



# Friendly Village of Gorham

Community News 🌸 May 2026

**Happy Birthday** to all  
Residents  
celebrating a May  
birthday



We hope you have a  
great one!

## Dates to remember in May

- 1 May Day
- 2 Brothers and Sisters Day
- 3 National Lemonade Day
- 5 National Foster Care Day
- 6 National Nurse's Day
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 National Apple Pie Day
- 15 International Day of Families
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 24 National Brother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day
- 31 World No Tobacco Day



The Friendly Village  
office will be closed  
on Monday, May  
25<sup>th</sup>, in observance  
of Memorial Day.



Pool opening  
Memorial Day,  
weather permitting!



## MANAGER'S CORNER

It's springtime in Maine! Rain, black flies and peepers are out, along with skunks!

Residents are reminded not to feed pets outside due to the fact that wild animals will take advantage of your generosity.

Loam will be available once the rain stops and it dries out .

Thanks to all residents who have started or completed their yard clean up, for those that haven't started, it's time.

Many Residents have mold on their home and skirting; it's time to remove it.

Moss on your roof also should be removed to prevent rot and damage.

Pool should be open Memorial Day, weather permitting!

In the upcoming months I will be inspecting the Community lots for potential violations, front and back.

**JOHN L. RICHARD**



## Community Wide Yard Sale

**Date:** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**Rain date:** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Residents may set up in their own yard.  
Clean up must be completed within 24 hours  
after the sale ends, including any signs placed.

*An ad will be placed on various Facebook pages,  
including our community Facebook page, advertising  
for that weekend. Feel free to share online!*



## Time to start Lot clean up

**We will be doing our annual lot inspections during May.** Please check that your lot is in compliance with community guidelines. Please bag leaves and needles in paper or regular bags so they can be easily lifted or carried by 1 person. No heavier than 50 pounds. If you have to drag it, it is too heavy. We need to lift the bags 4 ft to get them in the truck. Bags that are too full or heavy will *not* be picked up and must be re-bagged. No trash is to be inside leaf bags. **Stack all branches & limbs by the roadside and we will pick them up, free of charge.**

## Roof Algae and Stain Removal

Have you ever noticed dark stains on your roof? It is most commonly called “roof mold,” but it is actually algae that have formed on your roof due to dampness. The north side of homes is more likely to get algae stains since it receives less sunlight.

To prevent algae from forming on your shingles, you can use algae-proof shingles for your roof. If you don't need new shingles yet, but already have algae stains, you can use a cleaning solution such as hot water and soap or bleach.

Don't use a power washer to clean your roof! It can void warranties and ruin the granules on the shingles.



**A reminder that the speed limit throughout Friendly Village is 15 mph.** Please drive with caution as we have many pedestrians walking the park with family and pets. **Please also come to a complete stop at all stop signs within the park.**



## 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:** You fill out a form that allows the office to make your payment for you on the date of your choosing, (first to 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.

**ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION:** 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**

### **5. PETS**

#### **1.5. PETS**

d) A permit and approval must be obtained from community owner prior to getting a pet. If approval has not been obtained, you will be notified to remove the pet permanently. Failure to obtain approval for a pet prior to ownership and or when asked to remove the pet is grounds for termination of tenancy.



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

**For Use In An Emergency Only**  
**Weekends & After Office Hours**

### **Friendly Village of Gorham**

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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](mailto:Dirigohandyman@gmail.com)

**207-423-5224**

### **Annual Home Inspections**

To keep your mobile home in good condition and maintain its value, prioritize regular inspections, focus on roof and siding maintenance, ensure proper foundation and skirting care, and address HVAC system and interior cleanliness

#### **Exterior Maintenance**

Conduct thorough inspections at least once a year, and more frequently after storms, to check for any signs of damage or issues.

#### **Roof Maintenance:**

Inspect the roof for damage, missing shingles, leaks, and debris in gutters. Consider resealing or recoating every few years, depending on the roof material.

#### **Siding Maintenance:**

Clean siding regularly with a gentle cleaner to remove dirt and grime.

#### **Foundation and Skirting:**

Ensure your home is properly leveled and that skirting is free of damage or gaps.

#### **Ventilation:**

Ensure proper ventilation of skirting to prevent moisture buildup and potential damage

#### **Windows and Doors:**

Check windows and doors for leaks, drafts, and damage, and seal any gaps with caulk or weatherstripping.

#### **HVAC and Interior Maintenance**

#### **HVAC Maintenance:**

Regularly clean and service your HVAC system, including changing filters and vacuuming vents and ducts.

#### **Heating System:**

Before cold weather, have your furnace or heating system serviced to ensure it's running efficiently.

#### **Plumbing:**

Regularly check for leaks and drips and promptly address any issues to prevent water damage.

#### **Interior Cleanliness:**

Keep your home clean and tidy to prevent moisture buildup and potential mold growth.

#### **Moisture Control:**

Use extractor fans or dehumidifiers to control moisture, especially in bathrooms and kitchens.

#### **Other Important Tips:**

- **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Regularly test and maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- **Insulate Pipes:** Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing during cold spells.
- **Professional Inspections:** Consider hiring a qualified inspector for a thorough inspection of your mobile home.
- **Keep Your Owner's Manual:** Refer to your owner's manual for specific maintenance instructions and recommendations.
- **Maintain a Clean Environment:** Regular cleaning of the exterior and interior of your home helps prevent damage and keeps it looking nice.

Classic Jumble Answers

HOLLY

DOILY

AVIARY

CAJOLE

Surprise puzzle answer

Many small stores had opened in the community,  
which created a – "LIVELY-HOOD"

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