




## Community News

# *Friendly Village of Gorham*

December 2025

### December dates to remember

- 
- 1 National Christmas Lights Day
  - 2 Giving Tuesday
  - 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
  - 14 Hanukkah begins at sundown
  - 15 Bill of Rights Day
  - 18 National Twin Day
  - 19 National Ugly Sweater Day
  - 21 Winter Solstice
  - 25 Christmas
  - 26 Kwanzaa begins
  - 28 National Call a Friend Day
  - 31 New Year's Eve

The Friendly Village office wishes all Residents and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe, and Healthy New Year



**John - Dave - Don  
Robert - Michelle - Jason**


The Friendly Village office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Birthday  
to all Residents  
who are celebrating a  
December Birthday...**



**We hope you have  
a great one!**

### MANAGER'S CORNER



Residents are reminded to remove outside hoses to prevent freezing of outside water valves and/or water line to the valve.

A reminder that continuous parking on streets is prohibited; there is overflow parking available at the Clubhouse, both in front of the building and on the side by the basketball hoop. Continuous parking is especially prohibited during snowstorms; your vehicle will be towed if necessary.

#### **A note for those who will be plowing this season – please do not plow snow into the circles.**

Now is the time to remove any basketball hoops from the edge of the street.

Just a reminder that Friendly Village does not give any person or persons permission to ride any motorized vehicles, i.e. but not limited to; snowmobiles, ATVs, scooters, or dirt bikes, unless allowed by State law. Driver

- must have a current driver's license and a current registration.

**As the drought continues, please be cautious and clean leaves and branches from your site for fire prevention to your home and others.**

**JOHN L. RICHARD**



## Holiday Fire Safety

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

## Registration Reminder



Town Of Gorham dog registrations for 2025 are due by **January 31, 2025**

Failure to meet that deadline will result in a \$25 late charge and possible additional fines.

Please register your dogs and share the registration with the park for our records, per Park rules. Thank you!

## SLOW DOWN!

Speeds in excess of the posted community speed limit (15 mph) are a serious violation of Community Guidelines.

A reminder that the Friendly Village roads and streets are governed by state and local laws. All motorized vehicles are required to comply with these statutes.



## Community Guidelines SPOTLIGHT

### 4. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY STANDARDS

d) All roadways must remain open to allow access for snowplows and emergency vehicles. Community owner reserves the right to tow any vehicles that are not parked in accordance with this requirement.



## Friendly Village Community Holiday Raffle

Open to all registered Friendly Village residents. Win a Gift Card to a local business, which might include: Hannaford, Walmart, local restaurants, & gas cards

### Drawing to be held on December 17th

Gift Cards will be chosen randomly at drawing. To enter, simply complete the Raffle Ticket on the back page of this newsletter and drop it off at the Friendly Village office no later than December 16th. One entry per household.

## JUMBLE

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

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○	○	○	○	○	
L	S	D	A	A	
○	○	○	○	○	
N	L	D	A	A	S
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D	H	O	S	A	W
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Solution on back page

## 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.

## The Holiday Season can be extremely stressful and expensive

- Plan by making a list and sticking to it.
- Shop online, if possible, to avoid the holiday crowds.
- Write and send Christmas cards and packages the first week of December, avoiding the lines.
- Keep calm by playing music that makes you happy.
- Use aromatherapy, such as scented oils, candles, and/or sprays.
- Practice deep breathing when you are stressed.
- Avoid excess alcohol.
- Take advantage of the gift-wrapping services at stores. These are often free with a purchase.
- Delegate the tasks that need to get done, such as cleaning, cooking, shopping, decorating, etc.
- Have some fun and build a Gingerbread house with your kids or your significant other.

**Decide what really matters and don't worry about the rest!**

### Clutter Free Gift Ideas

#### **Experiences**

- Concert Tickets
- Sporting Tickets
- Movie Passes
- Theater Tickets
- Golf Passes
- Escape Room
- Symphony
- Hot Air Balloon Ride
- Restaurant Card
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Bowling passes
- Summer Camp

#### **Classes**

- Cooking
- Dance
- Sports
- Swim
- Music
- Painting/Art
- Physical Trainer

#### **Time**

- Babysitter
- House Cleaner
- Professional Organizer
- Car Wash
- Massage
- Manicure/Pedicure
- Yard Service
- Date Night Out
- Oil Change

