



# Community News

## FRIENDLY VILLAGE OF GORHAM

August 2024



hello  
SUMMER



Happy Birthday  
to all the residents  
who are celebrating an  
August Birthday



We hope you have  
a great one!

A reminder that the speed limit  
throughout Friendly Village is 15 mph  
Please be mindful of residents  
walking, biking, etc.

### Special Dates in August

- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8 International Cat Day
- 10 National Bowling Day
- 11 World Photography Day
- 12 Senior Citizen's Day
- 24 National Waffle Day
- 26 National Dog Day

**Friendly Village  
Community Cookout**

August 21st  
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
at the  
Clubhouse

Come meet your neighbors,  
we hope to see you there!  
Parents must be in attendance  
with their children.

Serving:  
Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Kielbasa  
Potato Salad  
Macaroni Salad  
Chips  
Watermelon

Rain Date:  
August 22nd 4:00PM to 6:30PM



### MANAGER'S CORNER

**Please be conservative with your water use, as we are in a modified drought.**

This month is a good time to check out your oil tank for such issues as painting, possible leaks, and that it is sitting properly on the legs and blocks.

Residents are walking, riding bikes, and jogging along the Community roadways. So please observe the Community speed limit of 15 mph!

Remember with hot summer nights residents have their windows open, so please be a good resident and keep the noise down.

For your information regarding Boil Orders; during a shut down creating a Boil Order residents will be able to obtain potable water at the water building. There is an outside faucet in front of the water building tapped into our water tanks for potable water. Residents are welcome to enter the road to the water building, at the power lines for access. For more information please call John at the office.

**JOHN L. RICHARD**



## Preventing dehydration in your pets

In hot weather, your dog can overheat very easily, causing heat stroke. Be sure to have fresh cool water available for them at all times. If you take your pet hiking or out playing, you must not forget to bring along a jug of water, not only for yourself, but for your dog, too. They make



some really neat water containers that can strap right onto your pets back, making it possible for them to carry their own water supply. You can find a variety of styles online. See sample photo below. Never leave your dog or cat in the car on hot days, because they can overheat extremely quickly. Be sure your cats have plenty of fresh clean water, too. Providing a drinking fountain with running water or adding a couple ice cubes to the water bowl will sometimes encourage them to drink more water.



**Standish Summer Spectacular**  
670 Ossipee Trail West, Standish  
August 3rd  
Parade starts at 12 pm

**2024 South Portland Art in the Park**  
Mill Creek Park  
August 10th  
9 am - 4 pm

**Rock Row Kid's Fun Festival**  
80 Main St., Westbrook  
August 10<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 5 pm  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 4 pm

**Gorham Blueberry Festival**  
Orchard Ridge Farm  
245 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham  
August 10 - 11  
10 am - 4 pm

## Home Maintenance Corner

### **CAN I PAINT THE VOG (VINYL COVERED GYPSUM) WALLBOARD IN A MOBILE HOME?**

Yes, you can. But, to be sure that you successfully hide the printed pattern on the wallboard and that the paint adheres securely to the wall, it's important to take the time to clean and prime the surface first before applying your paint color. Here's the steps to follow:

1. Clean the walls with a TSP or mild detergent solution. Then spackle any dings and areas of minor wall damage.
2. Apply two coats of a stain-hiding primer, such as Zinsser 1-2-3, allowing the manufacturer's recommended dry time between coats.

We do not recommend removing the batten strips. The gap between boards has to be mudded with drywall joint compound, then sanded back flush to the adjacent wallboard surfaces, in order to eliminate the open seams. If you are a perfectionist, getting the seam line to completely disappear may drive you crazy.



Applying a texture finish with a trowel and drywall mud over the entire wall surface is an alternative that eliminates some of the work trying to get the joints perfectly smooth; but texturing takes time too, and may not be the look that you are after.



## August 21st is Senior Citizen's Day

"For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute.

We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older."

