

Community News Friendly Village of Gorham

October 2026

October Dates to Remember

- 1 International Coffee Day
- 4 National Taco Day
- 5 National Be Nice Day
- 8 World Sight Day
- 10 Inclusion Day
- 12 Indigenous Peoples Day
- 14 National Dessert Day
- 16 Boss' Day
- 17 National Fetch Day
- 21 National Apple Day
- 24 World Polio Day
- 27 National Black Cat Day
- 30 National Candy Corn Day
- 31 Halloween



The office will be closed
Monday, October 12th

Happy Birthday

to all Residents who are celebrating an
October birthday.



We hope you have a great one!



Happy Halloween!

Trash Day is Friday

A reminder that trash pickup has
moved to Fridays as of September
11th following implementation of
the new mechanical process.

All rubbish/recycling containers
should be placed at the curbside by
7 a.m. on the day of pick-up only.

Containers should be removed
promptly after rubbish collection of
that day.

Do you have a digital thermostat?

If you have a digital
thermostat, it's a great time to
check your batteries! Be sure
to replace them as needed to
avoid malfunctions. Dust and
dirt can affect your
thermostat's performance; it's
a good idea to also clean the
thermostat periodically. It's
also a great time to check and
replace your smoke detector
batteries.

MANAGER'S CORNER

As the leaf season is upon us please remember "if you can't lift it over your head, we can't load it".

Now is the time to inspect your home for winter, such as oil tanks, skirting and varmint holes in your underbelly.

If you haven't got your name on the heat tape checklist, now is the time!

I would like to thank you all for your patience during the
valve replacement shut down. I know folks were concerned
as to the time water would be back on, as much as I was!

JOHN L. RICHARD

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.



Stay up to date

Email is the most efficient method of communicating important park information to Residents in a timely manner.

If you would like to receive email updates and do not currently have an email on file please contact the office at 207-839-5577 or send an email to friendlyvillage@mainemobilehomes.com to update your information.

If you already have an email on file but are not receiving emails from the office, be sure to check your spam/junk folder! If you find that emails from the office are routing to these types of folders, please take a moment to mark them as "not spam" to continue receiving communications.



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.

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).



Community Guidelines

spotlight

6. UTILITIES

a) 2. All rubbish/garbage containers must be stored where they cannot be viewed from the street. This commonsense practice will enhance the appearance of the homeowner's lot. The placement of rubbish containers on decks or near the main entrance to the home is strictly prohibited.



Spicy Cheesesteak Egg Rolls

Servings: 8

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 30 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour

Ingredients

- 2 Tsp olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 jalapeños, diced
- 1 lb sirloin, shaved
- 1/2 Tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 Tsp granulated garlic
- 1 Tsp kosher salt, to taste
- 1/2 C white American cheese, 6 slices or so, as needed
- 12 egg roll wrappers
- 1/4 C water, for assembling
- 2 Tbsp flat-leaf parsley, minced

Instructions

1. Heat a large skillet over medium-high for about 2 minutes. Drizzle in some oil, then add the diced onions and jalapeños. Sprinkle with a pinch of salt to help release the juices. Sauté, stirring frequently, until the onions start browning. Push the veggies to one side, leaving space for the steak.
2. Add a bit more oil if needed, then toss in the shaved steak. Season with granulated garlic, Worcestershire sauce, and salt to taste. Let the steak cook, tossing occasionally, until no pink remains. Once done, mix the steak and veggies together.
3. Layer the slices of cheese over the steak mixture, then cover with a lid. Let the cheese melt completely, then turn off the heat, remove the lid, and stir to combine. Finish by folding in the minced parsley. Transfer the filling to a bowl and let it cool.
4. Position an egg roll wrapper in front of you, with one corner facing you like a diamond. Add a few tablespoons of the filling, placing it slightly closer to you. Dip your fingers in water and wet the edges of the wrapper.
5. Fold the edge of the egg roll closest to you back over the filling. Once it covers the filling, bring up the two side ends and press them into the top. Once they are affixed, continue rolling the egg roll until it's rolled up, keeping these tight. Place in the freezer or fridge while you heat the oil.

Heat oil to 365°F. Fry the egg rolls for 3-6 minutes, or until golden and bubbly. Drain on a wire rack and serve hot.



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!



JUMBLE

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

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○	○	○	○	○	
N	A	A	P	D	
○	○	○	○	○	
N	I	T	U	G	O
○	○	○	○	○	○
Y	N	H	H	P	E
○	○	○	○	○	○

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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**

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Weekends & After Office Hours**

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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

207-423-5224

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

Fall *events*

Tree Festival

October 3rd, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Deering Oaks Park
Park Avenue, Portland

Fall Fest: Fort Hill Community Church

October 3rd, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Gorham Gazebo
75 South Street, Gorham

Baked Bean Supper

October 3rd, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
White Rock Community Clubhouse
34 Wilson Road, Gorham

Fiddlehead Fall Fest

October 4th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Fiddlehead Center for the Arts
226 Gorham Road, Scarborough

Free Monday Matinee

October 5th, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Scarborough Public Library
48 Gorham Road, Scarborough
“You, Me & Tuscany” (2026)

Harper Halloween Walk

October 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th
8:30 pm
173 Flaggy Meadow Road, Buxton

Go Outside Gorham

October 17th, 7:00 am
75 South Street, Gorham

Throttle Cars & Coffee

October 17th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
10 Dynamic Drive, Scarborough

Trick or Treat in the Barnyard

October 25th, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Smiling Hill Farm
781 County Road, Westbrook
Kids: \$2.50; Adults: \$5.00

Fall Fest

October 25th, 11:00 – 3:00 pm
Orchard Ridge Farm
236 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham



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.



Classic Jumble Answers

DRAWN
PANDA
OUTING
HYPHEN

Surprise puzzle answer

For this guy, having huge arms and winning arm
wrestling matches – GO HAND IN HAND
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