Community News 🔁 Friendly Village of Gorham

April 2025

April dates to remember

- 1 April Fool's Day
- Autism Awareness Day 2
- 7 World Health Day
- 15 Tax Day
- 16 National Pajama Day
- Easter
- 25 Arbor Day
- 26 National Pretzel Day

APRIL

MONDAY





Spring is in the air!

A reminder that all vehicles must yield to pedestrian traffic.

The posted speed limit throughout the community is 15 mph; speeds above the posted limit are a serious violation of **Community Guidelines**





Happy Birthday to all residents who are celebrating an April birthday-

We hope you have a great one!









WORLD HEALTH DAY

MANAGER'S CORNER

s it over, is winter really over? We can never be sure until the end of April!

We will be stepping up on violations in the weeks to come, especially after the snow is gone.

Thinking about Dish or Satellite TV? Check first with the office as to placement of the dish!

Branches can be put at curb side for pick up, please watch the weight on leaf / pine needle bags (no snow in them!).

Street sweeper will be contacted for hopefully an early May date, weather permitting.





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/recyling bags piled up, general debris that does not belong on lots that need to be cleaned up.

Notifications will start going out oncthose 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.



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.









Earth Day is April 22, 2024.

What can you do 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 foodacids, 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...

- 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.



Arbor Day, April 25th,

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://arborday.net/index.htm).

Easter Fun

Seriously Fun Egg Hunt

April 5th, 3 pm – 5 pm The Little Gym of Scarborough 700 Gallery Blvd, Suite C 10 - 35 months: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

3 – 6 years: 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

2025 Bunny Trail

April 12th, 9 am Town Farm Field, Buxton Call Buxton Rec, 207-929-3831 with any questions

Centerpoint Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th, 10 am Narragansett Elementary School 284 Main St, Gorham Ages 0 – 7 years

Baked Bean Suppahs!

April 5th, 4-5:30 pm

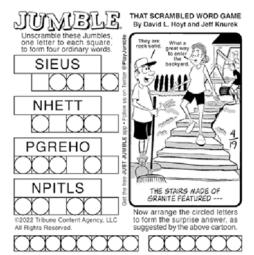
White Rock Community Clubhouse 34 Wilson Road Gorham, ME \$10.00; \$5.00 for children under 12

April 12th, 5-6 pm

Warren Congregational Church 810 Main St. Westbrook, ME \$10.00; \$5.00 for children under 12

April 19th, 5-6 pm

Peoples United Methodist Churc 310 Broadway South Portland, ME \$10 for adults, \$8 for ages 3-17



Solution on back page

Crafting

Pine Point Quilters Quilt Show

April 5th, 10 am – 6 pm Libby Memorial Library 27 Staples St. Old Orchard Beach

Local Events

Scarborough Library Knitting Group

April 19th, 10 am – 12 pm Scarborough Public Library 48 Gorham Road, Scarborough

Farmer's Markets

Portland Winter Farmers' Market

April 12th, 9 am -1 pm 631 Stevens Ave, Portland

South Portland Farmer's Market

April 13th, 10 am – 2 pm South Portland Planning & Development Offices (former Hamlin School) 829 Sawyer St South Portland



Community Guidelines Spotlight

11. MISCELLANEOUS

d) No open fires are permitted. Open fires include leaf burning and wood fires on the ground or in containers. Open fires also include wood burned in charcoal grills, along with LP gas fire pits. The term "open fires" does not include charcoal burned charcoal grills, nor does it include gas grills.

Swedish Meatballs

Author: Alton Brown

Level: Easy Total: 55 min Prep: 30 min Cook: 25 min



Yield: approximately 30 meatballs, 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

2 slices fresh white bread
1/4 cup milk
3 tablespoons clarified butter, divided
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
A pinch plus 1 teaspoon kosher salt
3/4 pound ground chuck
3/4 pound ground pork
2 large egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups beef broth
1/4 cup heavy cream

- Preheat oven to 200 degrees F.
- Tear the bread into pieces and place in a small mixing bowl along with the milk. Set aside.
- In a 12-inch straight sided sauté pan over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter. Add the onion and a pinch of salt and sweat until the onions are soft. Remove from the heat and set aside.
- In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the bread and milk mixture, ground chuck, pork, egg yolks, 1 teaspoon of kosher salt, black pepper, allspice, nutmeg, and onions. Beat on medium speed for 1 to 2 minutes.
- Using a scale, weigh meatballs into 1-ounce portions and place on a sheet pan. Using your hands, shape the meatballs into rounds.
- Heat the remaining butter in the sauté pan over medium-low heat, or in an electric skillet set to 250 degrees F. Add the meatballs and sauté until golden brown on all sides, about 7 to 10 minutes. Remove the meatballs to an ovenproof dish using a slotted spoon and place them in the warmed oven.
- Once all the meatballs are cooked, decrease the heat to low and add the flour to the pan or skillet. Whisk until lightly browned, approximately 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually add the beef stock and whisk until sauce begins to thicken. Add the cream and continue to cook until the gravy reaches the desired consistency. Remove the meatballs from the oven, cover with the gravy and serve.

POLICE - FIRE- RESCUE. Emergency dial: 9-1-1

Non-emergency dial: 839-5581 **********

For Friendly Village Maintenance Emergencies: Water-Sewer-Power 207-400-0368

For Use In An Emergency Only Weekends & After Office Hours

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Notary services are available in the Friendly Village Office.



Dirigo Handyman Services

Tim Hopkins

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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









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

Classic Jumble Answers

ISSUE **TENTH GOPHER SPLINT** Surprise puzzle answer



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