



Community News Friendly Village of Gorham May 2023



**Happy
Birthday
to all
residents
who are**

**celebrating a
May Birthday...**

**We hope you have
a great one!**

Current Events for May 2023:

- Annual Friendly Village lot inspections will be conducted throughout the month of May. You may see us walking around your lots while inspecting.
- Community-wide Yard Sale: Sat., May 20th , rain date Sun, May 21st
- Pool opening Memorial Day weekend, May 27th, depending on weather

Street sweeping to be announced via Facebook and emails as soon as we know

Dates to Remember in May:

- 1 - May Day
- 4 - Star Wars Day (May the fourth be with you)
- 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- 7 - World Laughter Day
- 13 - World Migratory Bird Day
- 14- Mother's Day
- 20- Armed Forces Day
- 29- Memorial Day
- 31- World Otter Day



MANAGER'S CORNER:

Finally SPRING is upon us!

Residents are asked to put any branches to the curb for pick up.

Please repair any winter damage to your skirting and tidied up your site.

Street Sweeper has been called – at this time no date has been set. Notices will be posted at mail boxes.

Pool should be open on Memorial Day weather permitting.

Skunks are about, tidy up your skirting; do not leave trash outside put it in a container, and sunk proof your shed.

Residents are reminded not to feed pets outside due to the fact that wild animals will take advantage of your generosity.

From past history watch out for the bears looking for food!

JOHN L. RICHARD



Baked French Toast

PREP TIME:

15 Minutes

DIFFICULTY:

Easy

COOK TIME:

1 Hours

SERVINGS:

12 Servings



FOR THE FRENCH TOAST:

1 loaf Crusty Sourdough Or French Bread

8 whole Eggs

2 cups Whole Milk

1/2 cup Whipping (heavy) Cream

3/4 cups Sugar

2 Tablespoons Vanilla Extract

FOR THE TOPPING:

1/2 cup All-purpose Flour

1/2 cup Firmly Packed Brown Sugar

1 teaspoon Cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon Salt

1 pinch Nutmeg (optional)

1 stick Cold Butter, Cut Into Pieces

Fresh Fruit (optional)

Instructions:

Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking pan with butter. Tear bread into chunks (or cut into cubes) and evenly distribute in the pan.

In a medium sized bowl mix together eggs, milk, cream, sugar, and vanilla. Pour evenly over the bread. Cover tightly and store in the fridge for several hours or overnight.

In a separate bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add nutmeg if desired. Add butter pieces and cut them into the dry mixture until mixture resembles fine pebbles. Store in a Ziploc in the fridge.

When you're ready to bake the casserole, preheat oven to 350 F. Remove casserole from the fridge and sprinkle crumb mixture over the top. (If you're using fruit, sprinkle on before the crumb mixture.) Bake for 45 minutes for a softer, more bread pudding texture. Bake 1 hour or more for a firmer, less liquid texture.

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 2023

This is a day set aside for all civilians to show their appreciation and gratitude to all the men and women who have served, and who are serving, in the U.S. military. It is because of them that we are still enjoying our freedom. If you are a veteran or are currently enlisted in one of the U.S. armed forces...

“Thank you for your service!”

Fishing season is April 1-August 15...

for Maine rivers, streams, and brooks. You might catch trout, togue, salmon, and/or bass. Be sure to be current will all fishing laws. The Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website, has a lot of great information about fishing in Maine. Otter Pond, in Standish, or Sticky River, in Standish, are a couple of local options for a family fishing trip. Always ask permission before going onto someone else's land.



Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in the United States, but it is celebrated worldwide on different dates. It is a very special day just for Mom, and although it has become very commercialized in some countries, in other countries it is less so. Flowers, gifts, cakes, cards, and feasts are some of the examples of the gifts often given. It is a great day to let “Mom” just sit back and relax, doing her favorite things, while the rest of the family takes over her duties for the day. How will you show your respect and honor your Mom?



Time to start Lot clean up

We will be doing our annual lot inspections during May. Please check that your lot is in compliance with all community guidelines.

Please bag leaves and needles in paper or regular bags so they can be easily lifted or carried by 1 person. No heavier than 50 pounds. If you have to drag it, it is too heavy. We need to lift the bags 4 ft to get them in the truck. Bags that are too full or heavy will *not* be picked up and must be re-bagged. No trash is to be inside leaf bags.

Stack all branches & limbs by the roadside and we will pick them up, free of charge.



