



Community News **Friendly Village of Gorham**

October 2025

October Dates to Remember

- 3 World Smile Day ☺
- 5 National Do Something Nice Day
- 8 National Emergency Nurses Day
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 15 National Medical Assistants Day
- 16 Global Cat Day
- 17 National Mammography Day
- 21 National Apple Day
- 24 World Polio Day
- 26 National Pumpkin Day
- 31 Halloween



Happy Birthday to all Residents who are celebrating an October birthday... We hope you have a great one!



Are you available for roof raking, snow shoveling, and/or snow blowing driveways and walkways this winter in the Friendly Village Community?

If so, please contact the office with your name and contact information. We can post this information in the November newsletter and pass it on to anyone who calls the office looking for these services.



MANAGER'S CORNER

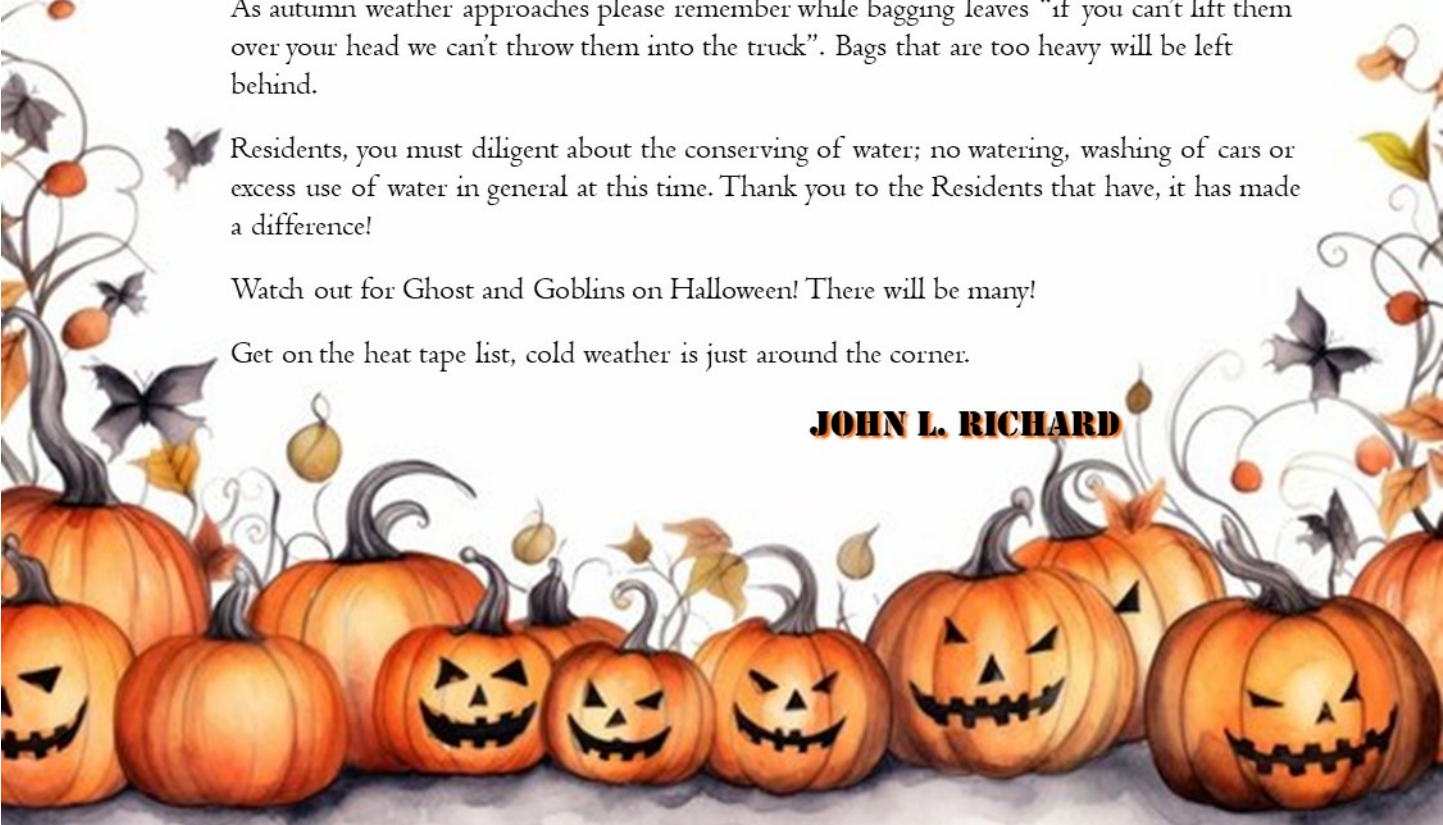
As autumn weather approaches please remember while bagging leaves "if you can't lift them over your head we can't throw them into the truck". Bags that are too heavy will be left behind.

Residents, you must diligent about the conserving of water; no watering, washing of cars or excess use of water in general at this time. Thank you to the Residents that have, it has made a difference!

Watch out for Ghost and Goblins on Halloween! There will be many!

