



Community News Friendly Village of Gorham

August 2026

August dates to remember

- 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 8 International Cat Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 11 National Son and Daughter Day
- 12 International Youth Day
- 13 Left-Handers Day
- 15 National Back to School Prep Day
- 21 National Senior Citizens Day
- 23 Ride Like the Wind Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 28 Bow Tie Day
- 30 National Beach Day
- 31 Eat Outside Day



A reminder that the speed limit
throughout Friendly Village is
15 miles per hour



There has been an increase in
Residents / Guests exceeding the
posted speed limit.
Please be mindful of residents
walking, biking, etc.

The next Community Wide Yard Sale
will be held September 12th
(rain date of the 13th)

Happy Birthday to all
Residents celebrating an
August birthday -



We hope you have a
GREAT one!

Please bag your leaves!

Organic debris (leaves, sticks, pine
needles, etc.) left for pick up should
be bagged or placed in bins. Please
do not leave piles at the end of your
driveway. Remember, bags should
be no heavier than 50 pounds.

MANAGER'S CORNER

This month is a good time to check out your oil tank, for such issues as painting, possible leaks and that it is sitting properly on the legs and blocks.

Do you have demo to be removed? Set it by the curb and we'll remove it for a small fee.

Residents are walking, riding bikes and jogging along the Community roadways. So please observe the Community speed limit of 15 mph!

Take the time to check your roof for pine needles and or leaves. Remove them before winter, this will save the life of the shingles and prevent possible leaks! One should gently sweep or blow the debris from the roof.

You are reminded to clean any mold off your home before winter, water and bleach works best with a deck brush and hose.

Water Update: As the treatment system is installed we have a few things left to do before the State will inspect it. An O&M test has been done with no test results yet from the lab.

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.



Community Guidelines SPOTLIGHT

2. HOME AND LOT CARE/AESTHETIC STANDARDS

s) Storage of bottles, cans, newspapers, garbage cans, rakes, shovels, bicycles, toys, boxes, plastic crates, firewood, household furniture and household appliances, etc. on patio and/or around the home is never permitted.

Your Responsibilities as a Maine Cyclist

- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings.
- Signal your turns and stops by hand.
- Yield to pedestrians and give an audible warning before passing.
- Use a white front light and a rear light or reflector at night.
- Keep working brakes and your bike in safe condition.
- Riders under 16 must wear a helmet.

Town of Gorham to Transition to Automated Curbside Collection – Fall 2026!

Transition to begin in the Fall of 2026. What this means:

- Each eligible residence will receive two (2), 65-gallon carts, one for trash, and one for recycling. These carts are expected to be assembled and delivered to each residence beginning mid-August to early September.
- The Pay-As-You-Throw Tag Program will stop once all carts have been delivered, and the new system starts; however, you will be required to use tags until the time of transition. The cost of the collection service will be built into the property tax base moving forward.
- Single sort recycling will remain the same (all recyclable materials will be combined in one cart to be sorted at Ecomaine) and trash will be bagged in a trash bag of your choosing, tied and placed in your trash cart.
- The Town's current schedule is a four-day collection week, Monday – Thursday. This will be changing to a five-day collection schedule, Monday – Friday. More information to come as Casella and Town staff work through these schedule details.
- You will still be required to have trash and recycling curbside by 7AM on your day of collection.

Trash tags will continue to be available for purchase through the Friendly Village office, while supplies last.

JUMBLE

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

V	L	E	A	G
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E	K	R	C	E
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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.

Local Events

11th Annual Cars and Coffee Show

August 1st, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm
Royal Brewster House
8 Brewster Place, Buxton

Stitch Circle

August 1st, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Bar Mills Community Church
13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton

Standish Summer Spectacular

August 1st, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Standish Parks & Recreation
175 Northeast Road, Standish

207 Music Series - Original Maine Music

August 1st, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Westbrook Common
2 Westbrook Common, Westbrook

Free Monday Matinee

August 3rd, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Scarborough Public Library
48 Gorham Road, Scarborough
"Song Sung Blue" (2025)

Pollinator Walk

August 3rd, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Broadturn Farm
4 Hanson Road, Scarborough

Sounds by the Sea

Summer Concert Series
August 3rd, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm
Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth
@ the Picnic Stand
Feat. Bluehill

Music Jam

August 5th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Ferry Beach Conference Center
5 Boardwalk Drive, Saco

HART's Annual Gigantic Yard Sale

August 6th through 8th, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
August 9th, 8:00am – 12:00pm
Cumberland Fairgrounds
Exhibition Hall
197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland

Sounds by the Sea

Summer Concert Series

August 10th, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm
Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth
@ the Picnic Stand
Feat. The Portland Symphony
Orchestra Ensemble

Free Car Seat Check

August 13th, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
South Portland Fire Department
Western Avenue Station
34 James Baka Drive, S. Portland

Scarborough Summerfest

August 21st, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Scarborough High School Sports
Complex
26 Gorham Road, Scarborough

2026 Portland Fine Craft Show

August 22nd, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Lincoln Park
Congress & Pearl Streets, Portland

Farmer's Markets

Scarborough Farmer's Market

259 US Route 1, Scarborough
Sundays through October
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

South Portland Farmer's Market

144 Ocean Street, South Portland
Sundays through October
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cherry Hill Farmer's Market

616 Main Street, Gorham
Wednesdays through September
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Portland Farmer's Market

Deering Oaks Park
Wednesdays through late November
7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dayton Farmer's Market

24 Jessica May Road, Dayton
Saturdays through October
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saco Farmer's Market

4 Scamman St, Saco
Saturdays through October
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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.

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.

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

Non-emergency dial: 839-5581

**For Friendly Village
Maintenance Emergencies:
Water-Sewer-Power
207-295-5286**

For Use In An Emergency Only
Weekends & After Office Hours

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Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



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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.



Classic Jumble Answers: GAVEL – CREEK – GRITTY – AZALEA

Surprise puzzle answer:

Avoiding capture was tough for King Kong because he was – LARGE AT LARGE

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