

Community News
Friendly Village of Gorham
May 2024

Current Events for May 2024:

- Annual Friendly Village lot inspections will be conducted throughout the month of May. You may see us walking around your lots while inspecting.
- Community-wide Yard Sale Sat., May 18th (Rain date Sun, May 19th)
- Pool opening Memorial Day, May 27th, depending on weather

Street sweeping to be announced via Facebook and email as soon as more information is available.

Office HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



Happy Birthday to all residents who are celebrating a May Birthday...

We hope you have a great one!



MANAGER'S CORNER



It's springtime in Maine! Time to tidy up your skirting and lot, but watch out for skunks!

Residents are reminded not to feed pets outside due to the fact that wild animals will take advantage of your generosity.

Loam will be available once the weather cooperates.

Looking to open the pool on Memorial Day, weather permitting!

We still have bark mulch available by the entrance of the Maintenance Garage.

Remember no **fire pits** of any kind are allowed in the Community, period!

Also call the office before any dish or satellite TV is installed, you need approval.

Residents are also asked to look for hanging limbs that we might have missed and report to the office.

JOHN L. RICHARD



Time to start Lot clean up

We will be doing our annual lot inspections during May. Please check that your lot is in compliance with all community guidelines. Please bag leaves and needles in paper or regular bags so they can be easily lifted or carried by 1 person. No heavier than 50 pounds. If you have to drag it, it is too heavy. We need to lift the bags 4 ft to get them in the truck. Bags that are too full or heavy will *not* be picked up and must be re-bagged. No trash is to be inside leaf bags. **Stack all branches & limbs by the roadside and we will pick them up, free of charge.**



Dates to Remember in May:

- 1 - May Day
- 4 - Star Wars Day (May the fourth be with you)
- 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- 10- National Clean Your Room Day
- 12- Mother's Day
- 18- Armed Forces Day
- 20- National Rescue Dog Day
- 27- Memorial Day
- 31- National Smile Day



Community Wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, May 18th
Time: 8:00am - 3:00 pm
Rain date: Sunday, May 19th

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 Facebook Marketplace and our community facebook page, advertising for that weekend. Feel free to share online.



Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in the United States, but it is celebrated worldwide on different dates. It is a very special day just for Mom, and although it has become very commercialized in some countries, in other countries it is less so. Flowers, gifts, cakes, cards, and feasts are some of the examples of the gifts often given. It is a great day to let "Mom" just sit back and relax, doing her favorite things, while the rest of the family takes over her duties for the day.

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, 2024

This is a day set aside for all civilians to show their appreciation and gratitude to all the men and women who have served, and who are serving, in the U.S. military. It is because of them that we are still enjoying our freedom. If you are a veteran or are currently enlisted in one of the U.S. armed forces,

Thank you for your service!



May is College Graduation Month



Do you have a young adult in your family, who is graduating and preparing to start their career? It's sometimes difficult to know what to buy for a gift. The World Wide Web has lots of ideas, and here are a few: coffee gift cards, furniture for apartment, nice interview outfit, gift card for dress shoes, manicure, nice briefcase for laptop and files, and Thank You stationary to send after interviews. As always, gift cards to various places, gas, grocery and eating out are a good choice for the college grad.



SALISBURY STEAK WITH ONION GRAVY

PREP TIME: 10 Minutes
DIFFICULTY: Easy
COOK TIME: 30 Minutes
SERVINGS: 4



INGREDIENTS

Steaks

1 pound 80/20 ground beef
1/3 cup Panko breadcrumbs
2 teaspoons ketchup
1 teaspoon mustard - regular yellow or Dijon
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder - optional, use if not doing onion in gravy

Gravy

1 onion - optional if not using mushrooms
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms - optional if not using onion
1 teaspoon oil
2 cups beef broth
4 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon ketchup
1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

If you want caramelized onions or mushrooms in your gravy, start by thin-slicing a small onion or about 5 oz of mushrooms. Cook with 1 teaspoon oil over medium-high heat until nicely brown onions or cooked mushrooms. It takes about 7-8 minutes for the onion or sauté the mushrooms until cooked. Set aside in a bowl.

In a large mixing bowl, combine 1 pound of ground beef with 1/3 cup Panko breadcrumbs, 2 teaspoons ketchup, 1 teaspoon mustard and Worcestershire sauce, and 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder. If not doing the onions, add 1/2 teaspoon onion powder.

Divide the hamburger mixture into 3-4 equal portions. A quarter-size indent in the middle of one side prevents puffing up of the patties and makes cooking even.

Place steak patties in a large frying pan with a teaspoon of oil over medium-high heat. Flip about every 5-6 minutes until an internal temperature of 160°. It takes about 15-20 minutes, depending on the thickness, the pan, and the burners.

Whisk 4 tablespoons flour with 1 cup beef broth. Remove the Salisbury steak to a plate and lightly tent with foil. Pour out most of the liquid, leaving about 3-4 tablespoons. Add 1 cup beef broth and bring to a light boil over medium heat.

Slowly add the flour-broth mixture while continuing to whisk. Add 1 teaspoon ketchup and 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Whisk until nicely thickened, a few minutes. If using caramelized onions or mushrooms, add them to the gravy and mix well.

