



Community News *Friendly Village of Gorham*

May 2025

Community Wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, May 17th
Time: 8:00am - 3:00 pm
Rain date: Sunday, May 18th

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.



The Friendly Village office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Dates to remember in May

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 11 Mother's Day
- 16 Bike to Work Day
- 20 National Rescue Dog Day
- 22 National Maritime Day
- 24 National Brother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day
- 31 World No Tobacco Day



Happy Birthday to all Residents celebrating a May birthday.

We hope you have a great one!



MANAGER'S CORNER

It's springtime in Maine! Rain, black flies and peepers are out, along with 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 rain stops and it dries out -first part of May.

Thanks to all residents who have started or completed their yard clean up, for those that haven't started it's time.

Memorial Day is our target for the pool to open. Weather permitting.

Not much bark mulch is available by the entrance of the Maintenance Garage, more will become available later.

Street Sweeper has been contacted, a fixed date has not been set as of yet. I am looking for the first two weeks of May. Residents are urged to sweep their driveway into the street before they come. Any basketball hoops must be moved along with leaf piles / leaf bags in roadway. Notices will be posted once I am given a date. Remember this is a Weather dependent advent!

Any improvement to your site or exterior of your home, require written approval from the office.
Satellite antennas included!



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.

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.



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.



A reminder that the speed limit throughout Friendly Village is 15 mph. Please drive with caution as we have many pedestrians walking the park with family and pets. Please also come to a complete stop at all stop signs within the park.



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, May 17, 2025, 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.



Chicken Divan

By Makinze Gore

Ingredients

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 small yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 large heads broccoli, cut into small florets, about 4 cups
3 cups diced cooked chicken
2 (10.5-oz) cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup milk
1 & 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 cup panko breadcrumbs
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
4 Tbsp. melted butter
Cooked pasta, such as egg noodles, for serving



Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until soft, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Add broccoli and cook until fork tender, about 5 minutes.

Step 2

Add chicken, cream of chicken soup, milk, and cheddar. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook until warmed through, 5 minutes. Pour into a 9"-x-13" baking dish.

Step 3

In a medium bowl, combine panko, Parmesan, and melted butter. Sprinkle over casserole in an even layer and bake until mixture is bubbling and top is golden, 30 minutes.

Step 4

Serve warm over pasta.

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.

DROPOFF 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.



Community Guidelines Spotlight



2. HOME AND LOT CARE/AESTHETIC STANDARDS

b) A homeowner must receive approval from the Community Owner in order to remove, relocate, erect, or build a shed, deck, awning, fence, lattice or to undertake masonry work, or to make any permanent or temporary addition or improvement to the home. Any change in exterior home color must be approved by community owner. All permanent changes to the lot will become the property of the community.

JUMBLE

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

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NRWIG

CNERHD

RAOHUT

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

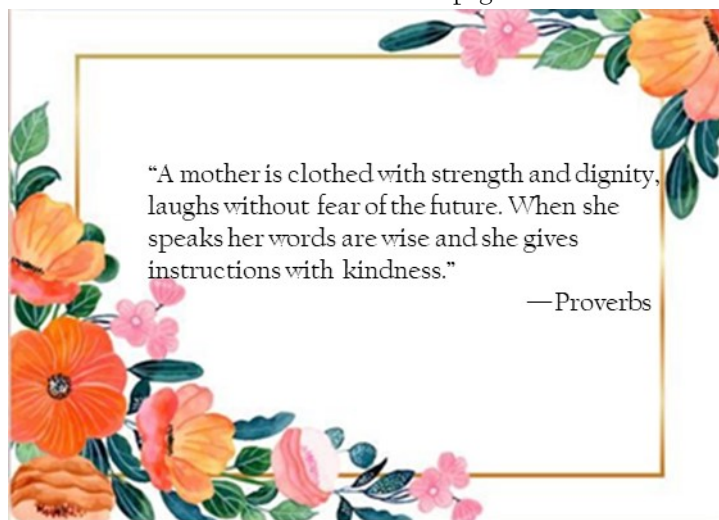


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. "here:"



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
207-400-0368

For Use In An Emergency Only
Weekends & After Office Hours

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Notary services are available in
the Friendly Village Office.



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Annual Home Inspections

To keep your mobile home in good condition and maintain its value, prioritize regular inspections, focus on roof and siding maintenance, ensure proper foundation and skirting care, and address HVAC system and interior cleanliness

Exterior Maintenance

Conduct thorough inspections at least once a year, and more frequently after storms, to check for any signs of damage or issues.

Roof Maintenance:

Inspect the roof for damage, missing shingles, leaks, and debris in gutters. Consider resealing or recoating every few years, depending on the roof material.

Siding Maintenance:

Clean siding regularly with a gentle cleaner to remove dirt and grime.

Foundation and Skirting:

Ensure your home is properly leveled and that skirting is free of damage or gaps.

Ventilation:

Ensure proper ventilation of skirting to prevent moisture buildup and potential damage

Windows and Doors:

Check windows and doors for leaks, drafts, and damage, and seal any gaps with caulk or weatherstripping.

HVAC and Interior Maintenance

HVAC Maintenance:

Regularly clean and service your HVAC system, including changing filters and vacuuming vents and ducts.

Heating System:

Before cold weather, have your furnace or heating system serviced to ensure it's running efficiently.

Plumbing:

Regularly check for leaks and drips and promptly address any issues to prevent water damage.

Interior Cleanliness:

Keep your home clean and tidy to prevent moisture buildup and potential mold growth.

Moisture Control:

Use extractor fans or dehumidifiers to control moisture, especially in bathrooms and kitchens.

Other Important Tips:

- **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Regularly test and maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- **Insulate Pipes:** Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing during cold spells.
- **Professional Inspections:** Consider hiring a qualified inspector for a thorough inspection of your mobile home.
- **Keep Your Owner's Manual:** Refer to your owner's manual for specific maintenance instructions and recommendations.
- **Maintain a Clean Environment:** Regular cleaning of the exterior and interior of your home helps prevent damage and keeps it looking nice.



Classic Jumble Answers
MOVIE
WRING
DRENCH
AUTHOR

Surprise puzzle answer

The doctor that treated herons, egrets, cranes,
flamingoes, etc. had a – "WADING" ROOM