

Community News

Friendly Village of Gorham

September 2026

September Dates to Remember

- 5 World Beard Day
- 6 Read a Book Day
- 7 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day
Rosh Hashanah
- 12 National Pet Memorial Day
- 13 Grandparents' Day
- 18 Air Force Day
- 20 Yom Kippur
- 21 World Alzheimer's Day
- 25 National Lobster Day
- 26 World Heart Day

Happy Birthday
to all residents
who are celebrating a
September Birthday



We hope you have
a great one!

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY



BACK TO SCHOOL



MANAGER'S CORNER

As school has started, watch out for the children walking. Parents, please remind your children to walk at the side of the road going to and from the bus stop. Also, while waiting for the bus, kids should not be blocking the travel path of cars.

It has been a great season for the pool, but as of September 7th at 7 pm the season is done.

I would also like to thank those ten residents who did the Lead and Copper test for our water system. Again, the results were great! Thank you again!

If you didn't already do it, you still have time to check your oil tank for leaks, rust, and painting! This is important due to the number of oil tank leaks over the past several years. It is a very costly problem which could be avoided by being proactive.

A reminder that once the new trash pickup starts; please review Section 6. Utilities (a) paragraphs 1-6.

Water update: Our second O & M (operation & maintenance) results again were good, very good. Our Official test was taken on August 24, hopefully the results will be available by September 8th.

We do have one more water shut down coming up. We have to remove and replace valves at the water building due to State Regulations on the treatment system. Water may be off for a long period of time so be prepared. More information to come once the contractor has been hired.

Again any questions please call the office.

JOHN L. RICHARD



COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, September 12th,

from 8:00am-to-3:00 pm

(Rain date, Sunday, September 13th)

Residents may setup 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 the Friendly Village Facebook page, feel free to share it around to increase ad coverage.

WINTER RV/BOAT/TRAILER PARKING POLICY

REMINDER THAT ALL RV'S, CAMPERS, TRAILERS AND BOATS IN THE PARK ARE REQUIRED TO BE PARKED IN THE STORAGE AREA LOCATED AT THE END OF ASH DRIVE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS, OR OFFSITE.

ANYONE WITH A SEASONAL VEHICLE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PARK THEM ON THE VACANT LOTS. STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST, ALL CAMPERS, RV'S, BOATS AND TRAILERS WILL NEED TO BE MOVED TO THE STORAGE AREA OR STORED OFF SITE.

YOU MAY BRING THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY TO PARK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY OR VACANT LOT FOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS (LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AT A TIME) TO SERVICE, SET-UP AND PREP FOR OPEN/CLOSE UP FOR THE SEASON.
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

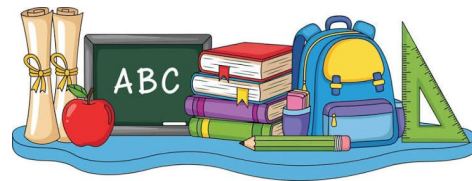
TIME TO CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR HEAT TAPE TO BE INSPECTED AND PLUGGED IN FOR THE WINTER.

YOU HAVE TO BE ON THE LIST TO HAVE THIS FREE SERVICE DONE. WE DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY DO THIS SERVICE AND DO NOT CARRYOVER REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO GET ON THE LIST

Please use caution when driving in the Friendly Village Community, and ALWAYS come to a complete stop at STOP signs.

- The posted speed limit is **15MPH**.
- Use extra care when coming to intersections and going around corners.
- Pedestrians should always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- When walking at dawn or dusk be sure to wear light colored clothing or reflective wear to increase visibility to motorists.



The weather is still nice, but unfortunately, it's going to be winter before we know it!

Now is the perfect time to begin your Fall cleanup & pre-winter winterizing.

Inside:

- Clean out dryer exhaust tubes & vents
- Get your furnace serviced and replace filters
- Drain sediment from hot water heater
- Test smoke & carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries in them
- Replace furnace filter
- Sweep chimney, if you have one
- Vacuum condenser coils on refrigerator
- Remove air conditioner units from windows

Outside:

- Check weather stripping & caulking around doors & windows
- Check & clean gutters & downspouts
- Clean & store patio furniture
- Drain & store garden hoses
- Check exterior paint & touch-up as needed, such as trim, railing, and deck
- Install insulation covers over exterior spigots
- Inspect your roof, patch any trouble spots
- Inspect heat tape and replace if necessary
- Drain hoses and pipes from A/C condenser units and cover them
- Insulate your water pipes with Insul-tubes from the hardware store
- Drain gas from lawn mowers before storing them.

