



In like a lion!

# Community News ~ March 2019

## Friendly Village of Gorham



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### Dates to remember in March:

- 1 - National Peanut Butter Day
- 5 - Mardi Gras—Fat Tuesday
- 6 - Ash Wednesday
- 10 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 17 - Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 - March Equinox, First Day of Spring
- 20 - National Agriculture Day
- 22 - National Goof Off Day
- 23 - National Puppy Day
- 30 - National Doctors' Day



### Daylight Savings begins, Sunday March 10, 2019

at 2:00 AM  
turn your clocks **forward**  
1 hour to be 3:00 AM  
local daylight time.



*May you find pots of gold at the end of your rainbow, but don't let the "bad" leprechauns get to it.*

### Don't Forget to Lockup.

Lock the doors and windows of your home. Lock your car doors, trunks, and truck toolboxes. Never leave any valuables in your vehicle, not even your glove box. Always report any mischievous conduct to the police and please let the Friendly Village Office know, too.



**Residents!!** Please use caution around the Community snow plows and Residents clearing their driveways. We do have significant snow banks and there are blind spots where sometimes you cannot be seen or heard!!

**Happy Birthday to all residents who are celebrating a March Birthday... We hope you have a great one!**



Please drive with care, let the people working the snow blowers and plows know you are there, once seen they can move out of your way. The last thing we want is an accident to a resident or park equipment!

### MANAGEMENT CORNER

I don't know about you but I am ready for spring! Yes it will melt, but not soon enough!

Residents are reminded to check with the office prior to listing their home for sale or doing any improvements that require Management's approval.

If you have any limbs that have falling during the winter at your site, please put them by the curbside for pick up.

Little furry creatures have been out and about, as warmer temps come upon us more will be roaming the streets. Please do not feed your animals outside as this keeps them coming back!

We have received several complaints on speeding! Watch your speed, the limit is 15 mph!

Don't forget the local Gorham Times is available at the office!

*John L. Richard*

## Roast Chicken With Spring Vegetables

Total:  
40 min  
Active:  
5 min  
Yield: 4 Servings



### Ingredients

- 3 1/2 pounds skin-on, bone-in chicken quarters
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 lemon, halved
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound fingerling or other small potatoes
- 2 bunches radishes
- 1 bunch scallions
- 1 bunch baby carrots
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper, then place skin-side up on a rimmed baking sheet. Squeeze 1/2 lemon over the chicken and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Roast 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cut the potatoes and radishes in half and cut the scallions into thirds. Toss the potatoes, radishes, carrots and the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a bowl; season with salt and pepper. Remove the chicken from the oven and scatter the vegetables around it. Continue to roast until the vegetables are tender and the chicken is golden and cooked through, about 20 more minutes. Squeeze the remaining 1/2 lemon over the chicken and vegetables. Top with the dill and season with salt.

### WHAT'S IN SEASON

- Artichokes
- Cabbage
- Beets
- Brussels Sprouts
- Carrots
- Garlic
- Grapefruit
- Greens
- Maple Syrup
- Onions, Shallots
- Potatoes
- Squash
- Turnips



## SPRING IS HERE AND SO ARE THE SKUNKS!!



### Protecting your yard

#### Habitat modification

Skunks are opportunists at heart — they're mainly attracted to low-hanging fruit like garbage and pet food left out at night, as well as convenient denning sites, such as wood and rock piles, elevated sheds, openings under concrete slabs and porches and crawl spaces.

Preventive measures, such as removing attractants around houses, will decrease the likelihood of an unpleasant skunk encounter. This includes [securing trash](#), covering window wells, feeding pets indoors, or if fed outdoors, removing food immediately after pets eat.

Skunks also dig for grubs in lawns when wet soil conditions push grubs close to the surface — their presence may be a sign of an overwatered lawn. Occasionally, however, a skunk may also wander into an open garage or shed, which is a compelling reason to secure all outbuildings.

#### Preventing denning (exclusion)

Exclusion techniques should be used proactively to prevent denning before an animal moves in. Any suspected skunk den should first be checked to determine if it has residents.

This may be done by loosely filling the hole (or holes) with soil, leaves, straw, crumpled paper or similar material. If a skunk is present, the animal will easily push their way out overnight and reopen the hole.

If the plug remains undisturbed for two or three nights, it is safe to assume that the hole is unoccupied and can be filled. In the winter, skunks may remain inactive for longer periods, so provide them with a bit more time to disturb the plug before blocking the den entrance. Permanently exclude skunks (and other den-seeking creatures) with an [L-shaped footer](#) of welded wire or similar barriers.

