



COMMUNITY NEWS
FRIENDLY VILLAGE
of GORHAM
JULY 2023



Current Events for July 2023

- 1st International Joke Day
- 4th Independence Day
- 10th National Kitten Day
- 14th National Mac & Cheese Day
- 23rd Parents Day
- 30th National Cheese Cake Day

Agricultural Fairs in Maine:

- Houlton Agricultural Fair**
2023 July 1-4
- Ossipee Valley Fair**
2023 July 6-9
- Waterford World's Fair**
2023 July 14-16
- Pittston Fair**
2023 July 13-16
- Union Fair**
2023 July 26-30

Please Note:
Friendly Village Office
will be closed Tuesday,
July 4th.

Enjoy your 4th of July
weekend and be safe!

Remember:
No fireworks allowed
in the Friendly Village
Community. Thank you!

Fun Quotes:

Change your password
To "Incorrect"
Everytime you forget it,
It will remind you:
"Your password is INCORRECT"

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



MANAGER'S CORNER:

As stated in the past, lighting of fireworks are not permitted within the Community. State law clearly states that you must have the owner's (of the land) permission to set off fireworks. No one has permission. Same goes for open burning.

Any oil tank that is going to be replaced, per the Community Guidelines must be a double bottom tank. This is an environmental tank

Please check with the office first before you start any improvements, such as Dish / Satellite TV installment, you need the approval prior from the office for location.

Coleen will be staying as the administrative assistant to the park with part time hours, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 to 4:00

John will cover on Thursdays with limited hours

New Office Hours starting July 1st are as follows; Monday to Thursday from 8:30 to 4:00. Closed on Fridays

JOHN L. RICHARD

Senior Property Tax Assistance Program

The purpose of this article is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 65 years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet the criteria established by this article.

Applications, which will be available in the Town Clerk's office, will be due no later than August 1 of the year for which the refund is requested, and will be required for every year the applicant seeks to participate in the program. Applicants shall also submit proof of property taxes paid or rent constituting property taxes paid during the tax year on the individual's homestead in the Town of Gorham.

The Town Clerk's decision on eligibility to participate and benefit base amount in the program are final. Appeals to the Town Clerk's determinations are to be submitted in writing to the Town Council within 14 days of the Town Clerk's or the designee's determinations. The Town Council will then review and make a determination within 30 days of receipt of an appeal.

A person who qualifies for payment under this program shall be mailed a check for the amount of the benefit he/she is eligible for no later than 30 days from the date of Council approval of the application for the year in which participation is sought.

Applications also available on the Town of Gorham website: under Town Clerk

Homestead exemption

Want to save a little on your property taxes? Have you signed up for a Homestead Exemption? If not, get a move on and pick up an application at the park office or online at the Town of Gorham website.

Town of Gorham will take \$21,500.00 (at the time of writing) off the value of your home to lower your tax bill. So it is worth getting your paperwork in to receive this. It is a once and done type of exemption, fill out and send it once and you will always receive the exemption until your home changes owners.

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 dish-washing 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.

Pool Rule Reminders

Just to freshen resident's memories on pool guidelines now that the cold winter has passed.

We do not have a lifeguard on duty, we do have Charlie who monitors the pool for us all. Please listen to his direction on following the pool rules. His work hours are 1:00 pm to 7:30 pm Tuesday thru Sunday on days the pool is open. The pool does close during inclement weather.

Pool hours are 10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Make sure you shower before entering the pool, it is a State Law

You may have 2 guests per site with you to enjoy the pool

A child under 14 yrs. old must be accompanied by an ADULT who is fully responsible for that child in their care. An older sibling is not considered an adult unless they are 18 years old or older.

No one under 14 years old is allowed in the fenced pool area without an adult responsible for them

Rough play, discourteous behavior, disregard of the pool rules, foul language or challenging the authority of the pool supervisor are considered grounds for pool privileges being suspended for a set time or permanently.

Please keep the pool area safe and pleasant for everyone!

30 Days of Random Acts of Kindness

naturalbeachliving.com

1. Compliment someone
2. Recycle bottles
3. Give a smiley face picture to someone
4. Visit a nursing home
5. Share toys with siblings
6. Make cards for someone
7. Tithe allowance
8. Help someone with yard work
9. Call a grandparent just to say hi
10. Read to a sibling
11. Do an extra chore
12. Bake cookies for someone
13. Write kind words on rocks and leave them at a park
14. Let someone go ahead of you in line
15. Smile
16. Create care packages
17. Put change in a vending machine
18. Write letters to the military/veterans
19. Eat with someone new at lunch
20. Encourage someone
21. Help clean up a mess
22. Tell your parents you love them
23. Clean your room without being asked
24. Donate food to a food drive
25. Write a letter to grandma
26. Give a hug
27. Sponsor a child
28. Bring dessert to the neighbor
29. Make a birdfeeder
30. Ask others to continue acts of kindness

Remember...sound carries. Keep music



and TVs down low enough so as not to disturb your neighbors, especially when windows are open.

If you must have them louder in order to hear them, please wear headphones or ear buds. Thank you!

CHICKEN & POTATO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. potatoes, peeled and cubed
 - 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
 - 1 medium Granny Smith apple, peeled, if desired, and chopped
 - 1 carrot, peeled and chopped
 - 1/3 cup chopped celery
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 - 3/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise with Lime Juice
 - 15 pimento stuffed green olives, quartered (optional)
 - 2 Tbsp. sofrito
- 1/2 tsp. salt

METHOD

1: Cover potatoes with water in 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain and cool slightly.

2: Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients except potatoes in large bowl. Add potatoes and toss gently. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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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 Phone: 839-5577 Fax: 839-3233
friendlyvillage@mainemobilehomes.com
www.mainemobilehomes.com
facebook.com/friendlyvillage.of.gorham
 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am to 4 pm
Office closed on Friday
 (Hours subject to change w/out notice.)

Notary services are available in
 the Friendly Village Office.



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NEW HOMES FOR SALE - Not at this time PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE - Not at this time

Patriotic Word Search

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 HONOR
 HOPE
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