Gorham Police Dept. E-Bike PSA



E-Bikes MUST be under 750 watts

Class 1

- Any age permitted
- Motor must stop when not being pedaled
- Motor cannot exceed 20MPH

Civil Violation: \$151

Class 2

- Must be 16 years old
- Motor may propel the bike without pedal assistance
- Motor cannot exceed 20MPH

Civil Violation: \$151

Class 3

- Must be 16 years old
- Motor must stop when not being pedaled
- Motor cannot exceed 28MPH
- Must have a speedometer that displays miles per hour

Civil Violation: \$151

Moped

- Driver's license REQUIRED
- Motor 750-1500 watts (Under 50cc)
- MAY have pedals
- Motor can exceed 28MPH

Motorcycle

- Driver's license AND motorcycle endorsement REQUIRED
- Motor 1500+ watts (Over 50cc)
- Motor can exceed 28MPH

Criminal Misdemeanor

<https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/29-a/title29-Asec2063.html>

Gorham Police Dept. E-Bike PSA



E-Bikes MUST obey all bicycle laws

Ride to the Right

- E-Bikes must be operated as far as practicable to the right side of the roadway

Civil Violation: \$151

Obey Traffic Control Devices

- Must stop at all stop signs
- Must follow traffic lights
 - Unless the bike is walked in the crosswalk

Civil Violation: \$151

Helmet Required

- Helmets are required for all riders UNDER 16 years old

Tampering Prohibited

- Tampering or modifying the E-Bike speed to exceed the Class limits is prohibited

Civil Violation: \$151

Parental Responsibilities

- Parent(s) can be responsible for Permitting Unlawful Use IF:
 - The motor exceeds 750 watts [This is now a Moped]
 - The motor exceeds 1,500 watts (50cc) [This is now a Motorcycle]

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Caprese Pasta Salad Recipe

Author: Donya Mullins

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 12 minutes
Total Time: 22 minutes
Servings: 6 servings



Ingredients

Vinaigrette Dressing

¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
2 -3 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 clove minced garlic
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper

Caprese Pasta Salad

½ pound dried pasta (farfalle or other small pasta works best)
8 ounces mozzarella pearls (or cubed fresh mozzarella)
2 cups grape tomatoes sliced in half
¼ cup fresh basil leaves thinly sliced
salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

- To a small bowl or jar with a lid, add olive oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Whisk or shake until all ingredients are incorporated. Set aside.
- Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water.
- To a large bowl add cooked pasta, tomatoes, mozzarella pearls, and basil. Drizzle with vinaigrette dressing and toss. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve immediately.



The Gorham Food Pantry is located next to St. Anne's Church at 299-B Main St., Gorham and is open to all residents of the Town of Gorham every Thursday from 10 am until 12 pm.

Food donations are encouraged and always accepted. Items may be brought to the Gorham Food Pantry during Open Pantry hours. We also have a donation bin on our entry ramp that is checked daily (weather permitting).

2026 Agricultural Fairs

Litchfield Fair

September 10 - September 12

Oxford Fair

September 16 - September 19

Cumberland Fair

September 27 - October 3

Fryeburg Fair

October 4 - October 11



JUMBLE

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

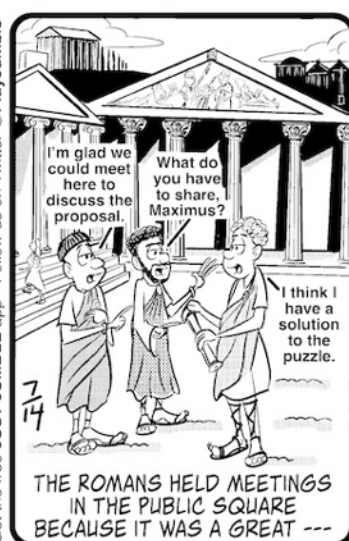
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE ROMANS HELD MEETINGS
IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE
BECAUSE IT WAS A GREAT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Solution on back page

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

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www.mainemobilehomes.com

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

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



September Events

Labor Day Weekend Extravaganza at Scarborough

Marsh Audubon Center

September 5th, 6th, & 7th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center

92 Pine Point Road, Scarborough

Scarborough Library Knitting Group

September 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

10:00 am-12:00 am

Scarborough Public Library

48 Gorham Road, Scarborough

3rd Annual Fairy Festival

September 6th, 10:00 am

Thomas Memorial Library

6 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth

Grange Craft, Yard and Bake Sale

September 5th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

74 County Road, Scarborough

Free Car Seat Check

September 10th, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

South Portland Fire Department

Western Avenue Station

34 James Baka Drive, South Portland

Bean Supper

September 12th, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Scarborough Free Baptist Church

55 Mussey Road, Portland

Wild Seed Project Native Plant Sale Public Day

September 13th, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Turkey Hill Farm

120 Old Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth

Pine Point Quilters

September 14th & 28th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Pine Point Firehouse

12 King Street, Scarborough

Gorham Community Blood Drive

September 17th, 1:00 pm-5:30 pm

Cressey Road Christian Church

81 Cressey Rd, Gorham

Biddeford Art Walk

September 18th, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Biddeford Main Street Historic District, Biddeford



Classic Jumble Answers

MOUTH

WEARY

COFFEE

FIRMLY

Surprise puzzle answer

The Romans held meetings in the public square because it was a great – FORUM FOR ‘EM

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