**Friendly Village of Gorham Community News September 2016**

**Neighborhood Watch**
Next Meeting: September 13th, 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. Meeting to be led by: Dawn Beaulieu

**Special Dates in September**
- 5 Labor Day
- 11 Grandparent’s Day
- 11 Patriot’s Day
- 13 Eid al-Adha
- 16 Step-family Day
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 22 September Equinox
- 23 Native American Day

**Community Wide Yard Sale**
Saturday, September 24th, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (Rain date, Sunday, September 25th)
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 in the Portland Press Herald for that weekend.

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

As Summer ends, and Fall approaches

**The Pool will close for the season Sept 6th**
There will no longer be a pool attendant on duty for the children to swim. The pool will be unlocked at 10 am and locked at 5 pm for an extra week of swimming for Moms with children in school.

**Manager’s Corner:**
Schools open, so please drive with caution! Parents are also reminded to speak to their kids about walking down the side of the road, not in the middle.

Now is a good time to inspect your oil tank for painting needs and possible leaks.

Reminder: Satellite TV dishes are allowed on the home only!

Yes its time to be thinking about heat tapes, sign up for our free heat tape check.

After Labor Day the pool will be closing but depending on weather and usage we may stay open for another week, but only till 5:00

As the leaf season approaches please do not over fill bags, as we have to throw them five or more feet on to the truck! **Reminder if you cannot lift it, we cannot also**

You may of seen a new face working in the Community, Ben Sands is our new Assistant Manager. Ben comes to us with a vast amount of knowledge in the building trades and property maintenance.

*John L. Richard*
**Blueberry Pie**

_Since 1992, Rachel Pilling of Deer Isle, ME and her twin sister, Rebekah, have entered blueberry pies in the Blue Hill Fair’s annual pie contest. This recipe, which calls for grape juice, garnered the blue ribbon. It’s sure to win the approval of your family and friends, too._

**Crust:**
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp salt  
2/3 cup vegetable shortening  
5 to 6 tbsp cold grape juice

**Filling:**
4 cups blueberries  
2 2/3 tbsp instant tapioca  
2/3 – 1 cup sugar  
1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice  
2 tbsp butter

**Glaze:**
1 tbsp milk  
1 tbsp sugar

To make the crust, combine the flour and salt in a bowl. Cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the grape juice, 1 tbsp at a time and mix until the dough forms a ball. Chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. For the filling, pour the blueberries into a bowl, toss tapioca and sugar. Let stand for 15 minutes.

In the meantime, divide the pie dough in half, roll out one of the halves into a circle 1/8 inch thick. Transfer the crust to a 9 inch pie plate and trim edges.

Add lemon juice to the blueberry mixture, toss and pour into the bottom crust. Dot with butter. Roll out the top crust, place over the blueberry filling and crimp edges. Use scraps of dough to decorate top of pie. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat the top crust with milk, then sprinkle with sugar.

**Prize winning tip:** Judges like a dressed up pie. Pretty pies gain points; cracked pies might not even be tested. Try decorating the top.

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**Conserving our water**

_As you all know, we are currently in a drought in southern Maine. Friendly Village is stopping all irrigation of our lawns and gardens to help conserve the water in our well system._

We ask that residents also be frugal with water at this time. Cut down on unnecessary watering or washing of vehicles would help as a community conserve water.

Please do not keep your sprinklers running 24/7, this not only wastes water, but can create fungal problems with the leaves on your plants and grass. Allow them to dry before nightfall to prevent this from happening. Gardens and lawns only need an inch of water per week, this makes the plant be deep rooted and stronger to survive with less water. Watering more only makes your plants and grass more dependant on watering to stay alive, they become shallow rooted and weak. A healthy lawn can get brown and go dormant in the drought and snap back to green when water is abundant again.

_Hope we get some tropical storms coming up the coast to help us out._

_Thank you for your help_

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**Updated Email Listing**

_Once again I am asking for updated emails from our residents. I only need one email for each address. We do not use it for any purpose outside of Friendly Village business._

I am asking for this information to upgrade the office system we have to contact residents. It helps us to have an email address for residents when I need to send out a Boil Order notices, email receipts or late notices etc. Having this information will help us to contact as many as possible in the community with emergency notices, and updates. It will be less expensive than using USPS mailings and less time consuming than calling each person.

Please contact Coleen at the office by phone, 207-839-5577 or email: friendlvillage@mainemobilehomes.com

**ATTENTION**
**September is Fair Season:**
- **8/28 - 9/5**, Windsor Fair in Windsor, ME
- **1 - 5**, Blue Hill Fair in Blue Hill, ME
- **2 - 5**, Springfield Fair in Springfield, ME
- **2 - 5**, Harmony Free Fair in Harmony, ME
- **8 - 11**, Clinton Lions Agricultural Fair in Clinton, ME
- **9 - 11**, Litchfield Fair in Litchfield, ME
- **11 - 17**, Oxford County Fair in Oxford, ME
- **16 - 18**, New Portland Lion’s Fair in N. New Portland, ME
- **18 - 24**, Farmington Fair in Farmington, ME
- **23 - 25**, Common Ground Fair in Unity, ME
- **25 - 10/1**, Cumberland Fair in Cumberland Ctr, ME
- **10/2 - 9**, Fryeburg Fair in Fryeburg, ME

*Last Fair of the Year*

**COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE**
Helpful hints for a successful yard sale:
1. Price things carefully.
2. Label them well.
3. Have grocery bags for buyers.
4. Have cash available to make change.
5. Be willing to bargain.
6. If necessary, mark what is **not** for sale.
7. Expect early-birds.
8. Keep Smiling and have a great sale!