Add the steaks back into the mixture and simmer for a few minutes until everything is hot.

Fishing season is April 1-September 30 for Maine rivers, streams, and brooks. You might catch trout, togue, salmon, and/or bass. Be sure to be current with all fishing laws. The Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website has a lot of great information about fishing in Maine. Otter Pond, in Standish, or Sticky River, in Standish, are a couple of local options for a family fishing trip. Always ask permission before going onto someone else's land.



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Roof Algae and Stain Removal

Have you ever noticed dark stains on your roof? It is most commonly called “roof mold,” but it is actually algae that have formed on your roof due to dampness. The north side of homes is more likely to get algae stains since it receives less sunlight.

To prevent algae from forming on your shingles, you can use algae-proof shingles for your roof. If you don't need new shingles yet, but already have algae stains, you can use a cleaning solution such as hot water and soap or bleach.

Don't use a power washer to clean your roof! It can void warranties and ruin the granules on the shingles.



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For Friendly Village
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Water-Sewer-Power
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207-400-0368
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Weekends & After Office Hours

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Notary services are available free of charge
 in the Friendly Village Office.

Yard Cleanup Services

Steve Rogers
Lawn Mowing
Call or Text 207-272-4093

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

Here's What It Means if You See Pink Gunk in Your Shower
Jamie Novak

You know how to clean the bathroom, how to clean a shower head and how to clean a shower curtain and liner. You're a pro at washing bath mats and even mastered the art of removing hard water stains. Your cleaning schedule is on track, yet icky slime, in shades of pink, still lurks in your shower. What is it—pink mold, orange mildew, red fungus? And more important, how can you put a stop to this goo?

Don't be embarrassed. Every bathroom has seen its share of unsightly substances. Here is the scoop on exactly what this shower slime is, how to remove it and ways to prevent it from returning—with the least amount of effort. Because let's face it: You have better things to do than cleaning the bathroom.

What is that pink gunk in your shower?: It may be commonly called pink mold, but this gross slime isn't really mold at all. "The pink gunk is really an airborne bacterium called *Serratia marcescens*," says Steven Stephenson, PhD, a researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Arkansas who wrote not one but three books on slime molds. And while people may casually call the gunk "pink mold," the bacteria can take a range of shades—from pink to orange to red—depending on bathroom conditions like temperature, humidity levels and sunlight.

What causes pink mold in the shower?: Before you start worrying that you've done something wrong, know that pretty much everyone has encountered the unappealing slime at some point or another. "It would not be uncommon to find *S. marcescens* in the bathroom," says Stephenson. After all, it thrives in moist environments like—you guessed it—your shower. These bacteria live on a diet of minerals and fats. With the mineral deposits in soap scum and fats found in shampoo residue, your shower is a buffet for these little guys. They love to hide in grout lines, caulk crevices and around shampoo bottles.

Is pink mold harmful?: Unlike toxic black mold that can cause health concerns, pink mold in the shower isn't a concern for the average person with a healthy immune system. But it's still gross, and under the right conditions, the colony will continue to flourish, exposing you to even more spores. It's better to be safe than sorry, especially if you have a compromised immune system. So, if you see it, scrub it. Your house guests will thank you.

How do you get rid of pink mold? : Good news: It won't take a lot of effort to wipe out the pink mold in your bathroom. You can use a product like The Pink Stuff or Zep grout cleaner to work the buildup from your shower. But there are homemade options that'll do the trick too. Vera Peterson, president of Molly Maid, prefers a paste made from items you probably have on hand. Simply mix four parts baking soda with one part liquid dish soap. Common pantry ingredients make this DIY solution one of the best eco-friendly cleaning products. And as an added bonus, making your own shower scrub will save you money. Using the paste is also easy. Apply it to your shower, wait 10 minutes and then (wearing cleaning gloves to protect your hands) scrub away the pink residue (the Scrub Daddy Sponge will help get the job done). Finish by drying the shower completely with a fresh microfiber cloth. Leave it damp, and the dreaded pink slime will return.

How do you prevent pink mold?: To win the battle against pink mold, you don't have to give up your hot shower or steamy bath. Try these techniques to banish pink mold in the shower forever—or at least give you a little more time before the bacteria set up house again.

Ventilate: Use the exhaust fan for 30 minutes after showers. If you don't have an exhaust fan, try a small, battery-operated desk fan to get the air moving. Stephenson says the best defense against pink mold is keeping moisture levels down as much as possible. But it is a bathroom with, well, lots of water. So, you may need to try other solutions as well.

Squeegee: After every shower, squeegee the walls and if you have them, glass doors. Or try Peterson's suggestion to prevent buildup: Spritz a leave-on commercial shower spray when you get out of the shower.

Dry: Between grout scrubbing and deep cleanings, wipe away soap and shampoo residue everywhere it collects. Don't forget to dry surfaces!

Go antimicrobial: Invest in quick-dry bathmats and shower curtain liners with antibacterial properties. And when laundering machine-washable curtains and liners, toss in a few old towels. They act as scrubbers to help lift away soap scum and mildew.

JUMBLE
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