May is College Graduation Month

Do you have a young adult in your family, who is graduating and preparing to start their career? It's sometimes difficult to know what to buy for a gift. The World Wide Web has lots of ideas, and here are a few: coffee gift cards, furniture for apartment, nice interview outfit, gift card for dress shoes, manicure, nice briefcase for laptop and files, and Thank You stationary to send after interviews. As always, gift cards to various places, gas, grocery and eating out are a good choice for the college grad.

Community-wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, May 20th
Time: 8:00am - 3:00 pm
Rain date: Sunday, May 21st



Do you have a bunch of whozits, whatzits, gadgets, gismos, or thingamabobs, that you just don't need or want anymore? Don't throw them out; put them in the yard sale. Residents may setup in their own yard. Clean up must be completed within 24 hours after the sale ends, including any signs placed.

An ad will be placed on Facebook Marketplace and our community facebook page, advertising for that weekend. Feel free to share online.

5 Must Do Landscape Tasks for the Spring Garden

The chill in the air is back, but spring is here.

This means there is work to do outside. If you wait until the picture perfect spring weather, you might find yourself with more work than you can accomplish in the time left before plants explode with growth. It is way easier to rake a garden when the perennials aren't up, but some of you may be finding that your plants got a big boost from the 80 degree weather two weeks ago. That's OK. Remember to keep an eye out while raking and stepping around in your garden beds. It means you need a checklist of things to do starting at the first signs of spring so that you don't find your garden has grown up past the point of care.

1. Spring Clean Up

If you are like me, you do a great deal of clean up in the fall in anticipation of all the work ahead in the spring (okay...the truth is I have a great gardening team). But if you are like many home gardeners (without gardening machines like my husband and TGC crew to help) your energy gets diverted to other things in the fall and the clean up is left to spring. Cleaning up leaves and debris is an important task in keeping the garden free of pathogens, mold, and rot that you don't want in your garden. Now this "rot" and "mold" is a natural function of decomposition, but you want it in your compost pile not your managed garden bed. So if you haven't cleaned up from fall or even the winter, time to get to it.

2. Maintain Edges

Edging the garden bed is a very important task for me. I like crisp lines in the garden, but I don't like artificial or even stone edging in my beds. By using an edging tool to cut the grass edge each spring you keep the garden and lawn neatly in their place. This is a task that can be done later in the season (summer or fall), but it should be done once a year to avoid the creep of turf grasses in to the garden zone.

3. Shrub Pruning

The springtime is the right time to prune some shrubs and the wrong time to prune others. First, look through your garden to see if there is any damage from the winter. Any broken, bent, twisted or otherwise undermined branching should be pruned now regardless of the plant type. A clean cut is easier for the plant to heal from as it emerges from dormancy than a tear. Second, select your shrubs that set buds on new wood and prune those. Top on this list is Spirea japonica. The vigorous grower can be pruned hard in the spring for a shorter fuller plant with lots of spring flowers. Hydrangea like Endless Summer and Annabelle are also good shrubs to prune now. As soon as the threat of hard frost is gone, it will be time to prune butterfly bush and caryopteris - look for the new growth to have emerged on these tender shrubs before pruning. Third, don't for-

get rose pruning in this task. If you have shrub roses, climbing roses, and rambling roses now is the time to prune. Again, be sure the threat of hard frost is over, but do prune the roses down by removing one quarter to one third of the plant. Prune out any dead canes too. This will make for a much happier rose as it warms up.

What not to prune?

Azaleas, Rhodies, and Mountain Laurels that look brown and dried up (desiccated) from the winter. These plants may look dead but they may very well have life in them. Never prune this set of plants until after they flower. By this time anything that is truly dead will look it. These plants can fool you by bouncing back from a pretty sad state in early spring.

4. Perennial Clean Up

Any perennial foliage not cut off and cleaned up in the fall needs to be cleaned up now. I decided to leave all the perennial foliage up in my pollinator garden this year and was so sad to see that rather than just providing a food source for the birds, I also provided a feeding frenzy buffet for the voles that overwintered in my yard. So I am cleaning up foliage and damaged roots that have been dug up. As much as I liked the idea of leaving plants up, I will be more selective next year and leave only the sturdy plant seed heads for the birds - Rudbeckia, Sedum, and Astilbe among them.

Ornamental Grasses

Plants that I love to keep up for the winter are the ornamental grasses. The foliage is so pretty with the snow. This year, with so many feet of snow they were crushed early on. So now is the time to cut back the grasses to get them ready for the spring growth. Don't wait too long to do this task because while you can't see it, with each increasing minute of light and added degree of temperature those grasses are waking up in the core and starting to push up through the old sheaths. In this category I would encourage the cutting back of Carex and Liriope as well. This will make for a much neater and prettier look as the new foliage emerges.

5. Dividing Perennials

While you might feel too tired after all this to even think about dividing, I am going to encourage you to make a list of plants that need it. How do you know? If you see crowding now...it will be unbearable in the summer. Any perennials that are encroaching on one another or that look like they have a bald spot in the center need dividing. Just choose the worst offenders in this category to tackle now. Plants that I often see needing dividing in this time of year are daylilies, irises, hostas, and grasses. Mark the clumps with flags to remind you of this important task. Divide the biggest clumps now. Maybe save the next set for a fall divide to get a jump on next spring.

The more work you can put into the spring gardening the better your garden will perform in the summer and fall. Remember to keep notes or even take pictures. This might inspire you to do more of this work come fall as a way to make spring easier!

Happy Gardening!

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Here's What It Means if You See Pink Gunk in Your Shower

Jamie Novak

You know how to clean the bathroom, how to clean a shower head and how to clean a shower curtain and liner. You're a pro at washing bath mats and even mastered the art of removing hard water stains. Your cleaning schedule is on track, yet icky slime, in shades of pink, still lurks in your shower. What is it—pink mold, orange mildew, red fungus? And more important, how can you put a stop to this goo?

Don't be embarrassed. Every bathroom has seen its share of unsightly substances. Here is the scoop on exactly what this shower slime is, how to remove it and ways to prevent it from returning—with the least amount of effort. Because let's face it: You have better things to do than cleaning the bathroom.

What is that pink gunk in your shower?: It may be commonly called pink mold, but this gross slime isn't really mold at all. "The pink gunk is really an airborne bacterium called *Serratia marcescens*," says Steven Stephenson, PhD, a researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Arkansas who wrote not one but three books on slime molds. And while people may casually call the gunk "pink mold," the bacteria can take a range of shades—from pink to orange to red—depending on bathroom conditions like temperature, humidity levels and sunlight.

What causes pink mold in the shower?: Before you start worrying that you've done something wrong, know that pretty much everyone has encountered the unappealing slime at some point or another. "It would not be uncommon to find *S. marcescens* in the bathroom," says Stephenson. After all, it thrives in moist environments like—you guessed it—your shower. These bacteria live on a diet of minerals and fats. With the mineral deposits in soap scum and fats found in shampoo residue, your shower is a buffet for these little guys. They love to hide in grout lines, caulk crevices and around shampoo bottles.

Is pink mold harmful?: Unlike toxic black mold that can cause health concerns, pink mold in the shower isn't a concern for the average person with a healthy immune system. But it's still gross, and under the right conditions, the colony will continue to flourish, exposing you to even more spores. It's better to be safe than sorry, especially if you have a compromised immune system. So, if you see it, scrub it. Your house guests will thank you.

How do you get rid of pink mold? : Good news: It won't take a lot of effort to wipe out the pink mold in your bathroom. You can use a product like The Pink Stuff or Zep grout cleaner to work the buildup from your shower. But there are homemade options that'll do the trick too. Vera Peterson, president of Molly Maid, prefers a paste made from items you probably have on hand. Simply mix four parts baking soda with one part liquid dish soap. Common pantry ingredients make this DIY solution one of the best eco-friendly cleaning products. And as an added bonus, making your own shower scrub will save you money. Using the paste is also easy. Apply it to your shower, wait 10 minutes and then (wearing cleaning gloves to protect your hands) scrub away the pink residue (the Scrub Daddy Sponge will help get the job done). Finish by drying the shower completely with a fresh microfiber cloth. Leave it damp, and the dreaded pink slime will return.

How do you prevent pink mold?: To win the battle against pink mold, you don't have to give up your hot shower or steamy bath. Try these techniques to banish pink mold in the shower forever—or at least give you a little more time before the bacteria set up house again.

Ventilate: Use the exhaust fan for 30 minutes after showers. If you don't have an exhaust fan, try a small, battery-operated desk fan to get the air moving. Stephenson says the best defense against pink mold is keeping moisture levels down as much as possible. But it is a bathroom with, well, lots of water. So, you may need to try other solutions as well.

Squeegee: After every shower, squeegee the walls and if you have them, glass doors. Or try Peterson's suggestion to prevent buildup: Spritz a leave-on commercial shower spray when you get out of the shower.

Dry: Between grout scrubbing and deep cleanings, wipe away soap and shampoo residue everywhere it collects. Don't forget to dry surfaces!

Go antimicrobial: Invest in quick-dry bathmats and shower curtain liners with antibacterial properties. And when laundering machine-washable curtains and liners, toss in a few old towels. They act as scrubbers to help lift away soap scum and mildew.