



Community News



Friendly Village of Gorham



April 2025

April dates to remember

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 Autism Awareness Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 15 Tax Day
- 16 National Pajama Day
- 20 Easter
- 25 Arbor Day
- 26 National Pretzel Day



Spring is in the air!

A reminder that all vehicles must yield to pedestrian traffic.



Happy Birthday

to all residents to all residents who are celebrating an April birthday- We hope you have a great one!



The posted speed limit throughout the community is 15 mph; speeds above the posted limit are a serious violation of Community Guidelines



MANAGER'S CORNER

Is it over, is winter *really* over? We can never be sure until the end of April!

We will be stepping up on violations in the weeks to come, especially after the snow is gone.

Thinking about Dish or Satellite TV? Check first with the office as to placement of the dish!

Branches can be put at curb side for pick up, please watch the weight on leaf / pine needle bags (no snow in them!).

Street sweeper will be contacted for hopefully an early May date, weather permitting.

Also remember the speed limit is 15 MPH! Residents will be walking dogs with their small children and kids will be riding bikes!

Watch the weather you may be able to unplug your heat tape by the end of the month or sooner!

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WORLD HEALTH DAY

SPRINGTIME ANNOUNCEMENT

As springtime approaches, we like to notify residents that they may start seeing Friendly Village staff walking around on their lots, behind their homes etc. doing our annual lot inspections. We are looking for excess items piled up behind sheds, auto parts/tires laying around, trash/recycling bags piled up, general debris that does not belong on lots that need to be cleaned up.

Notifications will start going out once those inspections are done to remind residents of what we want taken care of with their lot, home, shed or deck area. We usually give residents a month to get your lots picked up and cleared of debris in our springtime inspections. This is the time of year to also take a look at your siding and see if it needs to be power washed or you can scrub it yourself to get the unsightly dirt and algae off the home. You need to do this annually to keep your home looking good.

We will start sending out notices of homes that require power washing to remove built up mildew and dirt on the exterior of home.



Open your windows and let some fresh air in! Please be mindful and considerate to your neighbors when having your windows open, because sound travels.

If you feel you must have your T.V. or stereo up loud in order to hear it and enjoy it, please consider using headphones. All residents of the Friendly Village Community have the "Right to Quiet Enjoyment" as per the Friendly Village Community Guidelines.



Earth Day is April 22, 2024.

What can you do to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? Here is a list of several earth friendly alternatives for everyday household products and their uses:

- Baking Soda - cleans, deodorizes, softens water, scours.
- Soap - unscented soap in liquid form, flakes, powders or bars is biodegradable and will clean just about anything. Avoid using soaps which contain petroleum distillates.
- Lemon - one of the strongest food-acids, effective against most household bacteria.
- Borax - (sodium borate) cleans, deodorizes, disinfects, softens water, cleans wallpaper, painted walls and floors.
- White Vinegar - cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build-up.
- Washing Soda - or SAL Soda is sodium carbonate decahydrate, a mineral. Washing soda cuts grease, removes stains, softens water, cleans wall, tiles, sinks and tubs. Use care, as washing soda can irritate mucous membranes. Do not use on aluminum.
- Isopropyl Alcohol - is an excellent disinfectant. (It has been suggested to replace this with ethanol or 100 proof alcohol in solution with water. There is some indication that isopropyl alcohol buildup contributes to illness in the body. See <http://drclark.ch/g>)
- Cornstarch - can be used to clean windows, polish furniture, shampoo carpets and rugs.
- Citrus Solvent - cleans paint brushes, oil and grease, some stains. (Citrus solvent may cause skin, lung or eye irritations for people with multiple chemical sensitivities.)

The weather is beginning to warm up...

- Lock your car doors and don't leave any valuables in vehicles.
- Be sure to lock your windows and doors at night. Always lock doors and windows whenever you are not going to be home.
- If you will be away for a few days, let a trustworthy neighbor know and ask them to check on your home every once in a while. It's a good idea to notify the F.V. office, too.



Arbor Day, April 25th,

came about as an idea from a Nebraskan journalist and politician, Julius Sterling Morton, who strived to improve agricultural techniques. He actually had served under President Grover as the Secretary of Agriculture. The first Arbor Day was on April 10, 1872. In 1970, President Nixon proclaimed the last Friday of April as National Arbor Day. Arbor Day is now celebrated in other countries including Australia, although many go by different names such as: 'Greening Week' in Japan, 'The New Year's Days of Trees' in Israel, 'The Tree-loving Week' in Korea, 'The Reforestation Week' in Yugoslavia, 'The Students' Afforestation Day' in Iceland and 'The National Festival of Tree Planting' in India (<http://arbor-day.net/index.htm>).

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Non-emergency dial: 839-5581

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Freshen things up with a thorough Spring cleaning...

Save time and money while being kind to the environment by making your own cleaners at home with ingredients you most likely already have in your cupboard.

Make sure to keep all home-made formulas well-labeled, and out of the reach of children.

Mold and Mildew: Use white vinegar or lemon juice full strength. Apply with a sponge or scrubby.

Tub and Tile Cleaner: For simple cleaning, rub in baking soda with a damp sponge and rinse with fresh water. For tougher jobs, wipe surfaces with vinegar first and follow with baking soda as a scouring powder. (Vinegar can break down tile grout, so use sparingly.)

Window Cleaner: Mix 2 teaspoons of white vinegar with 1 liter (qt) warm water. Use crumpled newspaper or cotton cloth to clean. Only use the black and white newspapers, not the colored ones. Don't clean windows if the sun is on them, because if they are warm, streaks will show on drying. Be sure to follow the recipe, because using too strong a solution of vinegar will etch the glass and eventually cloud it.

Chopping block cleaner: Rub a slice of lemon across a chopping block to disinfect the surface. For tougher stains, squeeze some of the lemon juice onto the spot and let sit for 10 minutes, then wipe.



Coffee and tea stains: Stains in cups can be removed by applying vinegar to a sponge and wiping. To clean a teakettle or coffee maker, add 2 cups water and 1/4 cup vinegar; bring to a boil. Let cool, wipe with a clean cloth and rinse thoroughly with water.

Deodorize:

- Plastic food storage containers - soak overnight in warm water and baking soda
- In-sink garbage disposal units - grind up lemon or orange peel in the unit
- Carpets - sprinkle baking soda several hours before vacuuming
- Garage, basements - set a sliced onion on a plate in center of room for 12 - 24 hours

All-Purpose Cleaner: Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/4 cup baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) into 1/2 gallon (2 liters) water. Store and keep. Use for removal of water deposit stains on shower stall panels, bathroom chrome fixtures, windows, bathroom mirrors, etc.

http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

Classic Jumble Answers

ISSUE

TENTH

GOPHER

SPLINT

Surprise puzzle answer

The stairs made of granite featured –
STEPPING STONES

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