

# Friendly Village of Gorham

Community News November 2025



**Happy Birthday to all Residents** who are celebrating a November Birthday- We hope you have a GREAT one!!



## November Dates to Remember

- 1 All Saint's Day
- 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 Election Day
- 9 World Freedom Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 17 National Hiking Day
- 20 Hanukkah
- 22 National Adoption Day
- 26 National Cake Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Black Friday
- 29 Small Business Saturday
- 30 National Personal Space Day



**FALL BACK**  
Change your clocks  
November 2, 2025



The Friendly Village office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE do not take shortcuts through other Resident's lots;**



**Stick to the pavement!**



## November 4, 2025 - Referendum Election

Referendum Elections are held to provide Maine's citizens an opportunity to vote on People's Veto Referenda, Direct Initiatives of Legislation (i.e. Citizen Initiatives), Bond Issues, other referenda proposed by the Legislature, and Constitutional Amendments. Referendum elections are an important part of the heritage of public participation in Maine.

## MANAGER'S CORNER

As winter approaches, Residents should take notice of the following;

- Make sure all outside garden hoses are removed from sillcocks
- Remove basketball hoops from the edge of the roadway
- Store all seasonal articles from the summer
- If you haven't put your name on the heat tape checklist, call the office

**Remember there is no parking on the street during snowstorms; vehicles will be towed at your expense!**

Residents are encouraged to check their oil tanks for possible leaks.

Thank you to all Residents for your diligence during the severe drought; please continue to reduce water usage until further notice/conditions improve.

**JOHN L. RICHARD**

## SELLING YOUR HOME

Just a reminder if you are thinking about selling your home; Residents are required to give us 30 days notice and need a letter of approval to sell from the office. Please contact the office to schedule a time for John to come out and inspect the home.

John will look over the home to make sure the oil take is in good condition and that the home has working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This needs to be done before going on the market, per Community Guidelines clause #9.



## 2026 DOG REGISTRATIONS

You can register your dog for 2026 in the Gorham Town Clerk's office or online now until January 31, 2026.

After January 31, 2026, a \$25.00 late fee per dog will be added to your registration. Please bring the current Rabies Certificate and Spay/Neuter Certificate with you to register your dog. Once licensed, please bring your proof (or email) to Michelle at the Friendly Village office to copy and update our files.

### Proof of current inoculations for dogs and cats is required annually

We do work with the Animal Control Officer, Hannah Michalewich, to identify animals in the park that are not in compliance with Town and Park rules.



## FRIENDLY VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

*Available for private functions*

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 the key is returned and the clubhouse has been cleaned with furniture back in its original placement.

All the trash generated during the event must be removed from the clubhouse by the resident.

Failure to follow these steps will result in forfeiture of the deposits.

## RENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

A reminder to Residents that there are multiple options to make your rent payments, even if the office is closed or operating under limited hours;

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT: Complete a form that allows the office to make your payment for you on the date of your choosing, (first to the fifteenth), and from the account of your choice.

DROP OFF A CHECK: You can drop a payment off in the lock box slot on the left side of the clubhouse door, or anytime during business hours.

ONLINE PAYMENT: You can request an emailed link to our online payment option, and you can make a payment anytime you choose.

SET UP A PAYMENT OPTION WITH THE OFFICE: You can call the office and add a payment option to your account. You then can call or email the office each month when you want me to run the payment for you.



## Community Guidelines SPOTLIGHT

### 2. HOME AND LOT CARE/AESTHETIC STANDARDS

o) Holiday lights/decorations are permitted to be installed/erected on a Homeowner's lot but must be taken down 45 days after the holiday.

## PET WASTE REMINDER

It is not acceptable to allow your dog or cat to leave droppings on other Resident's lawns, vacant lots, or to put bagged poop at mailboxes, storm drains or in other resident's recycle bins.

**Responsible ownership of pets is expected in Friendly Village. Violations can result in the requirement to remove your pet from the community.**

All pet waste must be picked up and bagged, including small dogs and cats. Those walking their pets on the power lines, please do not allow your dog to go to the bathroom in the roadway to the water building.



## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Preparing your manufactured home for winter is not much different than that of a home built on site. However, there are some preparation and maintenance tips listed below that may be unique to a manufactured home. The following items are some suggestions for maintaining your home. You should always consult your manufactured homeowner's manual for specific instructions.