Coleen has free yard sale kits available at the office

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**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 the oncoming traffic.
- Anyone walking at dawn or dusk should be sure to wear light colored clothing or reflective wear, so they are visible for the motorist to see.

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**Brain Games**
Use the chart to find the value of the CAPITALIZED words below. Add the value of each letter to find the total worth of each word. Examples:
ZERO = 26 + 5 + 18 + 15 = $64
ONE = 15 + 14 + 5 = $34

1. Is FIFTY worth more or less than $60?
2. Who makes the cheapest cars: FORD, DODGE, or CHEVY?
3. Which planet is the most valuable: URANUS, NEPTUNE, or PLUTO?
4. Which day of the week is the least expensive?

*Suppose workers were paid an hourly wage according to the letters that spell their occupation.*
5. Find an occupation that pays less than $40 an hour.
6. Find an occupation that pays more than $100 an hour.

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**Are you wondering how to stretch your money to get you through the winter? Do you need Fuel Assistance?**
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP or LiHEAP, provides heating assistance to income eligible households in Cumberland County to pay for a portion of their annual heating expenses. Applications are taken by appointment from August to April. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 553-5900 or 553-5800, or email at heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org.

Appointments are generally scheduled locally.

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**THE GORHAM FOOD PANTRY**
Located at St. Anne’s Church at 99 Main St., Gorham, wanted to let people know their hours of operation and that they are open to all residents of the Town of Gorham.
Food Pantry runs: Every Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. Every Thursday 9 am to 11 am each month.
Anyone who wishes to donate there is a box outside the door, lift up the lid and place your donation in the box.
Yard Cleanup Services:
Anyone interested in doing work for Residents, raking, lawn mowing etc. Contact Coleen to add your contact info to the next newsletter

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

3 WILLOW CIRCLE: REDUCED TO $59,000, WAS $69,000 ENERGY STAR HOME! COME VIEW THIS NEW TINY HOME WITH A TINY PRICE.

2016 PINE GROVE HOME, 14’x52’, 1 BR, 1 BA, AND FLR. THIS HOME FEATURES GAS FURNACE, UPGRADED APPLIANCE PACKAGE, FRONT FARMER’S PORCH, ONSIZE GREATROOM, OAK CABINETS, AND TONGUE AND GROOVED COMPOSITE DECKING. IF YOU LIKE PRIVACY, NOT A LOT OF COMPANY, LOW TRAFFIC AND A QUIET LOCATION, THIS ONE IS FOR YOU!

CUSTOM ORDER YOUR OWN ENERGY STAR HOME!

Prices starting at $59,000

CHOOSE YOUR OWN COLORS & FLOOR PLAN. CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY. HOMES COME WITH 1 YEAR FULL FACTORY WARRANTY AND 10 YEAR LIMITED MANUFACTURERS WARRANTY! PRICES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON OPTIONS CHOSEN. ALL NEW HOMES WILL INCLUDE A CONCRETE SLAB.

WE HAVE TWO NEW HOMES COMING IN THE FALL FOR SALE

DBL WIDE *** 2016 PINEGROVE 24 X 56 ENERGY STAR HOME, 3 BR, 2 BA WITH AN INVITING PORCH TO GREET YOUR GUESTS.

SINGLE WIDE *** 2016 PINEGROVE 16 X 66 ENERGY STAR HOME, 3 BR, 2 BA NO FLOOR PLAN YET

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

**UNDER CONTRACT**

20 EVERGREEN DRIVE: $52,500, 24’ x 56’. 1999 PINEGROVE, 3BR, 2BA, FK w/DISHWASHER, FORCED HOT AIR, HEATED W/OIL, AND WASHER AND DRYER ARE INCLUDED. THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE COMMUNITY, NEAR SCHOOL BUS STOP AND MAILBOXES. IT FEATURES VINYL SIDING, ASPHALT SHINGLED ROOF, WITH A SPACIOUS 16’ x 8’ DECK, ALONG WITH A GARDEN SHED. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THE OPEN CONCEPT OF THIS LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM COMBINED FOR THE FULL WIDTH OF THE HOME!

COME TO THE OPEN HOUSE AT 3 WILLOW CIRCLE, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th and 25th FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: GORDON GLIDDEN AT 207-329-1090 OR CALL THE FRIENDLY VILLAGE OFFICE: 207-839-5577

ALL PINEGROVE HOMES ARE ENERGY STAR EFFICIENT.

*CALL AND DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME*