



# Community News Friendly Village of Gorham

## July 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY

- 1 Battle of Gettysburg
- 2 Made in the USA Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Global Forgiveness Day
- 10 National Kitten Day
- 13 National French Fry Day
- 15 National Hot Dog Day
- 17 National Tattoo Day
- 20 Space Exploration Day
- 24 National Cousins Day
- 26 Parent's Day
- 30 Share a Hug Day



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

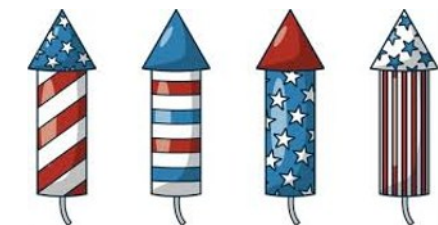
### **REMEMBER: SOUND CARRIES**

Keep music and TVs down  
low enough so as not to  
disturb your neighbors,  
especially when windows  
are open.

If you must have them  
louder in order to hear  
them, please wear  
headphones or ear buds.  
Thank you!



**Happy Birthday** to all  
Residents who are celebrating  
July birthday  
We hope you have a great one!



**Reminder: the use of fireworks is  
prohibited throughout the Community**

### **MANAGER'S CORNER**

As stated in the past, lighting of fireworks is not permitted within the Community, State law clearly states that you must have the owner's (of the land) permission to set off fireworks along with a town permit. No one has permission.

Also, any improvements need approval from the Community Office, as well as obtaining a dog.

The week of July 13<sup>th</sup> the treatment system for PFAS removal will be installed tentatively at this time. Once we know the exact day we will inform you as soon as possible. At this time we believe that the water will not be shut off to the Community. As always, if you have any questions, please call me at the office.

**JOHN L RICHARD**



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

As we drive around the community we are noticing it is time for some homes to be washed free of the buildup of mold and dirt that happen each season. Take a look at the outside of your home to see if your home needs to be cleaned of seasonal dirt and debris. Check your roof to see if there is a build up of moss, pine needles and leaves that need to be cleared off. Keeping your roof clean extends the life of your shingles and your home. There are products you can purchase to clear your roof of moss, but white vinegar sprayed onto your roof will do the same job without harmful chemicals.

Part of being a homeowner is taking care of the maintenance of your home to keep it looking great and checking for repairs that need to be done. Mold and dirt accumulate on the outside of homes and they periodically need to be cleaned. There are vinyl siding cleaners out there that are specific for this type of work. You can also use white vinegar and water, Simple Green, or a combo of Dawn dishwashing detergent and white vinegar. What ever mix you use, a good stiff brush with an extendable handle will allow you to stay on the ground to get the job done. You also can hire someone to power wash the home, but this simple task can be a DIY project.



## POOL RULE REMINDERS

- No Lifeguard on duty
- Pool Hours are 12-7 daily, weather permitting
- The pool will only be open when there is a Pool Attendant on duty.
- All Residents and their guests must follow the Pool Attendant directions.
- All Residents and guests must shower before entering the pool, per state law.
- Residents under the age of 14 must present a signed parental consent form if using the pool without a parent or guardian present ( who must be 18 years of age or older). Copies are available in the office during normal business hours and can also be obtained by the Pool Attendant on duty during pool hours.
- Rough play, discourteous behavior, disregard of the pool rules, foul language, or challenging the authority of the Pool Attendant are considered grounds for suspension of pool privileges for a period of time, or permanently.

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The 1998 Legislature enacted a law giving homeowners property tax relief beginning in the spring of 1998. Under this law, homeowners are eligible for reduction in their permanent residence's property valuation.

This law continues in effect for the coming tax year. Those who applied for and received this exemption in the current tax year and are still residence owners in Gorham will receive it again this year. They DO NOT need to reapply for it. It will be applied to qualified owner's property taxes until they sell, move, or the Legislature rescinds the program.

### New Applicants Must:

Have owned their permanent legal residence in Gorham for the twelve months prior to April 1st of each respective year. Fill out and return this form to the Assessor's Office by April 1st to qualify for the exemption.

The first tax bill to be impacted by an approved Homestead Application will be the Fall bill.

If a residence owner did not receive this exemption last year, they may apply for the coming year by obtaining an application by contacting the Assessor's Office.

## SENIOR PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of this article is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 65 years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet the criteria established by this article.

Applications can be picked up from the Town Clerk's Office in early June of each year; they are due no later than August 1 of the year for which the refund is requested, and will be required for every year the applicant seeks to participate in the program. Applicants also must submit proof of property taxes paid or rent constituting property taxes paid during the tax year on the individual's homestead in the Town of Gorham.

The Town Clerk's decision on eligibility to participate and benefit base amount in the program are final. Appeals to the Town Clerk's determinations are to be submitted in writing to the Town Council within 14 days of the Town Clerk's or the designee's determinations. The Town Council will then review and make a determination within 30 days of receipt of an appeal.

A person who qualifies for payment under this program shall be mailed a check for the amount of the benefit he/she is eligible for no later than 30 days from the date of Council approval of the application for the year in which participation is sought.

## COPYCAT HOMEMADE HAMBURGER HELPER BEEF STROGANOFF

By Julie Pollitt

Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 35 minutes  
Total Time: 40 minutes  
Servings: 6 servings

### Ingredients

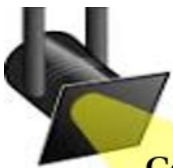
1 lb. ground beef  
1 Tbsp. corn starch  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 cups milk  
1-1/2 cups beef broth  
8 oz. egg noodles  
1/2 cup sour cream



### Instructions

Cook the ground beef in the skillet until brown. Drain the grease and return the meat to the skillet.

- Add the salt, pepper, and cornstarch, and mix.
- Pour the milk and beef broth into the skillet and mix.
- Add the noodles and stir until mostly covered with liquid.
- Replace the lid and bring to a boil on medium-high heat. Give it a good stir on occasion.
- Once the mixture boils reduce the heat to medium and stir occasionally. Cook for 10-15 minutes or until the noodles are done.
- Finally, stir the sour cream into the cream sauce and mix well. Turn the burner down on low and cook about five more minutes to make sure it's hot. Serve.



### Community Guidelines SPOTLIGHT

#### 4. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY STANDARDS

f) Unregistered vehicles are not allowed at any location in the Community. The community owner reserves the right, after seven (7) days written notice, to tow unregistered vehicles from the Community at the owner's expense.

## FIREWORKS!

**Kennebunk** – visible from all Kennebunk Beaches  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 pm

**Naples** – Over Long Lake, from the Causeway  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 pm

**Ogunquit** – Ogunquit Beach  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 pm

**Old Orchard Beach** – in front of Palace Playland  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 pm

**Portland** – Eastern Promenade  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 pm

**Saco** – Funtown/Splashtown  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 pm

**South Portland** – Bug Light Park  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, Dusk

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If you must have them louder in order to hear them, please wear headphones or ear buds.  
Thank you!



Please, watch your speed!!

The speed limit on all roadways in Friendly Village is 15 mph

## JUMBLE

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

PEOEL  
□ □ □ □ □

URHYR  
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REDVOO  
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SOFCIA  
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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.

**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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[www.mainemobilehomes.com](http://www.mainemobilehomes.com)

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

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**

Anyone who would like to advertise  
services please call the office to advertise  
here on the newsletter.  
207-839-5577

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- All Residents and guests must shower before entering the pool, per state law.
- You may have 2 Guests per site with you to enjoy the pool.
- Residents under the age of 14 must present a signed parental consent form if using the pool without a parent or guardian present ( who must be 18 years of age or older). Copies are available in the office during normal business hours and can also be obtained by the Pool Attendant on duty during pool hours.
- Residents under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent,, legal guardian, or designated guardian. An older sibling is not considered a suitable designated guardian unless they are 18 years old or older.
- Rough play, discourteous behavior, disregard of the pool rules, foul language, or challenging the authority of the Pool Attendant are considered grounds for suspension of pool privileges for a period of time, or permanently.
- Smoking or Vaping is prohibited within the pool area

**PLEASE KEEP THE POOL AREA SAFE AND PLEASANT FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**Classic Jumble Answers:** ELOPE – HURRY – OVERDO -FIASCO

**Surprise puzzle answer:** The upholsterer worked alone, so when she got sick, there was no one to – COVER FOR HER

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