

Community News

Friendly Village of Gorham

April 2024



The weather is beginning to warm up...



Lock your car doors and don't leave any valuables in vehicles.

Be sure to lock your windows and doors at night. Always lock doors and windows whenever you are not going to be home.

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.

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



UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm



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 through other resident's yards. There are plenty of roadways to get around the park.



MANAGER'S CORNER



Residents are reminded that NO motorized equipment other than licensed vehicles are allowed on Community roads, with the exception of lawn mowers and approved golf carts, said driver must have a State issued drivers license. This includes but not limited to, ATV's, mini bikes, dirt bikes or any other motor driven equipment, other than lawn mowers/golf carts. 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. Feel free to sweep your drive into the street for the sweeper to pick up. No date as of yet for the street sweeper.

Please read: According to EPA and State Drinking Water program rules Friendly Village must conduct a lead service line inspection this year. All this entails is a brief visit to your home site and determined the type of water line hooked to the Communities water line under your home. You do not need to be at home for this inspection. When we start the inspection process you will be notified prior by email. If there is no email listed for you we will call or drop a note off at your home. Any questions please call me at the office.

Heads up they is no lead lines in the distribution system!

JOHN L RICHARD



**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



A few things to do in April:

Dates to Remember in April:

- April 1:** Freshwater Fishing Opening Day
- April 5:** Portland Sea Dogs Opening Day
- April 6-7:** Maine Culinary Festival
- April 13:** USM Spring Craft Show
- April 18:** 2024 Pizza Challenge-Westbrook
- April 20:** Bicycle Rodeo at G.M.S
- April 21:** Gorham Cleans Up
- April 27:** Massabesic Spring Craft Fair



- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 10 - National Siblings Day
- 11 - National Pet Day
- 17 - Administrative Professionals Day
- 18 - Tax Day
- 23 - World Book Day
- 25 - Take Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 29 - International Dance Day

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>).

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

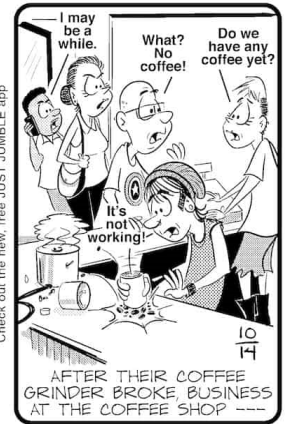
TLATO

PHEDT

RULYXU

GRANJO

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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.



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Open your windows and let some fresh air in! Please be mindful and considerate to your neighbors when having your windows open, because sound travels.



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.

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.



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,
 5 Ash Drive, Gorham, ME 04038
 Phone: 839-5577 Fax: 839-3233
friendlyvillage@mainemobilehomes.com
www.mainemobilehomes.com
facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 to 4:00
 (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**

Earth Day is April 22, 2024. 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.)



**How does your garden grow?
 Things to plant in April**

Seedlings: Lettuce, onions, some perennial herbs (chives, parsley, oregano, thyme, sage, rosemary, etc.). Make sure to cover if the forecast calls for frost.

From Seed: Peas, turnip, beets, carrots, lettuce and other greens, onion sets, parsnips, radishes, broccoli and other members of the cabbage family.

Tulips will be popping up soon!



Classic Jumble Answers:

TOTAL
 DEPTH
 LUXURY
 JARGON

Surprise puzzle answer:

After their coffee grinder broke,
 business at the coffee shop –
 GROUND TO A HALT