-President Ronald Reagan, 1988







- Get prepared before you hit the stores. Go through the kids closets and drawers and get rid of clothes that don't fit or are worn out. Donate clothes to Goodwill or take them to a consignment shop and get some cash to go towards school shopping. Set aside clothes that still fit and look good and incorporate them into the new wardrobe. Make a list of the new clothes items they will need, such as shoes, pants, shirts, skirts, and underwear. Don't forget that accessories can be inexpensive and give a great way to change up a look.
- Go to your child's school website to get a list of school supplies needed. Be sure to scavenge the house to see what you already have on hand and left-overs from last year's school supplies that can be reused. Use common sense when purchasing these supplies and only purchase what is absolutely necessary. Go to AllYou.com/coupons to get coupons.
- Check out Target, Staples, and Discountschoolsupplies.com to see about price match programs.
- Check consignment shops for great deals on barely worn clothes.
- For your college students, be sure to check out the prices of the books they need on Amazon.com. Chances are good that they will be less expensive than the college bookstore.



- If you are having a hard time making ends meet right now, it is definitely worth checking out Ruth's Reusable Resources, 39 Blueberry Street, Portland. Website: ruths.org

### August 26th is Women's Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was written, granting women the right to vote.



Ladies, make sure to take advantage of that right and get out and vote this year.



### Maine Agricultural Fairs August 2024

**Topsham Fair:**  
August 6 - August 11

**Skowhegan State Fair:**  
August 8 - August 17

**Acton Fair:**  
August 22 - August 25

**Windsor Fair:**  
August 25 - September 2

### JUMBLE

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

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

LUDFI  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

TBYAT  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

ROVSAY  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

RONWRA  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

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

"□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Solution on back page

**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**  
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 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4

Notary services are available in  
 the Friendly Village Office.

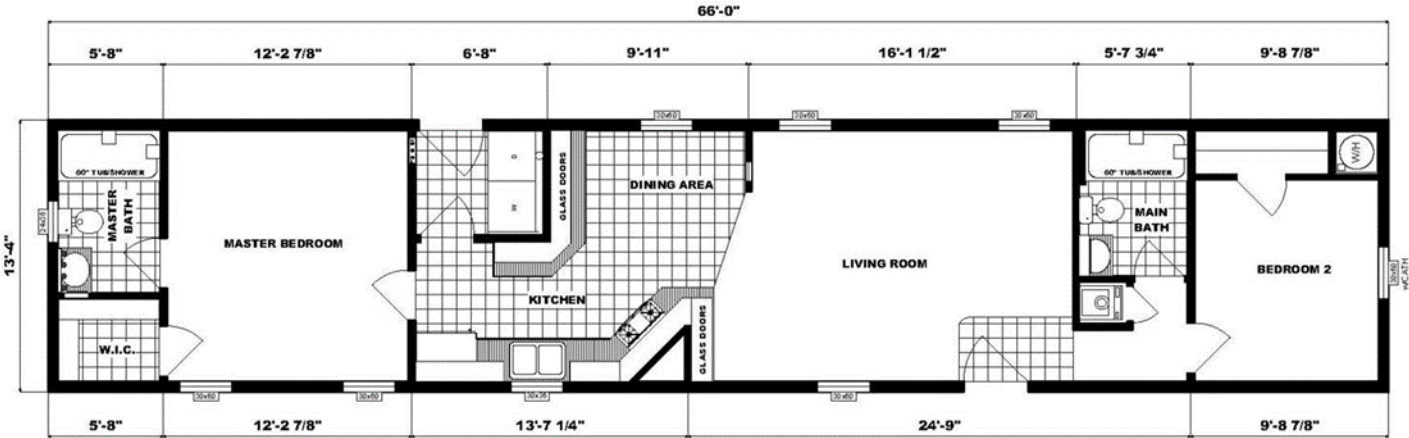


Yard Cleanup Services

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

**Mark's Lawn Care Services**  
**Mark Doughty**  
 207-749-1886

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



**2025 Pine Grove**

2 Bed / 2 Bath  
 Model NETR-G618

The kitchen features salvaged oak cabinets, our premium stainless steel appliance package, luxury dark wood look vinyl floors and eat at bar. Both bedrooms have heavy duty pad and 25 oz dove grey carpeting. Utility area of home is ready for washer and dryer units. Optional deck and shed packages available.

List price: \$149,000, plus tax

Contact Michelle at (207) 839-5577 or (207) 839-3303  
 for more information or to schedule a showing



Classic Jumble Answers

FLUID  
 BATTY  
 SAVORY  
 NARROW

Surprise puzzle answer:  
 Navigating the passage between  
 Spain and Morocco proved to be –  
 “STRAIT”-FORWARD