Get on the heat tape list, cold weather is just around the corner.

JOHN L. RICHARD



Please don't overstuff your leaf bags

Bag your leaves and place them at the end of your driveway for free pickup. Please remember our maintenance crew need to lift these bags quite high to get them into the truck. If the bags weigh more than 50lbs, they will not be picked up and you will need to re-bag them into lighter bags. Please do not rake leaves onto the vacant lots. This creates more work for the maintenance staff and they blow around into everyone's yards. Thank you!



The Friendly Village Clubhouse is available for private functions! Great for the upcoming season of holiday gatherings.

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 key is returned and the clubhouse is cleaned satisfactorily, with furniture placed back in its original position. All trash generated during the party must be removed from the clubhouse by the resident. Failure to follow these steps will result in forfeiture of deposits.

Trick or Treating Tips

Residents: If you wish to pass out candy for Halloween on October 31st, please leave your porch light on. If you wish *not* to pass out candy, or if you run out of candy, please leave your porch light off.

Parents: Please make sure your child is carrying a flashlight and/or wearing something reflective so they can be seen by motorists. All costumes and wigs should be labeled "flame retardant". Costumes should fit well so as not to cause a tripping hazard. FDA face paint is best, but if masks are worn, they should fit well so children can see. Please check all candy to ensure it is safe, Warn children to never enter homes without a trusted adult, and to never accept rides from strangers, or anyone else for that matter, unless the parent has approved of it first. Advise trick or treaters to always stay to the side of roads and to be aware of traffic as well as cars in driveways.

Motorists: Please drive extra cautiously on Halloween, inside and outside of the F.V. Community because some streets can get quite busy with many trick or treaters. We want this to be a safe and fun time for all!

Trunk or Treats

South Portland Trunk or Treat
October 25th, 11 am – 3 pm
South Portland Community Center
21 Nelson Road, South Portland

Trick or Treat at Rock Row
October 25th, 1 pm – 4 pm
80 Main Street, Westbrook



Dog Walking Etiquette

No trespassing! When walking your pet around a residential neighborhood, it is universally accepted as rude if you allow your dog to walk on people's front lawns, into their gardens, snack on their landscaping, or urinate on their mailboxes, garbage cans, or lawn decorations.



Pick up the Poo! Be prepared with a plastic bag (or several) for picking up doggy doo.

Your dog might be friendly. But other people might not be. Does your dog want to say hello to everyone that passes, inspired to jog alongside runners, or chase down skateboarders and bicyclists? Not everyone may be as much of a dog lover as you are, and even if they are, they may be otherwise occupied. Your objective on a walk should be to keep walking, calmly and purposefully, and not to let your dog run your walk.

Other dogs might not be friendly either. Rule #3 also applies to other dogs. Don't assume that other dog walkers (or other dogs) are as interested in socializing their dogs as you (or your dogs) might be. Not all dogs are happy-go-lucky, social, or calm around other dogs. Best to ask the other owner, particularly if you are going through a puppy socialization stage, "Is your dog friendly? Is it ok if we let our dogs say 'hi' to each other?" and gauge their response, and the dog's response/behavior, when you let the two meet. Make sure you have a tight hold of your leash and check to make sure the other dog walker seems in control of their dog as well to prevent any unpredictable encounters.

Best to keep the leash on. Even though you might feel very confident in how good your dog is in their ability to walk calmly by your side off-leash and obey all of your verbal commands, their behavior could be unpredictable, depending upon the unexpected (and exciting) nature of a given stimulus (e.g., the cat across the street, a squirrel running up a tree, another exciting looking dog, a rushing car, a kid chasing a ball).



Heat Tape Inspections

Would you like to have the heat tape on your water pipes safety inspected and plugged in, free of charge? Contact the office by email, phone, or stop by to sign up.

- Call backs for plug in after initial inspection will incur a service charge.
- Inspections will be conducted by mid October.
- Any needed repairs or replacements are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- We do not return to unplug them in the spring. Please make your own arrangements for this service.

We recommend that you have your heat tapes plugged in by October 31st.

One Pot Macaroni Cheeseburger Soup

This cheeseburger soup recipe takes just 30 minutes to throw together and everything cooks in one pot! It's an easy, cheesy comfort food that your whole family will love.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef
2 teaspoons dried oregano, divided
2 teaspoons dried thyme, divided
6 tablespoons butter
1 cup yellow onion, diced
1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup sliced celery
5 cloves garlic, minced
4 tablespoons flour
8 cups chicken broth
8 oz. uncooked elbow macaroni
1 cup heavy cream
8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 teaspoon white balsamic vinegar
Kosher salt
fresh cracked pepper



For the Croutons:

4 sesame seed buns, diced into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil

Garnish:

sliced green onion, for garnish
shredded cheddar cheese, for garnish

Instructions

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place sesame seed bun cubes in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and toss to coat evenly. Bake for 10 minutes or until crispy on the outside.
2. Heat a large pot over medium heat. Add 1 pound ground beef, 1 teaspoon of dried oregano, 1 teaspoon of dried thyme, and a couple pinches of salt and pepper. Brown ground beef, crumbling with a spatula until cooked through. Remove from pan and set aside.
3. Heat 6 tablespoons of butter in the same large pot over medium heat (no need to wipe it out or drain the grease).
4. Add 1 cup diced onion, 1 cup sliced carrots, 1 cup sliced celery, and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Turn heat to medium-high and cook, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to medium and add 5 cloves minced garlic, the remaining 1 teaspoon oregano, and the remaining 1 teaspoon thyme, and cook for another minute.
6. Then add 4 tablespoons flour and stir to coat veggies. Cook for one more minute, stirring frequently.
7. Add a splash of chicken broth to deglaze the pot, scraping all the yummy bits off the bottom.
8. Stir in the rest of the 8 cups of chicken broth and 8 oz. of uncooked macaroni noodles along with another pinch of salt and pepper. Turn heat to medium-high, and bring to a simmer.

9. Once it begins to simmer, turn the heat to low and simmer for 5-7 minutes or pasta is al dente. Stir occasionally to prevent noodles from sticking to the bottom of the pot.

10. Remove soup from heat. Stir in 1 cup of heavy cream and 8 oz. of shredded cheese.

11. Then add 1 teaspoon of white balsamic vinegar. Add cooked ground beef back into the pot. Heat the soup over medium heat for a couple minutes, until the beef is heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

12. Serve soup with sesame seed bun croutons and garnish with green onions and shredded cheddar cheese and enjoy!

Notes

- Shred your own cheese. Freshly shredded cheese melts better and will give you a smoother texture. It's worth the extra few minutes of prep! Pre-shredded cheeses are coated in cellulose which helps prevent them from clumping but also means they won't melt as well.
- This cheeseburger chowder will thicken as it cools. Feel free to add an extra splash or two of broth or cream to loosen it up.



JUMBLE

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

SUTCO

KRIHE

ODIRNO

GHUTTA

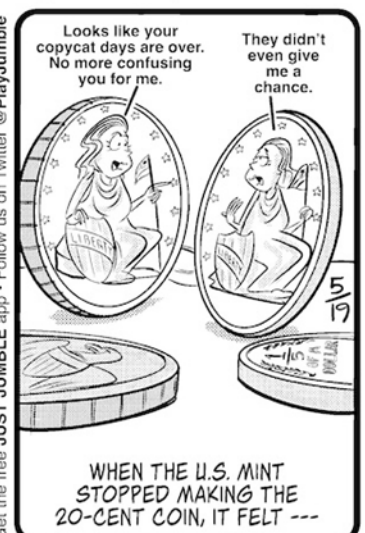
©2022 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved.

-

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.

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

Non-emergency dial: 839-5581

**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

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 9-4

Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



POO-P-PATROL

Pet Waste Removal

Keep your dog happy

Seth Babb, Owner

info@poo-p-patrol.com

207-632-4899



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



October Events

Fall Fun

Autumn Celebration at Orchard Ridge Farm

October 3rd, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
245 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham

2025 Fall Harvest Festival

October 4th, 10 am – 3 pm
234 Windham Center Road, Windham

BikeFest

October 4th, 12 pm – 6 pm
Rock Row, Westbrook

Antique Tractor Plow Days & Crafters Market

October 11th, 7 am – 4 pm
321 Buck Street, Gorham

Harvest Festival at Shaker Village

October 13th, 10 am – 4:30 pm
707 Shaker Road, New Gloucester

Frightening Festival of Fun

October 25th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
George E. Jack School
15 Northeast Road, Standish

Fall Harvest Night

October 28th, 5 pm
Buxton Fire Department
174 Portland Road, Buxton

Fryeburg Fair

September 27th – October 5th
1154 Main Street, Fryeburg

Craft Fairs & Book Sales

Crafting Group at Mechanic's Hall

October 1st, 11 am – 1 pm
Mechanic's Hall Library
519 Congress Street, Portland

Itty Bitty Knitty Committee

October 2nd & 9th, 5 pm – 7 pm
Owlbear's Rest
506 Main Street, Suite 26A, Westbrook

Community Craft Night

October 6th & 13th, 4 pm – 7:30 pm
Freedoms Edge Cider
31 Diamond Street, Portland

"Little of this, Little of that"

Craft & Vendor Sale
October 11th, 9 am – 2 pm
Mister Bagel
13 New Portland Road, Gorham

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library

Fall Book Sale
October 17th, 9 am – 6 pm
October 18th, 9 am – 1 pm
Shaw Gym, 75 South Street, Gorham

Harvest Craft & Bake Sale

October 18th, 9 am – 3 pm
Portland Elks Lodge 188
1945B Congress Street, Portland

Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair

October 18th, 9 am – 2 pm
Saco Grange 53
168 North Street, Saco

Classic Jumble Answers

SCOUT

HIKER

INDOOR

TAUGHT

Surprise puzzle answer

When the U.S. mint stopped
making the 20-cent coin it felt –

SHORT-CHANGED

©2025 TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY, LLC.

