207-985-8164

Right-Way Inc
Mike Hanna
883-9749

Interested in listing a service,
yard work etc. call the office to
be added to next month's
newsletter



**ALL
PINEGROVE HOMES ARE
ENERGY STAR
EFFICIENT**

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

No new homes coming at this time

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

NO PREOWNED HOMES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

SPRINGTIME ANNOUNCEMENT

AS SPRINGTIME APPROACHES, WE LIKE TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS THAT THEY MAY START SEEING FRIENDLY VILLAGE STAFF WALKING AROUND ON THEIR LOTS, BEHIND THEIR HOMES ETC DOING OUR ANNUAL LOT INSPECTIONS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR EXCESS ITEMS PILED UP BEHIND SHEDS, AUTO PARTS/TIRES LAYING AROUND, TRASH/RECYCLING BAGS PILED UP, GENERAL DEBRIS THAT DOES NOT BELONG ON LOTS THAT NEED TO BE CLEANED UP.

Notifications will start going out once those inspections are done to remind residents of what we want taken care of with their lot, home, shed or deck area. We usually give residents a month to get your lots picked up and cleared of debris in our springtime inspections. This is the time of year to also take a look at your siding and see if it needs to be power washed or you can scrub it yourself to get the unsightly dirt and algae off the home. You need to do this annually to keep your home looking good.

We will start sending out notices of homes that require power washing to remove built up mildew and dirt on the exterior of home.

Answers
1: Iran 6: Handshake
2: Lion 7: Halo
3: Cheerios 8: Chopsticks
4: Entrap 9: Gopher
5: Omen 10: Ladybug

THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME??? WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LIST IT AND TAKE THE HASSLE OF SELLING IT FOR YOU OFF YOUR HANDS. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD TRACK RECORD SELLING HOMES QUICKLY, CALL THE OFFICE AND TALK TO COLEEN ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS, 207-839-5577