#### **Memberships**

- Children's Museum
- Zoo
- Theme Park
- Science Museum
- Aquarium
- State Parks
- National Parks
- Art Museum

#### **Consumables**

- Fruit Baskets
- Food Baskets
- Flowers
- Chocolates
- Coffee Beans
- Coffee Gift Card
- Local Food
- Wine
- Desserts
- Meat/Cheeses



## Creamy Chicken Pot Pie Noodles

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 30 minutes  
Total Time: 40 minutes  
Servings: 6  
Author: Andrea



### **Ingredients**

2 tbsps unsalted butter  
1 lb chicken breasts - filleted and seasoned with salt and pepper\*  
4 oz crimini mushrooms - sliced, optional  
1/2 small yellow onion - diced  
2 stalks celery - diced  
2 carrots - diced  
4 cloves garlic - minced  
4 cup low-sodium chicken bro  
2 cup half and half  
2 tsp kosher sea salt  
1 teaspoon ground black pepp  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/2 tsp dried thyme  
1/2 tsp ground sage  
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper  
1/4 tsp paprika  
8 oz egg noodles - OR other pasta  
1 cup frozen corn - thawed  
1 cup frozen peas - thawed  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley - roughly chopped  
pie crust crumbles - optional\*\*



### **Instructions**

In a large pot over medium heat, add the butter. Once the butter has melted, add the prepared chicken and cook until golden brown on each side/reaches an internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit (71 degrees Celsius).

Remove the chicken from the pot and transfer it to a cutting board. Allow to rest for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, add the mushrooms, onion, celery, and carrots to the pot, and sauté until tender, about 5-7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant.

Pour in the chicken stock along with the half and half, whisk, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Turn the heat up to medium-high and bring the mixture to a boil.

Cut the chicken into small bite-size chunks and return it to the pot. Add salt, pepper, garlic powder, thyme, sage, cayenne, and paprika.

When the mixture begins to boil, add the pasta and reduce heat to medium. Cook for 10-15 minutes, then add the corn, peas, and parsley.

Cook until the pasta is tender and the sauce has thickened, about 6-8 minutes (Note: the sauce will thicken as it cools). Remove from the heat and serve with pie crust crumbles, if desired.

**POLICE - FIRE- RESCUE,**  
**Emergency dial: 9-1-1**

**Non-emergency dial: 839-5581**  
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**For Friendly Village  
Maintenance Emergencies  
(Water-Sewer-Power)  
Call:  
207-295-5286**

**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.



**SNOW PLOWING**

**Steve Martin**  
207-229-2011

**James Meehan**  
207-590-3618

**ROOF CLEARING**

**Peter Lavoie**  
339-793-0429

Anyone who would like to advertise lawn  
mowing, raking, garden work services,  
etc., please call the office to advertise  
here on the newsletter,  
207-839-5577

**DECEMBER**  
*Events*

**Christmas Penny Store**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 pm - 3 pm  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm  
Galilee Baptist Church  
317 Main Street, Gorham  
Ages 12 and under

**Santa Visit at Rock Row**

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Rock Row  
90 Rock Row, Westbrook

**Windham Hill UCC**

**Festival of Trees**  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 8 pm  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 7 pm  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 4 pm  
Windham Hill U.C.C.  
140 Windham Center Rd, Windham

**Holiday Extravaganza!**

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm  
Highland Farm  
109 Highland Ave, Scarborough

**Winter Goat Yoga**

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 12 pm  
Smiling Hill Farm  
781 County Road, Westbrook

**Nutcracker Tea Party**

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 11 am  
Summit Community Church  
26 Cressey Road, Gorham

**Christmas Prelude Trolley Rides**

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 5:30 pm  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 5:30 pm  
Seashore Trolley Museum  
195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport

**Holiday Festival & Parade of Lights**

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm  
462 Main Street, Saco

**Bean Supper**

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm – 6 pm  
Scarborough Free Baptist Church  
55 Mussey Road, Portland

**Downtown Menorah Lighting**

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm  
Corner of Lincoln and Main Street  
17 Lincoln Street, Biddeford



**Friendly Village Community  
Holiday Raffle Ticket**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ticket must be dropped off at the  
Friendly Village Office  
no later than December 16th.*

*Drawing to be held December 17th.  
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Classic Jumble Answers:  
LIMBO – SALAD – SANDAL - SHADOW

Surprise puzzle answer:  
The rock formations in the Scottish Highlands are –  
AS OLD AS THE HILLS