

Community News

Friendly Village of Gorham

November 2024



Special Dates in November

- 3 Daylight Savings ends
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 15 America Recycles Day
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 Black Friday
- 30 Small Business Saturday

The Friendly Village Office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 28th and 29th.



John and Staff wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving



**DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 3rd**

Set your clocks back one hour



Happy Birthday to all residents who are celebrating a November Birthday- We hope you have a great one!



MANAGER'S CORNER

As winter approaches residents should take notice of the following;

Make sure all outside garden hoses are removed from sillcocks

Remove basketball hoops from edge of road

Store all seasonal articles from the summer.

If you haven't put your name on the heat tape checklist, call the office.

Remember there is no parking on the street during snowstorms; vehicles will be towed at your expense!

Residents are encouraged to check their oil tanks for possible leaks.

JOHN L. RICHARD



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Preparing your manufactured home for winter is not much different than that of a home built on site. However, there are some preparation and maintenance tips listed below that may be unique to a manufactured home. The following items are some suggestions for maintaining your home. You should always consult your manufactured home owner's manual for specific instructions.



1. Skirting should be installed per the manufacturer's instructions, keeping in mind to allow adequate ventilation so that odor or condensation problems do not occur. Make sure all drain lines from air conditioner, heat pump, etc. drain to outside of home skirting.
2. Close all access points in skirting to keep rodents and other wild animals from living under your home.
3. Adjust storm door closures for proper closing action and latch function to prevent excessive air infiltration.
4. Vent the clothes dryer directly outside the home. Improper venting will contribute to major condensation problems in the home.
5. Water lines should be protected by wrapping them first with an approved heat cable. Install the heat cable per the manufacturer's instructions, which may vary according to the type of water riser in place. At the beginning of cold weather, check to be sure heat tapes are plugged in and in good working condition. If you are planning on being away for an extended period of time, it is best to shut off water supply completely.
6. Make sure garden hoses are disconnected from outside faucets to allow freeze proof faucets to drain.
7. Furnace filters should be installed and cleaned regularly (monthly) as air cannot pass through a dirty filter, thereby increasing your operating costs.
8. Check for ice or snow buildup around your furnace or water heater roof caps. It is important to keep this area open to provide for proper operation.
9. During periods of severe cold, leave cupboard and closet doors open at night and when you are away so that heat may circulate in these otherwise cold areas.
10. Check the underside of your home for any holes in the belly board. Be sure all heat registers are in working order and sealed. Replace any inoperative or damaged registers.
11. On multi-section homes, make sure crossover pipe is installed to both halves of the home and are in good working condition. There should be no holes and no water in this pipe and it should be fully insulated.
12. Check to be sure heat tapes are plugged in and in good working condition.
13. Fix all plumbing leaks to keep sewer line from freezing. Sometimes toilet tank leaks can be small and unobservable. To check tank for leak, tie the float up in the evening; and if the tank is lower in the morning, you will know that you have a leak.
14. Keep any fuel tanks as full as possible to avoid freezing. Your Manufactured home manual will give you other tips that can be helpful in not only preventing costly repairs associated with freezing, but also to enhance the energy efficiency of your home.

November 2

WCA Holiday Fair

Windham Christian Academy
1051 Roosevelt Trail, Windham
9a- 3p



November 16-17

USM Fall Show

37 College Ave., Gorham
11-16: 10a - 4p
11-17: 10a - 3p

November 23-24

Maine Made Crafts Annual Craft Show

Portland Elks Lodge #188
1945 Congress St., Portland
9a - 4p (both days)

November 9-10

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Windham-Raymond
Athletic Boosters
406 Gray Rd., Windham
9a - 3p (both days)

November 29-30

Bonney Eagle Craft Fair

700 Saco Rd., Standish
11-29: 9a - 4p
11-30: 9a - 3p

2025 DOG REGISTRATIONS

You can register your dog for 2025 in the Gorham Town Clerk's office or online now until January 31, 2026.

After January 31, 2025, a \$25.00 late fee per dog will be added to your registration. Please bring the current Rabies Certificate and Spay/Neuter Certificate with you to register your dog. Once licensed, please bring your proof to Michelle at the Friendly Village office to update our files.



Proof of current inoculations for dogs and cats is required yearly.

We do work with the Animal Control Officer, Scott Nystrom, to identify animals in the park that are not in compliance with Town and Park rules.

FRIENDLY VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

Available for private functions

Residents are required to provide a \$15 cash deposit for the key and \$100 cash or check for the cleaning deposit at the time of booking the clubhouse.

Deposits will be refunded in full when the key is returned and the clubhouse has been cleaned with furniture back in its original placement.

All the trash generated during the event must be removed from the clubhouse by the resident.

Failure to follow these steps will result in forfeiture of the deposits.



RENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

A reminder to Residents that there are multiple options to make your rent payments, even if the office is closed or operating under limited hours;

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT: You fill out a form that allows the office to make your payment for you on the date of your choosing, (first to fifteenth), and from the account of your choice.

DROP OFF A CHECK: You can drop a payment off in the lock box slot on the left side of the clubhouse door.

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION: You can request an emailed link to our online payment option, and you can make a payment anytime you choose.

SET UP A PAYMENT OPTION WITH THE OFFICE: You can call the office and add a payment option to your account. You then can call or email the office each month when you want me to run the payment for you.

SELLING YOUR HOME

If you are thinking about selling your home, a reminder that Residents are required to give us 30 days notice and need a letter of approval to sell from the office. Please contact the office to schedule a time for John to come out and inspect the home .



He will look over the home to make sure the oil tank is in good condition, and that the home has working smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, etc. This needs to be done before going on the market per Community Guidelines clause #9.

We are happy to recommend some brokers to sell your home through, if you are interested call the office.

Family Fun



November 27
Crafternoon:
Leaf Suncatchers
 Walker Memorial Library
 800 Main St., Westbrook
 3 - 4 p.m.

November 29
Monument Square
Tree Lighting
 Monument Square, Portland
 1 - 5:30 p.m.

JUMBLE

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

SIDYA
 [] [] [] [] [] []

CERIP
 [] [] [] [] [] []

WAUSKQ
 [] [] [] [] [] []

GEMTNA
 [] [] [] [] [] []

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



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
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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www.mainemobilehomes.com

facebook.com/friendlyvillage.ofgorham

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

Soft Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip cookies loaded with semi-sweet morsels and walnuts are perfect for holidays, cookie swaps, bake sales, and more!

Yield: 3 dozen Prep: 20 mins Cook: 11 mins Total: 31 minutes

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup oil (canola or vegetable)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional but highly recommended)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper sheets (or lightly grease the cookie sheet if you don't have parchment paper).
- In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla and egg. Mix until well combined.
- In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. In a small bowl, dissolve the baking soda with the milk. Add both the dry flour mixture and the wet baking soda mixture to the pumpkin mixture. Mix well.
- Add in the chocolate chips and nuts and stir until evenly combined.
- Using a medium cookie scoop (medium scoop is equal to 1 1/2 tablespoons), drop mounds of the cookie dough on the prepared cookie sheets.
- Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Allow the cookies to cool slightly before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Classic Jumble Answers

DAISY

PRICE

SQUAWK

MAGNET

Surprise puzzle answer

The young skunk sprayed the man. The skunk's proud mom looked on as it – RAISED A STINK

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