If a skunk is using the den, either harassment or eviction using a [one-way door system](#) is recommended. When evicting skunks, be sure that dependent young are not present. When in doubt, assume they are and use the door only after they start following their mother to forage. Leave the door in place from two or three nights to a week to be sure the skunk has left.

#### Harassment

When it is safe to displace skunks, mild harassment can be very effective. This can be as simple as loosely repacking the den hole with leaves or straw or other material to see if the skunk gets the message and moves elsewhere. If they require more persuading, adding light and noise to make an dark and quiet denning space unattractive may help as well. Make sure the skunk is not close by before setting up the disturbances.

## **PAY YOUR RENT ONLINE**

Lot rent payments may be made online, you may review your balance and look at your transaction history.

Contact the office by phone or email to set up a user name and password then simply go to:

**Http://www.mainemobilehomes.com/resident.html**

Click the link to Pay Lot Rent and sign in.

Pay at your convenience from home, any time of day or night. No more writing checks. Pay using your checking account, savings account or by MC/VISA

### **SIGN UP FOR AUTO PAY**

NO Late Fees, No Forgotten Rent payment, No Hassle.

MC - VISA - DISCOVER  
CHECKING AUTO DEBIT



## **REMINDERS OF OUR COMMUNITY GUIDELINES**

If you are interested in selling your home, you need to notify the office at least 30 days prior to sale to let us know of your intent. The home will then need to be inspected to get an approval to sell through the park manager. This just makes sure basic safety features of the home are in place and working, smoke alarms, oil tanks, safety of steps and decks etc. Just call the office to set up an appointment for John to come out and look your home over.

You also can use the community staff to sell your home or hire an outside real estate agent to list your home. An important rule to let potential buyers to know right away.

The home cannot be sold until the potential buyer is approved to live in our community. They must have an approved residency application to follow through with the purchase of the home.

On another note, we do ask to be notified before you get a dog, you must have park approval before obtaining a dog.

There are breed restrictions (due to insurance purposes), spay and neutering is required, vaccinations and licensing are requirements as well.

As you may know the staff love dogs, and these rules are in place for the safety of the community and it's residents.

I also want to thank residents who own a dog and are responsible owners who take care their dog by updating their vaccinations and licensing.

If you have any questions concerning any of issues, please call the office with your questions.

## **The Girl Scout Cookie: A Delicious Tradition**

This month, the 2.3 million Girl Scouts across the United States will begin taking orders for some 200 million boxes of Thin Mints, Tagalongs and more as they launch their annual Girl Scout cookie sale. A considerable source of funding for troop activities, the sales are also an important learning opportunity in the spirit of the Girl Scout organization, helping the girls develop valuable business and marketing skills.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low called together 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, for the first meeting of the Girl Scouts. Low, who had always played sports and had an interest in the arts since she was a child, wanted to encourage girls to get out of the house and be active in order to promote physical and mental development. Girl Scouting took off and soon spread throughout the United States, with local troops taking part in service projects to finance their activities. In 1917, the Girl Scouts of Muskogee, Oklahoma, also known as the Mistletoe Troop, decided to sell cookies in a local high school cafeteria to raise money for their club, unofficially launching the tradition of Girl Scouts cookie sales.

In July 1922, Chicago's local Girl Scout director Florence E. Neil wrote an article for the organization's national magazine, *The American Girl*, in which she included a cost-efficient cookie recipe for girls to use for their baked goods sales. The ingredients for the recipe would cost 26 to 36 cents and would yield up to seven dozen cookies; the cookies could then be sold for 25 to 30 cents per dozen. Gradually these cookie sales evolved from girls baking in their kitchens at home to an enormous commercial enterprise. The organization licensed their first commercial baker in 1936 to accommodate the nationwide sale of Girl Scout cookies. By the end of the 1940s, the Girl Scouts were employing nearly 30 commercial bakers for their cookie sales, and by 1951 they offered three tasty options: Peanut Butter Sandwich (Do-si-dos), Shortbread (Trefoils) and Chocolate Mints, now called Thin Mints.

