



Community News

August 2025

Friendly Village of Gorham

by the sea



Did you know....

Gorham Trash Tags can be purchased at the Friendly Village office



Community Guidelines Spotlight

4. 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.

Happy Birthday to all Residents celebrating an August birthday -



We hope you have a GREAT one!

Special Dates in August

- 2 National Sunflower Day
- 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- 7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8 International Cat Day
- 12 Senior Citizen's Day
- 13 Left-Handers Day
- 15 National Relaxation Day
- 26 National Dog Day
- 30 National Beach Day



A reminder that the speed limit throughout Friendly Village is **15 mph**. Please be mindful of residents walking, biking, etc.

MANAGER'S CORNER

As stated in the past, lighting of fireworks is not permitted within the Community. State law clearly states that you must have the owner's (of the land) permission to set off fireworks, along with a permit from the Gorham Fire Department. No one has permission. Same goes for open burning of any kind.

As you all know the pool is open and has had some big use these past hot days. Please respect the rules and the pool supervisor! Please note that **Pool Hours are 12 am to 7:00 pm.**

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

Don't forget we will be walking around homes for inspection of sites for compliance of rules and regulations.

JOHN L. RICHARD



Summer Maintenance Tips

Power Wash the Exterior: It's always a good idea to clean the outside of your home, but spring is when a lot of extra dirt and pollen tend to build up on outside surfaces. When you're looking to use the power washer, the start of summer is the perfect time to give everything a good once over.

Check on Skirting: The skirting on your mobile home protects the underside of your house from damaging weather and wild animals. Good skirting should last several years, so you don't have to worry about replacing it often. However, it's good to check on the condition of your skirting to determine whether you should make any patches or repairs, or if you need to make any mobile home skirting replacements to protect your pipes.

Prune Trees and Bushes: Regular lawn care is essential throughout the year, but the hot summer months are when shrubs, bushes, and trees may have some overgrowth. Grab the clippers and take care of some vital pruning to keep your exterior looking clean and presentable.



August 21st is Senior Citizen's Day

"For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older."

-President Ronald Reagan, 1988

August 26th is Women's Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was written, granting women the right to vote.



Children's Entrepreneur Markets

Standish Summer Spectacular
August 2nd, 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
@Standish Memorial Park
670 Ossipee Trl W, Standish

And at the...

Scarborough Summerfest
August 15th, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
@Clifford Kippy Mitchell Sports Complex
Wentworth Drive, Scarborough

Standish Summer Spectacular

August 2nd, 1:30 pm
@Standish Memorial Park
670 Ossipee Trl W, Standish

10th Annual Cars & Coffee Show

August 9th, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
@Royal Brewster House
8 Brewster Place, Buxton

Adult/Teen Craft: Tissue Paper Flowers

August 23rd, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
@Walker Memorial Library
800 Main St, Westbrook

2025 South Portland Art in the Park

August 9th, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
@Mill Creek Park
98 Hinckley Dr, South Portland

World of Whales

August 12th, 6:00 pm
@Baxter Memorial Library
71 South St, Gorham

Big Bounce America 2025

August 15th, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
@Cumberland Fairgrounds
197 Blanchard Rd, Cumberland

Maine Agricultural Fairs August 2025

Topsham Fair: August 3 - August 9

Skowhegan State Fair: August 7 - August 16

Acton Fair: August 21 - August 24





Back-to-school shopping: 6 tips for maximizing your budget

Set a budget

Start by determining a budget that fits your financial situation, using last year's back-to-school expenses as your benchmark and spending limit. This will help prevent overspending and ensure that you only purchase what is necessary.

A sinking fund

A sinking fund is money that is set aside from a budget each month with the goal of paying for a large future expense or debt. In this case, the money would be shelved for back-to-school shopping.

Take stock of what you already have

Before rushing to the store, take a close look at your child's school's supply list and compare it against items you already have at home. This will help you narrow down what still needs to be purchased.

Check with the school to prioritize items that are required on the first day of school and delay buying non-essential items that can wait until later.

Shop smart and early

Most families begin their back-to-school shopping three weeks to a month before school starts. However, starting earlier can provide more opportunities to save. Take advantage of sales promotions to spread the cost across multiple paychecks, or use your sinking fund.

Embrace secondhand shopping

Consider purchasing secondhand items, especially when it comes to apparel and backpacks.

Buy in bulk and collaborate

Buying school supplies in bulk or partnering with other K-12 families to purchase items together can also help reduce costs.

Preventing dehydration in your pets

In hot weather, your dog can overheat very easily, causing heat stroke. Be sure to have fresh cool water available for them at all times. If you take your pet hiking or out playing, you must not forget to bring along a jug of water, not only for yourself, but for your dog, too. They make some really neat water containers that can strap right onto your pets back, making it possible for them to carry their own water supply. You can find a variety of styles online.



Never leave your dog or cat in the car on hot days, because they can overheat extremely quickly. Be sure your cats have plenty of fresh clean water, too. Providing a drinking fountain with running water or adding a couple ice cubes to the water bowl will sometimes encourage them to drink more water.



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JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



SHE OFFERED TO HELP HER YOUNGER BROTHER CLEAN UP HIS ROOM TO ---

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



Solution on back page

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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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4



Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.

Dirigo Handyman Services

Tim Hopkins

Fully Insured

Dirigohandyman@gmail.com

207-423-5224

Classic Jumble Answers

WHISK
SIXTY
INHALE
SUMMER

Surprise puzzle answer

She offered to help her younger brother clean up
his room to – MESS WITH HIM

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POO-P-PATROL

KEEP YOUR DOG HAPPY

Friendly Village Special

Pet Waste Removal-where we come and clean up your dog's business, so you can enjoy the other activities with your furry friends. We offer Weekly or Bi-Weekly services Call, Email or find us on Facebook.

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