1. Skirting should be installed per the manufacturer's instructions, keeping in mind to allow adequate ventilation so that odor or condensation problems do not occur. Make sure all drain lines from air conditioner, heat pump, etc. drain to outside of home skirting.
2. Close all access points in skirting to keep rodents and other wild animals from living under your home.
3. Adjust storm door closures for proper closing action and latch function to prevent excessive air infiltration.
4. Vent the clothes dryer directly outside the home. Improper venting will contribute to major condensation problems in the home.
5. Water lines should be protected by wrapping them first with an approved heat cable. Install the heat cable per the manufacturer's instructions, which may vary according to the type of water riser in place. At the beginning of cold weather, check to be sure heat tapes are plugged in and in good working condition. If you are planning on being away for an extended period of time, it is best to shut off water supply completely.
6. Make sure garden hoses are disconnected from outside faucets to allow freeze proof faucets to drain.
7. Furnace filters should be installed and cleaned regularly (monthly) as air cannot pass through a dirty filter, thereby increasing your operating costs.
8. Check for ice or snow buildup around your furnace or water heater roof caps. It is important to keep this area open to provide for proper operation.
9. During periods of severe cold, leave cupboard and closet doors open at night and when you are away so that heat may circulate in these otherwise cold areas.
10. Check the underside of your home for any holes in the belly board. Be sure all heat registers are in working order and sealed. Replace any inoperative or damaged registers.
11. On multi-section homes, make sure crossover pipe is installed to both halves of the home and are in good working condition. There should be no holes and no water in this pipe and it should be fully insulated.
12. Check to be sure heat tapes are plugged in and in good working condition.
13. Fix all plumbing leaks to keep sewer line from freezing. Sometimes toilet tank leaks can be small and unobservable. To check tank for leak, tie the float up in the evening; and if the tank is lower in the morning, you will know that you have a leak.
14. Keep any fuel tanks as full as possible to avoid freezing. Your Manufactured home manual will give you other tips that can be helpful in not only preventing costly repairs associated with freezing, but also to enhance the energy efficiency of your home.

## BANANA BANANA BREAD

by Shelley Albeluhn

### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 ½ cups mashed overripe bananas



### Directions

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan.
2. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Beat brown sugar and butter with an electric mixer in a separate large bowl until smooth. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture until just combined.
3. Pour batter into the prepared loaf pan.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 60 minutes.
5. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Enjoy!



## JUMBLE

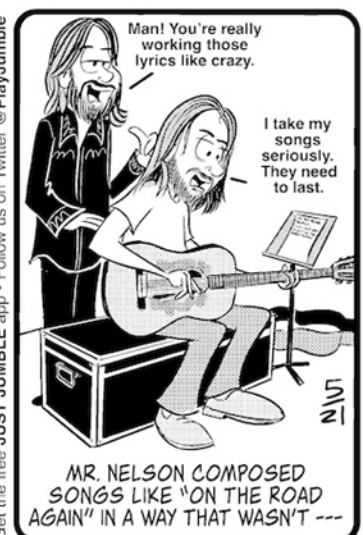
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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○	○	○	○	○	
M	P	I	Y	L	
○	○	○	○	○	
G	N	O	R	E	L
○	○	○	○	○	○
W	G	L	E	G	A
○	○	○	○	○	○

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### 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.

" ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ " - ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Solution on back page

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**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**

### **Friendly Village of Gorham**

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[facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham](https://facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham)

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**

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

Classic Jumble Answers: LIMIT – IMPLY – LONGER - WAGGLE

Surprise puzzle answer: Mr. Nelson composed songs like “On the Road Again” in a way that wasn’t – “WILLIE”-NILLY  
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### **CRAFT FAIRS**

#### **Craft Fair**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am – 3 pm  
Scarborough Free Baptist Church  
55 Mussey Road, Scarborough

#### **Bountiful Fair**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am – 2 pm  
Stevens Ave. Congregational Church  
790 Stevens Avenue, Portland

#### **KLA Engraving 2025 Craft & Vendor Fair**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am – 3 pm  
Gorham Recreation Department  
75 South Street, Gorham

#### **Annual Holiday Craft Fair**

November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am ~ 3 pm  
Windham High School  
406 Gray Road, Windham

#### **Winter Craft Fair**

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm  
Westbrook High School  
125 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook

#### **Fall Craft Show**

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm  
University of Southern Maine  
37 College Ave, Gorham



#### **Christmas Craft Fair**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am – 2 pm  
Gorham White Rock Grange #380  
33 Wilson Road, Gorham

#### **Nor-Geekster 2025**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm  
PortConMaine  
66 Falmouth Street, Portland

### **FALL FUN**

#### **Southern Maine Model Railroad Club**

##### **Train Show**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am – 2 pm  
Westbrook Community Center  
426 Bridge Street, Westbrook  
Adults \$5, Children under 12 Free

#### **Seed and Plant Swap**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am – 12:30 am  
Walker Memorial Library  
800 Main Street, Westbrook

#### **Milk a Cow**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 am – 1 pm  
Smiling Hill Farm  
781 County Road, Scarborough

#### **Free Monday Matinee**

November 3, 12:30 pm – 3 pm  
Scarborough Public Library  
48 Gorham Road, Scarborough  
“Pillow Talk” (1959), starring  
Doris Day & Rock Hudson

#### **Crafternoon: Fall Tree Fork Painting**

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Walker Memorial Library  
800 Main Street, Westbrook

#### **Cherry Hill Dryland Dash 2025**

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 am  
Shaw Cherry Hill Farm Trails  
616 Main Street, Gorham

#### **Construction Club**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Walker Memorial Library  
800 Main Street, Westbrook

#### **Daniel Tiger’s Grr-iffic Literacy Tour**

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm  
Baxter Memorial Library  
71 South Street, Gorham