Today, Girl Scout cookie production is handled by just two bakers, ABC Bakers and Little Brownie Bakers, in order to maintain consistency. Each baker produces eight cookie varieties. The selection varies each year—for instance, in 2012 they introduced "Savannah Smiles" to honor the 100th anniversary of Low's first Girl Scout meeting—but they are always required but bake the original three flavors. Though the cookies themselves are the same around the country, their names—with the exception of Thin Mints—vary depending on which bakery they come from. So if you're looking for a tasty coconut-covered treat and your local troop gets its cookies from Little Brownie Bakers, you'll be snacking on a Samoa, but if they order their treats from ABC Bakers, you'll be enjoying a Caramel deLite. Though their names may get shaken up, they still represent the same hard work and tradition that enterprising young scouts have enjoyed for nearly a century.

**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**  
**Dial Friendly Village Pager: 207-400-0368**  
**For Use In An Emergency Only**  
**Weekends & After Office Hours**

**Friendly Village of Gorham,**  
5 Ash Drive, Gorham, ME 04038  
Phone: 839-5577 Fax: 839-3233  
Email: friendlyvillage@maine.rr.com  
www.mainemobilehomes.com  
facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12 & 12:30-5  
(Hours subject to change w/out notice.)  
Notary services are available in the Friendly Village Office.



**Driveway and walkway snow cleanup**

**Snowblowing services call John Merrow 409-2219**

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CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU CAN OFFER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS FOR SHOVELING, SNOWBLOWING AND CLEARING OFF ROOFS. WE WILL PUT AN AD IN NEWSLETTER



**ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT**  
**ORDER YOUR DREAM HOME FOR SPRING DELIVERY AND SET UP**

### NEW HOMES FOR SALE

**35 HEMLOCK DRIVE - \$149,900 PINE GROVE 28 x 56 ENERGY STAR HOME!! ♣♣ IT'S HERE ♣♣ THIS THREE BEDROOM TWO BATHROOM HOME IS ONE OF THE NEW 2019 MODELS PINE GROVE RELEASED FOR 2019 SEASON. HUGE KITCHEN WITH OAK CABINETS AND CENTER ISLAND THAT CAN BE USED FOR HOMEWORK OR EATING, PREMIUM STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES AND A WALK IN PANTRY MAKES THIS A KITCHEN FOR THE SERIOUS COOK IN THE FAMILY. THE OPEN DINING ROOM, AND KITCHEN MAKES ENTERTAINING A BREEZE, ALSO OPEN TO THE LIVING ROOM THAT FEATURES A BUILT IN OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. THERE IS A SMALL OFFICE THAT WOULD MAKE A GREAT SPACE FOR THE FAMILY COMPUTER AND FILES, CRAFT ROOM OR PLAYROOM FOR THE KIDS. THE MASTER SUITE HAS A LARGE WALK IN CLOSET, ATTACHED MASTER BATH WITH DOUBLE SINKS AND WALK IN SHOWER. THE OTHER TWO BEDROOMS OFFER PRIVACY AT THE OTHER END OF THE HOME HAVE ACCESS TO THE MAIN BATH. HOME COMES WITH AN EIGHT BY TEN LOWERY SHED, STEPS AND DECK HAVE COMPOSITE FLOORING AND VINYL RAILINGS. THIS HOME HAS A HUGE AMOUNT OF STORAGE, A GREAT FLOOR PLAN AND THE QUALITY THAT COMES WITH A PINE GROVE HOME. CALL AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A WALK THROUGH TO SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME.**

### PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

**HOME BELOW IS NOT LISTED THROUGH THE PARK OFFICE, contact info in ad**

**21 MAPLE DRIVE—\$31,900 1986 ZIMMER 14 X 70 2 BD 1 BA HOME FOR SALE. NEWLY RENOVATED AND MOVE-IN READY. THIS PROPERTY HAS A NEW FURNACE, NEW FLOORING AND CARPET THROUGHOUT. WORKING FIREPLACE AND GARDEN TUB ARE ADDED FEATURES TO THIS HOME. CALL JEFF ETTINGER IF INTERESTED IN A SHOWING: 207-252-8114**

**CUSTOM ORDER YOUR OWN ENERGY STAR HOME! Prices start at \$59,000.00**  
**CONTACT COLEEN AT OUR OFFICE, SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP YOU**  
**(207) 839-5577 OR (207) 839-3303 Check our website for homes available for sale**  
**Interested in selling your home, call Coleen**

**WE STILL HAVE SOME WINTER WINDS TO DEAL WITH FOR A WHILE. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF A NEW HOME FOR SPRING, NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN THAT DREAM HOME. CALL ME TO GO OVER FLOOR PLANS AND FINISHES TO DESIGN THE HOME THAT SUITS YOU TO A TEE!**  
**Call Coleen At 839-5577**

