



FRIENDLY VILLAGE of GORHAM COMMUNITY NEWS OCTOBER 2023



**BE SAFE
&
HAVE FUN**

****Heat Tape Inspections****

Would you like to have the heat tape on your water pipes safety inspected and plugged in, **free of charge**? *Contact the office to sign up, either by email, phone or stop by.* Call backs for plug in after initial inspection will incur a service charge. Inspections will be conducted by mid October. Any needed repairs or replacements are the responsibility of the home owner. **We do not return to unplug them in the spring.**
Please make your own arrangements for this service.
We recommend that you have your heat tapes plugged in by
October 31st.



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

Current Events for October 2023: Last Fair of the Season

Oct 1st to Oct 8th Fryeburg Fair
Fryeburg, Maine**

MANAGER'S CORNER:

I can't believe that autumn weather is approaching so fast - please remember while bagging leaves "if you can't lift them over your head we can't throw them into the truck". Bags that are too heavy will be left behind.

For your protection, Residents you must be diligent about locking your car doors and reporting suspicious persons and or activity in and around your site.

Watch out for Ghost and Goblins on Halloween! There will be many!

Get on the heat tape list, freezing weather is just around the corner.



JOHN L. RICHARD



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING TIPS



Residents: If you wish to pass out candy for Halloween on October 31st, please leave your porch light on. If you wish *not* to pass out candy, or if you run out of candy, please leave your porch light off.

Parents: Please make sure your child is carrying a flashlight and/or wearing something reflective so they can be seen by motorists. All costumes and wigs should be labeled "flame retardant". Costumes should fit well so as not to cause a tripping hazard. FDA face paint is best, but if masks are worn, they should fit well so children can see. Please check all candy to ensure it is safe. Warn children to never enter homes without a trusted adult, and to never accept rides from strangers, or anyone else for that matter, unless the parent has approved of it first. Advise trick or treaters to always stay to the side of roads and to be aware of traffic as well as cars in driveways.

Motorist: Please drive extra cautiously on Halloween, inside and outside of the F.V. Community because some streets can get quite busy with many trick or treaters. We want this to be a safe and fun time for all!

Wanna gross out the kids or your Halloween guests?

Halloween Worms

100 flexible plastic straws (The straws with a bendable neck make the most realistic worms by adding ridges to the worm. Place bendable necks of straws at the bottom of the container). an empty, clean cup or milk carton to hold straws (The straws will fill up to the height of the container, the taller the better.)

1 package (6 ounces) raspberry or grape flavor gelatin

3 envelopes unflavored gelatin or 3 Tbsp

3 cups boiling water

3/4 cup whipping cream

12 to 15 drops green food coloring



Instructions:

1. Combine gelatin and Jell-O in a bowl and add boiling water; stir until the gelatin completely dissolves. Chill until lukewarm, about 20 min.
2. Meanwhile, gently pull straws to extend to full length; place in tall container. Wrap together with a loose rubber band to hold straws together.
3. Blend cream and food coloring with the lukewarm gelatin mixture. Carefully pour into container, filling straws.
4. Chill until gelatin is firm, at least 3 hours, or cover and chill up to 2 days.
5. Pull straws from container or, if you're using a carton, simply tear the carton away from the filled straws. Pull straws apart. Run hot tap water for about 2 seconds over 3 to 4 straws at a time. Starting at the empty ends, push worms from straws with rolling pin, or use your fingers.
6. Lay worms on waxed paper lined baking sheets. Cover and chill until ready to use, at least 1 hour or up to 2 days, or serve immediately. Worms will hold at room temperature for about 2 hours.

ENJOY THE FUN

HOWTO BE HAPPY

DECIDE EVERY MORNING, YOU ARE IN A GOOD MOOD

Friendly Village Clubhouse is available for private functions. Great for the upcoming season of holidays and dinners.

No more worries on where am I going to feed all these people!

Residents are required to provide a \$15 cash deposit for the key and \$100 cash or check for the cleaning deposit, at the time of booking the clubhouse. Deposits will be refunded in full when key is returned and the clubhouse is cleaned satisfactorily, with furniture placed back in its original position. All trash generated during the party must be removed from the clubhouse by the resident. Failure to follow these steps will result in forfeiture of the deposits.

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Halloween		Y W I T C H D Y R A C S J W K
October		
Spooky		W J A C K O L A N T E R N C D
Scary		
Ghost		L H E G G H O S T H S K A R E
Vampire		N R E T S N O M A P K L O E I
Werewolf		O O S U E D R L I R B J P B B
Witch		
Zombie		T O U V M R L D P S E Z V O M
Skeleton		E B O Z V O E G B G H C A T O
Monster		L A H L W R I E N A W F M C Z
Black		
Orange		E T D E Y A R A Y E Y J P O S
Candy		K S E T A E R T R O K C I R T
Trick or Treat		S N T K K O Q E Y I O T R J O
Haunted House		
Jack O' Lantern		I Y N X L U W D P X O Z E O Q
Boo		K M U E S O N T I N P S K F B
Spider		M N A U L A L V C M S X K C P
Bats		J E H F C T F J K T G B N N B

Reminder: Please don't overstuff your leaf bags.



Place your bagged leaves near the edge of your lawn for pick up. Please remember our maintenance crew need to lift these bags quite high to get them into the truck. If the bags weigh more than 50lbs, they will not be picked up and you will need to re-bag them into

lighter bags. Please do not rake leaves onto the vacant lots. This creates more work for the maintenance staff and they just blow around into everyone's yard. Bag your leaves and place them at the end of your driveway for free pickup. Thank you

Craft Sales in Clubhouse

Anyone interested in heading up a holiday craft sale to be held in the clubhouse, Call the office to set it up.



I have had some residents ask if there was going to be one, but no one has volunteered to over see it. Clubhouse free of charge, Office runs the ad in the local paper free of charge. Just need a head honcho to oversee. Call Coleen if interested

Etiquette for dog walking owners

1) No trespassing! When walking your pet around a residential neighborhood, it is universally accepted as rude if you allow your dog to walk on people's front lawns, into their gardens, snack on their landscaping, or urinate on their mail boxes, garbage cans, or lawn decorations. Best to keep him to the sidewalk, street, and encourage him to eliminate on the strip of grass that's between the sidewalk and street.

2) Pick up the Poo! Obviously, dog walkers should be prepared, under all circumstances, with a plastic bag (or several) for picking up doggy doo... and simply toting them isn't enough: don't "forget" to use it! I've seen dog walkers make an elaborate show of getting their bag out when another person or car passes by, and then stuffing it away, still empty, as soon as the other person is gone (for shame)! Even if your dog was kind enough not to "go" on a lawn, but instead used the street, sidewalk, city planter, or grass strip between the sidewalk and street, it's unacceptable to leave the "poo to stew" (or another more colorfully descriptive rhyming phrase... use your imagination)!

3) Your dog might be friendly. But other people might not be. Does your dog want to say hello to everyone that passes, are inspired to jog alongside runners, or chase down skateboarders and bicyclists? Not everyone may be as much of a dog lover as you are, and even if they are, they may be otherwise occupied (trying to beat their personal best time on their daily run won't happen if they are waylaid by your well-meaning social butterfly of a dog!). If a passerby is interested in your dog, you'll know it. Best to assume that no one is as interested in your dog as you are (or as your dog is in them), and act accordingly. Some people are afraid of dogs, don't care for dogs (I know, who ARE these people?!) or simply may not be in the mood to be sniffed, licked, or (worst of all) jumped on. Your objective on a walk should be: keep walking, calmly and purposefully, and not to let your dog run your walk!

4) Other dogs might not be friendly either. Rule #3 also applies to other dogs. Don't assume that other dog walkers (or dogs) are as interested in socializing their dogs as you (or your dogs) might be. Not all dogs are as happy-go-lucky, social, or calm around other dogs as your perfect Polly is... and I'm sure you wouldn't want to change that behavior by being the recipient of an aggressive snap or bite from an unsociable dog. On the converse side of things, if your dog is a "barker," most people prefer to err on the side of caution and stay away. Best to ask the other owner, particularly if you are going through a puppy socialization stage: "Is your dog friendly? Is it ok if we let our dogs say hi to each other?" and gauge their response, and the dog's response/behavior when you let the two meet. Make sure you have a tight hold of your leash, and also check to make sure the other dog walker seems in control of his/her dog as well to prevent any unfortunate unpredictable encounters.

5) Best to keep the leash on. Really. Even though you might feel very confident in how "good" your dog is in his ability to walk calmly by your side off-leash and obey all of your verbal commands, his behavior could be unpredictable, depending upon the unexpected (and exciting) nature of a given stimulus (e.g., a darting cat across the street, a tempting squirrel running up a tree, another exciting looking dog, a rushing car, a kid chasing a ball), and the worst thing that could happen while walking a dog is, of course, to lose your dog. Even if you have the utmost confidence in your dog's off-leash ability, make sure that you acquaint yourself with your city's leash laws in the area(s) you will be walking. You don't want to get a ticket, or worse.

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**

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 to 4
Closed Fridays (Hours subject to change
w/out notice.)

Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office, free of
charge to residents.



**Do you want to make some extra
cash this winter?**

***Are you available for roof-raking, snow-
shoveling, and/or snow-blowing driveways
and walkways this winter in the
F.V.Community?***

If you are, please contact the office with your
name and contact information. We can post
this information in the November newsletter
and also pass it on to anyone who calls in the
office looking for this service.

**Handyman Services Call
Jason Simoneau
400-5711**

Letter from John to all residents:

The office has received complaints about possible feral – stray cats in and around their site from residents over the last several months. Friendly Village has been working with the Animal Control Officer and Feral Felines of Maine as to a solution. As you know the limit for cats per home is two and must be spayed / neutered in accordance with our Community Guidelines. We also allow outdoor cats, so this adds to the problem as not every cat has a collar or tag to identify the owner.

Now when I see kittens, I think there is somebody in violation with that animal. I do not want to see someone's pet cat trapped. You need to contact the office and let us know about your cat status.

If you feel you know of a stray, please check with your neighbors so they can check with their neighbors to make sure it is or is not a stray and pass this on to the office. And as winter progresses, they will need good shelter and under your home does not work.

But let us be clear, Friendly Village will not trap any animals! We want professionals to manage feral/stray cats. So, if your cat has not been fixed, now is the time to correct it.

John L. Richard
Director of Communities